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**PREMIER OF "SPANNING THE CARQUINEZ STRAIT" ON SATURDAY
OPENING OF PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLE PATHWAY ON SUNDAY**

CROCKETT – The public premier of "Spanning the Carquinez Strait," a documentary produced by Caltrans featuring spectacular construction and opening day footage as well as chronicling personal accounts of individuals involved in the construction of the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge will take place in Crockett at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, at the John Swett High School Auditorium.

The program is as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. Art Exhibit by Caltrans photographer Bill Hall,
- 6:30 p.m. Slide Show presentations by author Greg Bayol (Spanning the Carquinez Strait) and Crockett author John Robinson (Spanning the Strait)
- 7:00 p.m Premier, Spanning the Carquinez Strait

Event is free to the public. Parking at the Carquinez Middle School, 1098 Pomona, Crockett.

On Sunday, May 16, the Bridge Celebration Committee and the Crockett Chamber of Commerce will host the opening of the Pedestrian -Bicycle Pathway on the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge. Festivities take place on the Crockett ramps (near the Dead Fish Restaurant) as follows:

- 7:00 a.m. West On ramp and both off ramps closed to traffic
- 9:00 a.m. Informational Booth open
- 10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting
- 11:00 a.m. Inaugural Bicycle Ride begins
- 11:30 a.m. Inaugural Walk begins
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 Bridge Walkway opens to fully to public, including from Vallejo side
- Every hour from noon until 3 p.m. Spanning the Carquinez Strait, Caltrans documentary Rizzo Theatre in the California Maritime Academy

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4:00 p.m. Event closes

5:00 p.m. Ramps reopened to traffic

The event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with the cooperation of Caltrans, local agencies, and the Crockett Chamber of Commerce.

Access into Crockett detours through Cummings Skyway. Street parking available throughout downtown. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch (**limited food and beverages available).

Parking in Vallejo near the California Maritime Academy is limited and all parking rules will be enforced.