



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

October 22, 2009

Public Participation Plan Annual Amendment and Public Comment

Issue: The Public Participation Plan is in process of amendment and staff would like to open public comment and schedule a public hearing.

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board authorize the release of the draft Public Participation Plan and open public comment to begin on December 1.

Discussion: The current Public Participation Plan (PPP) was amended in January 2009 and was adopted on July 17, 2007, for use with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035. Current federal transportation regulations require metropolitan planning organizations to adopt a plan to provide the public with opportunities to be involved in transportation planning processes. Additionally, the regulations require periodic review of the PPP. SACOG staff has elected to have annual review of the PPP.

The proposed amendment focuses on incorporating new requirements from Senate Bill 375 including public meetings and comment periods for the Sustainable Communities Strategy and/or Alternative Planning Strategy and guidelines for public information requests. Additional changes include reorganization and a table of contents for ease of use, in addition to new information on new media and outreach techniques being used by SACOG.

During the public comment period, staff will consult with a representative of FHWA and hold a PPP working meeting with members of the public, as well as with representatives from environmental justice communities and partner agencies.

Attached is the draft timeline and task list for the proposed 2010 amendment.

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Attachment

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PPP Timeline & Task List

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Task	Responsible Party	Status	Estimated Completion
November GRPA item	Hernández/Sloan	In progress	October 21
Incorporate SCS language and organizational amendments	Hernández	In progress	November 20
Public Notice for 45-day comment period and public hearing	Bradbury/Scheiter		November 23
Open public comment period	Hernández		December 1
Consult w/ FHWA	Hernández/Sloan		Week of Nov 30
Working group meeting	Hernández	After mtg. w/ Sonnenburg	December 7-18
Revisions edits from working group or public comment	Hernández/Sloan		December 18 – January 31
Public hearing, GRPA	Hernández/Sloan		January 11, 2010
Close public comment period	Hernández		January 15, 2010
Request recommendation of adoption from GRPA	Hernández/Sloan		February 8, 2010
Board action	Hernández/Sloan		February 18, 2010

Key Dates:

December 1: Open 45-day public comment period

January 11, 2010: Public hearing, GRPA

January 15: Close public comment

February 8: Committee action; request recommendation for adoption of PPP, GRPA

February 18: Board action