

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **The Power of a Public-Private Partnership**

*City to mark start of construction of the*

*Cosumnes River Boulevard Extension and I-5 Interchange Thursday, May 2*

The City is hosting a groundbreaking event to officially kick off the start of construction for the Cosumnes River Boulevard Extension and I-5 Interchange Project, one of the City's largest public works projects ever. **The event will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the utility bridge on Stonecrest Avenue off of Freeport Boulevard in south Sacramento.**

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 2, 9 – 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Utility bridge on Stonecrest Avenue (off of Freeport Boulevard) Take the Pocket Road/Meadowview exit off of I-5 and head east on Meadowview and south on Freeport for about one mile. Turn on Stonecrest Avenue. Park on the right side of the bridge before the overcrossing

**WHO:** Councilmembers Bonnie Pannell and Darrell Fong, City Manager John Shirey, City staff and Scott McPherson representing the developer, Merlone Geier Partners.

**WHY:** Construction of this long planned project would not have been possible if not for the public-private partnership between the City and Merlone Geier Partners who are splitting the \$82.5 million cost of construction.

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## Background

The project will include a new interchange on I-5 and extend Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard approximately 3.5 miles west to Freeport Boulevard. The punch through will provide east-west connectivity between State Route 99 and I-5 and open up access to the 800-acre master planned Delta Shores development. Once open, the new extension will include four to six traffic lanes, on-street bike lanes, eight-foot sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping. The project will also provide direct access to two future Regional Transit light rail stations as part of the South Line corridor extension to Cosumnes River College. The new interchange is expected to take approximately two years with an estimated completion date of late 2015.

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