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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Moving Mecca Forward - Community Members Are Invited to Help Design a More Walkable and Bicycle Friendly Mecca

Mecca community members, community leaders, elected officials, and others will meet in at the Mecca Community Center on Friday, January 25th 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 26th and Wednesday, January 30th to explore ways to build Mecca into a more livable, healthy, attractive and economically vibrant town. Workshop participants will discuss how sidewalks, crosswalks and streets can be designed to help make Mecca a safer, more comfortable place in which to walk and bicycle. The workshops will be facilitated by Paul Zykofsky, Director of Land Use and Transportation Programs from the Local Government Commission. As director of the Center, he provides technical assistance to communities throughout the nation. Mr. Zykofsky was born and raised in Mexico City and is fluent in Spanish.

Theses events are part of a neighborhood "charrette", an engaging and interactive series of community activities to identify needs and opportunities – and develop solutions. Through this exchange of ideas community members along with a design team will develop a neighborhood vision plan to create a healthier, walkable and economically sustainable Mecca.

Call to register (No cost to participants) contact : Florentina Zavala (951) 358-7188.

Workshop Information:

- 1/25/08 Kick-Off Event Food & Music & Public Meeting
Friday, January 25, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Mecca Community Center 62250 Coahuilla Road, Mecca, CA 92254
- 1/26/08 Walkability Audit and Community Design Workshop
Saturday, January 26, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Breakfast & Lunch
Mecca Community Center 62250 Coahuilla Road, Mecca, CA 92254
- 1/30/08 Presentation of Conceptual Vision Plan to Stakeholders and Community
Wednesday, January 30, 2008
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments
Mecca Community Center 62250 Coahuilla Road, CA 92254

Workshops are sponsored by the Riverside County Department of Public Health & Riverside County Department of Planning with funding provided by Caltrans.