



## SACOG Board of Directors

February 11, 2009

### **Approve Programming of Transit Funds for the Economic Recovery Act of 2009**

**Issue:** Staff has worked with the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) on the programming of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds that will be available through the Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (ERA). That work has been coordinated with upcoming programming of State Proposition 1B Transit Bond Act funds and previously un-programmed FTA funds.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Programming of the Transit Projects in Tiers I and II for funding under the Economic Recovery Act of 2009; direct staff to monitor the final language in the legislation and make adjustments to the final project list based on the actual level of funding; direct staff to work with the transit agencies to insure all grant required documentation is filed in a timely manner; authorize staff to substitute projects as necessary if applicant agencies do not meet grant submittal timelines and milestones.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** This item was reviewed by all of the SACOG Board committees; the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee was the action committee, and it passed the item to the Board with no recommendation.

As part of the process building up to the adoption of the ERA, SACOG staff has been working closely with the Transit Coordinating Committee on both the process for developing a list of projects for ERA funding as well as development of an actual list of projects that meet the varied and changing requirements of the developing legislation. That list is attached to this memorandum along with a brief summary of the two funding Tiers.

There are a number of transit programming activities that are proceeding on a regular schedule that staff is coordinating with the accelerated schedule required by the ERA. Staff and the TCC made every possible effort to integrate the funding and project identification for the three FTA formula-based programs available under the ERA. Staff and TCC have also considered the normal annual programming of FTA funds, 5307, 5311, 5309, 5316, and 5317, and the programming of State of California Proposition 1B Bond Act funds as it relates to the ERA process. Staff and TCC are trying to coordinate and integrate these normal annual processes with the ERA process.

Staff estimates that there will be somewhere between \$40 and \$50 million of additional FTA funds for programming through the ERA. In addition, as part of the state budget discussions, there are proposals to add an additional \$800 million of transit bond act funds to the \$350 million already contained in the adopted state budget. If this does occur, SACOG would have an additional advance of approximately \$18 million of regional bond funds available for allocation, and the operators would have an additional \$9 million in operator funds to program on capital projects.

One option staff reviewed with the TCC and each of the Board committees is to consider the issue of equity and timeliness in the use of the funds by looking at the FTA ERA funds, the State Bond Act funds and any unprogrammed FTA funds as an overall pool of funds. Under this approach, agencies that are ready and able to deliver projects early under the guidelines and timelines of the stimulus funds would be allocated FTA stimulus funds and projects coming on line further in the future would have the opportunity to use bond act funds.

Staff will provide any available updates on the ERA at the February 19, 2009, Board meeting.

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## **Description of Programming Process and Recommended Tier I and Tier II Project Lists**

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The planning and programming process for the Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (ERA) began in December 2008 as part of an overall call for projects for expected stimulus or recovery legislation that was supported by the incoming administration. That solicitation generated more than \$3 billion of street, highway, bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects. In January 2009, SACOG's Transit Team assembled a potential list of transit projects drawing from those submitted by the jurisdictions and transit operators and other projects contained in the MTIP and State Transit Bond Act Ten Year Plans. That list was reviewed with the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) at its January 21, 2009 TCC Meeting.

At the same time as the TCC was meeting on January 21, 2009, the schedule and content of the ERA began to firm up. SACOG staff held programming meetings for FHWA funded projects on January 29, 2009, and for FTA funded projects on January 30, 2009. At the January 30, 2009, TCC meeting, the TCC pared down a list of \$430 million of projects to a shorter list of approximately \$150 million, which they divided into two tiers based on the estimated level of funding and the apparent project readiness and ability to meet the very tight timelines laid out in the developing legislation.

Following the TCC meeting on January 30, 2009, SACOG staff sent the two-tier list to the TCC members and asked them to rank their agencies' projects in priority order. The lists were then allocated by SACOG staff among the various funding programs and geographic sub-areas described in the developing legislation. The "recommended" lists were once again circulated to the TCC members, comments received, and a final list was presented to the SACOG committees and included in a MTIP amendment that is currently out for public review.

