



## **\*MACARTHUR MAZE/580 DECK COLLAPSE\***

### **May 3, 2007**

- Today's good news is that the contract to repair the 580 deck that collapsed is being advertised today.
- Yesterday, the Governor announced the good news that we will be able to re-open the 880 connector in 7 to 10 days.

### Contract

- Contract is on the fast-track and is being advertised today with bid opening and award scheduled for next Monday, May 7.
- Informal bid process will be used.
- Use of small businesses will be encouraged.
- Contract requires 580 connector be open to traffic in 50 calendar days.
- Contract provides incentive of \$200,000 for every day that contractor finishes before that date, with a disincentive applied for every day that the project is late. The incentive is capped at \$5 million.

### Cost & Impact

- A director's order authorizing up to \$20 million for the project has been approved, but Caltrans anticipates that the cost will be below that figure.
- 880 connector will remain open during the daytime. There will be closures overnight in order to do overhead work, such as installing bent caps, placing girders and pouring concrete.
- Public will be notified in advance of when these closures occur.

### Design

- Bridge design will remain the same.
- Caltrans design engineers have put in many hours to prepare a bid package.
- Custom-made steel girders and beams will be used. Suppliers have assured Caltrans that steel is available.