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MEMO TO: SGVCOG Governing Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Tim Spohn, Chairman

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report

The following are items of note since the last meeting:

Asian American Press Conference – ACE hosted an Asian American Community Press Conference and Project Update Luncheon on January 29 at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel. Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Carol Liu, State Senator Bob Huff, Assemblyman Mike Eng and San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership President and CEO Cynthia Kurtz spoke in support of the ACE grade separation projects scheduled to start construction this year in Valley cities with significant Asian American communities. In addition, a statement from Congressman Adam Schiff was read at the event. The event was a success in attracting significant media interest and coverage with 22 reporters representing eight Chinese-language newspapers and seven television and radio outlets in attendance.

Washington DC Reception – ACE staff is busy making arrangements for the San Gabriel Valley Congressional Appreciation Reception next month in Washington D.C. which is co-hosted by ACE, the SGVCOG, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and Foothill Transit. The event will be held on Monday, March 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Rayburn House Office Building Room 2253, during the annual National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. For more details, please see the invitation flyer which is available from ACE or SGVCOG staff.

Working Capital Financing – Staff notified the ACE Board late last year of the need to obtain a new rating for grant anticipation notes issued by the SGVCOG for the ACE Project. This was a result of the letter of credit bank, Bayern LB, deciding to cancel its rating contracts with Standard and Poor's. We were successful in getting a rating from Moody's Investor Services sufficient to remarket the notes. Shortly before cancelling their rating contracts, Bayern LB informally notified us that they would likely exercise their option under their contract to terminate the letter of credit not later than July 12, 2010. The letter of credit is the primary security on which the notes are rated. Staff has begun reviewing options for a replacement security with ACE's financial advisor, First Southwest, and will likely be bringing related actions to both the ACE and SGVCOG Boards in the coming months.

Community Outreach Update – Staff has conducted the following project outreach activities:

- Distributed road closure alert notices for the temporary closure of Sunset Avenue at Temple Avenue during the early morning hours for the delivery of the Sunset Avenue railroad bridge girders;
- Distributed construction alert notices for demolition activities for the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project;
- Provided staff assistance for presentations to the San Gabriel City Council and San Gabriel Historical Association regarding the San Gabriel Trench grade separation project;
- Conducted ongoing business support program, community outreach and construction coordination activities for the Sunset Ave. grade separation and Temple Ave. projects.