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## TRANSPORTATION TEAM FORMS FOR CAPAY VALLEY REGION

ESPARTO – On January 14, residents from Madison to Rumsey gathered to form an action team that will shape a community-based transportation plan for the Capay Valley region by the end of the year. Team members will meet semi-monthly to study a long list of Highway 16 corridor issues and present findings to the community for input.

"Through this project, the community will engage in shaping transportation solutions for the region," says Jan Lowrey, Capay Valley Vision board member. Community-wide workshops are being planned for March, May, and July to present the work of the project and gather input.

More than thirty issues were brainstormed at the meeting to develop the areas of study by the action team, ranging from traffic volume projections to protection of heritage trees. A group of transportation and planning consultants will work closely with community members to evaluate options for addressing the issues in the short- and long-term.

Representatives from county and state transportation agencies also attended and committed their support to assist with accessing information and active listening. Staff from Caltrans, the funding agency for the corridor planning project, confirmed that community input gathered by April will be considered as part of a report they are preparing for their safety improvement and traffic calming projects between Brooks and I-505.

The next meeting of the transportation team is Monday, February 10 when members will conduct a field study, traveling the corridor from I-505 northwest to the county line. Space is limited but seats remain available on the action team. Meeting participant Linda Herbst expressed her desire for increased participation, in particular, from the communities of Madison and Esparto.

The transportation action team is convened by Capay Valley Vision, an organization committed to shaping the region's future through community-driven planning.

For more information about the Capay Valley corridor planning project or to convey a specific issue or idea you would like the action team to consider, contact Thomas Nelson at 796-4160 or visit www.capayvalleyvision.org.

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