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### Caltrans Seeks Public Input on I-5/SR-56 Connector Ramps

SAN DIEGO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is seeking public input about a proposed project that studies the connection from westbound State Route 56 (SR-56) to northbound Interstate 5 (I-5) and from southbound I-5 to eastbound SR-56.

A public meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Del Mar Hills Academy, 14085 Mango Drive in Del Mar. The meeting is open-house-style to solicit public input and answer questions regarding the project’s Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

“There are four different built alternatives being proposed and we need the public’s input on the best alternative that balance the mobility needs of the community and the region,” said Caltrans Project Manager Arturo Jacobo. “Written comments will become part of the public record and will assist Caltrans in identifying the Preferred Alternative that is expected by early 2013.

The public is encouraged to attend and discuss questions and concerns with engineers, noise and traffic specialists and property agents. There will be displays showing what is being proposed. Along with a comment table, Caltrans is providing a court reporter for those who wish to leave a verbal comment. The comment period ends July 17 and can be emailed to 1-5\_SR\_56\_Interchange\_Draft\_EIR\_EIS@dot.ca.gov or mailed to the Caltrans District Office at 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, 92110.

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The I-5/SR-56 Interchange Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Impact Statement is available online at <http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/I-5-Corridor/I-5-sr56-intro.aspx>. For more information call the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670.

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