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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FULL HIGHWAY CLOSURE STATE ROUTE 99 FROM STATE ROUTE 140 TO STATE ROUTE 59/ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform a traffic switch and close northbound State Route 99 (SR-99) from SR-140 (near 16th Street) to G Street for construction on the East Merced Overhead Project beginning Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 9:00 p.m., through Wednesday, November 20, 2013, until 5:30 a.m.

Motorists must travel on a different alignment on SR-99 until November 2014, and the speed limit will be reduced from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.

Crews will also perform various road construction and bridge activities on SR-99 from SR-140 (near 16th Street) to SR-59/Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Work will occur as follows:

- The left shoulder, median, and #1 (left) lane on southbound SR-99 from SR-140 (near 16th Street) to G Street will close beginning Sunday, November 17, 2013, through Friday, November 22, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.;
- The left shoulder, median, and #1 (left) and #2 (right) lanes on northbound SR-99 from SR-140 (near 16th Street) to G Street will alternately close beginning Sunday, November 17, 2013, through Friday, November 22, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. until 5:30 a.m.;
- The northbound on-ramp from SR-59/Martin Luther King Jr. Way to SR-99 will be closed on Sunday, November 17, 2013, from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.;
- The southbound on-ramp from G Street to SR-99 is closed and scheduled to reopen May of 2014;
- The northbound on-ramp from SR-140 near 15th Street to SR-99/ near 17th Street (Main Street) is closed and scheduled to reopen May of 2014.

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Motorists should expect 15 minute delays. Alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

Construction is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/ or materials, and construction related issues.

The \$32.4 million State Route 99 East Merced Overhead Project began on June 11, 2012, and will replace the bridge decks on the 15th Street Undercrossing and the East Merced Overhead Structures. The project will also bring the bridge widths and bridge rails to current standards; install a concrete median barrier; provide standard shoulder widths; and upgrade the existing guard rails and bridge approach rails.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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