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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members
FROM: Interim Executive Director
DATE: August 28, 2006
SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

It is important for Calaveras Council of Government's (CCOG) staff to continue to deliver significant projects. Listed below is the status of the following planning projects:

2006 Calaveras County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Request for Proposal Notice

- 8-24-06 RFP sent to prospective consulting firms and advertising agency
- 8-28-06 RFP posted on CCOG website
- 9-5-06 and 9-8-06 RFP advertised in Calaveras Enterprise
- 9-14-06 Proposals Due
- 9-20-06 Selection Committee reviews proposals
- 9-25-06 through 9-27-06 Interviews are held, if necessary
- 9-28-06 consulting firm recommended by selection committee
- 10-11-06 CCOG approves contract with consulting firm
- 10-16-06 Consultant begins work on plan

Steering Committee Notice

- 8-28-06 Public Notice seeking Steering Committee members posted on CCOG website
- 8-29-06 Notice sent to County Supervisors to recommend Steering Committee members
- 9-12-06, 9-15-06, 9-19-06, 9-22-06, 9-26-06 and 9-29-06 Public Notice published in Calaveras Enterprise
- September Issue - Public Notice published in West Point News
- September Issue – Public Notice on Pine Tree website
- 9-13-06, 9-20-06 and 9-27 Public Notice in Valley Springs News
- 9-20-06 and 9-27-07 Public Notice in Union Democrat
- 10-3-06 Selection Committee reviews applications
- 10-11-06 CCOG approves Steering Committee members

Steering Committee Representation Categories

- Supervisorial District 1 – Communities of San Andreas, Valley Springs Campo Seca, La Content, Comanche, Burson and Wallace
- Supervisorial District 2 – Communities of Mokelumne Hill, Paloma, West Point Wilseyville, Glenco/Railroad Flat, Sheep Ranch and Mountain Ranch
- Supervisorial District 3 – Includes the Ebbetts Pass are, down to, but not including Murphys
- Supervisorial District 4 – Communities of Angels Camp, Murphys, Highway 4 West to but not including Copperopolis

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- Supervisorial District 5 – Communities of Copperopolis, Rancho Calaveras, and Jenny Lind
 - Local Bicycle Organization – Street
 - Local Bicycle Organization – Mt. Bike
 - County Public Works representative
 - Caltrans
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - U.S. Forest Service

Selection Committee

- Councilmember from the COG
- Representative of the Calaveras COG staff
- Representative from County Public Works Department
- Representative from Caltrans

2006 Arnold Rural Livable Community Plan

Updated Scope of Work, Schedule and Budget, Proof of Local Match and Resolution to apply, accept and execute grant with Caltrans

- 8-29-06 Updated Scope of Work, Schedule and Budget and Proof of Local Match sent to District 10
- 9-7-06 Resolution to apply, accept and execute grant contract with Caltrans sent to District 10

Request for Proposals Notice

- 9-7-06 RFP sent to prospective consulting firms and advertising agency
- 9-7-06 RFP posted on COG website
- 9-12-06 and 9-15-06 Public Notice published in Calaveras Enterprise
- 10-5-06 Proposals Due
- 10-13-06 Steering Committee reviews proposals
- 10-16-06 through 10-19-06 Steering Committee hold interviews if necessary
- 10-20-06 Steering Committee recommends consulting firm to prepare plan
- 11-8-06 CCOG approves contract with consulting firm
- 11-15-06 Consulting firm begins work on plan

Steering Committee

- 8-28-06 Public Notice seeking Steering Committee members posted on CCOG website
- 8-29-06 District 3 County Supervisor sent notice to recommend Steering Committee members
- 9-12-06, 9-15-06, 9-19-06, 9-22-06, 9-26-06 and 9-29-06 Public Notice published in Calaveras Enterprise
- 10-3-06 Selection Committee reviews and recommends Steering Committee members
- 10-11-06 CCOG approves Steering Committee members

Steering Committee Representation Categories

- Bicycle User
- Pedestrian User

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- Transit User
 - Senior Citizen Representative
 - School Representative
 - Homeowner Association Representative
 - Greater Arnold Business Association Representative
 - Ebbetts Pass River & Trails Alliance Representative
 - Sierra Business Council Representative
 - A member of the County Board of Supervisors or designee
 - Caltrans

Selection Committee for Steering Committee Members

- Councilmember from CCOG
- District 4 County Supervisor
- CCOG staff

GIS Update

CCOG is a member of the GIS Policy Committee which consists of County GIS and Planning Departments, City of Angels Planning Department, Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) and CCOG. The GIS Policy Committee agreed to purchase the InterMap Digital Terrain Model (DTM). The costs to be shared are as follows:

- \$6,449 CCOG
- \$6,449 CCWD
- \$57,943 County
- \$70,841 Total Cost

CCOG can use the DTM information on their projects, particularly the Wagon Trail when determining preliminary alignments. The \$6,449 has already been approved in the 2006/07 Overall Work Program.

U Plan Update

There was a U Plan meeting on July 26th with the City Planning Department, County Planning Department, CCOG and UC Davis in attendance. The City has provided the data need for UC Davis to prepare the draft GIS model. The County Planning Department is still working on providing the data to UC Davis. The following schedule for U Plan is proposed:

- 9-1-06 County and City submit data to UC Davis
- 10-1-06 First Draft U Plan prepared
- 10-15-06 U Plan meeting
- 12-1-06 Draft U Plan for CCOG presentation

The County will be making software purchases as well as hiring a part time GIS person to be able to work with the U Plan model.

TE Update

Sierra Logging Museum Shay Restoration

The Sierra Logging Museum has used their funds to do the boiler test on the Shay locomotive. The test will determine if it is feasible to get the locomotive operating again. The results of the test are

expected around October 1st. If this project goes forward, a public agency such as the CCOG will need to be the sponsor and lead on the project.

Angels Camp Sidewalk and Landscaping

The City has decided to pursue early funding on this project beginning around February 2007. A request to CTC for funding will be submitted during this time. The draft schedule is as follows:

- 2-15-07 submit request for funding to CTC
- 4-25-07 CTC approves funding
- 5-1-07 Project Authorization request submitted
- 6-1-07 Begin environmental documentation
- 6-3-08 Complete environmental work

Cosgrove Creek Bikeway

The Valley Springs Parks and Recreation is working on determining the exact location for the bikeway trail. The trail must have public access and a trail head with parking at both ends. Once this has been established, then a new scope of work is developed and request for funding can begin.

Mokelumne Hill Streetscape

The Mokelumne Hill streetscape scope of work is being rewritten to eliminate ineligible work and include projects that will fit the funding available. The Mokelumne Hill Veterans are proposing to improve the front of the community hall, add street lighting and create cobble stone looking pedestrian paths. Once the scope of work is determined, then funding can be requested for this project.

Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway Implementation Plan

CCOG is a project coordinator on this project with the Ebbetts Pass River and Trail Alliance and others. This project is waiting for the release of \$25,000 of federal funds which will include a \$6,250 match from the CCOG 06-07 Overall Work Program. The project will establish a steering committee, a logo for byway identification, a marketing work plan and prioritize 10 projects in the corridor management plan.

RTP Update

The County Public Works Department is working on getting new land use data for the Valley Springs and Copperopolis areas. The countywide traffic model will then be updated with the new information. Then the RTP consultant, LSC Transportation Consultants, can begin work on Technical Memorandum #2 – future conditions. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- 8-28-06 Forecast population and employment and new Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) for traffic model identified
- 9-18-06 Fehr and Peers completes traffic model update
- 10-1-06 LSC completes data collection for Tech Memo #2
- 11-1-06 Possible meeting with steering committee to review Tech Memo #2
- 12-1-06 Possible public meetings on draft RTP

Airport Land Use Update

The Calaveras County Airport needs to update their airport land use compatibility plan (ALUCP). CCOG will be providing staff assistance and matching funds for this project. The project is currently waiting for confirmation that funding has been released for this project.

2005/06 Annual Operations Report for Calaveras Transit

The Calaveras Transit Annual Report was sent to each of the council members for your review. This was an excellent report. Key items that the CCOG will watch are meeting the 10% fare box this fiscal year, pursuing unmet transit needs and obtaining new buses. Calaveras Transit could face a TDA penalty in 2007/08 fiscal year for not meeting the 10% fare box requirement. There are new California Air Resource Board requirements for diesel engine buses. Buses now must burn cleaner and/or have a particulate matter trap on the exhaust. The 2007 diesel engines are supposed to meet this new requirement.

Recent Meetings Attended

The following are meetings that I attended since the July 12th COG meeting:

- July 14th – Rural Counties Task Force meeting in Sacramento
- July 19th – Executive Director Interviews with Screening Committee at CCOG Office
- July 21st – Conference call with District 10 Director Kome Ajise regarding SR 4 Pool Station project from CCOG office
- July 26th – U Plan meeting at CCOG Office
- August 16th – TAC meeting at CCOG Office
- August 16th – Meeting with San Andreas Merchants Association regarding possible Caltrans grant application at CCOG Office
- August 25th – Caltrans Workshop on Planning Grants at City of Merced

Planned Meetings

The following are meetings that I plan on attending:

- September 15th – Rural Counties Task Force meeting in Sacramento
- September 20th – TAC meeting at CCOG Office
- September 20th – Bike and Pedestrian Selection Committee meeting reviews Proposals and Steering Committee applications
- October 3rd – Selection Committee reviews Steering Committee applications

Note: PDT meetings for Angels Camp Bypass, Wagon Trail, and Pool Station have not been set yet. The next U Plan meeting will be held in either September/October once the date has been determined.