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Agenda Item 5.0

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2008

TO: Congestion Management Agency Board

FROM: Dennis R. Fay, Executive Director DRF

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sacramento Report
A report from the CMA's Sacramento representative will be handed out at the meeting.

Washington, DC Report
I have attached a report from CMA's Washington, DC representative.

Board Retreat
The CMA Board Retreat will be held on December 18, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at the David Wendel Conference Center located within the law offices of Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP at 1111 Broadway, 19th Floor, Oakland, California. The Board Retreat will by facilitated by Kendall Flint of PMC.

Service Award
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented an "Excellence in Motion" award to Jean Hart, former Deputy Director of Planning for the ACCMA. Jean was recognized by the MTC for her leadership in building consensus for projects that involved diverse stakeholders and multiple jurisdictions.

MTC's 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
MTC's 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, was approved by FHWA and FTA, without conditions, on November 17, 2008.

MTC prepares and adopts the TIP every two years. By law, the TIP must cover at least a four-year period and contain a priority list of projects grouped by year. The 2009 TIP contains approximately 1066 projects totaling about $12.8 billion. The TIP is also financially constrained - meaning that the

amount of funding programmed, does not exceed the amount of funding reasonably expected to be available.

Groundbreakings and Ribbon Cuttings

The I-680 Express Lane Project groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 31, 2008 in the City of Fremont.

The I-880 / Mission Boulevard Interchange Project held a ribbon cutting for the I-880 HOV Lane portion of the project on November 20, 2008. This project is sponsored by ACTA, the City of Fremont and Caltrans.

Contractor Outreach
Along with other Bay Area agencies, the CMA participated in a contractor outreach event at the MetroCenter Auditorium in Oakland on October 22, 2008.

Transportation Bond Measure Projects
I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane Project – The contractor has completed work in the median and traffic has shifted in order for the outside widening to begin. The second contract received a California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation of funds at the October meeting and is scheduled to be advertised on December 16, 2008.

I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Project – The draft Project Report and draft Environmental Document are being reviewed by Caltrans. The design phase of this project began in June 2008, with a preliminary design package (35% PS&E) scheduled for December 2008. The CMA is preparing a corrective action plan to remove the bus ramp from the project scope for review by the CTC.

I-580/Route 84/Isabel Interchange – This project, sponsored by the City of Livermore, received $68 million from the CMIA bond fund program. CTC allocated the construction funds for this project at its October 2008 meeting. The project is scheduled to be advertised later this month.

I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Extension (Hegenberger to Marina) – The Project Report and Environmental Document are in preparation. The project will be divided into two construction packages to attract more bidders.

I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project – A notice to proceed was issued to the design consultant to continue the project development. Meetings with stakeholders are being held to define TLSP functional requirements. The data collection plan was approved and is currently being implemented.

I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd/29th Avenues – In September 2008, a consultant contract was issued for preparation of the Project Report and Environmental Document.

Status of Corridor Studies/Projects
I-680 Express Lane Project – The CMA has partnered with Caltrans on the design of this project. The project has been split into six contracts: three roadway contracts, one landscape contract, an

environmental mitigation contract and a system integrator contract. Bay Cities, the contractor for the first contract, commenced work on October 6, 2006. A groundbreaking ceremony for this roadway construction contract was held on October 31, 2008.

Contract #2 was advertised on September 22, 2008, and contract #3 was advertised on September 29, 2008. Interviews for the integration consultant were held in October and negotiations with the .preferred consultant are underway.

I-580 Traffic Management Plan Project – The Center-to-Center Program communications hub's software integration package was awarded to Irvine Global Consulting and will be complete in December 2008. The integration will link cameras, detectors and changeable message signs along I-580 with communication centers at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Valley Transportation Authority and Alameda County. The project is also installing ramp metering on Grant Line Road, North Flynn Road and Portola Avenue, funded from a MTC grant.

I-580 Corridor ROW Preservation – The CMA consultant prepared environmental documents (Categorical Exemption) for six properties that are currently available for acquisition. Upon completion of the funding agreement with ACTIA, the CMA will begin discussions with Caltrans to establish a partnership agreement for this project.

I-580 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Project – This ACTIA Measure B funded project consists of two westbound I-580 auxiliary lane segments from Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road and from Fallon Road to Tassajara Road. ACTIA is the lead agency for the environmental phase and is preparing the NEPA environmental document to clear the Fallon to Tassajara Road auxiliary lane segment. CMA's consultant is responding to Caltrans comments on the 95% PS&E. An amendment to the project specific agreement with ACTIA is underway.

I-580 Eastbound High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane: Technical Studies – Preliminary Engineering and preparation of the Environmental Document began in July 2008. The consultant is addressing Caltrans' comments on the traffic operations analysis report. A contract change order to install the infra structure of the civil elements of HOT was issued to the EB HOV project.