As stated above, the projects are broken into two tiers. Tier I projects contain those priority ranked projects that can be funded within the envelope of funds understood to be available in the ERA; for transit projects that is something less than \$50 million Tier I projects must also meet the very tight programming timeline contained within the current bill (ability to obligate within 90 days). Tier II projects include a variety of projects, including the unfundable parts of high priority projects that exceeded the \$50 million funding cap, other projects that exceeded the available funds, projects that were eligible for other ERA funding (e.g., FTA New Starts Funding), and projects that appeared to be close to meeting the timeline requirements but for which there was some question as to whether they were actually ready to deliver.

The intended use of the two-tier system is to provide a full list of projects from which we can shift projects based on the actual level of funding available under the ERA and to move projects out of Tier I if they experience delivery delay and into Tier I to fill the capacity of projects that cannot deliver in a timely manner. Staff will develop some intermediate time points for programming action once the final requirements of the ERA are known.

## Summary of Economic Recovery Act Transit Candidate Projects

### Projects Submitted for Transit

Category	County	Lead Agency	Tier 1
Davis UZA	Yolo	Unitrans	\$ 5,626,730
<b>Davis UZA Total</b>			<b>\$ 5,626,730</b>

Lodi/Galt UZA	Sacramento	City of Galt SCTLink	\$ 100,000 \$ 335,000
<b>Lodi/Galt UZA Total</b>			<b>\$ 435,000</b>

Sacramento 5307	El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	\$ 1,019,000	
	<b>El Dorado Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,019,000</b>	
	Placer	City of Auburn		\$ 185,000
		City of Roseville		\$ 1,620,000
		County of Placer		\$ 1,400,000
	<b>Placer Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,205,000</b>	
	Sacramento	City of Elk Grove		\$ 4,000,000
		City of Folsom		\$ 488,000
		Paratransit, Inc		\$ 2,020,000
		Sacramento Regional Transit District		\$ 17,432,497
		Sacramento State		\$ 1,500,000
	<b>Sacramento Total</b>		<b>\$ 25,440,497</b>	
	Various	SACOG		\$ 5,500,000
<b>Various Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,500,000</b>		
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District		\$ 1,015,503	
<b>Yolo Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,015,503</b>		
<b>Sacramento 5307 Total</b>			<b>\$ 36,180,000</b>	

Sacramento 5309 (a)	Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	\$ 5,500,000
<b>Sacramento 5309 (a) Total</b>			<b>\$ 5,500,000</b>

Sacramento 5311	Sacramento	Sacramento County	\$ 252,000
<b>Sacramento 5311 Total</b>			<b>\$ 252,000</b>

YCTD 5311	Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	\$ 556,000
<b>YCTD 5311 Total</b>			<b>\$ 556,000</b>

Yuba City UZA	Yuba-Sutter	Yuba-Sutter	\$ 473,270
<b>Yuba City UZA Total</b>			<b>\$ 473,270</b>

Yuba Sutter 5311	Yuba-Sutter	Yuba-Sutter	\$ 323,000
<b>Yuba Sutter 5311 Total</b>			<b>\$ 323,000</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 49,346,000</b>
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Funding Category	Anticipated	Requested	Balance
Sacramento 5307	\$ 36,250,000	\$ 36,180,000	\$ 70,000
Sacramento 5309 (a)	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ -
Davis UZA	\$ 5,626,730	\$ 5,626,730	\$ -
Yuba City UZA	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 473,270	
<i>Transfer to Davis UZA from remaining Yuba-City 5307</i>			\$ 2,026,730
Lodi/Galt UZA	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000	\$ -
Yuba Sutter 5311	\$ 323,000	\$ 323,000	\$ -
YCTD 5311	\$ 556,000	\$ 556,000	\$ -
Sacramento 5311	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,416,000</b>	<b>\$ 49,346,000</b>	<b>\$ 70,000</b>

