

NorCal transportation leaders to meet in Modesto

Bee Staff Reports

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Transportation officials from throughout Northern California are scheduled to gather this week in Modesto for a summit focused on roads, high-speed rail, [air quality](#) and housing density.

Jenny Kenoyer and Mickey Peabody, whose advocacy got a rides program started for seniors and the disabled in Stanislaus County, will receive awards of merit at a dinner Wednesday.

Also to be honored at the San Joaquin Valley Regional Fall Policy Conference, for paying more attention to the valley, are Gov. Schwarzenegger and his former secretary of business, transportation and housing, Turlock native Sunne Wright McPeak.

And Riverbank will receive a downtown revitalization award.

Tickets for Wednesday and Thursday's conference are \$165. Go to www.stancog.org for more information.

[Bakersfield Californian, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010:](#)

Vehicle taxes are too many

I strongly disagree with *The Californian's* editorial that we should vote yes on Proposition 21 ("Yes on Prop. 21: Protect parks once and for all," Sept. 29).

The state has already added too many fees (*taxes*) to our car tags to pay for all the regulations set by politicians catering to lobbyists. Add to that the \$12-per-vehicle fine they want to add for Central Valley smog.

If my auto meets California standards, it should be exempt. That's discrimination of the first order. It's really about bureaucratic job-building for a do-nothing agency. I can't afford it with the SSI freeze in effect.

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