

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION:

JANUARY 17, 2007, WEDNESDAY

3:45 PM TO 5:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Conference Room A

County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comments.** Any member of the public may address the Committee for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Committee will listen to all communication and will not take any action on items not on the agenda.
3. **Executive Committee Minutes, November 8, 2006**
4. **SLOCOG February 7, 2007 Draft Agenda (Pages 4-1 to 4-3).** Executive Committee is asked to review and comment on the timing, sequence, and the proposed advisory committee items (circled items) on the attached agenda.

This meeting is expected to be lengthy with a large number of items and quite a few items that may be lengthy in time. The Executive Committee is urged to consider extending the meeting after 12:00 p.m. Consideration should be given to scheduling the RTA meeting after the lunch hour.

The following summarizes major items planned for discussion:

Board Administrative Items:

A-1 Election of Officers and Recognition. At this meeting, the SLOCOG Board selects its new President and Vice-President. Historically, the new President assumes the chair and presents the outgoing president (Tony Ferrara) with a plaque of Appreciation.

A-2 Committee and Interagency Assignments. Committee assignments will be addressed for the following: Executive Committee, California Association of Councils of Governments, Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the Los Angeles-SLO-San Diego Rail Policy Committee. **Recommended SLOCOG Board Action:** appoint committee representatives.

Public Hearing Items:

B-1 Unmet Transit Needs Hearing/Unmet Bikeway Needs Hearing. A public hearing will be held to receive public testimony on unmet transit/bikeway needs. Staff will present at the meeting (via an addendum) any written, verbal or electronic testimony submitted to date. Once received, the testimony will be assessed against adopted criteria and recommendations will be presented in April for action. No major issues are apparent at this time.

B-2 Mid-year 2006/07 State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund: Allocation of Increased Funding. Staff extended the STA application deadline by one week. Over 40 applications for the remaining \$1.5 million in STA funds are anticipated. These applications will be rated using the adopted STA funding criteria. Consideration will be given to the Board suggestion for a reserve to help stabilize funding. Some level of a service population-based apportionment may be appropriate, and FY 07/08 STA estimates should be available shortly to further examine the funding level. Since the 6 month pilot program for regionwide Sunday service expires after February, the Board may be asked to continue it through the remained of the Fiscal year at an estimated cost of \$50K.

B-3 North Coast Transit Plan (Los Osos, Morro Bay & Cambria). Doug Langille of the IBI Group (the consultant) will conduct a presentation to the Board on the North Coast Transit Plan. The Morro Bay component of the Plan will be presented to the city council (date to be determined). No major issues have been identified.

B-4 Rural Transit Fund. Staff will present recommendations to program \$560K on rural transit projects. The adopted criteria will be used in rating candidate projects.

B-5 Proposition 1B – Congestion Mobility Investment Account Update. Caltrans Headquarters has agreed to support the following two candidate projects (nominated by SLOCOG and supported by Caltrans District 5 at the December meeting):

- Highway 101 Santa Maria River Bridge widening, \$58m.
- Highway 46 four-lane widening, \$63m.

Caltrans Headquarters did not jointly nominate the SLOCOG Highway 101 Operational Improvements (i.e., auxiliary lanes) in South County. This project has been submitted as a SLOCOG nomination with 50% funding from the 2007 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation (Proposition 1B). The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will approve the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects at their February 28, 2007 “special” meeting.

B-6 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation Program. Proposition 1B provided \$1 billion to supplement the STIP. SLOCOG’s formula share is \$14m with an unprogrammed share balance at \$21m; total target - \$35m. Project nominations are due to the CTC on April 2nd. SLOCOG staff is reviewing CTC programming guidelines against candidate projects and will have a recommended candidate list for advisory committee and Board approval at the February meeting. SLOCOG has been working with the Rail Program to secure startup funds for the San Francisco – Los Angeles train.

B-7 Highway 1 (n/o San Luis Obispo City) National Scenic Byway Corridor Draft Plan Update. This Plan update is a requirement for highways designated in the National Scenic Byway Program. This update has focused on improving the plan’s comprehensiveness, user-friendliness, and

graphics. A draft logo for the Byway is also being presented. The Highway 1 Scenic Byway Advisory Committee and key stakeholder decision-making boards in the corridor are currently reviewing the administrative draft of the plan. No major controversial issues requiring Board policy input have been raised at this time.

