

Date: March 29, 2016

To: Interested Organizations and Individuals

Subject: INITIAL STUDY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY STATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Project Title: Sacramento Valley Station Area Improvements Project

Lead Agency: Sacramento Regional Transit District

Project Location: The project is located in the vicinity of the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS), in the northwestern portion of Downtown Sacramento. The station is at 401 I Street and currently provides intermodal transportation services including Amtrak intercity rail, Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin Corridor regional rail, local light rail, and various private and public bus services. The project also includes a new Railyards Station, located on the northeast side of 7th Street and Railyards Boulevard.

Project Description:

The project includes the following elements that are evaluated in the IS/MND:

- An approximately 0.5-mile-long, double-tracked, light rail transit loop to connect the existing Green Line service to the SVS, including track facilities to facilitate Gold Line trains turning back toward Folsom.
- An SVS Station along the transit loop tracks that would be oriented north–south and replace the existing Gold Line Station on H Street across from the Depot
- An electric bus charging station at existing RT bus berths on H Street
- A new Railyards Station on the east side of North 7th Street at Railyards Boulevard

Environmental Review Process: RT has prepared an IS/MND on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA. The IS/MND describes the proposed project and provides an assessment of the project's potential significant adverse impacts on the environment. The IS/MND concludes that the proposed project would not have any significant effects on the environment after implementation of mitigation measures. Funding for the project will come from state sources with local matching funds.

Public Review Period: The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment. Written comments should be submitted and received at the following address no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 :

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To Review or Obtain a Copy of the Environmental Document: Copies of the IS/MND can be reviewed on the RT project website at: www.sacrt.com/planning_construction.stm

RT Board of Directors Meeting: The RT Board of Directors will consider the MND and the proposed project at a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday April 25, 2016, beginning at 6:00pm . The meeting will be held at the RT Auditorium, 1400 29th Street, Sacramento, CA and will be open to the public. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. RT staff will present the proposed project to the Board, the Board will take and consider public comments on the MND and the project. The Board will consider whether or not to adopt the MND and to approve the project at another regularly schedule Board meeting on Monday May 23, 2016, beginning at 6:00pm and will be open to the public .