



Transportation Committee

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Sacramento Regional Transit District South Line Phase II Light Rail Extension Project and Fall Programming

Issue: The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) staff has requested that SACOG provide documentation confirming that approximately \$16.5 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be available to support the operation of the South Line Phase II Light Rail Extension Project and other light rail projects starting in FY 2011 and extending through FY 2016.

Recommendation: Staff is in coordination with RT to confirm the documentation required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding SACOG funding support. Staff will seek committee review of the appropriate communication at the June meeting.

Discussion: As discussed at the April committee meeting, RT continues to move toward the implementation of the South Line Phase II light rail extension to Cosumnes River College. In early May, \$40 million in additional capital funding was announced in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010. The additional capital funding will augment other revenues being documented as part of the effort to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) "new starts" process.

Part of the "new starts" process requires that FTA prepare a financial capacity analysis of the RT. The comprehensive analysis, described at the April meeting, includes a review of anticipated operating funds. Staff previously confirmed that the first three-year period of a new rail service is an eligible CMAQ expense with precedent in the SACOG region. In addition to supporting South Line Phase II project, the \$16.5 million in future CMAQ funding would go towards funding the first three years of service for three other light rail projects. The amounts of funding and years of service are described in the attachment.

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Project	Funding Requirements	Years
South Line Phase II, Meadowview to Cosumnes River College	\$10,489,000	FY 2013—FY 2016
Gold Line, Sunrise Station to St. Rose of Lima Peak Hour Service	\$960,000	FY 2011—FY 2013
Downtown-Natomas-Airport Richards Boulevard to 13 th Street, Minimum Operating Segment 1	\$4,303,000	FY 2011—FY 2014
Blue Line, Northeast Segment, Watt/I-80 to 13 th Street Peak Hour Service	\$788,000	FY 2013—FY 2016