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Marshall and Sterling Utility Corridor Project Update

Just a few months into the East Valley Water District Marshall and Sterling Utility Corridor Project, crews have made significant progress and completed work at all intersections on Sterling Avenue between Pumalo Street and Marshall Boulevard. This project is funded by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and will upgrade and add capacity to a 1.7-mile stretch of sewer pipeline along Marshall Boulevard from Rockford Avenue to Sterling Avenue and south on Sterling Avenue to near Pumalo Street.

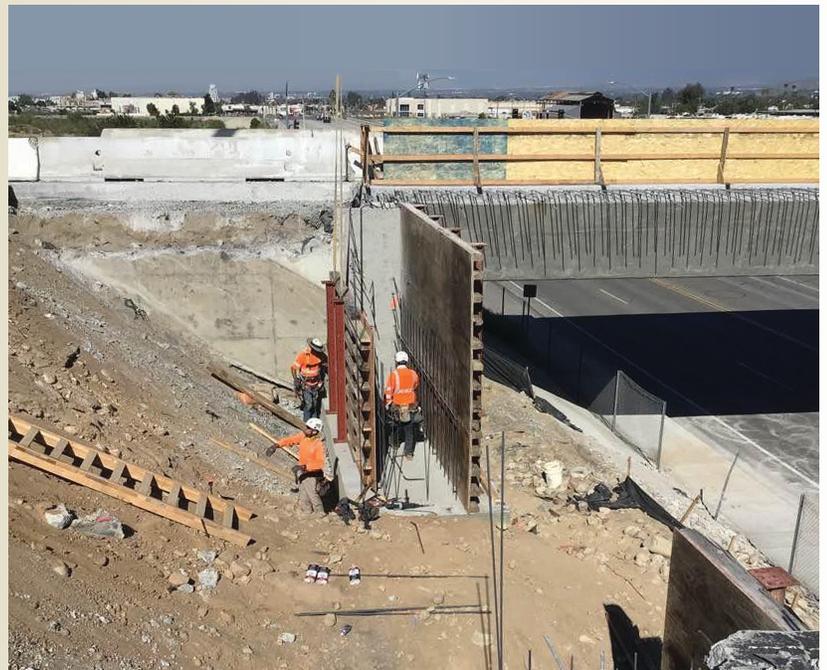
Currently, crews are working on Marshall Boulevard heading east from Sterling Avenue toward Rockford Avenue. A concrete barrier, known as k-rail, separates vehicle traffic from crews working in the roadway. Also, utility companies are working on Marshall Boulevard to accommodate the installation of the new sewer pipeline.

Construction activities take place on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted on electronic message boards. Please follow detour signage when intersections are closed. We recommend that motorists allow for additional commute time and follow all signage along Marshall Boulevard.

For any questions related to construction, please contact construction liaison Robert Chevez at 909-714-0172 or send us an email to kiika@sanmanuel.com.

Thank you for your patience as crews work to complete this project.

Roadway Project Well Underway on SR 210



San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's SR 210 Lane Addition and Baseline Interchange Project is well underway along SR 210 between Highland Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue. There have been intermittent nighttime closures of lanes, ramps and under-crossings throughout the project area. To learn more about the project and sign up for weekly construction notices, go to: gosebcta.com and click on Projects.

We Are All in This Together



Meal distribution for the Social Action Community Health System



Fresh meals prepared for Highland Senior Center members

During these difficult times, one thing we know for certain is that we are in this together and we will get through this together. To help ease the impact of COVID-19 for all of us, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has committed to working with local partners to help serve our community and especially those on the front lines.

Although the San Manuel Casino temporarily suspended operations, our culinary team prepared 8,000 meals for local medical professionals, senior citizens and the unsheltered population throughout the month of April and early May. San Manuel Band of Mission Indians' team members' actions have included safely providing a total of 2,500 meals to Highland Senior Center members with the help of our friends at East Valley Water District who delivered daily meals via drive-through distribution and working with our partners at Mary's Mercy Center to feed San Bernardino's unsheltered population by providing 1,500 box lunches. To support health care heroes on the front line, our team donated 1,300 meals to Social Action Community Health System and 2,500 meals to Loma Linda University Medical Center. In honor of Nurses Week in early May, 200 meals were distributed to the Blood Bank of San Bernardino & Riverside Counties.

In addition, San Manuel Casino recently donated over 80,000 pounds of food to Feeding America Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, which has distributed essential groceries to Inland Empire residents most in need during this crisis.



East Valley Water District distributes meals from the San Manuel Casino culinary team to Highland Senior Center members.

Introducing the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians' Newly Elected Chairman



San Manuel Chief Justice Claudette C. White swears in Chairman Ken Ramirez.

On April 14, 2020, Kenneth Ramirez was sworn in as Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. He succeeds Lynn Valbuena who served three consecutive terms as Chairwoman since 2014. Ramirez previously served five terms as Tribal Secretary on the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Business Committee. He continues to serve on the San Manuel Education Committee and actively promotes access to health care and education for all through his work with Loma Linda University Health and other nonprofit partners in the Inland Empire region. He also leads the Operating Committee for First Nations Experience (FNX), the nation's first Native American and World Indigenous Peoples television channel. "I am deeply humbled and honored by this opportunity to serve as Chairman and give my commitment to serve diligently to enhance the rights, opportunities and expectations for all San Manuel Tribal Citizens, our families, and our community," said Ramirez. "We have the privilege of extending a positive presence throughout the region with the benefits of the Tribe's economic impacts, our intergovernmental partnerships, and our strategic philanthropy. These are all made possible because we heed the call to Yawa', and act on our beliefs."

The ceremony also included the swearing in of Alexis Manzano as Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee, and re-elected members Latisha Casas, as Treasurer for the Tribe, and Johnny Hernandez, Jr., as an At-Large member, to the Business Committee.

We value your comments and questions. Call the neighborhood hotline number: **(909) 425-3480**
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