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HIGHWAY 99 WIDENING/ REPAVING PROJECT WILL PROVIDE JOBS AND REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

San Joaquin County – Caltrans, the San Joaquin Council of Governments, San Joaquin County and the city of Manteca today broke ground on a \$250 million project that will provide jobs and expand Highway 99 to six lanes between Stockton and Manteca.

“Highway 99 is one of the busiest transportation routes in San Joaquin County,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only will it be widened to ease traffic congestion, it will also be repaved to give motorists a much smoother ride.”

The project received nearly \$133 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, more than \$13 billion of Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The project will widen Highway 99 from four lanes to six lanes along a nine-mile section from south of Highway 120 to north of Arch Road by adding one new lane in each direction. The average daily traffic volume along this section can surpass 100,000.

Other improvement features include reconstruction of the Main Street/ Lathrop Road Interchange and creation of a new interchange at French Camp Road; new soundwalls, which will reduce noise for residents living near the highway; and a new concrete median safety barrier.

The project is scheduled to be completed late 2015.

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