



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

Date: August 20, 2009
District: 6 – Fresno
Contact: Bob Neath, Kern County Roads or Holly Vogel, Caltrans PIO
Phone: (661) 862-8859 **Phone:** (661) 326-3968

UPDATE

7TH STANDARD ROAD INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION PROMPTS TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND DETOURS

- WHO:** KERN COUNTY ROADS DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)
- WHAT:** TEMPORARY FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE COFFEE ROAD/7TH STANDARD ROAD INTERSECTION TO ACCOMMODATE COMPLETION OF A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL. ONCE THE SIGNAL IS ACTIVATED, TRAFFIC WILL BE SWITCHED ONTO THE NEW RAILROAD OVERCROSSING.
- GOLDEN STATE AVENUE WILL BE ACCESSABLE SOUTH OF 7TH STANDARD ROAD ONCE THE NEW RAILROAD OVERCROSSING OPENS.
- WHEN:** THE FOUR-WAY STOP AT COFFEE ROAD AND 7TH STANDARD ROAD WILL BE IN PLACE FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 24 TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009.
- DETOUR:** FROM AUGUST 26 THROUGH LATE OCTOBER, 2009, THE SOUTHBOUND STATE ROUTE 99 7TH STANDARD ROAD OFF-RAMP WILL PERMIT RIGHT TURNS ONLY. TO ACCESS EASTBOUND 7TH STANDARD ROAD, MOTORISTS WILL BE REDIRECTED TO THE NORRIS ROAD OFF-RAMP WITH DETOUR SIGNS VIA GOLDEN STATE AVENUE.
- BENEFITS:** ONCE THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS ACTIVATED, TRAFFIC WILL BE REDIRECTED TO THE NEW RAILROAD OVERCROSSING GRADE SEPARATION AND NO LONGER BE DELAYED BY TRAINS.

This project will upgrade the 7th Standard Road/Merle Haggard Drive Interchange, construct a grade separation over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and build a new northbound on-ramp at State Route 99. Construction began May 6, 2008 and is anticipated to be complete in early 2010.

Kern County Roads and Caltrans appreciate your patience as we improve this important interchange. Please allow additional travel time and drive with caution through construction zones.

###

