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Description of Activity by Goal and Objective

Goal 1: Objective A. Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.

Special Session on Highway 99 was held in November prior to the Partnership Board meeting. Meeting identified funding and prioritization issues.

Goal 1: Objective B. Increase Highway 99 capacity.

Special Session on Highway 99 was held in November prior to the Partnership Board meeting. At that time, there was discussion about whether or not there continues to be Valley-wide consensus surrounding this goal. This will be one of 2 discussion items at the Transportation WG meeting in January.

Goal 1: Objective C. Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.

No change in status.

Goal 1: Objective D. Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.

Committee was formed in Fall of 2007 and will meet for first time on January 17, 2008.

Goal 3: Objective A. Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement specific to the region.

CA Transportation Commission took action on the Prop 1B monies in Fall of 2007. Valley joined with other Northern CA regions to form a coalition that was supported by the CTC in its funding plan. Partnership Board took action at the November meeting in support of 5 Hot List projects identified by the Valley COGs as their top priorities. These are among the projects approved by the CTC for funding.

Goal 4: Objective A: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.

Shafter Intermodal Facility is among those recommended for funding. WG will continue to seek opportunities for additional funding for other innovative projects.

Goal 5: Objective A. Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.

A report will be given by project managers from several of the Valley COGs in March 2008 to update the WG on this issue.

Goal 7: Objective A. Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan Process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.

The work of the Regional Blueprint process continues and will do so at least through Fall of 2008. Local meetings are making the land use/transportation link. Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) was held on December 3. BRAC will knit together the local work into a regional recommendation.

Goal 7: Objective B. Incorporate into regional transportation plans actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

Blueprint meetings continue in the 8 counties. Input that originates at the local level is discussed at the regional level by the BRAC. BRAC meeting was held on December 3.

Goal 10: Objective A. Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the state in meeting transportation goals.

Work Group consultant and members have been actively working on this goal at the state and regional level. This includes bi-weekly conference calls and testimony to State Hearings on the HSR issue.

Planned Activities by Goal and Objective (for next 3-6 months)

Goal 1: Objective A. Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.

As a follow-up to this meeting, Transportation WG will meet jointly with ACS work group in January on telecommunications infrastructure being included in State Highway projects in the Valley.

Goal 1: Objective B. Increase Highway 99 capacity.

Discussion of this issue will continue into 2008 as there is currently a lack of consensus as to whether or not the COGs wish to pursue moving forward with this designation.

Goal 1: Objective C. Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.

Update will be given at meeting in March of 2008.

Goal 1: Objective D. Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.

Committee was formed in Fall of 2007 and will meet for first time on January 17, 2008.

Goal 2: Objective A. Support construction of projects to improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.

COG directors/ project managers will give update on status of east-west corridors at Q1 2008 Work Group meeting.

Goal 2: Objective B. Incorporate plans for improving east-west corridors into Regional Blueprint Plan.

COG directors/ project managers will give update on status of east-west corridors at Q1 2008 Work Group meeting.

Goal 3: Objective A. Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement specific to the region.

Transportation Work Group will continue to monitor this issue throughout 2008.

Goal 4: Objective A: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.

Shafter Intermodal Facility is among those recommended for funding. WG will continue to seek opportunities for additional funding for other innovative projects.

Goal 5: Objective A. Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.

A report will be given by project managers from several of the Valley COGs in March 2008 to update the WG on this issue.

Goal 7: Objective A. Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan Process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.

Local and regional work on the Blueprint continues.

Goal 7: Objective B. Incorporate into regional transportation plans actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.

BRAC meeting will be held on March 28, 2008.

Goal 8: Objective A. Develop and implement a system for tracking economic development that results from investments in transportation improvements.

Congress of local elected officials is being planned for February 28.

Goal 9: Objective A. Integrate ITS into all transportation planning and construction projects.

Presentation will be given at Q1 2008 WG meeting on the status of this goal.

Goal 10: Objective A. Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the state in meeting transportation goals.

Regional interests are working together to ensure that the Altamont Pass alignment which was supported by the Partnership is improved as part of the HSR proposal.

