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CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON INTERSTATE 805 IN SOUTH BAY

SAN DIEGO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today the start of construction of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in the median of Interstate 805 (I-805) beginning the week of June 18 in south San Diego. This \$53 million project is funded by the 2006 voter approved Proposition 1B, Corridor Mobility Improvement Account.

Crews will build one HOV, or carpool lane, in each direction along an eight-mile segment stretching from East Palomar Street in Chula Vista to State Route 94 (SR-94) in San Diego. Carpools, vanpools, motorcycles and permitted clean air vehicles will be able to use the HOV lanes, which are scheduled to be open to traffic in fall 2013.

“Motorists will initially see the placement of construction zone signs and temporary barrier rail in the median of the freeway”, said Caltrans District Director Laurie Berman. “As the work progresses we are asking motorists to do their part and be alert for any changes during the course of this project and to limit distractions while behind the wheel.”

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The I-805 South Project stretches 11 miles between East Palomar Street in Chula Vista to the I-805/State Route 15 (SR-15) interchange. An average of 160,000 to 261,000 vehicles uses this heavily traveled freeway daily. By the year 2030 these numbers are projected to exceed 330,000 vehicles per day.

“This is the second of several projects that will eventually create a 28-mile long Express Lanes system in the median of I-805 between SR-905 and I-5,” added Berman.

Future construction will include a direct access ramp at East Palomar Street, HOV direct connectors, in-line transit stations and Park & Ride locations.

For more information, the public should contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670, or view the I-805 South Project fact sheet at dot.ca.gov/dist11/facts or keepsandiegomoving.com

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