## Economic Recovery Act Candidate Transit Projects

Tier I (Ready to go list)									
County	Lead Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Project Funding Request (SACOG Edits)	Original Project Funding Request	Difference between Orig. and Revised Funding Request	Agency Rank	SACOG Comments
El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Repl 1 Commuter Buses	Repl 1 Commuter Buses	\$1,150,000	\$519,000	\$1,150,000	-\$631,000	1	Reduced to 1 commuter bus per Mindy Jackson request
El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance for El Dorado County Transit Authority	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	2	
El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Universal Transit Fare Card (El Dorado Share)	El Dorado share of Uni. Fare Card		\$300,000				Added to MTIP VAR56028
Placer	City of Auburn	Bus Replacement	Replace 2 Buses	\$250,000	\$185,000	\$250,000	-\$65,000	1	Total project cost reduced to \$185K per Megan. <b>Need bus size.</b>
Placer	City of Roseville	Bus Repower	Repower/Rehab 5 Buses	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$400,000	\$250,000	1	Increased using funds from other projects per Mike
Placer	City of Roseville	Bus Repower	Repower/Rehab 4 Buses	\$400,000	\$520,000	\$325,000	\$195,000	2	Increased using funds from other projects per Mike
Placer	City of Roseville	Sierra Gardens Transfer Point Repavement	Repave the transfer station's bus turnout and adjoining portion of Sierra Gardens	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$400,000	\$50,000	3	Increased using funds from other projects per Mike
Placer	County of Placer	2 Commuter Buses	Acquisition of two 57 seat commuter buses for Placer County Transit.	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	1	Are these two commuter buses for expansion or replacement?
Placer	County of Placer	Universal Transit Fare Card (Placer Share)	Placer County share of Uni. Fare Card		\$300,000				Added to MTIP VAR56028
Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	Repl 10 CNG 40' Buses	Repl 10 CNG 40' Buses	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	-\$1,000,000	2	\$1M moved to Tier 2
Sacramento	City of Folsom	Repl 7 Demand Response Vans	Repl 7 Demand Response Vans	\$488,000	\$488,000	\$488,000	\$0	1	
Sacramento	City of Galt	Bus Shelters	Install 6 new bus shelters	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	1	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Demand Response Minivan Acquisition	Purchase 15 demand response minivans for replacement and 5 for expansion.	\$970,000	\$970,000	\$970,000	\$0	1	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Facility Telephone System Replacement	Add more phone lines for reservations and improve reporting and analysis capability	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$0	2	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Mobile Data Computer Replacement (150 @ \$4,000)	Upgrade to Ranger style MDC to improve mapping of new areas for Magellan Navigation System and to improve operator ease of use	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	3	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Design & Construction for Facility Emergency Power Improvements	Provide emergency power for fueling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	4	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Engineering, Testing, & FCC License to Relocate Communications Tower	Improve coverage and balance of radio channels	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	5	
Sacramento	Sacramento County	Bus Replacement	2 Bus Replacement	\$350,000	\$252,000				Revised from 1 to 2 buses. Make up 98K shortfall with LTF
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance		\$5,500,000	\$6,786,925	-\$1,286,925	1	PM is funded through 5309 (a). Remaining \$1.3 million moved to Tier II.
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	UTDC Retrofits (5)	(5) UTDC Retrofits indicated to be "top of the list" for the next Prop. I-B	\$10,500,000	\$8,240,000	\$8,240,000	\$0	2	

