



**Land Use and Natural Resources  
Committee**  
**Meeting Date:** 11/1/2018  
**Agenda Item No.:** 2018-November-2.

**Subject:** Release Request for Qualifications for Technical Services for the MTP/SCS Environmental Compliance Document (Est. time: 5 minutes)

**Action**

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**Attachments:** No

**1. Issue:**

Should SACOG release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide technical assistance services for the preparation of an environmental compliance document for the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update?

**2. Recommendation:**

That the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee recommend that: (1) the SACOG Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to release an RFQ for technical services for the preparation of an environmental compliance document; and 2) the SACOG Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected contractor.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

Under state law, SACOG's quadrennial update of the MTP/SCS is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. To comply with this law, SACOG has in the past prepared a programmatic environmental impact report (PEIR). The purpose of the PEIR is to enable SACOG to examine and disclose the overall environmental effects of the MTP/SCS. Under SB 375, the PEIR can also enable CEQA streamlining review for subsequent land development projects that are consistent with the MTP/SCS, if the SCS achieves its SB 375 greenhouse gas target. SACOG has enabled this SB 375 streamlining with the 2012 and 2016 MTP/SCS, and land use projects have used the streamlining enabled by both plans.

**4. Discussion/Analysis:**

Staff seeks board approval to release an RFQ for technical services to assist with the preparation of the environmental compliance document for the 2020 MTP/SCS. The scope of services for the selected consultant will include some combination of the following:

- Conduct peer review of assigned chapters to ensure the use of best practices and defensible approaches for the impact analysis
- Conduct necessary research to recommend necessary changes to setting, data, modeling, GIS analysis, and/or text in assigned chapters from the prior EIR
- Review assigned chapters from the prior EIR and recommend changes to impacts, significance thresholds and/or conclusion, and mitigation measures
- Revise, rewrite, and/or draft assigned document chapters or sub-sections
- Attend meetings and participate in conference calls
- Assist with responses to Draft comments

The final scope of work will be negotiated with the selected consultant.

### **5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

This project activity is budgeted for up to \$480,000 over two fiscal years: \$174,000 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019; the remaining \$216,000 will be allocated in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget. The Executive Director will not execute an agreement with the final contractor until the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 OWP and Budget amendment for this project has been approved.

### **6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:**

1. Advance Economic Prosperity