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Legislation Text

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Department of Transportation recommending the Board of Supervisors remand questions regarding the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) to the proposed Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (Corridor) oversight committee for decision/action.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

There are no costs associated with this agenda item.

Background:

Since the Board's action of March 28, 2011 regarding the SPTC Corridor, there have been numerous inquiries made of staff regarding the use of the Corridor. Most of the inquiries have been regarding Segment 1 of the Corridor from the County line to the Shingle Springs depot. The general gist of the inquiries is that the Board had taken their action related to the prioritization of uses on the segments so they thought that no rail vehicles are allowed to use the segment. Staff explains to the people that although the Board had prioritized the use of the corridor, they have not prohibited the use of the corridor by the rail vehicles.

Reason for Recommendation:

The situation raised in the Background section of this report brings several issues to the forefront for discussion and resolution. The first and most obvious one has to do with whether rail vehicles, and for that matter, pedestrians, bikes, etc. can use the corridor while the investigation of the feasibility and legality of removing the rails is being investigated? If so, are there any restrictions on their use? Are there any insurance or indemnity requirements? How are scheduling issues avoided and/or handled if they arise? It would be appropriate to have a centralized entity responsible for addressing matters such as these.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

The Board will remand this matter to the SPTC Corridor oversight committee for resolution along with other matters that arise from the use of the corridor and/or implementation of components of the corridor master plan.

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Concurrences: None