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## *Opening day Monday, August 13*

### **City to welcome rail passengers first time they use new depot facility**

**Who:** Representatives of the City of Sacramento staff, Councilmember Steve Cohn and other elected officials

**What:** Opening day of Path to Progress – first phase of the Intermodal with new railroad tracks and passenger platforms

**When:** Thursday, Aug. 13, 4:30 a.m. to approximately 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** The new midway plaza en route to the new passenger platforms, behind at the Sacramento Valley Station at 3<sup>rd</sup> and I streets


**Why:** To get an approximately 30 minute tour of the new facilities: temporary pathway, new platforms and passenger plaza. (The semi-permanent, covered walkway will be completed by the end of October.)

#### **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 \$48 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:** The new passenger facilities will officially open beginning with the 4:30 a.m. train on Monday, August 13. Media outlets are invited to report live from the depot that morning.

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