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TORRANCE CELEBRATES THE DEDICATION OF THE NEWLY NAMED PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY - EL PRADO BRIDGE

Torrance, Calif., May 23, 2013 – On May 23, 2013, the Torrance Community gathered at Torrance Center South to celebrate the dedication of the newly named Pacific Electric Railway El Prado Bridge; Torrance Councilman Tom Brewer welcomed everyone to the ceremony. Mayor Frank Scotto spoke about the community's recognition of the bridge stating that, "It has been the symbolic entry to our City. Unique in its design, the Electric Railway- El Prado Bridge welcomes visitors with its arches standing straightforward and bold." Bill Lawson, Chairman of the American Society of Civil Engineers Los Angeles Section History and Heritage Committee presented a plaque dedicated to the City of Torrance, recognizing the Pacific Electric Railway -El Prado Bridge as a local Historical Civil Engineering Landmark. The Electric Railway- El Prado Bridge turned 100 this year.

During the ceremony Michael Krakower, Structural Engineer for Krakower and Associates, spoke about the team that completed the bridge rehabilitation. Robert Chattel, Architect and President of Chattel Architects and Shane Swerdlow, Associate of Chattel Architects discussed the historical aspect and the naming of the bridge. Also in attendance was the Southern California Live Steamers Railroad Club, exhibiting educational pieces on railroad history.

*Photos Attached

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