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CALTRANS COMPLETES INTERSTATE 880 STIMULUS PROJECT

OAKLAND – A \$9.65 million rehabilitation project on Interstate 880 (I-880) at Fruitvale Avenue financed entirely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) has been completed, Caltrans announced today.

“Throughout California people are seeing the benefit of Recovery Act projects,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. “My administration is working hand-in-hand with President Obama’s team to ensure Recovery Act dollars are pumped into California quickly and responsibly to stimulate the economy and invest in the future of the state’s transportation system.”

Caltrans resurfaced a section of I-880 above Fruitvale Avenue built in 1948 that is currently used by 220,000 vehicles daily. Caltrans also laid down new pavement approaching Fruitvale and installed a stronger, modern railing along the freeway.

“Motorists traveling along this newly rehabilitated structure will now enjoy a safer and smoother commute,” said Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger’s leadership, California leads the nation with \$2.2 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 727 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 405 projects worth more than \$2 billion have been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$400 million in federal stimulus funds expected to be awarded to 100 projects by February 2010. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>.

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