

STREET SMART



Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

 www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.html

► Board Briefs

• Interstate 215 - Washington/Mt. Vernon Interchange Project

The Board approved an award for preparation of the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Document, with an option for the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates, for a lump sum amount of approximately \$2.8 million. The new interchange will improve operations, increase capacity, and reduce congestion.

• Transportation Development Act Unmet Transit Needs

Two public hearings are proposed for this year to discuss Unmet Transit Needs at locations in the Morongo Basin and Victor Valley. The meetings are planned as follows:

Mon., Sep. 17, 2012, 9:30 am
Victor Valley Transit Authority
 17150 Smoketree Street
 Hesperia, CA 92345

Thu., Sep. 27, 2012, 5:00 pm
Helen Gray Center
 6601 White Feather Road
 Joshua Tree, CA 92252

• Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project, Barstow

Acting as the Commission, the Board approved the date and time of **September 5, 2012** at 10:00 am for a hearing to consider Resolutions of Necessity for properties required for this project. This represents the first step of the eminent domain process, but allows for continued negotiations between agents and the property owners.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

► Workshop to Focus on the Role of the Council of Governments

SANBAG was created in 1973 as a Joint Powers Authority to be the Council of Governments (COG) for San Bernardino County. The initial focus was to provide a forum to collectively work on issues that crossed political boundaries in regions or the County as a whole. In 1976, SANBAG was designated as the County Transportation Commission to coordinate Transportation Improvement Programs and coordinate mass transit services. In 1989, SANBAG became the County Transportation Authority with the passage of Measure I, the 1/2 cent sales tax measure specifically for transportation improvements in the county. While SANBAG has continued as a COG, the majority of SANBAG's resources are focused on transportation issues today, since most of the agency's revenue is derived from federal, state, and Measure I funding sources. The SANBAG Board expressed an interest in reinvigorating its role as a COG and will address goals and funding at a Board Workshop on **August 22, 2012**, at SANBAG.

MAKING PROGRESS



LA MESA/NISQUALLI INTERCHANGE

Crews are shown placing girders across the northbound lanes of I-15 in Victorville. Work was scheduled to take four nights of full, directional freeway closures, but crews completed the effort in just two nights.



N. MILLIKEN GRADE SEPARATION

Union Pacific Railroad sent the first train across the new bridge over Milliken Avenue in Ontario on Sunday, July 22. Construction began in January 2011. Construction continues on the second track, which is scheduled to be completed in 2013.

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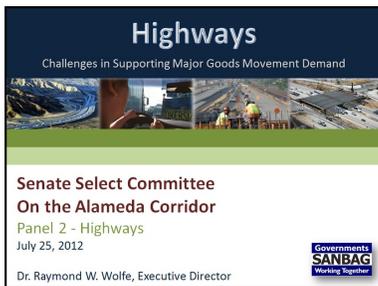
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AUG 8	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
AUG 9	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
AUG 15	Plans/Progs. Comm.	12:00 pm
AUG 16	Commuter Rail / Transit	12:00 pm
AUG 17	Mountain / Desert	9:00 am

PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR

AUG 22	COG Workshop SANBAG Offices 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
AUG 30	I-10/Tippecanoe Public Meeting Loma Linda City Hall 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

► SANBAG Highlights Role and Readiness at Senate Hearing on the Alameda Corridor



SANBAG Executive Director, Dr. Ray Wolfe, testified before Senator McLeod on the role and readiness of the agency in times of crises.

On July 25, Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod held a hearing on emergency preparedness along the Alameda Corridor. Three panels focusing on rail, highway, and interagency preparedness included representatives from public and private agencies. SANBAG Executive Director Dr. Ray Wolfe testified that as a public agency

tasked with planning and constructing capital improvement projects, our role is to identify the trouble areas and to work with other agencies in delivering projects to minimize the risk of catastrophe. Dr. Wolfe highlighted the IE511 system, a partnership with the Riverside County Transportation Commission, as a significant communication tool that can reach large scale audiences with real-time information during a crisis. Senator McLeod's District (32) covers a significant amount of the western portion of the valley. Dr. Wolfe commented on the large number of distribution centers within this region and the burden that goods movement places on our local roads and highways. He emphasized the need for support from both state and federal funding sources for maintaining the highway infrastructure. "Our roads are in a state of disrepair," Wolfe said. "We need to invest in the maintenance of our roads and bridges."



Highlighted are the Goods Movement demands on our highways.

► Anna Aldana recognized for 20 years

SANBAG's Assistant to the Clerk of the Board (left) Anna Aldana received a pin for her 20 years of service to SANBAG from President Janice Rutherford at the August 1, 2012, Board Meeting. Anna started in 1992 as a receptionist under then-Executive Director Wes McDaniel.



► Mobility 21 Provides Support to SANBAG

SANBAG is a member of Mobility 21, a coalition that brings together public, business, and community stakeholders to pursue regional solutions to the transportation challenges facing the seven counties in Southern California, including San Bernardino County. Marnie Primmer, Executive Director for Mobility 21, shared that they deliver a unified voice for the region's transportation priorities and seek to improve mobility in the region. Mobility 21 works to advance the cause of transportation in our region by mobilizing regional support for transportation funding and other legislative priorities at the federal and state levels and by uniting political, community, and business leaders around common priorities for transportation. Mobility 21 organizes trips to Washington, D.C. and Sacramento to advocate for the region, utilizes various methods of communication to stakeholders about important issues surrounding transportation, and educates stakeholders through meetings and workshops. The 11th Annual Mobility 21 Summit will be held on September 28, 2012, in Anaheim.



► High Desert Corridor Offers Interactive Online Tool for Public Involvement in Project

The High Desert Corridor (HDC) project proposes the construction of a new, approximately 63-mile, east-west freeway/expressway linking State Route (SR)-14 in Los Angeles County with SR-18 in San Bernardino County. This new connection



will link some of the fastest residential, commercial, and industrial growth areas in Southern California. The HDC project will also address traffic safety and support the projected increase in moving goods through the region. The HDC is currently in the Environmental Impact Statement/Report preparation phase. To assist with public outreach to inform people about the project and potential impacts, a [Route Alternative Interactive Map](http://interactive.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/#) is now available online at:

<http://interactive.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor/#>