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### **STIMULUS PROVIDES NEARLY \$9 MILLION TO REPAVE STATE ROUTE 145, RECONSTRUCT BRIDGE IN MADERA COUNTY**

**Fresno** – Caltrans today announced the completion of the \$13.5 million State Route 145 (SR-145) Cottonwood Creek Overlay Project, financed partially (\$8.9 million) by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). This stimulus project and many others around the state are being completed sooner than expected thanks to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's efforts to expedite Recovery Act funding.

"My Administration is working hand-in-hand with President Obama's team to ensure stimulus dollars are pumped into California quickly and responsibly to stimulate the economy and in this instance - invest in the future of California's transportation infrastructure," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The project in Madera County near the unincorporated community of Ripperdan resurfaced six miles of SR-145, widened the highway shoulders, and reconstructed the Cottonwood Creek Bridge. The new asphalt concrete pavement is expected to last 20 years.

"With the help of Recovery Act funds, we are now able to repair our highways and local roadways at a more rapid pace and provide a smooth, safe commute for motorists," said Caltrans Director, Cindy McKim.

"During these very tough economic times, stimulus projects are preserving jobs while providing taxpayers with improvements to our transportation infrastructure for generations to come," said Bob Towne, Construction Manager for the project's contractor, W. Jaxon Baker, Incorporated.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated \$2.52 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 930 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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