

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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◆ SANBAG Pursues Work on Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan

SANBAG Board directed staff to work with each member city to solicit their participation in the regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan. This plan will help cities save money and meet the requirements of AB 32 and SB 375.



San Bernardino County is nearly complete with their greenhouse gas inventory and reduction plan for the unincorporated portions of the county. Since all other cities within the county also will have to address this issue, SANBAG is recommending that others follow in the County's footsteps and "piggyback" on work they conducted.

SANBAG will work with each city to seek their interest in participating and sharing the cost, which is estimated at \$864,399. SANBAG will underwrite about 25 percent of the cost, with the remainder being shared between each city.

There are many advantages of creating a regional plan and building off of work conducted by the County, such as: cost savings, more competitiveness for grant application, and promotion of job growth. This plan will make California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance easier with other state agencies for developing projects in our region.

◆ Long Range Transit Plan Workshops

SANBAG has completed the draft final report of the Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP), which details the transit plans for the next 20 years. With the passage of SB375, it was important to link transit with land use planning.

At this stage in the LRTP process, the overall goal is to educate and inform the public, as well as receive feedback and comments regarding the plan.

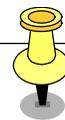
There are three scheduled public workshops throughout San Bernardino County. Please see meetings calendar in the right column for dates, times and locations). Key objectives at the workshops are:

- ◆ Review of the overall process, including purpose of the plan, objectives, analysis of results and presentation of recommended plan.
- ◆ Provide information regarding the benefits to communities and the environment.
- ◆ Show the correlation with the Sustainable Communities Strategy required by SB 375.
- ◆ Inform the public of the overall efforts that SANBAG is making to contribute to the livability of communities within the county.

◆ Green Transportation Workshop

Immediately following the August Board of Directors meeting, an Alternative Fuels Workshop was held. The workshop featured four businesses in San Bernardino County that are working towards providing cleaner air.

The companies featured were: Boshart Engineering, which provides vehicle certification, testing and environmental solutions to the automotive industry; A-Z Bus Sales, which offers CNG and propane powered school buses; GESI, which provides CNG fueling station infrastructure; and Phoenix Motorcars, Inc., which provides all electric vehicles.



Meeting Calendar

- **Aug. 12:** Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- **Aug. 13:** Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Aug. 19:** Plans and Programs Com., 12 noon
- **Aug. 21:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **Aug. 28:** I-215, 5th Street Bridge Re-Naming Dedication

Long Range Transit Plan Workshops, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 18:** San Bernardino, Feldheym Library
- **Aug. 19:** Victorville, City Hall
- **Aug. 20:** Ontario, Quesada Community Center

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- **Sept 2:** SANBAG Board of Directors Mtg., 9:30a.m.
- **Sept. 14:** I-215 Ground-Breaking Ceremony, San Bernardino, 10 a.m.
- **Sept. 21:** Mobility 21 Summit, Los Angeles, 8:00 a.m.

San Bernardino County Annual Survey Results are

SANBAG Board of Directors received a presentation recapping the 2008-2009 San Bernardino County Annual Survey results. SANBAG is a platinum sponsor of the survey, which has a 95 percent accuracy rating.

The survey is conducted yearly by the Institute of Applied Research and Policy Analysis at Cal State San Bernardino. For this survey, San Bernardino County communities were divided into four zones; East Valley, West Valley, Victor Valley and Desert. A total of 1,035 respondents were surveyed in the county.

The results of the 12th annual survey provide decision-makers with information for evaluating key opinions, and providing a regional focus for on-going issues.

Transportation and Commuting



Nearly 70 percent of respondents said they have reduced their trips due to gas prices. The Victor Valley appears more influenced by gas price increases and are most likely to buy hybrid or fuel efficient vehicles

and most likely to reduce trips. East Valley respondents are most likely to ride Metrolink or public buses due to gas prices.

Of the respondents who have used Metrolink, 75 percent used it for entertainment and pleasure and 16 percent used it for business and commuting. Most of the respondents noted that they would like to see Metrolink increase the frequency of service. Of the respondents who used bus service, most used it for entertainment and pleasure than for business and commuting.

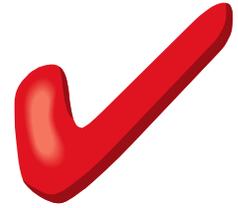
SANBAG asked a series of questions about toll roads and found that West Valley respondents were most likely to have ever used a toll road or "Express Lane." Although they have used the toll roads least, Desert respondents are least likely to mind paying to avoid traffic.

SANBAG also asked about support for transportation funding. Just under half of the respondents said they would support toll roads as a



mechanism to fund transportation projects. About a third of the respondents said they would support a 10-cent per gallon gas tax increase if the funds were used for local transportation projects. Just over half said they would support it if they knew that construction jobs would be created from the tax.

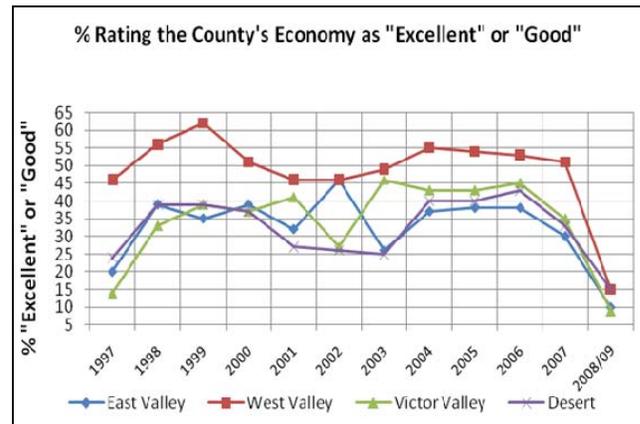
Overall, respondents viewed San Bernardino County's transportation system as mostly good or fair. About 60% of the respondents said they spend less than an hour on their daily commute — about 30 minutes each way. Commute times have been stable in the East Valley, climbing in the Desert and West Valley, but improving in the Victor Valley. The majority of respondents (70 percent) work within San Bernardino County, followed by 16% who commute to Los Angeles County. Small percentages commute to Riverside and Orange Counties.



San Bernardino County Ratings

Countywide, 69% of the respondents said that living here is either "Very Good" or "Fairly Good." The five best things about San Bernardino County were listed, in order, as good area/scenery, climate/weather, not crowded, affordable and friendly people. For the top five worst things about living in San Bernardino County, crime and gangs again topped the list, followed by smog, traffic, lack of job opportunities and inclement weather. In previous years, traffic has been ranked second, so this year's survey showed improvement.

Economic Trends & Confidence in Elected Officials



The poor economy obviously was in the forefront of respondents' minds when the survey was taken this past winter. The above chart shows the dramatic plunge in respondents' views of the economy.

Confidence that local elected officials will make decisions that benefit the area they serve remained fairly steady countywide, with 65% saying that they have a "Great Deal" or "Some" confidence.

The survey includes results of questions asked by other sponsors. To view a full report of the Inland Empire Annual Survey, which also includes survey results for Riverside County, please visit the Institute of Applied Research's website at <http://iar.csusb.edu>.