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## **\$71 MILLION IN BOND FUNDS APPROVED TO CONSTRUCT FAIRWAY DRIVE PROJECT**

*Roadway underpass planned at congested rail-highway crossing*

(Sacramento/June 25, 2014) – The California Transportation Commission voted today to allocate \$71 million in state bond funds to the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) to construct a roadway underpass and railroad bridge at the Fairway Drive railroad crossing in the City of Industry and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The funding will permit ACE to advertise and award a construction contract this fall for the \$143 million project.

“We look forward to starting the project with this allocation of construction funds. Once complete in four years, the grade separation project will eliminate crossing collisions, emergency vehicle delays and train horn noise as well as reduce emissions from idling vehicle stopped for trains,” said Norma Macias, Chair of the ACE Board of Directors and an El Monte Councilwoman.

The construction funds were allocated from the state Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. Workers will build a four-lane roadway underpass for Fairway Drive and a double-track bridge to carry Union Pacific Railroad freight trains and Metrolink commuter trains.

The project will eliminate the Fairway Drive railroad crossing, which would reduce traffic congestion by an estimated 27.6 vehicle-hours of delay each day at the crossing, used by 49 trains per day, projected to increase to 91 trains per day by 2025. Fairway Drive carries 24,800 vehicles per day which is projected to increase to 26,500 vehicles by 2025. The project would eliminate delays for emergency responders and the potential for crossing collisions, with two crossing collisions recorded over the last 10 years.

The project is part of the ACE program of constructing 22 rail-highway grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley along the freight rail mainlines 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 percent 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).