



**Item #09-01-7
Consent**

SACOG Board of Directors

January 8, 2009

Approve Contract Renewal for Valley Vision

Issue: Should the Board authorize a contract renewal for Valley Vision to continue services associated with the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy through June 2009?

Recommendation: The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on January 12th to discuss this item. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at this meeting.

Discussion: Valley Vision has served as a non-profit outreach partner on both the Blueprint project and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Recently, Valley Vision assisted with the outreach associated with the initial working groups for the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) project, and played a significant role in conducting stakeholder interview research for the Local Markets Working Group. SACOG envisions a continuing role for Valley Vision associated with outreach for the project.

Staff is working to scope the next phase of work and expects to have a recommendation for the contract scope and amount in time for the Strategic Planning Committee.

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