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Metro Executive Officer, Highway Program, Lan Saadatnejadi, joined the City of Lancaster Mayor, R. Rex Parris and other city officials, and Caltrans to commemorate the recent opening of the new Avenue I/SR-14 Interchange. A collaborative effort between the City of Lancaster, Metro and Caltrans, the \$12 million project involved the widening of Avenue I to three lanes in each direction, while providing dual left turn lanes onto State Route 14 from both the eastbound and westbound directions. In addition, safety enhancements for increased visibility and better mobility with added capacity were part of the project. The much needed improvement to this key interchange also improves access to key destination points and commercial sites in the City of Lancaster. The project is funded in part by a \$5.352 million Prop C Metro grant, which is 25% of the total costs. In addition, \$6.46 million in local funds from the Transportation Development Act, traffic impact and Prop A/C local return were contributed to the project. Local media covered today's celebration.

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