



# Sacramento Regional Transit District



## PROJECT UPDATE

### South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project

March 2005

Expansion of the light rail system has been identified as the Locally Preferred Alternative for accommodating transportation needs associated with population and employment growth in the southern Sacramento region. The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is currently studying the extension of light rail transit (LRT) approximately 4.2 miles from the existing station at Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College.

The Locally Preferred Alternative Phase 2 (LPAP2) includes four additional stations beyond the existing Meadowview station: Morrison Creek, Franklin Boulevard, Center Parkway, and Cosumnes River College. In April 2004, RT made various project changes to accommodate initial feedback from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding land use and station accessibility. In addition, recognizing federal and state funding constraints, the RT Board identified Cosumnes River College as the end-point or "terminus" of Phase 2.

Recent project refinements include the following:

- New LRT station location at Morrison Creek
- Optional pedestrian access to the Morrison Creek, Franklin, and Center Parkway stations
- Phase 2 terminus at Cosumnes River College\*
- Elimination of the Cosumnes River Boulevard median design option
- Elimination of the Cosumnes River College Station east and median design options

\* The Phase 2 terminus at Cosumnes River College does not preclude an extension south on Bruceville Road or east to Calvine/Auberry in the future. Phase 3 LRT options to Calvine/Auberry over State Route 99 and/or south down Bruceville Road/Big Horn will be thoroughly evaluated as part of a future Alternatives Analysis.

#### FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Establishing the Phase 2 terminus at Cosumnes River College allows RT to make the project refinements recommended by FTA while reducing the Project's overall capital cost (noted in escalated or 2007 dollars) to approximately \$153 million – a reduction of approximately \$28 million.

#### CURRENT DESIGN OPTIONS

The following design options are being considered:

##### Meadowview Road Crossing

- At-grade LRT crossing with vehicular traffic stopped on Meadowview Road
- At-grade LRT crossing with vehicular traffic crossing Meadowview Road via an underpass
- LRT flyover of Meadowview Road

##### Franklin Boulevard Crossing

- At-grade LRT crossing with vehicular traffic stopped on Franklin Boulevard
- LRT flyover of Franklin Boulevard

##### Cosumnes River Boulevard Crossing

- At-grade LRT crossing with vehicular traffic stopped on Cosumnes River Boulevard
- LRT flyover of Cosumnes River Boulevard

##### Optional Pedestrian Pathways/Bridges to

- Morrison Creek LRT Station from Ruiz Court
- Franklin LRT Station from Deer Lake Drive
- Center Parkway LRT Station from Valley Green Drive and bridge over Cosumnes River Blvd.

#### STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The environmental document for the LPAP2 - the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Subsequent Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIS/SDEIR) - will be issued in Summer 2005 and will detail the proposed project, alternatives to the project, environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation measures for the project and project alternatives. The release of the SDEIS/SDEIR will begin a 45-day public review/comment period, during which a public hearing will be held.

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE

SDEIS/SDEIR Available for Review	Summer 2005
Public Hearing	Fall 2005
Final SEIR Certified by RT	Summer 2006
FTA Record of Decision	Summer 2006
Construction	2007/2010

#### OUTREACH/INVOLVEMENT

The LPAP2 Project has benefitted from ongoing outreach conducted as part of the scoping process, in which numerous comments were received from participating agencies and the public. The following outreach activities have been completed to-date:

- Multiple public meetings and presentations
- Extensive agency coordination
- Elected official briefings
- Public and Agency Scoping (March/April 2002)
- Agency Bus Tour and Workshop (May 2002)
- Public Open House Meetings (April/May 2003 and October/November 2004)

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Information Line at (916) 491-5003 or visit the Regional Transit District's web site at [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com).