I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Project – Team meetings and technical studies are underway.

I-580 Sound Wall Design – San Leandro and Oakland – The San Leandro soundwall Final Design Package was submitted to Caltrans on October 10, 2008. All temporary construction easements from property owners have been obtained. The project is scheduled to be advertised in December 2008.

I-880 Corridor System Management Study – The I-880 Corridor System Management Study (CSMS) TAC met on November 10, 2008. The results of the scenario analysis proposed to improve the performance of the corridor were discussed. This study, sponsored by Caltrans, provided a detailed evaluation of the I-880 Corridor to determine what transportation strategies make the most sense and when they should be implemented.

Ardenwood Park & Ride Lot Project – Construction of the Park and Ride Lot began on September 18, 2008 and completion is anticipated in March 2009. CMA staff are continuing to work with the City of Fremont to secure the necessary City of Fremont building permits.

BART to Warm Springs –Final Design on the Fremont Central Park Subway ("Subway") contract is nearing completion. A 100% design review submittal was made in September and resolution of final comments is now underway. Utility relocation agreements and a UPRR Construction and Maintenance Agreement are expected to be fully executed in November. RWQCB certification as well as permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers and California Dept of Fish & Game are expected in December. Right of Way Certification for the Subway contract is expected in December. Subject to funding availability, the Subway contract will be advertised for construction in February 2009. Preliminary engineering on the Line, Track Station and Systems ("LTSS") contract continues with a 75% design review submittal anticipated in late December. The project team recently completed a constructability study for the Optional Irvington Station, which may be added on an "in-fill" basis (subject to availability of funding from the City of Fremont) to the operating Warm Springs extension. A Request for Qualifications is expected to be issued by the end of the year or early in 2009. A Request for Proposal for the LTSS contract is anticipated in summer 2009. Construction of the BART Paseo Padre Parkway Overpass, which is being built as part of the City of Fremont's Washington Blvd/Paseo Padre Parkway Grade Separation Project, was declared substantially complete by BART in September. Following construction and a program of start-up testing, BART expects to begin service to Warm Springs in 2014.

BART to Silicon Valley (Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor-SVRTC) – The 65 percent engineering design phase will be completed in December 2008. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to be available for public review in February 2009 with the Final EIS to be circulated in December 2009.

On Friday, November 21, 2008, Measure B, which calls for a sales tax increase to help fund a 16-mile BART extension to San Jose and other points in Santa Clara County, was declared a winner with 66.78 percent of the vote, just above the two-thirds margin (66.67 percent) needed for approval of a special tax. The 30-year, 1/8-cent sales tax will provide funding to offset operating and maintenance costs associated with extending BART into Santa Clara County. It is estimated that it will generate $51 million in its first year, 2013.

Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore – The Final Environment Document for the project is available for review on the project website at: www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/caldecott/. CMA staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans on the project delivery through the Project Leadership Team (PLT) and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Project advertisement is scheduled for February 2009.

Community Based Transportation Plans: City of Alameda – The City of Alameda Community Based Transportation Plan consultant team has completed a draft of the first memo discussing existing transportation conditions in the project area. They also met with a Technical Advisory Committee for input on the memo and community outreach approach. They will begin community outreach in January 2009.

MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program – Fourteen applications were received for the Lifeline Program Call for Projects, requesting approximately $24 million in funds. The fund estimate for the program is approximately $12.5 million, pending State budget revisions. A draft program of projects is included as Agenda Item 7.3. The intent of the Lifeline Transportation Program is to fund projects that increase transportation mobility for low income residents in Alameda County.

Dumbarton Rail Corridor – The Draft EIR is progressing and is expected to be released by spring 2009.

Grand/MacArthur Corridor Transit Enhancements – This project is a key first step towards bringing major transit improvements to the Grand Avenue/MacArthur Boulevard corridor. The limit of this corridor is from Eastmont Mall to the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco. This SMART/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor implementation will be modeled after the existing San Pablo Avenue and International/Telegraph SMART/BRT Corridors. On July 31, 2008, the CMA Board awarded the Grand/MacArthur Corridor Transit Enhancement Project construction contract to Ray's Electric, the lowest responsive bidder. Construction started September 15, 2008 with a completion date in May 2009.

SMART Corridors Program – CMA's SMART Corridors partnership includes 29 public agencies. The CMA provides video and traffic data to the public and to transportation managers as well as emergency service providers in real-time. The public website address for the SMART Corridors is: http://www.smartcorridors.com. The CMA is working with the Alameda County Public Works Agency on the implementation of Transportation Management Centers (TMC) and with MTC and Caltrans to implement a Center to Center Communication Hub for the Tri-Valley SMART Corridor and implement Ramp Metering along I-580 SMART Corridor. The CMA has assisted the project partners along the San Pablo Avenue corridor in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties by retiming 131 traffic signals to improve mobility and safety. Staff is managing various contracts to operate and maintain SMART Corridors components.

