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CALTRANS ACTIVATES HOTLINE FOR RAMP METERS ON ROUTES 85 AND 87

San Jose – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced that it has activated a hotline for information on a new ramp metering system on State Routes 85 and 87 in Santa Clara County. The Ramp Metering Hotline number is: 510 286 4531.

The new ramp metering system is a collaborative effort between Caltrans and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to facilitate faster and more reliable travel time along the corridors.

The ramp metering signals in the northbound direction of Route 87 were set to solid green on December 29, 2008 and begin metering next Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The ramp metering lights will be operational during the morning peak periods between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the ramp metering signals will start metering on the southbound direction of Route 85, from Almaden Expressway to Cottle Road, including the southbound 87 to southbound 85 Connector, and will only be operational during evening peak periods between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

More information on the ramp metering system and their locations on SCL 85 and 87 are online at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/releases.htm.

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