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Caltrans Begins \$298 Million Freeway Enhancement on I-605 to Improve Commuter Travel and Freight Movement

Los Angeles County — Caltrans announced today that it has started work on a major project to rehabilitate Interstate 605 (I-605) from Long Beach to the San Gabriel Valley. With a total cost of \$298 million – including \$273 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) \$23 million from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – these projects will extend the I-605 pavement life by up to four decades, reduce costly repairs, provide a smoother ride for motorists and trucks, and create a safer environment for Caltrans workers by reducing the frequency and duration of time in the work zone for pavement maintenance.

“Caltrans is aggressively upgrading and rebuilding our infrastructure in California, including pavement rehabilitation on major interstate routes that transport goods and connect local communities,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. “The department and our federal partners are making a significant investment to rebuild and maintain our state highway system and provide users with a best-in-class experience.”

“I-605 is a major artery for residents of the Gateway cities and the San Gabriel Valley and is a vital resource for commuters and the movement of goods throughout Southern California,” said District 7 Director Gloria Roberts. “Made possible by federal funding and continued support from SB 1, these projects will also lengthen the service life of this key thoroughfare.”

The following projects along the I-605 corridor will repair or create new pavement and upgrade infrastructure between Los Alamitos/Long Beach and Duarte.

Segment 1: Katella Avenue in Los Alamitos/Long Beach to Telegraph Road in Santa Fe Springs, fall 2023:

- \$72.7 million project includes \$66.7 million from IIJA and \$3.8 million from SB 1.
- Improvements feature replacement of aging or damaged pavement and concrete, including 96 miles of repaved roadway, upgraded pedestrian curb ramps, new road signage, freshly painted highway dividing lines, and application of a safety-

enhancing anti-skid treatment to ramps and connectors. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2028.

Segment 2: I-10 to the I-605 terminus north of I-210, fall 2023:

- \$24.5 million project includes \$22.4 million from IIJA and \$1.8 million from SB 1.
- Improvements feature pavement and concrete rehabilitation, new pedestrian signals and upgrades to six traffic lights. Construction will also include eight new maintenance vehicle turnouts, more than 12,000 feet of new guardrail, and replacement of 27 overhead highway signs. Caltrans expects to complete the project in fall 2026.

Segment 3: Telegraph Road in Santa Fe Springs to I-10, spring 2024:

- The \$201.1 million project includes \$184.2 million from IIJA and \$16.9 million from SB 1.
- Improvements feature pavement and concrete rehabilitation and construction of 93 lane miles of new pavement, upgrading more than 16,000 feet of aging or damaged guardrail, and replacing 16 overhead highway signs. In addition, the project contains 53 acres of landscaping and stormwater improvements to help prevent trash and other pollutants from draining into the San Gabriel River. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2030.

Upgrades from these three projects will improve overall ride quality and provide smoother roadways, increase visibility of road signage, create more space for maintenance workers, add new signals to increase accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists, and prevent pollutants from damaging the environment.

The nearly 200 miles of new pavement will also extend the interstate service life by up to 40 years, reducing costly maintenance repairs.

The department's "fix it first" approach uses state-of-the-art pavement rehabilitation techniques to quickly make repairs to road surfaces where they are needed most, minimizing costs, delays, and repair frequency.

While most of the repaving on these projects will occur at night, motorists can anticipate occasional daytime and weekend closures. Caltrans will provide updates to the project schedules that affect travel to the public in advance.

Photos for today's kick-off ceremony are here: [Super 605 Kick-Off Ceremony](#).

The IIJA, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," is a once-in-a-generation investment in the nation's infrastructure to improve the sustainability and resiliency of the country's energy, water, broadband and transportation systems. Since November 2021, California has received more than \$22.5 billion in federal infrastructure funding. That includes more than \$15.5 billion in federal transportation funding to upgrade the state's roads, bridges, rail, public transit, airports, electric vehicle charging network,

ports, and waterways. These transportation investments alone have already created nearly 48,000 jobs.

The influx of federal funding is in addition to California's multiyear infrastructure investments in transit and intercity rail projects, safe walking and biking options, and upgrades to the state's economy-powering supply chain, in addition to SB 1, which provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared about equally between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1.

