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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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

Modesto, CA—April 11, 2011—The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is inviting the public to attend a public workshop on Monday, April 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, in downtown Modesto. The purpose of the workshop is to seek comments from the public on its newly-updated draft Public Participation Plan (PPP), a guide on how to get involved in the transportation planning process in the Stanislaus region.

The PPP describes the public involvement process that aims to ensure the ongoing opportunity for broad-based participation in the development and review of regional plans and programs managed and produced by StanCOG. Members of the public can offer their remarks and ask any questions they have regarding the PPP.

An electronic copy of the Draft Updated PPP is located on the StanCOG website at www.stancog.org, or can be obtained by calling StanCOG at 209-525-4600. It is anticipated that the StanCOG Policy Board will consider adoption of the Draft Updated PPP at its May 18, 2011 meeting.

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About the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

StanCOG is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Stanislaus region that is responsible for developing and updating a variety of transportation 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.*

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