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INLAND EMPIRE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

Fontana – Caltrans will host a groundbreaking ceremony today for the new **Inland Empire Transportation Management Center** located in Fontana. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Park and Ride lot on Victoria Avenue in Fontana.

Caltrans District 8 Director Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe, will be joined by Congressman Joe Baca, City of Fontana Mayor Mark Nuaimi, Chairman of San Bernardino Associated Governments Gary Ovitt, Commissioner of Riverside County Transportation Commission Robin Lowe and Lieutenant Commander of the California Highway Patrol John Antillon. Local agency representatives with Caltrans staff will be in attendance.

The \$28.9 million project is located at the southeast quadrant of Interstate 15 and State Route 210 on Victoria Street in the city of Fontana. It is made possible by a combination of federal and state funds. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) applied for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds garnering \$5.4 million each and Congressman Joe Baca secured \$1.2 million in federal SAFTEA –LU funds. The remaining balance of the state funds came from the State Highway Operational Preservation Program (SHOPP).

Caltrans District Director Dr. Raymond Wolfe stated "The high tech Transportation Management Center currently under construction in Fontana will deploy cutting edge Intelligent Transportation Technologies to manage traffic in real time on the Inland Empire freeways and improve response time for incidents. This Center will co-locate the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Transportation in a single facility and will help better manage incidents on the Inland Empire freeways. The Center will also improve the Department's capability to provide real time traffic information to the motorists and will help reduce congestion. This facility will be operational 24 hours a day /7 days a week and will be equipped with latest technologies to respond any major emergencies."

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Construction began in early February 2009 and is expected to be completed in December 2010. RC Construction Services, Inc. of Rialto was awarded the contract. Currently, the TMC operates in the basement of the District office building in downtown San Bernardino. The new site is being constructed on excess right of way owned by Caltrans and will serve as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In the case of a natural disaster or emergency, the center is designed not to lose communication and will remain functioning after the largest magnitude earthquake predicted for the area.

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