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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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► DECEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

Outgoing SANBAG Board Members Recognized



SANBAG Board Members: (l-r) Jeff Williams, Needles; Kelly Chastain, Colton; Paul Biane, San Bernardino County Supervisor; Bea Cortes, Grand Terrace; Current SANBAG President Brad Mitzelfelt; Pat Gilbreath, Redlands; Charley Glasper, Adelanto; and Bill Neeb, Yucca Valley.

At the December board meeting, SANBAG President Brad Mitzelfelt (above center) recognized seven outgoing SANBAG Board Members for their years of service to the organization:

- Paul Biane, Board of Supervisors, 2003-2010
- Kelly Chastain, City of Colton, 1999-2006, 2007-2010
- Bea Cortes, City of Grand Terrace, 2003-2010
- Pat Gilbreath, City of Redlands, 2000-2010
- Charley Glasper, City of Adelanto, 2008-2010
- Bill Neeb, Town of Yucca Valley, 2008-2010
- Jeff Williams, City of Needles, 2009-2010

President Mitzelfelt praised the outgoing board members for their involvement in guiding SANBAG decisions through the years, including implementation of Measure I 2010-2040, and the various projects reviewed by the SANBAG Board committees on which they served. In addition to committees, Paul Biane and Kelly Chastain have served as Board President during their tenure, and Bea Cortes served as Vice President. The 29-member SANBAG Board is comprised of one elected official from each of the 24 cities in the County, plus all five members of the County Board of Supervisors.

McCallon Elected Vice President

SANBAG Board of Directors elected Larry McCallon, Council Member, City of Highland, as SANBAG Vice President to complete the term that runs until July 1. McCallon is also President of SCAG, Southern California Association of Governments, and serves on numerous SCAG regional planning committees and SANBAG committees.



Larry McCallon
SANBAG V. P.

Historic Depot to get Stucco Repair

The historic 1918 Santa Fe Depot, located at 1170 W. 3rd Street in San Bernardino, will receive a much-needed facelift during the coming year. A contract was awarded for the repair and stucco fog-coat to the exterior of the Depot. Because the building is on the National Register of Historic Places, it required special approvals.

- **Dec. 8:** Administrative Com., 9:00 a.m.
- **Dec. 9:** Major Projects Com., 9:00 a.m.
- **Dec. 15:** Plans/Programs Com., 12 noon
- **Dec. 16:** Commuter Rail/Transit, 12 noon
- **Dec. 17:** Mountain/Desert Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Apple Valley
- **Dec. 23-24: SANBAG Offices CLOSED**
- **Dec. 30-31: SANBAG Offices CLOSED**
- **Jan. 5, '11:** SANBAG Board Mtg., 9:30 am

SPECIAL PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **Dec. 7:** Chaffey College Transit Center Dedication, 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 12:** Metrolink Holiday Toy Train
5:00 - 5:45 pm San Bernardino Station
7:15 - 8:00 pm Rancho Cucamonga
8:15 - 9:00 pm Montclair Station
- **Dec. 13:** I-215 Bi-County Environmental Public Hearing, Grand Terrace Elementary School, 4:00-7:00 pm

I-10 Westbound Widening Project Contract Awarded, Work to Start Soon

The Interstate 10 Westbound Lane Addition Project is the third phase of freeway improvements on the I-10 Freeway through the cities of Yucaipa and Redlands. Already completed were the eastbound truck-climbing lane between Ford Street in Redlands to Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa and the addition of a lane in each direction between Orange Street and Ford Street in Redlands. The Live Oak Canyon Road Interchange was also recently completed.



The I-10 Westbound Lane Addition Project will add a new general purpose westbound lane from Live Oak Canyon Road to Ford Street, thus providing a minimum of four lanes in each direction from the Los Angeles County line east to Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa. Original engineer's estimates put the total project cost at \$33.5 million; however, the lowest bid came in 44% under the engineer's estimate.

A public information meeting will be held in January; date and time to be announced in the newspapers and on SANBAG's website. Construction starts in February.

Landscaping on SR 210 Approved



Landscaping along Segment 8 of State Route 210 has been the topic of Board discussion for several months. With Caltrans budget constraints and rising maintenance costs, SANBAG has been working with Caltrans to develop a more drought-tolerant landscaping plan along sections of the 210 Freeway through the cities of Fontana and Rialto. A "Plant Palette" consisting of a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, climbing vines, and native grass and wildflower mixes was presented to the SANBAG Board. The Board authorized staff to proceed with advertising for a construction contract.

2011 Legislative Programs Adopted

SANBAG's State Legislative Program is focused on protecting and increasing funding for transportation, familiarizing Sacramento on priority projects of regional importance, being a strong voice for community issues and leading policy-driven discussions. The State platform topic areas include: Funding; Self-Help Counties (Measure I); Project Delivery, Finance and Innovation; Energy and Alternative Fuels; Transit and Commuter Rail; High Speed Rail; Air Quality; and Coalitions. Notable additions include encouraging the State to remain in a fiscal condition that allows the sale of Proposition 1A and 1B infrastructure bonds, preserving existing design-build and public-private partnership pilot programs enacted, and Positive Train Control.

SANBAG's Federal Legislative Program provides Board direction to work with our Congressional delegation and federal leaders to protect and enhance current funding levels for transportation programs, protect and enhance flexibility in use of transportation revenue, and reduce or eliminate costly and duplicative administrative and regulatory requirements. The Federal platform topics are nearly the same as the State with these notable additions: Ensuring California continues to receive the same proportion of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding; Advocating for balanced "livability" and sustainability policies that meet the needs of low-density communities in the County; and Preserving the opportunity to pursue High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes or other alternative financing mechanisms, if SANBAG chooses to implement such a project.

I-215 Bi-County Project Environmental Draft Document Available for Review

The public can examine and submit comments about the draft Environmental Document for the I-215 Bi-County HOV Lane (carpool lane) "Gap Closure" Project connecting San Bernardino and Riverside Counties at a public hearing/Open House to be held on:

Monday, December 13, 4-7 pm

Grand Terrace Elementary School

12066 Vivienda Avenue, Grand Terrace

Caltrans, in cooperation with SANBAG and RCTC (Riverside County Transportation Commission), propose to build a carpool lane in each direction on I-215 between Orange Show Road in San Bernardino south to Spruce Street in Riverside. For more information, please call the toll-free project helpline at 1-888-4-215-TALK and leave a message, or visit our website: www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/mi_fwy_215-sb-riv.html