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## I-405 HOV PROJECT STREET WORK BEGINS

**LOS ANGELES** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has started construction on the city streets portion of work related to the \$167 million High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) project on the San Diego Freeway (I-405) from the Marina Freeway (Route 90) to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

Work is currently taking place on Culver Boulevard, both north and south of the median, between Sawtelle Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard. During the course of this work, which will be ongoing until the end of December, a minimum of one lane in each direction will be open at all times.

The Culver Boulevard phase of construction includes realignment, construction of a new northbound I-405 off-ramp leading directly to the boulevard, relocation of the existing bike path and pedestrian walkway to north of the median, and landscaping. Current work involves relocation of existing utilities and pavement resurfacing.

National Boulevard is also undergoing improvements in both directions that include widening and realignment between Sawtelle Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, upgrading a traffic signal and restructuring at the termini of the freeway ramps.

Work on National Boulevard began on August 1 and will continue through February of 2008. One lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Construction at this time involves demolishing the existing curbs, gutters and sidewalks and constructing new ones, including relocation of utilities.

Caltrans thanks residents near these streets and motorists for their patience during construction.

The freeway project is expected to complete early in 2009, at which time the HOV lane on southbound I-405 will be continuous from the San Fernando Valley to Orange County.

