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CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROVIDES ECONOMIC BOOST *Project Construction Estimated to Create 5,400 Jobs*

Mather, Calif., December 18, 2012 – An [economic impact study](#) conducted by the [Capital SouthEast Connector](#) Joint Powers Authority estimates that construction of the new roadway between Elk Grove and El Dorado Hills will create more than 5,400 new full-time jobs and \$310 million in new labor income.

The study was conducted by [Dr. Sanjay Varshney](#), producer of the regional economic forecast and [Sacramento Business Review](#) and dean of the College of Business at Sacramento State. It also predicts that the project's construction will generate nearly \$831 million in new regional economic output and more than \$23 million in new indirect business tax revenue.

Taking into account its construction and use between 2013 and 2035, the study estimates that the Connector will create more than 25,000 total new jobs, and generate \$2.5 billion in new economic output and \$182 million in new indirect business tax revenue. The JPA anticipates \$11.7 million in annual savings by 2045 related to a reduction in congestion and travel delays.

“In addition to its benefits related to congestion relief and improved air quality, the Connector also provides a much-needed economic shot in the arm,” said [Tom Zlotkowski](#), executive director of the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA. “It's clear that this project can play a significant role in helping to accelerate the region's economic recovery.”

The study indicates that the Connector project will have an overall economic impact similar to other large regional infrastructure projects, including the Sacramento International Airport expansion, Highway 65 in Placer County and a once proposed downtown Sacramento entertainment and sports facility.

“The Connector will improve linkages between population and employment centers, and help attract new businesses of all kinds, including retail, manufacturing and distribution,” said Varshney. “The sooner the project is implemented, the more quickly the region will realize its economic-development benefits.”

The Connector is a planned [35-mile parkway](#) that will span from Interstate 5, south of Elk Grove, to Highway 50 in El Dorado County, just east of El Dorado Hills. Its implementation is currently estimated to cost \$456 million.

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