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| **Thursday, December 19, 2013 131219-1**  **In this Issue:**  **San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) HOV Lane Project Opened to Commuters Today** |
| **San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) HOV Lane Project Opened to Commuters Today**  Today, I joined Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Baldwin Park Mayor Pro Tem Richard Pacheco, FHWA Representative Richard Backlund, and Susan Reyes from State Senator Ed Hernandez’s office to celebrate the opening of the I-10 HOV lanes from I-605 to Puente Avenue.  This $180 million, 4.4 lane mile project connects to the existing Express Lanes that stretch from Downtown Los Angeles to I-605.  Metro provided the majority of project funding, including State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, as well as Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds.  The new lanes will help reduce the delays caused by merging traffic at the former terminus of the HOV lanes and draw new carpoolers. Travelers were reminded that the Fastrak transponder is required for motorists connecting to carpool lanes west of the I-605 interchange. The event was covered by local media including Singtao Daily, Chinese World Journal, LA18 and NTD TV. | |
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