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State Route 99 Widening Project in South Stockton Celebrates Completion

STOCKTON—This morning, the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), Caltrans District 10, the City of Stockton, and the County of San Joaquin celebrated the completion of the State Route 99 South Stockton Six Lane Widening Project.

Congressman Jerry McNerney called it a great project for Stockton and highlighted the safety, reduced commute times, and air quality benefits of the project. He thanked the voters for supporting Prop 1B and Measure K and complimented the collaboration effort led by Caltrans and SJCOG with the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County. Other speakers included: Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty; San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor Charles Winn (District 4); City of Stockton Councilman Elbert Holman (District 1); Caltrans District 10 Director Dennis Agar; and SJCOG Executive Director Andrew Chesley.

The \$214 million project widened a four mile stretch of State Route 99 (SR-99) from four to six lanes between the Crosstown Freeway and Arch Road; built overcrossings at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Main Street; constructed a new interchange at Golden Gate Avenue; and replaced the Mariposa Road interchange to a full service interchange with new on and off-ramps and sidewalks for pedestrians. In addition, a Park and Ride facility was constructed adjacent to the new Mariposa interchange.

"The completion of the South Stockton SR-99 widening is just one of the continuing partnership efforts between Caltrans and the San Joaquin Council of Governments to modernize Highway 99 — the workhorse of the California state highway system," said SJCOG Executive Director Andrew Chesley.

The project received \$47.5 million from Measure K, the half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation projects in San Joaquin County, and \$132 million from Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. With the completion of this project commuters will see an ease in congestion, improved mobility, decreased travel times, reduced maintenance costs, and extended of the life of the highway.

SJCOG is a joint powers authority comprised of the County of San Joaquin and the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Stockton, and Tracy. The agency serves as the designated federal Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the region. In addition, as the Local Transportation Authority, SJCOG administers Measure K, the local half-cent transportation sales tax for San Joaquin County.

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