

**4th QUARTER: Apr-Jun 2010**

**NEW Measure I Program:** Began April 1 for 30 more years, 2010-2040. The previous 20-year Measure I concluded after collecting nearly \$1.8 Billion for transportation projects.



**Inland Empire 511:** Formally launched in April, it provides multimodal travel information via the telephone (511) and website (www.IE511.org). Developed in partnership with RCTC, motorists can get real time travel information and up-to-date incident information on Southern California highways. The system promotes ridesharing, transit, and Metrolink and has one-stop shopping for all transportation services.

**Traffic Signalization Synchronization:** Tier 3/4 San Bernardino Valley study is approved.

**Southbound 5th St. Off-ramp:** Closed on I-215, it will shorten construction by 8 months.

**Ramona Ave. Grade Separation Dedication:** Held in Montclair on May 20 (see front page).

**Railroad Days at Depot:** Held on May 8 in conjunction with San Bernardino Bicentennial event, old 3751 steam engine arrived.



**CTC approves Colton Crossing Funding:** With \$91 million in Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funding (TCIF), \$33.8 million in TIGER grant funding (ARRA), and the remainder from the railroads, the project can move forward with final environmental, design, and construction.

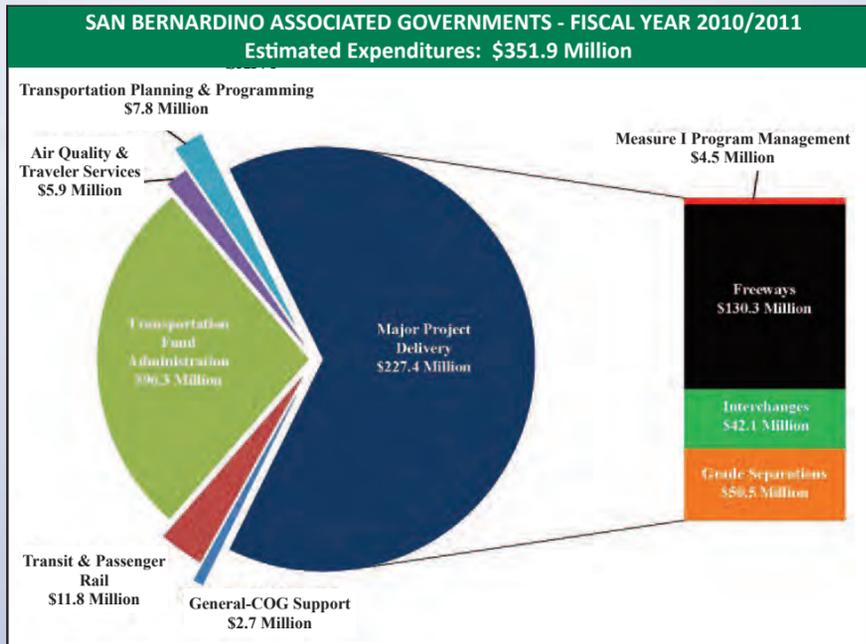
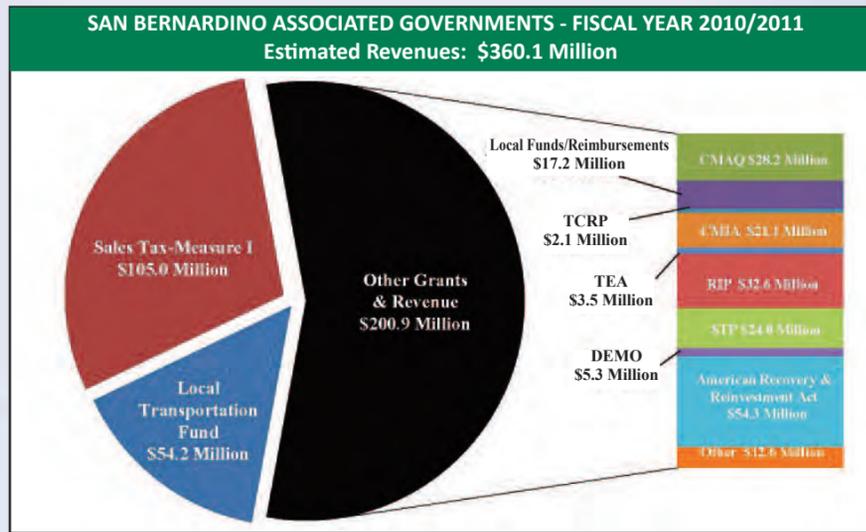
**May 5, US Flag flown in Afghanistan:** Per arrangement by SANBAG's Jennifer Franco, LTJg, serving in the Navy, the United States flag was flown in honor of SANBAG.

