



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

September 2, 2014

Overall Work Plan Amendment #1

Issue: Should Amendment #1 be made to the Overall Work Program (OWP) for Fiscal Year 2014/15?

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board approve Amendment #1 to the Overall Work Program (OWP) for Fiscal Year 2014/15.

Discussion: The Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2013/14 OWP in May 2014. Administrative amendments to the OWP are typical throughout every year to modify OWP projects, to add revenue to the OWP, to change project descriptions, or to adjust staff and expenditures between OWP projects. The purpose of this amendment is to make changes to four projects and to add eight projects to the OWP. The overall effect is a positive increase in the 2014/15 Budget position.

Changes to projects:

- *Connectivity Study of Transportation Services to Improve Health Care Access across the SACOG Region* (Project #003-23) was already in the FY 2014/15 OWP, but the milestone dates have changed. The remaining grant budget of \$98,880 will fully cover projected FY 14/15 expenditures for the project.
- *Rural-Urban Connections Strategy/Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation* (Project #005-09) was expected to be completed in the prior fiscal year, but an extension provided by the Strategic Growth Council will allow \$36,898 in remaining funds to be spent in the new fiscal year. As a result, the project is being amended into the FY 2014/15 OWP.
- *Interregional Transportation Demand Management Action Plan* (Project #009-07) is a \$115,803 project being completed by SACOG and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOCG). The milestone dates have changed and the project is being amended back into the FY 2014/15 OWP.
- *Yuba Sutter Short-Range Transit Plan* was already in the FY 2014/15 OWP. The project number is just being changed from #003-24 to #008-16 as a pass-through.

New projects:

- *Feasibility Study of Connect Card Interoperability* (Project #003-24) — This \$95,908 project will explore innovative ideas on implementing the adopted MTP/SCS through studying how the new Connect Card can be used to connect transit with other modes of transportation.
- *Rural Ride-Sharing Alternatives Planning Study* (Project #003-28) — Through this \$97,458 project, SACOG will spearhead a planning study of ridesharing alternatives to serve seniors, persons with disabilities and low-income families living in very rural communities in Sutter and Yuba counties, Yolo County, and the Western portion of El Dorado County.

- *Rural/Small Urban Transit Planning Intern* (Project # 003-29) — \$28,600 in new grant funding will allow SACOG to engage a new student intern to work with our Transit Team for up to one year and provide support for the region’s rural/small urban transit agencies.
- *SGC 3 – Task 1 A/B Revitalization Technical Assistance* (Project # 006-07) — This \$274,918 grant activity will provide technical assistance to cities and counties in the region on infill development and revitalization strategies.
- *SGC 3 – Task 1C Active Design/Transportation Assistance* (Project # 006-08) — This \$131,983 grant activity will provide technical assistance to cities, counties, developers, public health staff and interests, advisory councils/neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders on advancing healthy communities through active design/transportation.
- *SGC 3 – Task 2 Community Revitalization & Capacity Building in Disadvantaged Communities* (Project #006-09) — This \$73,426 grant activity will support case studies of community capacity-building in portions of the City and County of Sacramento that are identified in the MTP/SCS as environmental justice communities.
- *PEV Infrastructure Implementation* (Project #007-22) — This \$6,798 grant-funded activity will begin implementing the regional PEV infrastructure plan adopted by the SACOG Board in 2013.
- *I-5 Subregional Transportation Impact Fee Program EIR* (Project #009-10) — In this \$106,336 project, SACOG will act as lead agency for the preparation and certification of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a subregional transportation and mitigation impact fee program.

Attachment A offers the project description details for the new or changed projects included in OWP Amendment #1.

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Attachment A: Project Description Details

CONNECTIVITY STUDY OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS ACROSS THE SACOG REGION

Project #003-23

(Caltrans Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies Grant)

This project will address greater connectivity and seamlessness for demand-response transit and supplemental transportation service users and low-income residents needing to make cross-jurisdictional trips in the Sacramento Region, especially to reach health care services. SACOG staff will work with operators and stakeholders to document existing transportation services and health care service locations; assess additional needs and demand for cross-jurisdictional travel for accessing health care; and identify, assess, and recommend options for a more seamless, connected system of public transportation and supplemental services in the region.

