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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Seeks Comments from the Bike Riding Public “Tell Us What You Think!”

Modesto, CA—May 17, 2011—The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) and its Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee are inviting the public to provide their thoughts and opinions on bike riding in Stanislaus County. A special survey is located at www.stancog.org for those wishing to submit comments.

The purpose of the survey is to collect input from those who bike that will be incorporated into an update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for the Stanislaus Region. The public is encouraged to participate in the survey and to get involved in the transportation planning process in the Stanislaus region!

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About the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

StanCOG is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Stanislaus region that is responsible for developing and updating a variety of transportation plans, (including bicycle and pedestrian non-motorized plans), and for allocating the federal and state funds to implement them. It was established in 1971 through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the 10 local jurisdictions* in the Stanislaus region to address regional transportation issues, and is governed by a 16-member Policy Board comprised of elected officials (County Supervisors, Mayors and Council Members) from each of the jurisdictions.* The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is one of the StanCOG standing committees, comprised of volunteer members from the cities in the Stanislaus region. They provide input and recommendations on bicycle and pedestrian issues to the StanCOG Policy Board.

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