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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-710 FULL Freeway Closures this Weekend

Bell to Downey – Beginning Friday night, October 21, and continuing until 6 a.m. Saturday morning, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a full freeway closure on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) to replace aging pavement as part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue. A second full closure will take place overnight beginning Sunday, October 23 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. The full closure schedule is:

Friday, October 21 and Sunday, October 23

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES will occur twice during the weekend and in both directions:

- Friday at 11:59 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m.
- Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

These ramps and connectors will be closed throughout the weekend:

CLOSED ramps:

- On-ramps to northbound I-710: from Imperial Highway, Firestone Blvd. and Florence Avenue.
- On-ramps to southbound I-710: from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. & Firestone Boulevard.
- Off-ramps from northbound I-710: to Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

CLOSED connectors: Eastbound & westbound I-105 connector to northbound I-710.

Following Friday's overnight closure, five lanes will open for all motorists on southbound I-710 from 6 a.m. Saturday until approximately 11 p.m. Sunday, when the second full closure begins. All traffic will be directed onto southbound I-710 while construction continues throughout the weekend on northbound 710. A 45 mph speed limit will be enforced within the construction zone. Due to narrow lane widths, oversized loads are not permitted. Please plan ahead and use alternate routes and detours.

This weekend's full freeway closure is the tenth in a series of planned closures that have taken place since August 5 as part of the \$65 million project to remove aging pavement and replace it with a long life pavement strategy. Caltrans estimates that one or possibly two more weekend closures may be scheduled to complete this phase of work that makes up nearly 80% of the entire project. The schedule is weather-permitting and is subject to change pending rain or temperatures below 50 degrees.

The new pavement will provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and its estimated completion date is spring 2012. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forest, CA.