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**2022 Highlights**

**SACOG Strategic Plan**
With input from the Board of Directors, stakeholders, and staff, SACOG developed a new Strategic Plan and Mission. The Strategic Plan sharpens the agency’s goals and objectives and presents a simple and clear articulation of SACOG’s purpose, priorities, and approach.

**Active Transportation Funding**
The state budget for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) increased SACOG’s Regional ATP round to $45.5 million from the previous $17.3 million. This is an exciting opportunity for agencies across the region to access the primary state funding source for projects that increase walking and bicycling. It is expected that the region will receive an additional $83.6 million, or about 9.8 percent of the total statewide funding pot.

**RAISE Grant Award**
A $5 million award was received from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s RAISE Grant to accelerate community-driven transportation and

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The highlights featured in this report are driven by our region’s long-range plan and focus on the following priorities:

- **Build vibrant and inclusive places**
- **Foster the next generation of mobility solutions**
- **Modernize the way we pay for transportation infrastructure**
- **Build and maintain a safe, equitable and resilient transportation system**

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clean-transit projects for the region. SACOG will work with municipal and community partners to explore the feasibility of implementing transportation projects throughout the region.

Green Means Go Gets Rolling

$3.2 million has been awarded in the first round of funding for the Green Means Go funding program. Five awardees received funding to accelerate infill development projects happening in their jurisdictions. At the time of this report, applications for the second round of awards for $30 million are under review. As part of Green Means Go, SACOG partnered with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) on two sets of technical assistance efforts. Experts in infill development, infrastructure, finance, and real estate investigated redevelopment opportunities in Yuba City, Marysville, and portions of unincorporated Sacramento County and Folsom.

Ready Set Trails! – Plan, Prioritization, and Funding

The prioritization and implementation strategy for the 1,000-mile Sacramento Regional Trail Network was approved by the SACOG Board of Directors. Trails around the region are already making progress with groundbreakings for Arden-Cripple Creek and the Del Rio Trail in Sacramento County.

Racial Equity Work

Work to accomplish racial equity goals at SACOG has been moving at a remarkable rate. With the recommendation of the REI Working Group, the board adopted a Racial Equity Statement of Change and Commitment, followed by the Racial Equity Action Plan for implementation. Notably, SACOG’s Race Equity and Inclusion Working Group was recognized by the Sacramento chapter of WTS, which honored them with the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award for the statement.

Federal Grant Assistance

This year, SACOG partnered with the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) to provide grant assistance for new federal funding programs made available through the $1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This included helping applicants understand grant requirements, connecting partners to create regional applications, providing technical assistance, and sending letters of support. Staff created 11 support letters since the launch in late 2022, with more in the pipeline.
Youth Leadership Academy

The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) continues to be a meaningful program for the region’s emerging leaders. Wrapping up its fourth year of programming in 2022, YLA celebrated graduating more than 150 students since launch. A testament to the skills students build during the program was on display at the first-ever Valley Vision Livability Summit, sponsored by SACOG. Four YLA alumni took the stage to share what livability means to them, and what they see as the most pressing challenges facing the future of the region.

SACOG Board Member Tours – Salt Lake City/Wasatch Front, and Northern Virginia/D.C.

SACOG board members and guests attended two tours of other regions in 2022. The first was a tour through Northern Virginia to explore their remarkable infill development progress. The second, hosted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, was a tour of the Salt Lake City area, where attendees experienced the transit system and learned about new developments as the region experiences exponential growth.

Regional Network Transit Study

SACOG’s first action item in the Next Generation Transit Study has been to develop a Regional Transit Network. The yearlong study kicked off in July 2022 and will result in a regional map of high-capacity transit corridors that provide connectivity across jurisdictions. The plan will identify governance, policy, performance metrics, and funding challenges associated with implementation.

2024 Blueprint

Work on the 2024 Blueprint is in full force this year as staff work to meet the deadline. Milestones included the implementation of an innovative online tool designed by SACOG staff to help cities and counties submit projects and to visualize projects submitted for consideration to be included in the final plan. Outreach included a tour to member city councils and boards to coordinate and inform jurisdictions on the long-range plan.

Engage Empower Implement

This year, staff have been listening and learning, to understand how the Engage, Empower, Implement (EEI) program can meet the needs of jurisdictions and community-based organizations while working toward securing a consultant that understands the intersections of planning, collaborative decision making, and racial equity. EEI is focused on
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SACOG provides transportation planning and funding for the region and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. In addition to preparing the region’s long-range transportation plan, SACOG plans the distribution of affordable housing in the region and assists in planning for transit, bicycle networks, clean air, and airport land uses.

working with partners to create guidelines, a framework, applications, and accompanying resources to launch the call for applications in spring 2023.

Pricing Pilot
SACOG, in partnership with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), was awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to jointly develop a common research design framework for a transportation pricing and incentive pilot. Staff are in the process of selecting a consultant to lead this design work and test the effects of integrating transportation payment systems.

New Revolving Match Fund
The SACOG board adopted guidelines for the Revolving Match Program that offers a boost of funding for projects pursuing major federal or state grants, and applies only if the project wins the larger award. This funding commitment helps make projects more competitive. One project of note that SACOG allocated $1.5 million to is West Sacramento’s I Street Bridge Conversion, which is recommended to receive $16.03 million from California’s Active Transportation Program (ATP).

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