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RTD Awarded \$5.227 Million Federal Grant for its Hammer Lane BRT Corridor Project

(Stockton, CA) – At a special event on July 8 at San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)'s Downtown Transit Center, Federal Transit Administration Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan, with Congressmen Jerry McNerney and Dennis Cardoza, announced that RTD was awarded a \$5.227 million grant for its Hammer Lane Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Project through the Federal Bus and Bus Livability Grants Program.

This grant is funded by a nearly \$300 million investment by the Department of Transportation in transit programs across the country through two competitive grant programs, known as the Urban Circulator Grant Program and the Bus and Bus Livability Grants Program. RTD's Hammer Lane BRT Corridor Project was one of the 47 Bus and Bus Livability Grant Program projects selected from 281 applications totaling over \$2 billion in funding requests.

With the \$5.227 million federal grant, RTD can begin work on its third BRT line (the first east-west alignment) that will connect Interstate 5 and State Highway 99 along the Hammer Lane corridor, and connect to Metro Express at Pacific Avenue. Service along this corridor will provide convenient access to retail, commercial, residential, entertainment centers, industrial, and workforce housing.

RTD launched San Joaquin County's first BRT service in 2007 with Metro Express, providing service between north Stockton and the DTC. This high-quality BRT service quickly became RTD's highest ridership route, and currently provides an average of more than 2,500 passenger trips every day. With the goal of building upon and expanding this successful service, RTD is in the process of constructing a second phase of its BRT system to extend the Metro Express corridor from Downtown Stockton to south Stockton and the airport. Together, these three BRT lines will span Stockton's most highly traveled arterials to form a backbone of service for a more efficient, reliable, and convenient bus transit system in Stockton.

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