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Bus Stop ADA Accessibility Study *On-line Survey Participants Invited to Help Identify Needs*

Sacramento CA – The Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) was recently awarded a Caltrans Planning Grant to evaluate the accessibility of Regional Transit bus stops within the unincorporated county.

Providing accessible bus stops is a high priority for Sacramento County and Regional Transit, to help ensure that everyone can physically access bus stops and properly load and unload from buses. As part of this study, SACDOT staff will visit existing unincorporated area bus stops (approximately 1,100) and make note of any ADA accessibility improvements to enhance access. This information will enable SACDOT and Regional Transit to better manage, prioritize and schedule improvement projects as funding becomes available in the years ahead.

We would like to encourage residents to assist by voluntarily filling out a survey if they are having difficulty accessing bus stops in the unincorporated area. Interested residents can visit www.sacdot.com/survey to answer a brief and anonymous "Ridership Accessibility Survey" to help identify specific bus stop access issues. This feedback will supplement the SACDOT database for consideration in future projects. Examples of physical obstructions that could prevent access to a bus stop may include the following:

1. Lack of sidewalks leading to the bus stop.
2. Lack of curb ramps at street intersections in route to the bus stop.
3. Inadequate loading/unloading area at the bus stop to accommodate a wheelchair or scooter.
4. Physical barriers on a sidewalk such as a power pole restricting wheelchair or scooter passage.

This Accessibility Study is being funded by a \$250,000 "Environmental Justice and Community-Based Transportation Planning" grant made available through the California Department of Transportation.

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