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## COMMISSION PROGRAMS \$104 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ACE PROJECTS

*Roadway underpasses planned at congested rail-highway crossings at Fairway Drive & Puente Avenue*

(Del Mar/August 6, 2013) – The California Transportation Commission voted today to program \$104 million in state bond funds to the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) to construct rail-highway grade separation projects at two congested crossings in the San Gabriel Valley. State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds will be used to fund the construction phase of projects on Puente Avenue and Fairway Drive in the City of Industry and unincorporated LA County.

“We appreciate the support of the California Transportation Commission for these significant projects that will eliminate traffic congestion, collision hazards, vehicle emissions and train horns at two crossing chokepoints,” said El Monte Mayor Pro Tem Norma Macias, Chair of the ACE Board of Directors.

The Puente Avenue crossing is used daily by 31,110 vehicles and 22 trains, projected to increase to 49 trains by 2035. Plans call for Puente Avenue to be lowered in an underpass with bridges to be built for the railroad and Valley Boulevard and a new loop road connecting Puente Avenue/Workman Mill Road to Valley Boulevard. Project cost is estimated at \$96 million.

The Fairway Drive crossing is used daily by 24,820 vehicles and 24 trains, projected to increase to 53 trains by 2035. Plans call for Fairway Drive to be lowered in an underpass immediately north of the 60 Freeway with a railroad bridge spanning the underpass. Project cost is estimated at \$119,420,000. Design of both projects is nearly complete with construction contracts scheduled to be awarded in fall or winter of 2014.

The projects are part of a program of constructing 22 rail-highway grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley along the Alameda Corridor-East Trade Corridor carrying goods to and from the San Pedro Bay ports. The ports are the nation’s busiest, handling 44 percent of the country’s containerized imports, 90 percent of California’s imports and 75 percent of its exports. Nearly 60% of the containers travel inland along the Alameda Corridor-East Trade Corridor to destinations across the country.

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**About the ACE Project:** The ACE Project, sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety around rail crossings while helping ensure the San Gabriel Valley’s continued economic vitality. The ACE program calls for constructing safety improvements at 39 grade crossings and 22 roadway-railroad grade crossing separation projects. For a copy of the ACE Project DVD, please call (888) ACE-1426 or visit [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org).