



Strategic Planning Committee

Item #14-1-1 Action

December 20, 2013

Public Hearing: Unmet Transit Needs in the Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, and the Cities Therein

Issue: The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that SACOG make annual unmet transit needs findings for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) and for jurisdictions eligible to use TDA funds. SACOG must hold a final public hearing before the Board on January 16, 2014, prior to the Unmet Transit Needs findings being finalized at the February 21, 2014, meeting.

Recommendation: That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Board hold a public hearing on unmet transit needs. Staff will bring the recommended SACOG Unmet Transit Needs findings back to the Board for its consideration and approval at the February 21, 2014, meeting.

Discussion: State TDA statute established a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for each county. LTF revenues are derived from 1/4 cent of the state retail sales tax and are returned to each county according to the amount of tax collected. LTF funds are apportioned to jurisdictions within each county on a population basis.

In Sacramento County, the LTF apportioned to jurisdictions located within the SRTD may only be used for transit service. However, jurisdictions located outside of the SRTD may use their LTF apportionments for streets and roads projects, provided they have no transit requests that meet SACOG's adopted definition of "unmet transit need" that are "reasonable to meet."

It is the responsibility of the SACOG Board to annually make Unmet Transit Needs findings for each of the four counties and the cities therein and the SRTD. SACOG will hold the final public hearing for the FY 2013-14 Unmet Transit Needs process at the January 16, 2014, Board meeting. The final Unmet Transit Needs public hearing before the SACOG Board is being held prior to bringing the recommended findings to the Board for their review and approval in February to allow time to analyze any comments received at the final hearing.

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