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Congressman Jerry McNerney Visits Downtown Transit Center, Rides San Joaquin RTD Buses

(Stockton, CA) – On November 30, 2007, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) hosted Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) for a brief update tour of the Downtown Transit Center (DTC). Congressman McNerney was the keynote speaker for the DTC Grand Opening a year earlier, in December 2006.

Prior to touring the DTC, Congressman McNerney met with RTD board members, and administrative, maintenance, and transportation staff for a discussion of RTD's latest successes, and current events that affect public transit and RTD.

Following the tour of the DTC, during which Congressman McNerney was able to observe and learn more about RTD's routes and passenger amenities, the Congressman and RTD tour participants boarded the northbound Metro Express to head to his next appointment. While riding the bus, the Congressman was able to make his own observations and learn more about Metro Express, stating,

"I'm impressed by RTD's Metro Express service. It's a clean, comfortable, convenient ride in a reliable diesel-electric hybrid that pollutes less and saves money on fuel. While aboard Metro Express I talked to a number of passengers, all of whom were very pleased with the service."

Congressman McNerney and the others rode Metro Express to the Malls at Pacific and Yokuts, where they transferred to another bus to ride to Stagg High School. Upon arriving at the stop near Stagg, just as school was getting out, the Congressman was able to see the large numbers of Stagg High students heading to catch RTD buses home or to their next destination.

During the course of the tour, Metro Express bus ride, and connecting transfer, RTD was able to provide the Congressman a comprehensive overview of the services and amenities it provides San Joaquin County. The Congressman was also able to speak with many passengers and RTD staff as he rode the buses to learn about their experiences with RTD and its services.

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