



## Item #12-11-10 Action

### Transportation Committee

November 8, 2012

#### **Delegation of Authority to the Strategic Planning Committee to Approve the Distribution of Proposition 1B Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account Bond Funds**

**Issue:** Board delegation to the January 2013 Strategic Planning Committee is being sought for approval of funding recommendations that must be submitted to the State of California before the full Board meets again in January 2013.

**Recommendation:** That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board delegate authority to the Strategic Planning Committee in January 2013 to adopt a resolution approving regionally-funded transit safety and security projects recommended by the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC).

**Discussion:** The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) has requested Project Investment Justifications (transit safety and security project applications) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 California Transit Security Grant Program. SACOG is responsible for administering a portion of these funds allocated through regional transportation planning agencies. The short turnaround time between the release of the program guidance and the deadline for submitting a SACOG resolution approving the list of projects to CalEMA does not leave sufficient time to take the list of projects to the full Board at its December 6 meeting.

CalEMA published funding allocations and the *Draft Program Guidelines and Application Kit for the FY 2012-13 California Transit Security Grant Program* for Proposition 1B Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account (TSS) funds on November 2, 2012. A total of \$60 million was apportioned to the account and allocated statewide for FY 2012-13. For the SACOG region, a total of \$2,158,763 is available; \$1,398,859 is allocated through SACOG as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties; the remaining \$759,904 is allocated directly to transit operators in these counties. Single county RTPAs in El Dorado and Placer counties receive their TSS account funds separately and will complete separate programming efforts.

Sponsors of transit safety and security projects have until December 5, 2012, to submit their funding requests and applications to SACOG. A review committee comprised of SACOG staff will review the applications using the *Guidelines and Evaluation Form* approved by the SACOG Board on April 10, 2008. SACOG staff's recommendations will be brought forward to the full Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) for discussion and endorsement at its December 19, 2012, meeting.

Staff proposes to present the TCC's final recommendations for funding to the Strategic Planning Committee at its January 7, 2013, meeting and ask the committee to use its delegated authority to adopt a resolution approving the TCC recommendations. SACOG staff will then work with the project sponsors to submit Project Investment Justifications to CalEMA for those projects using regional funds by the deadline date of January 15, 2013. CalEMA will review these submittals and identify which projects will be awarded funds and issue conditional awards based on the project sponsors providing additional required documentation.

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