

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Board Update on the Green Line to the Airport Project

ISSUE

This is an update to the Board for completing the Green Line to the Airport project environmental documentation and advancing its design.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action is required at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

DISCUSSION

The Green Line is a proposed light rail transit line identified in Regional Transit's (RT's) long range plans, the Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG's) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the City of Sacramento's General Plan. The Green Line would operate between downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento International Airport via the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS)/Railyards, North 7th Street/Township 9, a new crossing of the American River to Truxel Road, north on Truxel to approximately Del Paso Boulevard, then west along Commerce Way and Meister Way, crossing over SR99 to the future Greenbriar and Metro Air Park developments, and ultimately extending to its terminus at the Sacramento International Airport at Terminal B.

A "Locally Preferred Alternative" (LPA) for the Green Line was adopted in 2003 and reaffirmed in 2010 by the RT Board. Formal environmental analyses are now underway. Two separate environmental documents are being prepared:

- 1) For the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Loop from 7th & H Streets west through the SVS area and north to F Street and then east to 7th Street reconnecting with the existing Green Line, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is being prepared under CEQA and will be released in the fall of 2015; and
- 2) For the Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport segment of the Green Line, a Draft EIS/EIR is being prepared and will be released for public comment in the fall of 2016.

The environmental analyses are evaluating and documenting the environmental impacts of the LPA alignments and will evaluate several alignment sub-options as alternatives as part of the environmental process. Actual decisions on any changes to the adopted LPA would occur at the completion of the environmental process.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 08/03/15

General Manager/CEO

Director, Long Range Planning

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The Sacramento Regional Transit District Board will be asked to schedule a public hearing for November and then in December 2015 to act upon/adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Sacramento Valley Station improvements. The Board is also being notified that RT will release in the fall of 2015 a Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation (NOI/NOP) for the formal start of the Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R) for the Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport segment of the Green Line. The process and schedule is as follows:

- 1) For the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Loop segment, the process and schedule is:
 - a. Request for and Notice of a public hearing to be held at September 28, 2015 RT Board meeting on the IS/MND for the SVS Loop project;
 - b. Release of the draft IS/MND in October 2015 for public comments at least 21 days prior (per CEQA) to the RT Board hearing;
 - c. RT Board hearing on the IS/MND on November 9, 2015 to receive comments;
 - d. Staff and consultant prepare responses to comments as necessary;
 - e. RT Board meeting on December 14 to close the public hearing and act on/adopt the MND for the SVS Loop project;

