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REMINDER - I-10/KATY HOV LANE TO CLOSE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

(Houston) Katy Corridor drivers are reminded that effective Monday, September 8, the I-10/Katy HOV Lane will close permanently as contractors begin the final paving activities on the western end of the I-10 westbound mainlanes and proceed east. As the new lanes are completed, traffic will be switched to the new roadway over the course of the next eight weeks. Carpoolers, vanpoolers and motorcycles will utilize the regular I-10 mainlanes during this closure and are encouraged to prepare for traffic delays during afternoon commutes.

Special accommodations for METRO to maintain bus operations within a closed lane in the active construction area will be provided. HOV service for carpools, vanpools and motorcycles will resume in late October as part of the new Katy Tollway/Managed Lanes operation.

We encourage the continued patience and flexibility of the driving public as we enter these last and very important phases of construction. Please note that all closures are subject to change in the event of inclement weather. For more information on the Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program, including up-to-date information regarding other lane closures along the I-10 corridor, please visit the Katy Freeway website at www.katyfreeway.org or contact the Katy Freeway Public Information Office at 281-589-5924.

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