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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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► FEBRUARY NEWS BRIEFS

► Two I-10 Freeway Interchanges move forward:

- I-10/Cherry Avenue Interchange, Fontana
- I-10/Citrus Avenue Interchange, Fontana

The SANBAG Board took another step toward construction of two interchange projects in Fontana that have been in the works since 1998. On both the I-10/Cherry and I-10/Citrus Interchange Projects, SANBAG approved Construction Cooperative Agreements with the City of Fontana, County of San Bernardino, and Caltrans. The engineering design and right-of-way acquisition phase of work on both interchanges is nearing completion, thus allowing construction of the interchanges to commence later this year. Agreements for the funding share of the costs for construction of the projects are required to allow federal funds to be obligated, procure a construction management firm, and award the construction contracts. The I-10/Cherry Interchange will be funded for \$61.5 million and the I-10/Citrus Interchange will be funded for \$47.2 million. Even though both projects are separate, they share common elements and will be constructed simultaneously. Thus, SANBAG is in the process of obtaining one Construction Management firm for both projects.

► COUNTYWIDE VISIONING Update

An update on the Countywide Visioning Project was presented to the SANBAG Board. Over the past two months, there were numerous community meetings held throughout the County to obtain ideas and concerns from the public. A project publication was included in newspapers and the public was invited to take an on-line survey. More information can be obtained at: www.sbcounty.gov/vision

► sbX Bus Rapid Transit Project Discussed

The SANBAG Board heard reports and public comments regarding the sbX E Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project that will run from California State University San Bernardino south along E Street to the new bus/train terminal planned at Rialto Avenue and E Street. It will then continue south on E Street to Hospitality Lane, travel east to Tippecanoe and Anderson, then south to Loma Linda University Medical Center. The 15.7 mile, \$192 million project has received environmental clearance and design is complete. It will provide a new transit option for north-south access and will link with the future east-west Metrolink/Light Rail connection at the terminal. The light rail service will eventually extend nine miles east to Redlands. After hearing comments from businesses and residents, the topic will return to the Board at future meetings for further discussion.



► Santa Fe Depot Historic Restoration Project Starts to Unveil Sections

SANBAG is beginning to see the fresh "old" look of the Santa Fe Depot revealed as sections are completed. A major restoration to the interior of the depot was completed in 2004. The exterior restoration of the 57,000 sq. ft., nearly century-old landmark includes crack and roof repairs, sprayed fog coat, and painted trim. Color schemes were developed through diligent efforts to bring back the original look and feel of the depot. The renovation will extend the life of this historic building that offers both beauty and function. The second floor of the depot is home to SANBAG offices, while the main floor features the historic lobby, Railroad Museum, Metrolink and SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) offices.

MEETING CALENDAR

- **Feb. 16:** Administrative Com., 11:00 a.m.
- **Feb. 16:** Plans/Programs Com., 12 noon
- **Feb. 17:** Major Projects Com., 9:00 a.m.
- **Feb. 17:** Commuter Rail/Transit, 10:30 am
- **Feb. 18:** Mountain/Desert Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Apple Valley
- **Mar. 2:** SANBAG Board Mtg., 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **TBA - Early March** I-10 Westbound Groundbreaking Ceremony, I-10/Yucaipa Blvd. Interchange, Yucaipa/Redlands

► **B-V Link Bus Service Launched**



**NEW BUS SERVICE
Linking
BARSTOW &
VICTOR VALLEY**

It was an exciting day in Barstow on January 18, 2011, as SANBAG officials, city representatives, and transit providers in the High Desert region celebrated the launch of a new bus service between Barstow and cities in the Victor Valley. The Barstow to Victorville Link, or B-V Link, was originally created to provide Barstow residents a means of transportation so they can more readily access oncology and other specialized medical services in the Victor Valley. The service evolved into a broader transit service to serve a variety of purposes.

The new intercity bus service is operated by Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) and will run three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday), making three continuous loops per day between 7:50 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with multiple stops in Barstow and the Victor Valley. The service is available to the general public and can be utilized by residents in all communities at various points.

SANBAG obtained funding for this service from a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant as a three-year demonstration project. The grant will cover more than \$70,000 per year for the cost of the route, with rider fees anticipated to cover the remaining \$20,000 needed to cover the \$90,000 annual expenses. One-way fares are \$6, or \$3 for seniors and disabled individuals. For routes, schedules, and additional information, go to: www.vvta.org/bvlink.html

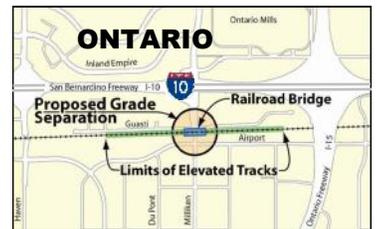


SANBAG, Transit and Elected Officials from High Desert cities launch the new "B-V Link" bus service from Barstow to Victor Valley on January 18, 2011.



► **North Milliken Grade Separation Project Breaks Ground in Ontario**

Located just south of Interstate 10 on Milliken Avenue in Ontario lies one of the busiest railroad crossings in San Bernardino County.



Heavy truck traffic headed to/from warehouses and truck stops in the area, combined with heavy vehicle traffic from shopping centers in the region, along with 4 trains per hour made it a priority of SANBAG and the City of Ontario to build a much-needed grade separation.

SANBAG, the City of Ontario, and Union Pacific Railroad officials gathered near the site on January 26, 2011, to break ground for the start of construction on the \$49.4 million railroad bridge over Milliken Avenue. The 1.5 mile long bridge requires a 1% gradual incline for the railroad bridge to rise above Milliken at the existing crossing. Traffic running north and south on Milliken will stay at ground level.

Throughout construction, traffic will remain open to at least one lane of traffic in each direction at night, with two lanes open during the daytime, unless special closures are required. Construction will take approximately 26 months with completion in Spring 2013.



SANBAG and City of Ontario officials participate in the North Milliken Avenue Grade Separation Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 26, 2011.