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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF THE NORTHBOUND I-405 SEPULVEDA PASS PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

LOS ANGELES –The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has released the San Diego Freeway (I-405) Sepulveda Pass Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) for public review and comment. The project is an HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle, or carpool) lane on northbound I-405 between National Boulevard, south of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) and Greenleaf Street, south of the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101).

Copies of the EIR/EIS are available for review at the following locations: Caltrans District Headquarters at 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and the main public libraries of Sherman Oaks, Encino, Brentwood, Palisades, Westwood, and West Los Angeles. The EIR/EIS also can be accessed through the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/move405>.

Written comments will be accepted through July 11, 2007 and should be submitted to: Mr. Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Division of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7, 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

A public hearing on the document has been scheduled for Monday, June 11, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Skirball Cultural Center, located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Caltrans personnel will be available to answer questions and review maps beginning at 5 p.m. The hearing of public comments will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Sepulveda Pass project will ease congestion, improve mobility by moving twice as many people as a regular use lane, decrease commute times for all motorists, enhance safety, reduce air pollution and promote ridesharing on this highly-congested portion of I-405.

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