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NEW CALTRANS SIGNS GIVE REAL-TIME TRAVEL INFORMATION

Motorists no longer have to wonder how long it will take them to get to their destination

Los Angeles -- As of today the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began providing something it has never offered before in Southern California: real-time travel estimates.

Travel times on freeways in Los Angeles County are now being displayed by Caltrans on 14 electronic signs, Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Posting travel times allows motorists on Los Angeles freeways to better plan their commutes," said Caltrans Director Will Kempton.

This technology provides motorists real-time travel estimates to major interchanges, well-known destination points and various locations. The only other cities nationally with this technology are Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco.

Estimated travel times are based on information collected from traffic sensors Caltrans has embedded in the freeways. Estimated travel times, however, do not apply for motorists in the High Occupancy Vehicle lanes.

"Caltrans is a national leader in the delivery of advance traffic solutions," said Douglas R. Failing, Caltrans District 7 Director for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. "And we've worked continuously on a variety of initiatives to get timely traveler information into the hands of California's citizens. This is one more step toward improving mobility and providing congestion relief for California's motorists."

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