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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans Project on U.S. Highway 101 Completes 20-Mile Carpool Lane in Marin County

**San Rafael** – Caltrans today announced the completion of the final stage of an eight-year, \$261 million carpool lane project on U.S. Highway 101 in Marin County that will ease traffic congestion and reduce vehicle emissions in the North Bay.

The project received \$2.7 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The remaining funding came from a variety of sources, including Marin County Measure A, the city of San Rafael, and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

“This project does more than just provide new lanes, it gives commuters an incentive to carpool through one of the most densely populated sections of Marin County,” said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim.

The completion of the final four-and-a-half-mile segment of new carpool lanes (from the Greenbrae pedestrian overcrossing to North San Pedro Road) closes the gap between existing carpool lanes. This provides commuters nearly 20 miles of uninterrupted carpool lanes on Highway 101 from Novato to State Highway 1. The project also features a new, wider connector ramp from southbound Highway 101 to eastbound Interstate 580 and a new bicycle and pedestrian path.

California has obligated nearly \$2.6 billion in Recovery Act funding to nearly 1,000 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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