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Grover Beach City Council Approves Train Station Expansion Project

GROVER BEACH, CA — On February 21, 2012, the Grover Beach City Council unanimously authorized the City to move ahead with the ***Train Station Expansion Project***, setting the stage for the development of a true multi-modal facility. The train station is currently located at the southeast corner of West Grand Avenue and Highway 1, just adjacent to the Union Pacific rail line. As constructed in 1996, the facility made provisions for the loading and unloading of both bus and rail passengers. However, due to size constraints of the original property, bus facilities were located on the opposite side of the tracks from the main station. The existing configuration is therefore cumbersome for travelers desiring to use both the rail and bus systems.

The expansion project will relocate the bus loading and unloading facilities to a site just to the south and adjacent to the existing rail station. Direct access from rail to bus facilities will be provided. The project is expected to create a true multi-modal transit center that would serve trains and buses, with seamless connections for visitors and commuters. The project will also provide ample parking for train and bus users, as well as for those wishing to van and carpool. The project will allow for a future connection with the regional South County Area Transit (SCAT). Also provided will be pedestrian access connections to the beach and the downtown.

The project is a collaborative effort between the City of Grover Beach, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), and the County Parks Department, with the City of Grover Beach taking the lead. The local CalTrans office has also been a catalyst for the project.

According to Grover Beach Mayor John P. Shoals, *“This project will better serve the needs of both the train and bus traveler and will identify Grover Beach as an accessible destination. The project is a great example of cross-agency cooperation.”*

The proposed project will be built on a 2.8 acre site presently owned by County Parks and located just south of the existing train station. It will be built in two phases. The first phase will consist of approximately 1.3 acres and will include expansion of the existing Amtrak station to create the multi-modal center. Phase 1 will include the construction of a 400 sq. ft. bus shelter and loading/unloading zone with direct access to the rail platform, a traffic circle entry statement, and landscaping. The project will add 40 additional parking spaces, allowing for both short- and long-term parking by transit users. The parking lot will also serve as a “trailhead parking” for trails/bike paths consistent with the City’s Bicycle Master Plan. A second phase of the project would be developed by San Luis County Parks to provide additional access to the Coastal Dunes RV Park.

The cost of the project is approximately \$1.9 million. SLOCOG has facilitated a grant of \$1 million in Proposition 1B transit funding. The City is completing construction design with \$100,000 in additional funds provided by SLOCOG, and both the City and SLOCOG are seeking to secure an additional \$800,000 in grant dollars to complete funding of Phase I. County Parks will complete Phase II as funds become available.

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