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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

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

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

SANBAG BOARD BRIEFS:

► **“Iron Horse Café” to open in Santa Fe Depot**

The SANBAG Board approved a lease agreement with owners of the Iron Horse Café, Inc. to open a café/snack shop in 714 sq. ft. of the main floor lobby of the Santa Fe Depot located at 1170 W. 3rd St., San Bernardino. SANBAG currently occupies the entire second floor of the Depot for its offices. The café will serve a variety of gourmet sandwiches, salads, beverages, and snacks to people utilizing the depot to board the Metrolink and Amtrak train services, business people for lunch, or visitors who come to look at the historic building. The depot is also home to the San Bernardino Historic Railroad Museum, located adjacent to the café. The Museum will provide historic railroad items to enhance the décor of the new café. The Iron Horse Café will operate a mobile food and beverage cart near the Metrolink platform located west of the Depot building. The cart will be a welcome sight to Metrolink commuters as they rush to board the train early in the morning.

► **SANBAG Appoints New Director of Legislative Affairs**

SANBAG President Rutherford announced that a new Director of Legislative Affairs will join the agency in January. Wendy Villa Strack comes to SANBAG from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) where she has served as the State Relations Manager. Wendy has many years of government and legislative affairs experience and is highly regarded in this field.



Wendy Villa Strack

► **Community Advisory Group Applications still being accepted**

Three Community Advisory Groups (CAGs) are still being formed to study the concept of utilizing Express Lanes in the future along the I-10 Corridor from Ontario to Redlands and along the I-15 Corridor between State Route 60 north through the Cajon Pass. The CAGs will meet quarterly for the next several years. Anyone interested in participating in one of the three CAGs should contact SANBAG Public Information Officer Jane Dreher to have the application forms e-mailed:

jdreher@sanbag.ca.gov

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► **Countywide Regional Plan Discussed**

Efforts by SANBAG and the County to achieve the Countywide Vision are now including talk of a Countywide Regional Plan. SANBAG Board members heard a presentation from County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux on how a Countywide Regional Plan would benefit all of the county’s communities and assist in the realization of the Vision. Mr. Devereaux suggested the plan should be the product of SANBAG in its role as a Council of Governments. It would later be considered and adopted by the County and the county’s 24 cities and towns.

Mr. Devereaux also presented an example of the type of product that could be used in the production of such a plan – a County-commissioned study of the county’s remaining developable land. Although this study is not yet complete, it has already yielded some interesting data: Less than 2,000 of the county’s more than 20,000 square miles remain available for development, after protected state and federal land, earthquake zones, and other constraints are factored in.

JANUARY 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JAN 16	General Policy Comm.	9:00 am
JAN 17	Board Study Session	9:00 am
JAN 24	Commuter Rail / Transit	10:00 am
JAN 25	Mountain/Desert	9:30 am

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

JAN 11	I-15/Ranchero Road Interchange Groundbreaking Hesperia	10:00 am
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Interstate 215 Widening Project - A Countdown to Completion



For the past six years, SANBAG and Caltrans have been working collaboratively on the \$723 million Interstate 215 (I-215) Widening Project near Downtown San Bernardino – currently the largest freeway construction project in the Inland Empire.



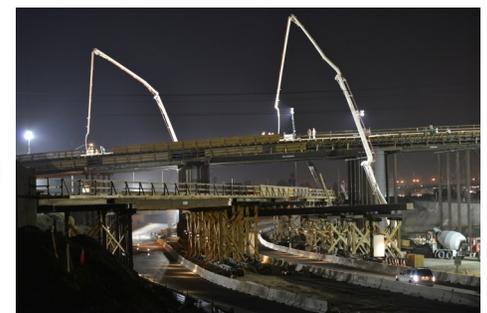
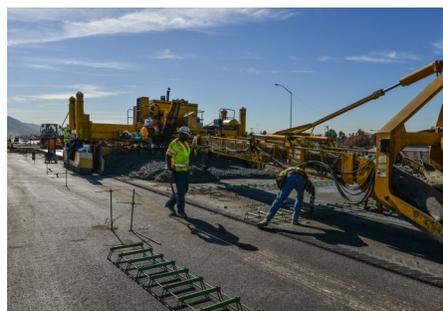
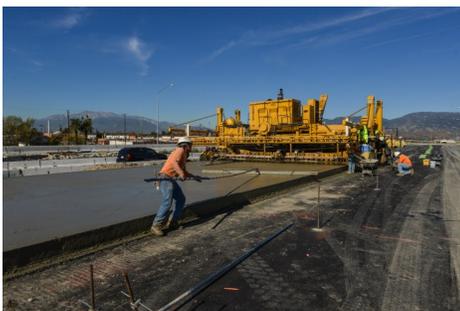
The 7.5-mile project, which consists of four phases, spans from Orange Show Road to University Parkway. To date, three phases have been completed with the last phase entering the final year of construction and approximately 85 percent complete. Project improvements include rebuilding 15 bridges and 34 ramps, widening the freeway from six to 10 lanes with one carpool lane in each direction, building sound walls through residential areas, and constructing new freeway connectors between State Route 210 and I-215.



Thanks to collaboration among project partners and support from the community, project completion is expected this summer - many months ahead of schedule. Here are the major elements remaining on the project:

- I-215 mainline between 2nd and 3rd Street
- Northbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp
- Baseline Street On- and Off-Ramps
- 16th Street Bridge Reconstruction
- SR-259 to I-215 Connectors

As you can see from the box above, SANBAG will deliver a series of major milestones during the upcoming spring and summer that will benefit motorists and greatly improve mobility efficiency through the area. This is a result of solid partnerships among transportation agencies, which includes the Federal Highway Administration and \$128 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, Caltrans, the City of San Bernardino, and the team from Skanska-Rados for their work on this complicated final phase of construction. We look forward to announcing a completion ceremony date this summer to celebrate another significant transportation improvement in San Bernardino County.



2013	SPRING	SUMMER	Estimated Completion FALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ NB I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp Opening ▶ 16th Street Bridge Opening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ I-215 2nd Street and 3rd Street Underpass Completion ▶ I-215 to SR-259 Connector Completion ▶ SB I-215 Baseline Street On- and Off-Ramp Opening ▶ NB I-215 Baseline Street On-Ramp Opening 	<p>Estimated Completion of \$723 M Project</p>