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## **SunLine Celebrates Grand Opening of New Administration Building!**

**(Thousand Palms, CA)** January 22, 2015 • SunLine Transit Agency is excited to announce their New Administration Building Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the brand new state-of-the-art facility located at 32-505 Harry Oliver Trail. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. SunLine Transit Agency Chairman of the Board, Greg Pettis, will be joined by SunLine CEO/General Manager, Lauren Skiver, Board Members, city representatives, and other prominent local officials, for the celebration. The building was designed by the IBI Group, built by Doug Wall Construction, Arcadis served as the Construction Manager and Geocon was retained to perform soil testing and inspection. The Le Flore Group served as Project Manager. The 25,000 square-foot Administration Building and Transit Hub was completed in December of 2014. The project provided much needed employment opportunities to the Coachella Valley.

SunLine Transit Agency, a Joint Powers Authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system, operated out of the City of Palm Springs' corporation yard for eight years. The Agency then acquired land in Thousand Palms and in 1985 and moved into used trailers. In 2006, with the trailers coming to the end of their useful life, the Board of Directors approved the budget to begin environmental, engineering and architectural services, as well as develop a Master Plan for a new Administrative Building. SunLine obtained funding from California Proposition 1B and the Federal Transit Administration. On February 26, 2013, SunLine celebrated the groundbreaking of their new Administration Building.

SunLine Transit Agency CEO/General Manager, Lauren Skiver proudly states, "The SunLine Board and I are extremely pleased to have partnered with Doug Wall Construction for our new Administration Building. SunLine focused on creating a "green" building, supporting the Agency's vision and focus on our environment. Also, by using local firms, we created local jobs. SunLine Staff, who have been housed in temporary trailers for close to 30 years, now have a beautiful "permanent" home."

More information about SunLine can be found at [sunline.org](http://sunline.org). • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail [nstevens@sunline.org](mailto:nstevens@sunline.org).

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*SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit [sunline.org](http://sunline.org).*