



**Item #05-12-22**  
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**SACOG Board of Directors**

December 8, 2005

**Update on Grant Application for Caltrans Blueprint Program**

**Issue:** As approved by the Board of Directors, SACOG submitted an application to the Caltrans Blueprint Program for FY 2005/2006.

**Recommendation:** None, this item is for you to receive and file only.

**Discussion:** Caltrans has initiated the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program, a new two-year grant program intended to improve the quality of life in California by addressing future growth issues through the integration of transportation, housing, land use, environmental resource, and other planning efforts.

Grants are scheduled to be awarded in November, and projects will commence as early as January 2006. As of this date, staff has no word on the award of grants. Hopefully, we will have good news to report at your meeting.

Approved by:

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Attachment

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California Regional Blueprint Planning Program  
Blueprint Implementation 2006

**Work plan elements of the SACOG grant proposal**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
Public Involvement Initiative	Conduct a region-wide Electronic Town Hall and support extensive public outreach for Blueprint/MTP implementation
ITS Smart Corridor Study	Study an ITS “smart corridor” to determine how to maximize road infrastructure for both traffic and alternative modes
Infrastructure Cost Model	Inventory key public infrastructure and make operational a cost model for use in smart growth planning
NEPA Streamlining Planning Inventory	Compile a complete natural resources inventory and identify the gaps & opportunities in current environmental planning efforts
Land Use Economic Data Base	Collect and analyze regional rents, land values, and other data for use in land use models and other analytic tools
Regulatory Innovation with Form-based Codes	Develop a model workbook of form-based codes to provide local governments more options for growth planning
Freight and Goods Movement	Develop a freight/goods movement model based upon the region’s PECAS land use model
Long Range Transit Plan	Develop alternatives for future transit service needs with a focus on market segments
Air Quality Impacts	Enhance SACOG’s tour based travel model so that it captures the air quality impacts of diverse development patterns

**Summary of funding request**

<b>Funding Information for FY 2005/2006</b>		<b>Identify Fund Source</b>
Grant Funds Requested	\$838,500	Partnership Planning
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