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Communities and Officials Celebrate Start of Base Line Road Interchange Project

Rancho Cucamonga – Today, community members, business owners, elected officials, and project personnel gathered in Rancho Cucamonga at the foot of the San Bernardino Mountains to celebrate the start of construction of the Interstate 15 / Base Line Road Interchange Project.

This approximately \$52 million project designed to alleviate congestion, enhance safety, and improve mobility on both the freeway and local streets will take nearly two years to complete. However, extensive planning and design strategies have been incorporated to minimize the amount of system closures typical of this type of interchange project.

“The cooperative effort shown by all the agencies involved to proactively address the concerns of this community while developing a schedule to deliver a successful project in a timely manner is remarkable,” San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) President and Mayor of Rancho Cucamonga L. Dennis Michael said.

SANBAG, the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have joined forces to develop a project that will accomplish the following:

- Widen Base Line Road from four to six lanes
- Widen East Avenue from two to four lanes
- Add right and left turn lanes on both Base Line Road and East Avenue
- Add a southbound loop on-ramp
- Realign and widen existing ramps
- Add acceleration and deceleration lanes on Interstate 15

Funding for this much-needed improvement was provided from Federal, State, and Local resources, including Measure I, the half-cent sales tax measure that collects and reinvests dollars directly back into San Bernardino County.

Anyone interested in following the progress of the project can follow SANBAG on Twitter at @SANBAGnews using the hashtag #BetterBaseLine; or sign up for email alerts by visiting the project page at www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects - going to the I-15 Base Line Interchange page and register using the online request form.

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