



Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

Action Summary December 4, 2013

Attendees:

Mike Brady, Caltrans	JJ Killian, City of Colfax
Victoria S. Cacciatore, SACOG	Amy Lee, SACOG
José Luis Cáceres, SACOG	Kacey Lizon, SACOG
Tracy Canfield, Sacramento Regional Transit District	Mark Loutzenhiser, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD
Matt Carpenter, SACOG	Karina O'Connor, EPA
Jason Crow, ARB	Mary Poole, City of Citrus Heights
John Deeter, ECOS	Larry Robinson, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD
Woody Deloria, EDCTC	Sam Shelton, SACOG
Renée DeVere-Okie, SACOG	Angela Shepard, Caltrans
Chris Dougherty, City of West Sacramento	Michael Sidhu, SACOG
Gordon Garry, SACOG	Karen Taylor, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD
Clint Holtzen, SACOG	
Aaron Hoyt, PCTPA	
Matt Jones, Yolo-Solano AQMD	

- 1. Introductions & Information Sharing.** Mr. Robinson shared that Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD will be hiring for the position of planner.
- 2. Approve October 23 Action Summary.** Mr. Robinson moved to approve the action summary of the October 23 meeting; Ms. Poole seconded the motion. The Partnership voted in favor of approving the action summary and the motion carried.
- 3. 2013-2014 Flexible Funding Programming Round Recommendations and Adoption of the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.** Ms. DeVere-Okie introduced the draft 2013-14 Flexible Funding project list, which was first presented to the Partnership at the October meeting. She noted that the list has been presented to all SACOG committees and the Board of Directors, and the summary of discussion surrounding the Capitol Southeast Connector funding request from the October 31 Transportation Committee could be viewed in Attachment C. The projects recommended for funding and the dollar amounts have not changed since they were originally released.

Ms. DeVere-Okie added that, following the approval of recommended project list, additional staff work is needed before project sponsors can claim the awarded funds, such as a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program amendment to add in new projects and awarded funds, the submittal of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the execution of any Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with project sponsors.

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the final 2013-2014 Flexible Federal Programming Round project list, authorize staff to submit the RTIP to the CTC, authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute any MOUs with project sponsors, and prepare any necessary MTIP amendments; Mr. Crow seconded the motion. The Partnership voted to approve the item and the motion carried.

4. **2013 Delivery Plan Results.** Mr. Shelton provided background on the 2013 Project Delivery Plan and informed the Partnership that the region exceeded its delivery target of \$37.8 million and was able to claim an additional \$486,000 as a result. When asked how the region could spend more than our allocated amount and not be operating on a deficit, Ms. DeVere-Okie explained that the region can borrow unused federal funds from other regions and the state can borrow money from other states, but, unlike region-to-region borrowing, the state does not have to pay those funds back. Additionally, the state takes steps to ensure that California does not lose any of its allocated federal funds, meaning that some regions need to spend more than their allocated amount because others will spend less. In that respect, the SACOG region spending more than the target amount is a good thing because it enables the state to spend all of their allotted funds, and it will not have a negative effect on our ability to spend funds in the future.

5. **2016 MTP/SCS Update**

- a. **Regional Growth Projections.** Ms. Lizon informed the Partnership of the “trial balloon approach” recommended by MTP/SCS staff, which proposes the use of the growth projections from the MTP/SCS 2035 and extending them to 2036 for the upcoming MTP/SCS update. The proposal would only adjust the horizon year of the plan and growth projections; any changes to the interim targets for attainment, scenarios, distribution of growth, jobs, and development will occur over the next two years of the plan update. She explained that staff analysis indicates the projections have not changed significantly since the last plan, and not revisiting the projections would permit efficiency of resources as SACOG would not have to reinvest the time and funding into revising them. Ms. Lizon added that stakeholders and local planning staff have been supportive of this approach.
- b. **Policy Framework for MTP/SCS Update Process.** Ms. Lizon presented the policy framework for the MTP/SCS Update, which would focus on implementation of the commitments made in the previous plan. The Board and stakeholders were supportive of this approach when the framework was presented through SACOG’s engagement processes.

- c. **Regional Road Maintenance Needs Briefing.** Mr. Holtzen updated the Partnership on the regional road maintenance needs white paper, which will be available within the next two weeks for comment and review. The paper follows the framework of the statewide roads needs assessment, which described the \$3-4 billion shortfall in road maintenance in the SACOG region over the next ten years.

Mr. Holtzen noted that the white paper covers maintenance and state of repair of some rights of way other than roads, such as pavement and signals of some bike routes, but does not review the state highway network.

6. **Other Matters.** Ms. Cacciatore informed the Partnership of a CEQA legal workshop being held at SACOG on December 12 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. RSVP is requested by tomorrow, December 5, to Greg Chew of SACOG staff. Ms. Cacciatore also wished Mike Brady of Caltrans a happy retirement after years of working on air quality conformity issues.

Mr. Brady informed the Partnership that Marilee Mortenson will be the new Caltrans contact for planning and conformity issues along with Rodney Tavitas, who will likely represent Caltrans at meetings such as the RPP. Mr. Brady added that project-related concerns should be taken through Caltrans Environmental, and reminded the Partnership that the district is the primary contact for projects.

Ms. O'Connor announced that there are a few spots open through the EPA's three-day training for project level hot spot analysis in December.

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