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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

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


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

► SANBAG contingent of Board Members advocate for federal funding

A group of SANBAG Board Members went to Washington, D.C., in early February to meet personally with Members of Congress, their staff, and Administrative Officials. SANBAG is an independent transportation agency with a Board of Directors composed of local and county elected officials. In Washington, Board Members expressed the financial challenges SANBAG faces with funding projects of national significance, particularly heavy freight traffic that impacts freeways and railways through the region. San Bernardino County is one of the nation's most heavily congested crossroads for Interstate Commerce and International Trade. The Federal government is responsible for addressing funding needs created by these national trade corridors; however, federal funding has been inadequate in meeting capacity and maintenance needs imposed by goods passing through the county. County residents made a commitment to support local transportation funding by passing Measure I, the half-cent transportation sales tax. Measure I was originally intended as a supplement to Federal funding, yet local residents are now forced to fund costly improvements and repair damaged roads caused by heavy interstate commerce, while they continue to face congestion and poor air quality conditions.

► PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program to receive financial mechanism through SANBAG

As the Council of Governments (COG) for San Bernardino County, SANBAG has agreed to provide professional services to assist in the formation and implementation of a financing mechanism for the PACE Program. SANBAG will structure a regional energy efficiency and water conservation improvement loan program, as defined by Assembly Bill (AB)181 and AB 474. The intent of the Bills was to find ways to improve energy and water efficiency in existing homes and businesses by providing loans to property owners for improvements and installation of renewable energy equipment. The loan funds will come from selling bonds to private investors. The bonds will be secured by property assessments paid by the property owners. This will provide an incentive for property owners to make improvements to their properties to reduce energy and water consumption, reduce utility costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and put contractors to work.

► 2012 Inland Empire Annual Survey started in San Bernardino County

SANBAG is once again a major sponsor of the Inland Empire Annual Survey conducted by the Institute for Applied Research at California State University San Bernardino. From late February through mid-March, a group of students from Cal State will be contacting approximately 1,200 county residents to obtain their views regarding quality of life issues, vision for the future, transportation, and other topics of interest.

MARCH 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MAR 7	Board of Directors	9:30 am
MAR 14	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
MAR 15	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
MAR 15	Rail/Transit Comm.	10:00 am
MAR 16	Mountain/Desert Comm. (Town of Apple Valley)	9:00 am
MAR 21	Plans/Programs Comm.	12:00 pm

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAR 1	Public Info Meeting I-10/Citrus-Cherry, Jurupa Hills HS, Fontana	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Open House
MAR 9	So. CA Transportation & Logistics Summit, Ontario Airport, Doubletree Hotel	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
MAR 23	Joint Groundbreaking Ceremony for I-10/Citrus-Cherry Interchanges, Fontana	11:00 am On Cherry, north of Freeway

Interstate 215 Widening Project
Video Series "[215 in 2:15](#)"



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► IE511 Free App Now Available



Every day, Southern Californians waste 1.8 million vehicle hours stuck in traffic. A new free App for IE511, the online traffic service Inland Empire commuters already know, delivers a quality on-the-go solution for rerouting their commutes around congestion. The App is available in both the iTunes Store and Android Market.

Traffic information for all of Southern California is included in the online map, which offers real-time traffic information, incident and sig alert information, cameras, and advisories posted on changeable message signs. For example, when there is snow, the new App puts chain control information right on the map. Freeway and state route closures appear as alert screens upon start up of the App. Just like any other smart phone App, the user taps the logo and is connected to the IE511 phone service from anywhere.

If a closed freeway means it would be better to head for Metrolink Commuter Rail, the Bus/Rail Providers portion of the App connects to Metrolink and more than 60 Southern California transit providers by phone.

Interested in ride sharing? The new App helps find a carpool partner, a Park and Ride location to meet others, and a route that includes the carpool lane advantage.

San Bernardino Associated Governments and Riverside County Transportation Commission were partners in developing the new free App using data supplied by Caltrans and CHP.

The commitment to create the new IE511 App grew out of the popularity of IE511.org itself. Last year, more than 296,000 users demonstrated strong growth for the service, up 77% from the previous year. Gains in mobile use outstripped the website with a 129% increase, with 66,000 people, or one in five users, accessing IE511.org on mobile devices.

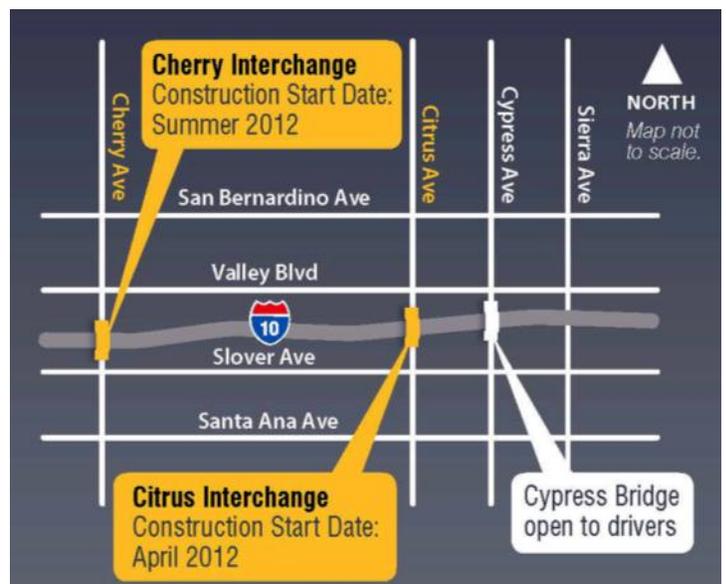
The two transportation agencies work cooperatively to provide the IE511 service in the Inland Empire, but the 511 traffic service is available nationwide at different levels and locales and can be accessed as one travels outside the Inland Empire.

► Construction gearing up for Interstate 10 Citrus and Cherry Interchanges, Fontana

The public is invited to attend an Open House informational meeting on March 1st regarding the upcoming start of construction on both the I-10/Citrus and I-10 Cherry Interchanges in Fontana. The public meeting is March 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Jurupa Hills High School, south of the I-10/Citrus Interchange.

The City of Fontana, SANBAG, Caltrans, and the County have teamed up to reconstruct and improve these heavily-used interchanges to relieve traffic congestion surrounding the interchanges, including enhancement of access to trucking facilities south of I-10.

The I-10/Citrus Interchange project will start construction in April 2012 and will replace the existing four-lane bridge over the freeway with a seven-lane bridge. The bridge will also be widened over the railroad tracks from three lanes to six lanes. The on-ramps and off-ramps will be improved and the intersection of Citrus Avenue and Valley Boulevard will be improved.



The I-10/Cherry Interchange will start construction in early summer 2012. The project will replace the current bridge with an eight-lane bridge over the freeway and railroad tracks, spanning all the way from Slover Avenue on the south side of the freeway to Valley Boulevard on the north. Both intersections where Cherry meets Slover and Valley will also be improved.

The public will be informed about any traffic advisories through traffic alerts, the news media, Twitter, e-mail, and postings on both the City and SANBAG websites.