



Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

Action Summary March 26, 2014

Attendees:

Cary Anderson, ARB
Rick Bettis, Breathe California
Sabrina Bradbury, SACOG
José Luis Cáceres, SACOG
Scott Carson, FHWA
Rosemary Covington, Regional Transit
Renee DeVere-Oki, SACOG
Woody Deloria, EDCTC
Chris Dougherty, City of West Sacramento
Adrian Engel, Echelon Transportation Group
Eric Fredericks, Caltrans
Monica Hernandez, SACOG
Clint Holtzen, SACOG
Matt Jones, Yolo-Solano AQMD

Amy Lee, SACOG
Amy Martin, SACOG
Luke McNeel-Caird, PCTPA
Marilee Mortenson, Caltrans
Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9
Andrew Phillips, Region Builders
Dan Regan, Sacramento County DOT
Eric Reitz, Yolo County Transportation
District
Larry Robinson, SMAQMD
Angie Rodony, Sacramento County
Sam Shelton, SACOG
Lacey Symons-Holtzen, SACOG
Molly Wright, SMAQMD

1. **Introductions & Information Sharing.** No information was shared among the Partnership.
2. **Approve February 25 Action Summary.** Mr. McNeel-Caird moved to approve the action summary from the February 25; Mr. Robinson seconded. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the action summary and the motion carried.
3. **SACOG Six-County Regional Active Transportation Program Guidelines.** Ms. Symons-Holtzen informed the Partnership that the statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding is now open and SACOG is encouraging all jurisdictions to apply. Caltrans District 3 will be holding a training session next week that interested participants should register for ahead of time. SACOG will release the regional ATP call for projects in May.

Ms. DeVere-Oki described the criteria that SACOG staff is proposing for its ATP based on the listening session at the last RPP and vetting with the transportation authorities in El Dorado and Placer Counties. These criteria are available in Attachment B to the staff item. Any changes or recommendations to the scoring criteria are welcomed. Please send them and any questions to Amy Martin at amartin@sacog.org.

Ms. Symons-Holtzen outlined the program guidelines, included in the staff report as Attachment A. She informed the Partnership that the due date for proposals will be in July to give applicants exactly two months to prepare proposals. The project selection process will be a working group similar to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Funding program. SACOG's ATP Team will do an initial review of the proposed projects based on the screening criteria and will then move applications to the working group. Ms. Symons-Holtzen solicited volunteers for the working group.

Ms. Symons-Holtzen clarified that the “public health organization” that is to be part of the working group does not need to be an organization nor a governmental agency but rather a “representative” of public health interests. She further clarified that public works departments, transportation departments, public health departments, and school districts are eligible applicants, and all applicants must have a master agreement with Caltrans. If an interested agency does not have a master agreement, Caltrans encourages them to partner with an agency that does instead of going through the process of obtaining a master agreement for this programming round.

Mr. Robinson moved to recommend that the Transportation Committee recommend that the SACOG Board approve the draft guidelines and scoring criteria for the MPO funding round and authorize staff to submit the guidelines to the CTC for action, and upon action of the CTC, authorize the CEO to issue the call for projects. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the motion and the motion carried.

4. **Draft Amendment # 25 to the 2013/16 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, Draft Amendment #3 to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035, and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis.** Mr. Cáceres explained that the MTIP is the short-range implementation of the MTP/SCS and includes projects that are regionally significant and federally funded. He explained that this amendment is a Type 5 amendment, which amends the project scope, completion year, [et cetera]^[s1], and requires a model run; however, modeling showed no impact on the SACOG region meeting its air quality attainment.

Mr. Cáceres informed the Partnership that a model run amendment occurs about twice every three years. Model runs take several months to complete and therefore are not performed more frequently.

Mr. Jones moved to approve Draft Amendment #25 to the 2013/16 MTIP and Draft Amendment #3 to the MTP/SCS and the accompanying Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis; Mr. Deloria seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the item and the motion carried.

5. **May is Bike Month 2013 Recap and 2014 Campaign Update.** Ms. Bradbury informed the Partnership that the 2014 May is Bike Month Campaign will focus more on the vehicle trip replacement aspect than it has in years past. Messaging will reflect this focus. Additionally, the 2014 campaign will expand the bicycle-friendly business program, the Shop, Dine, Bike program, and provide more ways to sort and filter the mileage data on mayisbikemonth.com.
6. **2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update.** Mr. Holtzen reminded the Partnership that the SACOG Board adopted a policy framework in December to focus the 2016 MTP/SCS on implementation. Since December, SACOG staff and the Board have examined implementation issues in depth, such as transit needs, road maintenance needs, and state of good repair. The Board adopted the scenario

development framework in March 2014, wherein the Plan’s scenarios will be refreshed but not completely reopened and recreated, because doing so would negate the ability to focus on implementation.

