

COUNCILMEMBER LESLIE MCBRIDE NEW SACOG BOARD CHAIR

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments inducted Yuba City Councilmember Leslie McBride as the 2010 SACOG Board Chair and Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters as Board Vice Chair at their regularly scheduled Board meeting today.

Councilmember McBride 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.

SACOG is leading regional efforts to ensure the Sacramento region is competitive and receives its fair share of funding for federal infrastructure funding in the proposed economic recovery package as well as in the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill.

Councilmember McBride will also continue to lead the board on the critical issue of successfully implementing the region's Blueprint growth strategy, adopted in 2005. Under her leadership, SACOG will focus on the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, a multi-year effort to understand and address infrastructure, agriculture, economic development and other issues in the rural areas of the region.

In addition to the SACOG Board of Directors, Councilmember McBride was first elected to the Yuba City Council in November 2006, and served as mayor from 2008 to 2009. She serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Consolidated Area Housing Authority of Sutter County. She holds and has held several appointments from the California Association of Realtors (CAR), previously serving as Chair and Vice Chair of the Local Government Relations Committee.

Supervisor Peters was first elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in March 2004 to represent District 3. She serves on a number of boards, including the Sacramento Transportation Authority where she has served as chair since 2006, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Authority, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and the Sacramento Public Library.

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. Agendas and minutes may be obtained by visiting the SACOG website at www.sacog.org or by calling (916) 321-9000.

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