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Train station dedicated to lifelong public servant

Fairfield, California (Friday, August 23, 2019) - Capitol Corridor's newest station is being dedicated to Thomas M. Hannigan, a public servant for more than 25 years – Fairfield Planning Commissioner, City Councilmember, Mayor, and State Assemblyman.

On September 27 at 10 a.m., current transportation and government officials and those that served with Hannigan will dedicate the Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station to him. Hannigan was the visionary behind the development of the Capitol Corridor line, which serves thousands of commuters daily between Auburn and San Jose.

“The community is invited to come out to celebrate and acknowledge Tom’s forward-thinking approach to transportation along the I-80 corridor,” said Solano County Supervisor Jim Spering. “Naming this station after Tom seems a fitting tribute to a man who loved this community and was always thinking about its future.”

After September 27, the Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station will officially be known as the Fairfield-Vacaville Hannigan Train Station along the Capitol Corridor.

As a teacher at Vanden High School, Fairfield’s current mayor, Harry T. Price, recounted observing Hannigan’s prowess as a Fairfield City planning commissioner, and his service as vice mayor and mayor. “Tom was largely responsible for Anheuser-Busch locating to Fairfield,” explained Mayor Price. “It was also during Tom’s service to the City that the current City Hall campus and complex were finalized and opened – he was a man ahead of his time.”

In 1988, Assemblyman Hannigan authored legislation, ACR 132, to develop a strategic plan that led to the startup of the Capitol Corridor train service. A short three years later, Capitol Corridor, operated by Amtrak, began to ferry commuters between the foothills and the bay area.

Fast forward to 2008, the City of Fairfield assembled funding to construct a new station at the corner of Peabody and Vanden roads in the northeast corner of Fairfield. The Fairfield-Vacaville Hannigan Train Station welcomed its first

passengers in fall 2017, and is the cornerstone of a multi-modal, transit-oriented community that will include more than 4,500 residential units with a central lake, parks, and is commuter-friendly. More than 3,600 passengers originate their trips from this station every month.

The dedication ceremony is Friday, September 27 at 10 a.m. A bronze plaque of Tom Hannigan will be unveiled as part of the program. Invited speakers include former Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown and former Congressman Vic Fazio.

Dedication of the station is the collaborative effort of Solano County, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, Solano Transportation Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, California State Transportation Agency, City of Vacaville, and City of Fairfield.

The Fairfield-Vacaville Hannigan Train Station is located at 4921 Vanden Road in Fairfield.

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