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Welcome to California!



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and its employees are pleased to serve as the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) host state for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

The Department has been active in moving the people and commerce of California for more than 100 years from a loosely connected web of footpaths and rutted wagon routes to the sophisticated system that today serves the transportation needs of more than 36 million residents.

Caltrans is pleased to have transportation leaders from across the nation gather in Palm Desert to continue the important work of transforming transportation.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our partners who have joined us to ensure a highly productive and enjoyable AASHTO Annual Meeting.

We hope you enjoy your time in California and have every confidence your time in Palm Desert will be a rewarding experience.



Innovative Mobility Showcase 2

We invite you to visit and take part in the "Innovative Mobility Showcase 2" hosted by Caltrans in conjunction with the 2009 Annual Meeting. The showcase highlights innovative vehicle technology, alternative fuels, and technological improvements to the transportation system infrastructure. Attendees will be afforded hands-on experience with technological advances intended to enhance the nation's traffic operations and roadway safety elements.

Challenging Times - Innovative Staffing

Caltrans is fortunate in this challenging economic climate to be assisted by many of our transportation partners in its staffing of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Due to the generosity of AECOM, Autodesk, CALTROP, the City of Palm Desert, HDR, Kennedy Communications, Kleinfelder, Parsons, RBF Consulting, Simon Wong Engineering, the San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) and TY Lin International we are able to meet the needs of delegates. Please introduce yourself to these fine people and thank them for their participation.

Need Assistance? Ask a Volunteer...

Caltrans and its partners are ready to help you in anyway they can during the Annual Meeting. If you need assistance as you navigate the JW Marriott, look for the volunteers in the sand color shirts with the 2009 AASHTO logo. They'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

PALM DESERT WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday, October 22	Sunny (Clear) Hi: 88° Lo: 63°
Friday, October 23	Sunny (Clear) Hi: 88° Lo: 64°
Saturday, October 24	Mostly Sunny Hi: 90° Lo: 59°
Sunday, October 25	Mostly Sunny Hi: 87° Lo: 57°
Monday, October 26	Mostly Sunny Hi: 85° Lo: 55°

STAY UP TO DATE

Visit the AASHTO 2009 Annual Meeting website at www.dot.ca.gov/aashto2009 to view the latest agenda, meeting photographs and information about the Palm Desert area.



