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March 10, 1998

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION/AIR QUALITY  
FORUM

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only, no Council action requested.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Fran Lee Halbakken, Funding and Priorities Manager, 264-7194

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** March 17, 1998

**SUMMARY:**

The attached report informs the Council that City staff has been meeting with the County of Sacramento, Regional Transit, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and other agencies to discuss the concept of a countywide transportation forum.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County of Sacramento has facilitated several meetings for the purpose of discussing the concept of a transportation forum process. A County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors' staff report on the subject is attached (see Exhibit A). The County's staff report has been jointly signed by the City and Regional Transit. The item is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors' March 17, 1998, agenda as an informational report back. The item is scheduled for the Regional Transit Board on March 16, 1998, as an information item.

Prior to committing to a countywide transportation forum, the City will need to consider staffing and funding needed for this forum process. The City will not be able to consider a definitive funding commitment until after the June 1998 elections.

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In addition, the City has included the Central City Strategic Plan project in its Capital Improvement Plan. This is envisioned to be a comprehensive downtown transportation plan. The City will need to decide if staff should proceed with the Central City Strategic Plan, the countywide forum, neither, or both. These policy questions will be brought before Council after June 1998.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The report is informational and is not considered to be a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act.

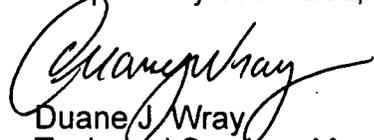
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This informational report does not have any policy implications.

**MBE/WBE:**

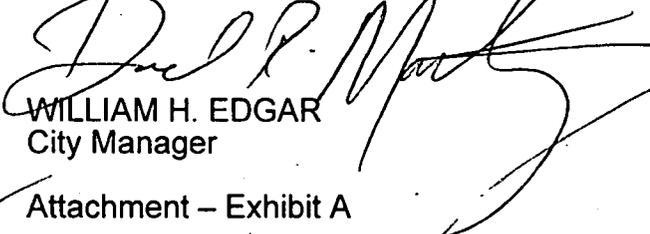
None. No goods or services will be purchased as a consequence of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Duane J. Wray  
Technical Services Manager

FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION ONLY:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
City Manager

Attachment – Exhibit A

Approved:



Michael Kashiwagi  
Director of Public Works

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# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO AND CITY OF SACRAMENTO

March 17, 1998  
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TO: Board of Supervisors  
City Council

FROM: Sacramento County Department Of County Engineering  
City of Sacramento Department Of Public Works

SUBJECT: **REPORT BACK ON THE TRANSPORTATION/AIR QUALITY PLANNING  
PROCESS**

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Boards:

1. Receive and file the update on this Transportation/Air Quality planning process,
2. Direct County staff to proceed with a joint City/County/Regional Transit Exploratory Evaluation to address transportation and air quality issues in the Sacramento Countywide area, and
3. Report back on remaining issues for implementation of the Exploratory Evaluation.

## DISCUSSION:

On October 7, 1997, the Sacramento County Transportation Division presented the County Board of Supervisors with an update on the Watt Avenue Improvement Project and the status of the proposed Transportation/Air Quality Forum (referred to here as the planning process). At that meeting, County staff was asked for an update on the planning process in approximately 90 days. This report back serves as that update. In addition, the report is also to be heard by the City Council on March 17 and the Regional Transit District on March 16 as an information agenda item.

**BACKGROUND:**

Three workshops have been held to discuss a transportation/air quality planning process. Attachment "A" presents a list of stakeholders involved in the preliminary workshops. The workshops resulted in consensus that a further Exploratory Evaluation is needed to:

- Identify the range of issues to be addressed in a Sacramento Countywide transportation/air quality planning process, and to
- Design a planning process with a reasonable expectation of success in addressing those issues.

A more detailed summary of the workshops is presented as Attachment "B."

On-going discussions have focused on integrating the City/County/Regional Transit planning process with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) long-range planning process. It has been mutually agreed that both processes are needed. The SACOG effort is focused on high level regional planning; the City/County/Regional Transit process will provide a more specific Countywide plan. It will provide additional detail in the metropolitan area. Success will require a seamless interface of the two processes to avoid duplication of efforts and redundant demand on stakeholders. Mutual participation in each effort has been agreed to; City, County and Regional Transit staffs are currently participating in the SACOG collaborative planning process which is underway.

