



**TOWNSHIP NINE**  
AT THE RIVER DISTRICT



**THE RIVER DISTRICT**

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## **Sacramento Celebrates Progress in The River District**

*Ground breaking ceremony at Township Nine Marks the Next Step in Revitalization*

*Sacramento, CA* – Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., community leaders will gather at Richards Blvd. and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street to celebrate the progress of the River District and to join Township Nine for the groundbreaking of one of the largest mixed-use projects in the United States. The ceremony will include remarks by Mayor Kevin Johnson, Councilmember Ray Tretheway along with representatives from the CHP and Sacramento Regional Transit.

This year's annual event will serve as a welcome to the California Highway Patrol and a groundbreaking for Township Nine. In addition, it will allow businesses, property owners, stakeholders and friends of The River District to celebrate the progress in bringing development, jobs, public transit and cultural amenities to this vital portion of Sacramento's Central City. New development will pave the way for the District's evolution from a primarily light-industrial commercial district to a distinctive, mixed-use neighborhood that will connect Sacramento to its rivers.

Demonstrated progress in the accomplishment of long-term development goals includes:

- The groundbreaking of the 65-acre Township Nine multi-use project that will eventually be home to up to 2,900 housing units, 840,000 square feet of office space and 140,000 square feet of urban retail;
- Award of \$19.1 million in Proposition 1-C bond funds to Township Nine;
- California Highway Patrol's lease at Continental Plaza and first phase occupancy;
- Regional Transit's decision to expedite the Green Line extension to The River District, which will ultimately extend all the way to the Sacramento International Airport (The extension is scheduled to begin by the end of this year, with anticipated completion by fall 2010);
- Announcement of plans and fundraising for the Powerhouse Science Center.

"We are thrilled to break ground and take the next step in laying the groundwork for a vibrant community at Township Nine," said Scott Syphax, one of the Township Nine partners. "The River District will soon become a hub for jobs, commercial development and housing, not to mention the notable additions of light rail, the CHP headquarters and the Powerhouse Science Center."

**About The River District**

The River District Redevelopment Area covers over 1,000 acres immediately adjacent to the heart of Downtown Sacramento, stretching from the Sacramento River on the west, the American River on the north, Sutter's Landing Regional Park on the east, and a varied border along North B and C Streets on the south. Currently, businesses in the River District range from retail to warehousing. The District's office building occupancy rate jumped from 47% in 2006 to 97% in 2008. The overall occupancy rate for industrial businesses within the district is above 95%.

**About Township Nine**

Positioned along the American River, Township Nine is a 65-acre mixed-use urban development, blending a distinct variety of housing, office space and retail. Township Nine will serve as the first stop on the extension of Regional Transit's Green Line and is generally bounded by North 5th Street to the west, Richards Boulevard to the south, North 7th Street to the east and the American River Parkway to the north. With its impressive size and appealing location, it promises to be a central catalyst in the redevelopment of the exciting River District.

**About RT's Green Line Extension**

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) operates a large light rail system and connecting bus service throughout the Sacramento area covering 418 square miles. The light rail system includes 45 stations, 76 vehicles, and is the tenth busiest in the United States. In December 2007, Regional Transit committed to completing the extension from the Sacramento Valley Station to Richards Blvd by 2010 which would take it through the Township Nine development, with a station at Richards Blvd. and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**About the CHP Headquarters**

Also new to the River District is the headquarters consolidation of the California Highway Patrol which will bring more than 900 new employees to the District. The CHP Headquarters is located at Continental Plaza, on the east side of North 7th Street north of Richards Boulevard. The California Highway Patrol has leased a three-building campus totaling 285,000 square feet.

**About the Powerhouse Science Center**

The 57-year old Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is bursting at the seams and will be reborn as the Powerhouse Science Center, located in the long-neglected Jibboom Street Power Station. This project will be an anchor for civic amenities in The River District, helping to serve as a catalyst for neighborhood renewal. Powerhouse Science Center will feature four stories of interactive, hands-on science, space, robotics and environmental exhibits; a 150-seat planetarium; and an expanded Challenger Learning Center all within a platinum LEED design campus.

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