



SACOG Board of Directors

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Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Caltrans Blueprint Planning Grant Program

Issue: Whether SACOG should apply to Caltrans to receive a grant to assist with Blueprint implementation.

Recommendation: The Government Affairs & Public Relations Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to apply for a Caltrans Blueprint Planning grant.

Committee Action/Discussion: This is the third year of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant Program. For FY 2007-08, approximately \$4.5 million will be available to fund continuing and new MPO Blueprint programs. Staff submitted a grant application to Caltrans on November 30, 2007, the application deadline. Staff received the request for applications too late to seek Board authorization at the Board's October meeting; however, Board approval is still needed to finalize the application.

SACOG staff compiled a list of funding proposals that build on the programs funded by the last round of planning grants. A total of \$450,000 was requested for four programs:

- *Rural-Urban Connections Strategy* — Develop a strategy for ensuring good urban-rural connections and promoting the economic viability of rural lands while also protecting open space resources to expand and support the implementation of the Blueprint growth strategy and the MTP 2035. The Blueprint grant would fund I-PLACE³S enhancements to model rural land use types in rural land use scenarios, including economic research to augment the existing Return-On-Investment module to deal with rural economic factors. This program is a mitigation measure in the MTP EIR and a Transportation Control Measure.
- *Enhance I-PLACE³S Model to assess greenhouse gas impacts* — Augment the existing I-PLACE³S sketch planning land use and regional travel model to assess the greenhouse gas impacts of transportation patterns. This program is a mitigation measure in the MTP EIR.
- *“Complete Streets” Technical Assistance Program* — Develop an educational curriculum and technical assistance program designed to provide policy guidance and technical assistance for local governments and private development communities in addressing all modes of travel, including pedestrian, bicyclists and transit as well as automobiles and large freight trucks. This program is a mitigation measure in the MTP EIR and a Transportation Control Measure.
- *Goods Movement Design Guidelines* — To implement one of the findings of SACOG's recent Goods Movement Study, develop design guidelines for off-street truck parking that address the delivery of goods in both more typical segregated, non-compact developments and also in “smart growth” (mixed-use and more compact) developments.

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