

Joan Sollenberger

Biography

Since October 1996, Joan Sollenberger has been the Statewide Manager and Division Chief for Transportation Planning at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Joan is a trained planner who has over 25 years of public sector service, most of which has been at Caltrans (22 years). For the past 12 years, Joan has lead Caltrans' overall development and implementation of policies, plans and programs for statewide transportation planning and related budget encompassing over 800 person years of effort statewide to "improve mobility across California."

In addition to core responsibilities for system, regional, state policy, intergovernmental planning and pre-project scoping documents, Joan has developed and implemented special programs and policies to enhance community livability through better coordination of transportation and land use (including jobs and housing), promoting economy, environment and equity, and raising awareness of the benefits enhanced community and public participation and collaborative efforts. Joan initiated the California Regional Blueprint Program including \$5 million annually in grants to the metropolitan planning organizations and regional transportation planning agencies to think globally, plan regionally and implement locally.

Joan is leading efforts on topics such as climate change, environmental justice and Native American Government-to-Government relations, to developing the California Transportation Plan and the Global Gateways Development Program for Goods Movement. Joan and her team staffed the GoCalifornia Initiative which was incorporated into the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan and Proposition 1 B which sets a vision for California to build a 21st century transportation system for future prosperity.

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