This work will be performed by SACOG staff.

Tasks and *End Products*:

- a. Project kickoff (March 2013)
- b. Complete data collection on current services, demand and destinations for cross-jurisdictional travel (~~June~~January 2015~~4~~)
- c. Conduct surveys (~~June~~January 2015~~4~~)
- d. Analyze options/alternatives, develop recommendations (~~August 2015~~October 2014)
- e. Complete outreach and input-gathering (~~December 2014~~September 2015)
- f. Finalize Connectivity Study (~~February 2015~~December 2015)
- g. Project management and administration (Ongoing)
- h. *Develop draft recommendations (October 2015~~4~~)*
- i. *Complete Draft Connectivity Study for review (~~December~~ November 2015~~4~~)*
- j. *Complete Final Connectivity study (~~February~~ December 2015)*
- k. *Quarterly Reports/Invoices (Quarterly)*
- l. *Final Caltrans Report and Invoice (~~February~~ December 2015)*

**MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS TO TRANSIT: FEASIBILITY STUDY OF
CONNECT CARD INTEROPERABILITY**

Project # 003-24

(Caltrans Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant)

This project, based on Board Policy to explore innovative ideas on implementing the adopted MTP/SCS, is a study of how the new Connect Card can be used to connect transit with other modes of transportation. The study will explore the hardware and software requirements of using Connect Card with bike share systems, electric vehicle chargers, car share, and parking. It will look at different business cases and models used to implement these systems, and make recommendations on how best to integrate the Connect Card to support “last mile” connections. This work is funded through a Caltrans discretionary planning grant.

This work will be performed by SACOG and consultants

Tasks and ***End Products:***

- a. Project Administration (Ongoing)
- b. Issues on PEV interoperability (Ongoing)
- c. ***Report on PEV Interoperability with Connect Card (August 2015)***
- d. Issues on Bike Share interoperability (Ongoing)
- e. ***Report on Bike Share Interoperability with Connect Card (August 2015)***

RURAL RIDE-SHARING ALTERNATIVES PLANNING STUDY

Project #003-28

(Caltrans Transit Planning for Rural Communities Grant)

SACOG will spearhead a planning study of ridesharing alternatives to serve seniors, persons with disabilities and low-income families living in very rural communities in the Western portion of El Dorado County, Yolo County, and Yuba and Sutter Counties where public transit service is limited, or non-existent and too costly to provide. SACOG will research successful rural transportation models and work with stakeholders and community residents to detail service gaps, identify locally preferred ride-sharing alternatives, assess feasibility and costs, and develop implementation strategies and next steps.

This work will be performed by SACOG staff.

Tasks and *End Products*:

- a. Project kickoff (May 2015)
- b. Project Coordination (Ongoing)
- c. Conduct gap and demand analysis (November 2015)
- d. Review ride-sharing options/models for rural areas (December 2015)
- e. Refine services/models to study (February 2016)
- f. Refine service alternatives (July 2016)
- g. Draft feasibility plans and implementation strategies (July 2016)
- h. Review draft feasibility plans with stakeholders (July 2016)
- i. Complete planning studies and implementation strategies (September 2016)
- j. Implementation/next steps (September 2016)
- k. *Report on gap/demand analysis, ride-sharing options and models (December 2015)***
- l. *Draft Planning Studies and Implementation Strategies (July 2016)***
- m. *Final Planning Studies (September 2016)***
- n. *Quarterly Reports/Invoices (Quarterly)***
- o. *Final Caltrans Report and Invoice (October 2016)***

RURAL/SMALL URBAN TRANSIT PLANNING INTERN

Project # 003-29

(Caltrans Transit Planning for Rural Communities Grant)

SACOG will hire a college student enrolled in a planning-related degree program to work with our Transit Team for up to one year under the supervision of experienced transportation planners. The intern will assist with diverse transit planning activities to gain professional experience and provide staff support. The intern will work full-time during the summer and 16-24 hours per week during the academic year. The transit intern's work will be focused on transit planning activities for our region specifically benefitting the rural/small urban service areas (population 100,000 or less) in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, and Sutter counties. The general areas of work and the timeline are outlined below.

