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Pothole Sweeps Week: Fall 2010 -Project Startup in Arden Arcade-

Sacramento CA – The Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) has started up Fall 2010 ***“Pothole Sweeps Week”***, which is an intensified effort to identify and repair potholes. This project is part of continuous efforts to improve preventative maintenance activities for unincorporated area roadways. Pothole sweeps are performed twice each year: in Fall to ready road surfaces for the storm season and in late Spring to repair potholes caused by inclement weather. This County-wide effort will begin in the Arden Arcade community -- which is the center of our service area -- as follows:

- **Inspection - Week of November 15:** Work crews will begin inspecting streets and mark potholes with white paint. Residents are encouraged to call SACDOT Customer Service at 875-5171, or visit www.sacdot.com/tools/eservices, between November 16 to 19, to report additional potholes not identified by crews.
- **Repair:** For a 2 to 3 week period after inspection, maintenance crews and equipment will sweep through streets and repair all identified potholes.

Note: These dates may change due to weather conditions.

The second phase of this project for the southern part of the unincorporated area will start on November 29.

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There are over 5,200 lane miles of paved roadways in the County unincorporated area and it's inevitable that somewhere in this large area of streets there will be potholes. SACDOT's policy is to: **"Repair all potholes as soon as possible."** The Pothole Sweeps Week program enhances ongoing pavement maintenance activities, which include SACDOT crews who are sent into the field Monday through Friday each week to specifically repair potholes.

Some facts about potholes in Sacramento County:

- Potholes Reported To Customer Service Annually = 600.
- Potholes Repaired Annually = 35,400.
- Potholes Repaired Per Month = 2,950.
- Annual Cost for Pothole Repair = \$1,900,000 (average).
- 118,000 square feet of potholes repaired annually (average).
- Repair Cost Per Square Foot = \$16 (average).
- Repair cost per pothole = \$53 (average).
- Reported potholes are typically repaired within 72 hours.

Please contact Dan Regan (Communications & Media Officer) at 874-7056 or regand@saccounty.net, if you have any additional questions.

Visuals to Support Story: News crews are encouraged to arrange for a field tour of maintenance crews repairing potholes. SACDOT staff will be available for interviews in the field. Please contact Dan Regan at 874-7056 or regand@saccounty.net, to make arrangements.

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