



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **FULL ROAD CLOSURES & TRAFFIC SWITCH STATE ROUTE 99 FROM ATHLONE ROAD TO GERARD AVENUE IN MERCED COUNTY**

**Merced County** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will open the new southbound lanes on State Route 99 (SR-99) from Mission Avenue to Athlone Road on Monday, August 11, 2014, at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Caltrans will temporarily close the following county roads to SR-99 (near the railroad crossing): Lingard Road, Ranch Road and Athlone Road. The county roads are scheduled to reopen late 2014.

In addition, crews will close the #1 (left) lane and left shoulder on SR-99 from McHenry Road to Gerard Avenue for striping beginning Monday, August 11, 2014, through Thursday, August 14, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

Motorists should expect 10 minute delays. Alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

The work 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.

The work is part of the \$128 million SR-99 Arboleda Drive Freeway Project which began on June 27, 2012. The project will construct a new interchange at Arboleda Road and upgrade SR-99 from a four-lane expressway to a six-lane freeway on a seven-mile section just south of Merced between Buchanan Hollow Road and the Miles Creek Overflow. The project received approximately \$92 million from Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters in 2006; and will ease congestion, improve mobility, decrease travel times, improve operations, and enhance safety for both commute and recreational traffic in Merced County. The project is anticipated to be completed in late 2015.

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