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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Set for June 20, 2016 **SR-219/Kiernan Avenue Bridge and State Route 99**

(Salida, CA)—A ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 20, 2016, to celebrate the completion of the SR-99/SR-219 Kiernan Avenue Interchange in the community of Salida. The event will take place at the fire station in the northwest corner of SR-99 and SR-219. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Stanislaus County and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have reconstructed the interchange on schedule.

The project replaced the old bridge and built new on- and off-ramps to provide for more efficient turning movements to and from State Route 99. Local road connections at Sisk Road and Salida Boulevard were also improved.

More than 250,000 vehicles pass through the Kiernan interchange each day; and 10 percent of those are trucks and other commercial vehicles carrying goods and services. The completed project is helping to meet current and future traffic demands, alleviate traffic congestion, and improve the overall operation of the interchange. Increasing the efficiency of the interchange also encourages the free flow of goods and services for the region and the State.

The overall project was funded by the Stanislaus County Public Facilities fees, environmental mitigation fees, and the State Route 99 Proposition 1B Bond Savings funds.

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