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## Downey to Hold Joint Groundbreaking Event with Norwalk for Firestone Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project

**Downey, CA, March 31, 2014:** The City of Downey will be participating in a joint Groundbreaking event with the City of Norwalk on **Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.**, to kick-off the construction of the Firestone Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. The event is open to the public and will take place at the Golf & Stuff parking lot, located at 10555 Firestone Blvd, in the City of Norwalk.

The Firestone Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project will involve the replacement of the existing Firestone Boulevard Bridge at the San Gabriel River in its entirety with a new bridge to meet current standards with wider sidewalks, center median and shoulders. The same number of travel lanes (six) will be provided on the new bridge. The City of Norwalk is the lead agency on the project.

On March 4, 2014, the City of Norwalk City Council awarded a contract to Reyes Construction of Pomona in the amount of \$7,586,493 for the construction of the bridge. Based on the bid received from Reyes Construction, the total estimated cost of the project, including construction engineering, contract administration and contingency, is approximately \$9.5 million. The project will be funded through a federal grant, which will fund 88.53% of the project cost and a Proposition C discretionary grant through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), which will fund the remaining 11.47% of the project cost. Construction is scheduled to commence in April 2014 and be completed by December 2015. The project will be constructed in five separate stages.

For additional information on this project, please contact Randy Hillman with the City of Norwalk at 562-929-5719, or Ed Norris with the City of Downey at (562) 904-7109.

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