

LISTENING SESSION SERIES SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON STATE'S GOODS MOVEMENT ACTION PLAN PHASE I

The public is invited to participate in a series of "listening sessions" soliciting input on the State of California Goods Movement Action Plan, Phase 1 now being finalized for enactment.

Representatives of the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency will be on hand to receive testimony on the report that characterizes the "why" and the "what" of the State's involvement in goods movement. The report outlines (1) the goods movement industry and its growth potential; (2) the four port-to-border transportation corridors that constitute California's goods movement backbone and the associated inventory of infrastructure projects being planned or are underway; (3) the extent of the environmental and community impacts -- as well as a description of mitigation approaches; and (4) key aspects of public safety and homeland security issues.

The "listening sessions" are set for consecutive Saturdays, beginning Oct. 22 in San Diego at Caltrans District 11 headquarters, 2829 Juan Street. Each listening session is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Other dates are Oct. 29 in Santa Clarita at the Santa Clarita City Hall; Nov. 5 in Santa Barbara at the Faulkner Gallery and Nov. 12 in Rancho Cucamonga at Central Park Senior Citizen Center.

Public comments would be limited to three minutes, and participants are encouraged to also submit their comments in writing with no limit for the length of remarks. Testimony taken at the listening sessions will be submitted as part of the final report submitted to the Governor's office.

An electronic copy of the plan may be accessed at www.bth.ca.gov. A limited number of copies of the report will be available at the site of the meeting on the date of the listening session.

If you have any questions, please contact Jorge Jackson, Deputy Secretary, at JJackson@bth.ca.gov or 213/897-2163.