



Item #09-3-3
Action

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 26, 2009

Proposals for Caltrans Discretionary Grants for FY 2009-10

Issue: Approval of planning projects to be submitted to Caltrans for discretionary funding.

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board approve by resolution the attached list of projects to be submitted to Caltrans for discretionary funding and authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of support for other specified projects being submitted by others and execute the funding agreements associated with these grants.

Discussion: The overall discretionary grant application process and the applications are listed in Attachment A. Grant proposals from outside agencies are reviewed by SACOG staff to ensure that the proposals fit the purpose of the grant programs; not all grant proposals are approved, and those approved may be modified by SACOG. Attached is a list of the grant applications being moved forward. SACOG received eight grant application proposals from outside agencies; six of these proposed grants were found to have sufficient funding and background information and fit the grant program criteria to move forward.

Caltrans issued a call for projects for its discretionary transportation planning grant programs, with proposals due April 1, 2009. There are six grant programs, each with different purposes, eligibility requirements, and matching ratios. These requirements are summarized in Attachment B. In January, SACOG notified our member agencies that we needed information on any grant applications they planned to submit for which SACOG must be involved. SACOG staff has so far begun preparing 8 proposals, in addition to six outside agency proposals for a total of 14 grant applications, pending Board approval.

Attachment A includes brief summaries of each of the proposed planning projects. The staff does not recommend any priority order listing of the projects.

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Executive Director

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**DRAFT SACOG APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR CALTRANS FY 2009/2010
DISCRETIONARY PLANNING FUNDS**

The following is a list of the projects that are being submitted by SACOG and projects for which requests for a letters of support will be submitted.

New Grant Applications:

Grant Application Title	Grant Category
1. Unitrans CNG Fueling Facility Study	Statewide Transit Planning Studies (5304)

Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Unitrans

This discretionary grant application falls under the Transit Planning (5304) program of the FTA. Unitrans completed its compressed natural gas fueling facility in 1996. This important facility provides primary fueling for the Unitrans fleet of almost 40 buses, as well as secondary/back-up fueling for YoloBus, Davis Community Transit and UC Davis Fleet Services. A difficulty with the current facility is that it uses two of the only three Pignone Nuovo natural gas compressors in North America, and parts are becoming difficult to obtain. In fact, Unitrans maintenance staff has had to custom manufacture normal-wear parts, as well as major components, for these two compressors in order to keep the fueling facility on-line. As such, Unitrans is seeking professional advice from a natural gas fueling facility expert on methods to ensure continued long-term CNG capacity for Unitrans and its partners. Unitrans will use a combination of Caltrans and local funds to complete the \$20,000 study.

Caltrans Request: \$ 17,706

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 2,294

Total Project Cost: \$20,000

2. Unitrans Master Plan for Memorial Union Terminal	Statewide Transit Planning Studies (5304)
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Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Unitrans

Unitrans operates high-intensity fixed route services on the UC Davis campus and throughout the City of Davis. Service operates out of two primary passenger terminals on the UCD campus and the recently-completed Silo terminal and the Memorial Union terminal. The latter terminal was implemented in essentially its current configuration in the 1970s, although it was designed to accommodate fewer buses, smaller buses and far fewer passengers. As such, a long-term vision for this facility and its connection with other modes (pedestrian, bicycling, auto and other transit agency buses) needs to be formally developed. Unitrans will use a combination of Caltrans and local funds to complete the \$30,000 study.

Caltrans Request: \$ 26,559

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 3,441

Total Project Cost: \$30,000

**3. South County Transit (SCT)/Link Management
Transition Plan**

**Transit Technical Planning
Assistance**

Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Sacramento County & City of Galt

