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## City of Victorville, SANBAG, Caltrans Celebrate Opening of I-15 La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange

**VICTORVILLE, CA** – The City of Victorville, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and California Department of Transportation – District 8 will ceremoniously cut the ribbon for the opening of the new La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange on Friday, August 23 at 1:30 pm. Hosted by Victorville Mayor Jim Cox, this open-to-the-public event will highlight the unveiling of this long-awaited transportation improvement to the High Desert.

The La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange will provide a new east/west cross-over point for local traffic, as well as offer a freeway access alternative to Bear Valley Road to the south and Palmdale Road to the north. This significant addition to the Victorville transportation infrastructure will ease congestion, improve local circulation and enhance overall safety in and around Interstate 15 in that area.

“After years, even decades, of hard work towards delivering this project, it is so satisfying to see it finally become a reality,” said Victorville Mayor Pro Tem Ryan McEachron. “Collectively, we can all take pride in seeing the accomplishment of this once seemingly impossible mission.”

SANBAG served as the lead agency for the construction phase of the interchange project. In December, the SANBAG Board of Directors awarded an approximately \$31.8 million construction contract to Riverside Construction Company (Riverside, California). The project is being completed on-time and on-budget.

“Partnering efforts like this one among the City of Victorville, SANBAG, and Caltrans perfectly reflect our motto of ‘Governments Working Together’,” said SANBAG President Bill Jahn. “The new interchange will improve transportation and the overall quality of life for many of our county’s residents.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on the eastern portion of the new interchange, near the Nisqualli Road and Mariposa Road intersection. The public is welcome to attend, light refreshments will be served.

The interchange will not be operational immediately following the event. Use caution while crews are still in the area completing the remaining items of work.

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