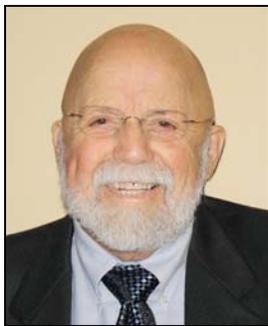


Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ June Board Meeting Briefs

◆ SANBAG Board President and Vice President Elected



SANBAG president: City of Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton



SANBAG Vice President: 1st District County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt

SANBAG Board of Directors elected City of Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton to serve as SANBAG's president for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Eaton will replace outgoing Board President Gary Ovitt.

First District County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt was elected to serve as vice president. This is the first time Mitzelfelt will serve as a SANBAG officer. Both will take office in July.

◆ **Traffic Detection/Monitoring System to be Installed on SR 210**

The SANBAG Board approved an agreement with High-Light Electric for the construction of six detection/monitoring stations along State Route 210, from Interstate 215 to Interstate 10.

With the opening of Route 210 in 2007, travel pattern along this segment of freeway have changed. These stations will detect the traffic speeds and congestion levels along the 11 mile segment. The information gathered will be transmitted to the Caltrans Traffic Management Center (TMC), which will then provide that data to websites and other third party providers to determine traffic speeds along that segment.

Websites, such as www.commutesmart.info, provide detailed maps with traffic information to assist motorists in planning their trips and determining the most efficient way to travel throughout the County. In addition, this data also is used to quantify the amount of traffic impacts along this corridor, which is then used for short and long term planning efforts. It is anticipated that the information gathered as a result of these devices will be made available to the traveling public in late fall of 2009.

◆ **Special Events Held in May**

National Train Day, May 9 – SANBAG participated in this public event organized by the City of San Bernardino, City of San Bernardino Historical & Pioneer Society and the San Bernardino History & Railroad Museum. The event, which took place at the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot (SANBAG offices), attracted approximately 1,500 people.

The event included informational booths about Metrolink, Redlands Rail Project, High Speed Rail Projects, sbX Station, and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad safety booth. Model train exhibits were displayed, as well as Metrolink and BNSF trains and locomotives. The History & Railroad Museum also held an open house and Kiddie train rides were available.

I-15/I-215 junction (Devore interchange), Public Information Meeting, May 14 – held at Kimbark Elementary School in Devore – More than 100 people attended this public scoping meeting to view alternative designs being studied, talk to engineers and planners, and view computerized simulated traffic studies. The public was invited to submit comment cards. The media attended and interviewed residents.

I-10/Live Oak Canyon Road Interchange Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, May 28 – held at the SANBAG construction office in Yucaipa. (*See feature story on the back page*)



Meeting Calendar

- **June 10:** Administrative Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **June 11:** Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **June 17:** Plans and Programs Com., 12 noon
- **June 19:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **June 27:** IEERC Home Foreclosure Prevention Seminar, Chino Community Center, 8 a.m.

New Live Oak Canyon Road Interchange in Yucaipa Completed



Above: Local officials dedicate the newly constructed Live Oak Canyon Road bridge, over Interstate 10 in Yucaipa.

SANBAG, the City of Yucaipa and Caltrans held a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on May 28, marking the completion of the Interstate 10/ Live Oak Canyon Road interchange project in Yucaipa. Nearly 100 residents and officials from the city, county, Caltrans, SANBAG and neighboring communities joined to celebrate the completion of the new \$20 million bridge.

The concept of this project began in 1995, and since then traffic on this section of I-10 has increased dramatically, with new housing developments in Yucaipa and communities to the east. Traffic had been dangerously backing up on the on and off ramps. The new bridge will help alleviate traffic congestion in this very busy area of Yucaipa.

The construction project included:

- ◆ Widening the previous two-lane bridge to a new five-lane structure, which also includes turning lanes onto I-10
- ◆ Widening and realigning the on and off ramps
- ◆ Construction of a sidewalk on both sides of the bridge, along with decorative fencing, which contribute to the aesthetics and safety of the new bridge
- ◆ Installation of traffic signals at the ramps

Below: Newly constructed Live Oak Canyon Road Bridge over Interstate 10 in Yucaipa



The bridge also features a concrete, rock-like decorative design, referred to as *rock blanket*, on many portions of the new bridge, such as the sidewalk and on and off ramps. Portions of the *rock blanket* also include the City of Yucaipa's logo embedded in color. Future landscaping work near the interchange also is planned.

SANBAG and the City of Yucaipa worked closely throughout the construction to monitor costs and progress. The construction project began in September 2007 and was completed on time and within budget. The total cost was \$20 million, with \$9.7 million coming from the Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and \$10.3 million from the City of Yucaipa and Measure I, which is San Bernardino County's half cent sales tax for transportation projects.



Above: City of Yucaipa Mayor Dick Riddell welcomes the crowd of nearly 100 to the Live Oak Canyon Road Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on May 28.

In the near future, SANBAG plans to begin the next phase of improvements on I-10, which is the addition of a westbound lane between the Live Oak interchange and Ford Street exit in Redlands. This project is estimated at \$42 million and is expected to begin construction in late 2009 or early 2010.

Other planned interchange projects along I-10, further west of Yucaipa, include the I-10/Tippecanoe interchange in Loma Linda and San Bernardino, I-10/Cherry and Citrus interchanges in Fontana and the I-10/Riverside interchange in Rialto. These projects are in various phases of the planning process and are listed as high priority.

Obtaining funding for future transportation projects face major challenges on both the state and federal levels, especially with today's economic crisis. However, SANBAG and Caltrans District 8 Director Ray Wolfe, believe that the Inland Empire will once again lead the State and many parts of the nation in growth. Together, Caltrans and SANBAG will continue to seek ways to fund transportation projects in this region.