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City Officials Announce Completion of Major Street Widening Project in Signal Hill

- **Successful public/private partnership helps improve area mobility, spurs development**

City officials today announced the final completion of the Spring Street Revitalization Corridor Project in Signal Hill, a \$5.6 million street improvement project that will improve mobility, relieve traffic congestion and encourage redevelopment in Signal Hill and Long Beach.

The project is the result of a successful public/private partnership begun more than 10 years ago to provide local residents better access to businesses and hospitals and to improve mobility along this major east/west corridor serving the 405 Freeway.

"What we have here is a positive example of government agencies working together for the betterment of the community," said Don Knabe, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and MTA Board Member.

The first phase of the project was completed in 1993 and focused on improving the street section between Cherry Avenue and California Avenue. The second phase included the segment of Spring Street between California Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. Improvements included acquisition of right-of-way, widening and reconstruction of roadway, upgrade of traffic signals, improvements to the parkway including curb, gutter, sidewalks and trees, underground placement of overhead utility lines and relocation of gas and sewer lines.

The project created more than 400 new jobs during construction and transformed a deteriorating and substandard roadway into a fully improved major thoroughfare that will also lead to economic revitalization in the area.

"Effective collaboration between government, various transportation agencies and private industry is key to improving mobility and the quality of life for Los Angeles County residents," said Beatrice Proo, City of Pico Rivera Mayor and MTA Board Member. "This project is one of many examples within the Gateway Cities Region where partnerships work."

MTA contributed \$2.4 million in grant funds for the project. Los Angeles County contributed \$1.6 million. The remaining project funds were provided by local match funds. Project partners included MTA, Los Angeles County, the City of Signal Hill and Long Beach, CALTRANS, Southern California Edison, Signal Hill Petroleum and British Petroleum.

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