**CTC approves Devore Design/Build:** This option will allow efficiency and cost savings.



**Metrolink Crash Energy Management (CEM):** CEM cars were previewed at a May 3rd event at the new maintenance facility in Colton (shown above). Over the coming months, 117 CEM cars will be assembled and put into service throughout southern California in the Metrolink service area.

**New Budget adopted for upcoming Fiscal Year 2010/2011**



**2010 Inland Empire Annual Survey:** Results were presented to the SANBAG Board and released to the public.

**Alternative Project Financing Workshop:** Was held with the SANBAG Board.

**Metrolink Parking Structure:** Groundbreaking ceremony on June 15 for new 3.5 story structure that will park 352 cars.

**Public Relations Society of America:** Prestigious Silver Anvil award presented to SANBAG & partners for the I-215 Groundbreaking event.

**Colton Crossing Stakeholders Briefing:** Meeting was held to update on the project.

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2009-2010

To SANBAG

I-215 Fwy

San Bernardino

2nd Street



Haven Avenue Grade Separation, Rancho Cucamonga



Ramona Avenue Grade Separation, Montclair

**Transportation Improvements in San Bernardino County Study, Plan, Design, Finance, Build, and... Celebrate!**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Despite continued economic challenges in the region, remarkable accomplishments were made at SANBAG during the past fiscal year. SANBAG was able to forge ahead, plan new projects, obtain some funding for projects, conduct environmental studies, and celebrate groundbreaking events and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Some of the highlights of the year were the result of SANBAG receiving federal stimulus money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The largest stimulus boost came when \$128 million in ARRA funds was allocated for the I-215 Freeway Widening Project in San Bernardino. Other projects included \$9.9 million for an Alternative Fuels Project, which was matched by a \$9.3 million grant from the California Department of Energy (read more on p. 2). Transit and Rail Projects received \$33.2 million in ARRA funds. Another federal TIGER grant was awarded for \$33.8 million to help fund the Colton Crossing project.

Receiving the ARRA funds allowed SANBAG to



create a Local Stimulus Program by utilizing \$31.4 million in local funds, which were distributed proportionately among the 24 cities and the County to build local projects.

Three major projects broke ground: I-215 Widening Phase 3 & 4 Project (above); I-10 Riverside Interchange in Rialto; and the Metrolink Parking Structure by the Santa Fe Depot. Completed projects included the Haven Avenue Grade Separation in Rancho Cucamonga and Ramona Grade Separation in Montclair (shown above). Progress was made on many High Desert projects, including funding agreements for the LaMesa/Nisqualli Interchange and finalizing plans for the Lenwood Grade Separation in Barstow.

The IE 511 project was implemented to provide traffic information to motorists, either via internet or telephone service (read more inside).

SANBAG activities were communicated to the public via monthly issues of the "Street Smart" newsletter, I-215 Cruisin' newsletter, Quarterly Economic Report, Bradco High Desert Report, Major Projects Quarterly Status Report, press releases,

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# Highlights throughout the Year...



**Colton Crossing Rail-to-Rail Grade Separation** was a major project during the year.

daily media calls, radio interviews, television interviews, facts sheets, public information meetings, environmental meetings, website updates, power point presentations, Measure I Facts Sheets, and Depot tours.

SANBAG was a sponsor of numerous special events, including the Annual City-County Conference, Annual Mobility 21 Summit, Annual High Desert Opportunity, Inland Empire Annual Survey, Annual Railroad Days, and transportation seminars.

Following is a brief list of highlights of the year in chronological order:

## 1st QUARTER: Jul-Sep 2009

**New Officers:** At the July 2009 Board meeting, new SANBAG President Paul Eaton and Vice President Brad Mitzelfelt took over the leadership reins.

**Tranny Award:** SANBAG's I-215/5th Street bridge received the Tranny Award from the California Transportation Foundation because of its outstanding engineering.

**Compass Blueprint Award:** SANBAG's Transportation and Land Use Integration project received the Visionary Planning for Mobility Award at the Compass Blueprint Recognitions Ceremony in June 2009.

**Bid opening for I-215:** Bids came in substantially under engineering estimates. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE-UDBE) requirements were implemented.

