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New Riverside Avenue Interchange Dedication

RIALTO, CA – The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), City of Rialto and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will officially dedicate the Interstate 10 / Riverside Avenue Interchange at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011. This celebration will highlight the delivery of the new nine-lane bridge that connects north and south Rialto and provides a more efficient freeway interchange for commuters and goods movement providers along Interstate 10.

The new Riverside Avenue bridge takes on the features of the Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy, representing the origin of the City's name and symbolic of the city motto: "Bridge to Progress." The new bridge has nine lanes with wider on and off ramps, improved drainage and enhanced aesthetic features reflective of the City of Rialto's rich 100 year history on the abutment walls, retaining walls and column caps of the new structure. In addition, Riverside Avenue has been widened between the freeway and Valley Boulevard for improved overall operation of the interchange and the local streets near the new construction.

"The partnership among the City of Rialto, SANBAG and Caltrans on this project showcases what can be done when different agencies work together for the good of those we represent," SANBAG President Larry McCallon said. "This dedication is our way of saying 'thank you' to citizens of Rialto and San Bernardino County as a whole for their patience during the construction of this significant transportation improvement."

The dedication ceremony will be held in the rear parking lot of the Hometown Buffet restaurant located adjacent to the northwest corner of the new Riverside Avenue Interchange and will feature comments from Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter, San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales, SANBAG Board of Directors President Larry McCallon, Rialto Mayor Grace Vargas, Rialto Mayor Pro Tempore Ed Scott, and California Department of Transportation Deputy District Director Basem Muallem. The event program will include a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and conclude with a vehicle procession across the new bridge. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be available.

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