



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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Draft List of Transportation Control Measures for Inclusion in the Implementation Plan for Air Quality Attainment

Issue: What transportation control measures (TCMs) should SACOG send to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) to be included in the new 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP)?

Recommendation: This issue is presented again to the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee for information and discussion. SACOG and SMAQMD staff are continuing to work together to prepare a final list for consideration by the Board in January or February.

Discussion: As was discussed at the October committee and Board meetings, SACOG is required under the Clean Air Act to work with the local air districts to identify, analyze and adopt appropriate transportation control measures (TCMs) as part of the updated 8-hour ozone state implementation plan (SIP) for air quality. Staff had already analyzed and evaluated two sets of proposed TCMs that were provided by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air District. Working from those lists and the draft project list for the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), staff has put together a list of proposed TCMs (Attachment A) to include in the new SIP.

At their 25 October 2007 meeting, members of the Regional Planning Partnership (RPP) expressed a number of concerns about this item, the most important being the relative value of various potential TCMs and the funding priority that all TCMs command, and these concerns were shared with the Board. Since those meetings, staff has prepared additional background information and analysis on the proposed TCMs (Attachment B). Also included is a copy of the TCM substitution process (Attachment C) and a list of general TCM categories (Attachment D). Since the October RPP and Board meetings, staff has received little other input. SMAQMD staff, in consultation with EPA staff, determined that including "Implemented Projects" on the list of TCMs offered no real benefit, but did result in a fair amount of confusion; as a result, the "Implemented Projects" have been removed from the list of proposed TCMs. At its November 29 meeting, the RPP recommended adoption of the revised list, although a few members advised SACOG to continue carefully editing the specific language to avoid inadvertently making any promises it may not be able to keep.

SACOG staff will continue to be involved with and monitor the SIP process and bring forward any new information or updates as they become available.

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Attachments

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