



SACOG Board of Directors

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Update on Strategic Growth Council Planning Grant #3

SACOG applied for and was awarded a Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant in round three of the program. This \$900,000 grant is entitled “Accelerating Local Implementation of Sacramento Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy” and contains three activities:

- (1) Direct technical assistance to cities and counties in the region on strategies to remove barriers to revitalization and intensification in centers, corridors and established communities. The assistance will be coordinated by SACOG and provided by the Portland State University Urban Sustainability Accelerator (USA) Program and other experts as needed. Each city and county in the region has been individually contacted to solicit requests for this assistance.
- (2) This component will leverage traffic engineering expertise and the policy, zoning and design implementation work of Sacramento County’s sustainability and public health staff and Design 4 Active Sacramento to help local governments, developers and residents advance implementation of plans and policies that support active design and transportation improvements.
- (3) Staff from Portland State University’s Center for Public Interest Design (CPID) will engage directly with stakeholders in South Sacramento neighborhoods in the top 5-10% of statewide CalEnviro Screen scores to help build collaboration and resident capacity for community revitalization efforts in these disadvantaged neighborhoods.