



Regional Planning Partnership

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Draft Amendment #7 to the 2007/10 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan and Amendment #2 to the 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Associated Conformity Determinations

Issue: SACOG released Draft Amendment #7 to the 2007/10 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), Draft Amendment #2 to the 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and accompanying conformity determination for 30-day public review on April 9, 2007. Public hearings are scheduled for the April 19 and May 17, 2007, Board meetings.

Recommendation: That the Partnership recommend that the SACOG Board approve the Draft Amendments and Air Quality Conformity Determination at its May 17, 2007 meeting.

Discussion: Draft Amendment #7 to the 2007/10 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) includes federally funded and/or regionally significant projects needing changes in programming in order to receive funding. In March, the SACOG Board voted to approve a list of projects for federal and state funding, and it directed SACOG staff to include those projects in an MTIP amendment. The purpose of this MTIP amendment is to program those funds, which include funds from the Proposition 1B State Bond, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). The addition of such large programming triggers significant changes to the project list which require transportation modeling and an air quality conformity analysis and determination.

Also, some of the changes proposed in the MTIP amendment would alter the 2006 MTP and, therefore, necessitate an amendment to the MTP so that both documents are consistent. For example, Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) proposes to divide the Downtown-Natomas-Airport Light Rail extension into three phases. Currently, the project is listed in the MTIP and MTP as only one phase. This proposed change to the MTIP would also require revising the MTP. SACOG staff is, therefore, proposing Amendment #2 to the 2006 MTP to coincide with Amendment #7 to the MTIP.

Amendment #7 is further characterized by its tight timetable. New federal requirements in the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU) effective July 1 render the 2006 MTP unamendable until the MTP can meet SAFETEA-LU requirements. SACOG's MTP will not meet those requirements until adoption of the new MTP for 2035 in the fall, so these MTP and MTIP amendments must go forward now, before July 1. The schedule provides Caltrans, FTA, and FHWA collectively only about a month to review the amendments before June 30; any delay could hold up funding for several projects by 5 - 6 months.

SACOG invites public review and comment on the proposed amendment and the accompanying conformity determination. Attached is a summary of public comments received to date. The SACOG Board will hold a public hearing to discuss this matter at its April 19 and May 17, 2007, meetings. The Board is scheduled to consider and approve on the amendment at its May 17, 2007, meeting.

Digital copies were emailed to the Partnership on April 10, 2007 and hard copies were mailed under a separate cover. Please bring your copies for the meeting.

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Attachments

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Summary of Comments on Draft Amendment #7 to the 2007/10 MTIP, Draft Amendment #2 to the 2006 MTP, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

From: Jerome Wiggins, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Received: April 11, 2007

Regarding REG15053 South Line Phase 2: The 5309 b New Starts funding cannot be programmed in the four years of the MTIP. The funding must be moved to 2011, where it will appear for informational purposes only.

Although the funds are authorized by SAFETEA-LU, the funds are merely authorized to compete for discretionary dollars. FTA considers any inclusion of New Starts funding for this project to be not reasonably available, and therefore, until FTA awards the funds, SACOG cannot program the funds in FFYs 2007, 2008, 2009, nor 2010.

SACOG Response:

SACOG will remove New Starts funding from the four years of the MTIP.

From: Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Received: April 12, 2007

Regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination: The ridership numbers for Roseville Transit need to be corrected.

Transit Provider	Actual Ridership	
	04/05	05/06
Roseville Transit	390,190	367,127
	388,943	413,680

SACOG Response:

SACOG will update the actual ridership numbers for Roseville Transit.

From: Michael A McCollum, Caltrans, Office of Local Assistance
Received: April 10, 2007

Regarding PLA20880 Walerga Road Bridge Widening: This project did not receive HBP funds and is ineligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. Remove the HBP funds from this project.

SACOG Response:

SACOG will change the funding on the project to remove HBP funds.

Summary of Proposed Changes to Draft Amendment #7 to the 2007/10 MTIP, Draft Amendment #2 to the 2006 MTP, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination

Document	Lead Agency	Project/Area Changed	Proposed Change
Amendments #7 & #2	RT	REG15053 South Line Phase 2	New Starts funding from the four years of the MTIP
Financial Report	n/a	FTA New Starts	New Starts funding removed from the four years of the MTIP financial plan.
AQ Conformity Determination	Roseville	Roseville Transit Ridership	Updated 2005 and 2006 numbers to 388,943 and 413,680, respectively
Amendment #2	RT	REG17935 DNA Phase 2 REG17325 DNA Phase 3	Removed funding information.
Amendments #7 & #2	Elk Grove	SAC24382 E-tran ADA Operations	Push all funds back (later) one fiscal year, and change completion year from 2009 to 2010.
Amendments #7 & #2	Sacramento County and Caltrans	CAL15510 SR 99 Elverta Road Interchange	Change lead agency from Caltrans to Sacramento County and make edits to financial information.
Amendments #7 & #2	Placer County	PLA20880	Change \$14 m in HBP construction funds to local funds.
Financial Report	n/a	HBP Funds	Decrease HBP funding in FFY 2008 by \$14m