

Blue Line

TO COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE



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INTRODUCTION

The Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail extension project (also referred to as South Line Phase 2) is one of the highest priority transit projects in the region and, once completed, will extend light rail 4.3 miles south from the existing terminus at Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College.

This \$270 million project will bring much-needed jobs to the Sacramento region and provide an attractive alternative to driving. Revenue service is anticipated to begin in September 2015. The Blue Line to CRC 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 new transit center at the Cosumnes River College Station.

Project Overview & Update

In advance of light rail track construction, a five-level parking garage at Cosumnes River College was built through a partnership between RT and the Los Rios Community College District. The parking garage, which opened in June 2013, currently serves students at Cosumnes River College and will serve future RT passengers when the Blue Line to CRC opens.

Civil work is underway with construction crews excavating, clearing, grubbing (removing vegetation) and

future Franklin light rail station and a 668 space park-and-ride lot. Silt fences for sediment control and other Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPPP) measures, as well as other fences to protect the Giant Garter Snake(GGS) habitat were installed. In addition, the Sacramento Area Sewer District pump relocation project located at the intersection of Center Parkway and Cosumnes River Boulevard is wrapping up.

The underground utilities at Cosumnes River College and along Bruceville Road were realigned to make accommodations for future light rail tracks. Construction of the abutment for the Valley Green pedestrian bridge is underway.

In preparation for light rail track work along the Union Pacific Railroad corridor, between the current terminus at Meadowview Road and the Morrison Creek bridge, RT has installed temporary fencing and removed existing fences on the west side of the railroad tracks to make room for construction of the future sound wall. Grading, clearing and grubbing is now complete. In this same area, both Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and PG&E have been busy with related utility work.



grading at both the future Cosumnes River College light rail station and along Cosumnes River Boulevard between the Cosumnes River Boulevard bridge and Franklin Boulevard to prepare for future track work.

Work on a retaining wall along Cosumnes River Boulevard, adjacent to future light rail track, is finishing up. Crews reconfigured the City of Sacramento Detention Basin west of Franklin Boulevard to accommodate the

The east entrance of CRC was closed during the winter break to prepare for future light rail tracks. Due to intermittent construction-related closures at this entrance, RT temporarily moved the bus stop to the south entrance of CRC off of Calvine Road. The east entrance bus stop is expected to re-open by August 2014.



Retaining wall work, rail welding and utility relocation work will continue into February. Sound wall construction will start along the UPRR corridor from Meadowview Road to the end of Ann Arbor Road.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

RT's contractor has been welding rail in the future trackway area adjacent to Cosumnes River Boulevard near Center Parkway and west of Morrison Creek. The rail welding is complete and the rail will need to be pulled into place. This will require temporary closures of the Center Parkway and Franklin Boulevard intersections, as well as sections of Meadowview Road. Rail is expected to be pulled across Center Parkway in mid to late March. Flashing red lights and a flagman will control traffic while the rail is pulled across the intersection, which is expected to take less than five minutes per string of rail.

In April, Franklin Boulevard at Cosumnes River Boulevard is scheduled for a full weekend closure with detours due to other work taking place. The rail is scheduled to be pulled across Meadowview Road in January 2015. As with any construction, dates are subject to change based on weather and other conditions. Sign up for Construction Alerts to stay informed of construction activities and traffic impacts.

Project Contractor

In March 2013, the RT Board of Directors awarded the contract for the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College civil, track, structures, stations and systems construction to Balfour Beatty Rail Inc., Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc., and Teichert Joint Venture (BBRI/BBII/TeichertJV). A Notice to Proceed was given in August 2013, and RT held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future Franklin light rail station to mark the event.

Questions & Answers

In each newsletter, RT outreach staff will answer questions that we have received about the Blue Line to CRC light rail extension project.

1. Q: Will there be any walkways or pedestrian crossings?

A: There will be pedestrian bridges at Deer Lake Drive, Valley Green Drive, and at Cosumnes River Boulevard connecting the parking garage to the future light rail station. There will also be multi-use paths along the project alignment from the Deer Lake Drive pedestrian bridge, near the Franklin Station park-and-ride lot, to the Center Parkway Station.

2. Q: What work is being done at the intersection of Center Parkway and Cosumnes River Boulevard?

A: RT and the Sacramento Area Sewer District are relocating the Center Parkway Sewage Lift Station. The sewage lift station is being moved from its current location on the north side of the intersection, to the south side of the intersection to make room for the future light rail tracks.

3. Q: Will there be a crosswalk built on the west side of Bruceville Road across Cosumnes River Boulevard to access to the Cosumnes River College light rail station?

A: Yes, a crosswalk will be built at this location.

Meet Your Outreach Team!

Keeping you informed is an important part of the construction process. RT's outreach team will do their best to make sure that you have the information you need about upcoming Blue Line to CRC construction, including traffic detours, night work or other impacts to your drive and/or neighborhood. They will use various electronic and print media to keep you informed.

For more information about the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College, visit blueline2crc.com, email Jo Noble, Senior Community and Government Affairs Officer, at jnoble@sacrt.com, or call 916-556-0118.



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Clear & Grub: To clear an area of debris, roots and stumps by digging.

Detention Basin: A storage site (such as a small reservoir) that delays the flow of water downstream.

Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA): A type of designation for an agricultural area which needs special protection because of its landscape, wildlife or historical value.

GGs: Giant Garter Snake

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP): Identifies structural and non-structural controls that will be put in place to minimize negative impacts to the environment, caused by offsite storm water discharges. The purpose of these controls is to minimize erosion and run-off of pollutants and sediment.



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