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# Commuter Club

**Commuter Club** is the online program that offers commute information, prizes and easy access to the Emergency Ride Home voucher.

Whether you drive alone, take transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycle or walk to work, Commuter Club will make your commute better.

Commuter Club offers a ride matching tool to find carpool partners, a vanpool matching tool to find open vanpool seats, bicycle commute information, transit schedules and more.

To register, visit [sacregioncommuterclub.org](http://sacregioncommuterclub.org), click on "Register" then fill out the registration form and make your commute more pleasurable, more productive, less stressful and less expensive.

## **Emergency Ride Home**

Commuters who take transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycle or walk may be eligible to download a voucher that pays for a taxi or rental car if they have an emergency or unscheduled overtime.





Date: August 18, 2015  
To: RPP/Planners Committee  
From: SACOG Staff  
Re: Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants

Caltrans just issued its call for proposals for its FY 2016-17 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program. Applications are due on October 30, 2015. Following are highlights (also see attached chart):

- The program includes two grant programs: Strategic Partnerships (\$1.5 million total, grant range of \$100,000-\$500,000) and Sustainable Communities (\$8.3 million, grant range of \$50,000-\$500,000).
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) are the only eligible applicants for the Strategic Partnership program; other entities in the SACOG region must apply as sub-recipients through SACOG, PCTPA or EDCTC.
- MPOs, RTPAs, Transit Agencies, Cities, Counties, and Native American Tribal Governments are all eligible to submit applications directly for the Sustainable Communities program; other entities must apply through one of these eligible agencies as a sub-recipient.
- Selected grantees will be able to start work on approved grants in July 2016, pending state budget approval.

Caltrans' guidance and application materials may be found at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

### Process for Strategic Partnership Pass-Through Grants

SACOG has developed the following guidance for agencies and organizations asking SACOG to submit on their behalf a Caltrans grant application for the Strategic Partnerships Program. To insure SACOG is able to develop Committee and Board items for approval of the required SACOG Board resolution in October, **SACOG requires that potential applicants:**

1. Submit an initial Strategic Partnerships project concept to Sharon Sprowls at SACOG **no later than September 15, 2015**, including:
  - A brief project description
  - Draft scope of work, including partners
  - Requested amount
2. Review the concept with SACOG staff **by/before September 22**, to insure the proposed project is a fit with the Caltrans grant program, and for any

feedback/comments. If a project does not fit with Caltrans criteria, SACOG may discourage the applicant from applying.

3. Discuss including SACOG in the scope of work and budget for contractual work and/or project participation. SACOG staff will collaborate with each potential applicant on any appropriate tasks and budget to include.
4. Submit a complete draft application, including all required sections of the Caltrans application form, **by October 21, 2015**, for review by SACOG staff. SACOG will provide feedback on the application **by October 23, 2015**, to provide applicants time to incorporate suggestions. Because of internal staff loads, SACOG staff does not expect to provide significant assistance to applicants on drafting or revising applications but will, at a minimum, provide general comments and feedback.
5. Submit the completed application sections and any letters of support to SACOG **by October 28, 2015**.

SACOG will check for all necessary materials, format completed applications for online submission, and submit them to Caltrans by the deadline of **October 30, 2015**.

To submit project concepts or for any questions on the application process, please contact:

Sharon Sprowls  
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916-340-6235  
[ssprowls@sacog.org](mailto:ssprowls@sacog.org)

**Advancing Bicycling in the Capital Region  
Draft Workshop Agenda  
September 23, 2015**

**7:30**            **Check In and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30**            **Welcome**

Kate Meis, Local Government Commission (*confirmed*)

Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (*confirmed*)

**8:50**            **Morning Plenary – Advancing Bicycling in the Capital Region – A Conversation with Local, Regional and State Leaders**

**Introductory Presentations**

Malcolm Dougherty, Director, California Department of Transportation (*confirmed*)

Mike McKeever, CEO, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (*confirmed*)

**Local Elected Official Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Mike McKeever, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (*confirmed*)

Councilmember Steve Hansen, City of Sacramento (*confirmed*)

Vice Mayor David Sander, City of Rancho Cordova (*confirmed*)

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, City of West Sacramento (*invited*)

Supervisor Don Saylor, Yolo County (*invited*)

