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Stockton, CA – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today announced that San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will receive a \$5.227 million dollar grant from the Department of Transportation. At an event this morning at RTD's Downtown Transit Center in Stockton, Congressman McNerney was joined by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan and Congressman Cardoza for the announcement of the grant. The funds will be put to use for RTD's Metro Express: Hammer Lane Bus Rapid Transit project, which will run along West and East Hammer Lanes, between Interstate 5 and State Route 99.

"This is outstanding news for our community here in Stockton," said Rep. McNerney. "During these tough times, it's more important than ever to invest in key projects that will strengthen our local transportation infrastructure and keep people at work. This \$5.227 million dollar grant will provide an important economic boost to our area. I will continue to advocate for important local projects such as this to receive funding."

RTD's Hammer Lane Bus Rapid Transit route is this third phase of a comprehensive Bus Rapid Transit system in Stockton. Phase One runs along the Pacific Avenue Corridor and Phase Two runs along the Airport Way Corridor. The BRT service will feature frequencies of no more than 15 minutes at peak hours and no more than 30 minutes during off-peak hours.