## **Downtown Riverfront Streetcar**

Sacramento, California Small Starts Project Development (Rating Assigned November 2014)

## **Summary Description**

Proposed Project: Streetcar

3.3 Miles, 17 Stations

Total Capital Cost (\$YOE): \$165.93 Million

Section 5309 Small Starts Share (\$YOE): \$74.99 Million (45.2%)

**Annual Opening Year Operating Cost:** \$3.5 Million

Current Year Ridership Forecast (2014): 3,000 Daily Linked Trips

891,900 Annual Linked Trips

Horizon Year Ridership Forecast (2035): 13,000 Daily Linked Trips

3,860,100 Annual Linked Trips

Overall Project Rating: Not Rated Project Justification Rating: Not Rated

Local Financial Commitment Rating: High

**Project Description:** The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), in collaboration with the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT), City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, and Yolo County Transportation District, proposes to construct a 3.3-mile streetcar line between West Sacramento and the Midtown District in Sacramento. The project also includes 17 one-way stations, six streetcar vehicles and an operations and maintenance facility. A short segment of RT's existing light rail line in downtown Sacramento would also be relocated to accommodate streetcar service as part of the project. Streetcars would operate in mixed traffic. RT would operate the streetcar. However, local officials plan to execute agreements to establish a new entity, Downtown Riverfront Streetcar, Inc. – a nonprofit organization comprised of SACOG, the two cities and local transit operators – to establish policies for the streetcar line for fares, budget, security, etc. The agreements are scheduled for execution by early 2015. Service would operate seven days a week, with trains running every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays and every 20 minutes during weekday evenings and weekends.

**Project Purpose:** The project would serve major destinations in the urban cores of West Sacramento and Sacramento, facilitate transit-oriented infill development in several designated areas along the route, and improve transit service and local circulation between the two cities. Key destinations along the project corridor include an Amtrak station, the convention center, the state capitol, a new sports/entertainment arena (currently under construction), and a minor-league baseball stadium.

**Project Development History, Status and Next Steps:** SACOG and its project partners included the locally preferred alternative in the region's fiscally-constrained long range transportation plan in April 2012. Local officials anticipate completing the environmental review process with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact in early 2015, receiving a Small Starts Grant Agreement by early 2016, and starting revenue service in 2018.

FTA was unable to develop an overall rating for the project due to unreliable travel forecasts. FTA will work with local officials to address the matter.

Locally Proposed Financial Plan		
Source of Funds	Total Funds (\$million)	Percent of Total
Federal: Section 5309 Small Starts FHWA Flexible Funds (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds)	\$74.99 \$5.00	45.2% 3.0%
State: Proposition 1B (State Bonds) Proposition 1A (State Bonds)	\$1.50 \$4.94	0.9% 3.0%
Local: City of West Sacramento Sales Tax City of Sacramento (Special Tax Assessment District) City of Sacramento (Local Bonds and/or Developer Fees)	\$25.00 \$40.00 \$14.49	15.1% 24.1% 8.7%
Total:	\$165.93	100.0%

**NOTE**: The financial plan reflected in this table has been developed by the project sponsor and does not reflect a commitment by DOT or FTA. The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.

