

## **Executive Directors Report January 2010**

First, let me wish everyone a Happy New Year. As of this month I will have had the honor of being the Executive Director of the NCTPA for one year. And what a year it has been. In 2009, with the assistance of Congressman Thompson and our excellent Board of Directors led by Councilman Jim Krider (Napa), we were successful in getting federal stimulus funding for a variety of transportation projects in the Napa region. For example, work has already begun repaving a number of local streets and roads, work on a new Park and Ride lot at Redwood (Trancas) and Solano which will start construction early next year, and new buses will be coming our way in the summer of 2010. In addition, Yountville will see the construction of a bike trail along Highway 29 through the Town.

In 2010, we move forward to increase our trend for more transportation improvements in the region. The Jameson Canyon widening and curve straightening project will go out to bid with a completion in 2012. The design for the new Downtown Napa Transit Center will commence with construction starting in 2011 which will allow us to significantly improve our bus system in Napa by providing for a timed transfer between all of our routes. A major effort will be made to look for improvements for the Soscol and Highway 29 intersection, the Rutherford and Highway 29 intersection, and the Highway 29 and Silverado Trail intersection in Calistoga just to name a few. We will continue to work with the cities, Napa County, and Town of Yountville to fund local streets and road improvements. This will be accomplished in a very challenging economic climate. But it is a challenge we embrace in our efforts to fund transportation improvements.

Again, we here at the NCTPA wish you all a Happy New Year and ask you to mark our progress towards improving mobility and safety for our residents in the Napa region.