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Irvine Park and Ride Lot Triples in Size, Gives Time Back to Orange County Residents

IRVINE – Today, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with the City of Irvine, announced the opening of 450 new parking spaces and new bicycle lockers at the Jeffrey Road Park and Ride Lot near I-5 in Irvine. The expansion triples the capacity of the lot and provides access to time-saving travel options for Orange County commuters.

This park and ride lot has exceeded capacity for years. Now, more residents have access to beneficial vanpool, carpool and shuttle programs. The lot also provides intermodal connectivity and linkage to public transit. Key representatives from Caltrans, the City of Irvine, and All American Asphalt, cut the ribbon to unveil a much needed improvement for Orange County commuters in this vital corridor.

A commuter traveling from this lot to Los Angeles will save about one and a half hours each day, or 16 days per year, by using vanpool or carpool options.

"Imagine what you could do with an extra hour and a half each day, or an extra 16 days per year," said Ryan Chamberlain, Caltrans District 12 Director for Orange County. "Whether it's dinner with friends, making your daughter's softball game, or getting more sleep, anything is better than staring at brake lights."

Park and ride lots support Caltrans' goals for a sustainable transportation system by reducing vehicles on roadways which contributes to less congestion, fewer vehicle trips, a reduced amount of greenhouse emissions, and increased mobility options.

"One of the best ways to relieve traffic congestion in the City of Irvine is to work with partners. I am pleased that Caltrans has expanded the useful and popular park and ride at a perfect location – Jeffrey Road at the I-5," said Irvine Mayor Donald P. Wagner. "An additional 450 free parking spaces will be most useful in our overall transportation strategies."

New bicycle lockers provide greater accessibility options with Irvine's nearby Jeffrey Open Space Trail. The City of Irvine and Caltrans are coordinating efforts to develop a pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting the trail from the east side of I-5 to Walnut Avenue. The estimated cost of the project is \$10.5 million with anticipated completion in 2023.

The \$1 million park and ride expansion project was funded by Caltrans.

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