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RTD Honored with 2013 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Award

(Stockton, CA) – On October 11, 2013, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) received a San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Award for its Hammer Triangle Station at the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council 2011 Fall Policy Conference. The Fall Policy Conference was hosted at the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel in Stockton by the San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County Councils of Government.

Each year, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council recognizes outstanding developments that are “blueprint friendly” and reflect smart growth within its eight-county region. In 2011, RTD received a Valley Blueprint Award for its Downtown Transit Center. This year, RTD received an Award of Merit in the Transportation Enhancement category for the Hammer Triangle Station (HTS), located on Hammer Lane at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Lower Sacramento and Thornton roads.

RTD opened the HTS in March 2013, when it replaced a run-down Hollywood Video store and parking lot with a fully renovated and transformed boarding and transfer location for RTD’s customers.

The HTS is now RTD’s major transfer station in north Stockton, where two of RTD’s Metro Express bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors intersect and several other local, intercity, and deviated-fixed routes connect to enable customers in Stockton and Lodi to make swift and easy transfers between Stockton Metro and County routes. RTD estimates nearly 6,000 customers pass through the HTS on an average weekday.

Nearly 1/3 of the \$2.5 million acquisition and construction costs for the HTS were funded from the San Joaquin Council of Governments’ Regional Transportation Impact Fee. RTD used federal and state competitive grant funds for the balance of the project costs.

RTD’s transformation of the Hammer Triangle into a vastly improved customer boarding and transfer station is part of RTD’s plan to build a better transportation system and provide extraordinary customer service.

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