

Chief Planning Officer's Report Countywide Planning & Development

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Metro

Santa Clarita Cross Valley Connector (between I-5 and SR-14)

- Grand Opening is scheduled on April 23, 2007 in the City of Santa Clarita;
- A new 8-lane divided arterial that will connect Copper Hill to I-5, a distance of 1.6 miles, as the first segment of the 8.5-mile Connector;
- Through the 2001 Call for Projects, Metro granted the City \$9.396 million in Prop C 25% funds (55% of the total cost of \$17.084 million).

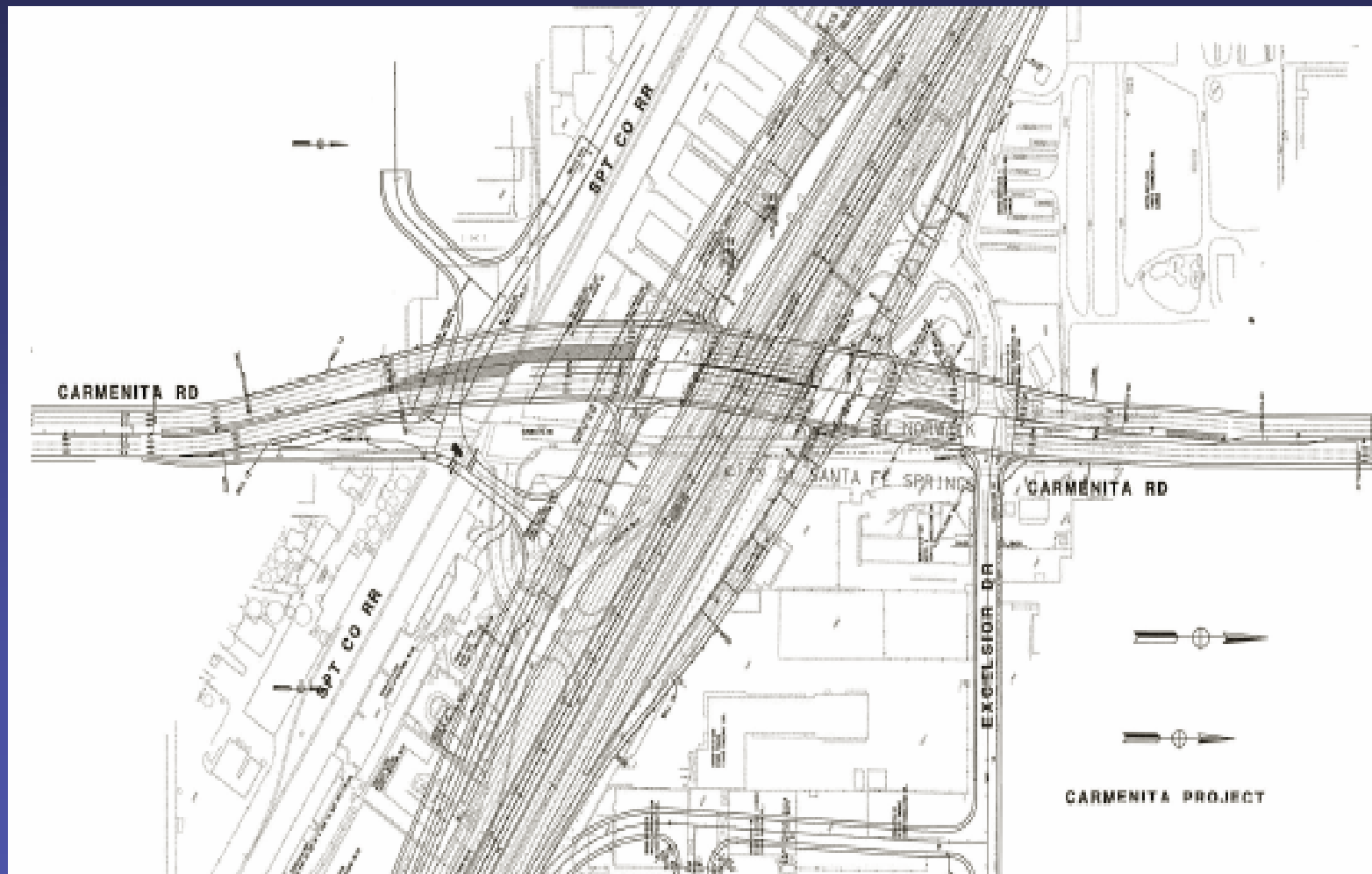
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Interstate 5 Corridor Improvement Project

- Widening Kickoff Meeting hosted by I-5 Consortium Cities JPA on April 5, 2007, to celebrate full corridor project funding (\$1.15 billion) including \$387 million CMIA award.
- Interstate 5 between Orange County Line and Route 605 to be widened from 6 to 10 lanes (8 general purpose and 2 HOV lanes).
- I-5 Corridor EIR/EIS approval by FHWA expected this Spring.
- Carmenita Interchange, funded at \$247 million, at 90% design and currently in ROW acquisition.
- I-5 Corridor Project to be completed in 2016.

