



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CALTRANS SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERS TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PROJECT

**SOLANO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced the completion of the Truck Climbing Lane on westbound State Route 12 (Jameson Canyon.) The new lane will open to traffic on Thursday, December 4, 2008.

The 1.2 mile long project extends from the Interstate 80 connector and SR-12 to a half-mile west of Red Top Road.

Trucks ascending this long and steep 6.7% grade cause traffic delays on this section of SR-12 that spillover to westbound Interstate 80.

The most recent Caltrans analysis shows that about 12,000 vehicles travel westbound on I-80 between 7 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. weekdays. Peak hour traffic count on westbound SR-12 also indicates 1880 vehicles pass through the I-80 intersection with SR-12 between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays.

This project will reduce traffic congestion at these bottlenecks by allowing westbound SR-12 motorists to pass slower heavily-loaded vehicles on the truck climbing lane.

The project worth \$6.9 million was successfully completed this week after eight months of construction.

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