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## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ◆ July News Briefs

#### Yucaipa Transit Center Now Open



**Above:** Officials celebrate opening of Yucaipa Transit Center

Omnitrans, the City of Yucaipa and local dignitaries celebrated the grand opening of a transit center in Yucaipa on July 12.

The \$2.7 million center, which took more than five years to build, began two service routes on July 13. The center will provide more than 80

departures daily when fully operational this fall. "The Center ties very well with the City Hall architecture, and will provide a high quality facility for the citizens of Yucaipa," said Mayor Dick Riddell.

#### I-215 Widening Project— Phase Two Completed



**Above:** Officials celebrate completion of construction on phase two of the I-215 Widening Project

Caltrans, SANBAG and the City of San Bernardino celebrated the completion of construction of phase two of the I-215 widening project in San Bernardino on July 22.

The event, which attracted more than 100 guests, took place on the top floor of the Inland Center Mall parking structure. Speakers included Caltrans Director Cindy McKim, Caltrans District 8 Director Ray Wolfe, SANBAG Vice President Bea Cortes, County Supervisor Josie Gonzales, San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod and Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter. The final two phases of the project will be completed by fall 2013.

#### Barmack Lauded for 20 Years of Service



**Above (left to right):** SANBAG Past-President Paul Eaton, Executive Director Deborah Barmack, and Vice President Bea Cortes

SANBAG Executive Director Deborah Barmack was lauded for her 20 years of service to SANBAG.

Barmack has been executive director of SANBAG since 2007, and is responsible for the daily operations of the agency. Prior to being named executive director, she served as director of management services and was responsible for the general administrative functions.

She has been with SANBAG since 1990. Prior to that time, she was employed by the County of San Bernardino.



#### Meeting Calendar

- **Aug. 11:** Admin. Committee, 9 a.m.
- **Aug. 12:** Major Projects Comm., 9 a.m.
- **Aug. 18:** Plans and Programs Comm., 12 noon
- **Aug. 19:** Commuter Rail & Transit Comm., 12 noon
- **Aug. 20:** Mountain Desert Comm., 9 a.m.

## A Look Back: 2009-2010 Year in Review

Despite continued economic challenges in the region, remarkable accomplishments were made at SANBAG during the past fiscal year. Under the leadership of SANBAG Board President and City of Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton, SANBAG made significant progress on many transportation projects in the planning, environmental and construction phases.

Two grade separation projects were completed at Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga and Ramona Avenue in Montclair. Progress was made on funding agreements for two high desert projects, La Mesa/Nisqualli interchange and Lenwood Grade Separation.

A large accomplishment was SANBAG receiving \$128 million in stimulus money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the I-215 Widening Project in San Bernardino. A groundbreaking ceremony for phases three and four of the I-215 widening project drew National and State attention. Top transportation officials, including the Federal Highway Administration Director, California Secretary of Transportation and nearly 200 elected officials, dignitaries and community leaders attended the event last September.

The Public Relations Society of America's prestigious Silver Anvil Award was presented to SANBAG and its partners for the I-215 groundbreaking event.

Another project that received Federal funding was the Colton Crossing project. Currently in the environmental stage, this project received \$33.8 million from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

Receiving ARRA funds allowed SANBAG to create a Local Stimulus Program, which distributed \$31.4 million among the 24 cities and the County to build local projects or provide maintenance to transportation infrastructure.

The IE 511 program, which offers multimodal travel information for all of Southern California, launched in April 2010. IE 511 is available by dialing 5-1-1 from any phone, and on the internet at [www.IE511.org](http://www.IE511.org).

The program is developed in partnership with RCTC and includes real-time traffic information, incident information, and travel times. IE 511 also offers information on ridesharing, including carpool lane maps and Park 'N' Ride lot locations. Transit information and direct links or transfers to transit operations are also available through IE 511.



Two new Park 'N' Ride lots were opened, one in the City of Chino Hills, near SR 71 and Grand Avenue, and the other in the City of Highland, near SR 210 and Highland Avenue. For a map of all Park 'N' Ride lots in the Inland Empire visit [www.IE511.org](http://www.IE511.org).



In May 2010, the new Metro-link Crash Energy Management (CEM) cars were previewed at the new maintenance

facility in Colton (see photo above). The CEM cars include many safety features, such as reconfigured seat placement, with higher seat backs, illuminated marked pathways, elevated train operator compartment, and pre-installed inward and outward facing video cameras. The 117 CEM cars will be assembled and tested throughout the coming months and are expected to be put into service by the end of the year.

Also held in May was the San Bernardino Railroad Days and Bicentennial Celebration, which attracted more than 3,000 guests to the Santa Fe Depot. San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris arrived to the event on the highly anticipated Steam Engine 3751 (see photo above).



On a more personal note, SANBAG's own Director of Legislative Affairs Jennifer Franco was called into active duty as a U.S. Navy Officer in Afghanistan. Per arrangements made by Franco, an American Flag was flown in honor of SANBAG on May 5. Franco will return later this year.

To read SANBAG's full 2009-2010 Year in Review newsletter or to view a PowerPoint of the Year in Review, visit [www.sanbag.ca.gov](http://www.sanbag.ca.gov).