



**Item #16-2-2
Consent**

SACOG Board of Directors

February 11, 2016

Approve Corridor Technical Assistance for Strategic Growth Council Planning Grant #3

Issue: Should the Board authorize the release of a Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) to provide technical assistance to the planned regional Corridor Working Group as part of SACOG's 3rd round grant from the Strategic Growth Council?

Recommendation: The Land Use & Natural Resources Committee recommends that the Board: 1) authorize the release of a Request for Proposal/Qualifications to be developed by SACOG and the regional Corridor Working Group for technical assistance services; and 2) authorize the CEO to execute the contract with the selected consultant(s) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Committee Action/Discussion: In round three of the program, SACOG applied for and was awarded a Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant. The \$900,000 grant is entitled "Accelerating Local Implementation of Sacramento Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainability Communities Strategy" and is largely for three technical assistance tasks with member jurisdictions for:

- (1) Removing barriers to revitalization and intensification in Centers, Corridors and Established Communities;
- (2) Advancing healthy communities through active design/transportation implementation; and
- (3) Community revitalization and capacity-building in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

As part of the active design/transportation task, the grant application included \$100,000 for one or more traffic/engineering consultants to provide expert assistance to communities looking to retrofit key existing Corridors by identifying alternatives and phasing options to balance the interests of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, businesses and neighborhood residents along varying types of Corridors, and support revitalization and active transportation options.

To most efficiently use the assistance funds available through the grant, SACOG staff have invited interested jurisdictions to participate in a regional Corridor Working Group. The Corridor Working Group is designed to help local jurisdictions address and improve the design of Corridor retrofit projects through:

- Bringing together teams of planning and public works staff from jurisdictions across the region to learn from experts and each other.
- Identifying with the group key Corridor retrofit issues and barriers common to multiple jurisdictions.
- Offering speakers/workshops/webinars on models and strategies for effectively retrofitting Corridors.

- Touring together good examples of corridor retrofits locally and outside the region.
- Engaging with the consultant(s) to assess retrofit alternatives addressing varying types of residential/commercial/mixed use Corridors in different jurisdictions, phasing options over time given right of way and funding constraints, and policies/design guidelines that can help support retrofit efforts.
- Participating with SACOG on development of a regional Complete Streets Program, which was discussed with the Board in April 2015.

SACOG staff will work with the Corridor Working Group to refine the participating jurisdictions' technical assistance needs and priorities, develop the RFP/RFQ, and select the consultant(s). Grant funds for the consultant contract are included in OWP Amendment #3, which is being considered by the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee on March 7, 2016.

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