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**BELLEVUE CORRIDOR COMMUNITY PLAN
AD-HOC CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2012

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SUBJECT

This report introduces the Draft *Circulation Technical Memorandum* prepared by the Project consultant (Attachment A), along with an overview of the Merced Loop Road, prepared by City Staff. The purpose of this report is to provide background information to assist in the effort to craft and consider circulation alternatives for the *Bellevue Corridor Community Plan*.

REQUESTED COMMITTEE ACTION

This report is associated with Agenda Item I of the *Bellevue Corridor Community Plan Ad-Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee* (November 1, 2012 meeting), and is provided as an informational item.

I. CIRCULATION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

This study provides initial direction for street design options and strategies, describes existing conditions, and projections for future travel volume. The study outlines appropriate circulation planning principals that build on the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan* and are intended to accommodate anticipated land uses and provide efficient multi-modal access. This study also examines Transit Priority Project (TPP) needs, potential locations, and design solutions.

II. MERCED LOOP ROAD

In general, the loop road will function as a hybrid, with a mixture of expressway segments and urban arterial segments, with varying degrees of access. The intent is to allow regional traffic to by-pass congested urban areas to reach highways and major regional destinations, such as UC Merced. It is important to note that Bellevue Road between Highway 59 and Lake Road, was never planned to function as an expressway, and is designated as a major arterial. The City's Official Circulation Plan marks signalized intersections every ¼ mile on Bellevue Road from Highway 59 to Gardner Road, and leaves the segment from Gardner Road to Lake Road, open to interpretation. The segment of Campus Parkway in the University Community and parts of it along UC Merced, are planned to be a limited-access major arterial.

In addition to describing the access character of the loop road, Attachment B provides information about design, funding, and construction dates of the AME and Campus Parkway, and will form the basis for assumptions used in the Bellevue Corridor Community Plan.

Attachment

- A) Draft Circulation Technical Memorandum
- B) Draft Technical Appendix G, Merced Loop Road