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**PHASE TWO BEGINS ON STOCKTON BOULEVARD
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**
*City, County and Redevelopment Agency celebrate groundbreaking
for \$6 million streetscape improvements*

Sacramento – City and County dignitaries and representatives from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency officially broke ground on Phase Two of the Stockton Boulevard Beautification Project as residents and local business owners joined the celebration.

The \$6 million construction improvement project is taking place on Broadway to Fruitridge in the joint City and County Stockton Boulevard Redevelopment Project area which includes 925 acres, and runs along Stockton Boulevard from 14th Avenue in the City, to the City/County boundary line south of Riza Avenue.



This phase of the project will complete the northern section of the Stockton Boulevard Streetscape, providing for a continuously streetscaped corridor from Broadway until El Paraíso install curb, gutters and sidewalks where none exist. Rolled curbs will be replaced with a vertical curb. All wheelchair ramps will be upgraded. Sidewalk paths in the project area will be made ADA accessible by replacing damaged portions of the sidewalk and moving current obstacles in the sidewalk path. New landscaped medians will be installed. Sidewalk tree wells will be installed and shade trees will be planted, creating a more welcoming environment for pedestrians. The entire roadway will be overlaid with new pavement and street lights will be installed and the signals modified to accommodate the new striping and bike lanes.

Phase One of the project consisted of various streetscape improvements within the public right-of-way of Stockton Boulevard starting from just north of the intersection of Fruitridge Road and traversing south to the intersection at El Paraíso Avenue, within both the City and County of Sacramento. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters were constructed.

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In addition, landscaping along sidewalks, landscaped medians and improvements for disabled access were completed. The project also included new drainage facilities to replace existing ditches and culverts, and other associated improvements which will increase the accessibility and safety of Stockton Boulevard. The project is expected to be completed in early 2005.

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency oversees the investment of public funds for residential and commercial redevelopment activities in many different redevelopment areas. The Agency is in the process of amending and establishing new areas. SHRA also takes on special projects in targeted communities and administers the federal funds for a variety of community service programs. For more information on redevelopment areas in Sacramento and City and County neighborhoods, visit our website at www.shra.org and click on Community Redevelopment.

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is a Joint Powers Authority created as a public agency by the City and County of Sacramento in 1973. SHRA is the lead public agency and public developer for the City and the County regarding affordable housing, public housing and redevelopment projects and issues. The Agency provides a variety of financial assistance programs for first-time homebuyers, and offers several loan programs and other assistance to the business community. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees who work in the Agency's Housing Authority, City and County Community Development, Program Operations, Development Services and Administration Departments. SHRA owns 3,600 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,700 rental assistance vouchers per month.