

Regional Planning Partnership/Planners Committee
Action Summary
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1. Introductions and Information Sharing

- i. Transportation Funding at a Crossroads. Ms. Hernandez announced a transportation forum being held in collaboration with the National Center for Sustainable Transportation, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies, Caltrans, and SACOG. The forum will take place on April 2, 2015 from 10:30am and 12:00pm at the Sacramento Area Council Governments. There are currently limited spots left to participate in the forum and interested parties are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Ms. Hernández added that this collaboration can provide opportunities for data collection and continuous partnerships in the future.

- ii. May is Bike Month. Mr. Tendick announced the start of the 11th year of May is Bike Month (MIBM), a campaign led by the Transportation Demand Management Committee to encourage people to use alternate forms of transportation. This year there is a goal to reach two million miles, as last year they were shy of the two million mark by about 3,000. SACOG is the initial organizer, but the campaign has grown and generated its own following and connections with various jurisdictions, schools, non-profits, etc. Additionally, CycleSac, which is a mobile phone application for Android and iPhone systems, will launch on roughly the same timeline. CycleSac will use GPS tracking, a rating scale for routes, and will integrate with MIBM account if the users includes the same email address on their CycleSac account as their MIBM account. The new website (mayisbikemonth.com) for MIBM will go live on April 1st and Bike to Work Day is May 15th. Badges will be continued to be issued for those meeting the challenges, and this year those that participate in Bike to Work Day will receive a physical patch in the mail. If there is any interest in helping and participating in the event, contact A.J. Tendick at ajtendick@sacoog.org.
 - iii. SACOG Workshop: Tools for the State ATP. Ms. Cacciatore announced a SACOG-held workshop on April 9th, 2015 between 10:00am and 12:00pm at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Board Room. Ms. Glover from SACOG's Information Resources Center and Ms. Cacciatore of the SACOG Active Transportation Team will present. RSVP is requested.
 - iv. Ms. Cacciatore shared that, due to scheduling constraints, Ms. Devere-Oki requested to move item 4 to approve the frameworks for the regional funding programs in 2015 to immediately after the action summary's review and approval. There were no objections to the proposed change in order of the agenda.
2. Approve February 25, 2015 Action Summary. Mr. Robinson moved to approve the action summary; Mr. Werner seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the action summary and the motion carried.
 3. Frameworks for Regional Funding Programs in 2015. Mr. Chew presented the current status on the Frameworks for Regional Funding Programs that will be available in 2015. The framework will go to the Board in April. The framework address different policies that include more streamlining between the different programs in order for applications to be similar and prevent burnout from jurisdictions seeking funding from various pots of money. The framework is also putting more quantification on air quality.
- Ms. Cacciatore highlighted the differences between that State ATP and the Regional ATP, such as how disadvantaged community "points" are proposed to not be included in

the final application score used to allot funding. Through the State ATP, up to ten disadvantaged community points may be awarded, but the Regional ATP would use the disadvantaged community points to verify that at least 25 percent of the awarded funds will benefit disadvantaged communities. The Regional ATP also evaluates how projects address regional greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, and adds emphasis on biking and walking connections to transit. Ms. Cacciatore added that through the State ATP, no minimum Safe Routes to School percentage or dollar amount has been identified; the decision to add this type of minimum has been deferred to legislature and would be included in the state budget if it were to be identified.

Ms. Symons-Holtzen discussed how the Regional ATP and Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Funding Program (BPPF) have been streamlined to allow applications for State ATP funds to compete in the two regional programs with a supplemental application instead of a separate application process. She noted that this means the former Regional BPPF application will no longer be in use. The due date for all applications to the combined regional programs is June 19. Ms. Symons-Holtzen clarified that all four programs will have a type of pre-submittal correspondence as a requirement to apply, with different elements requested.

