

Policy Brief | Railyards Proposition 1C Funding

Summary: Thomas Enterprises and the Railyards secured necessary funding from Proposition 1C bonds to begin infrastructure improvements in the Railyards.

Issues: The Railyards received a significant award of state bond funds totaling \$47 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) grant programs. These programs were established in 2006 following passage of the \$2.85 billion Proposition 1C housing bond.

An award of \$30 million was made from the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and an additional \$17 million was recommended from the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program. Applicants were rated by the HCD on a point system, based on criteria such as proximity to transit, housing density, affordability, local support, consistency with regional plans and convenience to amenities. Planning and design will begin immediately with construction commencing in mid 2009.

The infrastructure grants will be used to extend Fifth Street north to Railyards Boulevard and to construct Railyards Boulevard from Bercut, east to 7th Street. These projects will create pedestrian, bicycle and automobile opportunities over the railroad tracks. Infrastructure work will include the installation of underground water, sewer and utilities as well as road and overpass construction.

Position: DSP has historically supported the Railyards Development and will continue to work closely with Thomas Enterprises and stakeholders to ensure sufficient progress on infrastructure projects and to secure additional funding for the development, including the design and construction of a pedestrian access tunnel/bridge to Old Sacramento on 2nd Street.