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South of 50 infrastructure progresses

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The 18-month schedule of infrastructure, road and safety improvements that started south of Highway 50 in May is proceeding at a smooth and steady pace.

Nearly three miles of sewer line is being installed, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District has started construction on a substation to provide the area with power, the first section of Alder Creek Parkway – a significant east/west thoroughfare – has opened, and the roads and pads for the first new neighborhoods are becoming visible in the area near White Rock Road and the soon-to-be-renamed Scott Road.

“Construction on the first new homes at the Folsom Ranch site – the area west of Placerville Road – is scheduled to start in early 2018 with model homes completed by summer,” said Ian Cornell, spokesman for the Folsom Plan Area. “At Russell Ranch – the area east of Placerville Road to the county line, – a clubhouse and the first new homes should be completed by mid-2019.”

Highlights of the Folsom Plan Area include 138 acres of parks; 30 miles of trails that will connect to the city’s extensive trail system; more than 1,000 acres of open space; more than 500 acres of contiguous oak woodlands; new schools; a transit corridor and roadway improvements to enhance traffic flow; and up to 8,000 new jobs with a planned jobs and housing balance that will allow many residents to reduce or eliminate their commutes.

The 3,520-acre Folsom Plan Area was annexed into the City of Folsom in 2011. Planned in accordance with Measure W, a ballot measure passed by Folsom voters, landowners were required to secure an independent water supply for the plan area, provide transportation improvements to mitigate traffic impacts, preserve 30 percent of the land as natural open space, and allow for new schools, all at no cost to existing Folsom residents. The plan that met those requirements was adopted by the Folsom City Council in 2012.

The plan area was the subject of a visioning process instituted by the City of Folsom with hundreds of residents at dozens of public hearings addressing a range of issues including land use, open space, transportation, and financing. Their recommendations resulted in scenarios reviewed by the Folsom City Council in 2005, which ultimately evolved into the design adopted by the city seven years later.

Folsom south of 50 homes construction

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