SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a Councilmember to the Expressway Plan 2040 Policy Advisory Board

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION
The Policy Advisory Board (PAB) will provide an elected officials’ forum for policy input to the Expressway Plan 2040 – a long range plan for the improvement and maintenance of the eight County expressways and the Santa Teresa-Hale Corridor. The Plan will be the successor to the 2003 Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study and its 2008 Update. The 2003 Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study developed and documented consensus on potential expressway improvements of all types including capacity and operational enhancements, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, sound walls, and landscaping. In addition, the Study addressed expressway maintenance and operational needs. Expressway Plan 2040 will take a fresh look at the needs of the expressways and Santa Teresa/Hale Corridor based on city land use plans, projected 2040 traffic growth, and Complete Streets planning. Expressway Plan 2040 will also identify new challenges, recommend any necessary policy changes, and revise funding requirements and implementation strategies.

The update project will run for approximately 18 months. The appointee must be a member of the City Council. Attachment A provides additional background on the County’s request.

EXISTING POLICY
Council Policy 7.3.1 Legislative Management, Goal 7.3C: Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state, and regional groups as a means to represent the City’s interest, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT
No fiscal impact.

PUBLIC CONTACT
Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the
agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

**ALTERNATIVES**
1. Appoint a Councilmember to the *Expressway Plan 2040* Policy Advisory Board.
2. Other action as directed by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**
Staff recommends Alternative 1. The *Expressway Plan 2040* will become an important long-range plan to guide future improvements to Lawrence and Central Expressways in the City of Sunnyvale. Participating in this effort is consistent with City policy.

Reviewed by:

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Approved by:

Gary M. Luebbers
City Manager

**ATTACHMENT**

A. Letter from the County of Santa Clara
September 3, 2013

The Honorable Chris Moylan
Councilmember
City of Sunnyvale
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

Dear Councilmember Moylan:

We have been notified that you will be representing the City of Sunnyvale on the Expressway Plan 2040 Policy Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB will provide an elected officials’ forum for policy input to the Expressway Plan 2040 — a long range plan for the improvement and maintenance of the eight County expressways and the Santa Teresa-Hale Corridor.

Expressway Plan 2040 will be the successor to the 2003 Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study and its 2008 Update. The 2003 Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study developed and documented consensus on potential expressway improvements of all types including capacity and operational enhancements, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, sound walls, and landscaping. In addition, the Study addressed expressway maintenance and operational needs. Expressway Plan 2040 will take a fresh look at the needs of the expressways and Santa Teresa/Hale Corridor based on city land use plans, projected 2040 traffic growth, and Complete Streets planning. Expressway Plan 2040 will also identify new challenges, recommend any necessary policy changes, and revise funding requirements and implementation strategies.

Development of Expressway Plan 2040 will be modeled on the highly successful collaborative planning process of the 2003 Study and 2008 Update. A cornerstone of this process is the PAB. The PAB’s composition includes one city council member from each city in Santa Clara County, two County Supervisors, and two Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board members. In addition, two members of the Board-appointed County Roads Commission sit as non-voting members of the PAB. Each appointment to the PAB will last for the duration of the project, which is approximately 18 months. We anticipate a total of five PAB meetings, with the first meeting tentatively scheduled for 6:30 PM on October 28, 2013, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Building, 70 West Hedding, San Jose.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the PAB. You will receive additional information in preparation for the first meeting in a few weeks. Please contact Mr. Dan Collen, Deputy Director, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, at (408) 573-2438 or dan.collen@rd.sccgov.org if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Ken Yeager
President
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

cc: Mayor Tony Spitaleri
    Gary Luebbers, City Manager