



MEDIA ADVISORY

Today's Date: April 23, 2012

District: 7--Los Angeles/Ventura

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR FIRST CARPOOL LANE IN VENTURA AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES

WHO: Caltrans Acting Director Malcolm Dougherty
Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza
Santa Barbara County Supervisor Salud Carbajal

WHAT: Caltrans will break ground for a project to construct a six-mile carpool lane in each direction along US 101 from Mobil Pier Road in Ventura County to Casitas Pass Road in Santa Barbara County. Additional improvements include: a pedestrian undercrossing in La Conchita, closing existing median openings, adding concrete barriers and a southbound bike lane, median landscaping, reconstructing existing drainage, and installing underground vehicle detectors.

The \$102 million project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling and improve air quality. Completion is expected in late 2015.

WHEN: Monday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: US 101 and Hwy. 150 (Lake Casitas exit) on the west side of the interchange at Carpinteria Avenue.

DIRECTIONS

From the North (via US 101):

1. Take US 101 to Carpinteria
2. Exit SR-150 (Ojai / Lake Casitas Exit)
3. Turn right at the end of the ramp
4. Turn left on Carpinteria Avenue





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From the South (via US 101)

1. Take US 101 to Carpinteria
2. Exit SR-150 (Ojai / Lake Casitas Exit)
3. Turn left at the end of the ramp
4. Turn left on Carpinteria Ave

Carpinteria Avenue dead-ends after a ¼ mile. Park along the street and walk up to the event, which will be held at the end of the street on the bluff.

VISUALS: Spectacularly scenic roadway throughout the project limits. K-rail is already visible in some areas.

