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RT HOSTS DOWNTOWN NATOMAS AIRPORT LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 – 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. Draft Environmental Impact Report Released for First Phase

The Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT) recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the first phase of the Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) light rail extension marks a new milestone for transit in the Sacramento region.

The Draft EIR for the Minimum Operable Segment (MOS-1), which was released on February 10, 2009, is available for public review and comment through March 27, 2009. MOS-1, referred to as the "Green Line to the River District," is a one-mile light rail extension that will connect downtown Sacramento to the River District. The new segment is scheduled to open in October 2010, and will operate on 7th Street between H Street and Richards Boulevard.

RT will host a public open house to discuss the first segment and the Draft EIR on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the west end of the Sacramento Valley Station (Amtrak Depot) at 5th and H streets. The open house will include a presentation followed by a question and answer period.

The Draft EIR is available for review on the RT Web site (www.sacrt.com), and

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at a number of locations throughout the downtown Sacramento area and along the DNA corridor.

All comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. Comments may be submitted to Don Smith, Senior Planner, by e-mail at dsmith@sacrt.com or mailed to Don Smith, Sacramento Regional Transit District, P.O. Box 2110, Sacramento, CA 95812-2110.

“Even in tough economic times, RT is committed to moving forward with key transit projects that will improve mobility for the Sacramento region,” Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, stated. “By using local funding for the first phase of the Green Line, RT will accelerate construction and shave 10 years from the original projected schedule.”

For more information on the Green Line to the River District, visit www.sacrt.com/dna. For route, schedule and fare information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

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