

## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **VERTICAL MAPPING RESOURCES SELECTED TO PROVIDE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING & ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY OF CALIFORNIA'S INTERSTATE 205**

Services provided will help engineers and architects improve traffic congestion and enhance interstate capacity.

**Sacramento, Calif., May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009-** Vertical Mapping Resources, Inc. a leading aerial mapping and geospatial land information company has been contracted to provide services that will help with the improvements of the San Joaquin Valley's Interstate 205. VMR will provide topographic mapping at 1"=50' scale with 1-foot contours, as well as digital orthophotography with a .25' pixel resolution. These services will allow architects and engineers to have an in depth view of the interstate's current condition and plan where improvements need to be made.

Interstate 205 (I-205) first opened in the winter of 1970 and has since provided access from San Francisco's Bay to the northern San Joaquin Valley. It is approximately 13 miles in length and links Interstate 5 (I-5) with Interstate 580 (I-580). The I-205 serves as the northern side of the triangle created by the three interstates surrounding the city of Tracy. Since I-205 is an essential route for commuters to the Bay Area, as well as the connection to popular destinations such as Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nev., it is often heavily congested. The interstate has seen very few improvements since its initial construction. The largest previous improvement included the addition of two travel lanes to the western portion of the interstate. The expansion did provide some relief to the flow of traffic. However, the four lane configuration towards the eastern portion of the interstate is still insufficient for the amount of traffic the interstate sees on a daily basis. Caltrans has begun to expand the remaining portion of the interstate from four to six lanes, and also plans to create longer merging distances by adding auxiliary lanes among the interchanges. Other changes to be expected include; the addition of new interchanges at Lammers & Paradise Roads, widening numerous existing structures, constructing a median barrier, and re-striping the interstate. These improvements are expected to help decrease the amount of congestion and increase the capacity of Interstate 205.



#### **About Vertical Mapping Resources, Inc.**

**Vertical Mapping Resources** is a leading integrated aerial mapping and geospatial land information company providing high-resolution aerial photography and remote sensing, precision digital mapping, full topographical and planimetric services, and digital orthophotography for clients throughout the United States. The company is equipped to handle projects of virtually any size and scope for private and public entities of all disciplines. VMR's technical expertise, excellent client service and attention to detail and accuracy standards, enable the team to carefully orchestrate client projects from inception to design through production, all the way to evaluation and technical support. For more information, call

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