SCT/Link is the contract transit provider for southern Sacramento County and the City of Galt. SCT/Link transit service includes Dial-a-Ride service in and around the City of Galt and south county area, a Highway 99 route that goes south to Lodi and north to Elk Grove and Florin Mall, and a lifeline route to the Sacramento Delta area. Transit operations are currently contracted out to Storer Transit Systems. Sacramento County has historically been the lead agency for SCT/Link; however, both agencies are desirous that the City of Galt become the lead agency. The inclusion of Galt in the Lodi/Galt Urbanized Area for federal funding purposes and the resulting involvement of both SACOG and SJCOG further complicate the administration hierarchy. The proposed study would build on a preliminary analysis that was included in the 2007 Short Range Transit Plan and would address in detail the issues and implementation plan regarding the City becoming a transit operator and lead agency for transit operations, including, but not limited to, FTA & TDA requirements, ADA requirements, administration responsibilities and requirements, et al. This study would also address the viability of a Joint Powers Authority being created to be the transit operator in lieu of the City of Galt and analyze a wide range of service, capital, institutional and management, and financial alternatives pursuant to a JPA. Lastly, the study would analyze and detail the benefits, requirements and possible site locations and associated costs for a dedicated maintenance/operations facility for SCT/Link. The final product would enable the City of Galt and Sacramento County to determine the best administrative and management plan for SCT/Link.

Caltrans Request: \$ 70,824

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 9,176

Total Project Cost: \$80,000

**4. Cal ACT Transit and Paratransit Management
Certificate Program**

Transit Professional Development

Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: City of Galt

The grant would provide funding for the City of Galt's Transit Coordinator to attend the CalACT Transit and Paratransit Management Certificate Program that is conducted through the Westgate Center for Management Development, Eberhardt School of Business, University of the Pacific. The Transit and Paratransit Management Certificate Program has a multi-disciplinary approach that provides classes in budgeting and financial management, human resource management, risk management, marketing, and more.

Caltrans Request: \$ 2,213

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 287

Total Project Cost: \$2,500

5. Transit Master Plan Implementation: Part 2

**Statewide Transit Planning Studies
(5304)**

Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Sacramento Regional Transit District

The Sacramento Regional Transit District "Transit Action Plan" will be adopted in April of 2009, including the Long Range and Short Range transit plans. This will require examining existing LRT and bus services for improvement over the next five years. RT faces a severe budget situation, but must plan, nevertheless, for a transition strategy to meet the goals of the Transit Action Plan. RT has received a grant to cover the northern part of Sacramento, from Natomas to Arden to Rancho Cordova. The current effort would take this integrated planning approach to downtown Sacramento, Stockton Boulevard, and Franklin Boulevard, as far south as Calvine Road or Cosumnes River Boulevard. The intent would be to coordinate with the SACOG Downtown Circulation Study, and to produce a five-year to ten-year plan for improving transit service in this area, as part of the implementation of the Transit-Action Plan.

Caltrans Request: \$ 265,590

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 34,410

Total Project Cost: \$300,000

6. City of Folsom Short Range Transit Plan

Transit Technical Planning Assistance

Applicant: SACOG

The proposed project is an update of the FY 2005-2006 City of Folsom Transit (Folsom Stage Line) Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). Stakeholders from the City as well as other areas of Sacramento County connected to Folsom via light rail transit will be included in the SRTP process. The new Folsom Short Range Transit Plan will allow for continued and future transit planning processes and operations by City of Folsom Transit/Folsom Stage Line.

Caltrans Request: \$ 70,824

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 9,176

Total Project Cost: \$80,000

7. YCTD Transportation Planning Internship Program

Transit Technical Planning Assistance

Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Yolo County Transportation District

This discretionary grant application falls under the Transit Technical Planning Assistance, Transit Professional Development Application program of the FTA Section 5313(b) Transit Planning Funds. The proposed project will fund two Transportation Planning Internships positions at Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD). YCTD has a very productive Transportation Planning Internship program. Former YCTD interns have acquired Transportation Planning and City Planning positions in both the public and private sector.

Caltrans Request: \$ 30,985

Local/In-Kind Match: \$ 4,015

Total Project Cost: \$35,000

8. Demographic and Income Forecasting Tools Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning

Applicant: SACOG

This grant will fund the development of a population and income forecasting tool for SACOG's I-PLACE3S Modeling and Analysis system. The tool will add functionality to I-PLACE3S that looks at the housing type, the area of new housing, and a list of socio-economic factors that influence the location of low-income and other disadvantaged populations in our region. Currently the I-Place3s system can only provide information on housing units or transportation indicators.

SACOG has used the I-PLACE3S Modeling and Analysis system in over 50 workshops. By adding the demographic and income tools to this system, new communities will be able assess the impacts of housing and transportation choices. SACOG will use this tool in workshops to meet our environmental justice goals and for planning for the Sustainable Community Strategy required under the recently signed Senate Bill 375. The model will be available to all users of I-PLACE3S in California.