**I-215 Appreciation:** SANBAG hosted a luncheon for Caltrans for helping expedite the processing of the I-215 project/Phase 3, which helped to receive stimulus funding.

**High Desert Hispanic Chamber:** SANBAG gave a presentation on High Desert transportation projects.

**Devore Neighborhood Meetings:** Staff explained the various alternative maps and received public comments. Plans were made to host another public information meeting in November.

### Intelligent Transportation Systems:

SANBAG was active in the funding and implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the County. Highway detection was installed so urban areas of the County could transmit travel times and speeds to the new 511 system and other traveler information sources. Detectors were installed on north I-215 and the eastern portions of I-10 and SR210. Caltrans was awarded a \$22 million grant to add detection on I-15 to the Nevada State line and to upgrade and enhance other ITS features along its highways. This project will be implemented in the next fiscal year.

### TMC/Transportation Management Center

Construction of the Caltrans District 8 TMC began in 2009 and will be completed by late 2010. This project is partially funded by SANBAG and RCTC.

### Inland Empire Annual Survey, SB County:

The 2008-2009 Annual Survey was presented at SANBAG's August Board meeting. Read on-line at: [www.sanbag.ca.gov](http://www.sanbag.ca.gov)

**"Whistle Stop Café"** opened in the Santa Fe Depot lobby, allowing public access during the day. Museum provides Station Host Volunteers to greet the Amtrak travelers.

### Alternative Fuels/Green Transportation:

A workshop was held following the August Board meeting and a Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reduction Plan was initiated.

**Long Range Transit Plan:** Three public meetings were held at various locations in the county to present SANBAG's draft final report of the LRTP, including the future sbX station and Redlands Rail project.

**Presentations Given:** To the Redlands Roundtable, Rialto Rotary Club, Victorville Rotary Club, San Bernardino Kiwanis, Redlands Lion Club, schools, and many other organizations throughout the county.

**5th Street Bridge Renamed:** In memory of John Knabenbauer, a Caltrans worker who lost his life working nearby on the freeway.

**Local Stimulus Program:** Board approved \$31.4 million to provide grants to local agencies to build new projects or provide capital maintenance to transportation infrastructure.

**Valley/Big Bear Study:** SANBAG entered into a joint agreement with SCAG and the Inland Valley Development Agency to study alternative transportation methods between the Valley and Big Bear.

### Stimulus Grant for Alternative Fuels:

In September 2009, SANBAG was awarded a \$9.9 million federal stimulus grant and a \$9.3 million grant from the California Energy Commission, to purchase more than 200 heavy duty natural gas trucks, construct two natural gas fueling stations, upgrade maintenance facilities, and provide training and outreach for this innovative project. This will be the largest private fleet natural gas implementation in the Country to date. In April 2010, the Board selected Ryder Truck Rental, Inc., as its fleet partner and worked to finalize funding contracts to begin project implementation. To be completed during 2011.

### I-215 Groundbreaking Ceremony:

Phases 3 and 4 drew National and State attention and top transportation officials, including the Federal Highway Administration Director, California Secretary of Transportation, and nearly 200 elected officials, dignitaries and community leaders. The construction contract was awarded to Skanska-Rados. This portion of the project is expected to provide 2,000 direct and indirect jobs over the four-year construction period. The overall project for all phases costs \$700 million.

### Mobility 21 Transportation Summit:

Held in Los Angeles in September. Inland Action received the Mobility 21 award for providing outstanding support in transportation advocacy.

## 2nd QUARTER: Oct-Dec 2009

**High Desert Opportunity:** SANBAG was a sponsor and participated in the annual High Desert Opportunity in Victorville. The focus is to inform businesses and residents in the high desert about active and future transportation projects in their area.

**Board Slide Shows:** Featuring the I-215 groundbreaking event was just one of many power point presentations shown to the Board throughout the year.

**San Bernardino Valley Traffic Signal Synchronization Program, Tier 1 and 2:** The final report was presented to Board.

**I-10 Westbound Widening Construction:** Management contract was awarded to Athalye Consulting Engineering Services.

**Unmet Transit Needs Hearing:** Was held in Twenty-nine Palms.

### Committee Name Change:

Changed to Commuter Rail and Transit Committee.

**I-215 Community Meetings** were held in October and January

**Tippecanoe Public Meeting:** Draft environmental report shown to residents of Loma Linda and San Bernardino. Presentations were given to Loma Linda and San Bernardino City Councils.