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Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	BMF2 Project Phase 1 - Civil and Building (4)	(4) Bus wash, paving & lighting, structural upgrade to building, Storm water/electric/plumbing etc., access road improvements, public art.	\$25,216,000	\$6,200,000	\$6,200,000	\$0	3	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Automated Vehicle Location System for Buses & Digital Signs (2)	Comm. w/vehicles - signs at some stops, next bus software, real-time vehicle location online	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	\$0	5	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Non-Revenue and Specialty Vehicles	Non-revenue vehicles are critical need. Alternative fuel would provide significant environmental benefit	\$4,500,000	\$1,767,497	\$4,500,000	-\$2,732,503	7	2.73 million moved to Tier 2.
Sacramento	Sacramento State	Sac State Tram	The Sac State Tram will provide a convenient, reliable and safe connection between the Sacramento State campus and the 65th Street Light Rail Station, offering students, faculty and staff a viable alternative form of mass transit.	\$15,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	1	For a complete design.
Sacramento	SCTLink	Repl 2 Buses	Repl 2 Buses	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0	1	
Sacramento	SCTLink	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance		\$200,000				Added per Gary Taylor
Various	SACOG	Universal Transit Fare Card	Universal Transit Fare Card Procurement & Implementation: Implement a Universal Transit Fare Card System (UTFS) in the SACOG region, including hiring a consultant. [This project has \$537k STIP in 2010, but will implement AB3090 in order to use State Bond Transit in 2008]		\$5,500,000	\$3,300,000	\$2,200,000	1	Project cost increased
Yolo	Unitrans	Repl 15 CNG 40' Buses (15 @ \$504K each)	Replace 15 1995/96 Orion CNG buses with new 40' CNG buses	\$7,560,000	\$5,626,730	\$7,560,000	-\$1,933,270	1	Remaining request moved to Tier II
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Bus stop amenities	Aquire 35 Odyssey farebox systems with remote keypad	\$507,500	\$179,556	\$507,500	-\$327,944	1	5311 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Bus stop amenities	Aquire 35 Odyssey farebox systems with remote keypad	\$507,500	\$327,946	\$507,500	-\$179,554	1	Sacramento 5307 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Maintenance/Operations Facility Improvements	Enclose bus washer, steamer, water recovery areas	\$600,000	\$212,280	\$600,000	-\$387,720	2	5311 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Maintenance/Operations Facility Improvements	Enclose bus washer, steamer, water recovery areas	\$600,000	\$387,720	\$600,000	-\$212,280	2	Sacramento 5307 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Maintenance/Operations Facility Improvements	Replace fencing around facility and natural gas inlet, and add two automatic gates	\$200,000	\$70,760	\$200,000	-\$129,240	3	5311 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Maintenance/Operations Facility Improvements	Replace fencing around facility and natural gas inlet, and add two automatic gates	\$200,000	\$129,240	\$200,000	-\$70,760	3	Sacramento 5307 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Bus stop amenities	Bus stop amenities, including, but not limited to: real time electronic information display systems, solar lighting, shelters	\$264,000	\$93,404	\$264,000	-\$170,596	4	5311 share of funding
Yolo	Yolo County Transportation District	Bus stop amenities	Bus stop amenities, including, but not limited to: real time electronic information display systems, solar lighting, shelters	\$264,000	\$170,597	\$264,000	-\$93,403	4	Sacramento 5307 share of funding

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Yuba-Sutter	Yuba-Sutter	3 Commuter Buses	Acquire 3 commuter buses		\$323,000	\$496,270	-\$173,270	I	Use all 5311 for bus purchases. Remaining need taken out of 5307 before transfer to Davis UZA
Yuba-Sutter	Yuba-Sutter	3 Commuter Buses	Acquire 3 commuter buses		\$173,270	\$496,270	-\$323,000	I	Remaining amount needed for commuter buses before transfer to Davis UZA
Yuba-Sutter	Yuba-Sutter	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance		\$300,000				Remaining share of Yuba City 5307 transfers to Davis UZA