Caltrans Request: \$55,800 Local/In-Kind Match: \$6,200 Total Project Cost: \$62,000

9. Infrastructure Cost Model Community Based Transportation Planning

Applicant: SACOG

This grant will enhance our capabilities to model the infrastructure needs and costs for the small rural jurisdiction in our region. The model will help inform these jurisdictions about the costs for complete street improvements and other infrastructure needed for a sustainable transportation system. While this work has application to any geography, the model can specifically address the challenges faced by rural cities and counties that are dealing with backlogs of infrastructure and service investments, some of which are required by state and federal regulations.

In many cases, rural communities have few options other than to allow development in order to generate private investment in infrastructure and expand the ratepayer base to cover ongoing costs. This is often to the detriment of the regional transportation system; because of the development of incomplete communities with adequate jobs-housing balance encourage long distance commute patterns. The infrastructure cost and fiscal impacts models will be used to help local governments measure the infrastructure and service needs associated costs for different development patterns. The model will be available to all users of I-PLACE3S in California.

Caltrans Request: \$110,000 Local/In-Kind Match: \$27,500 Total Project Cost: \$137,500

10. Blueprint Planning for Public Health Workshops Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning

Applicant: SACOG

This project will focus on Blueprint planning outreach for Environmental Justice (EJ) communities to promote and enhance access to transit, affordable housing, health and human services, education, civic amenities and fresh food.

SACOG will conduct Land Use and Public Health workshops for EJ community members and advocates as well as representatives from public planning agencies, public health departments and smart growth interest groups. The workshops will focus on the benefits of Blueprint planning, especially in rural and urban EJ areas as a means to improve public health and equity. Workshops will also include information on how to support and identify smart growth projects and how to advocate for improvements in land use and transportation in EJ communities. Community workshops will be held in each of the six counties SACOG represents.

The need for these types of planning workshops is crucial in linking EJ communities to services and information to improve public health and quality of life. The grant will support EJ outreach, workshop development, and public engagement across six counties.

Caltrans Request: \$99,000 Local/In Kind Match: \$11,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 110,000

11. SACOG Transit Team Intern

Transit Professional Development

Applicant: SACOG

SACOG will hire an intern at the Graduate Student level to assist the Transit Team with the following tasks for a period of one year at \$15.38 per hour for 20 hours per week, for a total yearly amount of \$16,000. The Professional Development program will allow SACOG staff to pass valuable planning techniques to an intern while utilizing the team skills associated with internships to improve the coordination of transit planning activities. The continued presence of an intern will increase the efficiency of the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process by freeing mid-level staff to assume a management level of the process. An intern presence will allow for the complete analysis of the National Transit Database program. The data will be used by transit operators in their short and long range service planning efforts. The NTD program ensures that Federal Transit funds continue to flow into the Region through the Federal transit Administration 5307 program. The addition of an internship will foster the compliance with TDA requirements to continue to monitor transit operating statistics throughout the SACOG Region. Increased coordination between the Short Range Transit Plans and the service planning efforts of the operators will enhance the transit planning process.

Caltrans Request: \$14,165 Local/In Kind Match: \$1,835 Total Project Cost: \$ 16,000

12. Transit Demand Thresholds Planning Tool

Statewide Transit Planning Studies (5304)

Applicant: SACOG

SACOG will develop a sketch planning tool to estimate transit demand thresholds. Consultant services will be solicited to assist an inter-disciplinary team. The project will leverage a comprehensive, parcel-based land use database, a state-of-the-art travel model, and an earlier analysis on transit demand thresholds. The intent of the project is to create an analytical tool that will estimate when travel demand may warrant an increase in transit service, and to create a tool that is portable to other regions and planning environments.

Caltrans Request: \$159,354 Local/In Kind Match: \$20,646 Total Project Cost: \$ 180,000

13. Transit Survey Database Analysis and Technical Assistance

Transit Technical Planning Assistance

Applicant: SACOG

SACOG will develop tools and expertise to analyze a transit survey database, and will deliver technical assistance to local transit operators. In 2006, SACOG completed a region-wide on-board transit survey based upon over 12,000 statistically valid surveys. Transit operators need assistance to support their planning analysis with this rich, but complex database. SACOG will purchase analytical software, train staff in the software application, develop standard scripts for the most common types of analysis, and deliver technical assistance.

