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**PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WEBSITE LAUNCHED
Public Now May Access PCH Construction Information at www.PCHPartners.org**

LOS ANGELES (April 28, 2008)—The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and cities of Los Angeles, Malibu and Santa Monica announced the launch of the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) construction information website, www.PCHPartners.org, on Monday, April 28, 2008. The group, established as PCH Partners, designed the website to serve as the primary source of public information about pending construction projects planned on PCH. The projects are scheduled to begin in spring 2008 with estimated completion in 2011. The projects will take place at different locations along an 11-mile corridor of PCH between the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica and Cross Creek Road in Malibu.

“With this multi-agency effort, involving the state, three municipal agencies and elected offices, the public in Los Angeles, Malibu and Santa Monica, we all get a big win,” said Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl. “Collaboration between state and local governments for improved communication on construction projects that impact residents and commuters are central to reducing delays and the difficult process of construction.”

“I am pleased these agencies are coordinating planned construction on or adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway” said City of Santa Monica City Engineer Tony Antich. “The spirit of cooperation is impressive and the public will benefit from this effort.”

PCH Partners was formed as a multi-agency government response to address public concerns about the numerous infrastructure and water quality projects that had been planned and scheduled along PCH. With PCH serving as the main transportation corridor for the Westside beach communities, the principle concern about the resulting traffic impacts called for communication between the agencies managing the projects. The partnership will share information as well as develop well-defined traffic management plans and post regular project updates on the website. The goal of the partnership is to mitigate traffic congestion as best as possible through the coordination and communication of construction activities.

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“The investment in our collaborative effort will result in a greater awareness for the construction activities that will allow the public to better manage the impacts of the construction work on their commute,” said City of Los Angeles City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. “Our commitment is to share our project information early and provide the lines of communication for the public benefit.”

“The city of Malibu is very pleased to be part of the PCH Partners,” said City of Malibu Public Works Superintendent Richard Calvin. “We feel that this partnership will enhance the ability to inform the public as to what is happening in a timely manner for projects that may impact Pacific Coast Highway.”

The website will provide and update the public with background information, news, maps and construction schedules. Contact information for each of the distinct projects will be provided for each of the respective oversight agencies to keep the public and commuters informed about status of construction, lane closures and detours. The traffic impacts will be reduced to the extent possible based on the construction site conditions and any unanticipated circumstances such as poor weather.

“With PCH Partners, everyone wins,” said Caltrans Public Affairs Officer Dave White. “Several agencies are working to maximize and coordinate communication regarding respective projects, so the public can travel with less stress resulting in a smoother commute.”

PCH Partners will keep local elected officials, homeowner groups and community based organizations informed of project progress and other construction related issues.

The construction projects, listed by anticipated start date, are:

- City of Santa Monica Annenberg Community Beach Club (06/07-Spring ‘09)
- California Department of Transportation/Caltrans PCH Resurfacing (04/08-Fall ‘08)
- City of Malibu Corral Canyon Signal Project (07/08-09/08)
- City of Malibu Carbon Canyon Underground Utilities (09/08-Spring ‘09)
- City of Santa Monica Palisades Bluffs Improvement Project (10/08-Summer ‘09)
- City of Santa Monica California Incline Rehabilitation Project (07/09-Summer ‘10)
- City of Los Angeles Low Flow Diversion Upgrades (07/09-Fall ‘10)
- City of Santa Monica Pier Bridge Rehabilitation (10/09-Fall ‘10)
- City of Los Angeles DC Electrode Replacement (12/10-Fall ‘11)

For more information about PCH Partners and the construction projects along Pacific Coast Highway, please visit www.PCHPartners.org or call (866) 755-7679.

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