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ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF INTERIM ACCESS AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR TRAVEL ON HIGHWAY 101 THROUGH RICHARDSON GROVE

The California Moving & Storage Association (CMSA) is pleased to announce that on June 24, 2009 a one-year extension of the Interim Access Agreement for travel on Highway 101 through Richardson Grove was signed.

In representing its Household Goods Carrier members, CMSA President Stephen Weitekamp and several CMSA members negotiated an Interim Access Agreement in March 2009 with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and the California Department of Highway Patrol (CHP) allowing permitted Household Goods Carriers to pass through Richardson Grove prior to the completion of a Highway 101 improvement project that is expected to last through 2010. Before this agreement, drivers were being ticketed and red tagged on this section of the 101 and/or asked to take alternate routes that could add on more than 600 miles to their trip.

Subsequent to that agreement, Weitekamp was asked to be a member of an assessment team, which included representatives of CHP and Caltrans, to review the success of the agreement. Members of the team were pleased with the cooperative spirit of both permitted carriers and the CHP and the fact that there have been no negative incidents during the access period.

Under the agreement, the carrier is required to complete the Interim Access Agreement Form with copies to CalTrans and CHP no less than 72 hours prior to travel. The carrier must also notify CHP no less than 24 hours prior to its passing through the area and request CHP escort. For more information visit the CMSA website at www.thecmsa.org or call CMSA at (562) 865-2900.