



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #07-7-12
Action

July 12, 2007

Draft Public Participation Plan

Issue: SACOG must adopt a revised Public Participation Plan in July in order to stay on track for adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 in the fall.

Recommendation: Because there was no quorum, the Strategic Planning Committee did not take an official vote on this item. However, it was the consensus of the members present that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the Public Participation Plan.

Committee Action/Discussion: SACOG's commitment to civic engagement, public education and public input is notable in the six-county region. Recently, staff developed a revised Public Participation Plan (PPP) reflecting SACOG's robust outreach efforts as part of meeting 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 involving participation and input from stakeholders and community-based organizations outlined in the register rules. The PPP includes required and optional activities, performance goals and evaluation criteria.

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 Round Table Advisory Group meetings in April and May were considered for inclusion in the PPP. Attached are the list of participants from the two advisory 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 advisory group 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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