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TO: Board of Directors

DATE: February 9, 2012

FROM: Celia McAdam, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: SOUTH PLACER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY
MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE**

Action Requested

Defer action on a comprehensive update of the Fee Program to 2013 or later.

Background

In April 2002, the SPRTA Board adopted the Regional Transportation and Air Quality Mitigation Fee (known as the Fee Program), which assessed new development for its impacts on specified regional transportation facilities, which went into effect on July 1, 2002. SPRTA's Joint Powers Agreement provides that an annual inflationary adjustment to the fees, based on the published Construction Cost Index, be brought to the Board for consideration.

The Board adopted inflationary adjustments to the Fee Program in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2008. In 2006 and 2009, the Board adopted comprehensive updates to the Fee Program, to reflect changes in adopted land uses and project costs. No changes to the Fee Program were adopted in 2010 or 2011. In June 2011, the Board directed staff to implement a comprehensive update to the fee program in 2012.

At your January meeting, the Board considered a staff recommendation to defer the comprehensive fee program update, at which time the prospect of a reduced scope for a portion of Sierra College Boulevard in the City of Rocklin was discussed. The Board directed that the fee program be updated for the current Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) trip generation manual, defer the inflationary increase for 2012, and bring back to the Board a consideration of a fee program update for a reduced scope on Sierra College Boulevard Segments 6 and 7.

Discussion

Staff has worked with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to evaluate the implications of a reduced scope for Sierra College Boulevard both in terms of cost for the technical study and potential change in fee levels.

The change of the cost of any project in the Fee Program would require a new traffic modeling run, which is the gist of the cost of a comprehensive fee program update. The consensus of the TAC was that it was not cost effective to do a comprehensive update, at a cost of approximately \$60,000, for one project.

It was also noted that the SR 65 Widening project is currently underfunded in the Fee Program. The consensus of the TAC was that even if the fees might be slightly reduced by

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rescoping of the Sierra College Boulevard project, they would be recaptured in the need for additional funds for SR 65 Widening.

Recommended Action

Based on the cost benefit factors outlined above, staff is recommending that the comprehensive update for the Fee Program be deferred until at least 2013.

The SPRTA TAC has reviewed this recommendation and unanimously concurs.

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