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Open Houses Set For West County Connectors

OCTA offers residents latest information about project linking carpool lanes on I-405, I-605, SR-22

ORANGE – Work is under way to provide carpoolers in west county seamless transitions between local freeways and Orange County's transportation planners want residents to stay connected to the project.

The \$400 million West County Connectors project will improve traffic flow by directly connecting carpool lanes on the San Diego Freeway (I-405), San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) and Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22). The project is currently in the final design stage and a series of open houses are planned throughout July.

A partnership between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Caltrans, the project will construct two carpool lane connectors, add a second carpool lane in each direction on I-405 between the SR-22 and I-605, reconstruct on- and off-ramps, construct sound walls and add landscaping and aesthetic elements. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2010 with completion estimated for 2013.

Each of the following open houses is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. and will include a project overview presentation from 6:30 to 7 p.m.:

- Wednesday, July 9 at Loyal Barker Elementary School, 12565 Springdale St. in Garden Grove
- Thursday, July 10 at Los Alamitos Community Center, 10911 Oak St. in Los Alamitos
- Thursday, July 17 at Kettering Elementary School, 550 Silvera Ave. in Long Beach
- Friday, July 18 at Rush Park Auditorium, 3001 Blume Drive in Rossmoor
- Thursday, July 24 at Seal Beach City Hall, 211 8th St. in Seal Beach
- Thursday, July 31 at Sequoia Elementary School, 5900 Iroquois Road in Westminster

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