

## **I-80 HOT Lane Technical Advisory Committee**

### **Summary of TAC Meeting**

September 17, 2009, SACOG Offices

**Attendees:** TAC Members: Rick Helman and Jim Calkins, Caltrans District 3; Rhon Herndon, City of Roseville; Ken Grehm, Placer County; Will Garner, Placer County Transit; Don Smith, Sacramento RTD; Stu Hodgkins, City of Citrus Heights; J.J. Hurley, Sacramento AQMD; Dean Blank, Sacramento County; Azadeh Doherty and Jesse Gothan, City of Sacramento; Norm Hom, Sacramento Transportation Authority; Steve Pyburn, FHWA. Sponsoring Agency Staff: Celia McAdam and Scott Aaron, PCTPA; Samson Okhade and Matt Carpenter, SACOG. Project Consultants: Tad Widby and Jeff Damon, HNTB; Nancy Kays, MIG; Dave Stanek, Fehr & Peers; Alice Chan and Bryan Godbe, Godbe Research.

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### **Purpose of the Project, Project Approach, and Schedule**

- Nancy Kays of MIG welcomed everyone to the first TAC meeting and facilitated the meeting.
- Tad Widby, Celia McAdam, and Matt Carpenter provided a brief background and overview of the I-80 HOT Lane Study.
- Tad Widby reviewed the project approach and schedule (attached).

### **Examples of HOT Lanes**

- Tad Widby gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and took questions and comments on:
  - Segment pricing methods
  - Person through-put
  - Enforcement, particularly for carpools
  - Interoperability between regions
  - Transit in HOT lanes
  - Air quality benefits
  - Assumptions to be tested
  - Weekend travel
  - Target speed
  - Commercial trucks in lane
  - Incident management
  - How to measure impacts on associated facilities
  - General purpose lane conversion
  - Competition with other modes
  - Funding of a HOT lanes project
  - Opposition of environmental groups
- Nancy Kays sent around a request sheet for electronic copies of two reports – “Considerations for High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane

Confessions Guidebook” (draft) and “A Guide for HOT Lane Development,” both issued by FHWA.

### **Travel Model**

- Dave Stanek of Fehr & Peers gave information on the data and methodology that will be used in the POET model.
- Dave provided a schematic of the I-80 Planned Lane Configuration (attached) and took questions.

### **Survey Approach and Interviews**

- Nancy Kays, Alice Chan, and Bryan Godbe presented the approach to the draft telephone survey (attached) and survey area zipcodes (attached) and took questions and comments on the following:
  - It’s too long at 15 minutes
  - No indication of policy issue at the beginning
  - When do the calls take place?
  - Need question on commuter status
  - Need question on enforcement
  - Question about paying 24 hours a day
  - Don’t use the term “HOV”, just use “carpool”
- The group recommended over-sampling zipcodes in South Placer County and Citrus Heights and under-sampling zipcodes in Downtown Sacramento and Rancho Cordova.
- The survey will be updated with suggestions and administered in early October.
- For interviewees, the Rocklin Chamber was recommended instead of SureWest (see attached interview list with change)
- The interests of commuters who work for the State will be covered by the interview with the Sacramento TMA (and perhaps Marilyn Bryant, ED, could send out an inquiry to her members who use the corridor).

### **Next Meeting Date**

- The next meeting has been set for November 19, 2009, at SACOG.