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CTC ALLOCATES \$25.6 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NOGALES ST. PROJECT

*Funds will permit contract to be awarded
for roadway widening and rail-roadway underpass*

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(Irvine/April 26, 2012) – The California Transportation Commission today voted to allocate \$25.6 million in construction funds for the Nogales Street grade separation and roadway widening project in the City of Industry and Rowland Heights. The award of funds will permit the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) to request federal authorization from Caltrans to proceed and, once granted, release the project for bid.

“We truly appreciate today’s vote of support by the California Transportation Commission,” said ACE Board Chairman David R. Gutierrez, a City of San Gabriel Councilman. “This project will eliminate a congested and hazardous roadway-railroad crossing which is ranked no. 4 in California for grade separation priority.”

The \$97.1 million project calls for constructing a six-lane roadway underpass and double-track railway bridge to completely grade separate Nogales Street with the railroad between San Jose Avenue and Gale Avenue/Walnut Drive North. Gale Avenue and Walnut Drive will be widened in the vicinity of Nogales Street to two lanes in each direction to ease a traffic chokepoint prior to use as a temporary detour route during construction.

Currently, Nogales Street is used by 42,700 vehicles per day which are intermittently blocked when crossing gates are down for the passage of 40 Union Pacific freight trains and 12 passenger trains. The project will eliminate delays for emergency responders and the potential for crossing collisions, reduce congestion, vehicle emissions and locomotive horn and crossing bell noise. Seven collisions between trains and vehicles were recorded at the crossing over the last 10 years. Project construction will create 1,480 full-time equivalent jobs.

The Nogales Street project is part of a program of constructing 22 highway-railroad grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley along the ACE 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 ACE 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 20 roadway-railroad grade crossing separation projects. For a copy of the ACE Project DVD, please call (888) ACE-1426 or visit www.theaceproject.org.