San Pablo Avenue Rapid Bus Stop Improvements - The CMA is taking the lead in implementing approximately $2.6 million in improvements to the Rapid Bus stops in Alameda County funded through AC Transit using Measure B funds. At the request of the cities, the CMA and the funding agencies have agreed to implement streetscape amenities as an alternative to the replacement of crosswalks. This will extend the project completion date to January 2009.

State Route 84 HOV Extension – Dumbarton Corridor – The HOV lane was open to traffic on September 5, 2008 and the project closeout is underway. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 17, 2008.

Transportation and Land Use Program – A consultant pool was selected for the Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program (TOD TAP).

Guaranteed Ride Home Program – The consultant is progressing with the program evaluation, as requested by the CMA Board. In the most recent month, 0 new employers and 46 new employees enrolled in the program. During this time, eight taxi trips and four rental car trips were taken.. . The average cost per taxi trip is $83.88 and the average trip length is 39.1 miles. One out of five

rides continues to be taken using a rental car. The average one-way trip distance for a rental car ride is 48 miles. The average savings for a rental car ride compared to a cab is $72.80 per ride.

Central Alameda County Freeway System Study –The next Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting is anticipated to be held in January 2009 to release the Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP) and supporting documentation for local and California Transportation Commission approval. After PAC approval of the submittal package is obtained, local approvals will be sought similar to the process used for the Financially Unconstrained LATIP. The Project Initiation Document to Support the LATIP was released for Technical Advisory Committee and Caltrans review on September 12, 2008. The TAC met on October 21, 2008 to review the supporting documentation.

Truck Parking Facility Feasibility and Location Study – The Draft Report and Recommendations will be considered by the Board at its December 2008 meeting. (see Agenda item 7.1)

Truck Demand Models – The TAC met in November 2008 to discuss the scope of work and data collection for the study. Cambridge Sytematics was selected to conduct the study with Dowling Associates, Inc. as a sub-contractor. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m..

Environmental Documents/General Plan Amendments Reviewed
Since my last report, two environmental documents, notices of preparation or general plan amendments have been received or reviewed. Copies of the response letters are attached.

CMA Board and Committee Meeting Dates
Board meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. in the ACTIA offices. Administration & Legislation Committee meetings will be at 11 a.m. in the CMA offices in Oakland unless otherwise noted. Plans & Programs Committee meetings will be at 12 noon in the CMA offices in Oakland unless otherwise noted.

CMA Board	Plans & Programs	Administration & Legislation
December 18, 2008 – CMA Board Retreat	December 2008 – No Meeting Scheduled	December 2008 – No Meeting Scheduled
January 22, 2009	January 12, 2009	January 12, 2009
February 26, 2009	February 9, 2009	February 9, 2009
March 26, 2009	March 9, 2009	March 9, 2009
April 23, 2009	April 13, 2009	April 13, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Fay
Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

FROM: Jim Copeland and Emily Bacque
CJ Strategies

DATE: December 2, 2008

RE: Legislative Update

There are still two Senate contests and five House races in which the outcome remains in doubt. Pending their resolution, there is currently a 58-40 Democratic majority in the Senate and a 255-175 Democratic majority in the House that will be sworn in when the 111th Congress convenes on January 6. Due to these Democratic gains and the new Democratic Administration, there was little incentive to get much done during the lame duck session that occurred the week of November 17. However, the House and Senate will likely come back for one more lame duck session in December to pass an assistance package for the auto industry.

The first two priorities for the new Congress and the Administration are the remaining FY09 appropriations bills and an economic stimulus package. The 111th Congress will be sworn in on January 6. We expect the House and Senate to be in session those first few weeks in January as they work to assemble a stimulus package and complete work on the remaining FY09 bills. We anticipate Congress will send both of these items to the president shortly after his inauguration on January 20.

Leadership Elections for the 111th Congress

House Democrats re-elected their leaders for the 111th Congress. In addition to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), the following California Members of Congress will chair major committees:

- Representative Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles), currently the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, will replace John Dingell (MI) as Chair of the Energy & Commerce Committee. (The Energy and Commerce Committee will have jurisdiction over any climate change legislation.)
- Representative George Miller (D-Martinez) will continue to chair the House Education and Labor Committee.

