



Transportation Committee

May 30, 2013

Flexible Funds Programming Round Calendar

Issue: Should the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board add a Strategic Planning Committee meeting to the December 2013 Calendar to act on the programming round recommendations?

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board add a December Strategic Planning Committee meeting to the Board calendar, and delegate to the Committee the final action on the Flexible Funds Programming Round awards.

Discussion: At the May 16, 2013, SACOG Board meeting, the policy frameworks and the call for projects for the 2014 Flexible Funds Programming Round were both approved and released. This has initiated a multi-month process for project application development, project application review, and ultimately action on how SACOG would like to invest its regional apportionment of federal funds and its share of state funds.

Earlier in May, the Flexible Funds Programming Round (Programming Round) calendar challenges were discussed at the Board committees. Supportive comments were made by Board members on the benefits from holding a Strategic Planning Committee meeting in December to take final action on the recommended funding awards. If the new meeting is scheduled by December 15, more than one month of additional time is realized for programming round activities. A key benefit is providing more time for local agency staff to prepare their applications. The existing Board calendar constraint is due to the fact that the December 19 Board meeting occurs after the December 15 deadline for SACOG to submit the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Without a Strategic Planning Committee meeting in December, the final SACOG Board action would need to occur in November and the entire Programming Round calendar milestones in the preceding months would be compressed.

The proposed Programming Round calendar protects the opportunity for all Board members to offer direction on the funding recommendations through two committee cycles. Draft programming recommendations will come forward in November and the final recommendations would come to each Board committee in early December, culminating in a final action by the Strategic Planning Committee before December 15.

Provided in the attachment is a proposed final calendar of future due dates, public review periods, and final action. This calendar accommodates the additional time requested by local agencies for critical application development. Additionally, this calendar allows SACOG to meet known State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) deadlines.

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