



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #06-4-18 Report

April 13, 2006

Executive Director's Report

The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.

KEY BOARD ITEMS

SACOG Endorsement of SAFCA Legislative Framework (Item #12). The Board's Ad Hoc Flood Control Committee has had three excellent meetings and has recommended that the Board "endorse" a slightly amended version of the original "White Paper", which the Board has seen several times. We are hoping that the Board is able to reach agreement and take action on this issue at its April meeting in order to maximize the chances of a united regional voice on this critical topic having influence while the state legislature is debating numerous flood bills and still considering whether or not to place an infrastructure bond on the ballot that includes funds for flood control. Following Board action on the general principles in the White Paper, SACOG staff will continue its prior work to help the Board determine how this flood control issue should impact the build-out of the Blueprint land use map and strategy. These are decisions the Board will need to make over the next few months as part of agreeing to a land use pattern to underpin the next MTP.

Release of Draft Overall Work Program for FY 2006-07 (Item #11). It is important that the Board release a draft this month in order for us to get the final OWP adopted by the Board by the end of this fiscal year. The OWP tasks and budget represent about 95% of the total agency budget. The main item of interest not included in the OWP is the Board and Advocacy Budget. Because this was such a challenging issue last year, we have included a Receive and File item (#32) so the Board can see what direction staff and the Administration Committee are headed with this budget item this year. I am happy to report that a member dues increase is NOT part of the picture!

ISSUES:

Progress Report on Restored MTP/Acceptance by FHWA: We are anticipating a letter from FHWA in the next few days, possibly as early as Friday, April 14 approving the air quality conformity findings for the restored MTP. Once this occurs we will be out of lapse and back in business delivering a full complement of transportation projects! Hopefully we will have reason to celebrate by the time of the Board meeting. I want to again call the Board's attention to the incredible effort put forth by both the Sacramento Air Quality Management District staff and SACOG staff to help make this happen as fast as it did. The situation was very unfortunate and out of our control, but I think everyone has done as fine a job as possible managing the situation.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

Metro Chamber Cap to Cap Meeting: Chair Fargo and Vice-Chair Dupray will be attending this year, in part supported by SACOG. David Shabazian and I will be attending for the staff. The number one priority is flood control, although we expect important meetings on transportation and land use issues as well.

California Bio-Diversity Council: Many thanks to SACOG Land Use Chair Linda Budge, who represented the organization at a meeting of this Council in Modesto on April 6, presenting the Board's Blueprint growth strategy to a group of top level state department and agency people as well as representatives from federal agencies, environmental organizations and business.

Fresno COG: And many thanks to SACOG Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Chair Tom Cosgrove for agreeing to meet with the Fresno COG Board of Directors in early May to tell them the ins and outs, pros and cons, of how the SACOG Board accomplished the Blueprint project. They are embarking on a similar project and are looking for all the assistance they can get!

Regional Blueprint Grant Recipients Meeting: California Business Transportation & Housing Agency has a meeting of all Regional Blueprint grant recipients in our Board room on May 12. Our Blueprint program is highlighted including presentations by Board member Christopher Cabaldon, Susan Frazier of Valley Vision, SACOG Research Director Gordon Garry and myself. We will be speaking on various aspects of the project to an audience of elected officials and senior staff.

Business Journal MTP Breakfast: The Business Journal, Valley Vision and Metro Chamber sponsored a breakfast meeting Friday, April 7 to hear about the MTP and conduct a "mini-workshop" with the maps for Sacramento County. This is the type of ancillary outreach to interest groups that is part of our adopted outreach strategy for the MTP. The event was well attended and very successful. We encouraged the business representatives present to attend the MTP workshops as that sector to date has been somewhat under-represented at those events.

Public Communications: Jim Streng, who represented Sacramento County on the SACOG Board from 1987 to 1992, will appear representing the UC Davis Health System Leadership Council to invite Board members to a brief tour and luncheon at the UC Davis Medical Center following the May or June SACOG Board meeting.

CALENDAR:

April 27 @ 11:30	Regional Managers Forum	SACOG
May 1 – 3	Cap-to-Cap	Washington D.C.
May 4 @ 10:00 a.m.	Legislation & Public Affairs Committee	SACOG
May 4 @ 1:30 p.m.	Administration Committee	SACOG
May 5 @ 10:00 a.m.	Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector PAC	Rancho Cordova
May 5 @ 1:30 p.m.	Air Quality Committee	SACOG
May 8 @ 10:00 a.m.	Housing & Land Use Committee	SACOG
May 8 @ 1:30 p.m.	Transportation Committee	SACOG
May 10 @ 6:00 p.m.	Yuba County MTP Workshop	Marysville
May 12 @ 10:00 a.m.	Blueprint Learning Network	SACOG
May 15 @ 6:00 p.m.	Yolo County MTP Workshop	Davis
May 17 @ 6:00 p.m.	Sutter County MTP Workshop	Yuba City
May 18 @ 9:00 a.m.	SACOG Board of Directors	SACOG

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