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BLACKSTONE-MCKINLEY TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT BREAKS GROUND WEDS, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Fresno, CA – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria has been working with Integrated Community Development and Corporation for Better Housing for over 3 years to bring the Blackstone-McKinley Transit Oriented Development to Fresno and is very proud of what this investment will bring to our city. Not only will it provide affordable housing for low-income working families, it will include a community health clinic and space for a Neighborhood Senior Center.

Additionally, the project will create 400 jobs, \$15million in investment directly into our local economy through the purchase of building materials from local businesses, and we will receive over \$3 million for sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and other infrastructure upgrades in the immediate neighborhood.

Councilmember Soria stated “This is a huge win for Fresno and for District 1. It fills a need for affordable housing and healthcare as well as providing a Neighborhood Senior Center. I commend the investors in this mixed use project for selecting this Fresno neighborhood for their project.”

Critical funding for this project was provided through State Housing Funds. This project on it’s merits earned the support of the State who provided a \$16 million investment. “We’re thrilled that the Blackstone & McKinley Transit Oriented Development broke ground today,” said Louise Bedsworth, Executive Director of the California Strategic Growth Council, which invested \$16 million into the project through its Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Project. “This integrated development will not only provide badly needed new affordable housing, but it will provide low-income Fresno residents with local access to medical care, and create new bike lanes and walkways that will benefit all who live in or visit the neighborhood.”

The Groundbreaking Ceremony will begin at 11am. Program attached.

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