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El Dorado Hills-Elk Grove connector road planned

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Plans for an Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado connector to divert some of the Highway 50 traffic to an alternate southern route may alleviate some congestion, and the project is gaining momentum.

With anticipated growth over the next 25 years adding 1 million people to the greater Sacramento six-county region, transportation issues sit at the top of local officials' list of priorities.

The Elk Grove-EDH connector is part of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030, a blueprint of "smart growth." SACOG includes representatives from Sacramento,

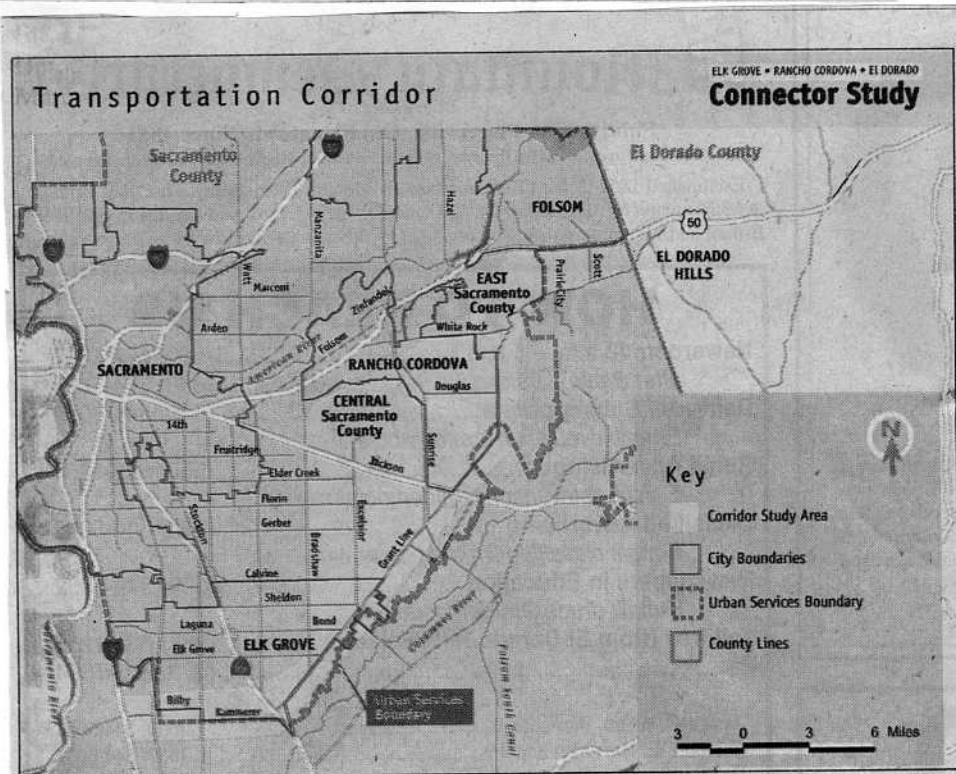
Yolo, Placer, Sutter, Yuba and El Dorado counties.

Smart growth principles are based around the balanced concentration of facilities, housing and jobs at an urban core.

Numerous public workshops around the Sacramento region will get residents involved in setting priorities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The EDH workshop is scheduled for the evening of March 16 at the community services district on Harvard Way. Registration is available at www.sacog.org.

Sacramento's metro population of more than 2 million ranks 25th in the nation, but has the 19th worst traffic

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THE MAP shows the general route, in yellow, of the El Dorado County to I-5 connector. Hearings have been scheduled around the area before a specific right of way is chosen.