This work will be performed by a student intern

Tasks and ***End Products***

- A. Intern Hiring Process (May 2015)
- B. Technical Assistance and Programming (June 2016)
- C. Transit Planning and Project Implementation (June 2016)
- D. Unmet Transit Needs Process Support (January 2016)
- E. Public Outreach and Implementation (June 2016)

**RURAL-URBAN CONNECTIONS STRATEGY/SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**

Project #14-005-09

(Strategic Growth Council Grant)

The Sacramento Region is planning for sustainable communities, from the urban centers to rural edges in the region. This project includes work activities that address goals of Senate Bill 375 and Assembly Bill 32, including creating economically, environmentally, and equitably sustainable rural communities with direct and indirect land use benefits throughout the entire region. A Strategic Growth Council grant award is being used as part of SACOG's implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy. In line with SACOG's approach of balancing urban growth planning with rural economic and environmental sustainability, work for this project will mainly focus on ways to support the agriculture industry and rural communities.

Building upon the RUCS project (project #14-004-05), the work assesses ways to support agriculture with employment, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and access to services. Distribution and processing infrastructure needs are being determined, and feasibility and pro forma work will help craft strategies for deploying facilities. Project work also includes supporting rural communities with tools to assist in quantifying cost and fiscal constraints of infrastructure and service improvements. The project also includes analysis of regional food deserts and steps towards implementing diet surveys to identify market demand in the six-county area for regionally-produced food. This work seeks to expand food access to reduce the occurrences of food deserts.

This work on enhancing rural economic viability is supported by additional tasks covered by the grant. Support will come from work on CEQA streamlining, which will design a tiering instrument and toolkit by and for local partners and stakeholders. SACOG will also conduct any needed outreach for the update of the MTP/SCS and develop an inventory of local land use plans in the region to help monitor implementation of the SCS.

Other work includes data development and research on an I-80/Capitol Corridor Strategic Plan. This plan will address goods movement and strategies to reduce interregional VMT, including smart growth land use policies along the corridor. The work will help coordinate air quality, land use, and travel demand assumptions and models for each region. Other work includes assembling rural policies and plans into a toolkit to help jurisdictions with land use plan updates that protect agricultural lands and reduce VMT.

This work will be performed by SACOG staff.

Tasks and ***End Products:***

- a. Identify unmet demand for healthy locally grown food (May 2012 – June 2013)
- b. Determine needs for agriculture infrastructure to support more regionally consumed food (June 2012 – March 2014)
- c. Identify needs to support adequate agricultural labor in the region (May 2012 – May 2013)
- d. Determine agricultural labor needs (May 2012 – August 2013)
- e. Determine infrastructure and service needs for rural communities and estimate the cost and sources of revenue (July 2013 – March 2014)
- f. Build CEQA Streamlining/Tiering tools (July 2013 – September 2013)
- g. Conduct Public Outreach & Visualization (Ongoing)
- h. Create organized system for displaying, reporting and accessing data used in creation and update of the MTP/SCS (January 2014 – ~~June~~ July 2014)

