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Mitzelfelt Elected Vice President of SANBAG

SAN BERNARDINO – First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt was unanimously elected Vice President of San Bernardino Associated Governments, the county’s transportation commission, during the agency’s regular Board of Directors meeting today.

“I would like to thank the other elected officials on the SANBAG Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve in a leadership role on this critical body,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt, who represents the High Desert. “I look forward to strengthening the partnership between the High Desert and all communities in the County by pursuing flexible and creative solutions to our transportation needs.”

SANBAG oversees many of the major road, freeway and interchange projects in San Bernardino County. The 29-member Board of Directors is made up of all five County supervisors and an elected representative from each of the County’s 24 cities. The agency’s budget next year is \$387 million.

During the past year, Supervisor Mitzelfelt has served as chairman of SANBAG’s Mountain/Desert Committee and has worked effectively with other elected officials to ensure that the High Desert and rural areas receive their full share of transportation funding.

Among his priorities are completing several of the major interchange and arterial projects that will bring much needed relief to congestion in the region, including the La Mesa/Nisqualli interchange in Victorville, the Ranchero Road interchange in Hesperia, and the Yucca Loma Bridge in Apple Valley, in addition to bridges over railroad lines at Vista Road in Helendale and Lenwood Road in Barstow. Those projects are expected to be under construction in the next few years.

“Getting those projects completed will improve traffic flow throughout the region. In addition, they will improve public safety, stimulate the economy, and greatly improve the quality of life for all desert residents,” Supervisor Mitzelfelt said.

Former Vice President and Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton was unanimously elected president. New officers are seated in July. It is common practice that the vice president is elected president the following year.