

# STREET SMART



Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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## DECEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

### ► “Hot Food Trucks” Topic of Discussion between County Representatives and Board of Directors

Department of Environmental Health Services (EHS) representatives provided the SANBAG Board of Directors an overview of Hot Food Truck Services and the regulations that are being considered for vending in the County of San Bernardino. One of the roles of the Board is to act as a Council of Governments for member agencies throughout the county.

Permitting through EHS and the local jurisdictions, as well as other issues like management of solid and liquid wastes, sanitary facilities, land use compatibility, safety and security, will be among the requirements for operation. Each city will have the ability to identify specific requirements for local permitting that will complement the County’s role of permitting for health and safety concerns. Accordingly, each city will have to establish ordinances specific to its jurisdiction. The County could be considering this change to their ordinance as early as April 2012.

San Bernardino is one of only two counties statewide with a general ban on hot food trucks, with few exceptions. “Hot food trucks” are mobile food facilities; they do not include ice cream trucks, catering trucks, or trucks that sell exclusively pre-packaged items. The exception to the ban on these trucks is what the County defines as a “Community Event,” such as the Route 66 Rendezvous.



SANITARY INSPECTION GRADE



### ► Transit Grants Offer Services to Veterans and Commuters

Two Federal Transit Authority (FTA) grants totaling nearly \$1.8 million were awarded to SANBAG for a Van Pool Program and a Veteran’s 211 Service.

The first grant was a FTA Bus Livability Grant in the amount of \$1.5 million for a Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) van pool program. It is for development, start-up, and operation of a van pool program originating from the Victor Valley. It will provide an added transportation opportunity for the Victor Valley residents, addressing the work trip transportation needs of long distance commuters and will include 75 van pools during the first year, 155 in year two, and 255 van pools by year three. It will also provide for development of a county-wide van pool program in the future.

The second FTA grant for \$284,000 is a “Veterans Transportation Initiative, One Call/One-Click Project” under FTA’s discretionary Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative. The project will help veterans and their family members connect with transportation services in San Bernardino and Riverside County via the United Way 211 program. Matching funds from VTrans (a new San Bernardino Valley consolidated transportation services agency) and JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) brought the total to \$655,418 for the program.

### SANBAG MEETINGS

DEC 14:	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
DEC 15:	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
DEC 15:	Rail and Transit Comm.	10:30 am
DEC 16:	Mountain/Desert Comm.	9:00 am
	(Town of Apple Valley)	
DEC 21:	Plans/Programs Comm.	12:00 pm

## ► Colton Crossing Breaks Ground on Goods Movement History



Officials ceremoniously turn the 'first' shovels of dirt for the Colton Crossing Rail-to-Rail Grade Separation Project.

On November 8, 2011 SANBAG, Caltrans, Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads, and representatives from federal, state and local levels broke ground for one of the most significant goods movement projects in the country.

The grade separation of these two major rail lines will improve air quality, enhance the quality of life for the residents of Colton who live near the crossing, increase goods movement efficiency, and generate economic activity to a region that has been hit hard by the downturn of the economy.

As a product of funding from both public and private resources (a portion funded through Phase II of the USDOT's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery [TIGER] program), this project represents the partnerships that are necessary to address the growing challenge of transportation funding.

The original crossing was put into operation 129 years ago as rival rail lines competed for effective movement of goods and people. Local historians credit the (Wyatt) Earp family for 'keeping the peace' for this heavily sought after rail line. Members of the Earp family were on-hand at the ceremony to celebrate the rich Colton history associated with the area, as well as help launch the historical transformation that will be evident by the new Colton Crossing.

## ► New Interstate 10 / Riverside Avenue Interchange Kicks Off Next 100 Years

On the City of Rialto's 100th birthday, SANBAG, Caltrans, City officials, and Rialto residents and business owners gathered in the shadows of the new and improved Riverside Avenue Interchange to cut the ribbon on this much-needed transportation project that showcases the revitalization efforts in Rialto.

Expanding the bridge from five lanes to nine lanes, adding another lane on the ramps and widening Riverside Avenue to Valley Boulevard are only a few of the improvements that will enhance the overall operation of the interchange and provide better access to the southern portion of Rialto.

Most notably, however, are the beautification efforts that highlight the rich history of the City's first 100 years. The new bridge railing conjures up images of the famed Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy, while walls adorned with grape leaves and citrus remind people of the strong agricultural history that helped make Rialto one of the original thriving cities in the Inland Empire.

The project may be most noted for its innovative approach to accelerated delivery. On April 27, 2011, the bridge was closed to traffic for complete demolition and reconstruction. The new bridge was re-opened to the public on October 31, 2011, only six months later. Typical methods of bridge reconstruction can take up to two years in some cases. Thanks to the partnerships of the City of Rialto, SANBAG, and Caltrans, as well as the patience and cooperation from local residents and businesses, this project reflects the kind of work that can be done when governments work together.

