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SUNSET AVENUE RAILWAY-ROADWAY GRADE SEPARATION IN CITY OF INDUSTRY OPENS TO TRAFFIC

The Sunset Avenue railway-roadway grade separation project adjacent to Valley Boulevard in the City of Industry and unincorporated Los Angeles County opened to vehicular traffic the evening of Monday, November 15, the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority announced today.

Trains started traveling several months ago on a 1.6-mile concrete-walled flyover ramp structure which rises to two steel railroad bridges spanning over Sunset and Orange Avenues. The opening of Sunset Avenue to vehicular traffic was contingent on restoration of roadway and traffic signals and signage. Final completion of the project, including miscellaneous construction, landscaping and site restoration, is expected this winter.

The project eliminates the mainline railroad crossing at Sunset Avenue, which carries 32,000 vehicles per day, and where passing trains blocked traffic for 37 vehicle/hours per day, projected to increase to 54 vehicles/hours per day by 2020. Orange Avenue, which carries 9,200 vehicles per day, is expected to open to traffic later this winter after upgrades for rail safety and utility relocations are completed. The project also reduces pollution caused by idling cars and trucks, eliminates grade crossing hazards on the railroad mainline, including collisions between trains, vehicles and pedestrians, and eliminates train horns and crossing alarms with the removal of the railroad mainline grade crossings.

The \$96 million project employed 642 construction workers and is the sixth project constructed by the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) in the San Gabriel Valley to open to traffic. Construction of the project began in January 2007 with the closure of California Avenue. Sunset and Orange Avenues were closed for construction in November 2007 after California Avenue re-opened to traffic.

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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. ACE has completed safety improvements at 39 grade crossings, opened five grade separations to traffic, and will begin construction of three grade separation projects in 2011. For a copy of the ACE Project DVD, please call (888) ACE-1426.