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Marking the opening of the new I-10 HOV lanes are, from left, Caltran District 7 Director Douglas Failing, El Monte Mayor Ernie Gutierrez and Metro Board Member



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Three New Miles of HOV Lanes Now Open on I-10 Freeway

• Three or more riders required in a vehicle during peak hours

(Feb. 4, 2005) Officials from Caltrans, Metro and the City of El Monte were on hand, Friday, to open a stretch of HOV lanes on the I-10 freeway between the I-605 freeway and Baldwin Avenue.

Vehicles using the three-mile section must carry three or more riders from 5 a.m. until 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. At least two people must be in the car at all other times.

The cost of the project is \$55.2 million – and includes a \$4.8-million soundwall. Additional projects are in the planning stages that will close the HOV gap on I-10 from West Covina to the I-10/57/210 interchange.

With the new HOV addition, Los Angeles County now has a total of 455 miles of carpool lanes. The county leads the state in the miles of carpool lanes, with approximately 40 percent of the state's total carpool lane miles.

On average, an HOV lane carries 1,300 vehicles (or 3,200 people) per peak hour. The connecting segment, from Alameda Street to Baldwin Avenue, is currently used by some 24,000 vehicles a day.



Celebrating the opening of the new three-mile stretch of HOV lanes are, from left, Douglas Failing of Caltrans, El Monte Mayor Ernie Gueierrez, El Monte Councilwoman Patricia Wallach and Metro Board Member John Fasana.

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