



SACOG Board of Directors

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 3/15/2018

Agenda Item No.: 2018-March-16.

Subject: Chief Executive Officer's Report

Reports

Prepared by: James Corless

Approved by: James Corless

Attachments: No

1. Issue:

Chief Executive Officer's report.

2. Recommendation:

None, this is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

Each month, the CEO provides a report to the board.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

UPDATES:

We are hosting a luncheon on April 5, at noon at SACOG for board members regarding the Rural Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) program. The luncheon will include a facilitated workshop to gather input that will help guide a "RUCS 2.0" strategy and work plan. We anticipate that the engagement process will yield ideas for implementation and where we should direct RUCS efforts going forward. Please contact Lanette Espinoza (lespinoza@sacog.org) to RSVP.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at SACOG's Regional Futures Forum on Monday April 30th at the Milagro Centre in Carmichael in Sacramento County. Our keynote speaker will be Amy Liu from the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. Amy will be present findings from their research on the Sacramento region's economic strengths and challenges. This will build on the early work that you heard about from Brookings at the January SACOG board meeting. Space is limited; if you haven't already registered, please contact Monica Hernández (mhernandez@sacog.org) on our staff for more information. Please also share this with your colleagues on city councils and county boards of supervisors, and encourage your city manager, county administrator, and senior staff to attend.

I joined over 60 other Sacramento area representatives on the Capital Region Executive Leadership Mission from March 4th through 7th in Washington, DC. Our timing was important given a hoped for deal on the federal FY18 appropriations bill by March 23, when the Continuing Resolution expires. The potential FY18 omnibus budget bill could include funding for a new round of federal TIGER grants, INFRA grants, and Amtrak, as well as funding for the transit new starts/small starts program. We are hoping to hear news of additional funding for the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar project as part of the transit small starts program that has been so strongly championed by Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

We also learned on our DC trip that the latest round of TIGER grants are being announced this week, and the awards for the INFRA goods movement program should be announced in April. The region has one application for \$10 million that was submitted for this latest round of TIGER funding – the I Street bridge reconstruction across the Sacramento River between the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. We will be waiting to hear about several applications for the INFRA program, including a \$56.2 million request for the Capital SouthEast Connector project featuring Kammerer Road in Elk Grove, along with a \$368 million request to add carpool and express bus capacity to the I-80 Yolo Causeway between Davis and Sacramento.

Many of you got to hear from transportation expert and Principal at Nelson\Nygaard Jeff Tumlin on March 1st. Jeff helped kick off our discussion on next generation transit with a compelling and provocative presentation on the future of transportation. As you'll recall, this is one of the agency's goals for our 2018 work plan and a priority for the board coming out of last October's retreat. We plan to contract with a consultant to begin developing a next generation transit framework in the coming months.

As many of you know, Chair Schenirer and Director Kennedy have asked SACOG to manage the contract that will allow for extensive public outreach and community listening sessions throughout Sacramento County setting up for an additional transportation sales tax measure. KMP Strategies was awarded the contract and work should begin in the coming month. For more information contact Monica Hernández (mhernandez@sacog.org) on our staff.

We are delighted that Christina Lokke is returning from maternity leave and resumes her full-time duties this month as SACOG's Policy Manager. She attended the GRPA committee meeting on March 5th and is joining Director Buckland for the CALCOG meeting in Monterey the week of the board meeting.

Next month, the Strategic Planning Committee meets. The Committee is meeting four times this year to help check in on the agency work plan and other agency-wide issues. My evaluation will also be discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee and the April Board Meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

LAND USE ACTIVITIES:

Please see Receive & File item #19 for the Blueprint Implementation Land Use Activities.

CALENDAR:

April 5	10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee Meeting
April 5	12:00 p.m.	RUCS Luncheon
April 5	1:00 p.m.	Land Use & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
April 9	10:00 a.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Meeting
April 9	1:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
April 19	9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board Meeting
April 30	8:30 a.m.	Regional Futures Forum

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact.