



# Regional Report



## Air Quality Conformity Lapse Ends

A great thing happened. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments received a much-anticipated letter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approving SACOG's air quality conformity determination on the 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Bizarre is not too strong a word to use to describe the events that led to the region having a lapse in meeting provisions in the federal Clean Air Act starting October 4, 2004. For almost 18 months, most of the SACOG region (except for Yuba County and most of Sutter County) has only been able to proceed with "exempt" transportation projects such as bicycle and pedestrian projects that do not add to road or transit capacity.

Some of the projects for which federal decisions and funding were suspended during this 18-month lapse and that can now proceed include:

- Route 65 Lincoln Bypass
- Widening Route 99 (phases 1 and 4) and Route 70 in southern Sutter County
- South Line Phase 2 light rail extension to Cosumnes River College
- Interchange reconstruction at Highway 50 and Harbor Boulevard in West Sacramento

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## May is Bike Commute Month

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, young and old are being challenged to help ride one million miles in the Sacramento region. The challenge is intended to remind us how fun and easy a bike ride is and how many of us could use our bikes as an alternative to our cars.

The regional celebration of Bike Commute Month includes special events, team challenges, and the collective Million Mile May Challenge.

"The enthusiasm for cycling in the region is tremendous," said honorary co-chair and West Sacramento Councilmember Oscar Villegas. "People are pledging miles on the website to challenge themselves, co-workers and family members. This is a great way for people to learn the many benefits of cycling."



*2006 Co-Chairs Oscar Villegas, West Sacramento Councilmember and Ken Cooley, Rancho Cordova Councilmember*

The Bike Commute Month website, [www.bikecommutemonth.com](http://www.bikecommutemonth.com), has event information, cycling tips, and allows users to keep track of the miles they bike in May. Every mile counts, whether for commute, recreation or errands.

On Thursday, May 18 the Regional Bike Fest will be held on the west steps of the State Capitol. Join cycling enthusiasts for a drawing for three folding bicycles, live music and information on bicycling as part of national Bike-to-Work Day.

This year's celebration concludes with the Regional Wrap-up Rally at Nimbus Flat State Park on Lake Natoma. Join cyclists of all ages on Friday, June 9 for a ride to the event along the American River Parkway and enjoy a bike show, live music and food. The festivities run from 3 to 7 p.m.

Many local events are also planned. For information and to start logging your miles visit [www.bikecommutemonth.com](http://www.bikecommutemonth.com).

## Preparing for Flood Emergencies in the Sacramento Region

GRAPHIC IMAGES OF THE DESTRUCTION and slow and often disorganized response following Hurricane Katrina demonstrate the value and necessity of having good emergency response strategies in place.

At the March SACOG Board meeting, Dave Brent, floodplain manager from the city of Sacramento, presented a few examples of the city's evacuation plans, drawing from multiple flood scenarios based on topographic data and flood modeling tools that help the city determine direction, speed and depth of

water flow depending on where a levee break may occur.

Collaborating with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), the city has conducted 13 well-attended public meetings to inform as many of the estimated 450,000 people in the floodplain on how flood water will likely flow and how to prepare and evacuate.

Similar emergency preparations in Yuba County were presented to the SACOG Board at its April meeting. Pat Beecham, Emergency Services



Coordinator for Yuba County, described the county's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and highlighted aspects of the county's efforts to reduce flood

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MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

## SACOG Joins SAFCA in Flood Management Advocacy

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City of Yuba City



Heather Fargo

The strength of our success on Blueprint implementation is based firmly on our ability to understand both the unique and common needs and interests of local communities across our six-county Sacramento region.

On the heels of Katrina and a record rainfall season in the Sacramento Valley, we have found new common ground among our needs and interests. We have a

shared interest in the protection of our residents from flooding.

Working hand-in-hand with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and others responsible for flood protection in our region, the SACOG Board unanimously endorsed an amended version of SAFCA's "Legislative Framework for Flood Control and Flood Risk Management in Sacramento Valley" at its April 20 meeting. The Framework brings consensus on flood protection principles to the success SACOG is experiencing through regional collaboration.

Emergency preparedness involving all the public agencies and jurisdictions is a key component of our flood management system. After two decades of policy work on this issue, I'm pleased that our region is safer than it has ever been.

Three hundred million dollars have been invested in levee repairs, strengthening, raising, slurry walls and habitat restoration. Still, at least another \$2 billion is needed to provide for adequate flood protection in our region.

As one of my first acts as Chair of the SACOG Board of Directors, I developed an ad hoc Flood Management Committee to explore a regional approach to flood protection as it aligns with regional land-use planning for transportation and air quality. We had the perfect person to head up this effort right on the SACOG and SAFCA Boards, Sutter County Supervisor Dan Silva. As a third generation farmer whose family has survived three major floods in the past century, Silva brings a keen sense of both the scientific and human sides of this issue.

SACOG will work from the SAFCA Framework to develop a regional strategy with collaboration from all local jurisdictions in our area. SACOG in its partnership with SAFCA will explore the application of mapping and modeling technology on local flood evacuation strategies.

Flood management is not a new issue to our region, but with each heavy rain season the issue rises to the surface with new urgency. The Sacramento Valley is the primary source of water for California and supplies farms that feed California and the world.

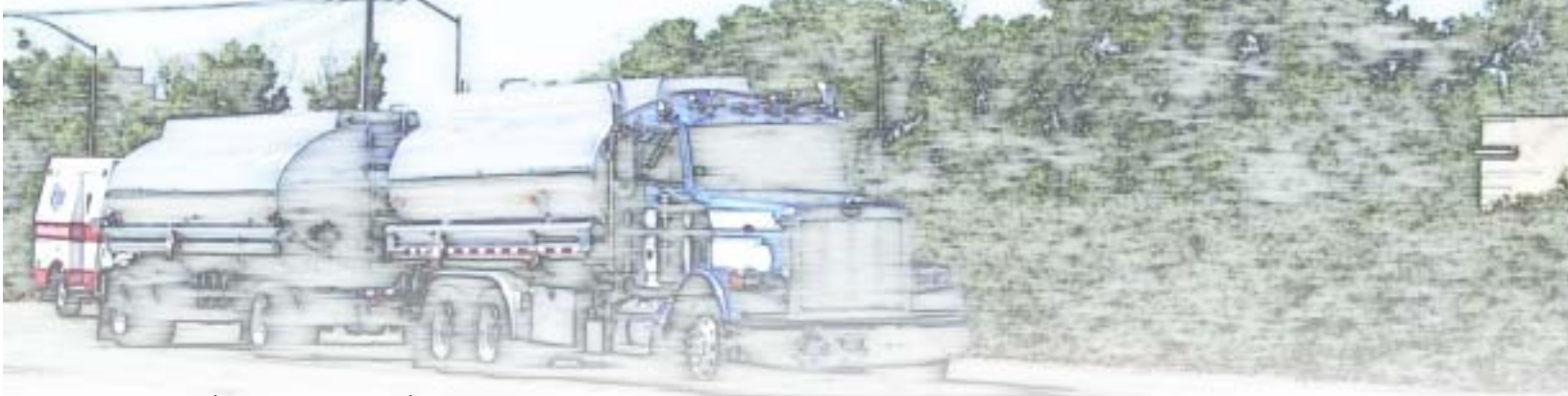
The city of Sacramento has reached 5,000 participants through 13 community workshops focusing on emergency preparedness, efforts to reduce flood risk, and the importance of flood insurance. Yuba County has developed a first-class evacuation strategy.

SACOG is working with all of its 28 members to develop a coordinated Intelligent Transportation System, STARNET, that will use electronic communications to coordinate and optimize emergency evacuation strategies regionally. The list of what we have done and are doing is long, but much more is needed.

We must send a message to Governor Schwarzenegger, President Bush, the State Legislature and the U.S. Congress that we are cohesively connected in seeking appropriate flood protection for our region.

Regional collaboration on flood management between SAFCA and SACOG will further our efforts to ensure flood protection continues to be a pressing issue long after the rain subsides and spring is in full bloom.

HEATHER FARGO



## Goods & Freight Movement

MULTIPLY 20 TONS BY THE TWO MILLION PEOPLE in our region and you get a rough idea of how much freight is being moved, by truck, train, ship and plane every year. If that seems like a lot, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics advises us that freight tonnage is expected to increase nearly 70 percent by 2020.

In response, Governor Schwarzenegger has initiated a Goods Movement Action Plan to help prepare for this future. Like the state, SACOG has also started several initiatives to ensure that our region can keep up with the growth in freight transportation.

The former Freight Advisory Council was reborn in January of this year as the Goods Movement Advisory Group (GMAG). This group consists of regional stakeholders and provides input on SACOG's goods movement activities, serving as a forum for regional goods movement issues.

The GMAG has hosted presentations on goods movement from the Sacramento

Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento County Airport System, the Port of Sacramento, the Port of Stockton, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Sierra Northern Railroad. Upcoming meetings will focus on trucking issues and other relevant topics.

In conjunction with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2030 (MTP2030), SACOG is undertaking its first-ever Regional Goods Movement Study to help ensure that goods will still be on the move throughout the region in the years ahead.

A consultant team headed by the Tioga Group and assisted by Meyer Mohaddes, Inc., Economic and Planning Systems, and local international trade

### Share of Trucks by Community

Community	County	Trucks Owned	Share	Cumulative Share
Sacramento	Sacramento	6,050	38%	38%
West Sacramento	Yolo	1,360	9%	47%
Woodland	Yolo	1,010	6%	54%
Yuba City	Sutter	911	6%	59%
Marysville	Yuba	466	3%	62%
Elk Grove	Sacramento	451	3%	65%
Rancho Cordova	Sacramento	377	2%	68%
North Highlands	Sacramento	345	2%	70%
Roseville	Placer	327	2%	72%
Folsom	Sacramento	327	2%	74%
Auburn	Placer	307	2%	76%
Rocklin	Placer	298	2%	78%
Galt	Sacramento	296	2%	80%
All Others		3,205	20%	100%
SACOG Total		15,730	100%	100%

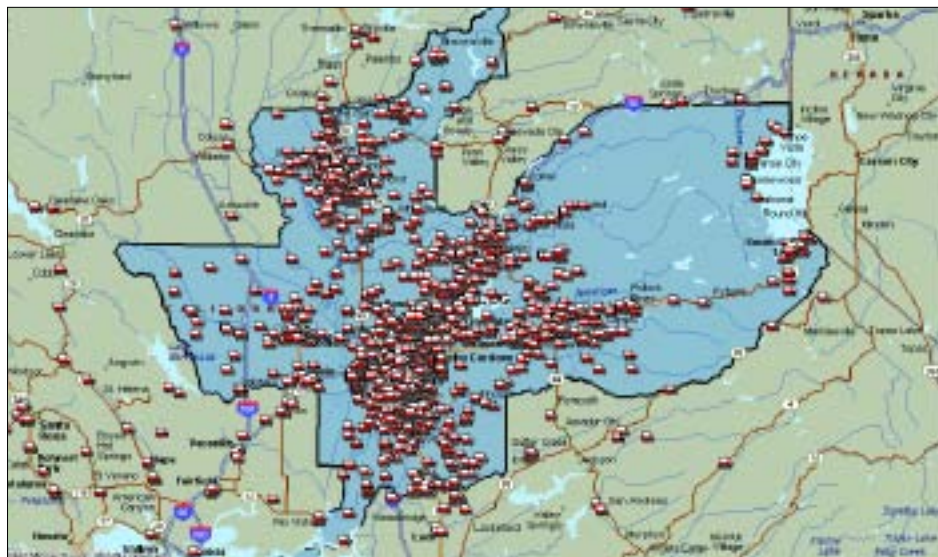
advisor Jock O'Connell is under contract to assemble a report that will help to explain how goods are moving in our region.

Phase I projects already underway include a comprehensive, multi-modal data collection and analysis effort, and the distribution of two truck surveys: one gathering input from local jurisdictions and one providing feedback from those in the trucking business.

The second phase will kick-off this summer, developing several scenarios for how the region will deal with goods movement over the next 20 years. These scenarios will then be further analyzed and modeled, leading to the selection of a preferred alternative.

In the final phase of the study, the preferred alternative will be more fully detailed and analyzed, and a comprehensive, prioritized set of policies and capital improvement projects necessary to accomplish this scenario will be identified. In 2007, staff will integrate the outputs from this study into the goods movement element of the MTP2030.

### Locations of Trucking Businesses within the SACOG Region



The map and chart identify the locations of trucking businesses within our region.

Source: California Highway Patrol's MISTER database

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- Silva Valley Parkway interchange with Highway 50 in El Dorado Hills
- Interchange reconstruction at Interstate 80 and Sierra College Boulevard in Rocklin.

The lapse was triggered by a court decision that stalled construction of a planned interchange in El Dorado County desired by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. The air quality finding for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the SACOG Board in 2002 presumed this interchange would be built and in use by 2005; when the court stopped construction of the interchange in 2004, SACOG's finding was rendered invalid and the MTP was lapsed. Federal regulations at the time required the region to develop new air quality models and plans, and make the air quality findings all over again before proceeding with any major road or transit projects.

SACOG took many actions to minimize the impact of the lapse on the region's transportation system, including expediting some projects prior to the lapse start date in October 2004, and aggressively delivering bicycle, pedestrian, safety and other eligible projects during the 18-month lapse.

"I am really proud of how the region minimized the harm from a situation we had no control over," said Pete Hathaway, SACOG transportation director. "We are also extremely grateful for the hard work of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District in working with us to end the lapse at the earliest possible moment."

## I-PLACE'S Technology Boost to MTP2030 Experience

CHARTING A NEW COURSE IN PUBLIC OUTREACH, SACOG has modified the I-PLACE'S (Internet Planning for Community Energy, Economic and Environmental Sustainability) technology for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030 (MTP2030). SACOG's regional travel model has been incorporated into the program.

This technology allows SACOG to tap the vision and knowledge of the region's citizens by using I-PLACE'S, as it performs in 15 minutes what typical travel models take hours or days to do. This enables data to be collected and analyzed during each MTP2030 workshop as well as during day-to-day operations by planners throughout the region.

During the interactive activity at the MTP2030 workshops, participants use stickers to make changes on maps reflecting transportation investments the table's participants agree upon. Random tables have computers where an operator inputs map changes suggested by table participants. By the end of the workshop, participants get a glimpse of the results and an idea of how their input will fit into creating a comprehensive transportation plan for the region.

"What we're doing in workshops with citizen input and travel modeling has never been done in real-time like this, anywhere,"



said SACOG Executive Director Mike McKeever. "In every workshop, we're educating citizens, asking them for input, and then actually showing them how their input would work in our transportation system in the future."

The I-PLACE'S technology allows workshop participants to select road and transit projects that are tested with the I-PLACE'S travel model, generating feedback about how these investments could change traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and travel times.

The technology is new and being test driven at each workshop. While the capacity to model every table is limited in a workshop, all table suggestions are brought back and tabulated so SACOG planners can fully understand the input from citizen planners.

In addition, the retooled version of I-PLACE'S will be used by local air quality management districts to review land development projects, and by transportation and air quality analysts to evaluate alternative transportation systems. This will coincide with development of a comprehensive model to support the MTP2030 and its air quality conformity determination.

For more information regarding the I-PLACE'S technology, contact Director of Research & Analysis Gordon Garry at [ggarry@sacog.org](mailto:ggarry@sacog.org) or (916) 340-6230.



These participants at the recent MTP2030 workshop in Arden/Arcade had their changes modeled using I-PLACE'S.

## AROUND THE REGION

### Stay Alive on 65

Placer County and the California Highway Patrol have teamed up to create the "Stay Alive on 65" campaign to reduce the number of traffic deaths and injuries on state Route 65 north of Lincoln. Last year, five fatal crashes on Route 65 occurred north of Lincoln, killing nine people. As a first step towards increased safety, a series of signs placed by Caltrans along the highway require that motorists use headlights at all times to increase visibility for both drivers and approaching motorists. The daylight headlight requirement will extend along a 14-mile stretch between Lincoln and Wheatland. For more information, contact Placer County Public Works at (530) 889-7500.

### Farmers Market at Florin Light Rail Station

Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) passengers can now purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables and other products every Thursday morning at the Florin light rail station. Twenty to forty farmers are expected to participate in the Certified Farmers' Market (CFM) each market day from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Florin light rail station boasts a park-and-ride lot with 1,076 spaces, allowing ample room for the market as well as parking for those who drive.

According to Certified Farmers' Market Coordinator Dan Best, an international variety of produce from culturally diverse California farmers will be available because state law allows only inspected and certified California farmers to sell their fruits, vegetables, nuts, plants and flowers grown on their California farms.

Bus routes 54, 65, 81 and light rail serve the Florin Station. Visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (TDD 483-HEAR) for route and schedule information. The Florin light rail station is located on Florin Road at Indian Lane between 24th Street and Franklin Boulevard.

For more information on the market, visit [www.marketlocations.com](http://www.marketlocations.com) or call (916) 688-0100.

### Bike Lockers Now Available at multiple Light Rail Stations

More than 170 weatherproof bike lockers are located at 23 light rail stations to make bicycling and riding transit even easier. Bike lockers can be leased for six or 13 months at the following stations: Hazel, Sunrise, Mather Field/Mills, Butterfield, Tiber, Starfire, Watt/Manlove, College Greens, Power Inn, University/65th Street, 59th Street, 48th Street, 39th Street, 23rd Street, 16th Street, Arden/Del Paso, Watt/I-80, City College, Florin and Meadowview.

For more information on Regional Transit's bike locker program call (916) 321-3885. To lease bike lockers at Iron Point, Glenn or Historic Folsom, call the city of Folsom at (916) 355-7285. In addition, most light rail stations have ribbon-style bike racks at no charge.

