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PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is holding a public hearing on a draft Public Participation Plan, currently out for 45-day public review through July 1. The hearing will take place during SACOG's Board of Directors meeting Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at 1415 L Street, Suite 300 in Sacramento.

The Board is scheduled to consider and approve the Public Participation Plan at its July 19 meeting.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is required to meet new federal regulations for transportation planning. Updating the PPP is a requirement that must be met prior to adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 in order to comply with the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users).

SACOG is using the Federal Register Rules as a guide to develop the PPP from the agency's previously adopted Community Input Plan. SACOG convened a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to obtain feedback on the draft PPP from stakeholders and community based organizations outlined in the register rules. The activities include evaluation criteria and performance goals to make sure SACOG reaches out to the public in a variety of ways.

Input and comments received during the current public comment period and two TAC meetings in April will be considered for inclusion in the PPP. SACOG invites public review and comment. A copy of the PPP is available at www.sacog.org or by calling (916) 321-9000.

SACOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the greater Sacramento region responsible for coordinated transportation planning and project delivery for the six-county region. The SACOG Board of Directors includes elected officials from Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. For more information, please contact SACOG Communications Manager Rebecca Thornton Sloan at (916) 321-9000.

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