

SACOG AUTHORIZES \$76 MILLION IN ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS FOR TRANSIT, ROADS *Commuter buses, Railyards track relocation, street improvements among projects funded*

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SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors today authorized \$76 million for transportation projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. This is in addition to \$32 million authorized in February for road rehabilitation. The amounts are based on the region's estimate of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed by President Obama in February. The decision today includes some transit funding for Placer and El Dorado counties. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Planning Commission award road funds and a portion of transit funds for their counties.

"This funding will put people to work improving our roads, buses and light rail. SACOG and local government agencies are working cooperatively to ensure that economic stimulus funds are spent efficiently and appropriately. We greatly appreciate the work of Congress and our federal representatives to bring economic stimulus dollars and much-needed jobs to our region," said SACOG Board Chair and Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson.

SACOG has been working with Senators Boxer and Feinstein, and Congressmembers Herger, Lungren, Matsui, McClintock, Tauscher and Thompson to ensure that these funds come to the region. Several members offered their thoughts on the action:

"Today, SACOG took an important step to effectively utilize the needed funds from the recovery act. Providing funding for local transit and road projects will provide our economy with good jobs and vital infrastructure improvements. I have worked closely with SACOG to ensure that these funds are used swiftly and address our regions greatest infrastructure needs," stated Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

"Infrastructure funding needs to begin immediately if the Sacramento region is to realize economic recovery. Through the leadership of SACOG, our communities will begin to see much needed infrastructure improvements and job growth. SACOG is helping to move forward projects that I believe will contribute to the health of our regional economy," said Congressman Dan Lungren.

"It's great to see this recovery money being put into our community so quickly," said Congressman Mike Thompson. "This stimulus package was designed to put people to work rebuilding our country, and these projects will do exactly that. By making it safer and easier for people to get around, we're creating good jobs and making lasting improvements to our transportation networks."

Projects receiving funding range from trail track relocation at the downtown Sacramento Railyards; making

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local streets safe and accessible for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and transit; replacing and adding new buses, and maintaining existing buses and light rail. A full list of projects authorized today by the SACOG Board of Directors is attached.

SACOG anticipates at least \$120 million for the six-county region, but the total amount the region will receive for transportation from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act is not yet known. The state of California, through Caltrans, will control some of the funds. The U.S. Department of Transportation and Caltrans have not specified the exact amount that the region will receive, although based on past formulas, SACOG is anticipating a total of approximately \$72 million in road funds and \$37.8 million in transit funds.

Transportation projects must be ready to send out to bid (obligated) by May 29. Transit projects must be ready to send out to bid by August 29. For more information visit www.sacog.org/stimulus.

Projects Authorized for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds by SACOG Board

Lead Agency	Project Title	Authorized
City of Auburn	Replace two 25' buses	\$185,000
City of Citrus Heights	Greenback Lane pedestrian safety project	\$1,500,000
City of Davis	Second Street pedestrian/transit improvements	\$650,000
City of Davis	Bikeway rehabilitation	\$600,000
City of Elk Grove	I-5/Elk Grove Boulevard northbound on-ramp	\$200,000
City of Elk Grove	Intelligent Transportation System	\$1,000,000
City of Elk Grove	Replace eight CNG 40' buses	\$4,000,000
City of Folsom	East Bidwell bike/pedestrian overcrossing	\$850,000
City of Folsom	Replace seven demand-response vans	\$488,000
City of Galt	ADA sidewalk improvements	\$300,000
City of Galt	Install three new bus shelters	\$50,000
City of Galt	Operations/maintenance facility feasibility and design	\$50,000
City of Isleton	West End road rehabilitation	\$19,000
City of Live Oak	Apricot Street road rehabilitation	\$120,000
City of Marysville	Third Street pavement rehabilitation	\$1,159,000
City of Rancho Cordova	International Drive extension and Folsom South Canal Bridge	\$1,050,000
City of Roseville	Repower/rehabilitate buses	\$1,350,000
City of Sacramento	Downtown Railyards (Intermodal) track relocation	\$20,000,000
City of West Sacramento	Cemex rail access	\$600,000
City of Wheatland	Main Street road rehabilitation	\$450,000
City of Woodland	Main Street lighting project	\$300,000
City of Yuba City	Bridge Street revitalization and enhancements	\$1,900,000
El Dorado Transit	Replace one 45' commuter bus	\$519,000
El Dorado Transit	Preventative maintenance	\$200,000
Paratransit, Inc	Purchase 12 demand-response minivans for replacement	\$568,176
Paratransit, Inc	Replace facility telephone system	\$405,000
Placer County Transit	Replace two 57-seat commuter buses	\$1,100,000
Sacramento County	Replace two 30' commuter buses	\$228,007

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Sacramento County	ADA Transition Plan implementation	\$3,000,000
Sacramento County	Traffic signal system upgrade	\$3,150,000
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District	Bicycle parking (racks)	\$310,000
Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD)	Preventative maintenance	\$946,296
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SRTD	UTDC light rail train retrofits	\$8,240,000
SCT/Link	Replace two demand-response buses	\$131,467
SCT/Link	Preventative maintenance	\$200,000
Unitrans	Unitrans replacement buses	\$1,000,000
Unitrans	Replace seven 40' compressed natural gas buses	\$3,541,367
Yolo County	County Route 99, 29 and 99D bikeways	\$368,568
Yolo County Transportation District	Bus amenities	\$502,509
Yuba County	Willow Glen road rehabilitation	\$941,000
Yuba-Sutter Transit	3 commuter buses	\$291,804
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Yuba-Sutter Transit	Preventative maintenance	\$300,000
Total		\$76,022,364

SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. For funds distributed through Caltrans, Placer and El Dorado counties make their own funding decisions. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

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