

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Presentation from Paul Van Konynenburg,  
California Transportation Commissioner

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation Only

### DISCUSSION:

Paul Van Konynenburg has been invited to the COG Board meeting to speak about the recent funding decisions of the California Transportation Commission, the progress being made in tackling on going transportation issues in the state as a result of the passage of SB 1 and the increase in the gas tax. He will also address the challenge the state will face if SB 1 is repealed in the fall.

Commissioner Van Konynenburg has only been on the Transportation Commission for a little over nine months but already has become a force in the policy discussions that are in the purview of the Commission.



The Commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. The Commission is also an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs.

At their May meeting the Commission will be approving the following projects for our region:

**\$12.78 Million for Mountain House/International Parkway Interchanges at I-205 and I-580, City of Tracy.**

**\$9.0 Million for Fyffe Avenue Grade Separation Project at the Port of Stockton.**

**Paul Van Konynenburg** is the managing partner of Britton Konynenburg Partners – a Global GAP certified sustainable producer of peaches, apples, cherries, almonds and apricots.

Paul was appointed to the commission by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in August of 2017.

Paul is experienced in regional public-private collaborations including serving on the executive committee of Opportunity Stanislaus and as Chairman of the Stanislaus County Economic Development and Workforce Alliance and the Stanislaus County Economic Development Corporation.

Additionally, Paul has advised many nonpartisan political campaigns and initiatives at the local and regional level. Paul has annually served in leadership of the Stanislaus County's DC Collaborative, an organization that advocates for federal funding of regional public works projects in Washington DC. Working in collaboration with Democrats, Republican, business leaders and labor unions, he has built coalitions based upon common interests and goals to achieve measurable results.

Paul has served on the Board of Directors of various non-profits including Stanislaus County Youth for Christ and Modesto Christian School. Additionally, he has served in leadership on the Modesto Chamber of Commerce Land Use and Transportation Committee as well as the Modesto Downtown Rotary Club.

Paul holds a bachelor's degree in Managerial Economics from the University of California at Davis. While at U.C. Davis he was involved in varsity athletics, student government and was the recipient of the Chancellor's "Outstanding Senior" award.

Paul has been married to his wife, Sheila, since 1991. They have two sons, Landon and Jaxon.

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