

Construction Update #4:

I-5 HOV & Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Improvements

"State Transportation Bond Funds AT WORK"

Project Construction Complete

With completion of the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Project, the sights and sounds of construction work are coming to an end. The new HOV lanes and loop ramps at the interchange are now fully operational, with some landscaping work remaining. No more construction impacts to travelers in this area are expected.

Caltrans is proud to be part of improving the transportation infrastructure for the I-5 freeway and City of Solana Beach that is vital to the success of the region's economy.

Bringing Results to the Community - Construction Completed Almost a Year Early and Within Budget

Construction of the entire I-5 HOV and Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Improvement Project was anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2009. By working efficiently, Caltrans and its team completed the project nearly a year in advance. This not only brought the improvement to the community early, it also eliminated further impacts to the surrounding community.

In addition to completing the improvement work earlier than anticipated, the project completion is also within the original budget.

Project Review

This \$66 million project is funded by 3 sources: 1) Proposition 1B bond funding from the State's Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, approved by California voters, 2) Transnet, San Diego County's voter-approved 1/2 cent sales tax, and 3) Traffic Congestion Relief Program from the sales tax on gasoline.

- ▶ Two new loop on-ramps from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to I-5 that eliminate the left turn access system that previously backed up Lomas Santa Fe Drive.
- ▶ An HOV lane that allows carpoolers to continue traveling past Via de la Valle and Lomas Santa Fe Drive where it ends just south of Manchester Avenue.
- ▶ Auxiliary lanes from the Via de la Valle to Lomas Santa Fe Interchange that allow more efficient lane changing of vehicles entering and exiting the freeway.
- ▶ Widened pedestrian and bike pathways that create a safer and more pleasurable route.
- ▶ Aesthetic treatments of retaining walls, mosaics, and landscaping that blend in with the beauty of the Solana Beach area.

Improved Commute

- ▶ The total traffic delay (vehicle-hours) resulting from congestion on I-5 has been reduced by more than 50% during peak periods in this area since opening the new HOV lanes on I-5 in June 2008.



Newly constructed northbound HOV lane, which terminates at Manchester Avenue

Recent Construction Milestones

- ▶ Lowered Lomas Santa Fe Drive
- ▶ Placed overhead and mounted sign structures in median
- ▶ Widened median and installed drainage facilities
- ▶ Improved drainage along Lomas Santa Fe Drive
- ▶ Finished northbound and southbound off-ramps
- ▶ Poured concrete curbs and sidewalks
- ▶ Paved northbound Lomas Santa Fe on-ramp
- ▶ Completed retaining and crib walls
- ▶ Paved northbound concrete shoulder

Want to learn more about this project or others?

Go to www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com for more information, or for questions call Caltrans Public Affairs at 619-688-6670 or the City of Solana Beach at 858-720-2470.

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To our valued neighbors:

Caltrans is pleased to announce the early completion of the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Lomas Santa Fe Interchange project. The project was completed within budget and almost a year early. This success would not have been possible without the involvement and patience of the City of Solana Beach and the surrounding resident and business communities during the development and construction of the project.

You may have already noticed your daily commute easing, the new beautiful retaining walls, smooth roadway, and efficient on and off-ramps. These improvements are your voter-approved transportation dollars at work.

Caltrans is proud to have collectively designed and constructed with the community a project that has already begun to ease freeway congestion and increase local traffic flow for the residents of the vibrant and beautiful City of Solana Beach, visitors, and commuters.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

The Caltrans Team



Caltrans District-11 Director, Pedro Orso Delgado, announces completion of project one year ahead of schedule.



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