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Closures for Blasting on I-15 at Primm Valley End Early The last blast is set for Feb. 11

San Bernardino – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce that the series of four-hour Wednesday closures of the I-15 will finish ahead of schedule. The last blast for the southbound direction will be done on February 11, 2009.

The new blasting schedule was designed to accelerate the work and minimize public inconvenience. The schedule called for 15 mid-week closures from Dec. 10 through April, 2009. The contractor, Las Vegas Paving has been able to streamline the work by doing multiple blasts in each session. The blast excavation will be completed in half the time with the eighth session concluding on Feb 11, 2009.

This is an incredible accomplishment. What was originally anticipated to take 60 hours to do in 15 weeks was accomplished in just 32 hours in 8 weeks. This milestone was not possible without the help and coordination of our partners: California and Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada Department of Transportation, Primm Casino Resorts and Outlet Mall, Las Vegas Paving and Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The full closures were necessary to maintain safety during the blasting. The last blast set for February 11 will go on schedule starting at 10 a.m. and open to traffic at 2 p.m. Caltrans expects to do similar work on the northbound side in September but it will not be as long or require as many closures. The schedule is yet to be determined.

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Caltrans would especially like to thank the public for their patience and understanding as we work to improve the I-15.

This \$91 million project will add a southbound truck-descending lane, paved shoulders and new longer-lasting pavement that offers a smoother ride on the I-15. The project limits are between Yates Wells Road and Bailey Road. The finish target date is summer of 2010. To get the latest information about the scheduled work, go to **www.Caltrans8.info**

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