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## Groundbreaking for the I-5 Freeway Widening and HOV Project

Today, I joined Metro Board Vice Chair Diane DuBois, Metro Board Director Don Knabe, and CALTRANS District 7 Director Michael Miles to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Interstate 5 High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Widening and Rosecrans-Bloomfield-Shoemaker Avenue Bridges Project. The project is one of six total projects in a \$1.6 billion package of I-5 South Corridor Improvements from the Los Angeles County/Orange County Line to the I-605. This particular project will widen the freeway between Shoemaker and Silverbow avenues, adding a general purpose lane and HOV lane in both directions 1.2 miles, along with widening three bridges. The total project cost is \$214 million, \$42.3 of which Metro is contributing through Prop C funds. Both Metro Board Vice Chair DuBois and Metro Board Director Knabe spoke at the event. Metro Board Director Knabe was interviewed by Channel 7. Channel 4 and a Whittier newspaper also covered the event. Stories are expected this afternoon and tomorrow. For pictures of the event, please click here.

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