



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors **DATE:** January 11, 2011

FROM: Celia McAdam, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: **I-80/SR 65 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

ACTION REQUESTED

None. For information only.

BACKGROUND

At the February 2010 meeting, the Board designated PCTPA to take the lead for the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements and to authorize the consultant selection process. The Project Approval Report and Environmental Document (PA&ED) will provide federal/state environmental clearance for the overall project. At the Board's August 25 meeting, the Executive Director was authorized to negotiate and sign a consultant contract with CH2M HILL.

DISCUSSION

Negotiating the contract's scope, budget, and schedule, including extensive coordination with Caltrans, has been a time-consuming process. Scoping highlights include:

- Establishing a Project Development Team (PDT) an inter-disciplinary project group to oversee the project, and identify and solve problems. Key PDT members will be PCTPA jurisdictions (cities of Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville, and Placer County); Caltrans; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); CH2M HILL consultant team, and others as required.
- Developing a comprehensive public outreach and communication program which recognizes the project's complexity and encourages public input. The first priority is to work with the community, business groups, and other stakeholders on addressing Taylor Road interchange concerns.
- Preparing traffic analyses, which will provide the basis for the project's preliminary design and environmental review. This will include freeway and local road networks.
- Completing Preliminary Design, which will focus on identifying alternatives based on the 2009 Caltrans Project Study Report, consultant concepts, stakeholder and public input, PDT coordination, and PCTPA Board.
- Preparing an environmental document which will meet Federal and State requirements. Caltrans will be the Federal/State lead agency based on FHWA delegation and the project's location on the state highway system.

Based on the current progress, the project work should begin in February 2011.