**High Speed Rail Conference and Public Scoping Meetings:** Gave public opportunity to review.

### Lenwood Cooperative Agreement:

Entered into a cooperative agreement with Barstow and the County for project development.

**November 4: Board Approves** SANBAG to collaborate with SCAG on SB 375 requirements.

**Devore Interchange:** Public meeting drew 140+ attendees to view the revised alternatives.

**Brown Bag Lunch:** SANBAG gave several presentations during lunchtime for Caltrans and county workers.

**I-10 Riverside Interchange:** Presentations were given to Rialto and Colton City Councils and Bloomington MAC.

**December Board Meeting:** Conducted a workshop about the Interim Long Range Transit Plan for San Bernardino County.

**Haven Avenue Grade Separation** Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held in Rancho Cucamonga on December 16 (*see p. 1*)

**Colton Crossing:** SANBAG authorized to proceed with development Agreement.

**State/Fed Legislative Program for 2010:** Approved by the SANBAG Board.

## 3rd QUARTER: Jan-Feb 2010

**Disaster Recovery System:** SANBAG implemented a disaster recovery system for electronic files. Important agency files are backed up continuously off site in case of major disaster affecting SANBAG's offices or in case of unforeseen damage to our computer system.

**Greenhouse Gas Inventory:** Coordinated most cities in SANBAG to complete a Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan.

**Construction Contract Awarded:** To C.C. Meyers, Inc. for the I-10/Riverside Ave. interchange project for \$16.5 million.

**I-215 Open House:** Designed for businesses and held at Shandin Hills Golf Club.

**WTS-Inland Empire Woman of the Year:** Award presented to Deborah Barmack; Innovative Award also went to SANBAG.

**Metrolink Rider Survey:** Conducted.

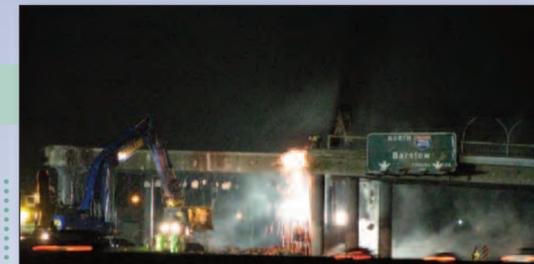
**Washington Advocacy Book/ Jobs flyer:** Tools were created for Board Advocacy in Washington to seek Federal Appropriations and Reauthorization (*see center*)

**Mountain Desert Approvals:** Allocations process for FY 2009/2010 which completed the funding packages for the LaMesa/Nisqualli Interchange in Victorville and the Yucca Loma Bridge in Apple Valley. Two key components of a new east-west corridor in the Victor Valley that will reduce congestion from Bear Valley Road when completed. Funding for these projects is a combination of SANBAG Measure I, Local Funds, \$15 million in STP funds and federal funds.

**Victor Valley Long Distance Commuters:** Completed the Victor Valley Long Distance Commuter Needs Assessment Study.

### Park'N'Ride Lots

New Park'N'Ride (PNR) lots were opened in the City of Chino Hills near SR71 and



**Demolition of old 9th Street bridge over I-215**



**Current reconstruction of 9th Street bridge**

Construction activity is visible along 7.5 miles of the I-215 Freeway through San Bernardino.

Grand Avenue and near SR 210 and Highland Avenue, in the City of Highland. SANBAG continues to seek leases for additional PNR lots and to promote existing PNR lots to the traveling public.

**I-10 Riverside Interchange:** A public meeting was held to inform businesses and residents about construction, followed two weeks later by the **I-10/Riverside Groundbreaking Event**, at which SANBAG and Rialto officials kicked-off construction.

**First Mile Contract:** Was awarded to HDR Engineering, Inc. for the design, environmental, right-of-way acquisition and land use services to extend Metrolink one mile east.

**Freeway Service Patrol:** (FSP) program continues to be a resounding success, assisting approximately 35,000 motorists throughout the year, on 60 centerline miles of highway in the Valley. Tracking systems (GPS/AVL) were installed on the sixteen tow trucks for quicker dispatching, routing and monitoring of the tow trucks to motorists requesting service. FSP Drivers were recognized as Top Driver and Drivers of Excellence.

**City/County Conference:** Another successful City/County Conference was held at Lake Arrowhead that focused on reform in Sacramento, transportation, challenges to water delivery, AQMD efficient vehicles.

**Victor Valley Long Distance Commuter Needs Assessment Study:** Presented to SANBAG Board (Study completed in December 2009).

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