B-8 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Formal Amendment No. 2. A formal amendment to SLOCOG's Federal TIP is required to address *Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (HBRR) Program* and *State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)* funding.

Transportation Items:

C-1 Regional Traffic Model. The Regional Traffic Model is being finalized. The Model Development Team (MDT) has accepted the base model and is currently reviewing the model projections for 2015 and 2030. The draft model is expected to be approved by the MDT and TTAC (Technical Transportation Advisory Committee) for Board acceptance in February. The Model will be used to generate required traffic projections for the Regional Transportation Plan, Community 2050 visioning efforts, assessment and development of a potential Regional Impact Fee Program, and for the Regional Traffic Assessments for local, regional, and state traffic models and circulation assessments.

C-2 Central Coast (five county) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan. Chuck Dankocsik (Transcore) will do a video presentation on ITS. Federal requirements demand a regionwide ITS Plan. The Five County Plan is being updated to address new federal regulations and changes in the ITS environment. The Consultant will present a ten-minute ITS video, a federal requirement addressing public outreach. No major departures from the prior plan are expected.

C-3 Draft 2006 Transportation Performance Indicators Report. This annual report provides a report card on the performance of the overall transportation system. It covers all modes of transportation. The draft report was pulled from the December meeting to address suggestions raised by the CTAC (Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee). The draft report has addressed these suggestions and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee in January for Board acceptance in February.

C-4 Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption Efforts. Many traffic signals now have emergency vehicle preemption devices. Two concerns have been raised regarding system compatibility and private "system overrides." SLOCOG staff has been meeting with Caltrans, the City of San Luis Obispo, and the County Fire officials. The public wants staff to address these issues. The staff report will update the Board on the issues and recommended actions.

Area Wide and Agency Issue:

D-1 2007/08 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget. The process for adopting the following year's Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget starts in February. Staff will present a summary of major work elements, tasks, products and budget assumptions for Board direction and endorsement. A draft work program and budget will be prepared for Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration input in late February and Board consideration and adoption in April.

A preliminary draft was presented to the Board in December. A more specific work task and product descriptions will be developed for advisory committee and Board consideration. Some changes will likely be to address state and federal "priorities" that are expected to be published in mid January.

A draft budget will be developed using the assumptions approved by the SLOCOG Board in December. Total state and federal funding expected from almost a dozen programs will become available in mid to late January and in some cases February. The final budget will be presented for Board adoption in April.

Consent Agenda: See attached agenda. No major "issues" are identified. Items include – Candidate 2007 Federal Appropriations Projects & Propositions 1C and 84 Update on status, programming, and implications.

5. Updates:

a. Office Lease – Must demonstrate intentions with landlord. SLOCOG and RTA have one lease covering the combined space currently occupied. It appears RTA will vacate its space in early 2008, yet SLOCOG intends to remain in its current space until its new building is constructed on Mill Street. Since RTA will be leaving, several jointly used office spaces (i.e., the conference room, copier room, one RTA/COG office suite) must be reconsidered and re-negotiated with the landlord. In addition, SLOCOG's draft OWP includes one additional staff person.

The current lease allows 2 additional one-year extensions (FY 07/08, and 08/09). It is anticipated SLOCOG should be able to move into its new building after FY 08/09. SLOCOG intends to economize as much as possible and limit its need for any expansion in order to save funding for its new building.

b. Boardmember Stipend for out-of-town travel. Several other COGs provide "out-of-area" stipends for Board members. A survey of other COGs will be presented, and a \$125 daily stipend will be considered for approval.

c. Response to Board Member Dave Romero's request to provide information on comparable COGs, Agency functions and responsibilities. Research is underway to examine SLOCOG's size and roles relative to other COGs.

6. Late Breaking News

a. CMIA nominations – Letters of support (Attached).

b. Policy Question: Would the Executive Committee support sending a copy of Executive Committee agenda to all Board members for "their information and review."

7. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2007, Wednesday (tentative).

