

VALLEY RAIL

Modesto Transit Center Safety and Beautification Project

Once funding was secured to extend ACE service to Modesto, SJRRC began working with the City of Modesto in 2018 to plan for improvements at the Modesto Transit Center where ACE will be an important addition to this multi-modal transit hub. Modesto Transit Center is located adjacent to and in the former Modesto Southern Pacific Railroad Station at 1029 9th Street. The project is bounded by 9th Street on the northeast, K and I streets to the northwest and southeast, and the railroad line to the southwest.

Having a safe, comfortable environment (both during the day and at night) at the Modesto Transit Center is critical for encouraging ridership for local and regional transit as well as for the new ACE service. The Transit Center was in serious need for repair, restoration, and upgrading, including the Transit Center's former Southern Pacific Station and surrounding bus bays. In partnership with the City, SJRRC did initial planning for safety and beautification improvements for the exterior of the Transit Center. SJJPA then supported the City of Modesto to receive funding from StanCOG in 2019 to undertake these improvements as well as a complete refurbishing of the station building interior. To carry out the Transit Center improvements the City of Modesto leveraged over \$1 million in Federal Transit Administration funding to secure about \$4.6 million in regional (StanCOG) funding along with other sources to complete the \$6.3 million project.

In June of 2023, the City of Modesto completed the Modesto Transit Center safety and beautification improvement project. Improvements on the interior and exterior of the former Southern Pacific Railroad Station and Transit Center's grounds have significantly upgraded the facility to make it safer, more comfortable, and pleasant for customers of the multiple public transportation services including Stanislaus County Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) local and regional bus services, and by 2026 ACE riders. The improvements include new lighting and landscaping throughout the Transit Center, new public address and video surveillance systems, new paint and repairs, decorative pavers at pedestrian crossings, and a completely remodeled and refurbished station interior which promotes better safety and security while honoring the historic architecture. The Modesto Transit Center includes expanded offices and dispatch for StanRTA and the Greyhound bus carrier. Improvements were also made to the multiple bus stalls for loading and unloading, canopies protecting passenger waiting areas, and public parking.



**Modesto Transit Center
Southern Pacific Station
Before Improvements**



**Simulation of Improved
Modesto Transit Center
Southern Pacific Station**



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**Simulation of Improved
Modesto Transit Center
Southern Pacific Station
interior**

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.

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