



## Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

### Action Summary Notes July 22, 2009

*Attendees:*

Chas Anderson, SMAQMD  
Rick Bettis, Breathe California  
Matt Carpenter, SACOG  
Greg Chew, SACOG  
Jason Crow, SACOG  
Rosa de Leon Park, City of Elk Grove  
Myriam Frausto, Sacramento County DOT  
Troy Holt, City of Rancho Cordova  
Jon J. Johnson, City of Galt  
John Kelly, EPA  
Nick Lagure, City of Citrus Heights  
Charles Mason, Ubuntu Green

David Melko, PCTPA  
Anne Novotony, EDCTC  
Mary Poole, City of Citrus Heights  
Mark Rackovan, City of Folsom  
Refugio Razo, Sacramento County DOT  
Larry Robinson, SMAQMD  
Brenda Schimpf, SACOG  
Stew Sonnenberg, FHWA  
Lacey Symons, SACOG  
Gary Taylor, SACOG  
AJ Tendick, SACOG  
Olin Woods, SACOG

#### 1. **Introductions and Information Sharing**

Mr. Tendick would like one RPP member to be a part of the working group for the TDM Funding Program.

#### 2. **Action Summary of May 27, 2009, meeting** was approved by consensus.

#### 3. **PM2.5 and PM10 Qualitative Analysis**

Mr. Razo and Ms. Frausto discussed and answered questions about the Arden Way Improvement Project in Sacramento. The improvement project proposes to improve access and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists with new bicycle lanes and new sidewalk construction; improve pedestrian access in the area with the installation of sidewalk ramps compliant with ADA requirements, audible traffic signals, and countdown pedestrian signal devices; improve streets with new lighting and drainage inlets installation along the project limits; improve pedestrian safety at the Arden Way at Mission Avenue intersection with the installation of a new signal; modify the signal at the Arden Way at Fair Oaks Boulevard intersection; and improve the pavement condition at this intersection. The recommendation that the RPP make the finding that the Arden Way Improvement Project is not a project of air quality concern was approved by consensus.

#### 4. **Draft Evaluation Criteria for SACOG's Regional and Local Project Funding Program**

Mr. Crow discussed the upcoming SACOG Regional Funding Program round. He said SACOG estimates receiving \$100-150 million in funding from CMAQ, RSTP, and STIP funds over the

next two years, to be split among the four regional funding programs (Air Quality, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Community Design, Regional and Local) commencing this fall. Mr. Crow asked the partnership for feedback and ideas on proposed guidelines for the Regional and Local Project Funding Program round. The partnership recommended considering project readiness, varying project sizes, consistency, complete streets, smart growth principles, and regional equity. A draft will be taken to the Transportation Committee in August. SACOG is planning to have a workshop to discuss planning criteria later, possibly in August.

**5. Amendment #2 to the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Amendment #16 to the 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and Associated Air Quality Conformity Determination.**

Mr. Crow announced that the MTP and MTIP Amendments are scheduled to go to the SACOG Board in September after the CTC releases the draft fund estimate for the 2010 STIP. SACOG will likely have to revise the MTIP revenue assumptions based on the fund estimate, which will not be available until after the state budget is passed.

**6. Round 4 of SACOG Community Design Funding Program**

Mr. Chew asked for up to four RPP members to serve on the Community Design Funding Program Project Selection committee. The SACOG Board has approved funding a minimum of \$12 million. The program funds federal aid to eligible projects that promote the Blueprint principles. The Selection Committee will meet up to four times in September to review applications. Please contact Greg Chew at [gchew@sacog.org](mailto:gchew@sacog.org) by August 6 if interested and available to serve on the committee.

**7. Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Program Working Group**

Ms. Symons also asked for four RPP members to serve on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Program project selection committee. The RPP representatives should include two planners/engineers, one community member, and one Air District member. The working group analyzes, evaluates, and ranks the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the program guidelines. SACOG staff then reviews the recommendations and makes a final recommendation to the SACOG Board. More information on application deadlines will be presented at a later meeting. SACOG anticipates the working group will meet for three days in a row, four hours each day. Working group members will also need to review and score the applications prior to the meeting. Please contact Lacey Symons at [lsymons@sacog.org](mailto:lsymons@sacog.org) if interested and available to serve on the committee.

**8. RUCS Update on Rural Transportation Funding Guide**

Ms. Symons and Matt Carpenter presented a draft transportation funding guide as part of the Rural Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) project. The guide is aimed at helping local agencies take advantage of the competitive funding programs that are available. The guide is not a comprehensive list of every funding program in existence. Instead, the guide specifically highlights programs that are targeted or available to rural agencies. The guide briefly describes each funding program, lists the types of projects eligible, and provides other relevant information. Through its technical assistance program, SACOG offers application and data analysis support to make agencies' applications to these programs more competitive. The Funding Guide has two parts: a matrix identifying different types of projects each source can fund and a table with detailed information about each fund source. Comments or suggestions are appreciated. The rural funding guide will be accessible via the RUCS website.

## 9. Stimulus Funds Delivery Status

Mr. Woods and Ms. Schimpf presented SACOG's recommendations for the TIGER Grant Funding Program. Mr. Woods said that it had not been an easy task to arrive at these recommendations, and SACOG staff very much appreciates the give and take that occurred as they went through the ranking process. The three recommended projects are:

1. City of Sacramento: Intermodal Transportation Facility (\$30M)
2. Port of West Sacramento: Northern California Marine Highway (\$9.4M)
3. County of Sacramento: U.S. 50 at Watt Ave. Interchange (\$35M)

In order to enhance the region's chances of success at the state and national levels, SACOG encourages letters in support of the recommended projects from all agencies which competed in the process. There were many excellent projects submitted that did not make the priority list for this particular, very targeted, competition. SACOG is committed to working with its members and partners to find funding for those projects from other sources in the future.

## 10. 2010 Project Delivery Plan

Mr. Woods updated the Partnership on the status of the 2010 Project Delivery Plan. Over the past six years, the Sacramento region has been among the top leaders in the state for authorizing apportionments and using Obligation Authority (OA). In order to keep performing at this high level, SACOG staff recommends making a call for projects and compiling an initial 2010 Delivery Plan in mid-October. The proposal establishes deadlines nearly identical to last year. SACOG asked the RPP for consideration and comments on the proposal.

## 11. Other Matters

- The Local Government Commission (LGC) hosted a webinar called *Complete Streets: The Road to Safer, Healthier, Livable Communities* on July 10, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. Over 200 people attended and numerous people watched the video stream.
- Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget Adequacy finding was signed July 16th. This is part of 8-hour ozone SIP that SACOG needs for conformity analysis.
- One person was interested in whether the bicycle and transit subsidy can be tracked.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.