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CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RAMP AND LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK IN THE VISALIA AREA

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces scheduled alternating lane closures of northbound State Route 63 (Noble Avenue) at Watson Street, lane closures on Watson Street, and the State Route 198 Watson Avenue off ramp, within the Visalia city limits. These closures will be necessary to allow Construction crews to perform electrical work as part of a project to modify curbs and install American Disability Act (ADA) curb ramps at these locations.

The following closures will be in effect next week (weather permitting):

Northbound State Route 63 (Noble Avenue) alternating lanes will be closed on Monday, July 18 through Friday July 22, 2011 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day.

Northbound and Southbound Watson Street, one lane will be closed on Monday, July 18 through Friday July 22, 2011between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day.

Eastbound State Route 198 off ramp to Watson Street may be closed on Monday, July 18 through Friday July 22, 2011 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day.

Closures may continue for longer periods of time each day if necessary, due to delays caused by weather or uncontrollable events that may occur during construction.

Caltrans and CHP want to remind the public about the “Move Over” law signed by the governor in January of 2010, that requires motorists to slow down and, if safe, move over to a lane not immediately adjacent to a stationary CHP, Emergency or Caltrans vehicle displaying flashing warning lights. To date, 45 other states have enacted similar laws requiring motorists to move over or slow down. Violation of this law is punishable by a fine and citation. So remember…

Move Over, It’s the Law!!

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