



THE RIVER DISTRICT

River District's Signature Light Rail Station Connects Old With the New

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Oct. 30, 2012 – Today's River District, an 830-acre commercial area just north of downtown Sacramento at the confluence of the American and Sacramento river, is setting the standard for quality development.

Dating back to the mid-1800s, the area now known as the River District served as the backbone of trade, commerce and industry, supported by its close proximity to rail and river transport. With the recent opening of the Township 9 Station and the Green Line, it recalls its rail transportation roots with the addition of light rail passenger service. The Green Line will eventually link the Sacramento central city to Sacramento International Airport.

The new Township 9 Station, located at Richards Boulevard and Seventh Street, is considered the signature station for Sacramento Regional Transit's light rail system, connecting the area's rich history with fresh, new architectural design.

The area's roots date back to the Bercut-Richards Packing Company, once the single largest producer of tomato products in the region and the largest independently owned cannery in California.

The light rail station incorporates the cannery's architectural features for inspiration and mixes original materials with new materials throughout the project: The sixty-foot trusses used in the station's two shelters were recovered from what was referred to as the Fruit Cocktail Building of the Bercut-Richards Cannery; the wood platforms were platforms from the original cannery; the brick on the columns and steel sashes were once part of the Bercut-Richards signature red brick packing plant and warehouses.

More than 20 quotes about Sacramento or from Sacramentans are embedded in the station's concrete beams, a subtle and unique touch that adds an element of surprise for visitors to the station.

The cannery's 1930s scale house sits at a central point in the transit plaza, envisioned to become a coffee house/newsstand business serving the community and light rail riders. The original Bercut-Richards flagpole stands just north of the scale house, again drawing attention to the historic materials used throughout the plaza.

The River District's light rail station is part of more than \$450 million that recently has been invested in infrastructure, transportation, office development and civic amenities in the area.

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[The River District](#), an 830-acre central city district, is quickly transitioning from a light-industrial, low-intensity commercial area into one of Sacramento's up and coming vibrant, mixed use, transit oriented communities. The historic commercial area will combine an eclectic mix of residential, office and commercial land uses

designed to take advantage of multi-modal transportation options, riverfront views and open space. www.riverdistrict.net, (916) 321-5599.

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