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## **RTD Honored with 2013 California Transportation Foundation Small Transit Project of the Year Award**

(Stockton, CA) – On May 23, 2013, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) was awarded a Small Transit Project of the Year award for its Metro Express Hammer Lane service by the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) at its 24th Annual Awards Luncheon. The awards were given to all modes of transportation in California, and RTD was among the winners across many categories, including aviation, marine, state and local highways, and rail systems. CTF recognizes excellence in transportation with awards focusing on project impact and need, sustainability, technology solutions, creativity, innovation, and uniqueness.

Funded by a \$5.2 million Federal Transit Administration livability grant, Metro Express Hammer Lane is RTD's third Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route in five years and has increased Metro Express ridership as a whole (including Routes 40 and 44) to more than 40% of RTD's total system-wide ridership.

RTD stated in its award application that its third BRT route, Metro Express Hammer Corridor (Route 43) "...is remarkable because RTD launched Route 43 a little more than five years after introducing its first BRT route to Stockton – a low-density, mostly suburban community. In fact, it is even more remarkable considering that prior to 2007, public officials and funding partners expressed skepticism that Stockton was even ready for BRT or that RTD would have enough ridership to justify frequent, express bus service. But since that time, customers and those same officials have embraced Metro Express service as the backbone of a better transportation system."

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