VALLEY RAIL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Archway Commons II





EAH Inc. partnered with the City of Modesto and SJRRC on a Round 5 Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) application for their Archway Commons II Project. This project is the second phase of an affordable housing development located iust northwest of downtown Modesto (at 1101 Carver Road) in a disadvantaged community. The \$24.8 million AHSC grant award provides funding for 74 of the 150 units in this family development. Using the StanCOG Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan, the Modesto Pedestrian Priority Areas and Implementation Plan, and a community support plan for guidance, the project includes streetscape improvements that connect neighborhood residents to local amenities. These include a multiuse path connecting Archway Commons II to the downtown Modesto Transit Center (1.9 miles from the Archway Commons II project along 9th Street) and Modesto Junior College. This project provides multiple transit improvements, including modifying a transit route to provide direct service to residents of the housing development. Additionally, SJRRC is receiving \$4 million for an additional ACE train car to increase service capacity along a major commuter line. The AHSC grant will also fund free transit passes for neighborhood residents. Partnering with SJRRC provided substantial GHG reductions associated with the new rail car which enabled Archway Commons II to successfully compete against Bay Area and Southern California projects.

For more information regarding the Archway Commons II project, please see the link below to EAH's webpage: https://www.eahhousing.org/apartments/archway-commons-2/

What is Valley Rail?

Valley Rail implements two new daily round-trips for the Amtrak San Joaquins service to better connect San Joaquin Valley travelers with the Sacramento Area, and an extension of ACE between Sacramento and Merced which builds upon \$400 million ACE funding from Senate Bill (SB) 132. In addition, Valley Rail will convert the entire fleet including the thruway bus network to renewable diesel fuel, providing greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits across the entire existing (449 track miles) and proposed expanded (119 track miles) San Joaquins and ACE services.

Learn more by visiting www.sjrrc.com/valley-rail.

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