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## CONSTRUCTION FIRMS INVITED TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR SAN GABRIEL RAILROAD TRENCH GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

(Irwindale, CA/March 14, 2012) – The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) today invited pre-qualified construction firms to submit bids for the San Gabriel Trench grade separation project in the City of San Gabriel. Construction of the 1.4-mile-long, 65-foot-wide, 30-foot-deep, concrete-walled railroad trench with street bridges built at four crossings will take approximately four years to complete.

“We look forward to receiving multiple competitive bids for the largest single project in the ACE program,” said ACE Board Chairman David R. Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of San Gabriel. “Funded by state transportation bonds, it’s important that this railroad trench project start creating jobs in our region soon, particularly in the hard hit construction sector.”

The \$498.5 million trench project is projected to create 8,900 jobs over four years of construction. Bids from among 14 pre-qualified construction firms are expected to be submitted in May. The 2.2-mile project will result in the lowering of a 1.4-mile section of Union Pacific railroad track in a trench through the City of San Gabriel with bridges constructed at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Boulevard. The project will relieve traffic congestion by grade separating four crossings with cumulative daily traffic of 89,740 vehicles, intermittently blocked by the passage of 14 freight trains per day and six passenger trains per week. Once completed, the grade separation project will also eliminate emissions from idling vehicles, train warning horn and bell noise, delays for emergency responders and the potential for deadly crossing collisions.

The ACE program of highway-rail grade separations and safety improvements in the San Gabriel Valley was initiated in 1998 along the inland 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 percent 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 and 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).