

Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants

Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Design Plan

- **Grant Amount:** \$140,000
- **Grant Recipient:** City of Sacramento
- **County:** Sacramento

Project Area – The proposed project area encompasses ¼ mile radius around the existing Regional Transit Swanston Light-Rail Station.

Project Focus – The station area contains a wide variety of land uses including heavy industrial, commercial, single-family residential, multi-family residential, and vacant parcels. Heavy industrial, mobile home parks, commercial, and multi-family use parcels are located within two blocks of each other. Existing rail lines divide the Station Area into two distinct areas. The area to the east of the rail tracks contains two large office buildings and a hotel. The northwest side contains relatively low-density single story buildings in an assortment of land uses, with vacant parcels interspersed. Overall, in addition to vacant lots, many other sites are underutilized.

Project Goals – The goal of the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan is to identify infrastructure and public improvements that realistically could be implemented to encourage transit-oriented development, increase pedestrian and bicycle movement in the area, and create a vibrant urban village. The proposed project aims to overcome infrastructure and market barriers to development in the Swanston Station Area by taking advantage of its location

within the North Sacramento Redevelopment Project area to leverage financial resources.

Community Outreach – The planning process included a series of six stakeholder interviews and three community workshops. Extensive public outreach was done to maximize turn-out at the three community workshops. The City publicized the Swanston project with two mailer/ flyers and posters, introducing the public to the project and listing the schedule of community workshops. Door to- door flyers were circulated prior to all workshops to encourage turn-out and raise community awareness of planning efforts underway. At the first workshop community members developed a vision for the station area. During the second workshop community members discussed and indicated their preferred alternative for the station. At the third workshop community members reviewed and commented on the chief components of the project's draft Plan

Project Outcome– The Swanston Station Transit Village Specific Plan is a long-range urban design and implementation plan that guides public and private improvements in the Swanston Station area over the next 20-25 years. The Plan addresses land use and zoning, traffic and circulation, infrastructure, financing strategies, and implementation measures that are needed to support the Plan's vision.

Planning Goals Realized –

- Foster neighborhoods and project designs that enable more walking and biking
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality