



## MEMORANDUM

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to Kelly Eagan, Project Manager, Caltrans District 3

from Joan Chaplick, Public Involvement Specialist, MIG, Inc.

re Caltrans District 3 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP)  
SACOG Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting – November 10, 2010

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### Participants from Project Team

Alyssa Begley, Caltrans District 3  
Rupinder Jawanda, Caltrans District 3  
Nieves Castro, Caltrans District 3 Planning (by phone)  
Joan Chaplick, MIG, Inc. (by phone)

### Introduction

Through advance coordination with Jim Brown, Chairperson of the TCC, Kelly Eagan received an invitation for the project team to participate in the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TCC. The TCC provides a forum for the discussion of transit plans and issues, coordinates transit studies and systems on a regional basis, disseminates federal, state and local transit information, reviews and comments on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan, and gives input into SACOG's Overall Work Program.

Kelly's original direction was to contact Jim Brown for advice on how best to involve transit agencies in the development of transit performance measures for inclusion in future CSMP's. Jim recommended that Caltrans introduce the concept at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This topic was one of approximately ten agenda items and about 10-15 minutes was devoted to the topic.

Kelly Eagan prepared a one-page summary of the project for distribution and presentation at the meeting. Unfortunately, Kelly was unable to attend the meeting. Joan Chaplick provided a short description of the project to the group and managed the discussion.

## Discussion

Joan briefly described Caltrans's goals for the project which are to identify 1-2 transit-related measures that could help determine if mobility was improving along the corridor. She explained that Caltrans is very aware of the range of measures that transit agencies monitor regularly and did not intend to introduce any new requirements. Caltrans was seeking advice on what existing data and related measures could be used or adapted for inclusion in the CSMP's.

Participants had several questions. These included:

- How does Caltrans intend to use the performance measures?
- Will Caltrans be focusing on the number of people or vehicles moving through the corridor? It may be beneficial to look at people and delay.
- What is the sphere of influence for Caltrans?

Participants also had several suggestions:

- Consider using performance measures that transit operators already provide for Transportation Development Act reporting (Mindy Jackson – El Dorado County Transit Authority).
- Person minutes of delay would be more valuable than vehicle minutes of delay (Mike Wiley – Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)).
- Explore New Starts eligibility performance measures. Though it isn't done by all transit systems in the region (M. Wiley – SacRT).
- Consider looking at Transit User benefits. The data is available and is defined at the federal level.
- Consider looking at the measures developed for vehicles and see if there are parallel measures that can be developed for transit.
- Don't limit the approach to considering how transit performs within the corridor. Some of the biggest impacts occur where transit crosses the corridor (perpendicular). This is where there may be the biggest opportunity to improve performance. For example, improving the efficiency of interchanges using Intelligent Transportation System improvements, such as Bus Rapid Transit preemption at interchanges (Marc Heiman – SACOG).
- It was suggested the Caltrans be open to combining opportunities to conduct transit projects as part of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). It was mentioned that Caltrans has been more open recently to discussions regarding the addition of transit, bike, and pedestrian improvement features as part of capital projects.
- Review existing CSMP performance measures at the workshop (Jim Brown – SACOG).
- Explain how Caltrans will use the performance measures at the workshop (Jim Brown – SACOG).
- Second Mindy Jackson's comment regarding the use of existing data, not new data collections (Jim Brown).
- Is this effort applicable to Fixed Route and/or Dial-A-Ride service?

Joan thanked the participants for their ideas and suggestions and informed participants they were likely to receive an invitation to an upcoming workshop that would focus on this topic. Participants suggested that the topic be discussed as broadly as possible so that transit agency participants could identify what would be most important to them in terms of corridor mobility and then develop the measures from there. If there were any questions, comments, or ideas, they were encouraged to contact Kelly Eagan, the Caltrans Project Manager.