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MEDIA ALERT

LOCAL OFFICIALS PLANNING TO CELEBRATE EARLY COMPLETION OF KATY FREEWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM!

(Houston) The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an official ribbon cutting ceremony on **Tuesday, October 28 at 10 AM** marking the official completion of the Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program.

On June 28, 2003, federal, state, and local officials gathered on the IH 10 corridor to officially kick-off construction. Next Tuesday, less than six years later, TxDOT officials will celebrate the early completion of this monumental project. Historically, a construction project of this magnitude would take 10 – 12 years to complete. Through strategic local partnerships, innovative financing, and creative scheduling, TxDOT will complete the largest project in the State's history in record timing. We promised completion in six years ... and still beat the clock!

Governor Rick Perry, Congressman John Culberson, Federal Highway Administrator, Thomas J. Madison, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz along with a host of other local, state, and federal officials and dignitaries are scheduled to be in attendance for the celebration.

This ribbon cutting will mark the completion of the IH 10 eastbound and westbound mainlanes including the new Katy Tollway/Managed Lanes. Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) will open the managed lanes to HOV users beginning 5 AM, Wednesday, October 29. Hours of operation will be 5 AM - 11 AM and 2 PM - 8 PM, Monday through Friday.

Media representatives interested in covering the ribbon cutting celebration are encouraged to contact the Katy Freeway Public Information Office at (281) 589-5924 by **3 PM, Friday, October 24** for information on event location and how to access the area.

WHO

Texas Department of Transportation

WHAT

Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program – Ribbon Cutting Celebration

WHEN

10 AM, Tuesday, October 28

WHERE

Beltway 8 Northbound Flyover

For more information on the Katy Freeway Reconstruction Program, including up-to-date information regarding 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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