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Santa Fe Depot Undertakes Historic Restoration

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is getting ready to unveil a fresh ‘old’ look to the Santa Fe Depot located in the heart of San Bernardino.

Exterior renovations to the nearly century old landmark are nearing completion as crews apply the finishing touches to the walls and window trim. The fog coat and painting schemes being applied were developed through diligent efforts to bring back the original look and feel of the depot. In addition, restoration to the



Scaffolding and protective drapery cover the outside of the Santa Fe Depot during an exterior renovation project.

roofing system and other potential leak points is being addressed to extend the life of this historic building that offers both function and beauty to one of the most highly-used railway systems in the country.

When the veil is lifted from the face of the depot later this month, it will complete a process that began in 2002 to restore the original look of the station and add functional upgrades to the building that allow it to operate effectively as the headquarters for SANBAG. Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, heating and air conditioning needs, and upgrades to plumbing are among the necessities that have been met by the renovations.

“We are thrilled to be part of bringing back the postcard beauty of the depot,” said Duane Baker, Director of Management Services at SANBAG, “and making it one more piece of the revitalization effort in the city of San Bernardino.”

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To highlight these improvements and open the door to a part of the rich San Bernardino history, SANBAG will begin providing free monthly tours of the 57,000 square-foot depot to the general public on the third Thursday of the month. Key elements of the tour will include visiting the historic wing of the depot that housed the Harvey House Restaurant, a walk-through of the SANBAG offices, and an up-close look at the main depot lobby. The first tour is slated for Thursday, March 17th at 2:30 pm. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Comfortable walking shoes are advised.

Tours are limited to 20 people. **Reservations are required** and handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, call (909) 884-8276. For more photos of the depot, visit SANBAG's website at: www.sanbag.ca.gov.

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