



## SACOG Board of Directors

## Item #07-12-16 Report

December 13, 2007

### Executive Director's Report

*The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.*

#### KEY BOARD ITEMS:

**ISSUES: SACOG Salutes Regional Awards Ceremony.** We have a format this year that will be significantly shorter than last year (promise!). But I would like to strongly encourage Board members to be in attendance right at 9:00 a.m. so we can start the meeting and present the awards in a timely fashion. I am also hoping all of you can attend the breakfast starting at 8:15, with the promise that this will be “real” food (not muffins). I know from talking with past recipients that these awards are very special to them and being able to receive them in front of the entire board is an important part of the experience. Overall, I think unless some Board items are more controversial than anticipated that we should have you out of the meeting well before noon.

**SACOG Receives Employer of Year Award from Women in Transportation Society.** Vice-chair Tom Cosgrove accepted this award from WTS and its annual awards dinner this month. WTS commended SACOG for its high percentage of female employees (40%) and active assistance to WTS. Karen Wilcox, SACOG Finance Director, is actively involved in the organization.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The recommended State Advocacy Strategy (#5) and Federal Advocacy Strategy (#6) are, I think, natural extensions of our prior approaches. Nevertheless, it is important to get Board approval this month so we can get a head start our activities early next year. Likewise, the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund and Project Submittal (#7) is completely consistent with prior discussions and actions by the Board, but it is essential that we have a Board action this month to support the City of Sacramento and Port of Sacramento, who are preparing applications for these funds on January 17, 2008. There is no action the Board is being asked to take on the Draft MTP (item #8) and Draft EIR (item #9), just to listen to any public testimony and officially close the public hearing. Staff will review all comments on both documents and bring any recommended refinements to the Board as part of the regular February Committee and Board cycle.

**RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS:** These items were information items sent through the Committee cycle. If you have any questions, please call me prior to the meeting. Backup material for each item is attached and any of these items can be discussed during Other Matters, if the Board so chooses.

1. **Draft List of Transportation Control Measures for Inclusion in the Implementation Plan for Air Quality Attainment:** SACOG staff continues to work closely with staff from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) on finalizing a list of transportation control measures (TCMs) for the region’s new air quality plan (SIP). Although several members of SACOG’s Regional Planning Partnership (RPP) raised concerns about this item at their October meeting, staff brought the list back to them in its current form, and they unanimously approved sending it to the committee and the Board. The only significant change made since last month’s Board meeting was the removal of the completed projects category. Staff will still be working with

SMAQMD to finalize TCM costs and timelines as part of the SIP process and to finalize the evaluation of the Air District's earlier list of proposed TCMs. We will bring this item back to the Board for final approval at the conclusion of these actions.

2. **Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan:** Staff and members of the Transportation Demand Management Task Force have developed a strategic plan to identify the role of TDM as a tool for reducing overall vehicle miles traveled and congestion in the region. The plan describes activities including public education, promotional campaigns and continued partnering with Transportation Management Organizations to provide localized services across the region. It also includes case studies from programs around the country as best practices that could be applied to our region.
3. **SACOG Programming of the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Other Regional Funds:** With the exception of the Community Design Program, which is yet to be decided, staff has reviewed the more than 70 applications submitted for funding under the various SACOG programming exercises now underway. We are working carefully with your key staff, as always, in preparing our staff recommendations. This is a particularly challenging cycle due to the high number of requests for funding and the fact that some of these funds are already unofficially reserved for City and County of Sacramento projects that they agreed to set aside in the last programming round. Staff will bring project recommendations to the SACOG Strategic Planning Committee in January, and then to the Board for approval to release the recommendations for a 30-day notice and public review. The Board must adopt the program at its February meeting to meet a deadline and allow submittal of SACOG's approved list of projects, recommended for funding under the STIP, to the California Transportation Commission no later than February 19, 2008.
4. **Review and Accept Annual SACOG Financial Statements:** The financial reports contain comments from the auditors about the deficiencies they noted. All the financial parts of the funds have "clean" or "unqualified" opinions and reflect that SACOG funds have accurately reported the financial position at June 30, 2007. The Report to Management for SACOG noted no instances of deficiency as to the internal controls or procedures of SACOG.
5. **Review and Accept the Annual Financial Reports for the Transportation Development Act Funds:** The financial reports contain comments from the auditors about the deficiencies they noted. All the financial parts of the funds have "clean" or "unqualified" opinions and reflect that TDA funds have accurately reported the financial position at June 30, 2007. The TDA Reports to Management have a number of procedural areas where the auditors noted improvement could be made. There is included with the staff report on the TDA financial reports a summary schedule of those comments and the fund(s) to which they apply. SACOG is reviewing their internal processes and, with some changes in staff responsibility, are making improvements in processing the TDA claims to ensure that most, if not all, of the comments are corrected during this year.

**CALENDAR:**

Jan 7 @ 12:00 noon	Strategic Planning Committee	SACOG
Jan 18 @ 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	SACOG Board of Directors Meeting & Retreat	SACOG
Jan 31 @ 4 -9 p.m.	Climate Change Discussion for Sacramento Region's Elected Officials, County Executives and City Managers	CSUS

**Please make sure the January 18 Board Meeting and Retreat (it's a Friday, not our regular Thursday) and the Climate Change event are on your calendars.**

**Please note: There will be no Committee meetings in January other than Strategic Planning!**



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Attachments

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