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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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◆ Victor Valley Commuter Study Underway



SANBAG Board of Directors awarded a contract to Nelson Nygaard to prepare the Victor Valley Long Distance Commuter Needs Assessment study. The study will involve an in-depth look into the transportation needs and employment patterns of Victor Valley residents, as well as identify and measure the demand for commuter services.

The ultimate goal of the study is to provide direction for better coordination of transportation services and land use, as well as identify options for making the best use of transportation funding.

The request for proposal was submitted to more than eighty consulting firms and a total of five proposals were received. A review committee consisting of representatives from the Victor Valley Transportation Authority, the Town of Apple Valley, Caltrans, SANBAG and AMMA (SANBAG consultant) determined that Nelson Nygaard was the most qualified firm for this study.

Nelson Nygaard will specifically research projected commute growth patterns and conduct local outreach, such as household surveying and regional employer phone Interviews. From these findings, the firm will develop and analyze commute alternatives and conduct public outreach to obtain feedback and comments, which will be useful to prioritize and develop consensus on the alternatives.

Nelson Nygaard is headquartered in San Francisco and also has offices in New York, Boston, Seattle and Portland, Oregon. Nelson Nygaard is distinguished by its commitment to planning transportation systems and identifying mobility improvements that help build and support vibrant, sustainable communities.

The study is anticipated to take nine months to complete and was expected to be complete by November 2009. However, the study is partially funded through a Statewide Planning Grant that was awarded to SANBAG in September 2008, and since then the State has suspended all funding. SANBAG is hopeful that the funding will be made available soon and if so, the grant will be administered through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

◆ Greener Days Ahead

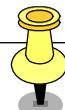
SANBAG Board of Directors approved a contract with Diversified Landscaping Co. to maintain the landscaping on Route 210 in the City of Rancho Cucamonga.



Although, the original contract for landscape maintenance along this section of Route 210 ends in February 2009, SANBAG is required to maintain it for a total of three years. Diversified Landscaping Co., who will handle the additional two years of maintenance, has proven to be a competent contractor on other SANBAG projects.

Diversified Landscaping was founded in 1989 and is a full service landscaping company, based in Winchester, that serves all of California.

Since SANBAG is responsible for water costs, SANBAG Board of Directors also approved a purchase order for the payment of irrigation costs to the Cucamonga Valley Water District.



Meeting Calendar

- **Feb. 11:** Administrative Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Feb. 12:** Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Feb. 18:** Plans and Programs Com., 12:00 p.m.
- **Feb. 18:** Colton Crossing Public Mtg., 6 p.m.
Luque Center, Colton
- **Feb. 19:** Colton Crossing Public Mtg., 6 p.m.
Gonzales Center, Colton
- **Feb. 20:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Mar. 4:** Board of Directors Mtg., 9:30 a.m.

Colton Path Officially Opens



Above: Colton Mayor Kelly Chastain, along with others from the City of Colton, City of San Bernardino and students from Alice Birney Elementary School officially open the Colton pedestrian and bicycle path on January 15.

The City of Colton held a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 15 to celebrate the completion of a pedestrian and bicycle path. City staff and students from Alice Birney Elementary joined Mayor Kelly Chastain in officially dedicating the project.

The path begins at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and 9th Street, then moves north on 9th Street, easterly onto "G" Street and once again heads north onto Colton Avenue, ending at "G" Street in the City of San Bernardino. The bike path totals 2.20 miles, 1.35 mile in Colton and 0.85 in the City of San Bernardino. In addition to the ten foot wide pathway, other improvements completed were curb, gutter, signalization, lighting, economical landscape treatment and an irrigation system.

The new path provides a safe route for students from Alice Birney Elementary School, who before this, would have to cross between cars to get to and from school. Besides providing a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists, the path also features a *Story Walk*, which is a display that depicts a children's book along part of the trail.

SANBAG contributed \$1.4 million in 2001 for the construction of this \$1.6 million project. The remaining costs were provided by the City of Colton and the City of San Bernardino. The section in San Bernardino has not been completed.



SANBAG's Strategy for Reauthorization Legislation

SANBAG Board of Directors approved staff's recommendations of top priority projects to advocate for in the next transportation reauthorization bill, also known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act— A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The draft language for the next reauthorization bill may be available as early as spring 2009.

SANBAG is looking to present a long-term federal advocacy strategy, which includes identifying specific corridor projects to lobby for, since the current reauthorization bill will expire September 30, 2009.

SANBAG advocates for projects that will have broad, regional benefits, other committed funding sources and be ready for construction by 2015. With these attributes in mind, specific guidelines were established to rank the order of potential list of projects. Some of the guidelines include whether the project is on a trade corridor of national significance, whether the project is in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and whether the project is supported by multiple jurisdictions.

The top corridor priorities include projects along Interstate 10, Interstate 15, a public-private-partnership called the High Desert Corridor, grade separations along the Alameda Corridor East and regional transit projects.

The top transit priority projects include (in order):

- ◆ E Street sbX BRT (Bus rapid Transit)
Total project cost: \$192 million; requested: \$50 million
- ◆ Positive Train Control
Total project cost: \$150 million; requested: \$30 million
- ◆ Victor Valley Transportation Authority Administrative, Operations and maintenance Facility
Total project cost: \$42 million; requested: \$10 million
- ◆ San Bernardino Transit Station
Total project cost: \$25 million; requested: \$16 million
- ◆ Redlands Rail Extension
Total project cost: \$228 million; requested: \$60 million

