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**AGENDA ADDENDUM
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Date: Friday, October 19, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201

Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
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III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

- K. Caltrans Proposed Alternatives for the State Route 168/180/41 Freeway Project Handout Info/Discussion

Summary: The first meeting of the Measure "C" Regional Program Subcommittee was held on July 29, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an initial review of the project scopes, phasing and cost estimates for the Regional Program projects that had been developed by project sponsors. During the discussion of the SR 41/180/168 Braided Ramp project, Jeff Reid from the San Joaquin Valley Taxpayers Coalition raised concerns about one of the design alternatives being analyzed by Caltrans for this particular project. Caltrans staff informed Mr. Reid that at this early point in the process "all" design alternatives were being analyzed and that any decisions regarding the design of the project were likely several months away, as Caltrans still needs to conduct extensive traffic studies in order to determine the preferred alternative.

As a follow-up to this meeting, Mr. Reid requested that COG staff place an item on the next Citizen Oversight Committee Agenda to discuss this item. The request was honored by COG staff, and at the September 13, 2007 meeting of the Citizen Oversight Committee, Mr. Reid presented a resolution to the Committee requesting that Alternative #2 (abolishing the existing southbound State Route 168 connection to northbound State Route 41) be eliminated from consideration by Caltrans. Mr. Reid feels that Alternative #2 is not a viable alternative because it is a "diminishment of the existing transportation facilities supporting our urban communities and is inconsistent with the promise of Measure "C". Following lengthy committee discussions with significant input from Caltrans Project Manager Neil Bretz, a voice vote was called for and the motion failed with two abstentions.

Mr. Reid appeared before the COG Policy Advisory Committee at their September 14, 2007 meeting (under Public Presentations) to present the issues. PAC members indicated a desire to have this item placed on their October, 19, 2007 agenda. [Boren]

Action: Information/discussion. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.