

North State Regional Growth Dialogue Raw Notes -- 10/20

I. Welcome

- a. Shannon Phillips, The McConnell Foundation
- b. Nick Bollman, California Center for Regional Leadership (moderator)
 - The aim of today's meeting is to explore planning and long term investment strategies in the North State to better manage growth over the course of the next twenty to thirty years. The essential question for today's dialogue is: What to do if/when the infrastructure bonds pass on November 7th? What do we do if/when the bonds do not pass?

II. State Investment Opportunities Panel

- a. Gregg Albright, Caltrans
 - Building off of GoCalifornia, state leadership developed the Strategic Growth Plan to create an environment for a sustainable California. The vision for the plan is to accommodate expected growth over the next twenty years and make the level of congestion would be 10% lower than today. The Strategic Growth Plan is reinventing the way Caltrans does business. Caltrans can not achieve congestion reduction targets alone, but needs regional partners to make lasting progress.
 - Overview of Propositions 1A – 1E.
 - 1A: Secures fuel tax secured for transportation spending – approximately \$1.6 billion “secured” for transportation projects. Without sales tax there is no general fund for transportation. See <http://scrtpa.org> for details on local projects.
 - 1B: Transportation - \$19 billion. CTC responsible for 60% of distribution of these funds.
 - 1C: Housing Bond - \$2.85 billion for urban, high density, low income housing, and homeless support.
 - 1D: Education Facilities - \$7.3 billion for K-12 facilities, community college focus, seismic upgrades.
 - 1E: \$4 billion -- flood control/levees
- b. Greg Werner, The Nature Conservancy
 - Proposition 84 makes the investments needed to ensure that all Californians will have: access to safe drinking water, better protection from floods, opportunities to enjoy parks, natural landscapes and our rivers, lakes, beaches, bays and coastline. See www.yeson84.com for details.
 - Clean water and the natural environment are key aspects of quality of life in Redding. Turtle Bay is positioned to receive \$5 million out of the \$100 million available for museums and natural facilities.

- b. Mitch Weiss, California Transportation Commission
 - The CTC is responsible for over 50% of the Proposition 1B funding (should the measure be passed by voters). CTC has held a host of meetings to gather input from stakeholders. Fast timeline for project submittals -- self submitting agencies to prepare proposed projects by 1/15. For details on the listening sessions see the CTC website: www.catc.ca.gov/CMIA_draft_guidelines_1020.pdf
 - Corridor Improvement Mobility Account (\$4.5 billion) to look at overall project benefits to the state and region. Three objectives for CIMA projects moving forward with flexibility built into the process:
 1. Mobility improvements on congested corridors or projects that improve connectivity.
 2. Geographic balance. Funding to be distributed 60% south state, 40 % north state
 3. Early delivery. Looking for project that can be begin by 2012.
- c. Dan Little, Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
 - The Shasta Blueprint effort will take a 40 year time horizon and identify the most important projects in the region. Initial meetings on the Regional Blueprint effort to begin in December, 2006. The effort is supported by Caltrans and is designed to gather input from a range of stakeholders, not only transportation planners, on the character and growth plan of the region.

III. Regional Response Panel

- a. Dan Little, Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.
 - Specific transportation-related projects underway in the region include: Fix 5 (www.Fixfive.org); Corning and Shasta Lake to look at future development in the region assessing all 1500 to 4000 unit developments; initial assessment of how an impact fee for the entire I5 corridor would assist CEQA-related mitigation costs.
- b. Gary Lewis, Shasta County College President
 - Community Colleges are the largest educational institution in the state. They provide educational institutions provide transportation and engineering training. \$12.5 million for Shasta Community College in Prop 1D. Community Colleges are a key partner in creating a region where our children can continue to live and work where they were born.
- c. John Methena, Redding Councilmember, LAFCO President
 - Restructuring the RTPA to become a COG and supportive of the Blueprint effort. Where is the commercial center and housing going to be located in the greater north state region? If blueprint plans are not in place it is going to be difficult to access bond money in the future.
- d. Brian Crain, Caltrans District #2

- Local roads system needs to work with the state system. The seven northeast counties, all rural highways, are part of the larger transportation network. Building capacity, identifying hot spots, monitoring of traffic are all key aspects of this effort. One possible capacity expansion effort would be to connect Highway 99 to enable goods movement from the North Coast.
- e. Lynda Scheben, Healthy Shasta
- YMCA, Mercy Medical, First 5, Turtle Bay, City of Redding united around the issue of obesity. For the first time in history, children today are not likely to live as long as their parents. The community needs to make it easier to walk to school, use bikes to shop. Overall, must create a supportive environment for “healthy design” as it affects people out of their cars. Any regional growth discussions should lead to safer human scale design. The challenge is to collaborate better and pool resources.

Gerry Cupp, Redding Municipal Utilities

- Proposition 84 represents an opportunity to improve water quality and regional water planning. Inter-connection studies to find out weather their are efficiencies between localities in the region. Includes flood plan mapping and modeling support for smaller communities (economically disadvantaged) to receive preferential treatment .

IV. Conclusion: What is your vision of the North State region?

- Vision leads to action and the Blueprint Planning effort is the coming to the region in December. Get involved!!
- The North State could provide the option for young people to stay home and find gainful employment – without fleeing to cities in the south.
- Humbolt, Del Norte, Mendocino to be better connected with the Bay Area to make proper development choice. Improvements to the 299 corridor and improvements to the Humbolt Bay Port could help with goods movement.
- Avoid the mistakes that Los Angeles and other cities made fifty years ago. Make improvements to the bus system between Redding and neighboring localities. Rail, Water, congestion all should be connected.
- Better governance and leadership where people in the North State are building sustainable communities and making choices that will benefit their children.

