



SACOG Board of Directors

April 10, 2014

Cooperative Agreements for Financial Services Related to Caltrans W/X Viaduct Construction Project on Highway 50

Issue: Should the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for SACOG to act as a fiscal agent on behalf of Caltrans for payments to various transit operators and transportation management associations (TMAs); and to negotiate and execute agreements with the affected transit operators and TMAs, if necessary?

Recommendation: Due to a delay in processing the available information, staff was not able to present this item to the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee for an official action in April. However, because of the urgency of this matter, staff recommends that the Board authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for SACOG's fiscal services related to the W-X Viaduct Construction project and with various transit operators and TMAs as necessary.

Committee Action/Discussion: Major construction is scheduled on a section of U.S. Highway 50 in Sacramento between 18th and 24th Streets, known as the W/X Viaduct. Due to age and heavy use, Caltrans will resurface the roadbed on both the eastbound and westbound sections of this freeway. The project construction will begin on April 22, 2014, and is scheduled to be completed by June 25, 2014. In order to alleviate as much traffic as possible during that time, Caltrans is negotiating with five transit operators and three TMAs to reimburse them for enhanced services during the construction. Rather than negotiating separate agreements with each agency, Caltrans and the operators have requested that SACOG act as a fiscal agent on their behalf. SACOG's role will be to receive the invoices from the transit operators and TMAs, review and approve them based upon established criteria, and process the payments. SACOG performed similar activities during the I-5 closure project in 2008. SACOG will receive the allocated funds of \$505,000 in advance from Caltrans and will disburse from this amount. For this service, SACOG will receive \$10,000.

Caltrans and the transit operators have agreed on the operators' request, and upon Board approval, SACOG will be able to prepare a cooperative agreement with Caltrans with specific information for each operator. In order to expedite the process, and given the short time line, staff is requesting that the CEO be authorized to execute any and all agreements required.

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