Caltrans Request: \$70,824 Local/In Kind Match: \$9,176 Total Project Cost: \$ 80,000

**14. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
Assistance**

**Statewide Transit Planning Studies
(5304)**

Applicant: SACOG

Traffic and ridership counts are the primary tool used by transportation planners to gain an understanding of actual use conditions and trends on the transportation network. Having this information is important for making decisions about where and how to invest resources. Unfortunately, automobiles and transit are only part of a complete transportation system. The activities of bicyclists and pedestrians are much less understood by transportation planners.

Collecting data about the movement of bicyclists and pedestrians at specific locations, such as transit stops and stations, will help improve understanding about the demand for facilities and be useful for quantifying the benefits of strategic investments. Bicycle and pedestrian count information will also help planners target safety and mobility projects and improve transportation models.

The proposal is to conduct bicycle and pedestrian counts at strategic locations around the region. The effort will be lead by SACOG in partnership with the bicycle and pedestrian planners at member agencies and local bicycle/pedestrian advocacy groups. The final product will be a snapshot of bicycle and pedestrian activity at key locations (access to transit, redevelopment corridors, schools, etc.) throughout the region.

Caltrans Request: \$44,265 Local/In Kind Match: \$5,735 Total Project Cost: \$ 50,000

Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning</p>	<p>State Highway Account</p> <p>Budget \$3 million</p> <p>Grant Cap \$250,000</p>	<p>Promote community involvement in planning to improve mobility, access, and safety while promoting economic opportunity, equity, environmental protection, and affordable housing for low-income, minority, and Native American communities.</p>	<p>The following may apply directly or as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Cities and Counties • Transit Agencies • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>10% of the grant amount requested (in non-State and non-federal funds). Up to half of the 10% match can be in-kind*. Refer to sample match calculation on Page 14.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Community-Based Transportation Planning</p>	<p>State Highway Account</p> <p>Budget \$3 million</p> <p>Grant Cap \$300,000</p>	<p>Fund coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities, and a sustainable transportation system which includes mobility, access, and safety.</p>	<p>The following may apply directly or as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Cities and Counties • Transit Agencies • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>20% of the grant amount requested (in non-State and non-federal funds). Up to half of the 20% match can be in-kind*. Refer to sample match calculation on Page 24.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Partnership Planning</p>	<p>FHWA*** State Planning and Research, Part 1</p> <p>Budget Federal funds \$1,000,000</p> <p>Grant Cap \$300,000</p>	<p>Fund transportation planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance in partnership with Caltrans.</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>20% of grant amount requested (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 20% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution. Additional local funds above the minimum local match are desired. Refer to sample match calculation on Page 37.</p>

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
<p align="center">Statewide Transit Planning Studies</p>	<p>FTA*** Section 5304</p> <p>Budget Federal funds \$1,400,000</p> <p>Grant Cap \$300,000</p>	<p>Fund studies on transit issues having statewide or multi-regional significance to assist in reducing congestion.</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% of the grant amount requested (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.</p>
<p align="center">Transit Technical Planning Assistance</p>	<p>FTA*** Section 5304</p> <p>Budget Federal funds \$700,000</p> <p>Grant Cap \$100,000</p>	<p>Fund public transportation planning studies in rural or small urban areas of California (transit service area with population of 100,000 or less).</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% of the grant amount requested (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.</p>
<p align="center">Transit Professional Development</p>	<p>FTA*** Section 5304</p> <p>Budget Federal funds \$150,000</p> <p>Grant Cap \$50,000</p>	<p>Fund student internship opportunities in transit planning at public transit agencies.</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% of the grant amount requested (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.</p>

- * In-kind contribution can include a documented, quantified amount of equipment, supplies, or other tangible resources, space, or staff time.
 - ** Public entity includes the State, the Regents of the University of California, a county, city, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the State. (Government Code Section 811.2)
- ***FHWA is the Federal Highway Administration. FTA is the Federal Transit Administration.



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. ? - 2009

APPROVING CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR AWARDED GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and one of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies responsible for transportation planning in the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments proposed to request \$1,038,109 in grant funds, \$144,891 in local/in kind match for a total amount of \$1,183,000; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for the grant applications submitted on April 1, 2009, and for the Executive Director to execute funding agreements between SACOG and the State of California Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to submit each of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2009/10, and authorizes the Executive Director to execute any grant agreements necessary to receive grant funds, or other funds that may be available, for the purpose of developing and implementing the grant application projects in the Sacramento Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of March, 2009, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director



Item #09-3-4

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

Information

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February 26, 2009

Complete Streets Federal Legislation

Issue: Complete Streets Federal legislation by Senator Tom Harkin

Recommendation: None; this item is for information only.

