



Strategic Planning Committee

July 3, 2007

Public Hearing: Draft Public Participation Plan

Issue: SACOG must adopt a revised Public Participation Plan in order to meet the new federal regulations required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Association related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035.

Recommendation: That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Board approve the Public Participation Plan.

Discussion: SACOG developed a revised Public Participation Plan (PPP) to meet the new federal regulations required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The PPP is a requirement that must be met prior to adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 in order to comply with the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU (*Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users*).

SACOG used the Federal Register Rules as a guide to develop the PPP. SACOG convened a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to obtain feedback on the draft PPP from stakeholders and community based organizations outlined in the register rules. The PPP includes required and optional activities as outlined by the Federal Register Rules and evaluation criteria and performance goals to make sure SACOG's public education and outreach efforts are comprehensive and inclusive.

SACOG released the PPP for a 45-day public review on May 18, 2007. A public hearing was held at the June 21, 2007 Board meeting. Input and comments received during the current public comment period and two TAC meeting in April were considered for inclusion in the PPP. Attached are the list of participants from the two TAC meetings and the list of stakeholder categories identified in the Federal Register Rules.

The PPP is intended to be an evolving document used regularly by staff on a variety of projects and programs. Communication with TAC participants and other community stakeholders will occur periodically as appropriate to specific project and program timelines. Amendments to the PPP will occur annually.

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