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ADDENDUM TO PROGRAM

REPLACEMENT SPEAKERS:

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(Addition to Sacramento Area Streetcar Opportunities - Panel Discussion)

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Steve Cohn was first elected to the Sacramento City Council in November 1994. He was re-elected in 1998 and again in March 2002. He also served as Vice Mayor in 1998. His current term expires November 2006.

Steve's vision for Sacramento is that it should be the most livable city in America with excellent schools and libraries, abundant parks and open spaces; a dynamic Central City and business districts; vibrant arts, sports and cultural attractions; and safe, quality, tree-lined neighborhoods within walking distance or a transit stop from everything you need. Since joining the Council, Steve has worked to achieve this long-term vision of Sacramento by building upon its greatest resources: quality neighborhoods; distinctive architectural, political and natural heritage, and diverse population. He strongly believes in a conservation ethic, using our limited public resources wisely and efficiently to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, business districts, City and region.

Steve has been a regional leading in promoting smart pedestrian and transit-oriented growth such as the Midtown renaissance and the 65th Street/Sac State Transit Village Plan, expanding train service from the Bay Area to Sacramento, planning a new intermodal center (Sacramento Valley Station) Downtown, improving Sacramento's flood protection, adopting Campaign Finance Reform, establishing energy efficiency and environmental standards, and promoting more efficient and responsive local government.

Steve has also had much success on specific projects within his Council district, including state-of-the-art infill development, Downtown housing, the Pops in the Park evening concert series, installation of "acorn" street lights in many neighborhoods, renovations of neighborhood parks and public spaces, funding for youth sports, and improving local schools. As part of his council duties, Steve is a Board member (and past Chair) of Regional Transit, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and Capitol Corridor (Rail) Joint Powers Authority. He is Chair of the Sacramento Regional Arts Financing Authority and City Council's Law and Legislation Committee. Steve also served as Chairman of the Board of the Sacramento Transportation Authority, Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority and the Sacramento Public Library Authority, and as a Board member of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, Welfare-to-Work Policy Board, Northern California World Trade Center, SACTO (alt) and the Sacramento County Water Board.

Steve earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1975 and his law degree (magna cum laude) from the University of San Diego in 1979. Steve was a Fulbright Scholar in France in 1975-76 and

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received a Diplôme de Langues et Lettres Françaises from the Université d'Aix-Marseilles. He served as Assistant General Counsel and Hearing Officer with the California Energy Commission and as a volunteer Judge Pro Tem in the Sacramento Small Claims Court. Steve is currently the Assistant General Counsel for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, where he has worked since 1992.

Steve has received several civic awards, including the 2001 Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's City Elected Official of the Year Award, the Sierra Club Award for Civic Courage and the East Sacramento Improvement Association Orchid Award for Community Service.

**Joseph Silien, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
(Replaced Tom Prendergast, Vehicles Session)**

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Joe Silien's career in the transportation industry spans more than thirty-five years, and encompasses many aspects of the business. After graduating from Columbia University with bachelors and masters degrees in urban planning, he joined the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration (now FTA) where he served as the first Director of the Office of Rail Technology. He was responsible for the development of the urban rail test facilities at the Transportation Test Center in Pueblo, CO. Mr. Silien is credited with being among the few transportation professionals who envisioned and sponsored the "rediscovery" of light rail in the U.S. In 1976, he became Executive Director of the transportation authority serving Metropolitan Rochester, NY. In 1989, he joined ABB Traction, where as Vice President of Business Development, he was responsible for the nationwide tour of the Swedish X2000 High Speed Train. This project introduced reliable AC propulsion, active car body tilting, and radial steering for high speed operation on existing rights-of-way. The train was permitted by FRA to operate at 135 mph in Northeast Corridor service, the fastest ever scheduled up to that time in the U.S.

Mr. Silien joined Parsons Brinckerhoff in 1996. He serves as Senior Vice President in PB's center of excellence for systems work, PB Transit & Rail Systems, Inc. He is Regional Manager for PBT&RS's Atlantic/Southeast Region, and heads PB's internal Streetcar Working Group. Joe is active in the American Public Transportation Association, where he served as the first Chairman of APTA's Light Rail Transit Committee. He currently chairs the APTA Intercity Corridor Development Committee.

**Chris Zahas, Leland Consulting Group
(Addition to Funding Session) "Funding in Other Jurisdictions"**

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A Northern California native, Chris Zahas works with both the private and public sectors to implement challenging development projects. As a principal with Leland Consulting Group, he manages many of the firm's projects, with an emphasis on downtown revitalization, public-private partnership strategies, mixed-use development, and transit-oriented development. In the Sacramento area, he and Leland Consulting Group are frequent strategic advisors to Regional Transit, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, SHRA, CADA, SACOG, and many other agencies. Prior to joining Leland Consulting Group, Chris worked at the Portland Development Commission, the City of Portland's redevelopment agency.