



NEWS RELEASE

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NORTHBOUND U.S. 101 HOV LANE IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN NOVATO

MARIN COUNTY – This morning Caltrans opened a new northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane. The lane extends from the Route 37 Interchange to Atherton Avenue in Novato. The northbound lane, along with the recently opened southbound HOV lane, will enable carpooling motorists to travel between the Highway 1/U.S.101 interchange to Route 37 much faster, especially during the evening commute.

Construction on this portion of the Marin Sonoma Narrows project began one year ago. The California Transportation Commission recently appropriated additional funding to extend the northbound HOV lane from Atherton Ave to 1.4 miles south of the Redwood Landfill Road, and to extend the southbound HOV lane from Novato Creek to the Franklin Railroad overcrossing.

Additional H.O.V. projects within the U.S.101 corridor in Marin and Sonoma County are slated through 2016 as additional funding becomes available.

For more information about projects on State highways in the San Francisco Bay Area, please go to www.dot.ca.gov/dist4.

