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10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session
Session 1 *You Are The Future of Planning*

Peter J. Haas, Ph.D., Professor and Education Director, Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose State University

Peter Haas has a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to his work with the Mineta Transportation Institute, he did a presentation last year at the annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, D.C. on "Defining the Homeland Security Research Priorities of State DOT's". Mr. Haas has also authored several publications.

Catherine L. Showalter, Director, UCLA Extension Public Policy Program

CATHERINE SHOWALTER is the Director of the Public Policy Program and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCLA Extension. She is known throughout California and the nation for her leadership role in areas that include transportation demand management, environmental resources protection, and regional economic development. Catherine is skilled and experienced in disseminating technical information in a straightforward manner for ease in understanding by diverse audiences, nationally and internationally. She served as Executive Director of a non-profit organization, RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, Inc. in northern California. Catherine has held management positions within the government sector as well, notably first as manager and then Director of Transportation Programs for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. In the business sector, Catherine served as vice president of a specialized consulting firm, Transportation Management Services in Pasadena, after working at the Orange County Transit District in research & development.

Katie Eastham, Lead Transportation Planner, PB

WTS Sacramento Chapter Past President, Current Board Member

Katie Eastham has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from the University of California at Davis and a Masters of Public Policy and Administration from California State University Sacramento. For the last two years, she's been a Lead Transportation Planner for Parsons Brinckerhoff and next week will start her new position as a Transportation Project Manager for URS. Prior to working in the private sector, Katie worked for seven years as a transportation planner for Districts 10 and 3. She is the past President of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) and WTS Chapters in Sacramento, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for WTS, the South Natomas Transportation Management Association, and the Sacramento Transportation Management Association. She was also recently selected to participate in the 2008 Leadership Sacramento program facilitated by the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Nancy Barker, UCD Extension, Land Use and Natural Resources

Nancy Barker has worked in the Land Use and Natural Resources unit of UC Davis Extension for the past six years. Her primary responsibility is to oversee LUNR's contract training efforts working with state agencies such as Caltrans and the State Water Resources Control Board. Nancy received a B.S. and M.A. degrees from UC Davis in Anthropology specializing in Archeology.

Kurt Christiansen, AICP, Community Development Director, City of Yorba Linda. CCAPA President Elect

Mr. Christiansen is currently the Community Development Director for the City of Yorba Linda. During the past two year he has served as an active member of the California State American Planning Association Chapter in the capacity as the Vice President of Administration for the State Chapter. He is currently serving as the President Elect for the APA California Chapter during 2008 and will assume the presidency in 2009. In addition, Mr. Christiansen serves on the Advisory Board for the California State University, Fullerton Planning Certificate Program and as a member of the California State University, Northridge Alumni Council. He has a Bachelors Degree from CSUN in Urban Studies and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from UCLA.