- i. Collect and analyze adopted and proposed land use plans (October 2013 – ~~June~~ July 2014)
- j. *Develop scope of work to implement survey of diets for various community groups and a regional food consumption summary (May 2012–June 2013)*
- k. *Food desert profile report (May 2012–December 2013)*
- l. *Inventory of current processing and distribution facilities and assessment of facilities that can be supported by various regional crop production patterns (June 2012–August 2013)*
- m. *Performance measures, funding strategies, and gap assessment to implement the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (July 2012–December 2013)*
- n. *Estimate number of agriculture laborers needed and location of that demand for current crop production and agriculture infrastructure as well as for scenarios (May 2012–December 2013)*
- o. *Work with rural communities, counties, and housing agencies to assess infrastructure needs, costs and municipal revenues for rural communities and other locations where agricultural facilities and labor housing may be sited (July 2013–March 2014)*
- p. *A CEQA tiering instrument and toolkit designed by SACOG and its public and private sector partners to design an instrument that is objective and consistent with the SCS (July 2013)*
- q. Public outreach for update of the MTP/SCS as needed (Ongoing)
- r. *Database for displaying reporting and accessing data used in creation and update of the MTP/SCS (~~June~~ July 2014)*
- s. *Inventory of local land use plans in SACOG region (~~June~~ July 2014)*

SGC 3 – TASK 1 A/B REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Project # 006-07

(State of California Strategic Growth Council Grant, Round 3)

This grant-funded activity will provide technical assistance to cities and counties in the region on compact development and revitalization strategies. Assistance is targeted to MTP/SCS-designated “Centers and Corridors” which include downtowns, main streets, small town centers, central business districts, commercial corridors, compact infill sites and Transit Priority Areas and designated as “Established Communities”, which include older and inner ring suburban areas.

The assistance is offered by SACOG staff and the Portland State University Urban Sustainability Accelerator Program.

Tasks and *End Products*:

- a. Confirm technical assistance and expertise needs (December 2014)
- b. Provide technical assistance to remove barriers to revitalization and intensification in Centers, Corridors and Established Communities (Ongoing)
- c. *Quarterly status reports on overall project status (Quarterly)*
- d. *Summary of technical assistance provided and recommendations and implementation outcomes resulting from assistance. (January 2017)*
- e. *Other deliverables as required for grant (As determined)*

SGC 3 – TASK 1C ACTIVE DESIGN/TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE *Project # 006-08*
(State of California Strategic Growth Council Grant, Round 3)

This grant-funded activity will provide technical assistance to cities, counties, developers, public health staff and interests, advisory councils/neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders on advancing healthy communities through active design/transportation policies, plans and implementation. The assistance is offered by SACOG staff, traffic engineering experts, Sacramento County sustainability and public health staff, WALKSacramento and Design 4 Active Sacramento.

Tasks and ***End Products:***

- a. Provide technical assistance (Ongoing)
- b. Quarterly status reports on overall project status (Quarterly)***
- c. Summary of technical assistance provided and recommendations and implementation outcomes resulting from assistance. (January 2017)***
- d. Other deliverables as required for grant to be determined (As determined)***

**SGC 3 – TASK 2 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION & CAPACITY BUILDING
IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**

Project #006-09

(State of California Strategic Growth Council Grant, Round 3)

There are two case study focus areas under Task 2 of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Round 3 grant. The two study areas are inclusive of Sacramento County and City neighborhoods in the north and south areas that are identified as MTP/SCS environmental justice communities and included in Cal EnviroScreen's top 20 percent of disadvantaged communities statewide.

The case studies will result in community capacity building and tangible studies to improve infrastructure needs in these communities.

This work will be performed by The Center for Public Interest Design and SACOG.

Tasks and ***End Products:***

- a.*** Community investigations including review of existing and historical planning efforts (June 2014)
- b.*** Resident and stakeholder interviews (June 2015)
- c.*** Engagement of local residents (May 2015)
- d.*** ***Feasibility study for the reuse of Maple School (December 2015)***
- e.*** ***Pop-up tactical urbanism events in both study areas (December 2015)***
- f.*** ***Feasibility study for long term revitalization of Marysville Blvd. and Grand Avenue (December 2015)***

PEV INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Project #007-22

(California Energy Commission grant)

This project will begin implementing the regional PEV infrastructure plan adopted by the SACOG Board in 2013. The initial phase of the project is funded through a California Energy Commission (CEC) grant, and a partnership with the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD), to install a series of DC Fast Chargers in the SMUD service territory. This includes site design, equipment allocation, site preparation, equipment installation, and market surveys.

