

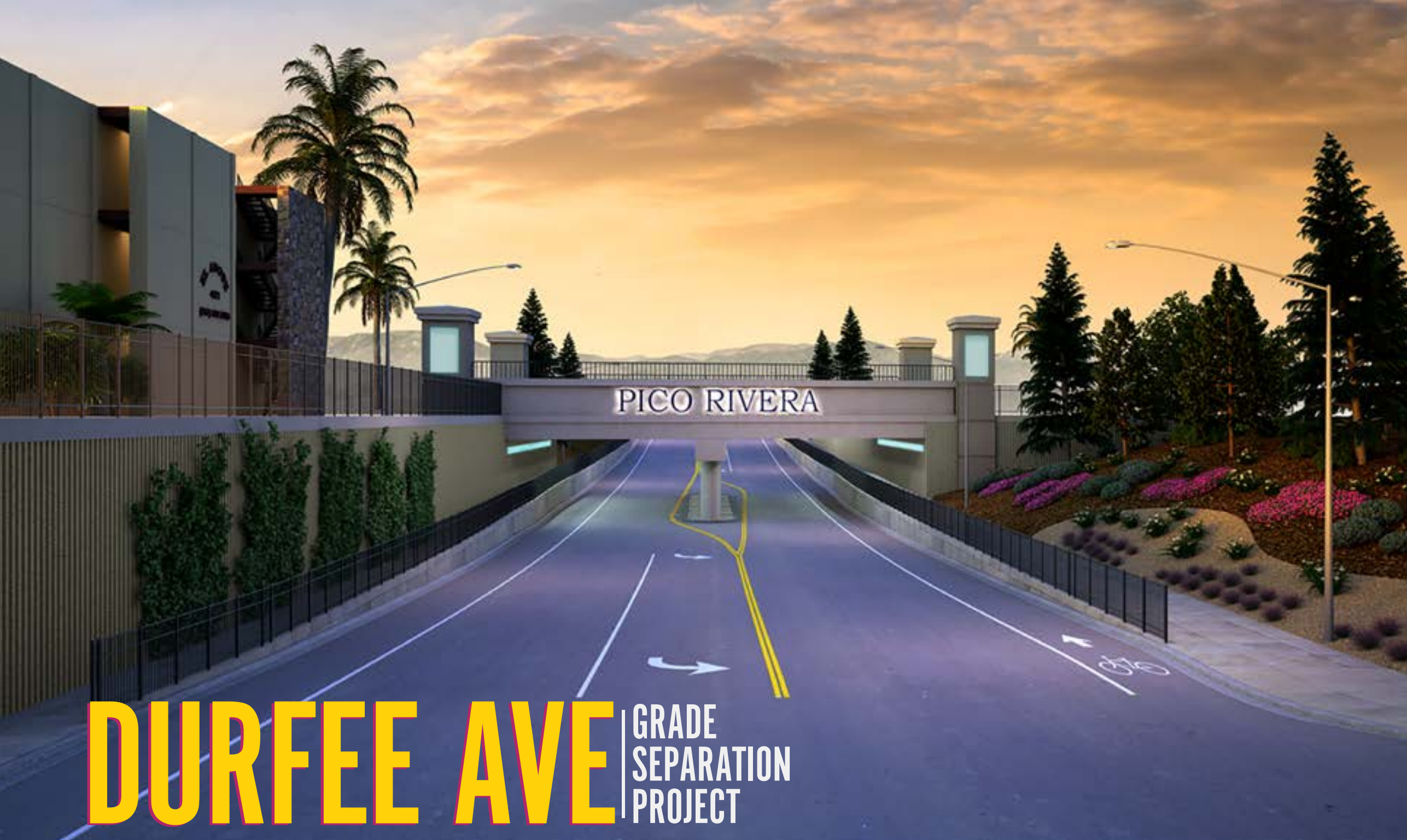
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DURFEE AVE

GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

underpass



DURFEE AVENUE is getting an upgrade.

Plans are underway to separate the roadway underpass on Durfee Avenue between Beverly Road and Whittier Boulevard under the Union Pacific railroad tracks. The plan includes retaining walls and a new railroad bridge. As part of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority, the \$91.1 million estimated project is expected to begin construction this year.



The ACE Construction Authority is a construction authority established by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in 1998 to implement a construction program intended to mitigate the adverse impacts at railroad way crossings in the San Gabriel Valley of increasing rail traffic along the ACE Trade Corridor. According to their website, ACE's project benefits include: improving rail-crossing safety, reducing air pollutants emission, reducing emergency responder traffic delays, connecting local ports faster and more efficient to the transcontinental rail network, maintaining local economic vitality, and contributing to the economic growth of trade expansion.

The Project is estimated to reduce 15.3 vehicle hours of delay each day at the crossing, which sees 49 trains per day, projected to increase to 91 trains by 2025. Durfee Avenue carries around 13,600 vehicles a day, projected to increase to 14,300 by 2025. Safety is also a concern for the corridor. Five hundred and sixty-three pedestrians and 214 bicyclists were counted over a 14-hour period in January 2013. Since 1981, nine collisions have been recorded at the crossing, ACE states the project will eliminate delays for emergency responders. —

Photo rendering of Durfee Avenue railroad crossing looking north (courtesy of Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority)



RAILROAD TRACKS CROSSING DURFEE AVE.

