



## Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

May 27, 2009  
Action Summary Minutes

### Attendance

Adam Baughman, El Dorado DOT  
Anne Novotny, El Dorado DOT  
Chris Dougherty, City of Sacramento  
Christine Scherman, SACOG  
Clint Holtzen, SACOG  
David Melko, PCTPA  
Jason Crow, SACOG  
Jim Brown, SACOG  
John Deeter, ECOS  
José Luis Caceres, SACOG  
Kathleen Jacobson, SACTO  
Kathy Kerdu, City of Loomis  
Lacey Symons, SACOG

Larry Robinson, SMAQMD  
Laura Lawrence, ARB  
Mark Rackoran, City of Folsom  
Mary Poole, City of Citrus Heights  
Nick Lagura, City of Citrus Heights  
Olin Woods, SACOG  
Raymond Santiago, City of West Sacramento  
Robert McCrary, SACOG  
Rosa Park, City of Elk Grove  
Stew Sonnenberg, FHWA  
Susan Wilson, Caltrans District 3  
Will Schilling, Caltrans District 3  
Woodrow Deloria, EDCTC

1. **Introductions and Information Sharing.** None
2. **Action Summary of the March 25, 2009 Meeting.** The summary was approved by consensus.
3. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 (MTP2035) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Assumptions for Air Quality Conformity Determinations Based on New 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan.** Mr. Crow spoke about new air quality assumptions. SACOG is proposing to use a new set of assumptions for air quality conformity determinations associated with future amendments to the MTP 2035 and the 2009/12 MTIP. Major changes in the assumptions include using the new motor vehicle emission budgets recently adopted by CARB as part of the new 8-hour ozone SIP and using CARB's latest emissions model, EMFAC 2007. The recommendation that the RPP approve the new list of assumptions for use in the air quality conformity determinations associated with upcoming amendments to the MTP 2035 and the 2009/12 MTIP was approved by consensus.
4. **Amendment #10 to the 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination.** Mr. Caceres gave an update on Amendment #10. On May 21, 2009 the SACOG board approved \$11 million of earmarks to be programmed for four SACOG-region projects. Amendment #10 programs funds for those four projects and makes miscellaneous revisions to the MTIP. Amendment #10 includes projects that only require changes in programming (i.e. no scope changes) in order to receive funding; thus, there is no impact to air quality. \$3.5 million of CMAQ funds have been obligated for construction of the US 50 HOV Lane Project (HOV lane from Watt Ave to Sunrise Blvd) and will be approved by the feds soon.
5. **Fall Programming Activities.** Mr. Woods spoke about upcoming programming activities. SACOG staff are currently involved in a programming equity and transparency study. Staff have met with and will continue to meet with other MPOs in the state to gather insights about how to ensure that the programming process is as equitable and transparent as possible. Programming staff are waiting for federal funding estimates, but because of the new transportation bill that will replace SAFETEA-LU, it is hard to predict how funding levels might change for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 years. State funds are even more unpredictable, and it is thought that estimates will not be available until September, which will create a very tight timeline for the fall programming

round. Stimulus funds for Tier 1 road projects must be obligated by May 29. The deadline for Tier 1 transit projects was May 15, and the SACOG team is preparing Tier 2 projects for leftover funding. There is still a \$1.5 billion discretionary stimulus funding program, but USDOT will most likely direct these funds to projects of statewide importance (i.e. port projects, major facilities).

6. **Update on Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) Phase II Light Rail Extension.** Rep. Doris Matsui announced that \$40 million has been included in the president's FY2010 budget, bringing total federal funding for this project to \$51 million (total project cost defined in MTIP=\$232 million). The project is ready to go to final design, pending FTA approval. As part of the federal funding approval process, FTA and its consultant are completing a financial capacity analysis for the project. **Q:** When will construction start? RT intends to complete a full funding grant agreement (which includes schedule and funding commitments) as soon after final design as possible, with full operation anticipated by December 2012.
7. **RUCS Update on Road Safety Summaries.** Mr. McCrary gave an update on the RUCS transportation efforts. Staff have been looking into rural road safety because of the disproportionately high fatality rate found in rural areas. SACOG has collected 10 years of safety data and prepared a "County Safety Summary" for each county in the SACOG region. These summaries utilize data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS). SWITRS data for the region have also been geocoded into a GIS. SACOG hopes that the safety summaries and spatial analysis can inform public policy and make our region more competitive for safety grants. SACOG will continue to geocode SWITRS data and will provide technical assistance to member agencies that would like to take advantage of these data.
8. **Complete Streets: The Road to Safer, Healthier, Livable Communities.** The Local Government Commission is presenting a workshop entitled "Complete Streets: The Road to Safer, Healthier, Livable Communities" in Sacramento on July 10, 2009. The one-day workshop will focus on policies, laws, measures, and financing mechanisms available to implement complete streets. Online registration is available at <http://www.lgc.org/events/completestreets09.html> until July 3. The registration fee is \$49. The event is sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.
9. **Other Matters.** Lacey Symons spoke about the update to SACOG's Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan. A call for projects will be sent out June 1, 2009 for new projects and amendments to projects in the current master plan. The Master Plan covers all 6 counties in the region, but only Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, and Sutter counties are eligible for SACOG's funding program. Projects must be in the Master Plan to be eligible for funding. The Master Plan update will be completed by August to coincide with the fall funding cycle.
10. **Adjournment.** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.