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EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT TO BE TESTED IN REDDING

REDDING – Beginning June 27, 2009 and running through July 13, 2009, the California Department of Transportation in conjunction with the California Center for Innovative Transportation (CCIT) will test an experimental traffic monitoring system on the Dana to Downtown project on State Route 44 in Redding. Engineers from Caltrans Division of Research and Innovation will conduct a speed survey throughout the work zone which will enhance safety and alert drivers to potential delays.

Experimental equipment will monitor traffic speed. When traffic slows to 35 mph or less, the Caltrans Traffic Management Center in Redding will be alerted that there is a potential problem and they can activate Portable Changeable Message Signs at several locations on Interstate 5 and westbound on Route 44 to inform drivers of possible congestion and slow downs through the work zone.

The purpose of the study is to provide adequate information to drivers so they are able to make informed decisions about their chosen route and test whether this type of system will improve safety in work zones. During and after the test, motorists who drove through the testing area are asked to visit the District 2 website at www.caltrans2.info and take a short survey about their experience. Public input received from this survey will be vital to the success of the test.

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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