



sbXpress

THE NEWSLETTER FOR OMNITRANS BRT



START OF sbX CONSTRUCTION HAS ARRIVED

On September 29, 2011, a ceremonial groundbreaking event for the Omnitrans E Street Corridor sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will take place in the City of San Bernardino. It marks the close of a seven-year chapter that included intense planning, environmental studies and design and the start of a two-year construction phase.

“The start of construction for the sbX line is one of the biggest milestones in Omnitrans’ 35-year history,” said Milo Victoria, CEO/General Manager of Omnitrans. “The project will create hundreds of jobs during construction and ultimately improve the quality of life of riders by significantly cutting down commute times. It will allow people to make personal choices on how to spend that newfound time with family, friends or enjoying various activities.”

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About the Omnitrans sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

The sbX BRT Project is the first of-its-kind express service to be constructed in the Inland Empire. It is the beginning of an intermodal public transit system in the San Bernardino Valley that will reduce vehicle congestion while providing the public an environmentally friendly alternative that is sophisticated, cost effective, and time efficient.

The 15.7-mile corridor spans between northern San Bernardino and Loma Linda. It will include 16 art-inspired stations at key university, government, business, entertainment and medical centers as well as four park-and-ride facilities. For more information about the project, visit sbx.omnitrans.org or call the helpline toll-free at (855) sbX-NEWS / 729-6397.



CEREMONIAL GROUND BREAKING EVENT SHOWCASES sbX PROJECT

A public sbX groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, 10 to 11 a.m. at Court Street Square in the City of San Bernardino. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. Event attendees will have an opportunity to hear from project partners and see what the future of sbX looks like at 16 station showcases for each of the stops. San Bernardino’s own Commander Chuck Street, long-time helicopter pilot and radio traffic reporter for KIIS-FM, will emcee the event. To RSVP, please call the toll-free helpline at (855) sbX-NEWS / 729-6397.

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Griffith Company and Comet Electric, Inc., both founded in Southern California, formed the Griffith/Comet joint venture that will serve as the contractor. Construction management will be led by Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., which is one of the world's largest and most diverse providers of professional technical services.

More than 200 direct construction-related jobs will be generated on the project, which will employ local union workers, and hundreds of indirect jobs will result from the purchase of goods and services related to construction.

Construction of the sbX line is expected to finish in fall of 2013. This will be followed by several months of operational testing before it is ready to start passenger service in early 2014.

NEW CONSTRUCTION MANAGER NAMED FOR sbX PROJECT



Jonathan Wu has been hired as the construction manager of the sbX Project.

Wu has nearly two decades of experience as a civil engineer. He will be responsible for oversight of the work to be done by the project's joint venture contractor Griffith/Comet.

Prior to joining Omnitrans, Wu worked as a project manager for the City of Placentia Public Works Department in charge of the city's Capital Improvement Project program. He has also worked for the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Anaheim and was an engineer for Caltrans District 7 and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Wu holds a master's degree in civil engineering and in business administration, both from the University of Southern California.

EDITORS NOTE

With the start of construction beginning, the sbX newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE START OF CONSTRUCTION



While the ceremonial groundbreaking will take place on September 29, 2011, it may be a couple of months before the public sees major construction activities along the corridor.

During this time, the project management team, contractor, and the cities of San Bernardino and Loma Linda, will be working closely together on a construction schedule. This will identify where and when activities will take place along the 15.7-mile corridor. Some crews will be seen during this time marking locations and gathering information ahead of heavy construction activities.

Once the construction schedule is determined, the sbX public outreach team will work closely with businesses and residents to inform them of upcoming work. This may include open houses, presentations, monthly business stakeholder meetings, and construction alerts, to name a few activities. If have questions about the project, please call the toll-free helpline at (855) sbX-NEWS / 729-6397 or send an email to sbXNEWS@omnitrans.org.

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