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TO: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer

RE: **Legislative Changes Related to Sacramento Regional Transit District**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this status report.

BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2004, the Commission directed staff to work with Regional Transit District and CALAFCo to determine whether or not transit districts should be subject to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. As you recall, LAFCo conditioned the incorporation of the City of Elk Grove upon the City's annexation to Sacramento Regional Transit District. The City of Elk Grove has not pursued annexation to Regional Transit but has entered into a service delivery agreement with the District in accordance with recent amendments to Regional Transit's principal act.

DISCUSSION

On January 26, 2005, Mark Gilbert, General Counsel, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and I met with Peter Detwiler, Consultant, Senate Local Government Committee, to discuss Sacramento Regional Transit District annexation process for newly incorporated cities set forth in the Public Utilities Code. Currently, Regional Transit's principal act does not provide that newly incorporated cities which were previously served by Regional Transit will continue to be part of the District unless the new city requests annexation. Based on previous efforts, LAFCo does not appear to have the legal authority to require that a new city annex to Sacramento Regional Transit District. Our working group is looking at possible legislative options and will brief Regional Transit's Ad Hoc committee in order to obtain their insight and direction on this issue before I make a recommendation to your Commission.

CONCLUSION

As previously directed by the Commission, I will continue to work with Sacramento Regional Transit District, Peter Detwiler and the CALAFCo Legislative Committee on this issue. I will periodically provide updates to your Commission on the progress of this project.

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(Regional Transit District Legislation)