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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

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

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

► Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Makes First Report to SANBAG Board

The ITOC, a five member committee required by the voters with the renewal of Measure I, gave their first report to the SANBAG Board of Directors. The ITOC found that the Measure I expenditures for FY 2012/2013 were consistent with the Measure I Expenditure Plan. In addition, the committee determined that the processes enacted by the Board in the Measure I Strategic Plan and Ten-Year Delivery Plan are adequate and appropriate to ensure compliance with the Expenditure Plan approved by the voters.

► Board of Directors Receives Status Report on Legislative Issues in Sacramento

SANBAG's State advocate, Mr. Mark Watts, provided the Board with an update on three issues coming out of the State Capitol: The May Budget Revision, Cap and Trade, and Gold Line Extension.

May Revision - The FY 12/13 state budget deficit has increased from \$9.2 billion to an expected \$15.7 billion due to lower than expected revenues and higher costs for services. The governor is proposing actions that include an "appeal to voters" to temporarily increase taxes. This revision proposes an alternative to the new tax initiative, which is to capture a portion of the fuel excise taxes and transfer them to the general fund. This could result in a reduction to overall transportation resources.

Cap and Trade - The California Air Resources Board has adopted regulations to establish a 'cap and trade' program. This allows for a cap on emissions while trading carbon allowances on the open market. It is argued that this is more cost-effective than 'command and control' regulations.

Gold Line Extension - AB 1600 has been amended to grant SANBAG a non-voting seat on the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board. SANBAG will also enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with LACMTA. It passed the House.

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► Inland Empire Annual Survey Highlights Countywide Challenges

The 15th Annual Inland Empire Survey, sponsored by the SANBAG Board, was conducted by the CSU, San Bernardino Institute of Applied Research and Policy Analysis to give real-time information to public and private sector decision-makers.

The survey spans subject matter from public sentiment on the state of the county to driving information for daily commuters. These customized questions take a cross-section of the population to generate a measurable sample of public opinion.

To read the entire survey results, check out the SANBAG website at www.sanbag.ca.gov and click on [Inland Empire Survey](#).

JUNE 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JUN 13	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
JUN 15	Mountain/Desert Comm.	9:00 am
JUN 20	Plans/Programs Comm.	12:00 pm
JUN 21	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
JUN 21	Commuter Rail/Transit	12:00 pm
JUL 11*	July BOD Meeting	9:30 am

PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR

JUN 8	Gary Moon Memorial Interchange Dedication San Bernardino	10:00 am
JUN 14	SANBAG Annual General Assembly Double Tree Hotel Ontario	8:00 am - 1:00 pm

* BOD Meeting moved from July 4 to July 11



► Hunts Lane Reaches Out to the Public and Breaks Ground on Construction

As the soon-to-be-a-distant-memory train whistles filled the air from the Union Pacific trains passing over Hunts Lane, local officials and community members celebrated the start of construction for the Hunts Lane Grade Separation Project.

The project will elevate Hunts Lane over the east/west rail line, enhancing the overall safety for motorists and pedestrians who use that corridor for their daily commutes. In addition, the project will reduce air pollution, eliminate the time motorists spend waiting for the trains, and lessen the noise of loud horns required for at-grade crossings.



► 215BigShift brings Los Angeles Media to the Inland Empire Freeway Project

Northbound Interstate 215 closed for 55 hours over Cinco de Mayo weekend...that was the scenario presented to the Interstate 215 Widening Project team as construction activities move closer to the final major stage of construction. A team effort between the Construction staff and the Public Information Office (PIO) resulted in a smooth transition for all involved.

As freeway construction crews readied for the long weekend, the outreach efforts got underway as well. A press conference, followed by extensive media pitches, generated an unprecedented response from the Los Angeles-based media outlets.

Overall, the project received 66 mentions on television, reaching an estimated 2.1 million viewers. The no-cost air time generated by these efforts would have cost more than \$250,000.00 if purchased using traditional marketing methods.

When it was all said and done, the team was able to open the freeway to traffic 17 hours ahead of schedule.

Earlier in the month, SANBAG staff held a public open house to let those interested know about the overall project. Discussions on schedules, detours, project costs, and communications took place and offered the public an opportunity to interact directly with project personnel. Officials from the cities of Colton and San Bernardino were also on hand to discuss concerns with attendees.

The project is scheduled to last approximately two years with Hunts Lane being completely closed during the second year of the schedule. For more information on the project, visit the project page at:

http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/grade_hunt-lane.html

► CA Transportation Commission (CTC) Approves Funds for Two Projects

Funding was approved for two major interchange projects in the county of San Bernardino: I-15/Ranchero Road (Hesperia) and I-10/Tippecanoe Avenue (Loma Linda/San Bernardino). These two major improvements received \$21.1 million and \$10 million respectively.

In addition, the authorization for construction was received on Tippecanoe, clearing the way for Phase 1 of this two-phase project to advertise for construction bids. Construction is scheduled to begin later this summer.

