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TRAFFIC SHIFTS TO NEW BRIDGE NEXT WEEK

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 announces that beginning Monday, May 18, 2009, the contractor will begin operations to shift traffic on State Route 44 in Redding to the new bridge over the Sacramento River. By Wednesday morning, May 20th, all traffic will travel on the new bridge. Traffic will remain in this configuration until the remainder of the new bridge across Sacramento River is completed, which is expected to be in the summer of 2010.

During evening and night time hours Monday and Tuesday, the final stages of striping and placing barrier will take place. Westbound traffic will begin travelling on the new structure by Tuesday morning and eastbound traffic by Wednesday morning.

There will be significant change to the traffic pattern and motorists are reminded to slow down and drive with caution. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph and law enforcement will be present.

Residents and businesses will experience increased presence of equipment and there may be an increase in noise during the night hours. Please call the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260 for more information.

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