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## High-Speed Rail Authority Utilizes Top Traffic Tool for Construction

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is partnering with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to utilize their QuickMap system to alert the public and public safety officials of construction-related roadway impacts. QuickMap, which was launched in 2011, allows drivers to plan ahead and reach their destinations faster by providing them with real-time traffic and travel information. QuickMap visitors can also monitor traffic congestion, California Highway Patrol incidents, Amber Alerts, travel time information, and lane closures due to highway roadwork.

“QuickMap has been an extremely valuable tool for people who want to know the conditions of the local streets and state highway networking their neighborhood and throughout the state,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “No one knows the roads better in this state than Caltrans, and it’s important that we share resources and information so the public can go to one place to stay informed about any type of construction activities that may impact their commute.”

“We’re pleased that the Authority has added their construction activities into QuickMap,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Motorists will be able to use this information to make smart travel decisions, which ultimately reduces congestion and pollution while increasing safety.”

While the initial focus of the high-speed rail program construction is in the Central Valley, the Authority will use QuickMap for all roadways across the state. Visitors to the online interactive travel map can access nearly 1,000 freeway cameras and more than 700 electronic message signs on highways statewide. Other helpful features of the service include chain control information and statewide freeway displays that are color-coded based on speed. This tool is also frequently used by media organizations to broadcast travel and commute information.

To access Caltrans QuickMap, visit the Caltrans site at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov).



### ***About the High-Speed Rail Authority***

*The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at [www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov) and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra](https://twitter.com/cahsra).*

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