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RTD Begins Construction of Metro Express: Airport Way Corridor (Route 44)

(Stockton, CA) – San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) has begun construction of stations for Metro Express: Airport Way Corridor (Route 44), which will expand its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service. San Joaquin County's first BRT route is RTD's Metro Express (Route 40), which connects the Downtown Transit Center (DTC) with the Hammer Triangle.

On Monday, September 20, 2010, construction commenced at the intersections of Airport Way and 2nd Street and Airport Way and 8th Street. In the coming weeks, construction will begin at the following intersections: Airport and Industrial; Airport and Sonora; Airport and Miner; and Aurora and Channel. For the latest updates on construction and stops affected, please visit <http://www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/express> or follow San Joaquin RTD on Facebook and Twitter.

Metro Express: Airport Corridor (Route 44) will begin service in January 2011 and will connect with Route 40 at the DTC to extend express bus service south from the DTC along Airport Way to the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. As an extension of RTD's Metro Express service, Route 44 will bring the following features to the Airport Corridor:

- Metro Express hybrid buses arriving every 10 minutes (peak hours)
- Improved shelters and boarding areas
- Fare Vending Machines enabling the use of pre-paid fares, which speed passenger boarding
- Seamless connections at the DTC to Route 40, which will begin 10-minute service to the Miracle Mile

Capital funding for this project is provided by several federal programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which include: FTA 5309(b) Very Small Starts, FTA 5307 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. The project is matched with state funds from Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Program (Proposition 1B) and the State Transportation Improvement Program.

For more information regarding this project, please visit <http://www.sanjoaquinrtd.com/express> or call (209) 948-5566 x613. For route and schedule information, call RTD Customer Information Line (209) 943-1111 or 1-800-HOW-TO-RIDE (1-800-469-8674).

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