



ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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Project Description

The ACE Construction Authority is a single purpose construction authority created by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in 1998 to mitigate the impacts of significant increases in rail traffic over 70 miles of mainline railroad in the San Gabriel Valley. Train traffic through the Valley is projected to increase by as much as 160 percent by the year 2020.

The ACE Project consists of multiple construction projects including safety and mobility upgrades and grade separations, where the road goes over or under the railroad. ACE has completed Jump Start safety improvements at 39 crossings. Construction of 14 rail-roadway grade separations in Phase I will have been completed or will be underway by 2012. In addition, ACE has secured two-thirds of the funds necessary for the estimated total cost of the eight grade separations in Phase II of the ACE Program.

The project is designed to improve mobility and safety by:

- ↪ Constructing safety improvements at 39 crossings;
- ↪ Constructing grade separations at 22 rail crossings, resulting in 24 grade crossing eliminations; and,
- ↪ Reducing the amount of time Valley residents spend waiting at rail crossings.

Project Benefits

- Improves safety at 39 rail crossings as well as at 22 grade separations in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Stops 221 annual tons of air pollutants from being emitted in the worst air basin in the nation.
- Reduces a projected 300% increase in auto/truck traffic delay at crossings resulting from up to 160% increase in rail traffic and 40% increase in vehicular traffic.
- Connects the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the transcontinental rail network creating a faster, more efficient method for distributing an estimated \$314 billion worth of trade by the year 2020.
- Maintains the economic vitality of the San Gabriel Valley by protecting 634,000 existing jobs and the 192,000 new jobs in the San Gabriel Valley projected by 2020.
- Contributes to continued growth in the national, state and local economy by facilitating expanded trade.

The ACE Project enjoys unanimous, bipartisan support from local, state and federal officials. For more information about the ACE project, please visit our website at www.theaceproject.org or call us at **(888) ACE-1426**.