Discussion: Representative Doris Matsui introduced House Resolution 5951 in the last session of Congress to implement a safe and complete streets program to provide better service in the federal transportation system for public transit, bicycles, and pedestrians or those with mobility aids. This legislation was intended to fully integrate all modes of travel in the designs of streets and highways funded with federal dollars. More complete street design is expected to improve mobility options, reduce greenhouse gas and air quality emissions, and improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

This legislation would have required state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to adopt an explicit statement of policy to accommodate the safety and convenience of users of all travel modes applying to all federally-funded projects within the transportation improvement program. Senator Harkin is developing legislation similarly intended to support complete street design. Harkin is working in conjunction with the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The language is attached for committee information although it has not been assigned a bill number and has some language yet to be resolved. Matsui's Washington DC staff solicited our input on the legislation and has asked that the SACOG Board consider a position of support. This is an information only item. Staff seeks Committee input with the intent of bringing it back to this committee and full Board for future action once the final Harkin bill is in print.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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**Item #09-3-5
Information**

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 26, 2009

Update on Federal Advocacy

Issue: Update on federal advocacy efforts.

Recommendation: None; this will be an informational report and discussion.

Discussion: SACOG Director of Research & Analysis Gordon Garry was in Washington DC to speak to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Annual Conference of Regions regarding Transportation, Land Use and Green House Gas Emissions on February 23, 2009. Blueprint and Senate Bill 375 education were the subjects of several presentations. (See Attachment A for powerpoint presentation.) Other presenters included Gary Gallegos, San Diego Association of Governments and Hasan Ikhata, Southern California Association of Governments.

Garry also had the opportunity to meet with staff from Tauscher's and Matsui's offices as well as committee staff from the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. This committee will lead the surface transportation authorization bill later this year. SACOG's federal appropriations request for 2010 includes additional support for Blueprint implementation. These meetings offered an opportunity for more in depth explanation of SACOG's model needs and how the agency's modeling supports the unique work of the Blueprint underpinning the performance-based MTP2035 and quick delivery of stimulus projects.

Approved by:

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Economic Stimulus Draft Tier Two Transit Projects

Fund Category	No.	County	Lead Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	MTIP Prog Amt	Original Project Funding Request	Difference between Orig. and Revised Funding Request	Agency Rank	SACOG Comments
Sacramento 5307	38	El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Repl One 45' Commuter Buses	Repl 1 Commuter Buses	\$1,150,000	\$631,000	\$1,150,000	-\$519,000	1	
Sacramento 5307	38	El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Universal Fare Card (El Dorado Transit Share)	Universal Fare Card (El Dorado Transit Share)		\$300,000		\$300,000		Added to VAR56028
Sacramento 5307	103	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	
Sacramento 5307	New	Placer	Placer County Transit	Universal Fare Card (Placer Transit Share)	Universal Fare Card (Placer Transit Share)		\$300,000				Added to VAR56028
Sacramento 5307	261	Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	Repl 2 CNG 40' Buses	Repl 2 CNG 40' Buses	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	-\$4,000,000	2	
Galt 5307	New	Sacramento	City of Galt	Bus Shelters	Install 3 new bus shelters	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	-\$50,000	1	
Sacramento 5307	263	Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Demand Response Minivan Acquisition	Purchase 8 demand response minivans for replacement and 5 for expansion.	\$970,000	\$401,824	\$970,000	-\$568,176	1	
Sacramento 5307	267	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 5307	264	Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Design & Construction for Facility Emergency Power Improvements	Provide emergency power for fueling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	4	
Sacramento 5307	265	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 5307	309	Sacramento	SRTD	BMF2 Project Phase 1 - Civil and Building	(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 5307	308	Sacramento	SRTD	Automated Vehicle Location System for Buses & Digital Signs	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 5307	313	Sacramento	SRTD	Non-Revenue and Specialty Vehicles	Non-revenue vehicles are critical need. Alternative fuel would provide significant environmental benefit	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	7	
Sacramento 5307	351	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.

