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Construction Update #3:

I-5 HOV & Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Improvements

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Welcome to the California Department of Transportation's third Construction Update for the Interstate 5 High Occupancy Vehicle and Lomas Santa Fe Interchange project.

Current Project Updates

I-5 Median Work Completed

The I-5 median paving operation is completed. The remaining median work includes landscaping and irrigation, as well as adding barrier rails. Currently, the team is also working on the north and southbound slopes to install irrigation from Via de la Valle to Lomas Santa Fe.

Water Pipeline Trenching

To reconstruct the interchange at Lomas Santa Fe, Caltrans will ultimately need to lower parts of the street to meet height restrictions for the highway overpass. Although this work will not take place for a few months, its preparation requires protection of a reclaimed water pipeline running east to west along Lomas Santa Fe. Temporary metal plates will cover a trench above the pipeline while the team works to pour and cure a concrete pad over and alongside it. This work will be done at night and traffic will be open in both directions for vehicles.

Pedestrian Traffic Information

Along Lomas Santa Fe, all pedestrian traffic has changed to the southern side of the project area to accommodate construction efforts along the northern side.

For your safety, please follow pedestrian traffic signs.

Project Timeline

The anticipated construction timeline is October 2007 to the Fall of 2009.

Work Hours

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday - Thursday: 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Project Funding

Proposition 1b Transportation Bond Transnet, San Diego County's voter-approved 1/2-cent sales tax Traffic Congestion Relief Program from the sales tax on gasoline

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Lomas Santa Fe and I-5 Interchange looking west.

Project Summary

To relieve congestion on I-5 and improve traffic flow throughout the Lomas Santa Fe Interchange, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently constructing \$66 million worth of transportation improvements, including:

Auxiliary Lane: An auxiliary lane has been extended from the Via de la Valle on-ramp to the Lomas Santa Fe Drive off-ramp to provide a longer distance for drivers to merge on and off the freeway.

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane: An HOV lane in each direction will be extended on I-5 from Via De La Valle to just south of Manchester Avenue to better accommodate through traffic.

Lomas Santa Fe Interchange: Two new loop-style on-ramps will be constructed to better direct traffic onto the freeway and improve local traffic flow on Lomas Santa Fe Drive.

Several interchange related improvements fronting the Lomas Santa Fe Plaza are also under construction, as well as widening the bike lane and pedestrian walkways behind the I-5 bridge pillar on Lomas Santa Fe. Also, to promote the uniqueness and beauty of Solana Beach, Caltrans is constructing aesthetically-enhanced retaining walls between Via de la Valle and Lomas Santa Fe Drive, and mosaic collages at the four corners of the underpasses.