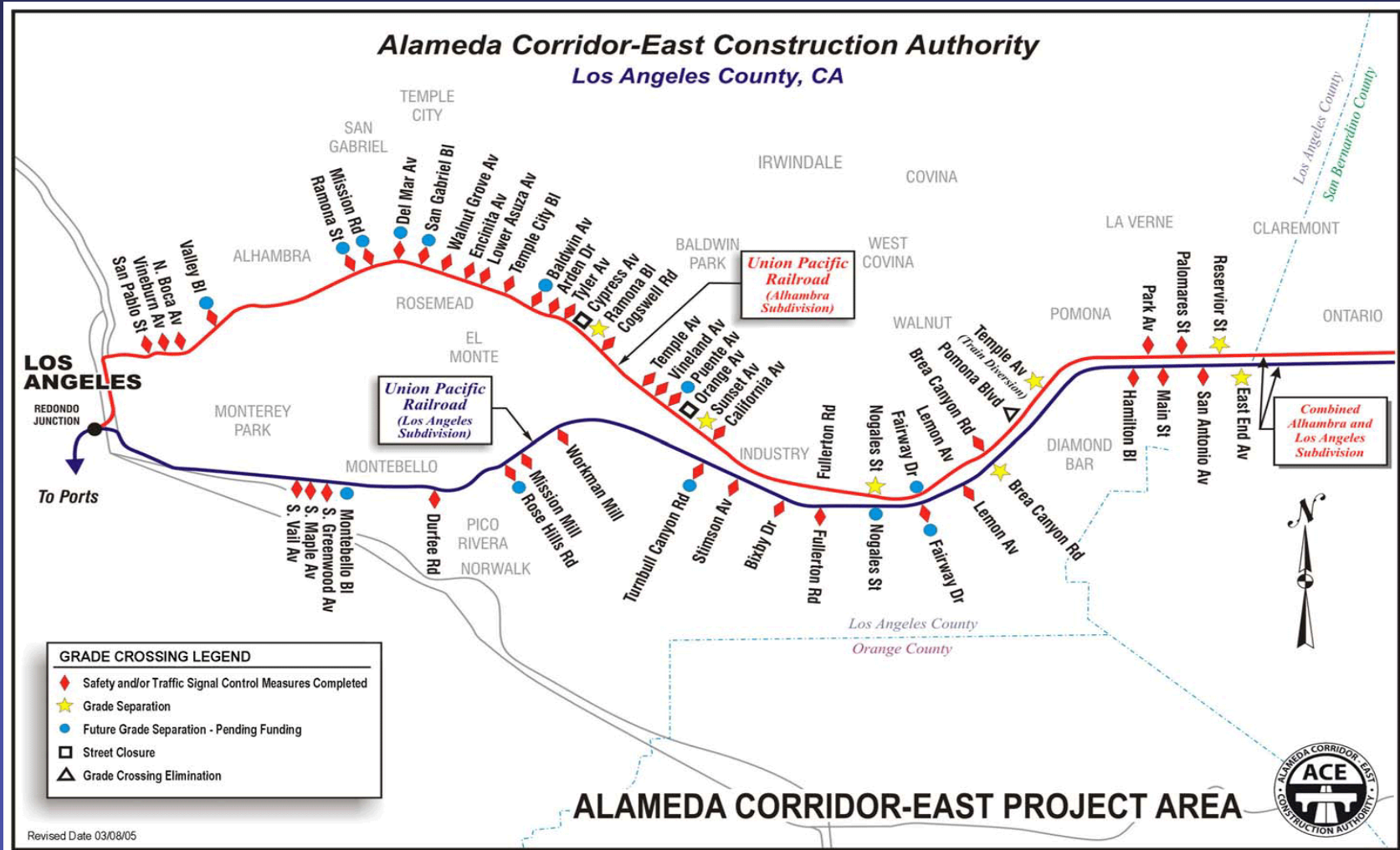
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Reservoir Street Grade Separation Project

- Reservoir Grade Separation project's dedication ceremony held on April 2.
- This is one of the ACE project's 20 major grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Metro has committed to contributing a maximum of \$162 million, which represents 17% of the total project cost.

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LAX – Metro Green Line Task Force

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- Metro staff participated in the LAX/Metro Green Line Interagency Task Force Meeting held on April 10, 2007.
- The task force has been re-established by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in response to a Council motion by Councilman Bill Rosendahl to develop a proposal for implementing a minimum operable segment of the Metro Green Line within the vicinity of LAX.
- The first meeting provided background information on the LAX settlement agreement, current master plan activities and the purpose/goals and schedule of the task force. Metro staff also provided an update on various planning activities occurring around the airport area.

LAX – Metro Green Line Task Force (Cont'd)

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2007, wherein LAWA staff will present alternatives for providing a Metro Green Line connection to LAX.

California High Speed Rail (HSR) Authority

- Preparing a project-level EIR/EIS for two corridors in Los Angeles County:
 - LA to Orange County
 - LA to Palmdale
- Detailed work next FY on a third corridor:
 - LA via Riverside to San Diego
- Public scoping process ends April 27
- Inter-Agency Group to be established after scoping period. Metro will participate.