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County Works with Fontana to Add Turn Lane to Cherry Avenue Project

SAN BERNARDINO – Nov. 1, 2011 – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors agreed to add a right turn lane to the ongoing Cherry Avenue widening project at the request and expense of the City of Fontana.

"Whenever possible, San Bernardino County and its incorporated cities work together to bring about improvements that serve all of our residents, and this right turn lane project is a perfect example of how that partnership should work," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford.

The County began work on widening Cherry Avenue from two to three lanes in each direction from Whittram Avenue to Foothill Boulevard in January 2011. The \$5-million, two-phase project will be completed next year. The first phase of the project included relocating utilities and business signs, constructing retaining walls, and installing block walls and fencing in front of residential properties.

Fontana asked the County if a right turn lane could be added at the southeast corner of Cherry Avenue and Foothill Boulevard to help improve traffic flow. The City also agreed to pay for all of the construction costs, estimated at \$90,500.

"This is the classic win-win situation," Rutherford said. "The County can simply construct the right turn lane while we are already widening Cherry Avenue, saving Fontana both money and time and costing the County nothing extra."

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