



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #16-6-18 Report

June 9, 2016

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.

CONSENT ITEMS:

All of the items on the consent calendar received unanimous support in their respective policy committees.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #11: Governor's Affordable Housing Funding and Streamlined Approvals Proposals. This is a placeholder item to preserve the option for the Board of Directors to consider a legislative position.

Item #12: Delegate Authority to Enter Negotiations for Bike Share Contracts. This item is coming forward to the full Board for consideration without recommendation from the Transportation Committee.

Item #13: Approve Resolution in Memory of Dan Silva. This item is coming forward to the full Board for consideration.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Item #14: Caltrans Incurred Cost Audit. This is an information only item.

Item #15: May is Bike Month Report. This is an information only item.

Notes:

James Corless from Transportation for America spoke to the Transportation Committee on June 2. His presentation included a summary of federal policy deliberations on the FY 2017 budget, U.S. Department of Transportation rulemakings related to performance measurements that implement the surface transportation law, and a new partnership between Transportation for America and Sidewalk Labs.

SACOG hosted a first-ever regional Convening of Planning Directors from counties and cities across the SACOG region and the County Public Health Officers from all six counties on May 26. The event was introduced by Mike McKeever and sponsored by the American Planning Association (APA) Plan4Health Program, Sacramento APA and the California Conference of Local Health Officers/County Health Executives Association of California. The convening included a discussion on the connections between planning and public health and a keynote by David Erickson, Director of Community Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. SACOG staff will continue to work with partners in pursuing regular meetings and

activities and provide additional information to the Board as it becomes available.

Crude Oil by Rail

Over the past year, SACOG has weighed in on the issue of increased crude oil train transport through the Sacramento region. One of the significant issues that SACOG has weighed in on several times at the Board's request is the proposed Valero Refinery expansion in Benicia. In February, the City of Benicia's Planning Commission declined to certify the Valero Crude by Rail Final Environmental Impact Report and denied the Use Permit application. Valero appealed to the City Council, and the Council held several hearings in March and April on the appeal. Ultimately, Valero also asked the City Council to continue the item so that it could ask the federal Surface Transportation Board for a decision on the issue of whether federal law preempts local regulation of the project. The City Council closed the public hearing on April 18, 2016. The hearing has been continued until September 20, 2016. However, the Council indicated that it may reopen the hearing depending on the results of the Surface Transportation Board decision.

On May 31, Valero filed a Petition for Declaratory Order with the Surface Transportation Board. It is not known whether the Surface Transportation Board will consider this petition, and what the timing may be. However, if the opportunity exists, SACOG staff will share the existing board-adopted positions with the Surface Transportation Board.

Additionally, in early June, Assembly Member Bill Dodd introduced Assembly Joint Resolution 42, which urges federal officials to expedite the rulemaking and implementation of processes for federal safety regulations governing the transport of flammable and combustible liquids, including crude oil, by rail. It further urges the President and Congress to pass federal legislation mandating critical public safety improvements for the transport by rail of those liquids. This is consistent with the requests SACOG has previously made. SACOG staff intends to support this based on the existing board-adopted positions on crude oil by rail.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in submitting your own comments either to the Surface Transportation Board or the City of Benicia (if the public hearing is reopened), please contact Kirk Trost at (916) 340-6210 or ktrost@sacog.org, or Erik Johnson at (916) 340-6247 or ejohnson@sacog.org.

LAND USE ACTIVITIES:

SACOG conducts the following Blueprint Implementation Land Use Activities in response to requests from member agencies and/or developers or non-governmental organizations:

1) provision of data and/or technical support to member agencies implementing the Blueprint; 2) review and comment on development proposals regarding their consistency with the Blueprint principles or the MTP/SCS; and 3) educational presentations on the Blueprint.

In the month of May, SACOG staff conducted the following Blueprint Implementation land use activities:

- Continued to provide technical assistance on the City of Elk Grove general plan update.
- Consulted Sacramento County staff and project proponents on Jackson Township project.

CALENDAR:

August 4	10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee Meeting
August 4	1:00 p.m.	Land Use & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
August 8	10:00 a.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Meeting
August 18	9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board Meeting

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer