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**By Goal and Objective – Description of Activity, Planned Activities, Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback**

- a. = Description of Activity
- b. = Planned Activities
- c. = Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

**Goal 1: Implement a universally accepted Route 99 Corridor Master Plan (Enhancement and Business Plan Elements) for the 274-mile section within the San Joaquin Valley as a leading economic development strategy.**

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

- a. Work group continues to discuss ways to augment funding to move transportation projects forward.
- b. Discussion of shovel ready projects which could be funded through stimulus package.
- c. Funding

Objective B: Increase Highway 99 capacity which will result in improved mobility and reduced congestion while protecting environmental resources and fostering economic vitality.

- a. Highway 99 advisory committee reviewed the Updated Business Plan Volume I and Financial Program Volume II.
- b. Joint meeting between LUAH, Transportation and Blueprint.
- c. Funding continues to be an issue.

Objective C: Create a San Joaquin valley Route 99 Corridor identity.

- a. Discussions continue to take place regarding route 99 identity. Interest is especially in rest stop improvements including technology wiring.
- b. Joint meeting between LUAH, Transportation and Blueprint.
- c. Funding

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

- a. Blueprint process has brought with it a lot of attention on transportation issues and Valley needs. Elected officials have participated at all levels of the process and Highway 99 has been a part of the conversation.
- b. Discussion of Highway 99 projects that may be eligible for the stimulus package.

**Goal 2: Improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.**

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

- a. Continued collaboration between counties needs to exist in order to discuss East West Corridors. Blueprint process continues to foster these relationships.
- b. Joint meeting with Blueprint, LUAH and Transportation to discuss safety and capacity issues.

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

- a. Recommendation by BRAC and Blueprint Summit members to adopt Scenario C.
- b. Review of east-west corridor plans as they relate to the current recommended regional blueprint scenario.

**Goal 3: Improve goods movement within the region to increase economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility.**

Objective A: Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement through a “goods movement enhancement system” specific to the region.

- a. Some discussion has taken place regarding STAA truck size limits and their effects on economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility.
- b. Continued discussions regarding STAA truck size limits with an invitation for David A. Pegos Assistant Secretary of Public Outreach for the Department of Food and Agriculture to attend.

**Goal 4: Enhance goods movement capacity while increasing safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality, and promoting economic development.**

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

- a. The adoption of a Regional Blueprint plan will help to support these goals. Recommendation to the Policy Council is next steps for the blueprint process.
- b. Policy Council preferred scenario recommendation.

**Goal 5: Develop a sustainable regionwide transit system.**

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

- a. The high-speed rail initiative was passed by voters in November.
- b. Continued monitoring of high-speed rail plans.
- c. Funding

**Goal 6: Transform roadside rest stops into user-friendly amenities that benefit the overall region and host communities.**

Objective A: Improve roadside rest stop amenities and facilities to benefit user safety, facilitate tourism and educate users about the environment and local communities.

- a. Work group members would like to see more amenities at rest stops such as Wi-fi access, food etc.
- b. Conversations with Caltrans to determine if private businesses can provide these services in collaboration with Caltrans.
- c. Legal barriers

**Goal 7: Improve mobility through more efficient land use patterns that will reduce single-occupant trip generation and support use of alternative modes.**

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

- a. The adoption of preferred scenario C by both BRAC members and Summit attendees moves us closer to regional goals to improve mobility.
- b. Joint meeting

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

- a. Blueprint Summit meeting held Jan. 26, 2008, to inform and educate the public on the Blueprint process, vote for preferred scenario and next steps.
- b. Joint meeting

**Goal 8: Improve understanding by public officials and public of the relationship between investments in transportation improvements and economic development.**

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

- a. Information regarding the benefits of investments in transportation improvements and economic development will be provided at joint meeting.
- b. Information gathering to be provided at joint meeting.

**Goal 9: Implement “intelligent transportation system” (ITS) technologies to assist the region in achieving mobility goals.**

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

- a. Update from Caltrans regarding ITS Strategic Deployment Plan to take place at next transportation meeting.
- b. Update from Caltrans

**Goal 10: Assure the high-speed rail system, if implemented, supports the San Joaquin Valley in achieving its economic, environmental, land use, and mobility goals.**

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

- a. High-Speed Rail passed in November 2008.
- b. Discussions to determine the best course of action to achieve economic, environmental, land use and mobility goals for the Valley.
- c. Funding

**If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.**

Great Valley Center continues to coordinate and support work group activities.