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 8, 2006

SLOCOG

Members Present: Tony Ferrara, President
James Patterson, Vice President

Staff Present: Ronald De Carli, Executive Director (SLOCOG)
Peter Rodgers, Administration Director (SLOCOG)
Wyatt Cash, Legal Counsel (SLOCOG/SLORTA)
Aida Nicklin, Executive Secretary (SLOCOG)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: **President Ferrara** called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Silent roll call was taken.

2. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

3. Executive Committee Minutes, October 18, 2006: **Vice President Patterson** moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2006. **President Ferrara** seconded, and the motion carried, in the absence of Past President Bianchi.

4. Draft SLOCOG December 6, 2006 Agenda: **Mr. De Carli** brought to attention that a resolution of appreciation to outgoing board member would be included in the December agenda. At this time, staff only knows of one definite outgoing board member and that is Supervisor Shirley Bianchi (her last day as county supervisor is December 31st). There may be more outgoing board members but staff will not know until after every city council has conducted their respective elections/appointments of new council members. Staff recommends holding off on the resolutions of appreciation for outgoing board members from the cities until January or February. **Mr. De Carli** also pointed out that since December is a regular SLOCOG meeting, an Executive Director's Report and a Caltrans Report will be presented.

Mr. De Carli briefly reviewed the December 6, 2006 draft agenda:

Public Hearing Item:

A-1 Nomination of Projects for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Funding provided by Proposition 1B: The CMIA guidelines are being finalized for adoption by the California

Transportation Commission (CTC) on November 9th. The Guidelines state that 60% of the CMIA funding will go to southern counties (of which San Luis Obispo County is one). All CMIA projects are required to go on construction by 2012. Per CMIA Guidelines and the CTC, there will be a balance in improvements to mobility and connectivity between major urban and rural areas. This region is aligned very well for CMIA funding. Caltrans District 5's priority candidate projects include Highway 46 East Widening and Santa Maria River Bridge Widening (as a partnership between Caltrans, SLOCOG & Santa Barbara County Association of Governments [SBCAG]). SLOCOG concurs with both projects. All parties are now in agreement that funding for these projects would be solely under CMIA; thus reducing pressure on SLOCOG to participate in funding considering its funds are limited. Since the focus of this is on corridors, SLOCOG staff is currently seeking agreement from partners to consider Highway 101 auxiliary lanes in the south county as a comprehensive improvement to the Highway 101 corridor. Staff is also seeking support from Kern and Fresno COGs (Councils of Governments) for improvements to the Highway 46 corridor. Deadline for project submission is January 17, 2007.

Transportation Items:

B-1 Status of Programmed Projects and Funding and Schedule Recommendations: **Mr. De Carli** noted that staff is tracking all of the projects that SLOCOG currently programs and administers (53 projects funded by Federal Surface Transportation Program [STP] funds and 33 projects under the State Transportation Improvement Program [STIP]) and will come back to the Board with a list of projects, including information on the current status of projects and recommendations on how to move these projects forward. Staff recommends shifting funds from stalled projects to those that are proceeding but need additional funding.

B-2 FY 06/07 Increased State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Allocation Process and Criteria: **Mr. De Carli** indicated staff is now developing a schedule and the criteria for programming STA funds. Historically, the funding was allocated to member jurisdictions based on their "needs" (capital-related needs, etc.) and what is on their Short Range Transit Plans (SRTP). Some of the transit operators want the funding to be allocated on a formula basis. RTA (Regional Transit Authority) prefers that STA funds be disbursed on a competitive basis. **Vice President Patterson** asked if SLOCOG staff would be meeting with member jurisdictions to update them on this issue. **Mr. De Carli** responded that staff would meet them through the advisory committees, adding that staff has each jurisdiction's transit plan.

B-3 2006 Performance Indicators Report: This report, which staff prepares annually, looks at ridership on transit, aviation, and rail, as well as safety-related statistics. *No discussion occurred on this item.*

B-4 2007 Legislative Program: Typically, the Legislative Program is based on the prior year's program (modified to address state and federal changes). The focus this time is primarily on the guidelines and requirements resulting from the passage of recent Propositions. **Mr. De Carli** noted that although there is a big influx of one-time funding, to some jurisdictions, the money is not sufficient to address their long-term transportation needs. There is still a need for a dedicated source of funding for transportation.

