

## **SECRETARY OF BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING SUNNE McPEAK AWARDS SACOG BLUEPRINT GRANT**

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**SACRAMENTO** – The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Sunne Wright McPeak awarded the Sacramento Area Council of Governments a \$420,000 grant from the Caltrans Regional Blueprint Planning Program for implementing its Blueprint Project. A second year of similar funding is possible for 2006-07, pending approval of the state budget.

Secretary McPeak commended SACOG's leadership in smart growth planning, "SACOG's help and guidance has been useful to the Governor's Cabinet on issues of land use, housing and resource protection in the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. The state is committed to working as your partner, but the solutions rest with you for implementation."

McPeak asked the SACOG Board to assemble a group of representatives from the Sacramento region to participate in workshops planned statewide, "You can help in teaching other regions how to do effective land-use planning with your lessons learned in linking transportation and land-use planning with resource protection."

SACOG will use the grant in five key areas: Public Involvement Initiative, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Streamlining Planning Inventory, Land Use Economic Database, and Freight and Goods Movement Study.

SACOG Board Chair and Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo expressed the Board's appreciation, "Secretary McPeak has been a great partner in bringing stakeholders to the table to ensure the state's policies from the regional perspective," said Fargo. "Thank you for looking out for our interests and joining in our vision."

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