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Attn: MTP and EIR Comments

**Re: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 and Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) appreciates the opportunity to review both the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Our comments for the Draft MTP and the Draft EIR are noted on the attachment. Generally, our comments note that both documents need to have a consistent description of the Placer Parkway project, and to identify our role as the Placer County's Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

We appreciate SACOG's effort to involve agencies such as PCTPA within the MTP planning and public outreach process. We continue to look forward to PCTPA playing an important role in these important regional planning activities.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments on the Draft MTP and/or the Draft EIR, feel free to contact me or David Melko of my staff at (530) 823-4090.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Enclosure: PCTPA Comments - Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 and Draft Environmental Impact Report

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## DEIR for MTP 2035 -- COMMENTS

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- 7-2 **#1 --**  
Table ES-1 Summary of the Proposed MTP 2035 Project – New Roads
- Placer Parkway -- new 4-lane expressway with a northern alignment between SR 65 at Whitney and SR 70/99 at Sankey.
- Table 3 – 1 Draft MTP 2035 Summary
- Placer Parkway -- new 4-lane expressway with a northern alignment between SR 65 at Whitney and SR 70/99 at Sankey.
- Revise – both tables and other MTP DEIR references –**
- **Placer Parkway – new 4-lane (ultimate 6-lane) freeway in 500'- to 1,000'-wide corridor connecting SR 70/99 (between Riego Road & Sankey Road) to SR 65 (Whitney Ranch Parkway).**
- Note -- No corridor alternative alignment has been selected. The Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation Tier 1 EIS/EIR work is still underway. Five corridor alternatives and a No-Build alternative are being evaluated. The Draft was circulated in July 2007. The Final Tier 1 EIR/EIS is expected by summer 2008.**
- 7-3 **#2 --**  
Figure 3-2 MTP 2035 Road Network – illustrates the Placer Parkway (yellow) as a 4-lane surface street.
- Revise -- Parkway to 'Mixed Flow Freeway'**
- 7-4 **#3 --**  
Hazards & Hazardous Materials (page 11-10) ALUCPs.
- Add -- "PCTPA is the designated ALUC for Placer County."**
- 7-5 Impact HAZ – 5 (page 11-14)
- Replace -- two mile reference to airport influence boundary area**
- 7-6 Mitigation Measure HAZ – 3 (page 11-14)
- Add – PCTPA, the designated ALUC for Placer County, to ensure Compliance with the Placer County ALUCP**
- 7-7 **#4 --**  
Land Use & Planning -- (pages 13-12/13) and Table 13-3.
- Revise – segments of proposed roadways would be within nearby airport influence area boundaries. These proposed projects will require consistency determinations with applicable ALUCPs.**

## DEIR for MTP 2035 -- COMMENTS

### #5 --

Appendix A – MTP 2035 Projects and Common Projects -- Last two 'Placer County' projects

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|---------------|---|
| Jurisdiction  | Placer County   |
| Lead Agency   | SPRTA   |
| Name          | Placer Pkwy.  |
| Description   | New Rd.: 4 lane expressway from Fiddymment to Sutter County Line (Sankey) |
| Adjusted Year | 2030  |
| Stated Cost   | \$430,000,000   |

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| <b>Revise –</b>      |   |
| <b>Jurisdiction</b>  | <b>Placer and Sutter Counties</b>   |
| <b>Lead Agency</b>   | <b>SPRTA or Roseville and/or Placer County, Sutter County</b>                                       |
| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Placer Parkway</b>   |
| <b>Description</b>   | <b>New 4-lane (ultimate 6-lane) freeway in 500'- to 1,000'-wide corridor</b>                        |
|                      | <b>connecting SR 70/99 (between Riego Road &amp; Sankey Road) to SR 65 (Whitney Ranch Parkway).</b> |
| <b>Adjusted Year</b> | <b>No change</b>  |
| <b>Stated Cost</b>   | <b>\$585,000,000</b>  |

**Comment – this project has to be for entire distance between SR 70/99 to SR 65 because there is no certainty that the 'Ranch – East' project (following) will be constructed.**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Jurisdiction  | Placer County  |
| Lead Agency   | SPRTA  |
| Name          | Placer Ranch Pkwy East   |
| Description   | New Rd.: In Placer County construct new 2.75 mile, 4 lanes Divided highway between Highway 65 and Fiddymment Road, including an interchange on Highway 65 and signalized intersections at Fiddymment Road and Industrial Avenue. This project will not include open-space buffers. |
| Adjusted Year | 2019   |
| Stated Cost   | \$145,000,000  |

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| <b>Revise --</b>     |                                       |
| <b>Jurisdiction</b>  | <b>Placer County and/or Roseville</b> |
| <b>Lead Agency</b>   | <b>Placer County and/or Roseville</b> |
| <b>Name</b>          | <b>No change</b>                      |
| <b>Description</b>   | <b>No change</b>                      |
| <b>Adjusted Year</b> | <b>No change</b>                      |
| <b>Stated Cost</b>   | <b>No change</b>                      |

**Comment – at this time, this project is a separate project. It cannot be considered the Placer Parkway's eastern segment. In the future, if this segment becomes the Placer Parkway's eastern segment – interchanges will be located at Fiddymment Road and Foothill Boulevard (and not at Industrial Avenue); and the no development buffer zone maybe re-examined at Tier 2.**

## Draft MTP 2035 COMMENTS

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### **#1 --**

Table 2.1 – Draft MTP 2035 Summary – New Roads (after page 2-2)

- Placer Parkway -- a new 4-lane expressway with a northern alignment between SR 65 at Whitney and SR 70/99 at Sankey.

