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## **BLUEPRINT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES OF REGION'S LAND USES** *Local accomplishments highlighted, experts discuss future growth in the region*

**SACRAMENTO** – Five years ago, communities across the Sacramento region rallied behind the Blueprint preferred growth scenario—a common vision for how to support our diverse communities for decades to come. Today, many of the active citizens, business leaders, community leaders, elected officials, environmentalists, homebuilders, transportation advocates and others that helped form the Blueprint are coming together at **Sacramento State University** to look across the region at what's been accomplished across the region, where we are today, and what's yet to come.

**Blueprint: Then | Now | Next** will highlight the successes and the challenges of implementing a regional land use and transportation vision, covering the public and private sector projects and plans implemented since the Blueprint was adopted. The event is from **8 to 11 a.m. in the Union Ballroom**.

Since the Blueprint was adopted, downtowns are being revitalized from Placerville to Winters, natural resource conservation planning has happened across the region, and new homes were built close to employment and entertainment in Rancho Cordova, Roseville, West Sacramento and many other communities. The Blueprint was also modeled by other regions across the state, inspired Senate Bill 375, which linked regional transportation and land use planning, and was heralded by everyone from the Natural Resources Defense Council to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Economist Stephen Levy of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy will give a forecast of population, employment and housing trends. Regional planning expert John Fregonese of Fregonese Associates will share his perspectives on regional growth issues across the country and how our region can continue to collaborate regionally to strengthen our individual communities. USC professor Manuel Pastor will discuss environmental and equity issues facing our region and California.

*SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.*

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