**10:00**            **Networking Break**

**10:15**            **Morning Breakout Session Topics**

**Building a Successful Bicycle Share System for the Capital Region**

- Moderator and Speaker: Sam Shelton, Transportation Planner, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (*confirmed*)
- Sean Co, California Market Lead, Toole Design Group (*confirmed*)
- Bill Dossett, Executive Director, Nice Ride Minnesota and President of the North American Bikeshare Association (*invited*)
- Susan Handy, Professor, University of California at Davis (*invited*)

**Making Bicycling a Viable Transportation Option in Rural and Suburban Settings**

- Moderator: Matt Carpenter, Director of Transportation Services, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (*invited*)
- Mark Thomas, Senior Engineer, City of Rancho Cordova (*confirmed*)
- Jim Konopka, Senior Planner, City of Folsom (*invited*)
- Jerry Barton, Senior Transportation Planner, El Dorado County Transportation Commission (*confirmed*)

Bicycling Infrastructure Best Practices

- Moderator and Presenter: Josh Mello, Senior Associate, Alta Planning + Design (*confirmed*)
- Michael Sacuskie, Associate Engineer, City of Modesto (*confirmed*)
- Jennifer Donofrio, City of Davis (*confirmed*)

**11:45      Networking Lunch**

**12:45      Afternoon Plenary – The Business and Economic Benefits of Bicycling**

Kelly Clifton, Professor, Portland State University (*confirmed*)

Michael Heller, Heller Pacific, Inc. (*confirmed*)

Ana Cardona, Sustainability Business Coordinator, Vision Service Plan (*invited*)

**1:30      Networking Break**

**1:45      Afternoon Breakout Session Topics**

Advancing Bicycling in Underserved Communities

- Dr. Adonia Lugo, Street Anthropologist (*confirmed*)
- Rio Jill Contreras, Programs Committee Member, Multicultural Communities for Mobility (*confirmed*)

Changing the Culture Around Bicycling in the Capital Region

- Jim Brown, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (*confirmed*)
- *Complete speaker panel TBD*

Expanding Networks to Job Centers

- John Brazil, Active Transportation Program, City of San Jose (*confirmed*)
- Kimia Haddadan, Planner, City and County of San Francisco (*invited*)

**3:15      Networking Break**

**3:30      Closing Plenary**

Charles Gandy, President, Livable Communities Inc. (*confirmed*)

**4:00      Working Discussions**

**5:00      Adjourn**



Item #1D

## Joint Regional Planning Partnership/Planners Committee

August 21, 2015

### Advancing Bicycling in the Sacramento Region One-Day Conference

**Issue:** The Local Government Commission and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District are hosting a regional bicycling conference.

**Recommendation:** This is a Receive & File item. There will not be a staff presentation.

**Discussion:** The Local Government Commission and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District are hosting a regional bicycling conference. The conference is geared toward local government elected officials and planning staff, bicycling advocates, infill and new growth developers, and other interested stakeholders.

Registration is online at [lgc.org/advancing-bicycling](http://lgc.org/advancing-bicycling) and additional information is in the attachment.

Attachment

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REGISTER TODAY for  
Advancing Bicycling in the Capital Region  
Workshop on September 23rd.

The [Local Government Commission](#), in partnership with the [Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District](#), is organizing a one-day workshop on what can be done to take bicycling to the next level in the Capital Region. Registration is NOW OPEN for this event; visit <http://www.lgc.org/advancing-bicycling> to learn more and register.

### **About the Workshop**

This event will highlight best practices from across the nation and promote a dialogue and action among approximately 250 local elected officials; local, regional and state transportation planners, local land use planners, public works staff, active transportation advocates, public health professionals, businesses representatives and other community leaders.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Malcolm Dougherty, Director of the California Department of Transportation; Mike McKeever, CEO of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments; Vice Mayor David Sander of the City of Rancho Cordova; and Charles Gandy, President of Livable Communities Inc.

Workshop topics will include:

- The Economic and Business Benefits of Bicycling
- Advancing Bicycling in Underserved Communities
- Changing the Culture around Bicycling
- Successful Bicycle Share Programs
- Bikeway Design Best Practices
- Expanding Networks to Job Centers
- Making Bicycling a Viable Transportation Option in Rural and Suburban Settings

**Don't miss this opportunity to connect with a comprehensive network of leaders who share a commitment to advancing bicycling in our region.**