



Item #9

Regional Planning Partnership

January 21, 2009

Report on “Forum to Discuss Level of Service Policies”

Issue: The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research recently hosted a forum to discuss innovative adaptations of LOS policies by cities or counties around the state; because of the level of interest in this issue, the forum may continue.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: On Friday, December 19, 2008, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research hosted a forum on Level of Service (LOS) policies. 40 people from various state agencies and environmental organizations were in attendance. The purpose of the forum was to provide a foundation of information about what LOS is and how it is used in state, regional, and local planning processes. The forum consisted of presentations from transportation/engineering consulting firms, city/county planners, and from Caltrans which are now posted on OPR's website: <http://www.opr.ca.gov/>. Attached is the agenda for the meeting.

Ron Milam of Fehr & Peers made a very interesting presentation at the forum, and has been invited to make the presentation to the Partnership.

An email list of anyone interested in following this discussion will be generated at the meeting. Mr. Griesenbeck will notify interested parties of any future public discussions of forums.

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Attachment

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**A Forum to Discuss
Level of Service Policies
Agenda**

Date: Friday, December 19th 2008
Time: 9:30am-12:00pm
Location: OPR Conference Room, 1400 10th St, Sacramento
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9:30am	Introducing LOS and current issues	Bob Grandy, Principal, Fehr and Peers
10:00am	LOS and CEQA	Gary Jakobs, Principal/Vice President, EDAW
10:15am	Different approaches to LOS policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Sacramento <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sparky Harris, Senior Planner, DOT • San Francisco County Transportation Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel Hiatt, Senior Planner • City of San Jose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hans F. Larsen, Deputy Director, Transportation Planning and Project Delivery, DOT • City of Chico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steve Peterson, Planning Director • City of Oakland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jason Patton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager
11:30	Caltrans use of LOS and about a pending research project	Scott Sauer, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans Mass Transportation Division
11:45am	Q & A	
12:00pm	Adjourn	

Purpose of the LOS Forum: Level of Service (LOS) is a performance measure that was developed 50 years ago to describe operating conditions for automobile travel. The purpose of the forum is to provide a foundation of information about what LOS is and how it is used in state, regional, and local planning processes.