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SANBAG, Metrolink Break New Ground with Start of Eastern Maintenance Facility Expansion Project

Colton, CA – The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Metrolink are making history in San Bernardino County. The expansion of the Metrolink Eastern Maintenance Facility located in Colton marks the first major rail construction project by SANBAG and launches the first of a series of commuter rail and transit improvements coming to the region. Officials from both agencies, along with dignitaries from throughout the area, will be on site to celebrate the commencement of this major milestone in transportation on Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 am.

The expansion project will extend the tracks to the south, allowing for adequate storage area for the entire San Bernardino Metrolink fleet of trains. Included in the extension effort will be improvements to the Lytle Creek Channel and widening the existing bridge for the new track. This approximately \$13 million improvement is scheduled to be complete in May 2013.

Once complete, trains currently being stored at night just east of the historic Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino will be housed at the expanded facility in Colton. This storage option provides SANBAG and Metrolink with the ability to move forward with construction of the Downtown San Bernardino Passenger Rail Project, an extension of commuter rail to a planned transit center at the intersection of Rialto Avenue and E Street. Coupling these projects with the development of the “sbX Bus Rapid Transit” line being constructed in San Bernardino and the Redlands Passenger Rail Project that is being studied for extension of commuter rail to Redlands illustrates a comprehensive transit commitment to the region.

San Bernardino Mayor and SANBAG Board Member Patrick Morris will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the October 4th event. Mayor Morris will be joined by SANBAG Vice President Mike Leonard, Colton Mayor and SANBAG Board Member Sarah Zamora, and Metrolink Chief Operating Officer Dennis Marzek. The public is encouraged to come to the event and join in the celebration of this transportation milestone. Light refreshments will be served.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2012

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Metrolink Eastern Maintenance Facility
1945 Bordwell Avenue
Colton, CA 92324

Photo Op: Ceremonial ‘driving of the spikes’ by all program speakers and other dignitaries.

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