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Caltrans Earns Top Ranking for Innovative Transportation Projects in Orange County

Sacramento — Caltrans District 12, encompassing the entirety of Orange County, was recognized for its excellence in state transportation today at the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) 28th Annual Transportation Awards ceremony.

District 12 was recognized for strategic advancements in operational efficiency, sustainable transportation and environmental enhancement. In addition, Deputy District Director of Capital Outlay Support Programs, Adnan Maiah, received the Caltrans Charles H. Purcell Award for outstanding management and engineering in transportation.

“Cultivating collaboration and innovation within our district will continue to be a top priority as we embark on a list of new projects with funding from Senate Bill 1,” said Caltrans District 12 Director Ryan Chamberlain. “These accomplishments illustrate our commitment to providing a sustainable and efficient transportation system for Orange County residents.”

Managed lanes studies earned the district top recognition by the CTF for operational efficiency project of the year. The studies actively engaged local partners and demonstrated that pricing carpool lanes helps reduce congestion, improve travel time and create financial sustainability.

District 12’s water conservation action plan was a finalist for sustainable transportation and environmental enhancement project of the year. The plan focuses on long-term mitigation strategies to conserve and use water wisely. District 12 owns and manages approximately 3,000 acres of irrigated landscaping in Orange County and is making dramatic changes in irrigation procedures to lead the way in water conservation, while at the same time, working to preserve landscaping along California’s highways. The strategic plan led to a 69 percent savings in recycled water savings in just one year.

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Media notes:

- Charles H. Purcell, who served as California State Highway Engineer from 1928 to 1943 and as Director of Public Works until 1951, guided the construction of the San Francisco Bay Bridge and the state’s freeway system.
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California law requires vehicles to safely reduce speed, move over, and merge into unoccupied lanes when emergency vehicles, construction vehicles, or tow trucks are displaying flashing warning lights.

Caltrans reminds motorists to use extra caution and reduce speeds when driving through construction zones.

**MOVE
OVER**