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### **Vineyard Grade Separation Dedication Ceremony**

On March 18, 2016 at 10 AM, the Ontario Mayor and City Council, in partnership with the County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and Union Pacific Railroad hosted a variety of public and private organizations as well as members of the community to officially dedicate the completion of the Vineyard Grade Separation.

Over the last seven years, the City has invested heavily into improving City infrastructure and enhancing the ability to move products and services through the City quickly. Ontario is known throughout the Inland Empire as the "Gateway" through Southern California. By proactively investing in the community the Mayor and City Council prepare the way for future growth for businesses, residents and visitors.

The Vineyard Grade Separation is a key element to the continued expansion of the Ontario International Airport, which is in the process of being transferred to local control under the Ontario International Airport Authority. Multiple access points will enable travelers to get to the airport with ease and prepare for the expansion of Ontario International Airport as additional flights come online.

According to Mayor Paul S. Leon, "Collaboration with our region's partners enables us to provide the highest level of service to our City and the region. Together, we have reduced congestion, improved safety for motorists passing through this area, and eliminated the need for trains to slow their approach through the intersection."

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This two year \$43 million dollar project, completed on March 18, 2016, has successfully eliminated the at-grade crossing for trains and has eased traffic congestion in a key location that provides access to the regions number one economic generator.

Ontario Council Member and SANBAG Board Member Alan D. Wapner added, "With the recent transfer of ownership of Ontario International Airport to local control, the completion of this grade separation could not have come at a better time. We look forward to continued growth for our airport and the region."

The Mayor and City Council appreciate the patience exercised by local businesses and residents during this transition period. Look for more focus by the Mayor and City Council in the future to propel City growth.

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