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## **VALLEY GREEN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO BE SET IN PLACE FOR BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION**

As part of the construction of the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail extension project, contractors will set the first of two pedestrian bridges into place on Friday, July 25, 2014, at approximately 8 a.m.

The pedestrian crossing is located at the southern end of Valley Green Drive where it terminates at Union House Creek between Center Parkway and Franklin Boulevard. The pedestrian bridge will connect with a pathway that runs parallel to Cosumnes River Boulevard making it possible for residents of the Valley Hi neighborhood to cross Union House Creek and access the future Center Parkway light rail station.

A large crane will be set up along Cosumnes River Boulevard to lift the pedestrian bridge – 78 feet long and 7 feet, 4 inches wide – and set it into place across the Union House Creek. One lane of Cosumnes River Boulevard will be closed to allow the crane to lift the bridge into place. Flaggers will direct traffic on Cosumnes

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River Boulevard during the placement, which is expected to take approximately 30 minutes.

The bridge, which weighs 44,000 pounds, was manufactured by Cody Builders in Austin, Texas. Mid-State Steele Erectors will use a 250-ton Hydro Crane from Maxim Crane to set the bridge into place.

The second pedestrian bridge will be located at the southern end of Deer Lake Drive and will provide access from the Deer Field/Mesa Grande neighborhood to the future Franklin light rail station. The Deer Lake bridge is scheduled to be delivered and set into place in August of this year.

The Blue Line to CRC light rail extension project is one of the highest priority transit projects in the region and, once complete, will extend light rail 4.3 miles south from the existing terminus at Meadowview Road to CRC. The \$270 million project will add four new light rail stations (Morrison Creek, Franklin, Center Parkway and Cosumnes River College); 2,700 park-and-ride spaces; and a transit center and parking structure at the Cosumnes River College Station. Revenue service is expected to begin in September 2015.

For more information about the Blue Line to CRC light rail extension, visit the project website at [blueline2crc.com](http://blueline2crc.com).

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