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STATE ROUTE 60 CONNECTOR TO EASTBOUND INTERSTATE 10 OPENS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be opening the newly built connector from eastbound SR 60 to eastbound Interstate 10 (I-10) by the end of this week.

Because of the connector's importance to the region and the significant traffic burden imposed by virtue of the project, Caltrans coordinated closely with the contractor, Beador Construction, to expedite the construction by 58 working days. The goal was to open both lanes of the structure to traffic before the Labor Day holiday weekend, and we have succeeded. Without this joint effort, the connector would have remained closed until late November. Beador Construction and Caltrans project staff should be commended for their commitment to accelerating the work to relieve traffic congestion in the area.

The connector was rebuilt as part of the I-10 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in Calimesa and Beaumont. In addition to the new connector, this project includes repaving sections of Interstate 10 (I-10) and most of the freeway ramps in Calimesa and Beaumont, widening the westbound Beaumont off-ramp, upgrading metal beam guardrail, replacing concrete median barriers with higher barriers to reduce headlight glare, lowering the existing 6th Street off-ramp to provide more clearance for tall trucks, and upgrading drainage. Construction of the entire project is expected to last until early 2011.

Caltrans would like to thank the cities of Calimesa and Beaumont for their support during construction of the new structure. Help from all of the emergency service agencies made the expedited work possible.

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