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STATE ROUTE 99/WHITMORE AVENUE INTERCHANGE PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Ceres - The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$41.9 million State Route 99 (SR-99)/Whitmore Avenue Interchange Project.

The project replaced the existing Whitmore Avenue interchange with a new wider structure over SR-99 and widened Whitmore Avenue to four lanes between Blaker Road and Central Avenue. Operational improvements were made at adjoining streets and to the northbound on and off-ramps at SR-99.

"This project will help to increase the mobility of people and goods along this vital Valley corridor," said Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 10 Director. "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the project for completing it two months ahead of schedule."

Speakers included: Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 10 Director; Assembly Member Bill Berryhill; Jim DeMartini, District 5 Supervisor, Stanislaus County; Vince Harris, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments; Mayor Chris Vierra, City of Ceres; Lisa Mantarro, District Director for United States Congressman Dennis Cardoza; Lana Vierra, District Representative for State Senator Anthony Cannella; and Dr. Scott Siegel, Ed.D., Superintendent, Ceres Unified School District.

Entertainment for the event was provided by the Ceres High School Jazz Band.

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