



SACOG Board of Directors

May 22, 2008

Approve Cooperative Agreements for Financial Services Related to the I-5 Closure

Issue: To authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for SACOG to act as a fiscal agent on behalf of Caltrans for payments to various transit operators and transportation management associations; and to negotiate and execute agreements with the affected transit operators and transportation management associations, if necessary.

Recommendation: Because there was no quorum, the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee did not take an official vote, but it was the consensus of those attending that they recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for SACOG's fiscal service related to the I-5 closure and with the affected transit operators and transportation management associations if required.

Committee Action/Discussion: Caltrans has a project to repair the boat section of I-5 through downtown Sacramento between May 30 and July 15. In order to alleviate as much traffic as possible during that time, Caltrans is negotiating with five transit operators and two transportation management associations (TMAs) to reimburse them for enhanced services during the closure. Rather than negotiating separate agreements with each of them, Caltrans has approached SACOG to act as a fiscal agent on their behalf. SACOG's roll will be to receive the invoices from the transit operators and TMAs, review and approve them based upon established criteria and process the payment. SACOG will have the Caltrans allocated funds of \$500,000 in advance and will simply disburse from this amount. For this service SACOG will receive \$10,000.

Discussions are on-going with Caltrans about the content of the cooperative agreement. Discussions are also underway whether Caltrans needs to have agreements with the transit operators and TMAs, whether they will be parties to the cooperative agreement between SACOG and Caltrans, or whether SACOG will need separate agreements with the transit operators and TMAs. These issues are expected to be determined in the near future and actual agreement(s) may be available at the time of the Board meeting.

In order to expedite the process given the short time line, staff is requesting that the Executive Director be authorized to execute any and all agreements required.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

MM:KW:ts

Key Staff: Karen Wilcox, Director of Finance, (916) 340-6210