

## **ARB CONSIDERATION OF EARLY PROGRESS PLANS**

ARB staff recently published notices in newspapers announcing a public hearing on January 24, 2008 to consider the approval of ozone early progress plans. These plans are for the Coachella Valley, Antelope Valley and Western Mojave Desert, Ventura County, Imperial County, and Eastern Kern County. The purpose of these early progress plans is to show interim progress towards attainment of the federal 8-hour ozone standard and establish transportation conformity budgets.

ARB staff has recently received additional information on motor vehicle activity that could result in changes to the proposed transportation conformity budgets for some of the areas listed above. ARB staff is evaluating the impacts of this new information. This will necessitate deferring the Board's consideration of early progress plans at the January Board meeting. ARB staff intends to bring these plans to the Board at the next available opportunity, possibly in February 2008.