NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FULL HIGHWAY CLOSURE
STATE ROUTE 99 FROM STATE ROUTE 59/140 (V STREET) TO BLACK RASCAL BRIDGE IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close State Route 99 (SR-99) from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16th Street) beginning Monday, July 22, 2013, through Friday, July 26, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. for paving.

Motorists should expect 10 minute delays. A signed detour is in place and alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

DETOUR:

Southbound -

- Take 16th Street Exit and stay on 16th Street to SR-59 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way);
- Turn right at SR-59 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way);
- Turn left at 13th Street;
- Enter the southbound on-ramp to SR-99.

Northbound -

- Take exit at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (SR-59);
- Turn right on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (SR-59);
- Go to 16th Street and turn left;
- Follow the on-ramp direction to northbound SR-99.

Construction is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/ or materials and construction related issues.

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The $34.6 million project will replace the West Merced Overhead structures located on SR-99 in Merced County just north of the V Street Undercrossing to the Black Rascal Bridge. The West Merced Overhead Project will correct structural deficiencies for these bridges; bring the sight distance up to standard, and provide the vertical and horizontal clearances required by the railroad; retaining walls will be built to preserve the existing right-of-way; the two Bear Creek Bridges will be seismically retrofitted; and six Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts will be constructed adjacent to the shoulder within the project limits. This American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded project began on November 6, 2009, and is expected to be completed by August of 2013.

Caltrans would like to thank the traveling public for their cooperation and patience during this project.

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