

Fact Sheet: \$7.68 Million in Economic Stimulus Funding for Transit and Road Projects in the City of Elk Grove

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law on February 17, 2009. Approximately one month later, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) mobilized and completed an exhaustive selection process, identifying high priority road and transit projects that could quickly use the economic stimulus funding.

The projects selected by SACOG needed to create jobs, to deliver quickly, and to support regional transportation principles including access and mobility, environmental quality and sustainability, and smart land use. Amongst the projects approved by SACOG were critically needed transit and road projects in the City of Elk Grove. With the City's excellent track record in delivering transit and roadway projects, the City was successful in securing \$7.68 million from SACOG in economic stimulus dollars.

The City of Elk Grove projects that will result in improved transit service and road mobility are e-tran bus replacement, I-5/Elk Grove Boulevard, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Elk Grove Roadway Rehabilitation. All projects are described in further below.

e-tran Bus Replacement: \$4,000,000 in Economic Stimulus Funding



The funding received for buses will be used to replace 8 transit vehicles currently in service. The vehicles will be replaced with new Compressed Natural Gas 40' buses enhancing the rider's experience while reducing greenhouse emissions and further delivering on the promise to effectively and efficiently promote the use of transit services within the City of Elk Grove and to destinations throughout Sacramento County.



I-5/Elk Grove Boulevard - \$200,000 in Economic Stimulus Funding

This project will move the existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) bypass lane to the leftmost lane on the northbound on-ramp. The ramp entrance from west of Harbour Point Drive would be reconfigured as two-mixed flow lanes and would merge right into one mixed flow lane. The project addresses a traffic congestion problem, especially during the commuter hours, where traffic backs up as far as the Harbour Point/Elk Grove Boulevard signal.

Intelligent Transportation System - \$1,000,000 in Economic Stimulus Funding

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) is a system of fiber optic cable, traffic communications equipment, and sophisticated computer technologies to provide real-time traffic information. Real time traffic information assists the City in coordinating traffic signals to reduce travel times on a street by minimizing the number of times a vehicle gets stopped at a red light. Getting information on real-time traffic conditions also allows the City to be able to control the traffic signals in response to any traffic emergency that requires major re-routing of traffic throughout the City. As a result of ITS, commuters are idling less, traveling to their destinations faster, and utilizing less gasoline. This results in a substantial reduction in carbon emissions in the Sacramento region, while providing the motorist financial savings on gasoline.

Road Rehabilitation: \$2,483,000 in Economic Stimulus Funding



As with every city in California, maintenance needs often times outweigh the available funding. The maintenance of city roads is a continuous top priority in the City of Elk Grove. The infusion of economic stimulus funding for pavement maintenance will enable the City to add more city streets to its existing pavement maintenance program. The City has invested \$4 million in its pavement program for this year and the additional \$2.4 million of economic stimulus will enable more streets to be maintained this year. The dollars are

being used on major transportation improvements (not just filling potholes and striping), but rather, asphalt concrete overlay and slurry seals on city streets to improve rideability and maintain pavement integrity.

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