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INTERSTATE 10 (I-10) MEDIAN GATE BARRIERS

San Bernardino – Caltrans announces the completion of the I-10 median gate barriers as part of the joint I-10 Emergency Plan agreement between the County of Riverside, California Highway Patrol, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Riverside County Transportation Commission, City of Palm Springs, City of Banning, and Caltrans.

Median gate barriers are installed at five locations along I-10 to assist in mitigating the impact of major closures and incidents and to improve public safety during emergencies. The cost of the project is \$980,514. The project was completed on June 6, 2014.

Median gate barrier locations:

- 1.1 miles east of Hargrave Street undercrossing, in Banning
- 0.1 miles west of Malki Road., in Cabazon
- 1.4 miles east of Main Street, in Cabazon
- 2.3 miles west of Haugen-Lehmann Way, in Whitewater
- 1.2 miles west of route 10/62 separation, near Palm Springs

This 19-mile segment of I-10, between the City of Palm Springs and Banning has experienced several incidents causing lengthy traffic delays, leaving motorists stranded without an exit from the freeway. The newly installed median gate barriers are one of many tools available to the California Highway Patrol, to divert traffic around the incident area.

In addition to the median gate barriers, the I-10 Emergency Plan also includes various road developments, changeable message signs, vehicle detection stations, closed-circuit television cameras, and a multi-agency implementation plan.

Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience during construction, and all agencies involved, for support in the development of the I-10 Emergency Plan.

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