



## SACOG Board of Directors

October 16, 2008

### Approve Agricultural Worker Transportation Program Grant Application

**Issue:** Whether to submit an Agricultural Work Services Implementation Program (AWSIP) grant. This application process requires a resolution by the Board authorizing the Executive Director to sign the application.

**Recommendation:** The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to submit an AWSIP grant to the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** The recently-adopted state budget reveals AWSIP funds are still available for a final cycle of Fiscal Year 2008-09 funding. The deadline for the final cycle of the services implementation grant is October 1, 2008. Building upon initial coordination efforts, SACOG staff is prepared to complete a Caltrans grant application for funds to purchase vans and cover operating expenses. The grant application will request \$2,706,476 of Caltrans funding, which would be matched with \$100,000 of regional Proposition 1B Transit Bond Act funds from the 2009 funding round. All funds received will target transit services for agricultural workers in Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The operators in Placer and El Dorado did not wish to participate in either the planning study or the implementation grant.

Any projects funded through the grant application will be incorporated into the business plan for a comprehensive Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP) study SACOG is preparing to begin. SACOG has already received \$70,000 in funding to complete the AWTP study. This funding was received through a Caltrans grant and approved by the Board in October 2007 through Resolution 61-2007. The Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) will form a steering committee to direct the Plan and implementation of services.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever  
Executive Director

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Attachments

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**SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 66 – 2008**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO  
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKER  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (AWTP) GRANT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted SB 1135 (Statutes of 2006, section 99320 of the Public Utilities Code) requiring the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP) funded from a one time appropriation of \$20 million from the Public Transportation Account (PTA) by January 1, 2007; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grant cycle 3 is expected to fully allocate the remaining funds of \$4.6 million for the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP); and,

**WHEREAS**, the AWTP Business Plan funded through the \$70,000 AWTP Planning Grant awarded to SACOG by the State in funding cycle 2 and currently out for bid will more clearly define the need to operate a fleet of vans and will develop a detailed program scope, schedule, and budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, Caltrans has established the Application Review Committee (ARC) to consult with the department relative to the program and to establish the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals on a competitive basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, said procedures and criteria established by Caltrans and the ARC require a complete project application, including a signed agreement and an approved Board Resolution to encumber the AWTP funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments as follows:

1. SACOG's application to the Department of Transportation for \$2,806,476; including \$100,000 of Proposition 1B–Transit Funds, to be funded from the "PTMISEA regional funds" allocation of the FY 2009 funding round; will provide funding for the implementation of an Agricultural Worker Transportation Program.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to sign and submit all grant documentation which may be necessary for the completion of the AWTP application on behalf of SACOG.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of October 2008 by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Tom Cosgrove  
Chair

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Mike McKeever  
Executive Director