Economic Stimulus Draft Tier Two Transit Projects

Fund Category	No.	County	Lead Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Cost	MTIP Prog Amt	Original Project Funding Request	Difference between Orig. and Revised Funding Request	Agency Rank	SACOG Comments
Sacramento 5307	273	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		\$5,500,000	\$3,300,000	\$2,200,000	1	Project cost increased
Davis 5307	416	Yolo	Unitrans	Repl 8 CNG 40' Buses (15 @ \$504K each)	Replace 8 1995/96 Orion CNG buses with new 40' CNG buses	\$7,560,000	\$4,018,633	\$7,560,000	-\$3,541,367	1	
Sacramento 5307	424 (b)	Yolo	YCTD	Maintenance/Operations Facility Improvements	Enclose bus washer, steamer, water recovery areas	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0	2	Quid Pro Quo (PTMISEA)
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Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 25, 2009

Approve Programming Approach and Project List of Transit of Economic Recovery Act Funding (All Six SACOG counties)

Issue: Staff has worked with the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) to program the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds that will be available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The ARRA process has been coordinated with upcoming programming of State Proposition 1B Transit Bond Act funds. A final project list and set of Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments needs to be approved to make the funds available.

Recommendation: None. This is for information only. The Transportation Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Discussion: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has been approved by Congress and signed by the President. The ARRA makes approximately \$37.8 million of ARRA funds available through three formula funding programs. There are a number of transit programming activities that are proceeding on schedule and with an accelerated schedule to integrate with the fast-paced activities related to the ARRA package. Staff has worked with the TCC to integrate the funding and project identification for the three FTA formula-based programs. These programs include the normal annual programming of FTA funds, 5307, 5311, 5309, 5316, and 5317, and the programming of State of California Proposition 1B Transit Bond Act funds. Staff is trying to coordinate and integrate these normal annual processes with the new recovery/stimulus process.

TCC had developed a project list for approximately \$49.4 million in its last programming cycle. With the final numbers now known, the TCC had its final programming meeting on Thursday February 26, 2009 and has developed a recommend project list and strategy for allocating currently un-programmed transit Bond Act funds to backfill projects that could not be funded within the final apportionment of ARRA funding.

Attached to this staff report is a draft copy of the project list approved by the TCC at their meeting. We will be circulating this list to TCC to confirm the projects, funding allocations and future funding commitments of Bond Act funds.

Staff will provide the committee an updated and final list that incorporates any changes received from the transit operators at the March 5, 2009, Transportation Committee meeting.

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Sacramento 5307	38	El Dorado	El Dorado Transit	Universal Fare Card (El Dorado Transit Share)	Universal Fare Card (El Dorado Transit Share)		\$300,000		\$300,000		Added to VAR56028
Sacramento 5307	103	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	
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Galt 5307	New	Sacramento	City of Galt	Bus Shelters	Install 3 new bus shelters	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	-\$50,000	1	
Sacramento 5307	263	Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Demand Response Minivan Acquisition	Purchase 8 demand response minivans for replacement and 5 for expansion.	\$970,000	\$401,824	\$970,000	-\$568,176	1	
Sacramento 5307	267	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 5307	264	Sacramento	Paratransit, Inc	Design & Construction for Facility Emergency Power Improvements	Provide emergency power for fueling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	4	
Sacramento 5307	265	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 5307	309	Sacramento	SRTD	BMF2 Project Phase 1 - Civil and Building	(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	
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Sacramento 5307	351	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.

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Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 26, 2009

Possible Legislative Proposal Related To the Transportation Development Act Farebox Recovery Requirements

Issue: The farebox recovery requirements of the Transportation Development Act are projected to have an adverse effect on the ability of some transit operators in providing service and fully utilizing funding for transit.

Recommendation: None; this will be an informational report and discussion.

Discussion: The California Transportation Development Act (TDA) provides a substantial amount of funding for support of transit programs and in some areas local streets, roads and bikeways (more than \$60 million in the four county SACOG RTPA area). In order to be eligible to receive funding, transit operators must meet a number of requirements contained in the TDA. One of these requirements is that transit operators must meet specified farebox recovery requirements. In an urbanized area that is contained within Sacramento County, a transit operator must meet a 20% farebox recovery ratio or the farebox recovery ratio that was in effect in FY 1978/79 (for the Sacramento Regional Transit District, this is 25.5%). The farebox recovery ratio is the amount of the operating cost that is provided by fare revenue.