**See -- DEIR comment #1**

### **#2 --**

Figure 2.2 – New Freeways Diagram

**Add-- Placer Parkway**

### **#3 --**

Figure 2-5: MTP 2035 Road Network

**Revise – Parkway to 'Mixed Flow'**

### **#4 --**

Highway 65 and South Placer County Corridor – New/Expanded Roads – lists two projects:

-- New 4-lane Placer Parkway expressway with a northern alignment between SR 65 at Whitney and SR 70/99 at Sankey. \$575 -- Constrained

-- Placer Parkway upgraded to 6-lane freeway from Highway 65 west to Highway 70/99 with interchanges at Foothills, Fiddymont, and Watt. \$145 – Plus 10% (a capital project not fully fundable by the MTP@)2035

**See previous revised project description. Note -- The Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation Project does not include a Watt Avenue interchange. The Watt Avenue extension is a separate project, shown in the MTP.**

### **#5 --**

Airport Land Use Compatibility (page 8-5) and Table 8-2

**See DEIR Comment #4**

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### #6 --

Appendix 2A: Draft MTP2035 Bicycle, Pedestrian, Roads and Other Projects (top of page 8).  
Lists three Placer Parkway projects and a related one.

**A** County Placer County  
Jurisdiction. Placer County  
Name. Placer Parkway  
Description. Environmental studies for a new transportation facility connecting Highway 65 to Highway 70/99.  
Draft Year. 2008  
Est. Cost. \$4,700, 000

**Revise --**

**County** *Placer and Sutter Counties*  
**Jurisdiction** *FHWA & SPRTA*  
**Name** *Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation*  
**Description** *Tier 1 EIS/EIR to identify a corridor for a freeway connection from SR 70/99 (Riego Road – Sankey Road) to SR 65 (Whitney Ranch Parkway).*  
**Draft Year** *2008*  
**Est. Cost** *\$5,000,000*

**B** County Placer County  
Jurisdiction. Placer County.  
Name. Placer Parkway  
Description. New Rd.: 4 lane expressway from Fiddymont to Sutter Co. line (Sankey)  
Draft Year 2030  
Est. Cost. \$430,000,000

**Revise --**

**County** *Placer and Sutter Counties*  
**Jurisdiction** *Placer County, Roseville, Sutter County*  
**Name** *Placer Parkway*  
**Description** *New 4-lane (ultimate 6-lane) freeway in 500'- to 1,000'-wide corridor connecting SR 70/99 (Riego Road – Sankey Road) to SR 65 (Whitney Ranch Parkway).*  
**Draft Year** *No change*  
**Est. Cost** *\$585,000,000*

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## Draft MTP 2035 COMMENTS

**C.** County Placer County  
 Jurisdiction. Placer County  
 Name. Placer Parkway Project – Tier 2 EIR/EIS  
 Description. Prepare Tier 2 project-level draft and final EIR/EIS, conduct project-level preliminary engineering, conduct technical environmental support activities (including biological survey work), PCTPA/SPRTA staff costs & related state & federal permitting activities  
 Draft Year. 2012  
 Est. Cost. \$7,500,000

**Revise --**  
**County** *Placer and Sutter Counties*  
**Jurisdiction** *Placer County, Roseville, Sutter County*  
**Name** *Placer Parkway*  
**Description** *Tier 2 environmental work and preliminary engineering to locate a roadway within the selected 500'- to 1,000'-wide corridor connecting SR 70/99 (Riego Road – Sankey Road) to SR 65 (Whitney Ranch Parkway). The Tier 2 work may be completed in increments by local jurisdictions.*  
**Draft Year** *No change*  
**Est. Cost** *No change*

**D.** County Placer County  
 Jurisdiction. Placer Co.  
 Name. Placer Ranch Pkwy. East  
 Description. New Rd.: In Placer County, construct new 2.75-mile, 4 lane divided highway between Highway 65 and Fiddymont Road, including an interchange on Highway 65 and signalized intersections at Fiddymont Road and Industrial Avenue. This project will not include open space buffers.  
 Draft Year 2019  
 Est. Cost \$145,000,000

**Revise --**  
**County** *Placer and Sutter Counties*  
**Jurisdiction** *Placer County and Roseville*  
**Name** *No change*  
**Description** *No change*  
**Draft Year** *No change*  
**Est. Cost** *No change*

**#7 --**  
 Appendix B: Draft MTP2035 “Plus 10%” Element Projects by County (page 1 of 3) – Placer County --  
 \$145 Upgrading Placer Parkway from an expressway to a freeway with interchanges.

*See previous project revisions.*

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## Draft MTP 2035 COMMENTS

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### **#8 --**

Appendix H – Equity and Choice (summarizes key projects that are either within environmental justice areas or were identified as priority investments from environmental justice outreach efforts) – (page H-6)

Highway 65 and South Placer County Corridor lists 4-lane Placer Parkway expressway – north alignment.

*See previous project revisions.*

### **#9 --**

Appendix J: Road Capital Investments Identified as Priorities through Goods Movement Planning Efforts (page 3) lists three Placer Parkway projects.

*See previous project revisions.*

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