Innovation is in the air. Gamechangers in land development, housing, transportation and the environment surround. This year’s Speaker Series will focus on ground-breaking projects and the associated evolving dynamics that have the capacity (or will have the capacity) to (re)create sweeping impacts on our Region. In year seven of the Sacramento Valley American Planning Association’s Speaker Series, we will join with our partners to describe these projects and/or dynamics, how they are different and potentially represent “the new normal,” and offer participants a chance to consider and discuss how these monumental efforts in this Region might change the way we conduct future planning.

**Sessions will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Join us for coffee & networking from 8:00-8:30 a.m.**

**West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento**

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**May 30 - Hosted by APA & AIA**

*Changing the Face of Downtown: Sacramento’s Entertainment and Sports Complex*

**Presenters:** Desmond Parrington, City of Sacramento (moderator); Michael Heller, Heller Pacific; Michael Ault, Downtown Sacramento Partnership; Michael Laviano, AECOM

Imagine Downtown Sacramento as a vibrant destination. With approximately 190 events per year that will generate an estimated 1.65 million attendees and hundreds of permanent jobs, Sacramento's Entertainment and Sports Complex (ESC) has the potential to transform Downtown Sacramento into a regional attraction. Other businesses want to be located in the vicinity to take advantage of the facility’s draw, and new mixed use developments are being proposed in the area. This session will provide a broad perspective on the future of Downtown Sacramento with the ESC as a major catalyst.

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**June 27 - Hosted by AEP & APA**

*Implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan*

**Presenters:** Tom Gohring, The Water Forum; Jennifer Pierre, ICF International

Everyone knows that it’s a big and controversial project, but what exactly will happen with implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan? Come hear an overview of the plan and its potential environmental impacts as well as some local agency perspectives on how they are making room for BDCP in their own planning efforts. A brief presentation will be immediately followed by perspectives on the plan relayed by representatives from several local flood protection and water-related issues.

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**July 18 - Hosted by Sacramento Tree Foundation & OPR**

*Responding to Drought: New Solutions for Sustainable Cities*

**Presenters:** Andy Lipkis, LA TreePeople; Jay Lund, Center for Watershed Sciences, UC Davis; Debbie Davis, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research

According to Andy Lipkis, “Sustainability is not a far-off unattainable goal; it’s a practical way to solve more than one problem at once”. …including the immediate issue of extreme drought. Los Angeles has been dealing with water shortages a lot longer than Sacramento. Come learn about the innovative solutions TreePeople has spearheaded with local governments to adapt neighborhoods for drought as well as flooding. Discuss with Jay Lund the economic benefits and resources for implementing new, alternative solutions. Is this drought the wake-up call for Northern California to change embedded traditions in residential and commercial real estate design? Is there the political will and community buy-in to embrace real change? With Debbie Davis, hear how the state is working with cities and counties to deal with the drought at a local level, and how the upcoming General Plan Guidelines encourage sustainable water use. Join us for a lively presentation and discussion!
August 29 - Hosted by SACOG
Suburban Revitalization: Rebirth and the Changing Nature of Demographics, Housing and Retail Demand

Presenters: David Sander, Rancho Cordova City Council Member; Gordon Garry, SACOG

As the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) develops its next Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, an emphasis will be placed on maintaining and revitalizing existing corridors and centers throughout the six-county region. This discussion will look at the demographic trends that SACOG forecasts, and the changing nature of housing and retail demand and how suburban communities, particularly older suburban communities must adapt and reinvent themselves to become long-term stable and healthy communities. David Sander is a member of the Rancho Cordova City Council and Chair of the First Tier Suburbs Council for the National League of Cities.

September 26 - Hosted by ULI
ULI Sacramento Streetcar Project Program Overview
Invited Panelists include: Bay Miry, D&S Development; Councilmember Steve Hansen, City of Sacramento; Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, City of West Sacramento and Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

Moderator: Fedolia “Sparky” Harris, City of Sacramento and ULI Sacramento TOD Advisory Council

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Significant levels of growth are projected to occur in the urban core of Sacramento and West Sacramento during the next 20 years. The two cities have approved land use entitlements for major urban infill projects in accordance with the Sacramento Blueprint Project. These projects include the Railyards in Sacramento and the Bridge District and Washington Area in West Sacramento. This new development would generate greater travel demand on local transit services and roadways. Given that this urban core is slated for higher density development, the transportation system needs to be augmented to provide transit service for shorter, local trips within the core across the Sacramento River. Focusing transit circulation within the urban core would be conducive to achieving planned urban development and redevelopment goals, fostering economic development, and reducing traffic congestion and the need for additional parking facilities. The City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, Sacramento RT, YCTD, and SACOG are planning for the development of the “Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project” to provide this timely and important addition to our transit network.

October 24 - Hosted by Caltrans, HCD & OPR
A New Metric is Coming to Town

Presenters: Chris Ganson, Governors Office of Planning and Research; Katie Benouar, Caltrans; & David Mogavero, Mogavero Notestine Associates

Moderator: Marco Gonzalez, Caltrans

The use of automobile Level of Service (LOS) standards in environmental review has for many years been criticized as anti-environmental, promoting automobile travel over the development of other modes, and impeding infill development. In 2013, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 743, directing the Office of Planning and Research to update the transportation metric used in CEQA. This session will focus on OPR and Caltrans’ collaboration in developing methods of transportation analysis under CEQA, the expected outcomes of these new methods for sustainable development, and provide a developer’s perspective on what these important updates can do for infill.

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