

# REGIONAL TRANSIT MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **RT HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR BLUE LINE TO COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION**

**What:** The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction of the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail extension on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The 4.3-mile Blue Line to CRC (also referred to as South Line Phase 2) is one of the highest priority transit projects in the region and, once complete in September 2015, will add four light rail stations (Morrison Creek, Franklin, Center Parkway and Cosumnes River College), 2,700 park-and-ride spaces, and a new transit center at the Cosumnes River College Station.

“We’ve already made progress on this project with the recent opening of the parking garage at CRC and the construction of two bridges almost complete,” Mike Wiley, RT General Manager, stated. “The groundbreaking for civil and track construction puts us that much closer to making the dream of extending light rail beyond Meadowview a reality. This extension will prove to be an enormous benefit for students, south area residents and the Sacramento region as a whole.”

**When:** **Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – 10 a.m.**  
Arrive at 9:45 a.m. to position cameras for best photo opportunities

**Where:** **Future site of the Franklin Station – West of the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard**  
Media vehicles will be allowed at the event site. Enter the access road off of Franklin Boulevard.

Parking is also available at the northeast corner of Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard. Enter off of Franklin Boulevard.

This event will take place at an active construction site. Please do not wear open-toe or high heels.

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**Who: Speakers:**

- **Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui** – U.S. House of Representatives
- **Assemblymember Roger Dickinson** – California State Assembly
- **Assemblymember Richard Pan** – California State Assembly
- **Patrick Hume**, Councilmember, City of Elk Grove; Chair, RT Board of Directors
- **Don Nottoli** – Supervisor, County of Sacramento; Board Member, RT Board of Directors
- **Bonnie Pannell** – Councilmember, City of Sacramento; Board Member, RT Board of Directors
- **Mike Wiley** – General Manager/CEO, Sacramento Regional Transit District

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