

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
13th and 16th STREET LIGHT RAIL STATIONS RENOVATION
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Description:

The proposed project is to construct various station improvements at the 13th and 16th Street light rail stations, which are located along Whitney Street (the alley between Q Street and R Street) and within the R Street Corridor redevelopment area. Station improvements proposed by the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) include project elements to enhance aesthetics and public safety, including: (1) the addition of new bus and light rail shelters, access ramps, passenger information signage and public address systems, and artwork; (2) updating existing features such as access ramps and landscaping; (3) replacing and upgrading lighting systems, shelters, and site furniture; and (4) retrofitting electrical systems. Improvements at the 16th Street Station would require the acquisition of property for an access easement. The affected property is at the northeast corner of 15th Street and the Whitney Street alley. The property acquisition would not affect any buildings or structures.

Specific project activities are dependant on availability of funds. Construction is expected to begin spring of 2007 and be completed within eight to twelve months.

Determination:

An Initial Study has been prepared by RT. On the basis of the Initial Study in consideration of the changes to the project description, it is determined that the proposed action will have:

- No impact on agricultural resources, land use & planning, mineral resources, public services, and recreation.
- A less-than-significant impact on aesthetics, biological resources, and population & housing.
- A less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporation on cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards & hazardous materials, hydrology & water quality, noise, utilities & service systems, air quality, and transportation & traffic.