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## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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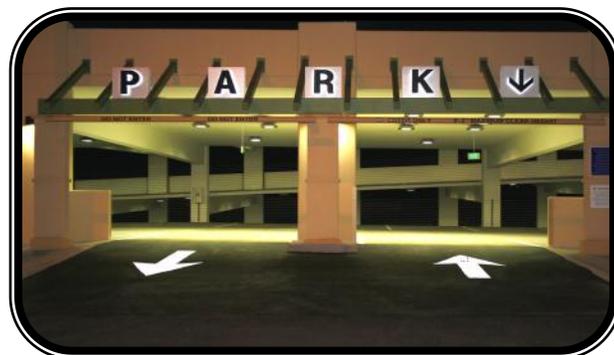
### APRIL NEWS BRIEFS

#### ► Cooperative Agreement between SANBAG and Caltrans for SR 210 Landscaping Project

As part of the legal requirement of locally-sponsored transportation projects, the Board approved a cooperative agreement between SANBAG and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the landscaping project on Segment 9 of State Route (SR) 210.

SANBAG worked with Caltrans District 8 Landscape Architecture to develop new planting concepts for the SR 210 corridor. The landscape design will reduce the overall maintenance costs and help conserve water with the implementation of efficient irrigation strategies.

Completion of the final design package for Segment 9 landscaping is scheduled for May 2011. Construction is expected to begin in summer of this year. A one-year plant establishment period and a four-year plant maintenance period will follow. SANBAG will be responsible for maintaining the new plants during the establishment period. In addition, SANBAG will be responsible for the irrigation through the plant establishment period and the first two years of the maintenance period.



#### ► New Parking Structure Opens at San Bernardino Metrolink Station

On March 30, SANBAG, Metrolink and the City of San Bernardino celebrated the opening of a new 350+ stall parking structure at the San Bernardino Metrolink Station.

Staff from all three agencies greeted the morning riders with information about the structure, future transit improvements and a coupon for a free cup of coffee. All of this was done as a way to say thank you to the ridership for choosing Metrolink, as well as their patience during construction of the new structure.

#### ► Morongo Basin Transit Authority Receives Approval for Funds for New Paratransit Vehicles

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds made available by the savings realized in the construction of the new parking structure at the San Bernardino Metrolink Station were requested for allocation to acquire new paratransit vehicles for the Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA).

MBTA has a need to replace three aging paratransit vehicles. Allocation for these vehicles assists MBTA, as well as SANBAG's opportunity to obligate the funds prior to August of this year.

The new CNG vehicles will be 33' long and will hold approximately 31 passengers. Once ordered, they will take approximately 10-12 months to be delivered and put into service.

### MEETING CALENDAR

<b>APR 13:</b>	Administrative Com.	9:00 am
<b>APR 14:</b>	Major Projects Com.	9:00 am
<b>APR 14:</b>	HOT* Lanes Workshop	9:30 am
<b>APR 15:</b>	Mountain/Desert Com.	9:00 am
	(Town of Apple Valley)	
<b>APR 20:</b>	Plans & Progs Com.	12 noon
<b>APR 21:</b>	Commuter Rail/Transit	12 noon

\* HOT = High Occupancy Toll

<b>APR 14:</b>	High Desert Corr. Pub Mtg.	6:00 pm
	(Adelanto Community Center)	
<b>APR 28/29:</b>	City-County Conference	
<b>MAY 4:</b>	SANBAG Board Mtg.	9:30 am

## ► 2010 Top Freeway Service Patrol Drivers

The SANBAG Board honored the Top Driver and Drivers of excellence for the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Program for 2010. The FSP consists of a fleet of tow trucks that travel on selected San Bernardino County freeways during peak commute hours to assist motorists with car trouble. To meet the “top driver” and “driver of excellence” criteria, drivers must have performed a minimum of 1,000 assists in the year, have no “write ups,” no “late arrivals,” and have a high accuracy rating when recording data. The driver must have also received numerous compliments from the public.

SANBAG’s top driver was **Matthews Smith**, of Roy and Dot’s Towing in Rialto, CA. Matthews has been with the FSP program for one year and assisted more than 3,000 motorists during the 2010 calendar year.

The three drivers of excellence were: **Jesse Baylon** and **Daniel Nunez** of Pepe’s Towing in Colton, and **Hector Reyes** with JLM Towing in San Bernardino. Together these three drivers performed over 4,300 assists during the 2010 calendar year.

Since 2006, which marked the beginning of the San Bernardino FSP Program, FSP drivers have assisted more than 150,000 motorists and have received more than 5,000 comments. The FSP program has been highly beneficial to the motoring public by reducing the amount of time a motorist is in an unsafe condition, reduce traffic congestion, and decrease fuel consumption, vehicular emission, and secondary incidents.

Congratulations to these four drivers who collectively provided more than 7,300 assists in 2010. It is with the help of these drivers, along with the California Highway Patrol who supervise all drivers, that the San Bernardino FSP program is a great success.



## ► Lane Addition from Yucaipa to Redlands



SANBAG broke ground on the Interstate 10 Westbound Lane Addition Project that will add one mix-flow lane between Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa to Ford Street in Redlands.

This four-mile project is the last of four phases to improve mobility through the region. In addition, it is one of the final projects in the 1990-2010 Measure I program.

Adding vehicle capacity, new retaining walls and improved median barriers, this project will address the congestion created by the daily commuters entering the region from the east. As Yucaipa and cities to the east continue to grow, the demand on Interstate 10 grows with it. This much-needed project will allow for more cars to move through the corridor, thereby shortening travel times for the public and improving goods movement.

Construction is scheduled to continue through late 2012.

