

COUNCILMEMBER TOM COSGROVE NEW SACOG BOARD CHAIR

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments inducted Lincoln Councilmember Tom Cosgrove as the 2008 SACOG Board Chair and Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson as Board Vice Chair at their regularly scheduled Board meeting today.

Councilmember Cosgrove will be Board Chair for the metropolitan planning organization with 31 board members representing six counties and the 22 cities within them. SACOG provides transportation planning and funding for the greater Sacramento region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. In addition to long-range transportation planning, SACOG coordinates regional discussion of land use and air quality issues.

The SACOG Board will consider adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 at its February meeting. The \$42 billion plan provides surface transportation for the Sacramento region for 28 years, and is the product of nearly two years of public input. To date, over 8,000 individuals have given their input, along with key public partners including transit operators, air quality management agencies and community-based organizations.

Councilmember Cosgrove will also continue to lead the agency on the critical issue of successfully implementing the Board's adopted Blueprint growth strategy. As chair, Cosgrove will be keenly focused on land use and transportation planning, looking at rural-urban connections and regional efforts on climate change strategies.

In addition to membership on the SACOG Board of Directors, Councilmember Cosgrove was first elected to the Lincoln City Council in 1994, and currently serves on the city's Transit, Streets, Redevelopment, School, and Chamber committees. In addition to SACOG, he represents Lincoln on the Board of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and as alternate on the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority. Councilmember Cosgrove holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from California State University, Sacramento and an Associate of Science in Business Management from Sierra College, and works as an independent consultant, after years of public and private sector experience.

Supervisor Helen Thomson was first elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 1986. She served for three terms before representing the 8th Assembly District in the California Legislature. In 2002, when her assembly term ended, Thomson again won a seat on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and was re-elected in 2006.

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She serves on the Board of the California State Association of Counties Finance Corporation, the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Advisory Board, the Planning Committee for the Establishment of a School of Public Health at UC Davis, the University Retirement Community Foundation Board of Directors and the California Coalition of Compassionate Care Steering Committee.

A nurse, Supervisor Thomson also chairs the CSAC Health and Human Services Committee, Yolo First Five Commission, and the Yolo Children's Alliance.

The SACOG Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at 1415 L Street, Suite 300 in Sacramento. Board meetings are open to the public. Board agendas and minutes may be obtained by visiting the SACOG website at www.sacog.org or by contacting Public & Government Affairs Manager Rebecca Thornton Sloan at 916-321-9000.

SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

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