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CALTRANS, CITY PARTNER TO CLEAN UP HIGHWAY 80 OVERPASSES

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo is working with the California Department of Transportation to clean up the overpasses in and around Highway 80.

Sam Gonzales, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent for the City of Vallejo and Ken Chandler, the Area Superintendent for Caltrans in Solano County, developed the plan and are coordinating the effort.

“This partnership is an opportunity for the City and Caltrans to work together to address an area that is in need of attention,” Gonzalez said of the effort. “We’ll have an arborist on hand to make sure the vegetation is handled properly.”

Under an agreement, the City of Vallejo will be responsible for the landscaping of the overpasses. Caltrans has agreed to send California Conservation Corps (CCC) workers who will be in Vallejo the rest of the week assisting with trash clean up and pruning of the shrubbery. The workers will be shown various pruning techniques so that their experience is educational as well.

The goal of the program is to make the overpasses clean, safe and to prune them in a manner that will give the Vallejo Police Department better visibility into various areas, especially at night.

“A lot of people came together to make this effort work,” Gonzalez said. “Caltrans, the Vallejo Police Department, our own maintenance people, Joe Bates all deserve credit for their efforts.”

PHOTO OP: Workers will be arriving today at 12:30 p.m. at Mariposa Street and Springs Road to being work. Work will continue into the afternoon and throughout the week.