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Dixon West B Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Undercrossing Project Breaks Ground for Construction

A groundbreaking ceremony was held today for the Dixon West B Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Undercrossing Project in Solano County.

The project replaces an existing at-grade pedestrian crossing at West B Street with an underground concrete tunnel for use by pedestrians and bicycles. The facility, located adjacent to the Dixon Transportation Center, will serve over 300 pedestrians and bicyclists per day. The majority of these are school children who will now be able to avoid a potential conflict with 32 Capitol Corridor passenger trains and 6-12 daily freight trains.

“This is a project that has been in the works for several years and is finally getting underway today,” said Jack Batchelor, Jr., Mayor of Dixon. “This undercrossing will provide safer access across the railroad tracks for the students and pedestrians in Dixon. We’re looking forward to seeing the completed undercrossing next summer.”

The project has been a collaboration of efforts by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association, the Dixon Unified School District, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and its advisory committees, the Solano Safe Routes to Schools Program, Union Pacific Railroad and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority.

“Partnering together with the community and region has made this safety project possible that will benefit the Dixon community for years to come,” said Steve Hardy, Solano Transportation Authority Chair and Mayor of Vacaville. “Congratulations to Mayor Jack Batchelor and the City of Dixon for leading the way on this project.”

The undercrossing is a 200’ long x 16’ wide x 9’-6” high arched ceiling tunnel that will contain accented tile walls with patterned and colored concrete floors. The tunnel and entryways will contain lighting and a security system consisting of cameras (transmitting images to the Dixon Police Department) and emergency call buttons. The access is via stairs and accessible ramps to the tunnel entrances. The aboveground courtyard areas also have patterned colored concrete with landscaping, decorative lighting and security fencing.

Speakers from the partnering agencies unveiled the project construction “coming soon” sign. The project is scheduled to be complete in Summer of 2014. More information about the project can be found on the STA website: www.sta.ca.gov

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