Staff will use this next year to perform analysis. Much of this analysis will focus on phasing of the projects in the plan instead of the “snapshot” method of comparing conditions today to those in 2036. This analysis will feed into SACOG’s public workshops and eventually a preferred scenario. The adoption of the framework for a preferred scenario will trigger the “meat” of the Plan, such as policies, environmental review, et cetera.

Mr. Holtzen requested that local jurisdictions be in contact with him to ensure that project lists are up-to-date and on the appropriate timeline. He can be reached by phone or email, choltzen@sacog.org.

Ms. Hernández clarified how the Blueprint is still involved in SACOG’s work with the MTP/SCS, stating that the MTP/SCS is an implementation tool of the Blueprint but that the Blueprint is implemented at the local level, not the regional. The MTP/SCS will follow some of the land use patterns of the Blueprint if the Board adopts the “Blueprint-esque” scenario that focuses more on transit and active transportation. Furthermore, Senate Bill 375 was modeled after the Blueprint and links transportation and land use planning, which outlines the Sustainable Communities Strategy to incentivize smarter growth in both the urban infill and greenfield developments that will happen in the region.

7. **2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Outreach Update.** Ms. Hernández explained how there are multiple avenues of outreach for this update of the MTP/SCS, including the Sounding Board of about 90 stakeholders from around the region, SACOG’s standing committees such as the RPP, as well as the formal public workshops to be held later this year. The Sounding Board receives updates and information at about the same pace as the SACOG Board, sometimes acting as a vetting group and sometimes after the Board makes a decision. Ms. Hernández noted how the Sounding Board offers the opportunity for diverse interests to be in the same room and have direct conversations, which is lost with interest-specific focus groups.
8. **RPP Survey Assessment.** Mr. Cáceres thanked those who responded to the RPP assessment survey. He noted that all input will go to Victoria Cacciatore, who will address it in the near future.
9. **Delivery Plan 2014 Process.** Mr. Shelton informed the Partnership that the Delivery Plan only concerns projects programmed this year. He explained that SACOG has been working with local jurisdiction staff to ensure that information in the Delivery Plan is up to date and that delivery hits projects’ targets. Questions regarding the Delivery Plan can be sent to Mr. Shelton at sshelton@sacog.org.

10. **Call to Update Projects – 2015/18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.** Mr. Cáceres informed the Partnership that the MTIP is due for an update. The new MTIP will include four years of federally funded projects, starting with 2015 and ending with 2018. Project funds must be “reasonably available and committed” to be included in the MTIP, and as a whole, the TIP will need to meet guidelines such as air quality conformity and financial constraints.

Mr. Cáceres is currently asking project sponsors to update all projects with their most current titles, scopes, timelines, funding sources, et cetera. He emphasized that no projects will be carried over from the previous TIP, so all projects must be updated or they will be dropped. Revised project lists are due to Mr. Cáceres at SACOG by April 25, 2014.

11. **Draft Air Quality Conformity Assumptions for Amendment #4 to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 and Adoption of the 2015/18 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.** Ms. Abraham informed the Partnership of the new modeling assumptions that SACOG must adopt to amend the MTP/SCS and adopt the 2015/18 MTIP. The Assumptions will use EMFAC 2011 data and EPA’s criteria pollutant budgets. The list of Assumptions is attached to the item. Pending EPA’s release of a new PM2.5 budget for the SACOG region, staff will use the 2011 budget for an interim test.

Mr. Deloria moved to approve the Assumptions for use in SACOG’s air quality conformity analysis; Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the Assumptions and the motion carried.

12. **Other matters.** Mr. Frederick informed the Partnership of a Caltrans press release about the Fix 50 project and urged anyone who uses Highway 50 or an adjacent highway to visit fix50.com for the most up-to-date information. Yolobus will be adding service during the construction; Regional Transit will make some adjustments to service as well. He encouraged everyone affected to plan their routes early as traffic delays are expected to be an hour or more. Ms. Hernández added that there will not be construction during the State Fair.

Mr. Deloria informed the Partnership that EDCTC will be facilitating a town hall meeting in coordination with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Tahoe basin counties to present the Tahoe Basin Roadway Plan.

Mr. Regan informed the Partnership that the Scott Road open street will happen again this May for Bike Month, as will an open street in southern Sacramento County at Andrus Island. El Dorado County will be hosting a bike ride or open street during May is Bike Month; contact Jerry Barton for more information.

13. **Adjournment.** Mr. McNeel-Caird moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Fredericks seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of adjournment and the motion carried.