



**Item #09-8-2  
Action**

**Land Use & Housing Committee**

July 30, 2009

**Rural-Urban Connections Strategy: Infrastructure Costs and Fiscal Analysis Contract**

**Issue:** SACOG is expanding its infrastructure cost and fiscal analysis modeling capacity as part of the small communities topic for the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) project.

**Recommendation:** That the Land Use & Housing Committee recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a contract with AECOM to update and integrate the infrastructure costs and fiscal analysis models.

**Discussion:** An important challenge identified in the RUCS project is the gap between the cost of infrastructure and services and the revenue generated in small rural communities. To address this challenge, SACOG is updating and integrating models that forecasts infrastructure needs and cost and estimate municipal revenue. This tool will provide analysis capacity that helps staff and regional stakeholders understand how various land use patterns may “perform” in terms of infrastructure and service needs and what municipal tax and other revenue may be expected to cover the cost of those obligations. The model can also be used to analyze urban growth plans, as well.

A request for proposals was issued on June 18 and four proposals were received. AECOM was selected after a review and interview process by a four-member panel. The scope of work for this project includes updating infrastructure cost data and the creation of a new operations and maintenance costs module for the infrastructure model. This model will be integrated with an update of a fiscal analysis model which includes public service costs and public revenue sources. Model specifications and procedures will be documented for future year updates and ease of use by regional stakeholders.

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