

# Memorandum

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Subject: **UPDATE ON PARTNERING EFFORTS WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

## **SUMMARY:**

On December 19, 2005, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) Chair Joseph Tavaglione and the California Department of Transportation (Department) Director Will Kempton and staff met with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) executive management in Omaha, Nebraska to discuss the challenges the Department had delivering public transportation projects with railroad involvement.

Since that time, the Department and UPRR have had on-going quarterly partnering sessions with some very positive outcomes, and the Department will make a brief presentation at the June 6-7, 2007 Commission meeting.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department has had long outstanding issues with UPRR impacting project delivery. The Department and the Commission staff met with UPRR executive management and shared the core issues: communication, timely execution of Construction and Maintenance Agreements, and separation of engineering issues from real estate issues. Also shared was the Department's proposal for establishing strategic partnering efforts that provide opportunities to open communication channels, build relationships, identify core issues, and understand the processes. UPRR has fully supported the partnering efforts to date.