

FORUM #5 – LEAVING THE CAR BEHIND
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GUEST SPEAKERS



Andrew Chesley is the Executive Director for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) and has been with that agency for over 30 years. He manages COG's transportation planning, the Measure K transportation sales tax program (of which he is the author) and several other regional planning activities including the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan. Mr. Chesley earned a BA from Miami University of Ohio and an MA from the University of Iowa.



Cathleen Galgiani was elected to represent the 17th Assembly District of the California State Legislature November 2006. She Chairs the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, and the Select Committee on Development of a 10th University of California, Merced Campus. Assemblymember Galgiani is the Vice Chair of the Rural Caucus. She also serves on the Committee on Higher Education, the Governmental Organization Committee, and the Committee on Transportation as well as the Select Committee on Biotechnology, the Select Committee on Rail Transportation, the Select Committee on Schools and Community and the Select Committee on Workforce Development within the Developmentally Disabled Community.

Assemblymember Galgiani's top legislative priorities include addressing the struggles that are being faced by our agricultural industry, namely our shortage of water; and secondly, High Speed rail. Assemblymember Galgiani authored AB 3034 which placed proposition 1A, the High-Speed Train Bond Act of 2008 on the ballot. California is the only state in the nation that has a high-speed rail bond that has passed. A 5th generation Stocktonian, Cathleen Galgiani has lived and worked in the San Joaquin Valley all of her life. She previously worked for former State Senators Patrick Johnston and John Garamendi.



Matt Henry is a Principal with more than 23 years of experience in the transportation industry. He is currently President and CEO of Fehr & Peers – a transportation planning and engineering consulting firm with 200 employees in 12 offices throughout the western states including California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and Washington. The firm specializes in providing innovative, community-oriented solutions for all modes of transportation for public and private sector clients, with a specific emphasis on sustainability through reduced energy consumption, improved public health, and enhanced quality of life. He graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1987 and is a registered

Traffic Engineer in California. His consulting experience includes hundreds of projects ranging from long-range, multi-modal transportation planning efforts to the design and construction of major highway and transit infrastructure.



Stacey Mortensen graduated from U.C. Davis with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Planning and Management and has worked in San Joaquin County since 1991 in Transportation Engineering and Passenger Rail Service. She was the founding Executive Director for the start-up of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Rail Service which began in 1998. Stacey is now working in partnership with the CA High Speed Rail Authority to ensure that San Joaquin County and the Broader Central Valley's issues are addressed in the development of the statewide high speed rail system.



Paul Rapp is the Marketing & Communications Manager for the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD), where his department is responsible for developing and implementing RTD's marketing and communications campaigns, public outreach, media presence, and advertising. Including his work at RTD, Paul has been in marketing and public relations in and around the region for over 10 years. He enjoys civic participation and is Chair of the City of Stockton's Cultural Heritage Board as well as Vice Chair of the City's Central Parking District Advisory Board. Paul is a 2005 graduate of the Leadership Stockton program. He is a lifelong resident of Stockton and graduate of the University of the Pacific. Paul is happily married and lives off

Stockton's Miracle Mile.