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- Representative Howard Berman (D-North Hollywood) will continue to chair the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
- Senator Barbara Boxer will continue to chair the Environment and Public Works Committee. (Her committee will continue to have jurisdiction over climate change legislation and surface transportation reauthorization.)
- Also of note to the CMA – Representative Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) was elected Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Lame Duck Session

The Senate passed the unemployment benefits extension during the lame duck session the week of November 17. President Bush signed the bill into law on November 21. As you may recall, the House approved the legislation in early October. The legislation would provide seven additional weeks of benefits for those whose unemployment insurance has run out, and 13 additional weeks in states with an unemployment rate higher than 6 percent (this includes California).

Additionally, Senate Democrats attempted to put a broad economic stimulus bill on the floor the week of November 17, but Republicans objected to considering the package, leaving the issue for the 111th Congress in January when Democrats plan to push a more expensive and comprehensive plan. The new Congress will be sworn in on January 6. We expect the Congress will send a stimulus to the president shortly after his inauguration on January 20. Current estimates range from $300 billion -- $700 billion.

FY09 Appropriations Bills

Appropriators are currently working on completing their individual bills so that the omnibus can be compiled by the end of December and ready for lawmakers when they return in January. As you recall, Democrats decided early this year that they would finish much of the fiscal 2009 appropriations work next year, rather than face potential vetoes from President Bush. Three full-year bills — Defense, Military Construction-VA and Homeland Security — were enacted in a package with the continuing resolution that funded programs covered by the other nine at fiscal 2008 levels through March 6. In total, Democrats want to spend $24.5 billion more than the $991.6 billion Bush requested for the 12 fiscal 2009 spending bills. The unfinished bills are Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Energy-Water, Financial Services, Interior-Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, State-Foreign Operations and Transportation-HUD.

We will continue to push for funding for the CMA's priority projects. However, we won't know anything final until Congress takes up the remaining appropriations bills early next year.

Stimulus Package

In addition to finishing up the FY09 appropriations bills, President Elect Obama has said one of the first pieces of legislation he wants Congress to approve is a stimulus package that will create jobs. Senate Republicans and President Bush objected to moving a package in November. We are hearing that a proposed package could range from $300 billion to $700 billion and could include funding for the following: ready to go

infrastructure projects, funding for state Medicaid programs, food stamps, funding for green infrastructure, additional "tax rebates" for low-income workers, a $3,000 tax credit to companies that hire full-time employees, and relief for struggling homeowners and further aid to the auto industry. However, the package is very much in flux and we expect broad outlines to be announced in the coming weeks.

We do anticipate transportation and infrastructure projects to be among the lead items in the package.

The CMA should be thinking of any ready to go infrastructure projects as Congress moves forward with a stimulus package.

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SUBJECT: Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Central Park South General Plan amendment, rezoning and Precise Planned District P-2005-131, Development Agreement Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7910

Dear Ms. Craven:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Central Park South General Plan amendment, rezoning from Light Industrial to Residential Medium, Residential High and Private Open Space, and Precise Planned District P-2005-131, Development Agreement Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7910 to develop a 13 acre site with 145 detached townhomes and a 40-unit apartment building. The site is located on 41075 Railroad Avenue, Fremont, California.

We have reviewed the General Plan Amendment (GPA) / Negative Declaration and have no comment because the project does not generate 100 or more P.M. peak hour trips *above existing* conditions, as permitted in the existing General Plan. The GPA/ Negative Declaration including the GPA is, therefore, exempt from the Land Use Analysis Program of the Congestion Management Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 510/836-2560 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Diane Stark

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SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pleasanton General Plan, DEIR SCH # 2005122139

Dear Ms. Stern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Pleasanton's Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pleasanton General Plan. The 2005-2025 General Plan consists of 13 elements. It would provide guidance for development and conservation with the Planning Area. The City of Pleasanton Planning Area is bounded by I-580 to the north, Palomares Road to the west, SR 84 and land to the south, Isabel Avenue and quarry lands to the east.

We respectfully submit the following comments:

- LOS Standards of Significance - P. 3.2-10, 3rd paragraph and p. 3.2-26, Impact TR-2,.: ~~As stated in our Comment on the NOP letter dated January 26, 2006, the~~ Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) does not have a standard for roadway level of service as it applies to the Land Use Analysis Program. References to ACCMA level of service or significance criteria standards should be deleted. The ACCMA does not have a policy for determining a threshold of significance. Rather, it is expected that professional judgment will be applied to determine project level impacts. Please note that even though a roadway is operating at LOS F, this does not preclude the project from identifying feasible mitigation for those routes.

- The ACCMA is working with BART and Caltrans on identifying and acquiring right-of-way for the I-580 freeway to accommodate a transit corridor. We request that the City of Pleasanton work closely with ACCMA, BART and Caltrans on the BART to Livermore Programmatic EIR to ensure that the General Plan does not result in encroachments upon future right-of-way needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this DEIR. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at 510.836.2560.

Sincerely,

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