

Attachment A: SACOG Nominations

**Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
Federal Surface Transportation Legislation
Proposal for Project Submissions**

Requested Action:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) staff recommends Board support for requesting \$34 million in bus investments, \$25 million for Complete Streets (program and infrastructure), and \$6.5 million to further Blueprint Implementation in the 2009 Federal Surface Transportation Legislation for consideration by members of Congress representing the six-county Sacramento region. These requests are for an anticipated six year period.

Program	Funds Requested
Bus Vehicles & Facilities	\$34,000,000
An estimated 113 Bus vehicles & 3 facility improvements to support high-quality transit service across the Sacramento Region	
Complete Streets Technical Assistance & Funding Program	\$25,000,000
Technical support for mapping and analysis services; customized form-based design manual for urban, suburban and small town roads in 6-county region; grant support; and education and training for local governments; capital grants. Note: an estimated 90% of the requested funding would be for capital investments identified through a competitive Complete Streets grant program.	
Blueprint Implementation	\$6,500,000
Data and technical tools related to travel and fiscal impacts to local governments; support for improving economic conditions associated with housing, employment, health and other services. Develop rural land use scenarios that inform planning decisions affecting rural resources and economies; public education and outreach; implementation of Rural-Urban Connections Strategies (RUCS).	
Total Cost (over six years of federal legislation authorization)	\$65,500,000

Background:

The Sacramento Blueprint is an unprecedented effort providing an in-depth analysis of the region's land use and transportation development patterns to address vehicle miles traveled, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions in the six-county region. In 2005, the SACOG Board, representing 28 local governments, unanimously approved the Blueprint preferred growth scenario for the region. In March 2008, the SACOG Board adopted a \$42 billion MTP2035 reflecting the Blueprint preferred growth scenario and principles. The MTP2035 represents investments in a transportation system that leads to reductions in the growth increment for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per household by bringing jobs and housing closer together in a more compact land use pattern, with transportation mode-balanced investments to improve efficiency in our existing transportation system. SACOG has used these past congressional awards of \$1,650,000 to provide direct grants and regional services through its Civic Engagement

Program to cities and counties, to develop educational videos, educational PowerPoint presentations, photo-simulations, and a 1,500-image database of smart-growth examples available through the SACOG website in addition to support for upgrading modeling methods, PLACE³S public domain software and community outreach. The transportation investments in the MTP2035, combined with Blueprint land uses, result in greenhouse gas emissions reductions, lowering CO₂ by 1 million metric tons annually by 2020.

Regional Bus Vehicles & Facilities

The Sacramento region is requesting funding assistance for three bus maintenance facilities and approximately 113 full-sized bus or smaller paratransit vehicles. These buses would serve an estimated ten transit operators across the six-county region who are planning ahead to accommodate the significant increase in transit demand projected in the MTP2035. The bus replacements and facilities request will allow the Region's transit operators to continue providing high-quality transit services with improved facilities to meet the growing demand.

Complete Streets Technical Assistance and Funding Program

The SACOG region seeks \$25 million for technical assistance and local government infrastructure investments to support communities in the region in building complete streets that are accessible and convenient for all modes of transportation and inclusive of coordinated infrastructure investments. The Technical Assistance Program will allow SACOG to partner with advocacy groups, community stakeholders, and member agencies to develop and provide mapping and analysis services, grant support, focused seminars or workshops, and educational/outreach materials to local agency staff throughout the region. The Complete Streets Funding Program will be dedicated to the implementation of complete streets projects.—Urban, suburban, small community, and rural corridors would be eligible for funding. Opportunities include the implementation of complete streets projects in developed areas and creating a rural model of complete streets for farm to market roads. An estimated 90% of the funding for the program will provide grants to local government agencies and their partners to ultimately promote the physical development of complete streets and the transformation of transportation corridors for infrastructure system retrofits and street improvements to support all modes of travel. The overall purpose of the funding program is to provide financial support for federal aid eligible capital development and planning projects to create a transportation system that caters to the diverse needs of all users of public rights-of-way.

Blueprint Implementation

The SACOG region seeks a \$6,500,000 appropriation over the six years of the federal authorization in fiscal support for: I-PLACE³S programming to integrate SACOG's activity-based travel model outputs with I-PLACE³S public domain software, to measure infrastructure and fiscal impacts costs to local governments, and to measure public health and air emissions impacts of urban form (technical tools and services); a Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (education and outreach, technical tool, visioning project, implementation of strategies); SACOG will continue to award grants to jurisdictions that need enhanced public involvement assistance for Blueprint-supportive projects. In addition, SACOG will continue upgrading computer simulation capacity of the region and make the applications available for all local governments to use for educational and planning purposes. The authorization request includes projects that are also greenhouse gas mitigation measures in the MTP2035 Environmental Impact Report and potential Transportation Control Measures for the State Implementation Plan. The request also supports work building a body of information and data with which SACOG intends to build modeling capacity for rural areas in I-PLACE³S. The data and modeling will help elected officials and others better understand how planning decisions affect rural resources and rural economies. In addition, SACOG will continue upgrading computer simulation capacity of the region and make the applications available for all local governments to use for educational and planning purposes.