

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ◆ Norton-Perry Honored for Service



**Above:** Chino Hills Council Member Gwenn Norton-Perry (left) and SANBAG President Paul Eaton (right)

SANBAG Board honored Chino Hills Councilmember Gwenn Norton-Perry for her dedicated service as a Board Member for nearly 19 years.

In her tenure with SANBAG, Norton-Perry has contributed greatly to the enhancement of transportation systems throughout the county. In 2004, she was very active in promoting one of SANBAG's greatest successes, the passage of Measure I, the County's half-cent sales tax measure for transportation projects.

Due to her involvement and commitment on the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), Norton-Perry was re-elected by the SANBAG Board to remain as the representative for SANBAG.

### ◆ SCRRRA (Metrolink) Riders Survey Results Are In

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRRA) conducted a survey in May 2009 to find out thoughts about Metrolink's safety, quality of service, overall experience and impressions among current and potential riders.

According to the survey results, Metrolink is well-known and well-regarded. Current riders are overwhelmingly satisfied with their Metrolink commute and consider it a traffic-free and stress-free way to commute. One highlight of taking Metrolink, as opposed to driving, was the ability to be more productive during their commute and work on other tasks.

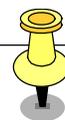
Other findings noted that two out of three potential riders do not know that Metrolink and Metro are two different organizations. There also is a strong awareness of recent Metrolink accidents, causing a weak perception of safety. Metrolink is not strongly associated with convenience, particularly schedules and station locations. It also is not regarded as a fast way to commute.

### ◆ Board Considers SB 83

SANBAG Board received a report highlighting some provisions to SB 83, which would authorize countywide transportation planning agencies/congestion management agencies (CMA), to impose an annual fee on motor vehicles for transportation-related programs and projects.

Before placing such fees on voter ballots, the CMA must adopt a resolution stating that projects/programs to be funded with this fee will have a direct benefit to the persons paying the fee. The projects also must be consistent with the regional transportation plan. The fee would be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) upon registration or renewal of a motor vehicle in the county.

It is anticipated that this fee could generate anywhere from \$1.6 million to \$16 million (\$1 fee up to \$10 fee). The Board tabled any action on this item, but did find it might be an important tool to consider in future years.



### Meeting Calendar

- **Feb. 10:** Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- **Feb. 11:** Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- **Feb. 17:** Plans and Programs Committee, 12 noon
- **Feb. 19:** Mountain Desert Comm., 9 a.m.
- **Feb. 9:** Public Meeting for I-215  
Businesses, Shandon Hills Golf Club, San Bernardino, 7:30 a.m.
- **Feb. 18:** I-10/Riverside Interchange  
Groundbreaking, Hometown Buffet, 127 W. Valley Blvd., Rialto, 10 a.m.

## SANBAG Receives Two Awards from Regional Transportation Group



**Above:** SANBAG Executive Director Deborah Barmack

The Inland Empire chapter of Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS-IE) honored SANBAG Executive Director Deborah Barmack as the 2009 Woman of the Year at the WTS-IE Scholarship and Awards Benefit Dinner. The dinner, which took place on January 20 at the Riverside Convention Center, also recognized SANBAG's Tier one and two San Bernardino Valley Coordinated Traffic Signal Synchronization project as the 2009 Innovative Project of the Year.

Barmack, who is a founding member of WTS-IE, is currently in her third year as SANBAG executive director. Prior to being named executive director, Barmack served as director of management services for SANBAG, and was responsible for the general administrative functions of the organization. She has been with SANBAG for nearly 20 years, which has enabled her to build relationships with many complex stakeholders.

As the driving force behind the agency, Barmack has contributed greatly to the success of SANBAG's transportation projects. Under her leadership, SANBAG has begun the widening of Interstate 215 and kept it going with the award of \$128 million the agency received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. SANBAG also has completed several interchange and grade separation projects. In cooperation with RCTC, SANBAG broke ground on a new Transportation Management Center and launched the Inland Empire 511 Traveler Information System.

Even with a busy work schedule, Barmack frequently visits her daughter Vanessa at Notre Dame and enjoys her off time with her husband Peter, and son, Aaron.

Congratulations Deborah Robinson Barmack, 2009 WTS-IE Woman of the Year! Your hard work, dedication, and contributions to transportation will continue to have a long lasting and positive impact in San Bernardino County and the entire Southern California region.

WTS-IE also presented SANBAG with the Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for the San Bernardino Valley Coordinated Traffic Signal Synchronization project (tier one and two).

This project was multi-faceted and included the coordination of 652 signalized intersections along 150 miles of roadways. SANBAG and the consulting firm for the project, Albert Grover and Associates, coordinated with 14 cities, San Bernardino County and Caltrans to provide the benefits of multi-jurisdictional traffic signal coordination to drivers.

Once infrastructure improvements were in place, the newly-engineered and coordinated signal timing plans were implemented and fine-tuned. Before and after conditions were compared to determine the effectiveness of the project. The results showed a 22 percent reduction in travel time, 27 percent improvement in travel speeds during peak periods, and an estimated 15 percent reduction in vehicular emissions.

These results could not have happened without leadership from SANBAG and its partners. This project serves as a national model and its emissions and petroleum reductions will benefit the public for years to come.

Congratulations SANBAG for receiving the WTS-IE 2009 Innovative Transportation Solutions Award.



**Above (left to right):** Deborah Barmack, SANBAG executive director, Philip Chu, SANBAG transportation programming analyst, and Michelle Kirkhoff, SANBAG director of air quality/mobility programs, accept awards at the 2009 WTS-IE Annual Dinner.

WTS is an international organization dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation. Boasting more than 4,000 members - both men and women - WTS is helping women find opportunity and recognition in the transportation industry. The Inland Empire chapter of WTS (WTS-IE) was founded in 2005, and has more than 200 members.