

Sacramento Area Council of Governments



The Year in Review—ANNUAL REPORT  
2004



*Terracina Meadows in North Natomas. Courtesy: Sacramento Housing Redevelopment Agency.*

## J a n u a r y

Board appoints Christopher Cabaldon as Chair and Ted Gaines as Vice-Chair for 2004 and directs staff to work toward quantifiable production goals for affordable housing.



*Yolo County Blueprint Workshop.*

## F e b r u a r y

The last of 37 neighborhood and countywide workshops for Blueprint is held in Yuba County, in preparation for the 2004 Regional Forum in April. Board recognizes and commends 150 SACOG staff and Valley Vision recruitment team members for commitment and excellence in executing 37 neighborhood and county-wide workshops, and approves 2004 milestones for the Blueprint Project.

## M a r c h

SACOG contracts with Gonzalez Public Affairs and the Inter-Tribal Council of California to develop a Community Outreach Plan. The Blueprint Project is recognized for extraordinary public service by the American Institute of Architects California Council (AIACC) and receives a Presidential Citation.



*AIACC Presidential Citation.*

## A p r i l

2004 Regional Forum is held on April 30 and is sponsored by SACOG and Valley Vision. The Forum marks a milestone in the award-winning SACOG Blueprint Project, and engages the public in analyzing land use and transportation patterns and devising a Preferred Growth Scenario for the future. Blueprint Project Manager, Mike McKeever walks participants through four possible scenarios of growth through 2050. Author Malcolm Gladwell gives the keynote address, urging Regional Forum participants to use “social power,” based on personal relationships and trust to initiate positive change. Board approves the Sacramento Regional Compact for Production of Affordable Housing, a voluntary pilot program for jurisdictions in the SACOG region to meet a minimum production standard of affordable housing.



*Malcolm Gladwell.*

## M a y

SACOG honors Paratransit, Inc. on its 25th anniversary of providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities. Board adopts SACOG Community Input Plan.

Local government briefings are held to elicit input from elected officials for Blueprint land use scenarios.



*Christopher Cabaldon presents Susan Abrams and Bill Durant with an award for Paratransit.*

## J u n e

The SACOG Salutes! category for Elected Official is renamed as the “Bill Hughes Award,” in honor of the visionary leader. SACOG, Caltrans and local governments make aggressive move to ensure that local transportation projects receive funding, enabling 50 projects to move forward, taking advantage of an underused provision in state transportation policy.



*Caltrans begins construction on one of 50 local projects.*

## J u l y

Board votes to approve almost \$13 million to fund ten capital projects and five local projects under SACOG’s Community Design program to support transportation choices, compact development, mixed land uses, housing diversity and other smart growth principles. The Blueprint Project receives the Transportation Planning Excellence Award from the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations for its focus on engaging a wide range of stakeholders, offering the community a choice of scenarios, and integrating land use and transportation planning. Board adopts resolution accepting \$113,000 in funding for the Safe Routes to School Program for neighborhood planning in the Sacramento area. Final drafts of the 2005–07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) for the Sacramento and Yuba/Sutter ozone “non-attainment” areas adopted.



*Rancho Cordova City Center.  
Courtesy: Mogavero Notestine Associates.*

## S e p t e m b e r

SACOG unveils new “511” number and website for regional transportation information and service. The redesign of the main SACOG website is launched. SACOG holds unmet transit needs hearings.



*Caltrans employees install the 511 road signs.*



*First-ever Sacramento Region Elected Officials Summit.*

## O c t o b e r

The Elected Officials Summit is held on October 14 at the Sacramento Public Library with 80 local elected officials. Participants show support of Blueprint Principles and respond to a series of 24 questions, giving their opinions on the Discussion Draft Blueprint Scenario for 2050. Board votes unanimously to endorse Sacramento County Measure A and adopts Interim Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). SACOG receives the National Award for Outstanding Achievement in Metropolitan Transportation Planning from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). Blueprint is honored with an award from the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS).



*SACOG receives National Award for Smart Growth Achievement.*

## N o v e m b e r

Board adopts the Final Draft Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. SACOG and Blueprint are honored by awards from the American Leadership Forum—Sacramento Valley Chapter and the US Environmental Protection Agency for achievements in civic involvement and smart growth planning. Key leaders and outgoing board members, Sandy Hilliard, Paul McNamara, Roger Niello, and Gary Ulman are recognized for their commitment and contributions to SACOG.

## D e c e m b e r

Board unanimously adopts Blueprint map, growth principles and next steps. Board hires new Executive Director Mike McKeever, and bids farewell to outgoing Executive Director Martin Tuttle. The 2004 SACOG Salutes! Annual Regional Awards program is held on December 16 and honors the following people, organizations, projects and businesses with awards: Valley Vision—Organization of the Year, Regis Homes—Business of the Year, Interstate-80 Improvement Projects—Project of the Year, Jim Williams—Citizen of the Year, Steve Propst, Caltrans—Employee of the Year, Muriel Johnson—Elected Official of the Year, Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA)—Blueprint Excellence Award, Yuba Sutter Transit—Special Recognition, and Nader Kamal, P.E. & Dokken Engineering—Special Recognition.



*SACOG Salutes! Annual regional awards.*