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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds County Roads Project
Travel Delay Expected on Montague Expressway from July to September

Santa Clara County, CALIF. – This month, the County of Santa Clara will start the construction of the Montague Pavement Project, phase three. This is the first County road project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The construction of the \$3 million project will start at the end of July and complete by the end of September.

"I'm heartened to see the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act helping people in our community," said Congressman Mike Honda, the 15th District of California. "This federal investment is needed to improve our local roads, maintain good-paying jobs, and relieve some of the financial burden on local governments during budget shortfalls. With this project, the Recovery Act is doing what it was intended to do: Promote commerce, jobs, and economic recovery."

Approximately 290,000 vehicles travel on Montague Expressway each day, according to the 2001 traffic data collected by the County Roads and Airports Department. The ARRA funded rehabilitation project includes removal and repair of damaged pavement areas followed by a new surfacing overlay of rubberized asphalt.

"The finish paving will be done at night for safety and to lessen traffic congestion caused by the project," said Dan Collen, Deputy Director of the County Roads and Airports Department. "However,

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drivers should still expect some travel delay as some work activities will occur during the day.”

Daytime work hours are 9 am to 3 pm.

Construction areas included in the project are as follows:

- Area between US-101 and Mission College Boulevard in Santa Clara;
- Area between Zanker Road and I-880 in San Jose; and
- Area between Capitol Avenue and Dempsey Road in Milpitas.

“I am glad to see the Montague Expressway Pavement Project get up and running,” said Supervisor Dave Cortese, District 3, where the majority of the work will happen. “Not only will it stimulate our local economy with the creation of jobs, but it also is coming at no cost to the county; it is 100% reimbursed by the federal government.”

Background

The Montague Expressway rehabilitation effort has proceeded over several years as federal funds became available because the project costs exceed the available resources of the County. The ARRA economic stimulus funds allow the completion of all the remaining areas not addressed in previous phases.

Granite Construction Company of Watsonville was the successful low bidder at the June 4, 2009, bid opening, where six bids were received, and will be organizing and scheduling the work.

Another smaller ARRA project to repair pavement on various non-expressway, unincorporated County roads is also going forward, and bids will be opened on July 23.

For more information and project updates, go to: www.countyroads.org.

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