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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Pedestrian Hybrid Crossing Beacon Activation at State Route 35**

**San Francisco:** Caltrans District 4, in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco, will complete the installation of new pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of State Route 35 (Sloat Boulevard) and Forest View Drive in San Francisco. Pedestrian hybrid beacons are placed to warn drivers of the presence of pedestrians, and to regulate traffic flow at uncontrolled marked pedestrian crossings.

The pedestrian hybrid beacon consists of three signal indications, with a circular yellow indication centered below two horizontally aligned circular red indications. The signal indications will remain dark until the system is activated by a pedestrian pushing a button. Then the system will go through a sequence of: flashing yellow; steady yellow; steady red to stop traffic; and "Begin Walk" for pedestrian. Once the pedestrians are safely across, the beacon will return to flashing red, and then to resting dark. Since the pedestrian hybrid beacon is not a traffic signal, vehicles are not required to stop when the system is dark.

"Hybrid beacons have brought about significant enhancements in safety for both pedestrians and drivers," said Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi. "Caltrans and our San Francisco partners are committed to improving safety for everyone."

Caltrans is scheduled to complete the installation this afternoon. Once the installation is complete, technicians will run a full test of the system. The system could be operational as early as tomorrow afternoon.

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