

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ◆ Kudos to Bridge/Grade Separation Project of the Year: I-215/Fifth Street Bridge



The \$23 million I-215/Fifth Street Bridge project received a Tranny award from the California Transportation Foundation on June 3. The bridge allows for four lanes in each direction, two turn lanes in each direction to accommodate construction of future freeway ramps, a meandering walkway and a 14 foot sidewalk.

The Fifth Street bridge was the first stage of the I-215 improvement project. The second phase of the project began in early 2008 and is expected to be complete by Spring 2010. The last two phases of construction are scheduled to begin by the end of 2009, with the entire project scheduled for completion by 2013.

### ◆ SANBAG Receives Accolades for Transp. and Land Use Planning Study

SANBAG received a Visionary Planning for Mobility Award for their Transportation and Land Use Integration Project at the 3rd Annual Compass Blueprint Recognitions Awards Luncheon held on June 24.

The project report provides SANBAG, and the cities of Colton, Fontana, Highland, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and Rialto with concepts and considerations for a land use and economic development plan for sites near potential transit locations.

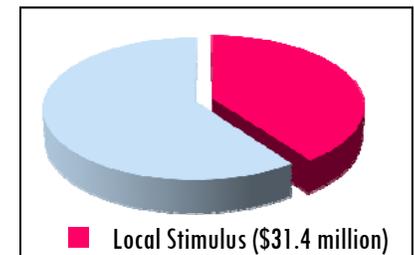
This project also won a Comprehensive Planning Award from the American Planning Association In May 2009.



*Above: City of Colton Mayor Kelly Chastain receives Compass Award on June 24.*

### ◆ SANBAG's Local Stimulus Program

SANBAG Board approved a Local Stimulus Program that will distribute \$31.4 million to the County and the cities. In



April 2009, the SANBAG Board of Directors gave direction to develop options for a Local Stimulus Program in exchange for maximizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds on the I-215 widening project in downtown San Bernardino.

The Local Stimulus Program will pass funds to local agencies in an amount equivalent to 40% of the ARRA funds that SANBAG received. Since SANBAG does not have \$31.4 million in unallocated funds currently available to fund the Local Stimulus Program, staff has had to analyze potential pools of money.

The funding sources identified for this program include \$1.2 million that remain in the original \$2.05 million ARRA Rural funds, \$10 million from the Measure I fund balance, \$10.54 million from Measure I committed to current projects and \$9.66 million from Measure I after savings/reimbursement.

The funds will be distributed in two installments, which will be based on a per capita basis, except that no agency will receive less than \$300,000.



### Meeting Calendar

- **July 9:** Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **June 15:** Plans and Programs Com., 12 noon
- **June 16:** Commuter Rail Com., 12 noon
- **July 17:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.

## SANBAG Presents 2008-09 Year in Review

With Supervisor Gary Ovitt and City of Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton serving as president and vice president of SANBAG during the 2008-09 fiscal year, SANBAG was able to overcome the hurdles associated with our nation's financial crisis and achieved many accomplishments.

Much of the year was spent looking for ways to fund projects in order to keep them moving forward. Luckily, the I-215 construction project in downtown San Bernardino was awarded federal stimulus funds, which kept the project on schedule. With unique funding mechanisms, SANBAG also was able to create a local stimulus fund to pass through to cities for local transportation projects.

In July 2008 the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot, where SANBAG offices are located, celebrated its 90th anniversary and an open house was held. Also in July, the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan was adopted by the SANBAG Board and the California Transportation Commission designated \$239 million to SANBAG.

In August 2008 SANBAG's first grade separation project was completed, State Street/University Parkway in the northern San Bernardino community of Muscoy. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on August 28. In September, SANBAG and the City of Montclair began construction of the Ramona Avenue grade separation project.



*Above: State St./University Pkwy. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony*

October 2008 was a busy month for SANBAG as Metrolink added four weekday trains to the San Bernardino line. SANBAG Board members also toured the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail yard in San Bernardino and the Port of Long Beach. The annual Mobility 21 Summit was held in October, as well as the High Desert Opportunity event in Victorville.

In early 2009, SANBAG celebrated the second full year of the San Bernardino County Freeway Service Patrol program. SANBAG and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) also teamed up for the I-215 carpool lane gap closure project and the San Bernardino City-County Conference was held in March 2009. Two new commuter Park and Ride Lots were opened, in the Cities of Highland and Chino Hills.



*Above: Port of Long Beach Tour, October 2008*

Construction of the Inland Empire Transportation Management Center, located at the I-15/SR-210 junction, broke ground in April 2009 and construction is progressing rapidly. In May, SANBAG implemented the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and the Underutilized Disadvantages Business Enterprise program for contracting and procurements opportunities. National Train Day also was held in May at the Santa Fe Depot.

A great new commuter assistance tool also was approved in May, the Inland Empire 511 system, which is expected to launch in fall 2009.

In June 2009, SANBAG Board Members took a tour of the San Bernardino International Airport. The I-215/Fifth Street Bridge project won a Tranny award for Bridge/Grade Separation Project of the Year. SANBAG received a SCAG Compass Blueprint Excellence Award. Also in June, Parsons Transportation Group was chosen as SANBAG's project management team, overseeing all major projects.



*Above: Aerial of Interstate 215, 5th Street Bridge, in San Bernardino*