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SACOG Board of Directors

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Action

October 13, 2005

Award of Contract for Regional Long Range Transit Plan

Issue: Contract award of consulting services for Phase One of the SACOG Region Long-Range Transit Plan.

Recommendation: Authorization for the Executive Director to award a contract with the selected consultant team.

Committee Action/Discussion: The SACOG Board of Directors authorized the release of a Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP) Request for Proposals (RFP) at their September meeting. Three complete proposals were received by the October 7 closing date. A selection committee that includes interested Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) representatives and SACOG staff has scheduled interviews for Tuesday, October 18. The recommended consultant team will be identified at the October 20 Board meeting.

The LRTP will enable SACOG and the 14 transit operators to develop a coherent long-range transit element for the MTP 2030, a particularly important effort because the Blueprint intends that transit become a more effective and prominent mode. Only a few of the region's transit operators even have current long range plans, and none of them have worked collaboratively on long range plans with coherent regional and local visions. As indicated in the four MOUs between SACOG and member jurisdictions providing public transit, SACOG proposed to take the lead to develop a LRTP, with guidance and review from all operators through the TCC. After some discussion, the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) agreed to work together with SACOG to prepare a joint regional LRTP.

The LRTP will provide a framework for public transit services in the region to evolve and meet increases in anticipated demand through the Blueprint. With 1.3 million new residents, increased densities, and more mixed-use development, the region's Blueprint land use vision is strongly transit supportive. Using the Blueprint as a foundation, the LRTP will investigate optimal means to match transit services with the projected land use pattern.

SACOG intends to build the LRTP through three successive phases of plan development. The first phase will gather common baseline information, survey current plans and visions, and identify preliminary funding priorities. The second phase focuses on developing a coordinated MTP 2030 transit element that fits Blueprint and expands transit to handle projected demand. In the third phase, customized plans for individual transit operators are developed to guide system implementation, financing, and short range planning.

Only Phase One, with a budget of \$65,000, is covered in the attached RFP. Consultant progress during Phase One, along with a detailed staff assessment of technical modeling needs in the fall, will guide the scope and budget for the subsequent phases.

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