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**TO:** PLANS & PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**RE:** Goods Movement White Paper for Secretary of Business, Transportation & Housing

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### Summary

Staff have prepared a white paper on regional goods movement issues at the request of Business, Transportation & Housing (BT&H) Secretary Sunne McPeak. The paper describes current needs for the goods movement system and what the state and federal government can do to help the region meet these needs.

### Background

During Governor Schwarzenegger's Fall 2004 visit to Japan, he was criticized by government and business leaders for allowing congestion at the San Pedro Bay ports to impede the flow of goods from Asia to U.S. markets. On his return, the Governor tasked BT&H Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak with developing a strategy on this issue.

In late November the Secretary asked SCAG to work with the LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), the region's transportation agencies, goods movement system operators and other stakeholders to develop a white paper describing the region's needs. The paper was developed and provided in initial form to the Secretary for a fact-finding meeting with the principals – CEO's and other senior management – of the participants in the process on December 15, 2004, in Sacramento.

A copy of the paper is posted at [www.scag.ca.gov/rtptac](http://www.scag.ca.gov/rtptac), the TAC web page. Staff will update the Committee on the process of finalizing the paper and next steps at the regional and state levels.