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TO: City of San Bernardino, Common Council and Mayor; City of San Bernardino  
Public Works and City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Omnitrans E Street Corridor sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Construction Project  
Update

Dear Elected/City Staff:

The Omnitrans sbX BRT Project is currently in the ninth month of construction in the City of San Bernardino. The construction management team is working collaboratively with city departments to address construction-related challenges and to find ways to expedite the work – all while continuing to build a quality project in a manner that is safe for the workers and the public. There are various weekly and monthly meetings between construction management and the Public Works Department to help keep the project on track.

Public outreach has played a very active role in communicating with businesses and taking concerns/input back to the construction management team and to the city. As a result of this public input, especially from businesses along Hospitality Lane, some work that has little or no impact on traffic flow or access to businesses is now being done during the day. Work that requires operation of heavier equipment or temporary service interruption is being done at night after business hours to minimize the impacts. This input has been attained through one-on-one meetings with property owners and tenants as well as through monthly construction update meetings that are open to the public. The latter provides a forum for individuals to speak directly with construction management. These meetings take place the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fourth Floor Conference Room at San Bernardino City Hall.

San Bernardino-based Westbound Communications is leading construction public outreach and can be reached any time with questions regarding the project. Their office is located in Ward 3 at 1505 South D Street, Suite 201. There is also a toll free 24/7 project helpline – (855) sbX-NEWS / 729-6397. The project website is [www.omnitrans-sbx.com](http://www.omnitrans-sbx.com).

Overall construction is expected to be completed at the end of 2013 and operations to begin in early 2014. Following is a snapshot of the activities along the corridor (Note – the installation of artwork at all stations will be one of the final items of work):

- **Northern San Bernardino (Wards 4, 5 and 7)**
  - Palm Avenue Park-and-Ride – The northern terminus of the project is located just south of Palm Avenue and Kendall Drive. There is a park-and-ride facility and sbX station there. Most of the work has been completed. Upcoming activities include: parking lights, security cameras and landscape to be installed in the coming months. Traffic control near this location has already been lifted and the road is completely open to the public.

- CSUSB Station – Located at the main entrance of the university, the station is expected to be approximately 90 percent complete in the next month. Work was done during the summer months to minimize impacts during the busy fall quarter.
- Little Mountain Drive and Shandin Hills Drive Stations – Concrete platforms have been poured and steel canopy structures erected. Work will continue on other station items during the next two to three months.
- **North E Street (Wards 1, 2 and 7)**
  - Marshall Boulevard Park-and-Ride – The concrete platforms and steel canopy structures have been completed with electrical work to follow. Parking lots will be laid out and paved. There will be lights and security cameras installed at this location.
  - Highland Avenue Station – This is a side-boarding northbound station. Activities will continue for the next three months to complete the platform and structure. A southbound sbX station will also be built at this intersection.
  - Baseline Street Station – This is a side-boarding southbound station. Activities will continue for the next three months to complete the platform and structure. A northbound sbX station will also be built at this intersection.
  - Court Street/Civic Center Park-and-Ride – Work at this location is expected to begin in the coming months. This will be the first station built in the center-running lanes. These dedicated lanes begin just south of 10th Street on E Street and continue along Hospitality Lane to Tippecanoe Avenue.
- **South E Street (Wards 1 and 3)**
  - Rialto Avenue/San Bernardino Transit Center – Work at this station is expected to begin in the coming months.
  - North Mall Way/Inland Center Mall – Street widening improvements have already been made at this location. Coming work will be on the actual station platform that will be in the center-running lane area.
- **Hospitality Lane (Ward 3)**
  - Hunts Lane Station – Work is expected to begin in spring 2013.
  - Carnegie Drive West Station – Work is expected to begin in spring 2013.
- **Street Widening on E Street Between 10th Street and Hospitality Lane (Wards 1, 2 and 3)**
  - 10th Street to 6th Street – The west and east sides of the street have already been widened. This includes new traffic signals, curbs, gutters, driveways to businesses and ADA compliant sidewalks. During the next few months, work will shift to the middle of the street. Of note, the roadway will be greatly improved in this stretch as layers of asphalt through the years are being removed and there will be a new and improved asphalt base. There will be a smooth drive once completed.
  - 6th Street to Rialto Avenue – Work just began on the west side of E Street in select areas. There will be new traffic signals, curbs, gutters, driveways and street pavement. The east side of the street will have similar improvements and the middle portion of the street will be replaced.
  - Rialto Avenue to North Mall Way – Street-widening improvements on the west side of the street are nearly complete. Activities on the east side are also nearing completion. There are new traffic signals, curbs, gutters, driveways and sidewalks in select areas where the street needed to be widened.
  - Orange Show Road to Hospitality Lane – Crews are currently working on both sides of the street to expedite activities. Major work included the relocation of power poles and other utilities, which is being done by a third party, and new

curbs, gutters, driveways and sidewalks throughout. Work is expected to be completed in the next three to four months.

- **Street Widening on Hospitality Lane Between E Street and Tippecanoe Avenue (Ward 3)**
  - E Street to Commerce Center Drive East – Activities are currently winding down on the north side of the street. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways have already been poured, with landscaping to follow.
  - Commerce Center Drive East to Waterman Avenue – Work on the north side of the street is nearly complete. There are new curbs, gutters, driveways, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and landscaping.
  - Waterman Avenue to Carnegie Drive East – Activities are currently winding down on the north side of the street. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways have already been poured, with landscaping to follow. In addition, the center median has been removed to allow for more work space and better mobility during construction.
  - Carnegie Drive East to Tippecanoe Avenue – Work on the north side of the street is nearly complete. There are new curbs, gutters, driveways, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and landscaping. In addition, the center median has been removed to allow for more work space and better mobility during construction.

In the coming week, work on Hospitality Lane will shift to the south side between E Street and Tippecanoe Avenue. Activities in the City of Loma Linda are expected to begin in early 2013.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss construction activities, please feel free to contact us any time.

Sincerely,



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