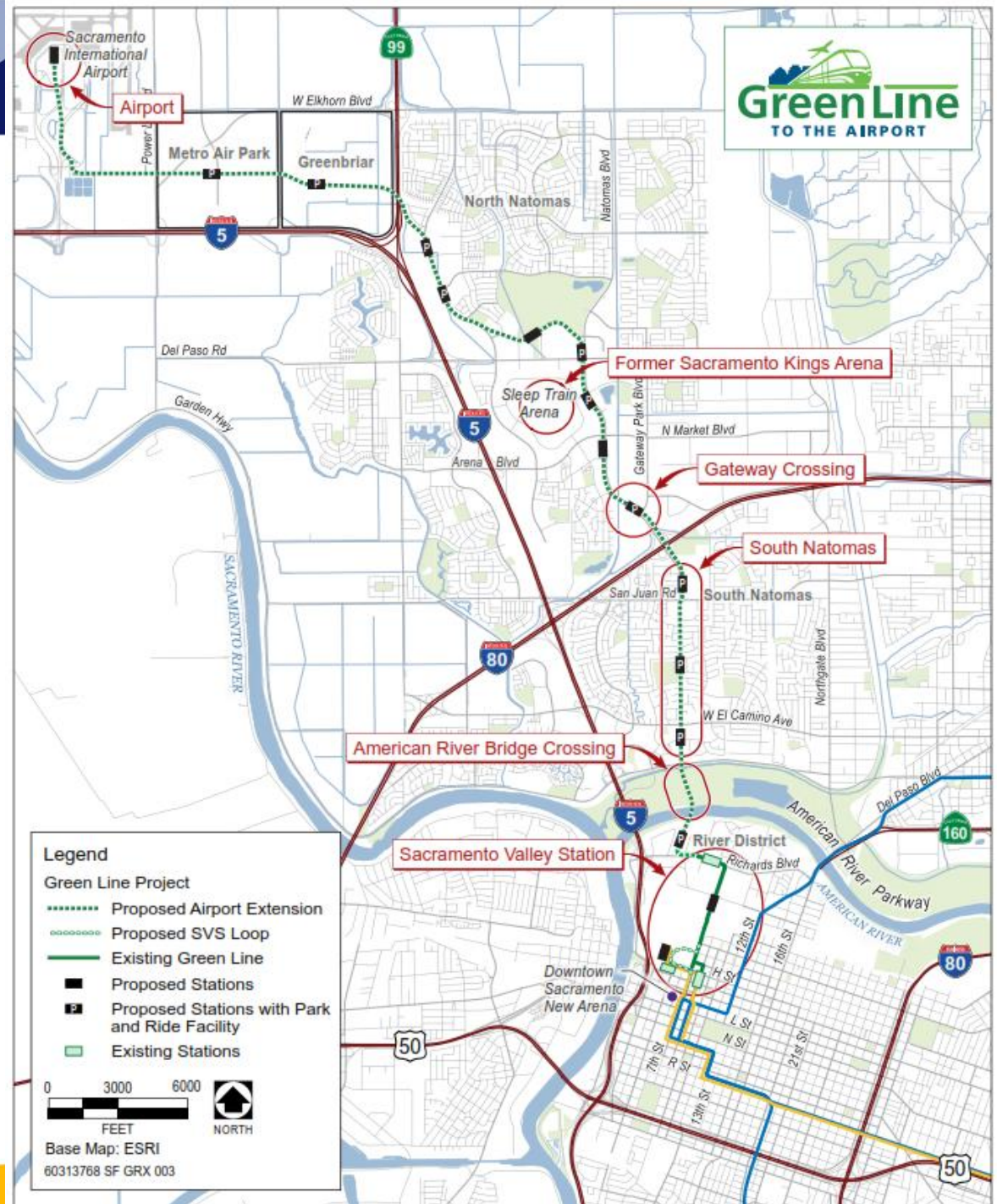
- 2) For the Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport segment, the process and schedule is:
 - a. Release by RT of the Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation of the EIS/EIR for this segment in fall 2015;
 - b. Formal “Scoping” meetings for this segment in fall 2015;
 - c. Technical analyses, consultations and documentation through 2016;
 - d. Identification of one or more Minimal Operating Segments (MOS’) consistent with the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for “New Starts” projects under MAP-21 (and/or new criteria if MAP-21 is re-authorized by Congress with changes to the New Starts/Small Starts program);
 - e. Release of the Draft EIS/R in late 2016 for the full Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport segment and one or more MOS analyses and recommendation(s) in fall 2016;
 - f. Follow-on activities are dependent upon the results of the analyses, requests for “Regional/Local” funding submitted to SACOG in July 2015 for preparation of the FEIS/R and re-authorization of MAP-21 – all still to be determined.

Staff will provide the RT Board with a brief overview and update of the key issues associated with the Sacramento Valley Station Loop, as well the Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport segment.