Mr. Shelton spoke about the current policy dialogue and the efforts for the increase in transparency within the Regional/Local Program. Projects that wish to apply for these funds will have to submit a pre-submittal letter and then asked to fill out an application based on the questions from the letter. There will not be a project size maximum, however if there is a large sum of money being asked for then there will need to be evidence to support the project. The anticipated due date for applications is expected to be near the end of June.

Mr. Chew reminded the Committee of the pre-submittal letter required for the Community Design application, and mentioned the new element of the program for this cycle, which is the discussion of potential land use benefits and changes following the project. The funding programs are projected to have approximately 145 million dollars available, pending finalization when more information about the State Transportation Improvement Program is released.

Mr. Preston motioned to recommend to the Transportation Committee approval of the frameworks, release of the call for projects, authorize submittal of the Regional ATP frameworks to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), delegating authority to SACOG's CEO to release the Regional ATP call for projects, and to address any changes requested by the CTC. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The Partnership voted and the motion carried.

4. Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan Update. Ms. Martin presented the current update to the Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (Master Plan). Members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee were invited to the meeting to comment on the draft Master Plan. Ms. Martin shared that the Master Plan is updated every two years since its first adoption in 2004, and is an eligibility requirement to compete the Regional BFPF discussed in the previous item. The update focuses on adding new projects to the regional project list in Appendix B and indicating which projects have been completed in the accompanying maps. Other updates included adding new information and data to the Master Plan to reflect developments in active transportation planning, engineering, and funding.

Mr. Hoyt motioned to recommend approval to the Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. The Partnership voted in favor of the recommendation and the motion carried.

5. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and CalEEMod Preliminary Findings. Mr. Garry provided information on the State of California's Strategic Growth Council and the call for project proposals to reduce GHG emissions in January 2015. There were a total of 147 projects that were submitted requesting 760 million dollars to be funded by the available 120 million dollars. Out of the 147 proposals, 54 projects were invited to submit a full application—44 projects are housing-related and 10 are transportation-related projects; 37 projects are located in disadvantaged communities. Five projects in the SACOG region were invited to submit a full application—the complete project list is available online. To demonstrate GHG emission reductions, the projects will be modeled on CalEEMod software. Mr. Garry described how methodology grades the projects and examines the location, land use effects, and demographic effects. The CalEEMod modeling will aid final application development and evaluation of the best projects in the state to reduce GHG emissions.

2016 MTP/SCS Draft Preferred Scenario. Ms. Lizon provided a summary of the current state and progress of the 2016 MTP/SCS update. At this time, staff is working to address the comments received by jurisdictions. Thirteen agencies provided comments prior to the closing of the comment period on March 9th; the scope of comments covered minor changes, such as scope or delays of projects, and adding/removing projects. The request for changes sum up to be one percent of the region, this makes it difficult to address because the MTP/SCS addresses regional growth projections. Ms. Lizon noted that the MTP/SCS Draft Preferred Scenario achieves the target GHG emissions. A member of the Partnership inquired what would happen if the SCS did not achieve the target GHG emissions; in that event, the region would need to develop an alternative planning strategy demonstrating that nothing could be done to meet the requirement.

6. Discussion of Climate Adaptation Report. Mr. Porter presented the current status of the Regional Climate Adaptation Report. SACOG has been working with CivicSpark to analyze climate impact risks on the region's transportation infrastructure. Ms. Moser further discussed information in the draft report. She shared that data is being collected through the Cal-Adapt portal and modeling the climate impact on the region's transportation infrastructure, including various emission scenarios. The predicted impacts of climate change in the study include maximum temperature increases in July, which would connect to increased fire potential, and precipitation increases, which would impact rain and run-off capacity, and also increase landslides.

The climate impact study will also address current strategic management policies that are currently in place to mitigate the impacts of climate change in the event that these situations occur. Policy options include maintaining and managing, strengthen and protect, enhance redundancy, and in dire situations, retreat. The purpose of this study is for SACOG to better understand climate predictions and their effect on the region's transportation infrastructure in the 2016 Update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

7. Other Matters. No other matters were discussed.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Robinson motioned to adjourn. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of adjournment and the motion carried.