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Caltrans to Build New Type of Soundwall on I-10 Freeway

• Metro providing \$1.14 million for the demonstration project

(Feb. 8, 2006) Local and state officials attended a Caltrans groundbreaking for a new type of soundwall, Feb. 3, on the westbound Santa Monica (I-10) Freeway in West Los Angeles.

The \$2.1 million poured-in-place concrete barrier, to be built between Motor and Military avenues, will be the first of its kind in Los Angeles County. Metro is providing \$1.14 million in Prop. C 25 percent funds for the demonstration project.

Rather than the traditional stacked concrete-block wall, the wall will be constructed of shaded brushed concrete with architectural features. The project will take about six months to complete.

Data gathered from the new construction procedure will be used to evaluate future cost -savings and other efficiencies.

Officials who attended the ceremony included Assembly Member Karen Bass, County Supervisors Yvonne Burke and Zev Yaroslavsky, and LA Councilman Herb Wesson.

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