

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ◆ SB– 375 Survey Results are in

SANBAG, in conjunction with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), conducted a workshop regarding greenhouse gas reduction targets, as related to Senate Bill 375 (SB–375) on March 31.

Representatives from each jurisdiction were asked to fill out a survey regarding their jurisdiction's sustainability practices and views on potential greenhouse gas reduction strategies. Representatives from 23 out of the 25 jurisdictions in San Bernardino County responded.

In regard to sustainability efforts, nearly 75 percent of jurisdictions have installed (or plan to install) energy-efficient city facilities, and the same percentage have converted to hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles. More than half have upgraded to energy-efficient building codes, one quarter have installed solar panels at city facilities, and 70 percent have modified the city's operation/maintenance procedures to conserve resources.

Results related to land use strategies noted that 90 percent of jurisdictions are planning mixed use buildings and neighborhoods, more than half are focusing on new housing and job growth within half a mile of existing and planned transit stations, more than 60 percent are increasing housing densities near jobs and employment centers, and nearly 70 percent are increasing infill and development in areas within existing infrastructure.

The survey results will be useful to SCAG, SANBAG and local jurisdictions in moving forward with development of the Sustainability Communities Strategy for the Regional Transportation Plan.

### ◆ Meeting Closed in Honor of Kester

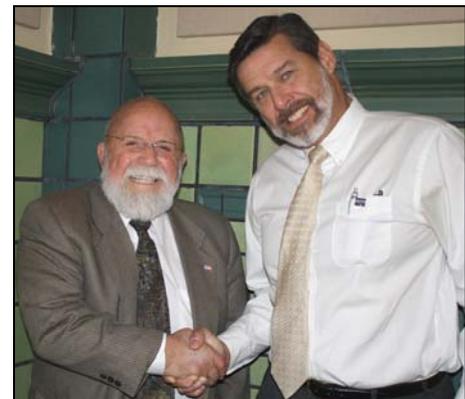


The SANBAG Board meeting was closed in memory of Omnitrans bus driver Lawrence Kester, a 48 year-old resident of Fontana, who was killed while driving on May 7.

Kester served 15 years of dedicated service and had received numerous accolades.

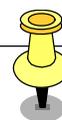
*Left: Lawrence Kester*

### ◆ Schuiling Praised for Service at SANBAG



Ty Schuiling, director of Planning and Programming, was praised for his 20 years of dedicated service to SANBAG.

Schuiling oversees the planning and programming department, which is responsible for the Measure I Strategic Plan, the countywide Congestion Management Program, the Development Mitigation Program, administration of state and federal transportation funds, growth forecasting, travel demand modeling, and a range of special studies, among other things.



### Meeting Calendar

- **May 20:** Commuter Rail & Transit Committee, 12 noon
- **May 20:** Ramona Ave. Grade Separation Dedication, 9:00 a.m., Montclair
- **May 21:** Mountain Desert Comm., 9 a.m.
- **June 2:** SANBAG Board of Directors Mtg., 9:30 a.m.

## Metrolink Previews New Crash Energy Management Cars



**Above:** Officials celebrate the milestone completion of the first two state-of-the-art CEM cars.

On May 3 Metrolink gave community leaders a sneak peek of the new start-of-the-art Crash Energy Management (CEM)- Enabled Passenger Cars. The CEM cars were on display at Metrolink's Eastern Maintenance Facility in Colton, where final assembly and testing will take place.

Various SANBAG Board Members, including City of Colton Mayor Kelly Chastain, San Bernardino City Mayor Patrick Morris, Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton, and County Supervisor Josie Gonzales, were guest speakers and welcomed the crowd of about 300 to the Inland Empire.

The CEM cars that were on display are the first two of 117 cars that Metrolink will put into service later this year. Attendees were invited to tour the inside of the cars and get a close look at the new interior safety features that include:

- Work tables designed to dissipate force in the event of a collision;
- Reconfigured seat placements, with higher seat backs;
- Illuminated and marked pathways and exits;
- Elevated train operator compartment, and;
- Pre-installed inward and outward facing Cameras.

Exterior safety features include crush zones that absorb impact at each end of the car, enhanced bumpers to absorb, balance and dissipate force of an impact, and couplers that absorb energy to keep cars on track and upright.

## San Bernardino Celebrates Bicentennial & Railroad Days

On May 8 and 9, the City of San Bernardino and the San Bernardino History & Railroad Museum hosted the 2010 Railroad Days, which also commemorated the City's bicentennial.

The event, which took place at the Santa Fe Depot, attracted more than 3,000 guests. The Redlands Fourth of July Band provided the musical entertainment as the highly anticipated Steam Engine 3751 arrived at the depot on Saturday morning. San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris, who rode in on the 3751 from Los Angeles, was dressed in a prohibition-era costume as he spoke to the crowd.

The event included a showcase of classic cars, model train exhibits, food booths, and a close up look at the new Metrolink Crash Energy Management car (see story on left). Informational booths about various transportation projects also were set up inside the historic depot.

San Bernardino has a long history of being known as a railroad town, and this event allowed guests to go back into time and honor San Bernardino's 200 year history. If you missed the event, visit the San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum, located at the Depot, Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Above:** San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris



**Above:** Steam Engine 3751 arriving at Santa Fe Depot