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CALTRANS NEARING COMPLETION OF I-80 PROJECTS IN SOLANO COUNTY

Paving To Start on Recovery Act Project on July 21

Solano County – Paving on a segment of Interstate 80 in Solano County, which is the first infrastructure project in the state to receive federal stimulus funds, will begin this week the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced.

Construction groundbreaking for the project which stretches from 0.4 mile west of the I-80/Route 12 separation to 0.9 mile east of Airbase Parkway in Fairfield, was announced by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at a colorful ceremony on April 30.

Since the Fairfield ceremony, the contractor Top Grade Construction Inc. and a number of sub-contractors, have been working on various stages of the \$13.3 million project, including approach slab work and cracking the existing Portland cement concrete slabs in preparation for the overlay phase of the project.

Beginning on the night of Tuesday, July 21, work activity will progress with the start of paving on the 4.7-mile long project. Paving will start in the eastbound direction of I-80 and then shift to the westbound lanes of the Interstate freeway. Weather permitting, all of the mainline paving will be completed by fall of 2009.

Completion of this project will also facilitate the opening of a separate 8.7 mile long carpool lanes project. When ready, both the carpool lane project (which is 84 percent complete) and the Recovery Act project, will provide five lanes of traffic through Fairfield; a bottleneck area for commutes between Sacramento and the Bay Area. Also, the contractor plans to provide more than 200 jobs by the time the Recovery Act funded project is completed.

Two other projects along I-80 in Solano County are also slated for completion by the end of 2009. They are pavement rehabilitation projects between the American Canyon Overcrossing and Green Valley Creek, near Fairfield, as well as a segment between the North Texas Street Overcrossing and Leisure Town Road in Vacaville. Earlier this year, a 4-mile stretch from Tennessee Street in Vallejo to the American Canyon Overcrossing was completed.

By the end of this year, the five projects will collectively provide more than 27 miles of smooth, hassle-free and less noisy rides through Solano County.

Most of the construction work on I-80 will be at night, prompting rolling lane closures. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through construction zones.

More information on I-80 projects in Solano County is available at www.Pave80.com.

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