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Columbia Ave. Overpass Project Closures begin December 2, 2008

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Construction for the new Columbia Avenue Overpass project begins December 2. Intermittent lane reductions will occur between December 2008 and Spring 2009.

Starting December 2, lane closures will occur on Chicago Avenue near Columbia Avenue. Later, lane closures will occur on Columbia Avenue. At least one lane in each direction will remain open for traffic.

The \$32 million project will raise Columbia Avenue over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks in the Hunter Business Park, between La Cadena Drive and Iowa Avenue. By separating the 16,300 vehicles from waiting for the more than 100 trains daily, the project will save commuters five hours a day and eliminate 29 tons of greenhouse gases annually.

The project is expected to be completed in Spring 2010.

For more information, visit the City's website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/gs/gs-columbia.asp> or call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760.

Thank you,
City of Riverside Public Works Department

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