FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Highlights from EPA Region 9

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EPA Programs & Funding Opportunities

- Smart Growth Implementation Assistance
- Green Building Technical Support
- Brownfield Assessment, Clean-up, Revolving Loan
- Environmental Workforce and Job Training Grants
- Communities for Climate Action
- MPO Coordination
- Energy Efficiency Building Grants
Pilot Project: National City, California

- Public Works Yard
- Catalyst Site
- City Ownership
- Bisected by Creek
- Adjacent to 24th St Trolley Station
- Adjacent to Paradise Creek Education Park
- Adjacent to Kimball Elementary School
Pilot Project: National City, California

- Community Designed TOD
- 80+ Community Members
- Address Issues of Housing Density, Affordability, Creating Open Space
- Resulted in Project Design
Pilot Project: Fresno, California

- Region 9 Sustainable Communities Partnership Demonstration Project

- Meetings to Identify Needs & Define Pilot
  - Energy Retrofits, BRT, Brownfields

- EPA’s 1st Investment: West Fresno Community Involvement Project
  - Series of educational meetings to discuss redevelopment basics, how to affect redevelopment decisions in Fresno & smart growth principles
  - Key partners: ATSDR, Redevelopment Agency of Fresno, the City of Fresno, the local HUD Field Office, and the FTA Regional Office
  - Expect to begin the project in early winter
High Speed Rail & Sustainable Communities

- Developing CHSRA & HUD-DOT-EPA Agreement

- Connection to Partnership Principles
  - Provide more transportation choices.
  - Promote equitable, affordable housing.
  - Enhance economic competitiveness.
  - Support existing communities.
  - Coordinate and leverage federal policies & investment.
  - Value communities and neighborhoods.
High Speed Rail & Sustainable Communities

- Programmatic EIS: Transit Oriented Development
- Align EPA Programs
- Providing Feedback & Resources
  - EPA Guidance Docs (Smart Growth for Rural Communities)
  - Station Area development policy
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“Leveraging the Partnership: DOT, HUD, EPA Programs for Sustainable Communities”
http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/publications.htm