

## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ♦ July News Briefs

#### New Metrolink Parking Structure Breaks Ground



**Above:** Officials break ground on Metrolink parking structure in San Bernardino

SANBAG and the City of San Bernardino broke ground on a parking structure located at the San Bernardino Metrolink station on June 15.

The parking structure will provide 352 much needed parking spaces for Metrolink commuters.

The City of San Bernardino is the lead agency for construction on the three and a half story tall building. Construction will take about 14 months. The total cost of the project is \$6.5 million.

#### Ontario Project to Begin Construction Late 2010

The North Milliken Avenue and Union Pacific Railroad grade separation project in Ontario is expected to begin construction in fall 2010. SANBAG will take the lead role to advertise, award and administer the construction phase.

The City of Ontario is expected to complete right-of-way activities by the end of July. The California Transportation Commission is expected to allocate \$45 million in State Transportation Improvement Fund funding at their June/July meeting, which will allow the project to move into the construction phase.

#### Progress on Natural Gas Project

SANBAG Board approved an agreement with Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the implementation of the natural gas truck project. The project will convert more than 200 tractor/trailer vehicles to natural gas, construct two natural gas fueling stations, and improve maintenance facilities.

SCAG will develop the marketing and outreach plan, which is an important component of the Department of Energy grant that was received for the project in August 2009.

#### U.S. Flag Flown in Honor of SANBAG

As many may know, SANBAG's Director of Legislative Affairs Jennifer Franco is serving active duty in Afghanistan. Due to her role at SANBAG, on May 5th a United States of America flag was flown in the face of the enemy over Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan in honor of SANBAG, bearing witness to the sacrifices made to protect the United States and the World during Operation Enduring Freedom.



The flag was presented to the SANBAG Board and will be proudly displayed in the SANBAG offices. SANBAG wishes Franco a safe return home later this year.



#### Meeting Calendar

- **July 14:** Admin. Committee, 9 a.m.
  - **July 15:** Major Projects Comm., 9 a.m.
  - **July 21:** Plans and Programs Comm., 12 noon
  - **July 22:** Commuter Rail & Transit Comm., 12 noon
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- **July 13:** Colton Crossing Public Meeting, 6 p.m., Hutton Center, Colton
  - **July 15:** Colton Crossing Public Meeting, 6 p.m., Luque Center, Colton
  - **July 22:** I-215 Phase 2 Widening Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Inland Center Mall, 10 a.m.

## July News Briefs Continued...

### Board Receives RTP and RTIP Report

SANBAG Board received a report on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) processes.

The RTP is a 20 year vision of growth and mobility for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region. The RTIP is part of the RTP, which contains a database of descriptions, costs and schedules for regionally significant projects to be implemented in the first six years of the RTP. A new RTIP is drafted every two years, or within six months of a new RTP.

When determining RTP/RTIP projects, three questions must be considered:

- Is the project regionally significant?
- Is there a possible use of federal funds?
- Is there a need for federal approval?

If yes to any of the questions above, then the project should be included in the RTP/RTIP process.

The RTIP process begins with a concept, which is submitted to SANBAG, then to SCAG, followed by review from Caltrans headquarters, and finally the Federal Highway Administration.

The RTP/RTIP system works well with stable funding and clearly defined project priorities, however, the RTP is becoming a 25 year plan, sacrificing evaluation of alternatives and sense of vision. The change is due to assurance that air quality measures get priority.

### Route 210 Soon to Bloom



SANBAG Board approved an agreement which will allow SANBAG to begin a landscaping improvement project on Route 210, between Sierra Avenue in Fontana and North Locust Avenue in Rialto by late 2010.

SANBAG also will be responsible for a three year plant establishment

period, which includes maintenance and irrigation.

Planting concepts will be presented to SANBAG's Major Projects Committee on July 15. The planting concepts to be presented are intended to reduce overall maintenance costs and help conserve water with the implementation of efficient irrigation strategies.

SANBAG completed freeway construction on this segment of Route 210 in summer 2007.

### I-215 Groundbreaking Receives Honors



*Above: SANBAG Board President Brad Mitzelfelt and staff from SANBAG, Westbound Communications, Caltrans, City of San Bernardino and TCM Group pose with Silver Anvil Award.*

At the National Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) annual awards ceremony held in New York City on June 3, the organization's most prestigious honor, the Silver Anvil Award, was presented to SANBAG and its partners: Westbound Communications, Caltrans, City of San Bernardino, and TCM Group.

The public outreach team was recognized with this award for the I-215 Freeway Widening Project groundbreaking event that took place last September. The event drew national and state transportation officials to San Bernardino to celebrate the beginning of the last two phases of the \$700 million project and to acknowledge the \$128 million in federal stimulus funding received through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). The Director of Federal Highway Administration Victor Mendez and California's Secretary of Transportation Dale Bonner were some of the many dignitaries in attendance.

### Route 210/Pepper Ave. Interchange in the Works

SANBAG will release a Request for Proposal for environmental and engineering services for a proposed interchange at Route 210 and Pepper Avenue in Rialto.

The City of Rialto expects to begin construction on the extension of Pepper Ave., north of Route 210, this year. Construction on the street extension should be complete by late 2012.

SANBAG will take the lead on design and construction of the Route 210/Pepper Ave. interchange, which is expected to begin construction in early 2013.