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Ribbon Cutting for I-580/Castro Valley Interchange Improvements: \$30 Million Project Reduces Congestion and Increases Access

Central Alameda County: The newly-formed Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on the I-580 westbound off-ramp of Redwood Road in Castro Valley on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony commemorates the completion of a major interchange project that will improve traffic on I-580 at Redwood Road and on nearby streets, including access to the Castro Valley Business District and BART station.

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senator Ellen Corbett, and Assembly Member Mary Hayashi have been invited to join Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, as well as Union City Mayor Mark Green, Chair of the Alameda CTC, to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

In June 2008, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) awarded construction of the interchange to RGW Construction. The project involved improving access to and from I-580 in Castro Valley. Improvements included creating a full interchange at Redwood Road (i.e. adding a new eastbound on-ramp and a westbound off-ramp), constructing a new eastbound off-ramp from I-580 to Grove Way and removing two existing ramps: the eastbound off-ramp to Center Street and the westbound on-ramp from Castro Valley Boulevard. The new ramps will reduce traffic congestion, while providing better mobility for the local area.

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The I-580 Castro Valley Interchange Improvement Project is part of the voter-approved improvements implemented in Central Alameda County, commencing with the I-238 widening project, which was completed in October 2009. Measure B provided almost 80% of the overall funding for the I-580 Castro Valley Interchange Improvement Project. Other funds include more than \$4.8 million of the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), which is derived from Proposition 1B infrastructure bonds, approved by voters in November 2006 and \$1.9 million in federal funds.

"This project is one more example of how we are delivering the promises of transportation investments to voters who entrusted us with Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax measure. The measure funds critical infrastructure, operations and maintenance of our transportation system," noted Art Dao, the newly appointed Alameda CTC Executive Director.

I-580 Interchanges improvements include:

- Construction of a new westbound off-ramp from I-580 to Redwood Road
- Construction of a new eastbound on-ramp from Redwood Road to I-580
- Construction of a new eastbound off-ramp from I-580 to Grove Way
- Removal of an existing eastbound I-580 off-ramp to Center Street
- Removal of an existing westbound on-ramp from Castro Valley Boulevard to I-580.

View the <u>I-580 Interchange Improvements fact sheet</u> for a detailed description of the project. View the I-580 Castro Valley Interchange Improvements <u>Event Invitation</u> for details regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony.

ACTIA and ACCMA are becoming the Alameda CTC

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a newly-formed countywide transportation agency, resulting from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Its mission is to plan, fund and deliver a broad spectrum of transportation projects and programs to enhance mobility throughout Alameda County. This merger will eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning, programs and project delivery and it will streamline legislative, policy and funding efforts. For more information on the Alameda CTC, ACCMA and ACTIA, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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