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ACE Board Chair's Message



Hon. Tim Spohn

Dear Friends:

ACE plans to start construction this year on three major grade separation projects to eliminate the potential for deadly collisions and reduce congestion and hazardous emissions from idling trucks and cars at railroad-roadway grade crossings in the San Gabriel Valley. The three projects include a \$75.6 million roadway underpass-railroad bridge project on Baldwin Avenue in El Monte which will create 1,370 jobs, an \$82.5 million roadway underpass-railroad bridge project on Nogales Street in Industry which will create 1,480 jobs, and early utility relocation construction for the \$498 million San Gabriel Railroad Trench project, which will create 8,960 jobs when main construction commences in 2011.

In December, President Obama signed into law a Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations bill which included \$500,000 for the San Gabriel Trench project as well as \$1.3 million for undesignated grade separation projects on the Alameda Corridor-East Trade Corridor. The undesignated funds will be allocated to eligible grade separation projects along the four-county trade corridor based on construction readiness, and we think ACE is poised to compete well for this funding. We truly appreciate the strong and continuing support of our Congressional representatives!

In the same appropriations bill, Congress funded a \$600-million merit-based National Infrastructure Investments program to award capital grants to transportation projects of national, metropolitan or regional significance. ACE will seek Congressional support for our grant application later this year, which will nominate for funding one of the ACE grade separation projects scheduled to commence construction over the next fiscal year. We will continue to pursue funding opportunities to enable us to complete our projects on time and on budget and to deliver our job-creating construction projects to the contracting community.

Sincerely,

Hon. Tim Spohn
Chair, ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors

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Major milestone reached for Sunset Avenue project

Major milestones for the Sunset Avenue grade separation project was reached recently when the bridge girders were placed at Orange Avenue in December and at Sunset Avenue in late January. The installation of the 450,000 pound, 66 foot long steel bridge at Orange Avenue and the 1.4 million pound, 132 foot long steel bridge at Sunset Avenue represented the culmination of many months of preparation by ACE staff and contractors as the project enters its final stage of construction. The delivery of the over-sized steel girders from Washington State required a CHP escort from Northern California.

The Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project will elevate the Union Pacific Railroad tracks on a 1.6 mile concrete-walled flyover structure with steel railroad bridges spanning Sunset and Orange Avenues in the City of Industry. The flyover structure will be 45 feet wide and will reach a height of 32 feet. Upon completion of construction, traffic wait times, locomotive horn noise and the potential for deadly collisions with trains on the mainline track will be eliminated.



Tours conducted at Sunset Avenue project

As part of ACE's continuing efforts to outreach to the community, we have conducted numerous tours in recent months for various partner agencies and groups at the Sunset Avenue project, including site visits by engineering students from local universities. If your organization is interested in participating in a tour of the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation project, please contact the ACE Project helpline at (888) ACE-1426.



Legislators unite in support of ACE projects



L-R: San Gabriel Vice Mayor Albert Huang, San Gabriel Councilmember and ACE Board Member David Gutierrez, SGVEP President and CEO Cynthia Kurtz, Assemblyman Mike Eng, State Senator Carol Liu, Industry Councilmember and ACE Board Chair Tim Spohn, Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Bob Huff, Alhambra Mayor Stephen Sham, ACE CEO Rick Richmond.

ACE hosted an Asian American community press conference and project update luncheon at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel in late January. Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Carol Liu, State Senator Bob Huff, Assemblyman Mike Eng and San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership President and CEO Cynthia Kurtz spoke in support of the ACE grade separation projects that are scheduled to start construction this year in San Gabriel Valley communities with significant Asian American populations. In addition, a statement from Congressman Adam Schiff was read at the event. The event was a success in attracting significant media interest and coverage with 22 reporters representing eight Chinese-language newspapers and seven television and radio stations in attendance.

The federal and state elected officials were joined by San Gabriel Mayor Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel Vice Mayor Albert Huang, Industry Councilmember and ACE Board Chair Tim Spohn, San Gabriel Councilmember and ACE Board Member David Gutierrez, and Alhambra Mayor Stephen Sham as well as staff representatives for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Adam Schiff, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Senator Gloria Romero, Assemblyman Charles Calderon, Assemblyman Ed Hernandez and Assemblyman Anthony Portantino.

Public meeting on Baldwin Avenue project held



Thirty homeowners, property owners and business owners attended a community outreach meeting in February at Gidley School in El Monte to learn about the upcoming Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation project set to start construction in a few months. Attendees visited with ACE staff and consultants to learn about the underpass project, including construction phasing, road closures and detour routes. Materials were made available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese and translators were on hand to provide assistance if needed. The project involves constructing a double-track railroad bridge over a four-lane depressed roadway on Baldwin Avenue, which carries 25,000 vehicles a day including substantial truck traffic and connects Interstate 10 and Interstate

210. The project will eliminate a highway-rail at-grade crossing, the potential for train-vehicle collisions, delays for emergency responders and reduce emissions and locomotive horn and crossing gate noise. Please visit www.theaceproject.org for up-to-date information about this exciting new project!

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如有疑問或需要索取工程最新資料，請致電輔助熱線或參閱工程網頁

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