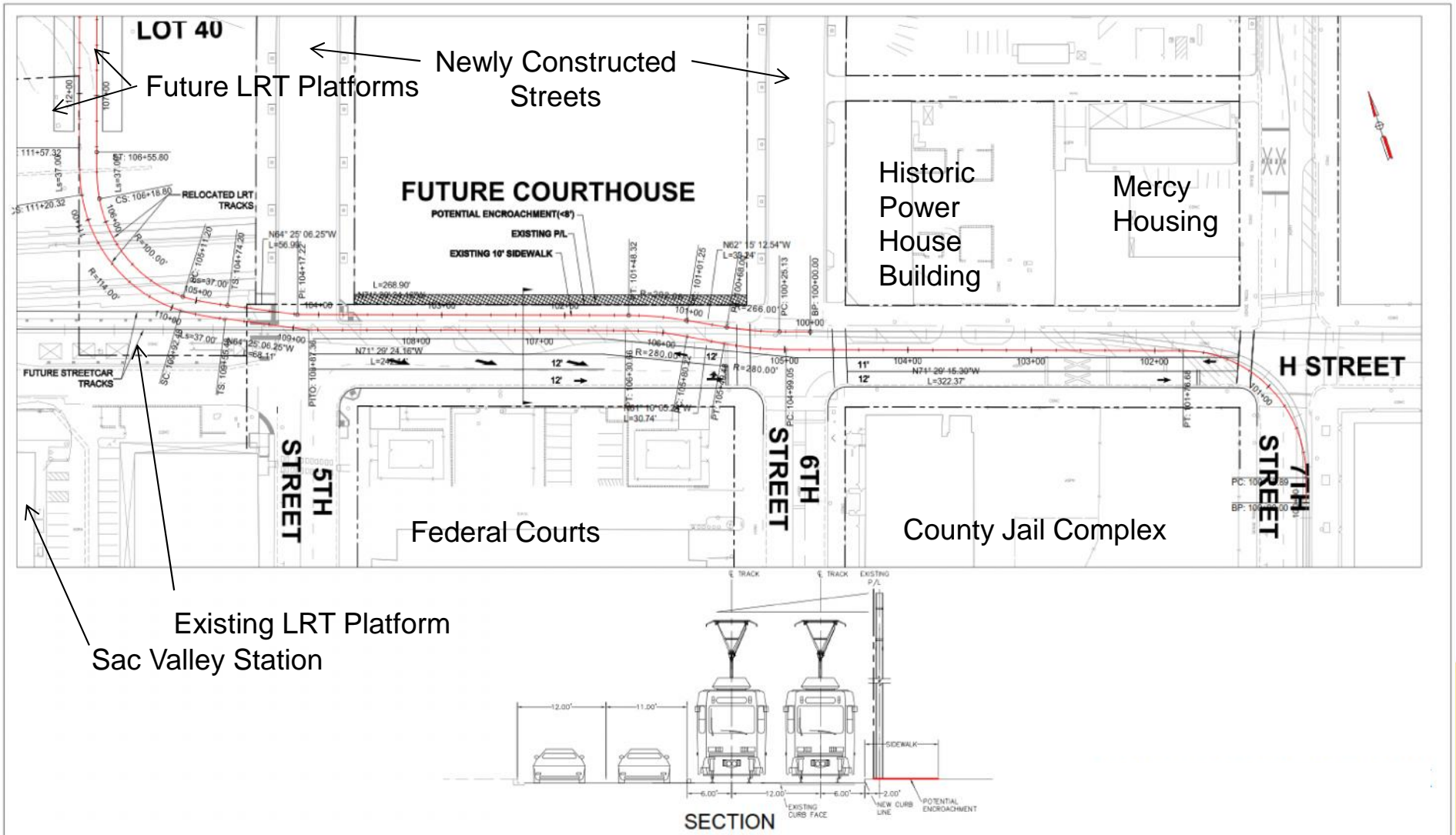
Green Line Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

•2 Environmental Documents

- Mitigated Neg Dec for the SVS by End of 2015
- Draft EIS/R for Township 9 to Sacramento International Airport by End of 2016



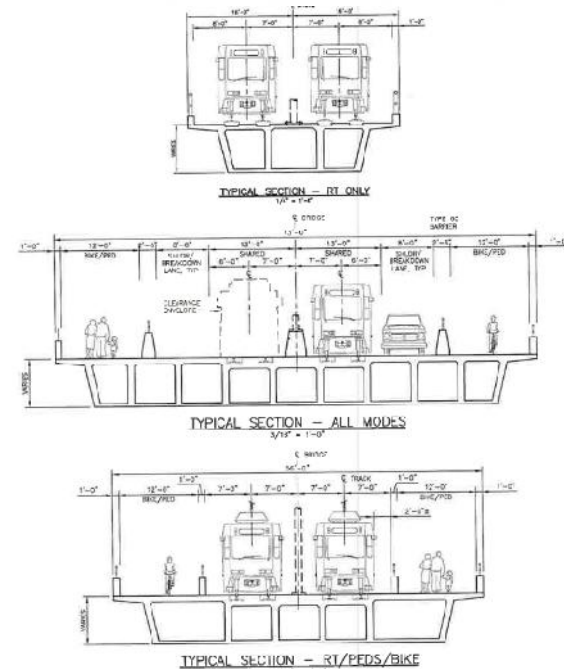
Proposed Double Track on H Street Segment





TYPICAL COVERAGE OF THE CONCRETE PIER WITH A STAINLESS STEEL PIPE ARMATURE SYSTEM AND WIRE MESH FOR AN ABSTRACTED VALLEY OAK

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North Natomas Area and Gateway Crossing Opportunities



Legend

Green Line Project

- Proposed Airport Extension
- Proposed SVS Loop
- Existing Green Line
- Proposed Stations
- Proposed Stations with Park and Ride Facility
- Existing Stations

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Base Map: ESRI
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