



Item #6

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Information

April 22, 2009

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update

Issue: SACOG has now fully programmed all of the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) “road” and transit funds for our region.

Recommendation: None; this item is for information only.

Discussion: Staff has worked with local agency partners between January and March 2009 to program all of the FHWA and FTA administered ARRA funds coming to our region. Round 1 consisted of \$32 million for road rehabilitation projects throughout the region, and was approved by the SACOG Board on February 19. Round 2 consisted primarily of \$40 million of other capital projects (road, bike/ped, enhancements, etc.) with some road rehabilitation projects, and was approved by the SACOG Board on March 19. The list of \$37 million in transit projects was also approved by the Board on March 19.

Both the “road” and transit projects include a list of backup (Tier 2) projects that can advance in the event that any of the Tier 1 projects fail to move forward. Project sponsors have until May 29th to submit their project paperwork to Caltrans (for road projects) or to FTA (for transit projects). After May 29th, Tier 2 projects will be allowed to compete for any remaining funds.

The Round 2 “road” list includes the City of Sacramento’s Intermodal Rail Relocation project, which –because of extenuating circumstances related to the overall funding package- has been given special consideration and has until December 1 to submit its paperwork to Caltrans. In the event the funds for the project are not obligated by December 1, the \$20 million programmed for the project will become available to any remaining Tier 2 projects that have been submitted.

Staff will continue to work closely with the local agencies, Caltrans, FTA and FHWA to ensure that all of the region’s ARRA funds are obligated within the required timeframes of the act (by March 2010).

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