



## Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

### Action Summary December 12, 2012

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#### *Attendance:*

Binu Abraham, SACOG  
Charles Anderson, SMAQMD  
Theresa Arnold, SACOG  
Mike Brady, Caltrans  
Victoria S. Cacciatore, SACOG  
Scott Carson, FHWA  
Jason Crow, CARB  
José Luis Cáceres, SACOG  
Rick Carter, City of Elk Grove  
Matt Carpenter, SACOG  
Angel Green, Placer County  
Bruce Griesenbeck, SACOG  
Clint Holtzen, SACOG

Matt Jones, YSAQMD  
John Kelly, EPA  
Amy Lee, SACOG  
Anne Novotny, El Dorado County  
Refugio Razo, Sacramento County DOT  
Erik Reitz, YCTD  
Larry Robinson, SMAQMD  
Sadie Smith, Caltrans  
Brit Snipes, City of Rancho Cordova  
Sharon Sprowls, SACOG  
Lacey Symons-Holtzen, SACOG  
A.J. Tendick, SACOG  
John Ungvarsky, EPA

- 1. Introductions and Information Sharing.**
- 2. Action Summary of October 23, 2012, Meeting.** Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the action summary, Mr. Crow seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of accepting the action summary and the motion carried.
- 3. 2013 Proposed RPP Schedule.** Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2013. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of accepting the 2013 Proposed RPP Schedule and the motion carried.
- 4. Draft Air Quality Conformity Assumptions for Amendment #2 to the MTP/SCS for 2035 and Concurrent Amendment to the 2013/16 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.** Ms. Cacciatore introduced the draft Air Quality Conformity Assumptions for the upcoming amendment to the MTIP and MTP/SCS and explained how the assumptions for air quality conformity are used. Members of the Partnership commented on how use of the new emissions model, EMFAC 2011, will affect future conformity determinations and various improvements in the new emissions model.

Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the list of assumptions. Mr. Crow seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of accepting the action and the motion carried.

This item was reopened after discussion of Item 6. The Partnership discussed amending the item to use the language “EMFAC 2011 or 2007 is acceptable” in place of “EMFAC 2011” to allow for flexibility in which emissions model to use, given the uncertain approval date for EMFAC 2011. Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the list of assumptions with this revision. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of accepting the action with aforementioned revisions and the motion carried.

5. **Amendment #31 to 2011/14 MTIP.** Mr. Cáceres updated the Partnership about Amendment #31 to the 2011/13 MTIP. According to the SACOG Public Participation Plan, “Type 2” formal amendments to the MTIP may be processed by SACOG management and require an informational update to the Partnership. Mr. Cáceres explained that Amendment #31 was made to program FTA 5309 New Starts funds to the Sacramento Regional Transit District project “south Sacramento Light Rail (Blue Line) – Phase 2.” It was noted that the amendment does not affect air quality conformity.
6. **Proposed Update to Sacramento Ozone Pre-Cursor Emission Budgets.** Mr. Griesenbeck presented the proposed emission budgets for the Sacramento ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). He shared that the SIP was last updated in 2009 and introduced the current and proposed budgets for the ozone precursors of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG).

The Partnership discussed the changes in the proposed budget relative to the existing budget, paying close attention to the marked decrease in the proposed budgets. Mr. Griesenbeck explained that the difference in budgets is partially due to the use of the new emissions model, EMFAC 2011; he noted that the difference is also attributable to the lower VMT and lower growth rate projected in the MTP/SCS. He then described the collaborative effort between SACOG and SMAQMD to develop an acceptable “safety margin” for the proposed budgets.

Ms. Cacciatore informed the Partnership that the proposed ozone budgets required their approval to be included in the update of the SIP. Mr. Robinson motioned to approve the proposed emissions budgets to be included in the update of the SIP. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Members of the Partnership then discussed whether the proposed ozone budget or the existing ozone budget should be used for the conformity determination discussed in Item 4. There was uncertainty around when EMFAC 2011 will be approved by EPA, and how the approval of these two components of the aforementioned Conformity Determination could adversely affect the approval of Amendment #2 to the MTP/SCS. Members of the Partnership voted in favor of approving the proposed budgets and the motion carried.

Ms. Cacciatore closed discussion on Item 6 and asked if the Partnership would like to revisit Item 4, Draft Air Quality Conformity Assumptions. Mr. Robinson moved to rescind action

on Item 4 and reopen it for discussion. Mr. Crowe seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of Mr. Robinson's proposed action to revisit Item 4.

- 7. SACOG Transportation Control Measures Update.** Mr. Carpenter informed the Partnership that there are 44 Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) in the current ozone SIP and reintroduced the SACOG-led Research and Policy TCMs. He mentioned recent milestones for the Safe Routes to School TCM and introduced the project managers to further discuss the Transportation Pricing and Regional Parking Regulation TCMs.

Mr. Holtzen summarized work performed on the Research a Transportation Pricing Policy TCM and how transportation pricing strategies have been incorporated into the MTP/SCS policies. Mr. Holtzen also discussed a grant from the Strategic Growth Council which will continue study of pricing and high-occupancy toll lanes. The Partnership then discussed ways in which the Connect Card could be used to implement transportation pricing strategies.

Ms. Sprowls presented the Research a Regional Parking Regulation Policy to Provide Incentives for Use of Alternative Modes TCM. She explained the work performed to fulfill the TCM, including the creation of an inventory of public and private parking ordinances in all 27 of SACOG's jurisdictions. She informed the Partnership of next steps with the TCM, including the work beginning on a parking toolkit similar to SACOG's Complete Streets Resource Toolkit.

Ms. Sprowls discussed the upcoming screening of a film at SACOG about parking requirements, which highlighted the City of Sacramento's recent revision of its parking ordinance. She also discussed including parking in UrbanFootprint, and completing and analysis of parking ordinances across the region.

- 8. Other Matters:** Mr. Robinson announced that Sacramento Breathe has opened nominations for Clean Air Champions. The deadline to nominate is January 31, 2013. He also announced an Association for Commuter Transportation mixer on December 13 at Fox and Goose.

Ms. Arnold congratulated Ms. Cacciatore on her permanent position at SACOG. She also informed the Partnership that Highway Safety Improvement Program projects that have not been successfully delivered will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Mr. Brady informed the Partnership that new PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards will be available on December 13; he added that the designation will not take effect for a few years.

- 9. Adjournment.** Mr. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of adjourning the meeting and the motion carried.