



SACOG Board of Directors

March 13, 2008

Approval of Conformity Determination on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035

Issue: Under the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 (CAAA), SACOG is required to prepare conformity determinations each time the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is prepared or amended for the Sacramento and Sutter Buttes air quality planning areas. SACOG re-released the draft conformity determination on the MTP 2035 for 30-day public review on February 19, 2008.

Recommendation: The Climate Committee recommends that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution finding that the MTP 2035 conforms to the ROG and NO_x emission budgets contained in the 2005 Rate-Of-Progress State Implementation Plan (ROP/SIP), to the CO budgets contained in the 2004 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide, and that PM-10 emissions are less in the MTP than No-MTP; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to transmit these findings, along with accompanying documentation, including all public comments and staff responses, to the appropriate state and federal agencies for their review and approval.

Committee Action/Discussion: SACOG has prepared a draft air quality conformity determination on the MTP 2035 for the Sacramento ozone (ROG and NO_x) nonattainment area, CO maintenance area, Particulate Matter (PM-10) moderate nonattainment area, and the Sutter Buttes ozone nonattainment area. The conformity determination on the MTP 2035 is currently being circulated for 30 days in accordance with SACOG's draft inter-agency consultation requirements for conformity determinations and in accordance with all applicable federal air quality requirements.

The draft air quality conformity determinations have been posted on SACOG's web site at www.sacog.org and mailed out to members of SACOG's interagency consultation group and other interested parties. The Regional Planning Partnership discussed this item at its February 28 meeting. A public hearing on the conformity determination was held on March 10, 2008, at SACOG. No public testimony was offered. Hard copies of the conformity determination have already been mailed out to all SACOG Board members. If you did not receive a hard copy, or if you would like an additional copy, please contact Jason Crow at (916) 340-6219 or jcrow@sacog.org.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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Attachment

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 2008

APPROVING THE 2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) AND FINDING THAT IT CONFORMS TO THE 2005 RATE-OF-PROGRESS STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (ROP/SIP) UNDER THE EPA CONFORMITY RULE FOR THE SACRAMENTO OZONE (ROG AND NOX) NONATTAINMENT AREA, CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) MAINTENANCE AREA, PARTICULATE MATTER (PM-10) MODERATE NONATTAINMENT AREA, AND THE SUTTER BUTTES OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments require that “No department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government shall engage in, support in any way or provide financial assistance for, license or permit, or approve an activity which does not conform to an implementation plan after it has been approved or promulgated under Section 110”; and

WHEREAS, “No Metropolitan Planning Organization designated under Title 23 of the U.S. Code, shall give its approval to any project, program or plan which does not conform to an implementation plan approved or promulgated under Section 110”;

WHEREAS, the assurance of conformity to an implementation plan is the affirmative responsibility of the Executive Director of SACOG; and

WHEREAS, The 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) promotes travel and development patterns that facilitate attainment of established air quality standards contained in the 2005 ROP/SIP; and

WHEREAS, the projects contained in the MTP do not contradict in a negative manner any specific requirements or commitments contained in the 2005 ROP/SIP; and

WHEREAS, the EPA Conformity Rule requires that transportation plans contribute to reductions in reactive organic gases (ROG), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions in future years when compared against an emissions budget; and

WHEREAS, the emissions modeling is consistent with the most recent population, employment and travel congestion estimates; and

WHEREAS, the MTP would result in less ROG, NO_x, and CO emissions in all future years when compared against ROG and NO_x emission budgets contained in the 2005 ROP/SIP and CO maintenance budgets contained in the 2004 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide, January 30, 2006, for the Sacramento air quality planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the emissions associated with the MTP do not exceed any of the ROG, NO_x or CO emissions budgets contained in the ROP/SIP and CO planning documents for the Sacramento and Yuba/Sutter air quality planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the MTP would also result in less PM-10 emissions than the “No MTP” scenario in the future for the Sacramento PM-10 nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS, the cities and counties within the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area and the Sutter Buttes Ozone Nonattainment Area have expeditiously implemented the Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) committed to in the ROP/SIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP includes goals and guiding principles that provide for expeditious implementation of TCMs contained in the SIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors makes the finding that the 2035 MTP, including the Sutter Buttes Ozone Nonattainment Area, conforms with the 2005 ROP/SIP and CO Maintenance Plans based upon the “Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining; Final Rule” for the Sacramento nonattainment areas, as published in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 93.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2008, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Tom Cosgrove
Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director