



Planners Committee

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HUD Grant Work on MTP/SCS Implementation and the Region's Housing Market

Issue: SACOG has completed a draft report on the MTP/SCS and the Sacramento Region's Housing Market for planner and stakeholder review.

Recommendation: This item is for information and discussion.

Discussion: In 2010, SACOG and numerous agency partners received a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to expand the analysis associated with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and help support its implementation.

In 2012, the SACOG Board of Directors adopted the MTP/SCS. The MTP/SCS projects a more compact development pattern and increased housing and transportation choices that will reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and congestion and achieve state greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets by 2035. With support from the HUD grant and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), staff conducted a more comprehensive look at the region's housing market as a key factor in implementation of MTP/SCS, and as SACOG begins work on the next MTP/SCS for 2016.

The attached report seeks to highlight MTP/SCS housing-related projections, provide an overview of housing market conditions in the aftermath of the region's economic downturn, and start to identify market challenges that could impact implementation of the MTP/SCS and housing choice and quality of life for the region's residents. The draft report provides a broad range of information from a regional perspective on:

- Recent housing production
- Housing affordability and subsidy programs
- Identified impediments to meeting the breadth of projected housing demand in the region
- Fair housing assessment data provided by HUD
- Demographic and economic changes that affect future housing demand
- Funding and current policies and strategies in the region for addressing identified barriers

The report also describes the variety of housing-related plans required of local agencies.

You are encouraged to review the report if possible prior to the Planners Committee meeting. The full draft report may be found at <http://sacog.org/email-attachments/SACOG-Draft-Housing-Paper-7-31-13.pdf> Staff will also provide a brief overview at the meeting. SACOG staff next anticipates taking an updated version of the draft report to the Land Use and Natural Resources (LUNR) Committee of the SACOG Board of Directors on September 5, 2013. The report is a work in progress, and staff is thus very interested in Planners Committee participants' comments on the report, any recommended additions/revisions, and suggestions for key housing-related messages or issues to relay to the LUNR Committee. Appendices are still in process and will be made available when completed.

Comments will also be accepted following the Planners Committee meeting. Please direct any feedback to Sharon Sprowls, Senior Program Specialist, at ssprowls@sacog.org or 916-340-6235.