



## SACOG Board of Directors

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Receive & File

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### East Sacramento County U. S. 50 Mobility Study

**Issue:** What is happening with the East Sacramento County U. S. 50 Mobility Study?

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** The Transportation Committee received and filed this item. Major developments are already underway in the Sunrise/Douglas area in southeastern Rancho Cordova and in El Dorado Hills, and development proposals are moving forward in other parts of Rancho Cordova, at Aerojet, and south of U.S. 50 in the Folsom sphere of influence. The partners in this study – Cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom, Counties of Sacramento and El Dorado, Sacramento Regional Transit, Caltrans, SACOG, and a consultant representing large developers – are trying to define and coordinate a network of roads and transit among developments in the large area south of U.S. 50 from Rancho Cordova to El Dorado County. Study objectives include:

- Good access to major job centers in Rancho Cordova
- Jobs/housing balance in newly developing areas
- Coordination with Blueprint development principles
- A connected road system that serves both new developments and cross-access
- A functional transit system and facilities for the new development areas
- Accommodation of SACOG's Connector Study objectives through the area
- Parallel capacity to keep U.S. 50 from bogging down in congestion
- Developer funding for key pieces of the road network and expedited early construction of key projects.

The study must move quickly, because Rancho Cordova is currently weighing approval of a major development proposal – Rio Del Oro – in the heart of the study area, whose roads will connect in all directions through the study area. The consultant team of Parsons Brinckerhoff and DKS has assessed development plans pending and future, completed traffic forecasts and analysis, and defined a series of priority projects, costs, and sequencing; the consultants are currently working to define a transit network, coalesce staff consensus on key parts of a road network, and prepare a package for developer-funding consideration.

The pressures of pending development have pushed this study forward. Staffs of this project, the Connector study group, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update are working cooperatively to share and coordinate data, modeling, objectives, and outcomes. The issue of what to assume about how the Connector eventually passes through Rancho Cordova and meshes into the study area's road and transit network remains under discussion. Consultant work on the East Sacramento County US50 Mobility Study should be completed by June 2006.

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