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## SACOG AWARDS COMMUNITY DESIGN GRANTS

**Sacramento** -- The Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board awarded Community Design Planning Grants totaling \$12.71 million to support Blueprint implementation in the six-county Sacramento region as part of the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 16, 2006.

“After unanimously adopting the Blueprint Project, the Board is delighted to see broad interest for implementing our vision for smart growth in cities and counties across our six-county region,” said SACOG Board Chair and Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo. “Many of the 26 applications we received represented collaborative efforts between public agencies and private developers to build projects that will be great assets to their local communities.”

In the second funding cycle of the Community Design Planning Grant program, SACOG fully funded 18 projects and partially funded another six projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. El Dorado and Placer County jurisdictions have separate application, selection and funding processes. The Board increased program funds to allocate an additional \$620,000 to be set aside for quick-response development-review assistance for jurisdictions with Blueprint implementation challenges.

Grant applications were sponsored by public agencies and related to the Blueprint principles: transportation choices, housing diversity, compact development, mixed land uses, use of existing resources, natural resource protection, and quality design.

Below is a list of funded projects by applicant:

**California State University Sacramento**, Sacramento State Tram: \$924,000

**City of Davis**, East Eighth Street Corridor Improvements: \$650,000

**City of Elk Grove**, Light Rail/Bus Rapid Transit Alignment Study: \$300,000; Revitalization of Historic Old Town/Elk Grove Blvd. Special Planning Area: \$400,000

**City of Folsom**, Railroad Block Public Plaza: \$500,000

**Paratransit, Inc.**, Arika’s Village: \$303,000

**City of Rancho Cordova**, The Promenade: Connecting and Revitalizing Rancho Cordova: \$300,000

**Regional Transit**, Downtown/Waterfront Streetcar Starter Line: \$500,000; Stockton Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit: \$100,000; Station Enhancement Study for Four Downtown Light Rail Stations: \$550,000

**City of Sacramento**, 65th Street/University Transit Village Circulation Plan Amendments: \$885,000; City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Study and Design: \$443,000; Docks Area Alternative Modes Parkway: \$1,239,000; R Street Market Pedestrian Walkway and Plaza: \$630,000; Redding Avenue Alternative Mode Improvements: \$745,000

**Sacramento County**, 47th Avenue Transportation Improvements/Victoria Station Development: \$1,082,000; Marconi Ave. Improvement Project – Fair Oaks to Walnut Avenue: \$500,000; North Watt Avenue Corridor Planning Project: \$250,000; Walerga Road Corridor Improvements/Antelope Place Development: \$1,200,000; Watt Avenue at Roseville Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements: \$130,000

**City of Wheatland**, Streetscape Enhancement Plan for Downtown Arterials: \$100,000

**City of Woodland**, Casa del Sol Public Transportation and Streetscape Improvements: \$494,000

**Yolo County**, Esparto Downtown Revitalization Project: \$185,000

**City of Yuba City**, Defining the Urban-Rural Edge: \$300,000

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