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Davis Receives Grant for Downtown University Gateway Plan

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Davis, CA. The State of California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has approved grant of nearly $600,000 for the City of Davis Downtown University Gateway District Plan. The decision was made at the SGC’s June 3, 2014 meeting in Sacramento. The City’s application scored 97 out of a possible 100 points, which was the highest score of the 66 applications submitted.

The City, in collaboration with UC Davis and Yolo County, is embarking on a community-based planning process for the Downtown University Gateway District, which includes Davis Nishi Gateway (Nishi Property and West Olive Drive) and the adjacent UC Davis land. The 45-acre Nishi property is proposed as a walkable/bikeable, mixed-use district including university-related research park development complemented by high density urban housing and integrated into the UC Davis campus and downtown.

This SGC grant will help fund analyses and environmental review for the Nishi Gateway project, along with transportation, water/wastewater, and open space plans for the Downtown University Gateway District. The competitiveness of the application was greatly enhanced by the participation of Yolo County as co-applicant, UC Davis as a collaborator, and SACOG as a partner.

During public comment on the item, City Councilmember Lucas Frerichs stated “Infill projects can often be difficult to construct, although we are well aware of the community benefits that come from infill done right. This grant will give us templates to shape the Gateway District as a model of sustainable development representing Davis community values.”

“It comes as no surprise that in an extremely competitive regional pool, this project rose to the top,” said Don Saylor, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. “The collaboration of county, city, and University has the vision and motivation to use this prime and unique location to become home to a regional landmark project.”

The City held two interactive public workshops on the Nishi Gateway at the end of May. Additional public participation opportunities are being scheduled. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list for the planning effort, go to www.NishiGateway.org.

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