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Central Avenue-SR 74 Interchange Project

LANE STRIPING IMPROVES TRAFFIC FLOW DURING CONSTRUCTION

LAKE ELSINORE Revised lane striping on Central Avenue, between Collier Avenue and Dexter, was completed Wednesday night to mitigate traffic impacts caused last Tuesday, when the City's contractor installed traffic barriers in preparation for a major road construction project.

The City is the lead agency for the I-15 and Central Avenue-Highway 74 interchange improvement project, which will significantly improve traffic flow when completed next year.

The project will widen northbound and southbound freeway ramps and add a new lane on Central Avenue between Collier and Dexter. A \$2.9 million contract was awarded last month to Irvine-based Ortiz Enterprises, Inc. The project will be completed in June of 2009.

The interchange and ramps will be kept open to through traffic, subject to temporary closures in the construction zone. The City will publish construction updates in the Press-Enterprise and the Californian newspapers, in addition to Website updates at www.lake-elsinore.org.

Over half the funding is from Measure 'A' gas tax revenue and TUMF monies. The Riverside County Transportation Commission authorized a \$2 million contribution in July. The balance will be paid from developer and traffic impact fees. The total project cost, including design, engineering support and contingencies, is \$4.9 million.

For further information about the project, please contact the City's Engineering Department Project Manager, Mr. Dave Solomon, at (951) 674-3124, ext. 242.

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The City of Lake Elsinore manages Southern California's largest natural freshwater lake. A new City brand and slogan, "Dream Extreme" exemplifies the topography, scenic beauty and active life style of this 120 year old boom town. In 2008, the City's population reached approximately 50,000. Visitors and residents enjoy water sports such as skiing, power boating and fishing, world-class sky diving drop zone and thermals, a regional motocross track, professional baseball, a new 18 hole golf course, outlet shops, plus dining and entertainment on Main Street in Historic Downtown. The City's Web site is www.lake-elsinore.org.