



Item #05-10-12
Consent

SACOG Board of Directors

October 13, 2005

Proposals for Caltrans Discretionary Grants for FY 2006/07

Issue: Approval of planning projects to be submitted to Caltrans for discretionary funding.

Recommendation: The Transportation & Air Quality Committee recommends that the SACOG Board of Directors approve by resolution the attached list of projects to be submitted to Caltrans for discretionary funding and authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of support for other specified projects being submitted by others and execute the funding agreements associated with these grants.

Committee Action/Discussion: The Transportation & Air Quality Committee approved the overall discretionary grant application process and the applications listed in Attachment A. The Board item includes a complete listing of the grant applications including any received after the TAQ Committee meeting.

Caltrans issued a call for projects for its discretionary transportation planning grant programs, with proposals due October 14, 2005. There are six grant programs, each with different purposes, eligibility requirements, and matching ratios. These requirements are summarized in Attachment B. In September SACOG notified our member agencies that we needed information on any grant applications they planned to submit for which SACOG must be involved. Staff and our planning partners have prepared five new grant applications to be submitted, pending approval of the SACOG Board.

Attachment A includes brief summaries of each of the proposed planning projects.

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Attachments

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Draft SACOG Applications and Support for Caltrans FY 2006/07 Discretionary Planning Funds

The following is a list of the projects that are being submitted by SACOG and projects for which requests for a letter of support have been submitted.

New Grant Applications:

<u>Grant Application Title</u>	<u>Grant Category</u>
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1. Yuba-Sutter Short-Range Transit Plan	Transit Technical Planning Assistance
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This discretionary grant application falls under the Transit Technical Planning Assistance program of the FTA Section 5313(b) Transit Planning Funds. The proposed project is an update of the FY 2002/2003 Yuba-Sutter Transit Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). The project study area consists of the urban and rural areas of Yuba and Sutter counties. The FY 2006/07 Yuba-Sutter Transit SRTP will include analyses of the fixed route, commuter and dial-a-ride services offered, as well as an evaluation of operations, capital and facilities needs for the next 10-20 years.

Caltrans Request: \$ 70,825 Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 9,175 Total project cost: \$80,000

2. “Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies” Course	Partnership Planning
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The proposed application will provide funding for the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) to coordinate and host a course titled, “Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies.” This project will provide the training necessary to teach YCTD staff, along with local emergency responders, how to plan, develop and implement emergency response plans in a transportation environment. Participants will learn how to plan, develop and implement transit emergency management and response programs. The course is designed for all levels of managers and supervisors responsible for planning, developing and implementing emergency response plans; representatives of community emergency support services such as law enforcement, fire protection, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), emergency medical responders, and State Safety Oversight Agencies. The course will be conducted by staff from the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI). The training is also open to a nationwide audience through TSI. This will allow coordination and networking of multiple jurisdictions in an effort to increase the safe and secure operations of many transportation systems. This discretionary grant application falls under the Partnership Planning section of the FTA Section 5313(b) Transit Planning Funds. The course will be hosted by the YCTD in Woodland.

Caltrans Request: \$ 10,080 Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 2,520 Total project cost: \$12,600

Grant Application Title

Grant Category

3. UC Davis Bikeway and Transit Network Study**Community-Based Transportation Planning**

These grant funds will be used to fund the UC Davis Bikeway and Transit Network Study to develop a plan to upgrade the existing bicycle and transit network on the University of California at Davis (UCD) campus to accommodate planned campus growth. With implementation of the Long Range Development Plan and construction of the West Village project, there could be as many as 5,000 more UCD students and 500 campus faculty and staff living in or directly adjacent to the campus. Additional attention on the bike and transit elements of the UCD West Village project is critical to making the Village work. Such a population increase will likely tax the existing bikeway and transit networks on the UCD campus. The Study would identify needed improvement to maintain UCD's reputation as one of the most bike and transit-friendly campuses in the nation.

Caltrans Request: \$ 142,800

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 35,700

Total project cost: \$178,500

**4. SACOG Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP) –
Phases II and III: LRTP Elements for the
SACOG Four-County Region Transit Operators****Statewide Transit Planning Studies**

Building on fully-funded Phase I tasks, the grant will partially support Phase II and III LRTP tasks. Phase II results in a truly regional LRTP that can become the transit element for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2030. Caltrans grant funds will specifically be used to develop the LRTP policy element for the 10 transit operators in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. The effort will reflect a regional vision through integrating the work with a recently completed LRTP for Western El Dorado County and an active LRTP for Placer County. Caltrans grant support for the policy elements will ensure that the technical modeling work (to be funded by SACOG separately) is effectively applied towards shaping a truly regional MTP transit element that includes an implementation strategy and financial plan. Phase III efforts supported through the grant include specific recommendations for each of the 10 operators that go beyond the regional scale recommendations in Phase II.

