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SACOG
Attn: MTP Comments
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Re: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035

To Whom It May Concern:

These are the comments of the Butterfield-Riviera East Community Association (BRECA) on the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 (MTP)."

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BRECA is a membership based community organization. Our boundaries are Folsom Blvd. on the south, the American River Parkway on the north, the Mayhew Drain on the west, and Paseo Rio Dr. (both sides) on the east. BRECA has been heavily involved in land use planning in our general area for over 10 years. We are concerned about transportation problems and issues that result from proposed development plans. We welcome this opportunity to comment on the draft MTP. We wish to comment on the following transportation projects.

Support grade separation for light rail at Bradshaw Rd.

We support construction of a grade separation (bridge or tunnel) for light rail at Bradshaw Rd. This project is listed in MTP Appendix A1, page 5. We urge that this project be given an earlier start date than is in the draft MTP. Rather than 2025, we believe that this grade separation should be started as soon as possible.

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This light rail crossing has been particularly troublesome. Soon after it was constructed, an accident occurred that resulted in two people being killed and a third rendered quadriplegic. This was due to a combination of a poor basic design and deficiencies in the construction of the crossing. Subsequent legal action resulted in Regional Transit and others paying several million dollars to the survivors of the victims. Although a number of minor improvements have been made to the crossing, it remains an accident waiting to happen.

This light rail crossing causes significant traffic delays at the intersection of Bradshaw Rd. and Folsom Blvd. due to signal preemption by light rail. Traffic flow would deteriorate further with additional development proposed in the area. The only apparent solution to this problem is a grade separation for light rail.

Support auxiliary lanes for Highway 50 at Bradshaw Rd.

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We support construction or completion of auxiliary lanes for Highway 50 in both eastbound and westbound directions from Mather Field Rd. to Bradshaw Rd. and Bradshaw Rd. to Watt Ave. We understand the term “auxiliary lanes” to mean freeway lanes that connect the on ramp from one location to the off ramp at the next location. We have not been able to locate projects covering Mather Field to Bradshaw and Bradshaw to Watt in MTP Appendix A2. We request that these projects be added to the projects in the final MTP.

Traffic flow at the on ramps from Bradshaw Rd. to Highway 50 needs to be improved. This is especially true for the on ramp from southbound Bradshaw Rd. to westbound Highway 50. In the late afternoon, this on ramp frequently backs up onto Bradshaw Rd. Also, once past the metering light, this on ramp is too short, and it is difficult for cars to get up to highway speed before merging. In general, slow downs of freeway traffic occur at the on ramps in this vicinity due to merging traffic. This situation would be exacerbated by future development in the area. Extending the distance allowed for merging would significantly improve overall traffic flow as well as safety.

Support improvements to interchange at Bradshaw Rd. and Highway 50

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We concur with SACOG that improvements will be needed at the interchange where Bradshaw Rd crosses Highway 50. This project is listed in MTP Appendix A2, page 11. It seems likely that improvements will be needed prior to 2030 due to traffic generated by development and redevelopment in the area.

Oppose new bridge over the American River between Watt Ave. and Sunrise Blvd.

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We concur with SACOG that no new bridge for cars, buses, or trains should be constructed over the American River in the area between Watt Ave. and Sunrise Blvd. Any such bridge would harm the American River Parkway as well as neighborhoods the connecting roads would pass through.

If you would like to discuss this communication, please feel free to contact Jim Morgan at 361-7236 or myself (Gay Jones) at 208-0736.

Sincerely,

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OTHER INFORMATION: Butterfield-Rivera East community Association

2-6 [PROBLEM OR CONCERN: How does project get into the list to be done? want to know whether there are aux lanes planned from Mather Field → Bradshaw + Bradshaw → Watt. High priority for community.

RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT OR ISSUES:

- Blueprint
- MTP2035
- 511
- SACOG Website
- Connector Study
- Air Quality
- Other _____

RESEARCH: (Include agency identification, name and phone numbers of contacts etc. Attach any relevant information.)

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