



**Item #05-11-15
Action**

Board of Directors

November 10, 2005

Comprehensive Transportation Issues Study in Eastern Sacramento County and Western El Dorado County

Issue: Whether or not to participate in a study in eastern Sacramento County and western El Dorado County in relation to the Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector Corridor.

Recommendation: At a joint meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector Policy Advisory Committee in September, the Committees recommended that the Board authorize SACOG staff to participate in a short-term, comprehensive study of the transportation issues and implications of future development proposals in eastern Sacramento County and western El Dorado County.

Committee Action/Discussion: SACOG staff, and the elected officials who participated in the joint meeting of the Connector Policy Advisory Committee and the Board's Strategic Planning Committee, unanimously agreed with the need for the study and that SACOG should participate. We believe that such a study can be conducted in a manner and within a timeframe that serves to speed up rather than slow down funding and construction of needed investments.

El Dorado County, Sacramento County, Folsom and Rancho Cordova public works representatives have met and invited SACOG to participate in the process by providing technical review and assistance through a seat as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the project oversight Committee. It is our understanding that Caltrans and Regional Transit will be invited to play similar roles. SACOG staff supports this approach.

The study, while related to the work on the Connector project, must not slow down the Connector work. For this reason, this item is being brought forward to the Board separately.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

MM:AH:gg
Attachments

Key Staff: Pete Hathaway, Director of Transportation Planning, (916) 340-6235
Aimee Hagen, Assistant Planner, (916) 340-6211