

By the Numbers

- **5.1:** Total number of miles of dedicated truck lanes being constructed in Phase 1 of the Interstate 5 North Los Angeles County Gateway Improvement Project.

- **216,000:** Number of vehicles that currently travel on I-5 through the project area each day.

- **19,000:** Number of trucks traveling along that same stretch of freeway each day.

Source: Caltrans



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www.goldenstategateway.org

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A roundup of North Los Angeles County transportation issues and roadway project updates

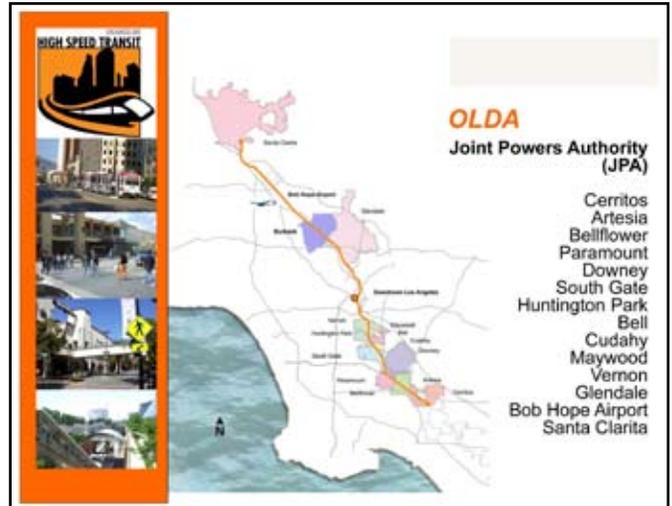
OLDA, GSGC Partner to Expand SoCal Capacity

The Orangeline Development Authority has joined the Golden State Gateway Coalition, adding the support of 13 Southern California cities and the Bob Hope Airport to efforts to improve the I-5 corridor in north Los Angeles County.

The Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) is a joint powers authority (JPA) formed to pursue development of a high-speed, grade separated, environmentally friendly and energy-efficient transit system in Southern California.

The Authority is composed of the following cities and agencies: Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Glendale, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, Santa Clarita, Southgate, Vernon and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

In addition to the Gateway Coalition, OLDA supporting agencies include Caltrans District 7, L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Met-



ro), Gateway Cities Council of Governments, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and Southern California Association of Governments.

Since its founding in 2003, OLDA has been studying and advocating for transit options to connect member communities from northern Orange County to Cerritos to Santa Clarita, and potentially beyond.

OLDA has a programmed allocation of \$240 million (funds available in 2015)

from the L.A. County voter-approved Measure R program for new rail service along the West Santa Ana Branch/Pacific Electric rail right of way that extends for 20 miles across Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

The Orangeline project is included in the adopted 2009 Metro Long Range Transportation Plan. OLDA is currently working with some of its regional partners to conduct a \$1.8 million alternatives analysis on the

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Special Thanks to Renewing Coalition Members!

The Golden State Gateway Coalition would like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations for their recently renewed membership support:

- Chiquita Canyon Landfill
- Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
- Psomas
- Southern California Edison

SFV COG to Host Valley Mobility Summit Oct. 22

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments is hosting the 2012 Valley Mobility Summit Oct. 22 at the Hyatt Regency Valencia.

The event runs 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes brunch, luncheon with a special keynote speaker and several breakout ses-

sions on specific mobility topics.

Individual tickets cost \$65 and a table of 10 is \$600. Sponsorship packages are also available, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Details and registration are available by calling (818) 712-9500 or visiting www.SFVCOG.org.



Coalition Participating in Annual Mobility 21 Summit

Summer registration is now open for the 11th Annual Southern California Transportation Summit hosted by Mobility 21.

Golden State Gateway Coalition proudly supports the summit, which gathers decision-makers from across Southern California to seek solutions to mobility issues facing the region.

The keynote speaker for the Sept. 28 summit at the Disneyland Hotel is Jona-

than Tisch, co-owner of the New York Giants, who will discuss a concept that's pretty familiar to Gateway Coalition members and supporters: He'll focus on the value of public-private partnerships.

More than 100 exhibitors are expected to participate, and the event will feature a dozen breakout sessions.

Early bird registration until Aug. 17 costs \$225, and includes breakfast, lunch, raffle tickets, free self-parking or

a Metrolink and Anaheim Resort Transportation pass, and a "twilight" ticket to Disneyland or Disney's California Adventure, redeemable after 4 p.m.

A student or military discount pass is available for \$35, but does not include theme park admission.

Registration details and more information are available online at: www.mobility21.com.

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Benefits

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been doing an incredible job because of their leadership, and we appreciate that very, very much."

He added the I-5 project will help tremendously to reduce congestion and facilitate goods movement.

"This is very vital," Antonovich said. "We are very pleased this cooperative effort has been able to put it forward. It's a team effort."

Antonovich added that the second phase of the project will be an important addition to the county's network

of HOV lanes, which will ultimately enable a vehicle to travel as far as 100 miles without leaving a carpool lane.

Metro Board Member Ara Najarian, a Glendale City Council member who has been a strong advocate of the I-5 project, credited the Gateway Coalition with increasing awareness about it.

"I'd like to thank Victor Lindenheim and the Golden State Gateway Coalition," Najarian said. "One of the first (people who) reached out to me even before I was an MTA member was Victor, and he made sure I understood how important and vital this artery is to Los Angeles County and the region. It really set my direction straight."

Najarian also had high praise for fellow Metro board member Antonovich.

"Most importantly I want to thank Supervisor Antonovich, who fights a tough fight on the MTA board. I am happy to stand beside him," Najarian said. "At the MTA board we really have to fight to let people realize that there is a vital, vibrant part of L.A. County, and we are part of L.A. County — we are not the hinterlands past the 134."

He added the prospects are bright for future improvements of I-5 in the north county area.

"Things are happening up here — we're working hard for you," Najarian said. "HOV lanes are next."

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publicly owned portion of that project. A locally preferred alternative is expected in 2012.

OLDA has recent success in helping member cities obtain transportation funding grants to further its mission of improved transit development along the corridor. In addition to preserving a \$5.4

million ground access grant for the Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena airport, OLDA has brought in \$1.1 million in transportation/land use; environmental justice; and Transit Oriented Development planning grants. The work program started under the airport grant is already heating up the discussion for rail improvements along the Antelope Valley and Ventura Metrolink lines.

OLDA Executive Director Michael

Kodama and Gateway Coalition Executive Director Victor Lindenheim issued a joint statement on the affiliation of the two organizations: "Transportation needs in Southern California transcend municipal boundaries and single modes. Roads, rail, buses, planes and future technologies will be blended to make a more effective and efficient system for the region. Together, that is what we are working towards."