### Clean Air Award Winners Announced

Breathe California of Sacramento-Emmigrant Trails has announced the 2006 Clean Air Award winners. All recipients were honored at the May 11 Awards Luncheon at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. The 2006 recipients are:

**Individual Award** – Sue Schooley

**Business Award** – Elliot Homes/  
Harry Elliot and Russ Davis

**Government Award** – Los Rios Community College District/Dr. Brice Harris

**Regional Award** – Nella Oil

**Smart Growth Award** – East End  
Lofts Project

**Youth Leadership Award** – Kaitlin  
Kelly-Reif and Kaitlin Louie

## BOARD ACTIONS

*At its April meeting of the Board of Directors the Board:*

*AUTHORIZED release of Draft Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07.*

*ENDORSED Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) Legislative Framework.*

*SUPPORTED ACA 4, which would put before state voters an initiative restricting Proposition 42 funds to transportation programs.*

## BOARD FEATURE

### Jeannie Bruins

*Mayor*

*Citrus Heights*

Jeannie Bruins is a newcomer to the SACOG Board, joining the Board of Directors in December 2005 and serving on SACOG's Transportation Committee.



She was elected to the Citrus Heights City Council in 2002, and is serving as Mayor in 2006. During her tenure on the city council,

Bruins has represented the city on the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and County Sanitation District 1 boards, chairing both in 2005. In 2004, she represented the city at the Mayor's Forum on Form Based Codes.

Bruins regularly attends meetings with the Local Government Commission and the San Juan Unified School District and is a member of the California League of Cities. During the 1980s and early 1990s, Bruins was a leader for the incorporation of Citrus Heights. She served as the chief executive officer for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and created Leadership Citrus Heights in 2003.

A 22-year resident of Citrus Heights, Bruins has two grown sons and three grandchildren.

## El Dorado County MTP WRAP - UP

*Second in a series of wrap-ups of Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030 (MTP2030) workshops by county.*

During the month of March, SACOG and the MTP2030 Partners continued the public involvement phase with two workshops in El Dorado County.

"The level of citizen engagement at the workshops in El Dorado Hills and Placerville was unprecedented. A broad group of participants showed us what's important to them by mapping their ideas at their tables and prioritizing how transportation dollars are spent," said Rusty Dupray, SACOG Vice-Chair and El

Dorado County Supervisor. "Participants benefit by becoming transportation planners for an evening, which is extremely helpful to elected officials as we study long-term investments in the MTP."

At the workshops, the citizen planners were presented with a base map with proposed interchanges and expansions throughout the county.

Participants were asked to start with the base map and add projects and improvements as they customized it to support better future transportation needs, land uses, and regional air quality. Generally, they added projects that supported several forms of

*Workshop wrap-ups can be obtained at [www.sacog.org/mtp/2030](http://www.sacog.org/mtp/2030) or by contacting Lacey Symons at (916) 340-6212 or [symons@sacog.org](mailto:symons@sacog.org).*

travel providing more options. The most common additions to the maps were new and expanded roads.

### **El Dorado Hills Workshop**

At the March 16 workshop in El Dorado Hills, participants primarily focused their priorities on neighborhood shuttles, express buses, transit centers, expansion of current roads, connections between communities, intersection and interchange improvements, and more bike and pedestrian options. Participants also favored supporting those investments by improving road maintenance and safety, and using technology deployment.

### **Placerville Workshop**

At the March 30 workshop in Placerville, most participants largely focused their priorities on expanding roads parallel to Highway 50, expanding north-south connections, considering commu-



nity connectors, neighborhood shuttles, express buses, and bike trails and bridges. Participants also favored supporting those investments by improving road maintenance and safety, and improving local bus service.

### **General Results**

The most common idea for a new road among participants at both workshops was some form of a Missouri Flat-Pleasant Valley-Diamond Springs connector. Also common in both workshops were roads parallel to Highway 50. A majority of participants at both workshops expanded all or part of Green Valley Road. Transit options focused on express buses and neighbor-





## Upcoming Workshops

**Wednesday, May 17 • 6-9 p.m.**  
*Sutter County*  
 Feather River Academy – Boyd Hall  
 1825 Lassen Boulevard  
 Yuba City

**Thursday, May 25 • 6-9 p.m.**  
*Northern Sacramento*  
 KVIE  
 Ose Community Room  
 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive  
 Sacramento

**Wednesday, May 31 • 6-9 p.m.**  
*Southern Sacramento*  
 Paratransit – Auditorium  
 2501 Florin Road  
 Sacramento

**Saturday, June 3 • 9 a.m. to noon**  
*East Sacramento County*  
 Rusch Park Banquet Room  
 7801 Auburn Boulevard  
 Citrus Heights

**Wednesday, June 7  
 6-9 p.m.**  
*South Sacramento County*  
 Elk Grove Unified School District  
 Board Room  
 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road  
 Elk Grove

## Registration

To register for a workshop in your area, visit [www.sacog.org/mtp/2030](http://www.sacog.org/mtp/2030) or contact Valley Vision at (916) 325-1634.

