

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ◆ September News Briefs

#### Support for Economic Recovery Continues

SANBAG will continue to partner with the Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation (IEERC) to support foreclosure prevention seminars to help address the high number of foreclosures facing the region.



According to the July 2010 Inland Empire Quarterly Economic Report, there are about 484,000 homes in Riverside and San Bernardino counties where owners owe more than their homes are worth. Although notices of default have been trending downward over the last several months, there is still a need for foreclosure prevention education and services.

The seminars will provide counseling with HUD approved non-profit housing counseling agencies and provide homeowners the opportunity to meet with their lender through participating banks and lenders. Last year, eight foreclosure prevention seminars were held throughout the Inland Empire.

#### Application for Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Funds Approved

SANBAG Board of Directors approved an application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. SANBAG will apply for \$600,000 for the future Foothill Blvd./5th Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.

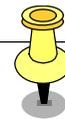
Some of the objectives listed in the grant proposal include refinements to Foothill/5th Street BRT corridor alignment and station locations to maximize potential for transit-supportive land use; development of station-specific land use plans; and development and implementation plans for zoning designations. Detailed land-use planning is currently taking place to ensure that the benefits of investments made in transit infrastructure are maximized.

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program is funded by Proposition 84, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The program authorizes the Legislature to appropriate \$90 million for planning grants and incentives that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, as well as provide other community benefits.

#### SANBAG Appoints Board for CTSA

SANBAG Board appointed Michael Bair, Floyd Petersen and Gary Madden to the Board of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for the San Bernardino Valley.

The remaining four Board Members will be appointed by Onmitrans and the County of San Bernardino by the end of the year.



#### Meeting Calendar

- **Sept. 8:** Admin. Committee, 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 9:** Major Projects Comm., 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 22:** Plans and Programs Comm., 12 noon
- **Sept. 24:** Mountain Desert Comm., 9 a.m.

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- **Sept. 13:** Redlands First Mile & Passenger Rail Project Public Meeting, ESRI Café, Redlands, 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 14:** Redlands First Mile & Passenger Rail Project Public Meeting, Economic Development Agency Business Center, San Bernardino, 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 20:** Unmet Transit Needs Hearing, Victorville City Hall— Council Chambers, 9:30 a.m.
- **Sept. 23:** Unmet Transit Needs Hearing, Town of Yucca Valley— Yucca Room, 5 p.m.

## I-10/Cypress Ave. Overcrossing Opens



**Above:** officials celebrate the opening of the Interstate 10/Cypress Avenue overcrossing on August 20.

It was a “Beautiful Day in Fontana” on August 20 when officials gathered to celebrate the opening of the new Cypress bridge crossing over Interstate 10.

More than 150 guests attended the grand opening event, which began with elected officials cruising the new bridge in classic cars. Featured speakers at the event included SANBAG Vice President and City of Grand Terrace Council Member Bea Cortes, 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Fontana Mayor Frank Scialdone, Congressman Joe Baca, Caltrans District 8 Director Ray Wolfe, Fontana Mayor Pro Tem and Redevelopment Chair Acquanetta Warren and Dr. John Husing, among others.

Former City of Fontana Mayor Mark Nuaimi also was in attendance and was honored with a special plaque commemorating his hard work and dedication to bring this project to fruition.

The \$32 million Cypress overcrossing features two travel lanes in each direction and a sidewalk. This overcrossing is the first of three interchange improvements planned along the I-10 corridor in Fontana. The overcrossing not only provides another north-south route across I-10, but as a side benefit will become a critical detour route when the Citrus and Cherry Interchanges begin construction in 2011.



## Fish Hatchery Switch Activation



**Above:** officials celebrate the completion of a new traffic signal in Victorville on August 23.

The City of Victorville officially flipped the switch on a new traffic signal on Fish Hatchery Road and Bear Valley Road on August 23.

The new signal completes the first phase of the project, which is co-funded by a \$900,000 allocation of Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds by SANBAG. The signal will alleviate heavy congestion near Victor Valley College, and will serve as a key entrance to the college.

The next phase of the project is construction of a new Park N' Ride (PNR) Lot at the corner of Bear Valley Road and Apple Valley Road. The PNR lot will provide 400 parking stalls. Construction is expected to begin by the end of this year.

## AQMD Town Hall Meeting Recap

In conjunction with San Bernardino Associated Governments and the City of San Bernardino, the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) hosted a town hall meeting on August 11 to discuss air quality issues in San Bernardino.

More than 100 guests attended the meeting, which featured a presentation on AQMD's Clean Communities Plan (CCP) and partnerships in San Bernardino County. The CCP outlines AQMD's air toxics control strategy and build upon their existing regulatory programs. The CCP is designed to reduce the exposure to air toxics and air-related nuisance issues.

AQMD staff will work with the City of San Bernardino and surrounding communities to develop a Community Exposure Reduction Plan (CERP).

For more information about AQMD's Clean Communities Plan visit, [www.cleanairconnections.org](http://www.cleanairconnections.org) or call AQMD at 909-396-2567.