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## CITY OF AZUSA ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT Upgrades to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow along major thoroughfares

**AZUSA** – In an ongoing effort to improve the performance of Azusa's street system and ensure safer traffic flow, the City of Azusa is pleased to announce the completion of a citywide traffic signal synchronization project at 52 intersections throughout town.

Traffic Signal Synchronization is a method of timing groups of traffic signals along an arterial street to provide for smooth movement of traffic with minimal stops, thereby reducing delays which result in a better flow of traffic, and minimized gas consumption and pollutant emissions experienced by motorists. Project improvements include a centralized traffic control system, modernized traffic controllers and signal poles, video detection cameras, fiber optics and wireless connections, ADA compliant curb ramps, crosswalks and new sidewalks. With centralized control of signalized intersections, the City will have the capability to monitor and adjust signal timing to respond to traffic conditions while improving traffic and pedestrian safety. The intricate network can also be utilized by law enforcement and emergency response vehicles in reducing response times, or for unusual signal timing for special events and/or major emergencies.

The project has been developed in coordination with the County of Los Angeles using traffic count data from the City's major arterial streets, which serve as essential connectors between neighboring cities, major freeways, and to various regional destinations. The project is made possible in large part by approximately \$4 million in combined grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Review Committee, representing various governmental agencies working to advance air quality and safe transportation issues in the region.

"By synchronizing our traffic signals, our system will be safer and more efficient for both drivers and pedestrians, while reducing pollution levels from idling vehicles and improving connectivity with our neighboring cities. This is an important technological step for our community and I'm excited for all Azusans to experience the benefits of this project, whether traveling by car, bike, or on foot." said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez.

"The Public Works Department appreciates the patience and support of our community during the implementation of these improvements. Thank you to all the essential workers who worked very hard on accomplishing this project." said Project Manager, Christina Curiel.

For additional information about this project or questions regarding traffic safety issues, please visit the Azusa City website or contact the City's Engineering Division at 626-812-5247.

## **About Azusa**

Founded in 1887, Azusa is a thriving community of some 50,000 residents. Nestled against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills in the County of Los Angeles, Azusa has been recognized for its diverse community programs, premier public parks and facilities, and business friendly initiatives.

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