*Workshops in Placer and El Dorado counties have been completed.*



*SACOG Director and Placerville Councilmember Marian Washburn welcomed participants to the Placerville workshop.*

hood shuttles. Improving road maintenance and road safety, and operating existing local bus services were also top priorities in both workshops. However, El Dorado Hills participants focused more on

technology deployment and bike lanes and bike trails as modes for more efficient commuting, while Placerville participants focused more on cleaner air programs for their rural town.





*In March, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board awarded Community Design funds to 24 projects totaling \$12.71 million to support Blueprint implementation in the Sacramento region.*

*“After unanimously adopting the Blueprint Project, the Board is delighted to see broad interest for implementing our vision for smart growth in cities and counties across our six-county region,” said SACOG Board Chair and Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo. “Many of the applications we received represented collaborative efforts between public agencies and private developers to build projects that will be great assets to their communities.”*

*In this round of funding, SACOG awarded the fully requested amount for 18 projects and partially funded another six projects. The 24 projects were selected from Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. El Dorado and Placer county jurisdictions have separate application, selection and funding processes.*

*Grant applications were sponsored by public agencies and related to the seven Blueprint principles: transportation choices, housing diversity, compact development, mixed land uses, use of existing resources, natural resource protection, and quality design. This is the second round of funding. Award cycles for the program are expected every 18 to 24 months.*

## *Davis*

### **Beautifying a Streetscape**

**Grantee:** City of Davis  
**Project:** East Eighth Street Corridor Improvements  
**Funding Amount:** \$650,000

This project will construct pedestrian, bicycle, transit and other streetscape improvements along the East Eighth Street Corridor from L Street to Pole Line Road. These improvements will help with the safety, appearance, transportation flow and functioning of this corridor. It will also support the redevelopment and infill activities in this community.

## *Elk Grove*

### **Transit Expansion**

**Grantee:** City of Elk Grove  
**Project:** Light Rail/Bus Rapid Transit Alignment Study  
**Funding Amount:** \$300,000

The city of Elk Grove will identify a fixed light rail/bus rapid transit alignment within the city’s boundaries to reserve right-of-way prior to development. The project will utilize grant funds to develop alignment options, evaluate modes and alignments, consider the integration of a proposed Amtrak station, and conduct the necessary environmental, financial and technical analysis.

### **Restoring a Historic Area**

**Grantee:** City of Elk Grove  
**Project:** Revitalization of Historic Old Town/Elk Grove Boulevard Special Planning Area  
**Funding Amount:** \$400,000

The city of Elk Grove seeks to improve circulation, streetscaping, parking and transit infrastructure, and update associated land-use policies and economic devel-

opment efforts for the revitalization of Old Town Elk Grove. The grant funds will be used to develop the environmental documents necessary for the Special Planning Area and provide transit shelters in select parts of the city.

## *Folsom*

### **Transit Oriented Public Plaza**

**Grantee:** City of Folsom  
**Project:** Railroad Block Public Plaza  
**Funding Amount:** \$500,000

This project will fund pre-construction design, engineering and initial construction of the Folsom Railroad Block Public Plaza. The Plaza binds the private and public development efforts, which include 33,600 square feet of retail space, 15,600 square feet of office, and as many as 60 new residential units, an amphitheater, a historic railroad turntable and a public parking garage.

## *Rancho Cordova*

### **Creating Bicycle & Pedestrian Access**

**Grantee:** City of Rancho Cordova  
**Project:** The Promenade: Connecting and Revitalizing Rancho Cordova  
**Funding Amount:** \$300,000

This grant will plan for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge that will connect both sides of Rancho Cordova across Highway 50. The funds will be used to develop a vision, feasibility study, preliminary environmental assessment, design competition, and preliminary engineering plans for the bridge. Future residents south of Highway 50 will have access to light rail, retail and the 25,000 projected office jobs north of the freeway.

## Sacramento

### Sacramento State People Mover

**Grantee:** California State University Sacramento

**Project:** Sacramento State Tram

**Funding Amount:** \$924,000

The Sacramento State Tram (SST) is a bus rapid transit system that will connect the 65th Street Light Rail Station to the CSUS campus. Once on campus, the SST will serve as a people mover for academic, event and residential uses. The project also delays or avoids the need for construction of a fourth parking garage. Grant funds will be used for project development up to final design and vehicle specification.

