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## MEDIA ADVISORY OFFICIALS TO KICK OFF CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY PROJECT TO FIX STATE'S WORST TRUCK BOTTLENECK

Regional priority project will alleviate severe safety and congestion challenges at hazardous confluence

- WHAT: Federal, state, and local officials will convene to break ground and mark the start of the highway improvements on the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project (SR 57/60 Project). The \$444.12 million project tackles traffic congestion and safety concerns within one of the most problematic freeway segments in the United States. Spanning two miles between the City of Diamond Bar and the City of Industry, this heavily traveled and critical freight highway corridor carries over 350,000 vehicles daily connecting Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Counties. Due to lane drops and hazardous weaving between trucks and commuters, the confluence area ranks as the worst truck bottleneck in California and the seventh worst in the nation, according to the American Transportation Research Institute. The key improvements include the reconfiguration of ramps and interchanges, the addition of mainline and bypass lanes, and the reduction of hazardous lane-weaving movements. The project will alleviate traffic congestion, enhance commuter safety, improve air quality and facilitate a more efficient movement of goods along this vital trade corridor of national and regional significance. Once complete, the SR 57/60 Project will bring significant benefits to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, intermodal and manufacturing facilities, and export-oriented industries located in Southern California. The regional highway priority project is a partnership among the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Metro, Caltrans and the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar, funded by state SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds, Measure M local sales tax funds, and federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funds.
- **WHEN:** 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 30, 2023
- **WHERE:** Diamond Bar Golf Course, 22751 Golden Spring Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Parking is available on-site.

WHO: Congressmembers Grace Napolitano, Judy Chu, Norma Torres and Young Kim; California State Senators Bob Archuleta, Josh Newman and Susan Rubio; California Transportation Commissioners Michele Martinez, Hilary Norton and Adonia Lugo; Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis; Metro Director and Pomona Tim Sandoval; Metro Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Wiggins; Caltrans District 7 Acting Director Gloria Roberts; Federal Highway Administration California Division Administrator Vincent Mammano; SGVCOG President & Monrovia Mayor Becky Shevlin; Diamond Bar Mayor Andrew Chou; City of Industry Mayor Cory Moss; and other community and elected officials.

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