B-5 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLOCOG and Kern Council of Governments (COG) to work together to secure funding to improve the Highway 46 corridor between Highway 101 and Interstate 5: This is to facilitate funding the improvements on Highway 46 between the two counties. *No discussion occurred.*

B-6 Central Coast Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan, Video Presentation: **Mr. De Carli** said SLOCOG is required to have an updated Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan. He

brought to attention that this item might be delayed and moved to the February 2007 agenda. *No further discussion occurred.*

Area Wide and Agency Administrative Item:

C-1 FY 2007/08 Preliminary Overall Work Program and Budget Assumptions: SLOCOG normally receives the priorities list from the state and federal government in January. Staff will consider these priorities as well as the funding availability and the input/comments from the advisory committees, Caltrans, FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), and the FTA (Federal Transit Administration) in finalizing the Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. One issue that will not be included in the OWP is the *Local Option Sales Tax* - based on the recent election on which a number of jurisdictions received approval for a local option sales tax (this reduces dramatically the potential of a region wide local options sales tax).

Consent Agenda:

D-4 2006 Year End Legislative Report: Staff will present the final status of state transportation and housing related legislation that is of most interest to the San Luis Obispo region (05/06 Legislative Session).

D-5 Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Long Range Transit Funding Solutions: **Mr. De Carli** noted that staff has developed a document that lays out eight different long range transit funding options for RTA; however, none of those options are feasible or good. He further noted that no changes are expected because there is a "veto power" for any modification to the funding formula (which is largely taking money from one jurisdiction to another). Any modification requires a unanimous approval by the SLOCOG Board.

5. Late Breaking News: *There was no late breaking news.*

6. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment: *There were no comments.*
President Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Aida Nicklin

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

**San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors' Chamber
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401

SLOCOG starts at 8:30 a.m.

(SLORTA immediately following)

The AGENDA is available/posted at: <http://www.slocoq.org>

President: Tony Ferrara

Vice President: James Patterson

Board Members:

Katcho Achadjian (Fourth District - SLO County)
Shirley Bianchi (Second District - SLO County)
Betty Winholtz (Morro Bay)
Fred Strong (Paso Robles)
Harry Ovitt (First District - SLO County)
James Patterson (Fifth District - SLO County)

Tom O'Malley (Atascadero)
John Shoals (Grover Beach)
Tony Ferrara (Arroyo Grande)
Mary Ann Reiss (Pismo Beach)
Jerry Lenthall (Third District - SLO County)
Dave Romero (San Luis Obispo)

Individuals wishing accessibility accommodations at this meeting, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), may request such accommodations to aid hearing, visual, or mobility impairment by contacting SLOCOG offices at 781-4219. Please note that 48 hours advance notice will be necessary to honor your request.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any member of the public may address the Council for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Council will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER
_____ (to be determined).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A-1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND RECOGNITION:** Elect President and Vice President and present Plaque of Appreciation to outgoing President Tony Ferrara (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE**).
- A-2 COMMITTEE AND INTERAGENCY ASSIGNMENTS (ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE).**
- Executive Committee (APPOINT PAST PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT, AND VICE PRESIDENT).
 - CALCOG Representative and Alternate. (APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE).

- c. Los Angeles – San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency & Coast Rail Coordinating Council. (APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO LOSSAN AND DESIGNATE ALTERNATE).

B. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

TRANSIT

- B-1** Unmet Transit Needs Hearing/Unmet Bikeway Needs Hearing (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE - DIRECT STAFF TO ANALYZE TRANSIT REQUESTS; FORWARD OPERATIONAL REQUESTS AND BICYCLE PROJECT REQUESTS TO APPROPRIATE MEMBER JURISDICTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION; AND SCHEDULE FOR ACTION ON APRIL 4, 2007**). Tim Gillham
- B-2** Midyear 2006/07 State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund: Allocation of Increased Funding (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE - RECEIVE COMMENTS AND SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION IN APRIL**). Peter Rodgers
- B-3** North Coast Transit Plan (Los Osos, Morro Bay & Cambria) (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE - APPROVE**). Doug Langille (IBI Group)/Eliane Guillot
- B-4** Rural Transit Fund (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE**). Peter Rodgers

