



Regional Planning Partnership

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RUCS Update on Rural Transportation Funding Guide

Issue: As part of its Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) planning effort, SACOG staff has prepared a Rural Transportation Funding Guide for the region.

Recommendation: None; this item is for information only.

Discussion: Over the past ten months, SACOG has been studying rural transportation challenges and opportunities in the six-county region as part of the RUCS project. Staff work and input received through interviews and advisory committee workshops has led to the development of a RUCS Transportation Briefing Book.

The Briefing Book covers a wide range of rural transportation planning discussions, but one recurring theme was lack of proper funding. The need for new and rehabilitated infrastructure continues to outstrip funding availability. Nowhere are these needs more acute than in the rural areas of the SACOG region. One objective of RUCS is to identify available funding sources, match needs with program criteria, and provide technical assistance for grant and other funding applications.

The Rural Transportation Funding Guide is designed as a quick reference of funding opportunities for local staff. SACOG staff has compiled descriptions, funding eligibility, selection criteria, contact information, and other useful facts for known public transportation funding programs. Staff attempted to present the information in a simple and accessible manner with the hope that local jurisdictions and their staffs will find this funding guide to be a useful and valuable resource.

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