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MEDIA ADVISORY

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY LA PATA EXTENSION PROJECT – Transportation Relief Coming to Orange County

WHO: County of Orange, Fifth District Supervisor Patricia C. Bates and OC Public Works

Confirmed Speakers:

Patricia C. Bates, Vice Chairman and Fifth District Supervisor, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors
Tim Brown, Mayor City of San Clemente
Larry Kramer, Mayor Pro Tem City of San Juan Capistrano
Lori Donchak, Councilmember City of San Clemente, OCTA Board of Directors
Frank Ury, Councilmember City of Mission Viejo, OCTA Board of Directors
Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer OCTA
Mike Crawford, President and CEO Sukut Construction, LLC
Shane Silsby, Director OC Public Works

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the La Pata Extension Project

WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2014 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Intersection of Calle Saluda and Avenida La Pata, in the City of San Clemente

PHOTO OP: A groundbreaking ceremonial photo opportunity will be available

PROJECT: The project will increase Orange County's regional mobility by providing a north-south alternative to Interstate 5 and will connect the communities of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Rancho Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, Ladera Ranch and Las Flores.

The first phase of the La Pata Extension project, the La Pata Gap Connector, will extend the existing La Pata Avenue just south of Vista Montana in the City San Juan Capistrano to Calle Saluda in the City of San Clemente, with four new travel lanes for more than two miles. One of subsequent phases, the La Pata Widening, will widen the existing La Pata Avenue with one additional travel lane and a bicycle lane in each direction between Ortega Highway and just south of Vista Montana for one and a half miles. Another phase, the Camino Del Rio Extension, will extend the existing Camino Del Rio roadway up to the newly extended La Pata Avenue for approximately a half-mile.

FUNDING: The project is funded by state and local financing including OCTA's Renewed Measure M (M2), Ladera Ranch and The Ranch Community Facilities Districts, State Proposition 1B Funds, La Pata Road Fee Program, OC Waste and Recycling, OC Public Works Road Fund (State Gas Tax), the City of San Juan Capistrano and the City of San Clemente.

CONTRACTOR: The contract was awarded to Sukut Construction, LLC, of Santa Ana, California

For additional project information
please visit the project website, lapata.ocpublicworks.com or call the hotline number **844-4-LAPATA (452-7282)**

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