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Tier II (Back up list)									
County	Lead Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Project Funding Request (SACOG Edits)	Original Project Funding Request	Difference between Orig. and Revised Funding Request	Agency Rank	SACOG Comments
Placer	City of Lincoln	Passenger Shelters	Install Passenger Shelters		\$76,000				Added per Gary Taylor
Placer	City of Lincoln	Corporation Yard	Expand Transit and City Maintenance facility	\$5,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0		
Placer	City of Lincoln	Shelters, Benches & Signage	Install & replace transit shelters, benches, and signage	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$0		
Placer	City of Roseville	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance		\$480,000	\$480,000	\$0	4	Moved to Tier 2 to make room for increased ask on other projects with higher priority per Mike
Placer	City of Roseville	South Placer Call Center	2-years of Operations Assistance for South Placer Call Center	\$760,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0		
Placer	City of Roseville	South Placer Call Center	Facility Improvements - Expand Building and Internal remodel	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0		
Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	CNG Fueling Station	CNG Fueling Station	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$0	1	Moved from Tier 1
Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	Repl 10 CNG 40' Buses	Repl 10 CNG 40' Buses	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	-\$4,000,000	2	Moved from Tier 1 larger ask
Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	Automated Fareboxes	Automated Fareboxes		\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0	3	
Sacramento	City of Folsom	Light Rail Park and Ride Lot Expansion	Expand Iron Point Light Rail Park and Ride Lot to accommodate increase in Gold Line Ridership	\$1,140,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	1	
Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Security Cameras for Fleet (135 @ \$5,000)	Provide security cameras for remaining 135 vehicles to improve safety, security, and risk management	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$0	6	Moved from Tier 1
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Preventative Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance		\$1,286,925	\$6,786,925	-\$5,500,000	1	Moved from Tier 1 larger ask
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	South Sacramento Light Rail - Phase 2	In Sacramento, extend light rail from the terminus of South Line Phase 1 at Meadowview Station further south to Cosumnes River College(CRC). Includes 4.2 miles of track, 4 new stations, and 3 park & ride facilities.	\$270,000,000	\$56,000,000	\$56,000,000	\$0	\$1	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Acquire MOS-1-Vehicles	MOS-1 vehicles can be acquired from an existing order - i.e., funds expended in calendar year 2009	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$0	2	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Northeast Corridor Enhancements	This project is for various enhancements to implement express rail service in the I-80 corridor from Downtown Sacramento to the Watt/I-80 light rail station	\$34,500,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	3	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Major Light Rail Station enhancements and Facilities Improvements (1)	3 stations & lot lighting, safety work at various buildings	\$48,584,282	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	4	Moved from Tier 1 for possible funding with Transportation Enhancements

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Tier II (Back up list)									
County	Lead Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Project Funding Request (SACOG Edits)	Original Project Funding Request	Difference between Orig. and Revised Funding Request	Agency Rank	SACOG Comments
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Folsom Corridor Soundwall Enhancements	Response to many public requests along Folsom line	\$535,700	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	6	Moved from Tier 1 for possible funding with Transportation Enhancements
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Non-Revenue and Specialty Vehicles	Non-revenue vehicles are critical need. Alternative fuel would provide significant environmental benefit	\$4,500,000	\$2,732,503	\$4,500,000	-\$1,767,497	7	Moved from Tier 1 larger ask
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Replacement of Regional Transit "Mini-high" Light Rail Platform	1000 block of K Street Relocate RT mini-high to the 1100 block of K in order to create a stronger transit connection to the existing station on the south side of the 1100 block.	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	8	Moved to Tier 2 per Gary Taylor
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Light Rail Station at Horn Road	Build a light rail station near Horn Road and Folsom Boulevard, to provide additional access for RT riders, and it will bridge the distance between Butterfield and Mather Field LR Stations.	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$0	9	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Northeast Corridor Phase 2	To provide additional facilities at the Swanston Light Rail station for passenger transfer between bus and light rail, to provide increased regional connectivity across modes	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$0	10	
Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	K Street Transit Mall Improvement and RT Headquarters (10)	(10) Project would allow RT to do TOD/Joint Development at 29th & N.	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0	11	
Yolo	Unitrans	Repl 15 CNG 40' Buses (15 @ \$504K each)	Replace 15 1995/96 Orion CNG buses with new 40' CNG buses	\$7,560,000	\$1,933,270	\$7,560,000	-\$5,626,730	1	Moved from Tier 1 larger ask
Yolo	Unitrans	ITS Project	Provide funding to complete 2nd phase of ITS project.	\$1,100,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$0	2	Moved from Tier 1