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TO: Board of Directors

DATE: February 13, 2008

FROM: Celia McAdam, Executive Director *CM*

SUBJECT: **WORKSHOP: PLACER PARKWAY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION  
PROJECT PROGRESS AND ISSUES UPDATE**

**Action Requested**

None. For information and discussion only.

**Background**

The Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation team has been working over the last five years with a wide range of agencies, organizations, property owners, and interested parties to identify a range of corridor alignment alternatives and to analyze them in the Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft Tier 1 EIS/EIR). The focus has been to develop a document that meets and exceeds all federal and state environmental requirements while keeping to the fastest possible time frame.

The last major project milestone was completed in August 2007 when public hearings were conducted for input on the Draft Tier 1 EIS/EIR. Since that time, the project team has been working to prepare responses to comments and to complete the modified National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/404 process.

**Discussion**

Staff has provided the Board with monthly status reports to track the progress of the Placer Parkway. Most recently, there have been some complex issues – both those part of the environmental process and outside issues affecting the project - that merit more robust discussion.

The staff will give a brief overview and update on the some of these issues, including.

- Draft Tier 1 EIS/EIR comments
- Concurrent planning and coordination (SACOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan & proposed specific plans/environmental reviews)
- Modified NEPA/404 process
- Schedule
- Next Steps

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