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City celebrating finish of first phase of multi modal transit station with food trucks, refreshments and music

Who: The City of Sacramento, Rep. Doris Matsui; Assemblymember Roger Dickinson; James Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer, Granite Construction; Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby; Councilmember Steve Cohn; and the project team is inviting the entire downtown Sacramento community and anyone interested in seeing the new facility to this event.

What: Grand opening of the Path to Progress –the critical path to making way for our own “Grand Central Station” and transit-oriented development at the 240 acre Railyards site.

When: Friday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m (open house/food trucks.) A brief program will kick off the event at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Behind the Sacramento Valley Station, on 5th and I streets at the Midway Plaza of the new walkway to the passenger platforms.

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Why: Celebrate with the City and the people who made possible the first phase of the region's highest priority transportation project – a world-class transit hub! The Sacramento Railyards is widely acknowledged as one of the best available urban infill sites in the country.

The event will also offer:

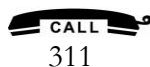
- Four food trucks, organized by SactoMoFo: Crave, Drewski's, Chando's Tacos, and Volkswaffle
- Exhibits about the past and future
- A self-guided tour of the new passenger facilities and a peek inside the legendary Paint Shop on the Railyards site, open to the public just for the event. (The historic Paint Shop is not ADA accessible. If you would like to see the interior, a short virtual tour will be shown in the passenger tunnel area to accommodate those who cannot access it.)
- Coffee donated by Peet's Coffee & Tea, 1800 19th Street and cupcakes donated by Icing on the Cupcake, 1121 Alhambra Blvd

Additional information

New Union Pacific Railroad tracks were relocated 500 feet north to make room for the City's future Intermodal. The new track alignment also improves safety and efficiency of train operations and will connect the Railyards with the rest of the downtown grid. The \$70 million project includes a half-mile of new railroad tracks, two of three pedestrian tunnels, a new water main and new passenger platforms. The project also includes an estimated \$10 million in Union Pacific track and signal improvements. Funding came from federal stimulus programs, state Proposition 1B and state Proposition 1C.

Please note: Parking is limited. Please consider carpooling, walking or using light rail. A limited number of complimentary round trip light rail passes are available. Parking validation tickets for \$5 off parking at the Old Sacramento Garage at 2nd and I streets will be given out at the event. Metered parking may also be found at the depot parking lots at 5th and I streets.

For more information, please go to www.pathtoprogess.info.

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