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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TRAFFIC ADVISORY STATE ROUTE 99 FROM FRANKLIN ROAD TO EAST ATWATER OVERHEAD IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform utility work and various road construction activities on State Route 99 (SR-99) from Franklin Road to East Atwater Overhead (north of Applegate Road). Work will occur as follows:

- The left shoulder, right shoulder, #1 (left) and #2 (right) lane on northbound SR-99 from Franklin Road to the East Atwater Overhead (north of Applegate Road) will close alternately beginning Sunday, September 21, 2014, through Friday, September 26, 2014, from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.;
- The #2 (right) lane on southbound SR-99 from East Atwater Overhead (north of Applegate Road) to Webber Canal (south of Franklin Road) will close beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2014, through Thursday, September 25, 2014, from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.;
- The right shoulder on northbound SR-99 from Webber Canal (south of Franklin Road) to Canal Creek (north of Buhach Road) closed on August 8, 2014, and is scheduled to reopen in January 2016.

Motorists should expect 10 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.

This work is part of Phase 1A of the SR-99 Atwater-Merced Expressway (AME) Project which began on September 3, 2013. Phase 1A of the project will construct two lanes on the AME from the interchange to Green Sands Avenue, and two lanes from the Green Sands Avenue/Buhach Road Intersection to Green Sands Avenue/Gurr Road Intersection.

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The project will also construct the AME/SR-99 Interchange (including all ramps except the northbound loop on-ramp). Phase 1A of the project will cost approximately \$52 million and is financed through Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters in 2006.

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