Initial discussions have been held between City, County and Regional Transit staff to establish a partnership in the Exploratory Evaluation. Initial discussions have been positive and the concept is scheduled for introduction to the governing Boards of the three partnering agencies this week. As we continue discussions regarding the initiation and implementation of this significant planning effort, we must now investigate funding options. It will not be possible for the City of Sacramento to provide a definitive funding commitment until after the June 1998 elections. County staff, however, is prepared to move forward with preliminary planning activities for the Exploratory Evaluation with a portion of the County share of a future funding agreement.

At this point, staffs of the partnering agencies are in the process of further defining issues and areas of importance with the intent of initiating the evaluation in earnest by the summer of 1998. The Exploratory Evaluation will produce a set of goals and objectives to focus and define the City/County/Regional Transit planning process and to better quantify opportunities for collaboration with the SACOG process.

Some elements of the proposed work plan, which still in need to be resolved include:

- The level of involvement of each partnering agency must be established. Additional clarification on responsibility for funding and staffing support for the Exploratory Evaluation must be achieved and each partnering agency's 1998-1999 budget must reflect a component for this effort.
- Engagement of a facilitator and a transportation planner/policy person must be obtained for the Exploratory Evaluation to begin in earnest. Preliminary discussions have been initiated for assignment of these responsibilities.

**CONCLUSION:**

Please receive and file this update on the Sacramento Countywide Transportation/and Air Quality planning process, direct staff to proceed with a joint City/County/Regional Transit Exploratory Evaluation and direct staff to report back on remaining issues for implementation of the Exploratory Evaluation. The report back in the June/July time frame will include:

1. A recommendation for the Exploratory Evaluation staff team,
2. A recommendation on proposed funding for the Exploratory Evaluation, and
3. A proposed scope of work and timeframe for the Exploratory Evaluation.

Input on this critical consensus building project is welcome and solicited from each Board and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

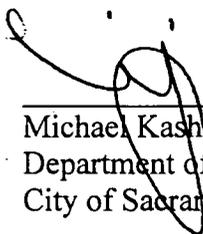
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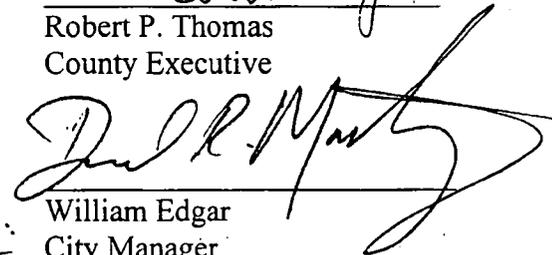
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# ATTACHMENT A

## STAKEHOLDER LIST TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY SACRAMENTO COUNTY WIDE REGIONAL PLANNING

The agencies involved in the meetings to date have included representatives from:

- Sacramento County, Public Works Agency
- Sacramento County, Planning and Community Development Department
- Sacramento County, County Executive
- City of Sacramento, Public Works Department
- City of Sacramento, Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Department
- City of Sacramento, City Manager
- City of Galt, Public Works Department
- City of Folsom, Public Works Department
- Caltrans District 3
- Sacramento Regional Transit District
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Sacramento Transportation Authority
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Maintenance District

# ATTACHMENT B

## RESULT OF THREE WORKSHOPS WITH TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY STAFF

1. Agencies Represented
2. Main Action Item:
  - The group supported proceeding with an Exploratory Evaluation to determine the advisability of initiating a community stakeholder process on transportation and air quality issues.
  - A number of the group members expressed serious reservations as to the usefulness and/or likely success of such an effort. However, all group members believed that an objective Exploratory Evaluation was appropriate to more rigorously assess the need for and potential outcome of a community stakeholder process on transportation and air quality issues.
  - The group wanted the Evaluation structured so both the “go” and “no go” options were examined fairly. (i.e. willing to take “no” for an answer).
3. Developed Draft Problem Statement (what’s broken)
4. Particular recognition of:
  - Challenging issue of land use
  - Need for solid elected official support
  - Not knowing what other stakeholders would support or want
5. Brainstorming on Potential Goals
6. Draft Exploratory Evaluation Outline
7. Parallel and complementary effort with SACOG’s process, with geographic scope limited to Sacramento Countywide area or Sacramento Countywide urbanized area.
  - Work closely with SACOG. Possibly feed into SACOG process.
  - Need to do a way that does not fuel regional tensions. If it is regional in scope, it will set up a conflict.
8. Agreed that Exploratory Evaluation should be first approved by their boards. Relationship to SACOG effort needs to be addressed up front.
9. Requested that the results of Exploratory Evaluation need to be brought back to their boards for action.