



April 4, 2002

Mr. Martin Tuttle, Executive Director
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
3000 S Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: Chamber Supports Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

On behalf of the North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and members, I am writing in support of the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

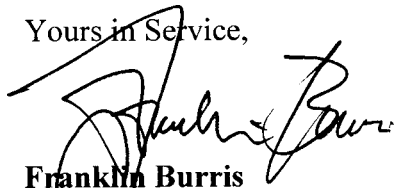
The North Sacramento Chamber's Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the Draft MTP at our April meeting. The Chamber feels the MTP provides for a balanced regional transportation plan that improves mobility for both our customers and employees as well as goods and provides quality investments in transit, transportation alternatives, air quality programs and important new roadways and bridges to connect our region's urban form character.

The Chamber believes that the region's urban form has evolved over the past two decades from a "hub and spokes" system where most jobs were found in downtown Sacramento and most workers lived in surrounding suburbs to a "spider's web" arrangement where people live and work in many different locations across our region. This change in urban form creates several challenges and opportunities and we feel the draft MTP has addressed those gaps in our regional connectivity and mobility.

To ensure our region's future economic strength, we must build infrastructure to connect these job and residential centers. The Draft MTP does just that. The Chamber feels strongly that any cannibalization of elements of the plan would be a lost opportunity for our region and undermine the thoughtful work of the Transportation Roundtable's work.

We respectfully urge the SACOG Board to adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Plan in its current form.

Yours in Service,



Franklin Burris