

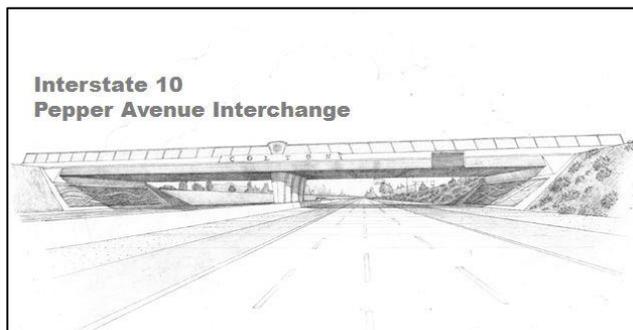
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Pepper Avenue Interchange on Interstate 10 breaking ground for better circulation, access

Colton, CA – On Friday, March 11, 2016 the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the County of San Bernardino, the City of Colton, and the California Department of Transportation will celebrate the start of construction for the much-anticipated Interstate 10/Pepper Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. This approximately \$10 million dollar enhancement to the interchange will provide better circulation, enhanced response capabilities for emergency service providers, and improved access to the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.



In addition, the project boasts a first-of-its-kind federal pilot program for local and veteran hiring practices. The Federal Highway Administration and the San Bernardino Associated Governments have come together to incentivize the contractor to hire San Bernardino County residents and/or veterans who have been honorably discharged. This program is designed to create local jobs and help boost the economy through infrastructure investment. Funded through Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County, this effort may offer a new way of doing business on roadway improvement projects.

“This project is touching the lives of our friends and neighbors in a different way,” SANBAG President Ryan McEachron said. “I am extremely proud that our staff was aggressive in working the Federal Government to pilot a program that incentivizes hiring of locals and veterans.”

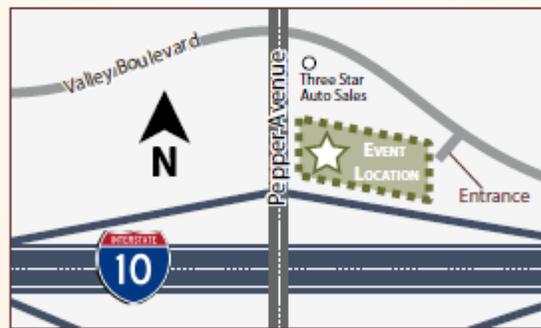
The work at this location represents the second phase of work to improve the operation of interchange. Phase one of the project, the realignment of Valley Boulevard just north of Interstate 10, was constructed in 2008. When Phase two is complete, the interchange will feature a five-lane bridge, improved ramps, extended turning lanes, and improved drainage. Construction for this phase begins in March 2016 and is expected to be complete in Summer 2017. Funding for this phase of the project is a combination of Local, State and Federal funds.

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