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2013 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

San Joaquin County – The 2013 construction season has started and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is ready to go. Highway construction means people work, shop, and jobs are created.

Your patience and cooperation during the busy construction season is appreciated. Major projects for the San Joaquin County area include:

- **State Route 99 Manteca 6-Lane Widening Project** – Phase I is well under way to widen State Route 99 (SR-99) from four to six lanes between SR-120 and Arch Road. Phase II, which will reconstruct the French Camp Road Interchange, began in October. Later phases include constructing a full-service interchange at Lathrop Road and landscaping. The \$250 million project received nearly \$133 million from Proposition 1B, as well as Measure K and Regional Improvement Program funds.
- **Interstate 5 North Stockton Improvement Project** – This \$122.1 million project broke ground in September 2011 and continues this year. Crews are currently widening in the median and will soon replace northbound and southbound freeway pavement with Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement to extend the life of the road. The project received \$42.4 million from Proposition 1B, and will add High Occupancy Vehicle (car-pool) lanes, auxiliary lanes and sound walls from Hammer Lane to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/Charter Way.
- **State Route 99 South Stockton Widening** – Construction began in February to expand SR-99 from four to six lanes between SR-4 and Arch Road. The \$214 million project will also upgrade and replace interchanges along the four mile stretch of highway. Funding included \$132 million from Proposition 1B, \$48 million from Measure K, plus state and local funds. It is scheduled for completion in 2015.

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- **State Route 12 Operational Improvements Project** – Crews continue work on the \$20.5 million project to create a “Smart Corridor” using Intelligent Transportation System elements on SR-12 and Interstate 5 (I-5). These elements include: Changeable Message Signs, Highway Advisory Radio, Closed Circuit Televisions and Traffic Monitoring Stations. The project will enhance operations by realigning Tower Park Way, add and extend turn lanes and acceleration lanes at various intersections between I-5 and Tower Park Way and expand the existing Park and Ride at Thornton Road, and is expected to finish by the end of the year.
- **Interstate 5 Rehabilitation Project** – Scheduled to begin this summer, the \$52 million project will restore I-5 in Stockton from Country Club Boulevard to Charter Way. Improvements include replacing existing pavement with Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement, which extends the life of the roadway up to 40 years; widening the inside shoulders; reconstructing outside shoulders and auxiliary lanes; and replacing the existing guard rail with concrete median barrier.

“With the benefit of added construction projects comes more workers on the road,” said Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 10 Director. “We are committed to seeing that each of our employees goes home to their families every day. So when you see flashing lights, please slow down or move over a lane if you are able.”

Besides the above listed projects, there will be a dozen other projects in construction throughout San Joaquin County for a total of \$ 362 million. Currently, there are 645 ongoing construction contracts statewide at Caltrans, valued at over \$12.3 billion. These projects are improving safety, reducing congestion and creating tens of thousands of jobs for Californians -- at a time we need those jobs the most. At Caltrans, we're here to get you there!

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