### Transit-Oriented Mixed-Use Project

**Grantee:** Paratransit, Inc.

**Project:** Arika's Village

**Funding Amount:** \$303,000

This project will help fund new sidewalks, planter strips and other streetscape enhancements for the mixed-use transit-oriented infill project at Florin Road and Woodbine in Sacramento. Arika's Village will provide 44 units of environmentally sustainable affordable housing on two acres.

### Rebirth of the Streetcar

**Grantee:** Regional Transit

**Project:** Downtown/Waterfront Streetcar Starter Line

**Funding Amount:** \$500,000

This project will plan and conduct preliminary design for a streetcar line linking downtown Sacramento, the riverfront area and West Sacramento. The planning efforts will clarify track and equipment choices, design schemes and maintenance needs that will build this line and other future streetcar systems in the region.

### Enhancing Bus Services

**Grantee:** Regional Transit

**Project:** Stockton Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit

**Funding Amount:** \$100,000

This project will help lead to the development of enhanced bus service along Stockton Boulevard in southern Sacramento. The grant will be used to better position the project for funding through the Federal Transit Administration.

### Light Rail Station Rehabilitation

**Grantee:** Regional Transit

**Project:** Station Enhancement Study for Four Downtown Light Rail Stations

**Funding Amount:** \$550,000

This grant will initiate design studies that will lead to rehabilitation of four light rail stations in downtown Sacramento. The stations are Alkali Flat/La Valentina, 12th and I, and two on the K Street Mall.

### Creating a Transit Village

**Grantee:** City of Sacramento

**Project:** 65th Street/University Transit Village Circulation Plan Amendments

**Funding Amount:** \$885,000

This project is a traffic circulation study and a supplemental Environmental Impact Review for this redevelopment area near Sacramento State University. The study will evaluate alternative mitigation measures, amend the existing circulation plan and analyze the environmental impacts of these new measures. The efforts will support the vision of the Transit Village Plan.

### Enhancing Bicycle & Pedestrian Crossings

**Grantee:** City of Sacramento

**Project:** City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Study and Design

**Funding Amount:** \$443,000

This project will help plan for safe, convenient pedestrian and bicycle access from City College and the adjacent light rail station to the proposed 66-acre Curtis Park Village and the surrounding neighborhood. The grant will be used to complete feasibility and siting study for a crossing.

### Riverfront Bicycle & Pedestrian Access

**Grantee:** City of Sacramento

**Project:** Docks Area Alternative Modes Parkway

**Funding Amount:** \$1,239,000

The Alternative Modes Parkway will serve as the riverfront bicycle and pedestrian pathway and will be a central feature in downtown Sacramento's newest community—the Docks area. This grant will fund paving of the levee surface that will lead into the Parkway, allowing for easy access into the Docks area from the rest of downtown.

### Pedestrian Safety Improvement

**Grantee:** City of Sacramento

**Project:** R Street Market Pedestrian Walkway and Plaza

**Funding Amount:** \$630,000

The Pedestrian Walkway and Plaza will provide critical pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements to the R Street corridor between the light rail station on 16th Street and 18th Street, near the new R Street Market. The grant will fund design and engineering plans for this vital two-block corridor segment.

### Multi-Modal Improvements

**Grantee:** City of Sacramento

**Project:** Redding Avenue Alternative Mode Improvements

**Funding Amount:** \$745,000

This project will lead to increasing the safety and connectivity of the only route between 65th Street and Power Inn Road near planned transit villages north and south of Highway 50. The grant funds will be used for planning, design and right-of-way acquisition.

## Sacramento County

### Transportation Enhancements of a Mixed Use Area

**Grantee:** Sacramento County

**Project:** 47th Avenue Transportation Improvements/Victoria Station Development

**Funding Amount:** \$1,082,000

This grant will fund construction of transportation improvements along the 47th Avenue corridor near Victoria Station, a new infill, compact, mixed-use 15-acre development. The improvements include new and wider sidewalks, landscaping, parking improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian enhancements.

### Streetscape Beautification

**Grantee:** Sacramento County

**Project:** Marconi Avenue Improvement Project – Fair Oaks to Walnut Avenue

**Funding Amount:** \$500,000

In partnership with the Rental Housing Association, Sacramento County seeks to design and construct streetscape improvements in one of the region's highest-density residential communities. The improvements will serve as a catalyst for redevelopment and infill in the eastern end of the Marconi corridor.

## Creating an Urban Village

**Grantee:** Sacramento County

**Project:** North Watt Avenue Corridor Planning Project

**Funding Amount:** \$250,000

This planning effort will coordinate circulation and land-use changes for redeveloping the North Watt corridor into a series of mixed-use centers and urban villages. This corridor will serve as a model for twelve other corridors identified for similar efforts within Sacramento County.