To review the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](https://rebuildingca.ca.gov). Website visitors can learn more about the different state and federal infrastructure programs, track the amount of funding California is receiving, and find projects on an updated interactive map.

Caltrans reminds drivers to "Be Work Zone Alert" and to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

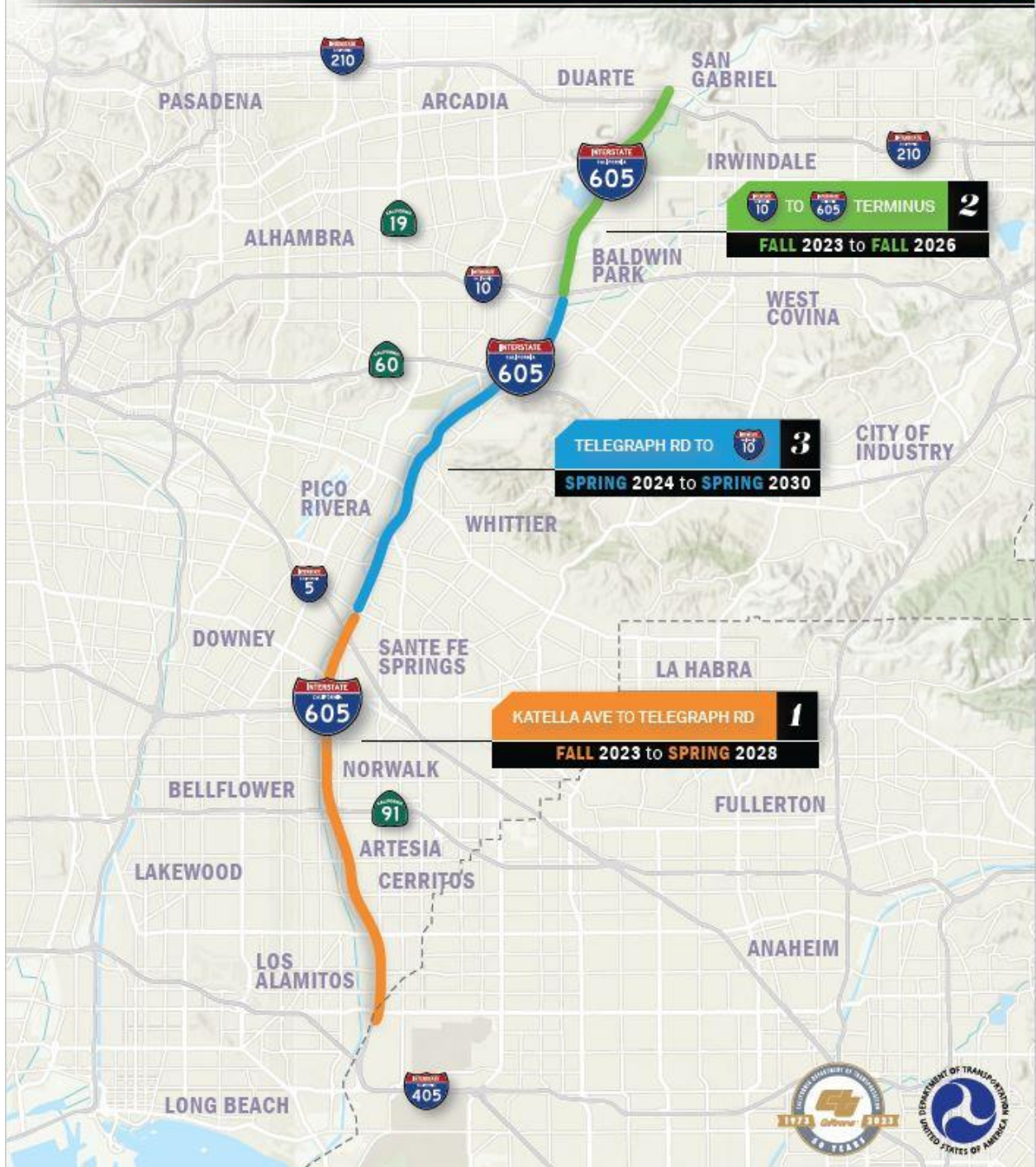
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