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SACOG Board of Directors

Item #08-2-10
Consent

February 14, 2008

Federal Fiscal Year 2007 and 2008 SACOG/Caltrans Guidelines and Scoring Criteria for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5316/Jobs Access Reverse Commute and Section 5317/New Freedom Funding

Issue: Under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317/New Freedom (NF) program funds are allocated to designated recipients. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the designated recipient for small urbanized area and rural funds, and SACOG is the designated recipient for large urban area funds for the Sacramento Urbanized Area. Applications for these funds must be submitted to Caltrans and SACOG for competitive grant processes that are administered by SACOG and Caltrans.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit applications for JARC and New Freedom funds for the combined federal fiscal years (FFY) 2006, 2007 and 2008 cycles and authorize staff to receive, evaluate, and rank applications for FFY 2006, 2007 and 2008 JARC and New Freedom funds from any agency that wishes to apply in this cycle, and to submit applications for the Sacramento Urbanized Area directly to FTA and to forward ranked scoring lists for those applications from the small urban and rural areas to Caltrans for final review and action.

Committee Action/Discussion: With the approval of SAFETEA-LU, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/JARC and Section 5317/New Freedom program funds must now be applied for by a competitive grant process. For the FFY 2006, funding applications are due to SACOG and Caltrans no later than April 3, 2008, FFY 2007 and 2008 combined funding applications are due no later than June 2, 2008, to SACOG and August 29, 2008, to Caltrans. It is the intent of staff to use the Caltrans small urban and rural area application form and process for the Sacramento Urbanized Area (large urban area) so that the process is as streamlined as possible with applicants having only one application to fill out for JARC and New Freedom project funds.

The SACOG region has been very successful in obtaining JARC funds and has many existing projects funded by JARC. SACOG completed the Regional Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan (Coordinated Plan) and it was approved by the Board in July 2007. The SACOG Coordinated Plan is a part of the requirements for SACOG to be SAFETEA-LU compliant and is necessary for an agency filing an application for FTA funds under the 5310 Senior and Disabled Transportation, 5316 JARC and 5317 New Freedom funding programs. The SACOG Coordinated Plan covers the urban area of all six counties and the rural areas of Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

SACOG, as the MPO for the six county region, is tasked with scoring the JARC and New Freedom grant applications submitted by the transit agencies, social service agencies, non-profits, etc. The agency will score applications based on the Caltrans quantitative scoring criteria for agencies from areas with populations 50,000 to 200,000 (small urban areas) and over 200,000 (large urban area), and then submit the large urban area applications directly to the FTA and forward a ranked list of the small urban area scored applications to Caltrans for its approval and submission to the FTA. The application guidelines and scoring criteria, as well as the submission of JARC and New Freedom applications, must be approved by the Board prior to their submission to the FTA

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – 2008

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND SCORING CRITERIA FOR AND THE
SUBMISSION OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
5316 JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE and 5317 NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the designated recipient for FTA Section 5316 (Job Access Reverse Commute) and FTA Section 5317 (New Freedom) funds for the Sacramento Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, this designation requires SACOG to use a competitive grant application process and accept and score Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grant funding applications submitted by transit agencies, social service agencies, non-profits and other qualifying agencies that serve the Sacramento Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU requires that JARC and New Freedom projects selected for funding must be derived from a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. SACOG completed the Regional Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan in July 2007. The SACOG Coordinated Plan encompasses the urbanized areas of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties and the rural areas of Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties;

WHEREAS, SACOG submits the JARC and New Freedom applications approved for funding from the Sacramento Urbanized Area directly to the FTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the SACOG JARC and New Freedom competitive grant application and scoring process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SACOG FTA Section 5316 (Job Access Reverse Commute) and FTA Section 5317 (New Freedom) applications approved for funding be submitted by the Executive Director to the Federal Transit Administration, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the grants and any associated federal regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2008 by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Tom Cosgrove
Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director