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### **COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR ANNOUNCES THE CONSTRUCTION OF VALLEY GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**

**LOS ANGELES**— Councilmember José Huizar, District 14 demonstrates that persistence pays off. After more than 30 years of delays, the bridge construction on Valley Boulevard promises to alleviate decades of traffic congestion and pollution for the residents of El Sereno. Construction on the bridge will begin in June 2007.

For local commuters the news means less congestion and improved air quality in the area. On any given day, commuters spend 30 minutes or longer crossing some rail crossings near Valley Boulevard and Marianne Avenue. Due to concerns the MTA had regarding the City's ability to spend the funds on the project in a timely manner, MTA's initial staff recommendation was to remove the Valley Grade Separation Project from the list of projects recommended for funding. Councilmember Huizar's commitment to the project prompted MTA board members to reconsider the project and grant full approval and funding.

The Valley Grade Separation Project will be funded with MTA Proposition C Funds and Local Proposition C funds. Total Cost for the project is estimated at \$54 million with a completion date of Fall of 2009.

"After more than 30 years of delays for this project, it gives me great pleasure to be here to breakground on this bridge that is so important to the health, safety and traffic commute of El Sereno," stated Councilman Jose Huizar.

"This bridge is very important because of several reasons, but one of the improvements I am more excited about is the improvement in response time that this bridge will have for police and fire vehicles; this bridge will allow us to make this community safer!" added Councilman Huizar.

Councilmember Jose Huizar represents the 14-th District in the City of Los Angeles. The district encompasses the communities of Boyle Heights, Downtown, Eagle Rock, El Sereno, Garvanza, Glassel Park, Hermon, Rose Hills, Highland Park and Mount Washington.

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