



## Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Rail Relocation Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation and Treasury Appropriations

### Request:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments requests a \$14.6 million earmark in the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation & Treasury Appropriations bill (Section 9002 – Federal Railroad Administration) for the Sacramento Intermodal Terminal Facility Track Relocation project in Downtown Sacramento.

### Background:

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$56.17 million. Over the past several years, SACOG has requested \$20 million in federal funds. In FY 2008, Congress appropriated \$392,000 in Section 9002 funds and the city of Sacramento subsequently submitted an application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for \$5 million of Section 9002 competitive funds. If awarded, the project budget will consist of approximately \$5.4 million in FRA funds. This year, SACOG will request an additional \$14.6 million in Section 9002 program funds for this project. The federal funds will be matched with \$36.1 million in state and local funds to pay for the full project cost (\$56.17 million). The state and local match funds will be derived from the following sources: \$20 million from the City of Sacramento which was awarded this sum in State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds and \$16.17 million from the Sacramento County Local Measure A Sales Tax.

### Project Overview:

The first phase of the Intermodal Transportation Facility (Intermodal) project will relocate and straighten the mainline Union Pacific freight and passenger rail tracks, passing through the station area. The track relocation project will include new passenger platforms and pedestrian connections between the terminal and the platforms. These improvements will allow for increased capacity for both freight trains and passenger service on the shared Union Pacific line between Nevada and the Sacramento region, with additional benefits to regional rail service on the Amtrak Capitol Corridor service through Yolo and Solano counties in route to the San Francisco Bay Area. Beyond capacity improvements, separating freight and passenger rail provides enhanced safety. The track relocation will also address security concerns given the proximity of the rail line adjacent to the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse.

The Sacramento Intermodal project involves revitalization of the city's historic rail depot building in Downtown Sacramento and creation of a premier regional transportation hub. The Intermodal station will serve the region's wide range of transportation modes with regional and statewide service benefits. The Intermodal project encompasses 16 acres of the 240-acre railyard development area and will serve an anticipated 15 million patrons by 2025. The city of Sacramento has secured private reinvestment in the properties surrounding the Intermodal station to maximize the land use, transportation and air quality benefits of this significant infrastructure investment.

The greater Sacramento region, including the counties of Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Yuba, Sutter and Yolo, and the 22 cities within them, recognize the regional asset represented by completion of the Intermodal project. Currently the Sacramento Valley Station, or Depot, is the regional transportation link for Amtrak and the Capitol Corridor commuter rail service. With 16 daily roundtrip trains connecting Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area, this is the third busiest intercity passenger rail route in the United States. The planned Intermodal station will be a central connection point for intercity and local buses, light rail transit, passenger rail, and future regional rail service for the six-county metropolitan region.

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