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### Fix50 Work Completed

*W/X Viaduct reopens six days early after nearly two months of construction*

SACRAMENTO – The \$40.5 million Fix50 project is now finished, allowing the nearly 230,000 motorists who use it daily to once again have full access to all of Highway 50 in downtown Sacramento. The project, which began April 22 and rehabilitated the elevated section of U.S. Highway 50 in Sacramento between 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets, was finished six days ahead of schedule.

“We want to thank local residents, businesses and our partners for their cooperation, patience and support throughout the course of this project,” said Caltrans Director, Malcolm Dougherty. “We especially appreciate all the commuters who took transit, biked to work, flexed their work schedules and carpooled!”

Crews successfully moved traffic back to normal lane configurations overnight, and reopened all lanes and ramps, concluding all major traffic-interfering work of the Fix50 project. Motorists are advised, though, that non-traffic interfering night and weekend work will continue throughout the year. This work includes permanent striping, continued seismic retrofitting of the columns underneath the viaduct, and lighting and fencing work in the parking lots beneath the project area. Final completion is expected in December 2014.

“The benefits of this project include enhanced safety, reduced recurring maintenance costs, and an increase in the life of the concrete decks” added Caltrans District 3 Director, Jody Jones. “Though all the major traffic-interfering work is complete, Caltrans reminds drivers to ‘Be Work Zone Alert’ as more minor work continues through the rest of the year.”

The project addressed extensive wear and cracking caused by age and heavy use. Contractor Myers & Sons Construction of Sacramento sealed cracks and installed a new four-inch concrete deck on top of the existing deck, tying it to the girders to give the viaduct another 20 years of useful life. The work over the course of the project also included widened shoulders, new joint seals, new concrete barriers and railings, and energy-efficient lighting standards.

A big component of this project’s success was a comprehensive, region-wide public information campaign to keep motorists informed about the progress of the Fix50 project. The centerpiece of the campaign was an interactive website, Fix50.com, which received nearly 755,000 visits over the course of the project. Motorists could sign up to receive project updates via text alerts, email or social media, and the site also linked visitors to alternative transportation options and alternative routes. More than 14,700 users signed up for daily project updates and traffic alerts over the course of the project.



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