

Funds Will Create 143 Local, Good-Paying Jobs

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Stockton) announced that the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will receive \$7,958,725 through the Department of Transportation's (DOT) State of Good Repair Program. The funds will be used to continue RTD's Regional Transit Center (RTC) project, ultimately combining three separate facilities into one comprehensive facility.

Congressman McNerney has been a strong supporter of the project from its onset, previously bringing back millions of dollars in funding. McNerney wrote a letter of support to help secure the new \$8 million grant and worked closely with local and national officials to deliver the funds.

"Investing in our infrastructure is a key part of job creation and getting our economy back on track. This is welcome news for the people of San Joaquin County, where we are working hard to put people back to work in good-paying jobs. I will continue fighting to bring back resources that help shore up our local economy," said Congressman McNerney.

The grant of \$7,958,725 will help to create an estimated 143 new jobs. Upon its completion, this phased project will generate an estimated 1,217 new jobs during the construction period, providing lasting economic benefits for San Joaquin County.

This grant will provide funding needed for construction of the Fuel and Bus Wash Facility, which includes structures for the fueling, inspection, and washing of buses. The facility will also support brake and tire repair. This construction will greatly improve RTD's ability to efficiently maintain and expand operations.

"The RTC is a long-term investment that will improve local infrastructure and provide economic, air quality, and traffic reduction benefits for San Joaquin County. I was happy to partner with RTD to bring these much-needed funds back to Stockton," said McNerney.

"RTD is excited to receive this grant that supports our commitment to building a better transportation system. We have now received commitments of approximately \$40 million toward the Regional Transportation Center's total projected cost of \$67.6 million. The RTC will be constructed in phases, and we can now fund the construction of the critically-needed bus wash, fuel island, and maintenance facility that will help us increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our services," said Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO of RTD.

