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### **Caltrans Completes Pavement Rehabilitation Project in North Los Angeles County Ahead of Schedule**

LOS ANGELES — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 has completed a \$100 million pavement rehabilitation project on Interstate 5 between Vista Del Lago Road and the Kern County Line, a distance of 15.4 miles, six months ahead of schedule.

The project involved replacing slabs in both directions, improving drainage, upgrading guardrail, adding post mile signage, widening inside shoulders, replacing broken approach and departure slabs, and repaving ramps.

Work began in April 2012, and finished ahead of schedule due to innovative lane closure strategies that allowed the contractor, Griffith/Coffman Joint Venture, to expedite the work while keeping a sufficient number of lanes open to maintain traffic flow.

“We are very proud and pleased to complete this project early, minimizing closures and construction delays for motorists,” said Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen. “This is an excellent example of what effective partnering can accomplish.”

The improvements will enhance safety, provide a smoother ride for motorists, extend the life of the pavement, and reduce maintenance costs and closures. Funding was provided by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

This project is part of Caltrans’ ongoing I-5 corridor improvements, which include pavement rehabilitation, carpool lanes and connectors, truck lanes, grade separations, interchange improvements, and pedestrian overcrossings. The projects represent a \$3 billion investment in I-5 through 2019 and will enhance safety, improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, encourage ridesharing and improve air quality. More information is at [My5LA.com](http://My5LA.com).

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