Caltrans Request: \$ 265,590

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 34,410

Total project cost: \$300,000

5. Professional Development and Transit Internships**Transit Professional Development**

The proposed application will provide funding to allow the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) under the category of Transit Professional Development to provide multiple internship opportunities for university students in the transit planning field and provide appropriate training and peer exposure for the professional development of the planning staff.

Caltrans Request: \$ 46,478

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 6,022

Total project cost: \$52,500

Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	LOCAL MATCH
Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning	State Highway Account Budget \$1.5 million Grant Cap \$250,000	Promote community involvement in planning to improve mobility, access, and safety while promoting economic opportunity, equity, environmental protection, and affordable housing for low-income, minority, and Native American communities.	<u>RTPAs, MPOs, Cities, Counties, Transit Districts, and Native American Tribal Governments as applicants or sub-recipients.</u> The following may submit proposals only as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Non-Profit Organizations • Community-Based Organizations • Local Transportation Commissions • Port Authorities • Airport Commissions and similar public entities 	A local contribution equal to 10% of the grant request (non-State and non-Federal funds), of which half may be in-kind, is required.
Community-Based Transportation Planning	State Highway Account Budget \$1.5 million Grant Cap \$250,000	Fund transportation and land use planning that promote public participation and support livable community concepts.	<u>RTPAs, MPOs, Cities, Counties, Transit Agencies, and Public Entities as applicants or sub-recipients.</u> The following may submit proposals only as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Non-Profit Organizations • Community-Based Organizations 	A local contribution equal to 20% of the grant request (non-State and non-Federal funds). Up to half of the 20% match can be in-kind contribution.
Partnership Planning	FHWA State Planning and Research Budget Federal funds \$950,000 Grant Cap \$300,000	Fund transportation planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, promote public involvement and safety in the State.	<u>Only MPOs, RTPAs as applicants.</u> Projects are to be performed jointly with Caltrans staff. The following may submit proposals only as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Public entities 	20% of grant request, non-Federal funds or in-kind contribution. Additional local funds above the minimum local match is desired.

Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart (continued)

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	LOCAL MATCH
Statewide Transit Planning Studies	FTA Section 5313(b) Budget Federal funds \$950,000 Grant Cap \$350,000	Fund studies on transit issues having statewide or multi-regional significance to assist in reducing urban transportation needs, improving transit service, strengthening the economy, promoting equity, and protecting the environment.	<u>Only MPOs, RTPAs as applicants.</u> The following may submit proposals only as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Public Entities 	11.47% of the grant request, non-Federal funds or in-kind contribution.
Transit Technical Planning Assistance	FTA Section 5313(b) Budget Federal funds \$750,000 Grant Cap \$100,000	Fund public and intermodal transportation planning studies in rural transit areas of California (transit service area with population of 50,000 or less).	<u>Only MPOs/RTPAs as applicants.</u> The following may submit proposals only as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Public Entities 	11.47% of the grant request, non-Federal funds or in-kind contribution
Transit Professional Development	FTA Section 5313(b) Budget Federal funds \$150,000 Grant Cap \$50,000	Fund training and development of transit planning professionals and student internships.	<u>Only MPOs, RTPAs as applicants.</u> The following may only submit proposals as sub-recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Public Entities 	11.47% of the grant request, non-Federal funds or in-kind contribution

* Community-Based Organization (CBO) is a non-governmental entity organized for members to work together on a community-based issue, needs, or problems; can be or become a non-profit corporation (501.C.3) to receive funding from various sources.



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 44 - 2005

APPROVING CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR AWARDED GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency responsible for transportation planning in the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments proposed to request \$535,773 in grant funds, \$87,827 in local/in kind match for a total amount of \$623,600; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for the grant applications submitted on October 14, 2005, and for the Executive Director to execute funding agreements between SACOG and the State of California Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to submit each of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2006/07, and authorizes the Executive Director to execute any grant agreements necessary to receive grant funds, or other funds that may be available, for the purpose of developing and implementing the grant application projects in the Sacramento Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of October, 2005, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Ted Gaines
Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director