ATTENDANCE: Bernie Schroeder, City of Auburn
Megan Siren, City of Auburn
Ray Leftwich, City of Lincoln
Andrew Gaber, Placer County Public Works
Angel Green, Placer County Air Pollution Control District
Dave Palmer, City of Rocklin
Scott Gandler, City of Roseville
Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Josh Pulverman, Caltrans
Celia McAdam, PCTPA
Luke McNeel-Caird, PCTPA
David Melko, PCTPA
Sue Sholtis, PCTPA

I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvement Project Update
Luke McNeel-Caird stated that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the environmental document was released on January 2, 2013, and we are moving forward with five alternatives. A stakeholder’s meeting is scheduled for January 9 and a Public Workshop is scheduled for January 15. At our January 23 Board meeting staff will ask for concurrence for the five alternatives and convey comments received on the NOP.

MAP-21 Enhanced National Highway System (NHS)
Celia McAdam wanted TAC members to be aware that MAP-21 expands the National Highway System to include local roads which may make more roads eligible for federal funding but, at the same time, subject roads to federal requirements.

Rhon Herndon mentioned he had received an email regarding this topic and asked how they can receive additional information. McAdam responded that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans are in the process of interpreting this legislation. Andrew Gaber stated they received an email adjusting the census boundaries and staff is attempting to determine what that means. Gaber inquired whether this census boundary issue is the same as the MAP-21/NHS issue. Luke McNeel-Caird replied it is not. MAP-21 has added principal arterials to the system, and McNeel-Caird displayed the Caltrans Earth website and showed the TAC how to access and maneuver in the website to display the layers. Freeway ramps and portions of Highway 49, Sierra College Blvd., Auburn-Folsom Road and SR-65 (I-80 to Sunset) are now part of the National Highway System. Ray Leftwich stated the definition of National Highway Systems has changed from previous definitions.

ITIP Submittal Priorities
Celia McAdam received a request from Caltrans to submit projects for the 2014 ITIP. We have submitted the I-80/Rocklin Road Auxiliary Lane and the I-80/Douglas Blvd. Auxiliary Lane Projects as placeholders. McAdam asked TAC members which projects they wanted to push to
put ourselves in the best position to receive money. McAdam mentioned there are savings from the I-80 Bottleneck Project which have been directed by the Board to go to the I-80/Rocklin Road Auxiliary Lane Project for preconstruction costs. That savings amount has not yet been determined from Caltrans staff. McAdam proposed we request ITIP funding cover construction costs. McAdam asked for TAC members’ input in determining which project to promote.

Dave Palmer suggested looking at safety factors. Rhon Herndon suggested looking at benefit cost ratio objectively as well as overall delay reduction and cost. McAdam also suggested a meeting with Caltrans District staff to see which project they would support would be beneficial. David Melko asked about the potential to put both projects in one package. Herndon concurred with this approach, since both are on I-80 and are a nexus to the I-80/SR 65 Interchange. Herndon mentioned alternatively pushing one project on the first cycle and the remaining project on the second cycle. Palmer inquired would this be funding for construction only or all project phases? McAdam responded the best approach would be for construction dollars.

McAdam will put together figures, meet with District 3 staff and come back at the next TAC meeting with this information to gain additional TAC feedback regarding this issue, pending discussion of the next item.

**Economic Development as a Measure of Priority of Transportation Projects**

Celia McAdam stated the issue of economic development as a measure of priority of transportation projects was brought up by a Board Member in December. This is timely, as we are starting up the Funding Strategy Steering Committee, we need ultimately need to determine which projects move forward into the pipeline next. David Melko found a study from Pennsylvania which cited a lot of qualitative issues as opposed to quantitative, which listed numerous criteria for consideration. McAdam asked the TAC’s input on how we should address this issue.

Mike Wixon mentioned a promotion in the Sacramento region by the Chamber of Commerce pursuing areas of business to promote in the region. How does that relate to this and is there a connection to this? Andrew Gaber noted Placer County’s priority is Auburn-Folsom Road yet there are other projects with the same criteria that need to be funded. David Melko stated Placer County Office of Economic Development has proposed plans for the next five years and suggested looking at that as well as other plans and taking them into account.

Rhon Herndon suggested including a qualitative description of how a project could bolster economic development in project applications. McAdam felt Melko’s suggestion could help guide some of the top level projects. McAdam will draft some criteria and issues and bring it before the Board for input and direction. TAC concurred with this course of action.

**Other Issues/Upcoming Deadlines**

**FY 2013 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program of Projects**

David Melko mentioned he was working with Auburn and Placer County on FTA Section 5311 projects and running into the census conundrum previously mentioned by Andrew Gaber. Is Auburn in or out of the urbanized area? Gaber noted it was used only for FHWA and this issue seems to be led by SACOG. It was decided that Celia McAdam will contact Matt Carpenter from SACOG to see how the urbanized area boundary definition affects transportation. Does this affect only FHWA or all programs even though it is led by Caltrans?
Extension of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service Partnership Agreement with Seniors First

David Melko noted the current Health Express service contract expired December 31 and needs a six-month extension so that the transit service procurement being done with Placer County can be completed. This item will be on the January consent calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.