At least three transit operators in the region, specifically within Sacramento County, are unable to meet the mandated 20% farebox recovery ratio: the City of Galt as part of the South County Transit Link, the City of Folsom, and the City of Elk Grove. SACOG staff has worked with these operators within the limits of the statutes and regulations to fully use exemptions and waivers to address the lower than required fare recovery ratios. Two of the operators have used general fund revenue to support the system and to resolve the fare recovery requirements; the third is approaching the end of allowable exemptions. The City of Elk Grove recently increased its fares, at least in part to address the need for additional fare revenue to meet the TDA mandates.

There are exemptions and alternatives in the TDA to the fare recovery ratio requirements. Two of these exemptions allow the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area and the San Diego Metropolitan Transportation Development Board an exemption that allows the RTPA to approve an alternate farebox recovery ratio for the operators in their region. One possible solution to the problems being experienced by the region's operators is to pursue a legislative change that would expand the authority granted in the Bay Area and San Diego to include SACOG.

Staff has been working with the jurisdictions and SACOG's state advocate to pursue a solution to this issue. We will provide the Committee with any new information at your March 9, 2009 meeting.

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Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 26, 2009

2010 Census Update

Issue: Census 2010 is forthcoming and regional communication is needed to promote Census participation.

Recommendation: None, this item is for information only.

Discussion: The Census is a count of every person living in the United States conducted every 10 years. The Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and participation is required by law. The next Census will be conducted in 2010. The Census affects political representation and directs the allocation of more than \$300 billion in government funding every year. This averages out to nearly \$982 per person nationwide in annual federal funding. Strong public participation in the 2010 Census can improve overall resources to local governments. Local government jurisdictions receive distributions of resources and allocations of housing and other public infrastructure based on population counts generated from the U.S. Census.

Census geographies and data are used by multiple parties from government entities to non-profit, education, and private sectors. Local data uses include determining areas of low-moderate income for housing and infrastructure projects, identifying high concentration of elderly populations to provide facilities and services, determining the need for new schools, and identifying demographic characteristics to provide emergency services and other disaster relief. Other uses include identifying environmental justice communities in the region (understanding the needs of these unique communities require that we accurately represent them in critical data associated with programming, planning and projections), directing representative public engagement, and supporting regional planning efforts. Additionally, many grant funding opportunities call for data only available from the Census.

SACOG's role is to act as intermediary between the U.S. Census Bureau and local jurisdictions to facilitate these programs and activities and encourage Census participation. (See Attachment A for Census Jobs & Programs.) SACOG staff will bring Census updates to the Board and policy committees to highlight critical dates in the Census process and enable local governments to raise awareness and encourage full participation. (See Attachment B for critical dates.)

Most immediately, SACOG staff would like to encourage member jurisdictions to promote employment opportunities to increase the possibility for Census workers to be drawn from a broad pool of qualified, local applicants. Staff would further encourage the Board to send a letter to the Western States headquarters office in Seattle promoting criteria to be considered in their selection of a lead person to direct U.S. Census efforts in the SACOG region. It is anticipated that a regional Census staff lead person would be in place for the SACOG region in the fall of this year.

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CENSUS JOBS & PROGRAMS

Census Jobs

There are currently three Local Census Offices planned for the SACOG region projected to open around July 2009. These offices will be located in Sacramento, Placerville and Elk Grove. The Census Bureau is currently hiring for 2010 Census takers and other regional positions in a variety of regional census offices throughout Northern California (Santa Rosa, Stockton, San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose local offices are currently open). For persons interested in applying for local employment, they may call a toll-free number: 1-866-861-2010. Callers will need to enter their ZIP Code and will then be connected to the Stockton office to begin the screening process.

The main US Census jobs webpage is located at:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>

Minimum qualifications are listed for positions online and employment opportunities are available for Spanish speakers with limited English proficiency.

