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Connector receives SACOG funds

MATHER — The [Capital SouthEast Connector](#) expressway recently received a financial boost when the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board of Directors approved an allocation of \$7.5 million to the project.

The funding will help pay for construction of the 5.5-mile connector segment on White Rock Road from Prairie City Road in Folsom to Latrobe Road in El Dorado Hills south of Highway 50.

The Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority estimates that it will cost \$40 million to convert the two-lane segment of White Rock Road to a four-lane expressway, reducing congestion on Highway 50 and increasing safety in the process. Additional funding will come from the Sacramento County Measure A transportation sales-tax program, and a combination of state funding and local development fees.

If sufficient additional funding is secured, construction is anticipated to take place between 2018 and 2021.

“SACOG’s support is critical to moving the Connector project forward and we’re very pleased with its decision to make a significant investment in this phase of our work,” said Pat Hume, chair of the Connector JPA Board and Elk Grove City Council Member.

The funding is being provided through SACOG’s biannual [Regional Flexible Funding Programs](#) process, which allocates funds to projects based on federal apportionments of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Regional Surface Transportation Program, State Transportation Improvement Program funds and SACOG Managed Funds.

SACOG’s allocation to the connector is the largest of its project commitments in this funding round.

SACOG received 103 project nominations from 25 project sponsors requesting \$345.4 million.

Guaranteed funding of \$89.758 million was allocated, with an additional \$38.795 million committed to “Tier 2” projects that could receive funding if additional resources become available.