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The *Initial Study with Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact* (the Final Environmental Document, FED), prepared for San Bernardino Associated Governments' (SANBAG's) proposed project to improve the Interstate 215 (I-215)/Barton Road interchange (Project) was approved by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on March 5, 2014. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is also the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Project, located in the City of Grand Terrace and partially in the City of Colton in San Bernardino County.

Modified Alternative 7 was identified as the Preferred Alternative for the Project.

The FED includes discussion in Chapter 1 explaining the basis for Modified Alternative 7 being identified as the Preferred Alternative for the Project. Chapter 3 of the FED includes responses to the comments received during public circulation of the *Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment* (the Draft Environmental Document), from November 27, 2013 through December 30, 2013, including those comments provided during the public hearing held on December 12, 2013.

The Project is proceeding to the Design phase.

The Project will replace the existing Barton Road overcrossing, reconstruct and widen Barton Road, realign the existing on- and off-ramps to enhance turning maneuverability and storage capacity, improve local roadways, and modify traffic signals.

If you have any questions, please contact James Shankel at (909) 383-6379 or via email at james.shankel@dot.ca.gov. Thank you for your interest in this transportation project.

Enclosure - March 2014 *Initial Study with Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact*