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## SACOG Board of Directors

Item #08-8-18  
Action

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### Support AB 842 (Jones) – Regional Plans: Traffic Reduction

**Issue:** Should SACOG take a position on AB 842 (Jones)?

**Recommendation:** The Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommends the Board adopt a support position.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** Assemblymember Dave Jones has introduced AB 842, which would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to award preference or priority to projects applying for certain Proposition 1C programs located in areas where the local or regional entity has adopted a general plan, transportation plan, or regional blueprint that will reduce the growth of vehicle miles traveled by at least 10 percent, and the project is consistent with that planning document.

AB 842 would apply to applications for funding under the Infill Incentive Grant Program (\$400 million remaining) and the Transit Oriented Development Implementation Program (\$140 million remaining), both funded by Proposition 1C, approved by the voters in 2006.

For the Infill Incentive Grant Program, HCD must use all of the following priorities:

- project readiness;
- depth and duration of the housing affordability;
- extent to which the project density exceeds the housing element density standards;
- inclusion of, or proximity or accessibility to, a transit station or major transit stop;
- proximity to parks, employment or retail centers, schools, or social services; and
- consistency with an adopted regional blueprint plan or other adopted regional growth plan intended to foster efficient land use.

For the Transit Oriented Development Implementation Program, HCD must consider the extent to which the development will increase public transit ridership and minimize automobile trips. HCD must also grant bonus points to developments that are consistent with regional growth blueprints.

SACOG's regional success with the Blueprint could be fortified through these incentives in the criteria for Proposition 1C funds. The bill is supported by Breathe California, California League of Conservation Voters, city of Sacramento and Sierra Club California, among others. It is opposed by Contra Costa Transportation Agency, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Agency and Orange County Transportation Authority.

The bill has been placed in the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. Staff recommends a position of support on AB 842.

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