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INTERSTATE 10 AT TEX WASH BRIDGE OPEN TO TRAFFIC

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce that Interstate 10 at Tex Wash Bridge opened to traffic at noon today.

Crews worked around the clock to repair storm damage on the westbound side of the bridge in order to allow two-way traffic—one lane in each direction. Now that I-10 is open, minor work will be performed on the westbound side and work will commence on the eastbound side of the structure to get it operational.

“I am proud of Caltrans and Granite Construction staff working together to repair and reopen I-10 in less than five days after a storm damage event of this magnitude. I also want to thank the public and those communities most impacted for their patience during this inconvenience,” said Interim District 8 Director John Bulinski.

Caltrans was able to expedite the opening of I-10 at Tex Wash Bridge (in only five days), which washed out during a major storm on July 19, because of emergency contractual procedures that allowed Granite Construction, Inc. to be awarded the project on Monday, July 20, 2015.

As a result of the weekend storm, Caltrans inspected other bridges in the area and three were found to need minor repairs—Adair Ditch Bridge, Hillock Ditch Bridge and Wide Ditch Bridge. The repairs on these bridges were completed on or before July 23, 2015.

Those with scheduled permit loads should contact Caltrans Transportation Permit Office at (916) 322-1297 or their permit service company, as this route configuration may affect load transportation.

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