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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) INITIAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION COMPLETED - CARPOOL LANES RE-OPENED

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has re-opened the High Occupancy Vehicle (carpool) lanes on eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue, after completion of a three-phase pavement rehabilitation project. Reconstruction of the carpool lanes from the Orange County line to Downey Avenue was also completed on time, despite inclement weather. This project began construction in spring 2003, and was completed in July 2005.

Pavement rehabilitation work will now continue on 8.1 miles of SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue. The project will replace damaged pavement slabs in the mixed flow /regular use lanes, repair pavement slabs on various bridges, reseal bridge joints, replace median barriers and upgrade metal beam guard rail, grind and re-pave the auxiliary lanes and various ramps, and upgrade carpool lane signage. This work is scheduled to start in fall 2005.

The Artesia Freeway (SR-91) is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement experienced extensive wear and needed to be replaced. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. The 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials will reduce the need for unscheduled maintenance.

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