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Riverside Avenue Bridge at Interstate 10 to Re-Open to the Public Early

RIALTO, CA – On Monday, October 31, 2011, SANBAG, the City of Rialto and Caltrans will re-open the Riverside Avenue Interchange at Interstate 10 to full operation for the motoring public. Originally scheduled for completion by November 15, 2011, the accelerated reconstruction of the new bridge has resulted in an early return to the public.

Back on April 27, 2011 the Riverside Avenue Bridge connecting north and south Rialto was closed to allow for the complete demolition of the existing bridge. In an effort to minimize long term impacts to the community through staged construction, a decision was made to close the entire bridge to streamline the duration of overall construction. Staged construction, where a portion of the bridge is demolished and reconstructed while the remaining portion is operated under traffic control, can take up to two years to complete. The Riverside Avenue Bridge was reconstructed in approximately six months.

The new bridge has nine lanes with wider on and off ramps, improved drainage and enhanced aesthetic treatments representative of the comprehensive revitalization effort by the City of Rialto. In addition, Riverside Avenue was widened out to Valley Boulevard and minor pavement rehabilitation in and around the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Riverside Avenue took place to improve overall operation of the interchange.

Crews will remain working through the weekend to finalize some safety fencing and traffic signal work before the bridge can be opened to traffic. While efforts are underway to open sooner, it is expected that the bridge and ramps will be open by 8:00 am on Monday, October 31. Additional work on the interchange will take place in the weeks to follow, using some minor traffic control, including reduced lanes at night. Motorists are encouraged to continue to slow down in construction zones for their safety and the safety of the men and women working on the project.

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