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Groundbreaking Event Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) South Corridor Improvement Projects

I-5 HOV Widening & Imperial Highway/Pioneer Boulevard Project

WHO: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro); and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Confirmed Speakers: Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans Director; Mike Miles, Caltrans District 7 Director; Diane DuBois, 1st Vice Chair, Metro Board of Directors; Art Leahy, CEO, Metro; Rick Backlund, Associate Division Administrator, FHWA; Luigi Vernola, Mayor, City of Norwalk; Mike Mendez, Chair, I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority and Norwalk Councilmember; Gene Daniels, President, Board of Directors, Gateway Cities Council of Governments; and Captain Daniel Minor, California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area Commander.
Master of Ceremonies: Tommy Jaxson, Traffic Reporter, KNX 1070 NewsRadio

WHAT: **Groundbreaking for the Imperial Highway/Pioneer Boulevard Project**
The fourth of six projects to begin construction as part of the I-5 South Corridor Projects.

WHEN: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013 at 10 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m.**

WHERE: **Sara Mendez Park
11660 Dune Street @ Jersey Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650**

DIRECTIONS: **Southbound I-5 (from Los Angeles):** Exit Imperial Hwy/Pioneer Blvd. turn right on Imperial Hwy.; right on Jersey Ave.; and right on Dune St.
Northbound I-5:(from Orange County) Exit Imperial Hwy.; continue left onto Imperial Hwy.; turn right on Jersey Ave.; and right on Dune St.
Parking: Guests may park along Jersey Avenue and Dune Street. Parking signs will be posted.

PHOTO OP: At approximately 11:15 a.m., the groundbreaking ceremonial photo shot

PROJECT: The \$302 million Imperial Highway/Pioneer Boulevard Project extends from Silverbow Avenue to Orr and Day Road in the city of Norwalk. The project will widen nearly 2 miles of I-5 to add one HOV or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The structures at San Antonio Drive, Imperial Highway and Pioneer Boulevard will be reconstructed to accommodate a wider freeway. Among many improvements, the project will construct a new elevated southbound I-5 off-ramp at Imperial Highway, add concrete median barriers, new soundwalls, and widen the freeway shoulders. Security Paving Co., Inc. of Sun Valley, CA. is the contractor.

The Imperial Highway/Pioneer Boulevard Project is the fourth of six segments in construction as part of the \$1.6 billion I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects, extending seven miles from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).