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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
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TO: Calaveras Council of Governments
FROM: Tim McSorley, Executive Director
DATE: November 7, 2007
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

This past month has been filled primarily with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) related tasks. There was a two-day workshop in Sacramento on the 15th and 16th that I attended. On the 24th the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the STIP Fund Estimate and in the meantime, I have been working with our local and regional partners to put together a STIP package that we can work towards over the next few years.

Ms. Eads continues to make progress with the development of the organization. The County has adopted the necessary resolution that will allow CalPERS to transfer the CCOG contributions from the County into our account. We have reviewed the Health Benefit Package with the Administrative Committee which will allow us to have our own contract by the first of the calendar year and save the CCOG money at the same time. We have hired Sue Gallo in a part-time clerical support role to assist Melissa in day-to-day functions. We are also evaluating the format for meeting minutes, please indicate your preference if this is of interest to you.

A number of our other projects continue to move forward. As we announced in October, the CCOG received an \$80,000 Community-Based Transportation Planning grant through Caltrans and we have begun work on that as evidenced by the resolution on the agenda. Our other grant in Arnold continues as well. We are still waiting on Caltrans to complete the Supplemental Agreement for the Wagon Trail to proceed with the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). We should have that document in short order. The Uplan project continues. We are very close to fully developing the baseline. This will put us in a good position as we head into developing land use designations for the General Plan which will then allow us to run different land use scenarios with Uplan. As we develop those scenarios, we will then be able to link that data into the traffic model to determine impacts to the transportation system. We have begun discussions with Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) about updating their GIS system maps so that these can then also be used with Uplan.

We are looking forward to our Hob Nob on the 14th of December. We hope you all will be able to stop by for clam chowder, other goodies and good company.

Finally, Caltrans has suspended work on the Angels Camp Bypass in consideration of the onset of wet weather. Teichart Construction will begin work on April 14th, weather permitting.