

## Federal Legislative Program

During 2009 the Federal affairs team focused on three legislative priorities: the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), preparations for the multi-year surface transportation bill, and continued advocacy for SANBAG projects in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 appropriations process.

One of the year's highlights was that ARRA provided \$48.1 billion for transportation infrastructure projects and \$27.1 billion for highways. In particular, \$128 million was provided for the I-215 widening project, which was cited publicly by Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood as a project which would create jobs, ease congestion, and improve freight mobility. Administrator Victor Mendez of the Federal Highway Administration attended the ground-breaking ceremony in September. In addition, SANBAG worked with Southern California stakeholders in submitting an application for funding under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program.

SANBAG also made preparations for the multi-year surface transportation bill, known as "SAFETEA-LU." However, the legislation has faced a protracted stalemate as Members of Congress consider a potential funding mechanism. Work also continues on the FY 2010 appropriations bill.

SANBAG's 2010 Federal Legislative Program establishes legislative priorities, increased advocacy efforts and a reaffirmation of issues supported/opposed in past years.

## Overall Objectives

1. Work on targeted Congressional Issues
2. Increase Advocacy Efforts
3. Promote Support of Legislative Program

## Transportation Investments

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**JOBS!**



*Ceremonial Groundbreaking, I-215 Project, Sept. 2009*

## 1. SANBAG's Targeted Congressional Issues

- A. Pursue funding for SANBAG transportation projects in the Fiscal Year 2011 transportation appropriations bill.
- B. Pursue funding for SANBAG transportation projects while also advocating for priorities in the multi-year surface transportation reauthorization bill.
- C. Monitor/advocate for transportation funding in proposed cap-and-trade bills.
- D. Monitor Developments related to the proposed Livability Initiative.

## 2. Our Advocacy = Partnership

- A. Increase SANBAG's overall presence in the Congressional process.
- B. Utilize existing relationships to promote SANBAG's deliverability goals.
- C. Coordinate efforts with local jurisdiction advocates to promote shared priorities with our Congressional delegation.
- D. Promote a stronger role in the investment for transportation infrastructure.

## 3. Regional Commitment to the Legislative Program

- A. Support advocacy strategies with shared goals.
- B. Protect and optimize current funding levels for transportation
- C. Protect and enhance funding flexibility
- D. Create a dedicated fund for Goods Movement Projects
- E. Reduce duplicative administrative and regulatory processes.

— See detailed Legislative Program on following pages —

## SANBAG's Mission Statement

SANBAG's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all residents in San Bernardino County by improving cooperative regional planning, developing an accessible, efficient, multi-modal transportation system, strengthening economic development efforts and exerting leadership in creative problem solving.