

March 11, 2002

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE THAT AN SEIR IS REQUIRED
South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental
Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR)

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as joint lead agencies will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for:

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RT needs to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's jurisdictional or regulatory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. If your agency is a responsible agency or trustee agency as defined by State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Sections 15381 and 15386), your agency will need to use the SEIS/SEIR prepared for this project when considering your permit or other approval for the project. If your agency is not a responsible or trustee agency as defined by CEQA guidelines, or if you are an interested individual or organization, we would still appreciate your views on the scope of the environmental document for this project.

The project description, location maps, and probable environmental effects are described herein, along with dates, times and locations of project scoping meetings. The project has the potential to have a significant effect on the environment, and an SEIS/SEIR has been determined to be required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(d). Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 60 days after the receipt of this notice. Please send your responses before May 15, 2002 to **David M. Melko, Policy and Program Manager, Sacramento Regional Transit District, P.O. Box 2110, Sacramento, California 95816-2110**. Phone: (916) 321-2992. Fax: (916) 444-2156. Please include the name of an appropriate contact person in your agency for continued SEIS/SEIR coordination.

Background/Project Description

The EIS/EIR will review the environmental impacts of and options to extending the current Sacramento Light Rail system approximately five miles from Meadowview Road to Calvine Road at Auberry Road (Calvine/Auberry). Maps showing the project location are provided in Figure 1.

Figure 1 – Proposed Alignment and Station Locations