



SACOG Board of Directors

Meeting Date: December 20, 2018

Agenda Item No. 2018-December-**15**

Executive Director's Report

Reports

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Approved by: James Corless

Attachments: No

1. Issue:

Executive Director's report

2. Recommendation:

None, this is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

Each month, the Executive Director provides a report to the board.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Updates:

I was honored to be able to represent the Sacramento region when I testified before the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in Washington, D.C. on November 28, to kick off their rewrite of the next federal transportation bill. I urged the Senate panel to increase investment in metropolitan regions like ours, write more flexibility into funding sources so that rural areas in particular can fund a broader range of infrastructure investments, and to accelerate the deployment of pilot programs to test creative alternatives to the gasoline tax.

I joined numerous Metropolitan Planning Organizations and regional planning agency directors in Los Angeles on December 4, to testify before the second joint meeting of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Transportation Commission. The hearing was focused on the recent report released by CARB that found while the state is reducing its carbon emissions overall, the transportation sector is increasing emissions in large part due to increasing driving. I made the case that the state needs to help our region, in particular through our 'Green Means Go' pilot program that's on the SACOG December board agenda.

Autonomous vehicles will soon be tested in our region thanks to a winning application from Sacramento State incubated through SACOG's Civic Lab program. The company known as Local Motors awarded Sacramento State one of our region's first AV shuttle tests that will run exclusively on the campus of Sacramento State University.

The following members will be leaving the board this month: Jason Banks, City of Live

Oak; John Buckland, City of Yuba City; John Clerici, City of Placerville; Mark Crews, City of Galt; Jack Duran, Placer County; and Susan Rohan, City of Roseville. We thank them for their dedicated service and their outstanding contributions to the region.

Orientation for SACOG’s new board members will be held on Thursday January 17, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., directly after the board meeting. We are also planning the next SACOG board retreat for all board members on Friday, March 29. Please mark your calendars.

We are pleased to announce that the following SACOG staff members received service awards this year:

Sam Shelton – 5 years
Garett Ballard Rosa – 5 years
Sabrina Bradbury – 10 years
Clint Holtzen – 10 years
Laura Bell – 25 years

Consent Items:

All of the items on the consent calendar received unanimous support at their respective committee meetings.

Land Use Activities:

Please see the Blueprint Implementation Activities report under Receive & File.

Calendar:

January 17	9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board Meeting
February 7	10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee Meeting
February 7	1:30 p.m.	Land Use & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
February 11	10:00 a.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Meeting
February 11	1:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
February 21	9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board Meeting

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals: