



SUMMARY REPORT

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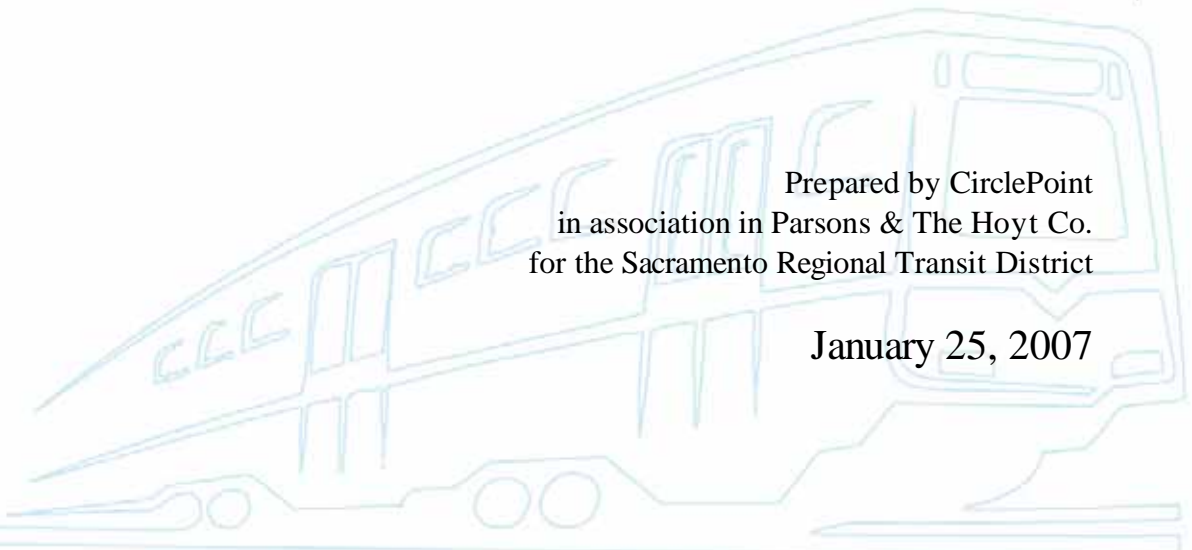


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Project Study Area & Description

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is proposing to extend the South Line light rail system into the Southern Sacramento region. The system has already been expanded into South Sacramento with the construction of South Line Phase 1, a 6.3 mile extension to Meadowview Road. The South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Project would accommodate transportation needs associated with population and employment growth in the congested South Corridor area by increasing transit capacity and providing faster, more convenient access throughout the Sacramento metropolitan region.

The proposed extension would bring light rail service approximately five miles further south from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and the College Square development.

The proposed extension would follow the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way south from Meadowview Road, turn east and run north of the proposed extension of Cosumnes River Boulevard, follow the Boulevard to Bruceville Road, and then turn south to serve Cosumnes River College and the College Square development.

To address Phase 2 impacts and the numerous related projects and studies within the study area, RT developed a plan recommending outreach activities at key project milestones to increase awareness, and understanding of project constraints and trade-offs. The Public Information Meeting described in this document represents one of many outreach activities conducted to date.

Description of the Public Information Meeting

RT held a Public Information Meeting in the South Sacramento area (Cosumnes River College) on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new Cosumnes River College Station design, removal of Ruiz Court pedestrian access bridge option, utility relocation to Detroit Boulevard, tips on how to read an environmental document, and information on related projects. RT and consultant staff were on-hand to discuss technical aspects of the proposed project

and to answer questions. Representatives from other related projects were also available to discuss their projects, coordination with the Phase 2 light rail extension, and to answer questions.

Meeting attendees were greeted at the registration table and asked to sign-in. Completed sign-in sheets are included in Appendix 5 of this report. Each attendee received a packet of handouts pertinent to the meeting (see Appendix 2), which included the following:

- Agenda
- SSCP2 Project Fact Sheet with the Proposed 20-Year System Design Map
- Associated Projects Update
- Tips on How to Read an Environmental Document

Welcoming remarks were provided by Dr. Beverly Scott, RT General Manager/CEO, and elected officials in attendance (City Councilmember Bonnie Pannell) at 5:00 PM. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation provided by the consultant staff. The presentation can be viewed on the Project Web site, www.slp2.org. Exhibit boards were also on display and can be seen in Appendix 3 of this report. After the presentation, a facilitated question and answer session allowed members of the audience to provide comments or ask questions of RT staff and consultants.

Meeting Notification

Public information meeting announcement rack cards were mailed as notices to approximately 5,000 residents, property owners, homeowner associations, environmental organizations, business associations, and key agencies with an interest in the South Sacramento corridor. Additionally, 14,000 of these rack cards, providing details on the project and public information meeting was distributed on RT buses and trains. Prior to the January 3rd meeting, additional meeting announcement flyers were hand delivered to key locations along the proposed alignment with a high volume of community activity, such as churches, schools, hospitals, and shopping centers. Display advertisements were published in the Sacramento Bee Elk Grove Edition on December 28, 2006, and in the Sacramento Bee Scene Section on December 31, 2006. Press releases providing meeting details were also distributed to local print outlets on December 22, 2006. Following the meeting, a brief article was written in the Sacramento Bee. A copy of the notification/rack card is included in

Appendix 1 of this report. All media coverage, including display advertisements, the press release, and the media article are included in Appendix 4.

Summary of Verbal Comments

Approximately 45 members of the public attended the information meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at Cosumnes River College. The following section provides a summary of comments and questions received at the meeting.

Questions and Comments Received

- What is the cost of the proposed five-story parking lot and why is it so much? Wouldn't that cost better serve the community by using existing track to bring the extension to those that are truly transit-dependant?
- Why not compare the cost of the parking structure to the costs of bringing Light Rail (LR) into the City of Elk Grove?
- Please be sure that busses can connect to the CRC Light Rail Station and those efforts to provide transit options are not duplicated.
- Can we convince SACOG to forget about the "Beltway" idea so that more funding can go into extending light rail to Elk Grove?
- Couldn't RT work with the City of Elk Grove to get more people carpooling as opposed to parking in a five-story parking structure at CRC?
- Is Federal funding secured?
- Please tell me more about the timeframe for the gas line relocation along Detroit Boulevard.

- Will there be new sound walls along the tracks?
- Will my property be divided or will I be losing acreage?
- Why did the Folsom expansion get Federally funded (and built) so quickly, and the expansion to the Amtrak Station, while we keep waiting for funding the South Corridor?
- Didn't Congress pass a bill to help?
- What can residents do to encourage the newly elected Congress to keep funding projects like this?
- Will there be bicycle provisions, such as lockers or racks at the stations?
- Why is the light rail platform so far from the parking structure? I have safety concerns.
- How many bus berths are available for other transit services at the parking area near the station? Will the services of the Elk Grove transit improve?
- Are there any proposed "flyovers" or underpasses along the alignment?
- What about the consideration of more \$1 lots or offering that the most remote cars park for free?
- How will the new light rail fit within the confines of Cosumnes River Boulevard (with bike lanes) and the creek corridor expansion?

- Please re-evaluate bringing the line closer to Elk Grove—we have a growing population and it should be better served by light rail.

- Please update FAQs on project and RT Web site and add the presentation from tonight.

- What is being done to encourage more Transit-Oriented-Development and increase housing density?