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## Interstate 5 HOV Extension and Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Project

### OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce current and future traffic congestion on Interstate 5 (I-5) in the North San Diego County Area.
- Improve freeway operations and reduce corridor travel times.
- Provide high occupant vehicle (HOV) lanes to enhance mobility for carpools and buses.
- Minimize environmental impacts.

### THE PROJECT

The I-5 Lomas Santa Fe Interchange Project (Unit 1) will extend the existing HOV lane in each direction from just south of Via de la Valle to just south of Manchester Avenue and modify the Lomas Santa Fe Drive interchange. The work is expected to relieve congestion on the freeway by allowing carpools to continue through the Via de la Valle area, which is heavily congested daily. Two new loop-style onramps will be added to the Lomas Santa Fe Drive interchange to allow motorist access onto the freeway from either direction. The new ramps will eliminate the left turns to the onramps that frequently cause congestion on city streets. The project is part of a plan to construct eight miles of HOV lanes from the Mira Mesa Boulevard area on I-805 (Unit 2) to Manchester Avenue on I-5.

### TRAFFIC

The segment from Via de la Valle to Manchester Avenue is one of the most heavily used portions of the I-5 corridor with more than 230,000 vehicles a day using the freeway. Traffic along this segment of I-5 increases during the summer due to activities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Extension of the HOV lane will provide continued HOV service and additional highway capacity in the corridor, relieving existing recurrent congestion due to high traffic volumes.

### FUNDING

The estimated cost of the project is \$66 million, funded by the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) and TransNet. CMIA funds were allocated from the transportation bonds voters passed in

### FUNDING (cont.)

November 2006 and TransNet funds came from the local half-cent sales tax also approved by voters.

### STATUS

Construction began in September 2007 and is expected be completed in Spring 2009.

### CONTACT

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# INTERSTATE 5 HOV LANE EXTENSION LOMAS SANTA FE INTERCHANGE

