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Repair project at Harbor Drive and Hawthorn Street may cause congestion for those headed to and from the airport

City of San Diego repair project may cause periodic delays through end of November 2009

SAN DIEGO – October 20, 2009 – An infrastructure repair project on Harbor Drive near San Diego International Airport may cause some delays at times for those going to and from the airport, through the end of November 2009.

City of San Diego construction crews will be in the area of the intersection of Hawthorn Street and North Harbor Drive for the next six weeks, replacing a water main and feeder lines. As the project progresses, lane closures and cone patterns will change, depending on where the work is being conducted.

The primary impact of the project will be on those leaving the airport toward downtown. However, generalized slowing in the area may affect traffic in both directions. During the construction period, the Airport Authority advises those going to and from the airport to allow more time for their journey and to consider alternate routes during times of peak congestion. Alternate routes include using Laurel Street instead of Hawthorn and Grape Streets, or using Rosecrans Street and Nimitz Blvd. in Point Loma to reach and depart the airport.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees — served 18.1 million passengers in 2008 and generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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