HIGHWAY, STREETS, AND ROADS

- B-5** Proposition 1B – Congestion Mobility Investment Account Update (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE - RATIFY SUBMITAL**) Richard Murphy
- B-6** 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation Program (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE**). Richard Murphy
- B-7** Highway 1 (n/o San Luis Obispo City) National Scenic Byway Corridor Draft Plan Update (**INFORMATION ITEM – REVIEW AND COMMENT; SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION IN APRIL**). Darren Brown
- B-8** Federal 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Formal Amendment No. 2 (07-04) (**ACTION ITEM – ROLL CALL – ADOPT RESOLUTION**) Richard Murphy

C. TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- C-1** Regional Traffic Model (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – ACCEPT**). Mike Harmon
- C-2** Central Coast (five county) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan, Video Presentation (**PRESENTATION ITEM – ACCEPT**). Chuck Dankocsik (Transcore)/James Worthley
- C-3** Draft 2006 Transportation Performance Indicators Report (**INFORMATION ITEM – ACCEPT REPORT**). Mike Harmon
- C-4** Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption Efforts (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – SUPPORT CONSOLIDATED EFFORT**). James Worthley

D. AREA WIDE AND AGENCY ISSUES

- D-1** 2007/08 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – REVIEW AND COMMENT; SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION IN APRIL**). Ronald De Carli

E. CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS – ROLL CALL): The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the COG or public wishes an item be removed. If discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by COG Board members without removal from the Consent Agenda. The recommendations for each item are noted in parenthesis.

E-1 SLOCOG Minutes – December 6, 2006 (APPROVE); Executive Committee Minutes – January 17, 2007 (INFORMATION); Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes – January 24, 2007; Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) Minutes and Citizens’ Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Minutes – January 24, 2007 (INFORMATION).

E-2 Year-to-date Financial Report (With _____% of the fiscal year elapsed, SLOCOG has expended _____% of its budget and received _____% of anticipated revenue); Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 4 (RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AND OWP AMENDMENT NO. 4). Sue Hall

E-3 Candidate 2007 Federal Appropriations Projects (APPROVE). Richard Murphy

E-4 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLOCOG and Kern Council of Governments to work together to secure funding to improve the Highway 46 corridor between Highway 101 and Interstate 5 (APPROVE). Ronald De Carli

E-5 Amend SLOCOG and RTA 2007 Meeting Calendar (APPROVE). Ronald De Carli

E-6 Correspondence and News Articles (INFORMATION). Ronald De Carli

E-7 Propositions 1C and 84 Update: Status, Programming, and Implications (INFORMATION). Ronald De Carli

E-8 Regional Deficiency/Select Link Analysis and NEXUS Study (APPROVE RFP & SCOPE OF WORK) Philip Chu

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

G. ADJOURNMENT

Next SLOCOG meeting: April 4, 2007

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments



Ronald L. DeCarli - Executive Director

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December 27, 2006

Mr. John Barna
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Funding – State Route 46 East in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Barna,

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A Safety Corridor Task Force was formed in 1996 after a substantial increase in fatal collisions in 1995. SLOCOG staff worked closely with Caltrans, CHP, local legislators, the Fix 46 group, and members of the public to develop a short and long term improvement strategy for the corridor. Project development is progressing rapidly on the long-term solution, a major widening project. A significant milestone was reached this year with approval of the Environmental Impact Report.

SLOCOG, in partnership with Caltrans and federal legislators Capps and Thomas, has effectively programmed \$100 million toward achieving the long term improvement strategy of a four lane divided highway. This CMIA nomination requests \$ 63 million to continue the widening eastward.

In January 2007, SLOCOG, the Kern Council of Governments, and Caltrans Districts 5 and 6, intend to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize their collaborative commitment to realizing a four-lane facility from U.S. Route 101 to Interstate 5.

Please feel free to call me at (805) 781-4219 if you have any questions about this CMIA nomination. We look forward to working with you, the commissioners and Caltrans as we begin construction in 2007 on the first phase.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. De Carli
Executive Director

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