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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REMINDER **I-15 SHUTDOWN AT STATE LINE FOR BLASTING OPERATION**

San Bernardino – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be closing Interstate 15 (I-15) this Wednesdays to conduct blasting and rock removal along the southbound I-15. This is the second closure scheduled **for December 17, 2008**, from 10 am to 2 pm. Inclement weather such as rain or snow in the region will not cancel the blasting operation. For public convenience, the work will be suspended during the holidays, but will resume on Wednesday, January 7 and continue every Wednesday to approximately April 2009.

The full closures are necessary to maintain safety during the blasting. California Highway Patrol will initiate a traffic break and hold northbound travelers until the blasting is completed. Delays for the northbound travelers will be minimal. Southbound travelers who did not exit before Primm at the state line will be directed off the freeway by Nevada Highway Patrol to the Primm Valley resort area. This location offers a safe, comfortable and convenient area until the freeway re-opens. There is sufficient parking at Primm Valley to accommodate all motorists. Truckers are encouraged to exit at Jean off the I-15.

Caltrans is advising drivers leaving the Las Vegas Resort area to “**Leave Early or Stay Late**” to avoid the travel delays between 10 am and 2 pm. Electronic message boards will be activated in Nevada and California to warn motorists in advance of the closure.





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The blasting will be conducted by the contractor, Las Vegas Paving on southbound I -15 lanes between Yates Wells Road and Bailey Road. This \$91 Million project will add a southbound truck descending lane, paved shoulders and new longer-lasting pavement that offer a smoother ride on the I-15. To get the latest information about the scheduled work, go to **www.Caltrans8.info**

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