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Anaheim Launches New Transit Website for Residents and Visitors

New Site Provides Current Transit Information in One Location and Details Future Transit Initiatives

ANAHEIM, Calif. (July 22, 2010) - AConnex.com, a new website that aggregates current transit information into one user-friendly site and provides detailed information about new transit initiatives, was unveiled today by Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle at the Anaheim Orange County Visitor and Convention Bureau's Annual "Destination Outlook" meeting at the Hilton in Anaheim.

AConnex.com allows visitors to the site to plan trips using existing transit options in Anaheim and Orange County and provides examples of how commuters can use the services to their advantage. In addition, the site details planned or proposed transit projects for Anaheim and Orange County, including the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC), California High Speed Rail, and the newest transit initiative, Anaheim Rapid Connection (ARC), a fixed-guideway system connecting ARTIC to the Platinum Triangle and Anaheim Resort Area.

"AConnex.com is Anaheim's vision for a transit future," said Pringle. "As one of the largest cities in the United States, with more than 20 million visitors a year, Anaheim is taking an active role in cutting-edge transit solutions while providing residents and visitors with transit information they can use now."

A key feature of the site is encouraging residents and visitors to take transit today. Providing easy access to OCTA buses, Metrolink, Amtrak and Anaheim Rapid Transit (ART) and the ability to check schedules, define routes and purchase tickets all in one location.

ARTIC

ARTIC, a state-of-the-art transportation facility, will serve as a hub for Orange County and the entire Southern California region. Located within the Platinum Triangle, ARTIC will provide a centralized location for Orange County transit services including Amtrak, Metrolink, bus rapid transit, local and express bus, airport flyaway services, bike and pedestrian facilities, and future California High-Speed Rail connection, and is the potential transit provider for the conceptual Cal-Nevada Superspeed Train service. ARTIC has secured more than \$180 million in funding and is currently undergoing state and federal environmental clearance processes and is slated to be completed by 2013.

ARC

ARC will offer a rapid connection to the city's major destinations without ever needing a car. ARC is a proposed fixed-guideway system that will connect the Platinum Triangle and the Anaheim Resort, with its more than 20 million annual visitors and projected 78,000 employees and 50,000 residents by 2035, to ARTIC and the regional and statewide transit systems. Currently in the environmental review process, ARC is evaluating several alignments to serve the major businesses, residents and offices within this five-square-mile area. Current proposals have two stations within the Platinum Triangle and 2 to 3 stations within the Anaheim Resort. ARC is slated to be completed by 2016.

"At the doorstep of ARTIC are four of the largest sports, convention and tourism venues in the western United States and all within a five square-mile area," said Pringle, "Anaheim Rapid Connection is the final piece to a true transit future and will connect guests, sports fans and conventioners to transit relieving congestion on our local freeways and improving air quality in the future."

California High-Speed Rail

California's high-speed rail will be an 800-mile statewide rail system and one of the keys to mobility in the future. The Los Angeles to Anaheim section is part of the first phase to be built in the statewide system, with the Anaheim station at ARTIC. HSR will allow passengers to travel from LA to Anaheim in 20 minutes, and will significantly reduce traffic and improve air quality in the region. Currently in the environmental review process, the Los Angeles to Anaheim section is slated to be completed in 2018.

ABOUT ANAHEIM -The City of Anaheim, founded in 1857, is one of the nation's premier municipalities and is California's 10th most populous city. Anaheim covers 50 square miles with more than 349,000 residents and more than 3,100 City employees. The municipal corporation's annual budget is \$1.3 billion. Anaheim supports a thriving business community with companies such as Carl Karcher Enterprises, Inc., L-3 Communications, Pacific Sunwear, and Disneyland Resort. Successful sports franchises call Anaheim home, including Angels Baseball, Anaheim Ducks, the 2008 Olympic Gold Medal winning U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team, and the 2008 Olympic Silver Medal winning U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. Anaheim also boasts world-class meeting and entertainment venues with the Anaheim Convention Center, the largest on the west coast, Honda Center, The Grove of Anaheim, The Shops at Anaheim GardenWalk, and Angel Stadium of Anaheim. Annually, Anaheim welcomes millions of visitors to the city, truly making it where the world comes to live, work and play. For more information, please visit www.anaheim.net <<http://www.anaheim.net/>> .

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