



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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SB 406

Issue: SB 406 (DeSaulnier) would encourage regional blueprint planning by a) providing a new local funding source for Blueprint planning and implementation and b) charge an interagency council with coordination and reporting responsibilities.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend to the Board a position of support for SB 406 as it would provide additional resources for regional blueprint planning and implementation consistent with our 2009 state advocacy principles.

Discussion: Senate Bill 406 (DeSaulnier) would make two significant changes to state law in support of regional blueprint planning and the implementation of SB 375. The bill would allow regions to establish a surcharge fee of up to \$2 on vehicles registered in the region to support regional blueprint planning and implementation. If SACOG adopted this surcharge and it was \$1 or less, the funds would be designated to SACOG for blueprint planning support. If the fee was more than \$1, the amount over \$1 would be designated for grants to cities and counties for planning and for projects related to regional blueprint plan implementation. This grant fund would be similar to SACOG's Community Development grant program. In 2007 the six-county region had about 2.1 million vehicles registered. If the full \$2 fee were established, the region would realize about \$2.4 million per year.

The other major component of the bill relates to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). OPR currently has a Planning and Advisory and Assistance Council (PAAC), which assists OPR in land use planning activities. SB 406 would reconstitute the PAAC as a 19 member Council. Membership is designated to a number of state, regional and local agencies, including SACOG. New duties are assigned to PAAC to coordinate regional plans and state infrastructure funding plans, report to the Legislature on the implementation of state planning priorities and performance measures on a range of regional improvement plans, and coordinate with the Strategic Growth Council's funding of blueprint projects.

As of April 22, supporters include CalCOG and ABAG. One MPO, SANDAG, has an oppose position because it would prefer a statewide uniform fee rather than each region having discretion on the amount of the fee.

The bill is attached for your review.

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Attachment

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