2010 Census Geography Programs

2010 Redistricting – includes The Block Boundary Suggestion Program (BBSP)

The BBSP portion of the Redistricting program was only eligible to participating city and county jurisdictions. This program has been completed for the six-county SACOG Region. This program enabled participants to suggest changes to block boundaries. Blocks are the smallest census geography and as such are literally the building ‘blocks’ for all other census tabulations. The Redistricting portion or Voter Tabulation District (VTD) was conducted by the University of California Berkeley Statewide Database Institute of Governmental Studies for the entire State of California. This was the only program that allows for suggesting changes to the lines that are used to create blocks. The results of 2010 BBSP/VTDs will be sent back by the Census Bureau next December/ January. This will be our first opportunity to see the planned 2010 tabulation blocks and the VTD boundaries that were done by the state. This will also be your last opportunity to get the Census Bureau to correct mislabeled or mis-located features and/or to delete features that no longer exist. For more information contact Tina Glover, Associate Research Analyst, tglover@sacog.org or (916) 340-6207.

Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)

The PSAP program is eligible to all interested parties. Jurisdictional participants have been identified and work will proceed throughout the month of March 2009. Its primary goal is to review and suggest modifications to the boundaries for block groups, census tracts, census county divisions (CCD) and census designated places (CDP) for purposes of reporting 2010 Census Data. The American Community Survey (ACS) and other Census Bureau programs may also report data for these statistical areas following the 2010 Census. Final suggestions must be submitted to the Census Bureau by the end of March 2009. For more information contact Tina Glover, Associate Research Analyst tglover@sacog.org or (916) 340-6207.

Complete Count Committees

SACOG's role is to encourage the formation of Complete Count Committees (CCC), volunteer committees established by tribal, state and local governments to increase awareness about the census and to motivate residents in the community to respond to Census requests. Local CCC's are generally formed by the highest elected official in that jurisdiction, such as a mayor or county commissioner, but can be formed by others. More information can be found at: http://www.census.gov/2010census/pdf/2010_CCC_Guide_Final.pdf

In order to focus more attention on communities that are historically low participating, the "Census 2000 Planning Database" evaluates each individual year 2000 Census Tract throughout the country by compiling a "hard to count" score comprised mostly of demographic information such as percentage minority, percentage living below poverty, percentage living group quarters, and percentage of people under 18 and 65 and older. SACOG will compile these data for member jurisdictions. The raw data as well as a guide to inform this dataset are available at: http://www.census.gov/2010census/more_information/007657.html intro(pdf) and database of CT level (xls.)

Census 2010 Timeline
Census Key Dates*

Late 2008	Limited number of Local Census Offices Open (in Northern California these are located in Stockton, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose)
Winter 2008 – Ongoing	Recruiting for Census field staff in select locations
Winter – Spring 2009	Local Complete Count Committees Formed
March 29, 2009	Final day for SACOG to submit PSAP suggestions
April 2009	Address Canvassing Begins
Spring –Summer 2009	Begin recruiting for remaining Local Census Office Management Staff (including Sacramento area)
Late 2009	Remaining Local Census Offices open
Winter 2009-2010	Begin recruiting for Census Enumerators
Mid March 2010	Questionnaires mailed to households
April 1, 2010	Census Day
Late April 2010	Non-response follow-up begins
December 31, 2010	Delivery of Population counts to the President for reapportionment

Key Changes to the 2010 Census

Short Form Only	Long form data is now collected through the American Community Survey (ACS)
Handheld Computers	Will be used for address listing only, non-response follow-up will be a paper process

*** Scope of all activities and timing may change based on Congressional funding.**



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

February 25, 2009

Electronic Agenda Packet Discussion

Issue: Whether or not to continue providing full packets, partial packets with cds or only cds for our agenda packets.

Recommendation: This is for discussion only. Staff requests input from committee members on how the current process is working and whether or not it should be amended.

Discussion: In May, 2008, as part of the desire to reduce SACOG's carbon footprint and a request from a SACOG board member for the agenda packet on cd only, staff presented a workshop at the Board meeting to discuss the options of moving to an electronic agenda packet thereby reducing the amount of paper used to prepare both committee and board agenda packets. After discussion with the Board, it was agreed that as an experiment, staff would give the board members three options:

- 1) Receive a complete hard-copy agenda packet as was currently in place;
- 2) Receive only the agenda item as hard copy with attachments available on cd;
- 3) Receive only a cd containing the entire agenda packet.

It has been nine months since we began this experiment and staff would like input from board members on how well they are able to utilize the electronic Board packets or if we should revert back to hard-copy agenda packets for most members and cds only to those who request them. Our goal is to ensure that our board members are getting the information that they need in order to make well informed decisions at the Board level.

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