



## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Board of Directors **DATE:** February 9, 2011

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**SUBJECT:** STATUS REPORT

**1. TDM & Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Report**

PCTPA is currently accepting applications for the Bucks for Bikes program. Bucks for Bikes provides a partial subsidy for new commuter bikes purchased from local businesses, and promotes the use of commuting by bicycle. In addition to registering and logging miles for the region's May is Bike Month campaign, there is an added requirement that those applicants who receive a subsidy must attend a smart cycling clinic. Smart Cycling Clinics will be available throughout the region and free to anyone interested in safe, smart bicycling practices. These clinics are taught by league certified instructors and paid for by a grant from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). Promotion of these programs serves to reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles in the region as well as support and encourage safe bicycling in the county.

PCTPA is working with the City of Auburn on their first annual bikefest scheduled for May 7, 2011. Helmets will be provided to those children who currently do not have a helmet or have inadequate/poor fitting helmets and will be paid for by local sponsors. Local bike shops will donate their time in providing bike maintenance.

Staff will be participating in a Transit Communicators group. This type of think tank group which was conducted in the Bay Area proved to be successful in sharing and implementing ideas as they pertain to media relations, public affairs issues, and marketing that affect public transit.

Planning for various spring events and promotions are currently underway. These include Earth Day events, Summer Youth Bus Pass, May is Bike Month, and the Spare the Air programs.

Placer County's Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) logged 1,132 assists for the quarter ending in December (October – December). Highway 65 accounted for 495 of these assists, compared with 433 assists from the same quarter last year. Interstate 80 accounted for 574 assists, compared with 412 assists from the same quarter last year. The Adam truck which backs up both beats (or highways segments) accounted for 63 of these assists compared with 66 from the same quarter last year.

**2. Capitol Corridor Update**

Ridership increased by 5.1 percent in December compared to the same month in 2009, with an overall twelve month growth of 2.82 percent. Ridership at the three Placer stations varied compared to the same month in 2010: a -14.0 percent decline at Auburn; an 8.0 percent increase at Rocklin; and a -2.4 percent decline at Roseville. The Capitol Corridor continues to be the third busiest Amtrak route in the nation, with ridership at 1.605 million for the last twelve months.

December 2010 revenue increased 10.3 percent compared to November 2009, and increased 1.6 percent compared to the adopted Business Plan.

December fare recovery was 45.7 percent, which is below the State and Business Plan goal of 50.0 percent. Year-to-date fare recovery is at 48.0 percent.

December on-time performance averaged 95.4 percent, continuing the reliability trend that began in early 2010. The Capitol Corridor remains number one as the most reliable route in the Amtrak national system with its on-time performance.

PCTPA and CCJPA staff discussed spring/summer offers and how they can best be promoted in Placer County.

At the January 2011 California Transportation Commission (CTC) the CCJPA was approved to expend \$3.53 million in funding for the environmental and initial design phases of the planned Roseville Third Track project. A working team will include CCJPA, UPRR, PCTPA, the City of Roseville and other Sacramento area agencies. The initial step is to procure consultant support. Aside from the evaluation of track improvements within the UPRR owned right-of-way, two of the key elements of the project will be evaluating a new rail bridge across the American River and the potential relocation of the Roseville Station.

**3. I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements – PA&ED**

The CH2M HILL contract was signed for Project Report Approval and the Environmental Document (PA&ED) work. A kick-off meeting has been scheduled for March 1. This meeting will focus on initial milestones to develop a communications plan and to conduct the first public meeting.

**4. Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)**

On December 8, 2010, the Board adopted Resolution #10-27, which allowed the Executive Director to file a \$225,000 Acquisition & Development Fund Application with the California Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics (DOA). The proposed grant would help to fund the 2000 Placer County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (PCALUCP) update.

The 2010 Aeronautics Program listed the PCALUCP update as a FY2012/13 project depending upon funding availability. The application was submitted early to potentially accelerate update funding. Based on this, at the January meeting, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated funding for the update. The staff is working to develop a preliminary scope of work, schedule, and cost estimate for a May 2011 DOA review. Once approved, a Request for Proposals can be distributed for consultant selection. Based on this, the DOA will prepare the grant agreement with authorization to award the contract.