## Multi-modal Corridor Improvements

**Grantee:** Sacramento County

**Project:** Walerga Road Corridor Improvements/Antelope Place Development

**Funding Amount:** \$1,200,000

This grant will fund construction of sidewalks, streetscaping, bicycle lanes, pedestrian amenities and transit access safety enhancements along Walerga Road from Don Julio to Larchmont in North Highlands. The improvements will be near Antelope Place, a new mixed-use, compact development with 112 condominiums and 20,000 square feet of retail.

## Creating Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

**Grantee:** Sacramento County

**Project:** Watt Avenue at Roseville Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements

**Funding Amount:** \$130,000

This project will examine alternatives for creating a continuous walking and bicycle path under the railroad overcrossing at North Watt Avenue and Roseville Road. This planning grant will serve as a demonstration project to promote Blueprint-oriented redevelopment of an existing residential corridor.

## Wheatland

### Streetscape Enhancements

**Grantee:** City of Wheatland

**Project:** Streetscape Enhancement Plan for Downtown Arterials

**Funding Amount:** \$100,000

The city of Wheatland will prepare the streetscape element of the city's Downtown Specific Plan. This element will be used to enhance the city's downtown roadway network by identifying bicycle and pedestrian connectivity routes and appropriate land uses to support alternative modes of travel.

## Woodland

### Transit & Streetscape Improvements

**Grantee:** City of Woodland

**Project:** Casa del Sol Public Transportation and Streetscape Improvements

**Funding Amount:** \$494,000

As the city of Woodland's highest priority redevelopment project, this grant will help eliminate a deficient and dangerous segment of the East Street Corridor. The project will build a new bus stop, shelter and turnout, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, fencing and landscaped buffers.

## Yolo County

### Revitalizing a Historic Area

**Grantee:** Yolo County

**Project:** Esparto Downtown Revitalization Project

**Funding Amount:** \$185,000

This project is a critical step in a multi-year partnership effort to redevelop the historic commercial center of Yolo County's largest unincorporated community. The effort will develop a cohesive, sustainable plan for creating a livable, pedestrian-oriented commercial center in Esparto along Highway 16.

## Yuba City

### Defining the Urban/Rural Edge

**Grantee:** City of Yuba City

**Project:** Defining the Urban-Rural Edge

**Funding Amount:** \$300,000

The city of Yuba City, partnered with Sutter County, will use this grant to help define the urban-rural edge on the city's boundaries. The project will develop urban growth management policies, create urban-edge design guidelines and development standards, and amend the city's development ordinances and documents to achieve this project's objectives.



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### *Preparing for Emergencies in the Sacramento Region*

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risk including coordinated weather forecasting and reservoir operations, infrastructure projects and other mitigation efforts.

Much like the Sacramento effort, Yuba County has crafted evacuation strategies and conducted outreach to not only educate the public, but also work with partners, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),

the Army Corps of Engineers and the Red Cross, on creating plans, maps and other materials. Yuba County has also had large turnouts at its public meetings, helping citizens prepare for floods and other emergencies.

These two efforts are examples of the good work being done across the region to prepare for flooding and other emergencies. SACOG is beginning to play a role in these efforts as it works to develop a transportation communication system, STARNET, which will

improve day-to-day traffic and transit operations, as well as emergency services.

STARNET serves as a private internet for sharing real-time information and video images to help agencies coordinate response. With the ability to immediately gather and disseminate more and better information about what is happening throughout the region, operators can quickly respond to emergencies ranging from minor automobile accidents to major flood events. The public will also have access to STAR-

NET information via the 511 travel information system.

For more information about emergency preparedness and STARNET, please contact David Shabazian at (916) 340-6231 or [dshabazian@sacog.org](mailto:dshabazian@sacog.org).

For more information: Yuba County's Office of Emergency Services website is [www.co.yuba.ca.us/content/departments/oes](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/content/departments/oes).

Flood mapping and preparation information is available at [www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/flood/floodready.html](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/flood/floodready.html).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

**Thursday, May 18, 2006 — 9 a.m.**  
SACOG Board of Directors

### June

**Thursday, June 1, 2006—10 a.m.**  
Legislation & Public Affairs Committee

**Thursday, June 1, 2006—10 a.m.**  
Administration Committee

**Friday, June 2, 2006 — 1:30 p.m.**  
Air Quality Committee

**Monday, June 5, 2006 — 10 a.m.**  
Land Use & Housing Committee

**Monday, June 5, 2006 — 1:30 p.m.**  
Transportation Committee

**Thursday, June 15, 2006 — 9 a.m.**  
SACOG Board of Directors

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