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High-Speed Rail Authority Congratulates Anaheim on ARTIC Grand Opening

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) congratulates the City of Anaheim on the grand opening of the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). ARTIC is the new state-of-the-art transportation hub in Orange County, bringing nine transportation options under one roof. In addition to being a regional multi-modal hub, ARTIC will also be the site of a future high-speed rail station. Its grand opening is this Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public.

"ARTIC is leading the way in transforming how Californians get around town by providing convenient access to multimodal transportation services" said Authority Board Chair Dan Richard. "We are excited to have a future high-speed rail station at ARTIC, which is the first of many transit orientated developments planned throughout the state."

"As an Orange County native, I am thrilled that high-speed rail will have a future home at ARTIC," said Michelle Boehm, the Authority's Southern California Regional Director. "Southern California needs better solutions to our gridlock problems. ARTIC benefits not only commuters but also local businesses, families and workers."

Located between the Honda Center and Angel Stadium of Anaheim, ARTIC offers a number of transportation services including those of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Metrolink, Amtrak, Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART), shuttles, taxies, buses, tour and charter buses, and other public/private transportation providers. When high-speed rail arrives in Southern California, passengers will be able to ride from Northern California to ARTIC, and then board other modes of transportation and get to their destinations, including the largest convention center on the West Coast-- the Anaheim Convention Center, and the Disneyland Resort.

The 67,000 square foot facility will not only house transportation services, it will also feature dining, retail and entertainment services. ARTIC's environmentally friendly design was given LEED Platinum status by optimizing energy and water, reducing storm water run-off, air emissions, and providing electric vehicle charging stations.

Saturday's grand opening celebration includes food, music, activities, tours and giveaways. Authority staff will have an exhibit booth on site for the public to ask questions and learn about the high-speed rail program.

To learn more about Artic visit: http://www.articinfo.com/

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at http://www.hsr.ca.gov and join us on facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra