



Project Overview

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) Green Line to the Airport project (also referred to as the Downtown Natomas Airport light rail extension), will extend light rail 12.5 miles north from downtown Sacramento. The Green Line is a major rail infrastructure project with many components including a new multimodal bridge crossing over the American River, 13 light rail stations (seven will be park-and-ride lots) and a light duty maintenance facility. The Green Line will provide direct connectivity between downtown Sacramento, the Sacramento Valley Station and the Sacramento International Airport while serving the growing communities of the River District, south and north Natomas and Greenbriar.

The first phase of the Green Line, which extended light rail 1.1 miles north from the Sacramento Valley Station to Richards Boulevard and 7th Street at the Township 9 development, was completed in June 2012. The new development, now under construction, consists of transit-oriented mixed-uses and is a testament to the positive impact that the Green Line is already having on the community in this corridor.

Future phases of the Green Line will include one or more segments from Township 9 to the Natomas communities crossing the American River, extending north along Truxel Boulevard, followed by a segment crossing over Highway 99, which will serve the future Greenbriar transit-oriented development and the Sacramento International Airport.

The Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies the Green Line as a significant mobility and air quality achievement strategy for the region that will be completed no later than 2025 for Phase 2 and no later than 2035 in its entirety.

Project Status

RT has previously completed a number of environmental documents for the Green Line including a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the corridor that was certified by the RT Board of Directors in March 2008 and an Administrative Draft EIR/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in 2008, as well as a Transitional Study in 2010, which re-confirmed the need for the project and its features.

With the building moratorium on development in the Natomas Basin to be lifted, the demand for development will intensify the need for mitigation in these communities of which the Green Line is an integral strategy. In response, RT has re-started work on achieving environmental clearance for, and ultimately construction of, the entire Green Line to the Airport project.

Several environmental documents are now being prepared. A draft EIR/EIS for the entire corridor from Township 9 to the Sacramento International Airport will begin with formal notice in 2015 and will be completed in 2017. Full environmental clearance for the segment of the Green Line near the Sacramento Valley Station and the Railyards will occur in 2015 with funding in place for design, and construction to follow. Final environmental clearance is expected in 2017 for a segment from Township 9 into the Natomas communities. Final environmental clearance for the remaining segment from the Natomas Basin to the Sacramento International Airport is anticipated to be completed by 2018. As funding is made available, these segments will be constructed on-target with SACOG's MTP goals for the region.

