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**BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY**

July 8, 2005

TO: DIRECTORS OF CALIFORNIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

On behalf of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, I am pleased to announce the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program. The Regional Blueprint Planning Program is a complement to the Governor's "GoCalifornia" initiative to significantly improve the transportation system. This program will provide grants to help California's regions plan for future growth and quality of life through integration of transportation, housing, land use, economic development and environmental protection. This integration will result in a more efficient and effective transportation system and land use pattern to achieve the three outcomes (3Es) that define quality of life – prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity (more equal opportunity) – for all Californians.

Governor Schwarzenegger has made \$5 million available per year in Fiscal Year 2005/2006 for the voluntary preparation of Regional Blueprint Plans. The funds will be awarded by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency in December 2005 with projects to start January 2006. The program will be administered by the Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Planning, in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

We anticipate working closely with you to further advance comprehensive regional blueprint scenario planning in California with new growth scenario models and mapping tools, innovative public engagement techniques, and better integration of transportation, housing, land use, jobs-housing balance, economic development and environmental protection. The two-year Regional Blueprint Planning Program should result in comprehensive plans for most of the urbanized areas and best practices for completing the process statewide.

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We welcome your applications and look forward to working with you in this exciting new program. If you have any questions please contact Joan Sollenberger, Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation, (916) 653-1818.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sunne Wright McPeak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SUNNE WRIGHT McPEAK  
Secretary

Enclosure