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Oak Valley Parkway Scheduled to Open December 30th after 11 Month Construction Closure

Beaumont, CA — On Wednesday, December 30th, Oak Valley Parkway will officially open on-schedule after an 11 month closure to completely rebuild the road and Noble Creek Bridge. The opening will take place at 10:00 a.m. at which time the barricades will be removed and residents will be able to officially drive on the newly finished road and bridge. A formal dedication ceremony will take place at later date in January 2010.

The total cost of the project was \$6.5 million dollars. Congressman Jerry Lewis helped to secure \$3 million dollars for the bridge, with the remaining balance coming from a combination of local and state funding. During construction, Noble Creek Bridge, located on Oak Valley Parkway between Noble Creek Park and Oak View Drive, was completely demolished and replaced with a new 4 lane pre-stressed concrete bridge. The bridge and surrounding roadway were elevated by approximately 8 feet to help prevent it from flooding or being washed out during heavy rain or major storm events. In addition, new street lights were installed and the entire road was restriped.

The new road and bridge will help to ensure that local residents are not stranded during major storm systems or natural disasters and that emergency personnel are able to respond quickly to problems in the area.

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