This work will be performed by SACOG and SMUD.

Tasks and *End Products*:

a. Site design for up to three DC Fast Chargers in the SMUD service territory (June 2015)

YUBA-SUTTER SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Project #~~003-24008-16~~

(Caltrans Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies Grant)

The project is an update of the 2008 Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). Stakeholders will be included in development of the plan. The new SRTP will guide future transit services and planning for the population and areas served by Yuba-Sutter Transit.

This work will be performed by a consultant, and is funded by a Caltrans Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies discretionary grant.

Tasks and *End Products*:

- a. Project kickoff (January 2014)
- b. Work plan responsibilities (February 2014)
- c. *Develop existing conditions information (December 2014)***
- d. Analyze and draft SRTP sections on goals, policies, objectives and opportunities (August 2014)
- e. Complete financial analysis (April 2015)
- f. Assess community values, priorities and preferences (March 2015)
- g. Draft service alternatives (April 2015)
- h. Complete capital plan (April 2015)
- i. Complete draft SRTP (April 2015)
- j. Complete final SRTP (June 2015)
- k. Project management and administration (Ongoing)
- l. Kickoff meeting notes (January 2014)
- m. Work plan and (if necessary) RFP and contract (February 2014)
- n. *Summary of outreach efforts (March 2015)***
- o. *Draft SRTP sections (April 2015)***
- p. *Summary of public comments on draft SRTP, Final SRTP (June 2015)***
- q. *Quarterly Reports/Invoices (Quarterly)***
- r. *Final Caltrans Report and Invoice (June 2015)***

INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Project #009-07

(Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant)

In this project, SACOG and SJCOG will partner to develop a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan to reduce current and future interregional capacity demands on the I-5 and SR 99 corridors between San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties. To complete the plan, SJCOG and SACOG will work together with interregional stakeholders, including Caltrans Districts 10 and 3, to develop, assess and select from scenarios with various combinations of TDM strategies to address commute-related congestion between the two regions.

This work will be performed by outside consultants with SJCOG staff as the lead agency and with SACOG staff reviewing deliverables and participating in project development team meetings. -

Tasks and *End Products*:

- a. Project initiation (May 2013)
- b. Project coordination meeting (June 2013)
- c. Establish Project Steering Committee (January 2014)
- d. *Document existing conditions (January 2014)***
- e. *Develop interregional vision statement (February 2014)***
- f. Identify TDM/multimodal service strategies (~~March-May~~ 2014)
- g. Assess and select preferred strategies (~~April-August~~ 2014)
- h. Conduct more detailed implementation assessment (~~May-September~~ 2014)
- i. Develop strategies and working draft Action Plan (~~June-October~~ 2014)
- j. *Complete final interregional TDM Action Plan, executive summary and technical report (June-October 2014)***
- k. *Final report to Caltrans and Board Action (June-November 2014)***
- l. *Reporting to Caltrans and grant administration (Ongoing)***

I-5 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE PROGRAM

Project #009-10

(Local Agreement)

The I-5 Subregional transportation impact fee program and an environmental review of the Subregional Improvement Plan is a coordinated effort among Caltrans, SACOG, and the cities of Elk Grove, Sacramento, and West Sacramento to address concerns regarding new developments and future cumulative traffic impacts along Interstate 5 within the jurisdictional boundaries of these cities.

SACOG, as the regional partner, will be the lead agency for the EIR for the Subregional Improvement Plan and Impact Fee to analyze whether implementation of a selected group of projects would mitigate the cumulative mainline freeway traffic impacts.

This work will be performed by consultants managed by SACOG staff.

Tasks and ***End Products:***

- a. EIR cost-sharing agreement between SACOG and local partners (October 2015)
- b. Request for proposal and selection of consultant to prepare EIR. (November 2015)
- c. Draft EIR for the Improvement Plan and the Impact Fee (April 2015)***
- d. Final EIR for the Improvement Plan and the Impact Fee (June 2015)***