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Capital SouthEast Connector Secures Additional \$5 Million in Local Funding
Sacramento Area Council of Governments Grant Award Raises 2018 Total Local and State Funding for the Region’s Largest Approved Transportation Project to \$25 Million

MATHER, Calif. Nov. 5, 2018 – The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector JPA) today announced the award of \$5 million in grant funding through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) available through its Regional, Community Design and Green Region Funding Programs. This funding adds to the \$20 million in grant funding secured earlier this year through the California Transportation Commission’s (CTC) Local Partnership Program (LPP) available through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The funding will support advancement of the 4-mile Connector alignment on White Rock Road between Prairie City Road and El Dorado Hills.

“It’s clear that SACOG recognizes the critical role the Connector will play in further improving traffic safety and overall transportation infrastructure for the Sacramento region as evidenced through the recent \$5 million in grant funding,” said David Sander, SACOG board vice chair, Connector JPA board member and Rancho Cordova City Councilmember. “This funding will support improvements to White Rock Road, which has experienced a big uptick in congestion and has failing pavement. The road is often closed in winter months due to flooding, exacerbating the problems.”

SACOG’s recent funding announcement adds to the recognition by local transportation leaders about the significance of the Connector to the region. Earlier this year, the Sacramento Transportation Authority voted the Connector as it’s No. 1 regional transportation project pursuing funding through the CTC’s LPP grant program.

Most recently, the Connector JPA applied for federal funding available through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD). The \$25 million in 2018 grant funds will increase the capacity to strongly leverage state dollars if federal funding is awarded.

The Connector closes a rural-to-suburban connectivity gap by transforming 34 miles of two-lane rural roads into a state-of-the-art, four-lane expressway connecting the communities of the City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Folsom and El Dorado County. The new expressway will provide instant regional congestion relief to downtown Sacramento, provide parallel capacity to Highway 50, and an evacuation route for the southeastern part of Sacramento County. Project benefits also extend beyond the region as the Connector has been identified as a key project within California’s Central Valley Major International Trade Region, and will connect three U.S. Department of Transportation’s Primary Freight Network Routes that are the backbone of goods movement within the Central Valley.

About The Connector JPA

The Connector JPA was formed in December 2006 and includes Sacramento County, El Dorado County and the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova. It is responsible for the Connector’s planning, environmental review, engineering design, development and construction.

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