



SACOG Board of Directors

March 8, 2012

Approve Submission of Applications for FY 2012-13 Caltrans Transportation Planning Discretionary Grants

Issue: Should SACOG submit applications to Caltrans for available Transportation Planning Discretionary Grants?

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board approve a resolution for projects to be submitted to Caltrans for discretionary funding and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the funding agreements associated with these grants.

Committee Action/Discussion: Caltrans issued a call for projects for its discretionary transportation planning grant programs, with all proposals due April 2, 2012. There are six grant programs, each with different purposes, eligibility requirements, and matching ratios. These requirements are summarized in Attachment A.

In January 2012, SACOG issued guidance for local agencies that are required to have SACOG submit a Caltrans grant application on their behalf. Grant proposals from outside agencies are reviewed by SACOG staff to ensure that the proposals fit the purpose of the grant programs. SACOG received five requests from outside agencies. All of these proposals were found to have sufficient fit, funding and background information to proceed. SACOG staff has also begun preparing another three proposals, for a total of eight grant applications, pending Board approval.

An additional request had been made to SACOG to submit an application for a streetscape plan for the Fruitridge corridor, which is in both the city and county of Sacramento. Following a discussion at the Transportation Committee meeting, SACOG staff has clarified that both the city and county are pursuing other proposals.

The Fruitridge request has therefore been deleted from Attachment B, which contains a list of the grant applications now being moved forward, including brief summaries of each of the proposed planning projects. Staff does not recommend any priority order listing of the projects.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP)	<p style="text-align: center;">State Highway Account</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget \$3 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Cap \$300,000</p>	Fund coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities, and a sustainable transportation system, which includes mobility, access, and safety.	<p>The following may apply directly or as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Cities and Counties • