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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
of GOVERNMENTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Tyler Summersett, Transportation Planner

DATE: 3.30.07

SUBJECT: **Planners Report**

Work Items:

Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan-

On March 9th the steering committee for the Bike/Ped bike re-convened with ALTA (consultant) at the COG offices to review the work effort to date. ALTA had previously visited the County to do field research with Nate Atherstone (PW, Planner) and myself. This most recent meeting was a presentation of those findings and a call for recommendations of prioritized projects for our County. The next deliverable will be the draft plan for review by staff and steering committee in mid-April.

Unmet Transit Needs Finding Report-

This effort has been a work-in-progress since we held the “hearing” on February 14th. The SSTAC has worked very hard to help deliver the product that you adopted (hopefully) here tonight. Once adopted by the COG the “Findings” report will be forwarded to Caltrans for final approval.

UPLAN-

Preparation of the UPLAN model has been another on-going effort for staff. The model requires a lot of initial data layers and decision making prior to running of the model. Amador and Alpine Counties are also an integral part of this effort and regular meetings are held with our partners to discuss progress, share success and overcome issues.

Community Bus Shelter Project-

The community of Mountain Ranch approached staff regarding assistance in providing a bus shelter at Scotts Junction (a Calaveras Transit stop on Mountain Ranch road between Mountain Ranch and Rail Road Flat). Currently there are no amenities at this location and a community action group wanted to change that. As a result, staff has been working with the community group and Public

Works to make this happen. We were able to strike a partnership with Calaveras High wood shop to have students construct the shelter as a class project. All material and labor have been donated. Public Works and COG staff have been preparing a “site plan” for the project. The shelter is due to be completed by May 1st and we hope to have the shelter in place sometime this summer. Many “kudos” to Joyce Carillo of Mountain Ranch for leading the charge on this effort!!

Ebbetts Pass National Scenic Byway Association-

The EPNSBA has been very active and aggressive in an effort to secure more funding for what is a very full agenda. Lisa Schwartz (byway coordinator) and Michelle Plotnik are great visionaries. Currently, the Assoc. has 3 pending grants that are being considered for funding. Staff has been working with Caltrans to get previously approved funding (25k) programmed in the FTIP so that the Assoc. can start spending. A recent meeting with Pat Robledo should ensure that this happens sooner rather than later.

Calaveras Transit- Columbia College Alliance-

Staff is working with Public Works to develop a partnership with Columbia College that will help generate “guaranteed” funds toward farebox recovery from the College. The College administrations interest has been peaked and we have meetings scheduled to review possible alternatives that would benefit both Columbia College students and Calaveras Transit.

Community Meetings: Copperopolis-

Staff has been working with Public Works and Community members to develop the *new* route that will incorporate Copperopolis into the public transportation schedule. Staff will attend a meeting in mid- April to review the proposed route with community members. Route will be implemented by the end of summer if all goes well with the bus acquisition process Nate Atherstone is heading.

Arnold Rural Livable Community Mobility Plan-

After finalizing the scope of work with Stantec and Caltrans this project is officially taking off this month. Traffic counters are being placed (by PW) in strategic locations in Arnold to begin gathering data for this effort. Stay tuned for more.

Training:

- Project management course developed by Caltrans, administered by CSUS; on-going
- IGR-Local Development course developed by Caltrans, offered through UC Davis, 3.20.07
- CalACT conference in Yosemite NP, April 25-27