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Bridge Provides Safe Route for Pedestrians

In addition to eliminating traffic backups due to train crossings, the new State Street bridge provides a safe route over Cajon Boulevard and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks for pedestrians and cyclists.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – For the safety of pedestrians in the area, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad officials would like to remind local residents and visitors that the new State Street bridge is now the *only* pedestrian and cyclist crossing over Cajon Boulevard and the railroad tracks.

Now that the bridge has opened, it is important to note that the previous crossing at “old” State Street is no longer available and has been closed to all public access. The existing roadway has been removed and concrete barriers are in place to limit vehicle access. Pedestrian access has been blocked with a fence that spans the former crossing.

Entering the fenced area is considered trespassing on railroad property, which is a federal misdemeanor. Additionally, any damage to railroad property (i.e. fencing or gates) is a felony.

With the significant change in pedestrian routes from the residential areas to the retail outlets north of Cajon Boulevard, SANBAG wants to encourage pedestrians to utilize the new State Street bridge instead of seeking alternative routes that could be dangerous.

“We are committed to the safety of all residents and businesses in this area,” said Jane Dreher, public information officer for SANBAG. “Improvements such as the State Street/University Parkway grade separation are key to creating safe routes that avoid interaction between trains and vehicles or pedestrians.”

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