



SACOG Board of Directors

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Modification to Contracting Authority for Project Level Analysis for the Environmental Streamlining Work Under the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

Issue: In September, the Board of Directors authorized the Chief Executive Officer to enter into up to three contracts, up to \$30,000 each, for project level analysis in case study areas under the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. These are the areas that implement the streamlining available under our adopted Metropolitan Transportation Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). Staff now would like to modify that authority to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into two contracts for up to \$65,000, and a contract extension for up to \$25,000 with Tschudin Consulting Group to complete the work.

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into two contracts for up to a combined total of \$65,000 after a competitive bid process to complete project level traffic and noise studies, and authorize a contract amendment with Tschudin Consulting Group up to \$25,000 for assistance in developing the environmental analysis for the County of Sacramento and City of Rancho Cordova.

Committee Action/Discussion: In June 2011, the Strategic Planning Committee selected five case study areas where SACOG would use resources provided through the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to work on implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). A centerpiece of the implementation is the development of Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessments (SCEAs) that, under Senate Bill 375, allow a lower level of environmental review for projects consistent with the MTP/SCS. Tschudin Consulting Group was originally selected to lead the development of the MTP/SCS Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under a \$125,000 contract. An initial contract amendment added \$24,000 to develop an SCEA tiering strategy. Given Tschudin's work on the EIR and the SCEA template, the additional \$25,000 in grant funded assistance to local agency staff on developing SCEAs could not be completed on similar timeline for a similar amount by a different consultant.

Two contracts for a combined total of \$65,000 are requested to provide traffic and noise analysis that supports the SCEAs for proposed land uses near light rail stations along the Folsom Boulevard corridor.

This item is coming to the Board without a Strategic Planning Committee recommendation because circumstances have changed since the Committee meeting. Previously, the County of Sacramento requested an agreement to conduct the traffic and noise work as a part of the ongoing grant work for both the SACOG Regional Planning Grant and a joint infrastructure planning grant. Therefore, a recommendation to fund this work through agreement with the County was made by the Strategic Planning Committee at its January 7 meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, County staff notified SACOG staff that they will be unable to lead this work due to requirements attached to the regional planning grant funding. As a consequence, SACOG staff now recommends the use of a competitive bid process to complete the work.

When finalized, the two SCEAs will go to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the City of Rancho Cordova Council for adoption. SACOG Staff has extended the final deliverable date to June 2013 on our HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to allow time for this work to be documented in case studies for these areas.

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