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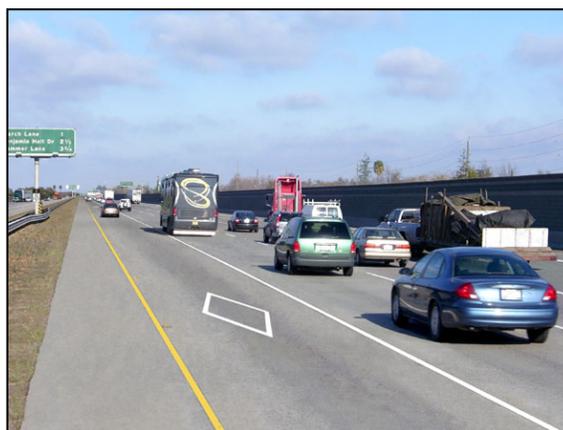
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NEW PEAK HOUR CARPOOL LANES WILL REDUCE DELAY TIMES FOR STOCKTON AREA COMMUTERS

Stockton – Caltrans and its local partners today celebrated the opening of four miles of new northbound carpool lanes on Interstate 5 in Stockton, which will reduce delay times during peak hours for more than 130,000 motorists.

“With a continuing growth in California’s population, and the ever-increasing demands on our roadways, we need to move from moving cars to moving people,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Carpool lanes are a more efficient way to move more people.”



These new part-time carpool lanes are expected to ease congestion, improve mobility, decrease travel times, accommodate future traffic demands within the project limits and enhance safety for both commute and recreational traffic in San Joaquin County. It is forecasted that, with the carpool lane improvements, motorists will experience as much as a 35 percent decrease in delay times. The lanes will be available for two or more people weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and again from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"September 21 marked the opening of the northbound portion of I-5. The addition of new auxiliary lanes between interchanges and the new HOV lane will also prove to be a real benefit to travel in San Joaquin County," said SJCOG Executive Director, Andrew Chesley. "A special thank you to the traveling public and the citizens of Stockton for their patience during the I-5 construction."

The project also reconstructed the existing six-lane freeway with continuously reinforced concrete pavement between Country Club Boulevard and Hammer Lane. Additionally, auxiliary lanes and sound walls were added where warranted, from south of Charter Way/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Hammer Lane in Stockton.





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This project received \$47 million from Measure K, the half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation projects in San Joaquin County, and \$42 million from Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters in 2006.

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