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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JUNE 14, 2006**

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) AMONG COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS TO DEVELOP THE SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY**

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Memorandum of Agreement among County Transportation Commissions to develop the Southern California Goods Movement Strategy.

ISSUE

For the past several months, the CEOs of Metro, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG and Ventura Counties have been discussing coordinating efforts associated with the region's goods movement issues and challenges. The agencies have drafted a Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment A) to outline their intent to coordinate with each other to develop the Southern California Goods Movement Strategy.

BACKGROUND

In light of the State's Goods Movement Action Plan and other similar efforts, the CEOs of the region's transportation commissions are taking proactive steps to assure that the region demonstrates a concerted effort and speaks with a strong voice when providing input to state and federal plans and legislative efforts. To this end, the MOA further delineates the scope of the on-going collaboration among the participating agencies originally undertaken as part of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan approved by the Board in November 2004. The Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan will continue to serve as the blueprint for the development of specific strategies and projects.

The MOA establishes a goods movement point person from each agency and relies on the existing Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC), the monthly Chief Executive

Officers meetings as well as the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan meetings as the forums for discussion and collaboration on regional goods movement issues.

The CEOs, Caltrans and SCAG have discussed the formation of an implementing body or agency to deliver specific goods movement projects. It was decided, however, that it is premature at this point to determine any kind of single implementation authority or entity. Therefore, the MOA specifically notes this. Implementation authorities will be discussed in the future on a case-by-case basis as projects and strategies are developed and project details are identified through the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.

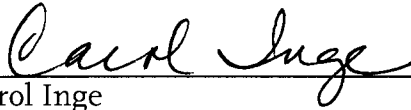
NEXT STEPS

The CEO will execute the agreement on behalf of Metro.

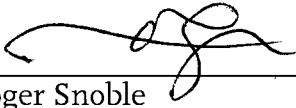
ATTACHMENT

A. Memorandum Of Agreement

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
AMONG
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS
TO COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOP THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY

This Memorandum of Agreement herein referred to as "MOA", is entered into as of _____, 2006 by and among the County Transportation Commissions ("CTCs") of Southern California, namely the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA"), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA"), Riverside County Transportation Commission ("RCTC"), San Bernardino Associated Governments ("SANBAG"), and the Ventura County Transportation Commission ("VCTC"). Each of the agencies described above (as well as any agencies joining this MOA in the future) shall be collectively referred to herein as the "CTCs".

WHEREAS, the combined ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the largest gateway for containerized imports into the United States and the fifth largest port in the world; and the Port of Hueneme is among the nation's leaders in fresh produce and fruit exports and automobile imports; and

WHEREAS, Southern California serves as the principal conduit of goods between the United States and Asia at major cost to its transportation infrastructure, environmental quality and human health, and community livability; and

WHEREAS, goods movement within Southern California comprises an important regional economic opportunity if transportation, environmental health, and community impacts can be remedied; and

WHEREAS, the MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC have a common interest to address the transportation deficiencies, environmental challenges, and economic opportunities associated with goods movement in and through Southern California; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that many of the plans, policies, strategies, and projects to address the challenges and grasp the opportunities afforded by goods movement in Southern California will be multi-county in scope; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and cooperation among the CTCs to develop these goods movement plans, policies, strategies, and projects, and similar collaboration in the areas of public outreach and political advocacy is expected to yield the best results for Southern California as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. A collaborative effort will be undertaken by the CTCs in order to prioritize and phase the strategies, projects, and measures needed to address transportation, environmental, and community issues associated with goods movement within and through Southern California.

2. Each CTC shall designate a lead staff for all communications and correspondence among the CTCs pursuant to this MOU.
3. Each CTC shall make a good faith effort to notify other CTCs regarding discussions or negotiations on regional goods movement issues with federal, state, private sector, or other CTC representatives.
4. The CTCs recognize the benefits of having defined regional points of contact, and will establish such as needed for various goods movement negotiations, initiatives, and decision-making.
5. The CTCs commit to have regular discussions regarding their efforts in regional goods movement as part of the quarterly Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition meetings, monthly meetings among the Executive Directors of the CTCs, and through the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.
6. It is not the intent of this agreement to establish new authority(ies) for sponsorship or delivery of transportation improvements beyond authorities already granted by state law absent possible future agreements defining a regional goods movement formal structure, as described herein.
7. This MOA will take effect upon signing by all the CTCs, and may be amended only by written revision, signed by all the CTCs.
8. This agreement will remain in effect for a period of three years from the date of execution.
9. Other public agencies responsible for aspects of goods movement in Southern California may become signatories to this agreement by amendment to this agreement.
10. Any CTC may cease to be a party to this agreement by providing written notice of such termination to all other signatories

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this MOA on the dates set forth below their signatures.

MTA

OCTA

RCTC

SANBAG

VCTC

SCAG (ex-officio)

