

Green Line Project Guidelines & Objectives

I. The Green Line will integrate into the local communities being served and incorporate community values in its design.

Objectives:

1. The Green Line track bed and system design will be functional and attractive.
2. The Green Line will provide a safe and secure transit system.
3. The Green Line will provide easy accessibility for elderly, disabled, children and bikes.
4. The Green Line will facilitate safe movements for pedestrians and bicycles among autos and trains and incorporate "Complete Streets" concepts.
5. The Green Line will minimize impacts on neighbors.
6. The Green Line will enhance nearby property values.
7. The Green Line will strive to minimize effects on auto travel times throughout the Natomas area.
8. The Green Line Phase II terminus point must integrate into the community and be accessible for park-and-ride.
9. The Green Line station designs will incorporate community values.
10. The Green Line station locations and park and ride locations will be functional and attractive.
11. The Green Line will consider local ridership needs when determining station locations and light rail service.
12. The Green Line will locate its maintenance facility to ensure minimal impacts on the community while still addressing system needs and cost-effectiveness.

II. The Green Line will provide a quality service with multi-modal options and connectivity within the communities and the region.

Objectives:

1. The Green Line will provide a fully accessible transit system that maximizes passenger convenience and amenities.
2. The Green Line will attract and sustain ridership.
3. The Green Line will promote good connections with regional bus and train systems and will provide operational hours that promote strong connectivity for regional movement.
4. River and freeway crossings will provide pedestrian and bicycle access.

III. The Green Line will be a quality design project that will result in an overall enhancement and become an economic asset to the community and region.

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1. The Green Line will provide a safe and secure transit system.
2. The Green Line track bed and system design will be functional and attractive.
3. The Green Line project will strive to maximize the potential for public/private partnerships.
4. Public art will be incorporated into the station and system design.
5. Design of any river crossing structure will be an enhancement to the parkway and its users.

IV. The Green Line will be a leader in transit projects with its use of environmental design and sustainability applications.

Objectives:

1. The Green Line will support Smart Growth Principles.
2. The Green Line will help to reduce impact on the environment.
3. The Green Line will address SB 375 by reducing the need for auto travel.
4. Green Line station locations will be chosen to bring life and sustainability to the community.
5. The Green Line will highlight innovative sustainable designs and procedures through public display.
6. Any river crossing structure will minimize impact to the American River environment.

V. The Green Line will provide a light rail system that has meaningful destination stations locally as well as regionally.

Objectives:

1. The Green Line will provide access to retail, businesses, government resources, cultural resources, education and leisure opportunities.
2. The Green Line will determine station spacing based on Regional Transit Station Spacing Criteria.
3. The Green Line alignment will optimize station use and functionality for residences and businesses along the line.

VI. While Regional Transit will consider costs as a key factor in decision-making, cost will not be the sole consideration in decision-making.

Objectives:

1. The Green Line will provide an efficient, cost-effective system.
2. The Green Line project must be competitive for local and federal funding.
3. The Green Line will utilize available capital funds in the most efficient way possible.
4. The Green Line will maximize potential for public/private partnerships.
5. Provided funding becomes available, the Green Line project will be constructed in a timely manner, minimizing impacts on neighborhoods.