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## Caltrans Construction on I-5 Freeway Expected to Begin in 2013

**Downey, CA, July 28, 2011:** The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) has announced that planning is underway for the widening of the Interstate 5 Freeway between Valley View Avenue in La Mirada and the Interstate 605 Freeway in Downey. CalTrans expects to start construction in 2013 and to finish in 2016.

In Downey, the \$198 million project will include Orr and Day Road to the I-605 interchange with the I-5. A carpool lane and a mixed-flow lane for vehicles with two or more passengers will be constructed, pedestrian overcrossing will be constructed at Cecilia Street, and interchange improvements will be made at Pioneer Boulevard and at Florence Avenue. In addition, a northbound on-ramp to the I-5 will be constructed at Florence Avenue and the freeway shoulders will be widened to enhance safety.

“Even though the project is still two years away from the start of construction, we’re planning an informational meeting this fall for residents and businesses to get their questions answered directly by CalTrans engineers,” assured Mayor Luis Marquez.

“While we are excited that the many years of work with the I-5 Joint Powers Authority and CalTrans are finally coming to fruition with this freeway project, we’re also sensitive to the concerns residents may have, and we’re working hard to ensure that the public gets the information they need as soon as we get it,” said Councilmember Fernando Vasquez, whose District 4 includes the freeway expansion project.

Maps and other information about the project are available at the CalTrans project website, [www.I-5info.com](http://www.I-5info.com), and Downey residents can also check the City’s website ([www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org)) for details. Questions regarding the project should be directed to the CalTrans hotline at (855) 454-6335.

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