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### HOV Lanes Open at Mission/I-880

Fremont, CA – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) celebrated the completion of new HOV Lanes on Interstate 880 during a ceremony, earlier today. At 1 p.m. local officials gathered, along with Caltrans Director Will Kempton to mark the milestone, which is part of the on-going Mission/880 project. Carpools will benefit greatly with the opening of the final segments, creating a continuous carpool lane system from San Leandro to Route 237 in Santa Clara County.

Director Will Kempton was joined by District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi who emceed the event, and California Transportation Commissioner (CTC) Phil Tagami, Alameda County Supervisor (ACCMA) Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA) Executive Director Christine Monsen, Union City Mayor Mark Green and City of Fremont Councilmember Bob Wieckowski.

“This project closes the final HOV Lane gap on I-880 and means that carpoolers now get the full benefit of their carpooling efforts,” said Director Kempton. “For the 176,000 vehicles that travel this road each day, that’s good news.”

Construction on the Mission/I-880 Interchange Project started in 2005. In addition to the HOV Lanes, the project will connect major commercial areas on both sides of I-880 and will improve traffic flow by separating local and regional traffic movements.

ACMA Executive Director Christine Monsen added, “These carpool lanes are a testament to how government should work together to serve the residents and businesses in Alameda County and the State of California. By providing alternatives to driving alone in this corridor, we are doing our part to help people reduce their carbon footprint. A ‘big thank’ you to the voters for making it possible by approving Measure B!”

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