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CALTRANS CELEBRATES WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 238 WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

ALAMEDA COUNTY – Today, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA), Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Interstate 238 Widening and Rehabilitation project in Castro Valley.

Interstate 238 serves as the single east-west freight connector between the Port of Oakland and California’s abundant agricultural communities. This project enhanced traffic operations by providing additional capacity and safety by reducing the number of lanes for trucks to cross from westbound I-580 to northbound I-238.

“These improvements will reduce traffic congestion, accommodate future traffic growth, and improve safety,” said Caltrans Director Randell Iwasaki.

The project widened I-238, between I-580 and I-880, from four to six lanes, and rehabilitated existing pavement. The northbound I-238 to southbound I-880 connector was widened to two lanes, and the northbound I-880 to southbound I-238 connector was realigned and widened to two lanes. Auxiliary lanes were added between local access interchanges: on I-238 between I-580 and I-880; on northbound I-880 from Hacienda Avenue to I-238; and on southbound I-880 from I-238 to A Street.

Construction began on September 20, 2006 and was originally expected to take three and one-half years. However, work will be completed more than six months ahead of that schedule.

“The voters of Alameda County made this significant project possible by contributing over 60 percent of the total project funding, over \$81 million, from Measure B, Alameda County’s half cent transportation sales tax,” said Mark Green, vice-chair for the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority. “This project provides a critical





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link between the Port of Oakland and the Central Valley, connecting I-880 to I-580, easing congestion and providing more throughput in an area that has long been overly congested. Without the local transportation measure, this project would not have moved forward as quickly as it did.”

For more information about the project, please go to www.dot.ca.gov/dist4

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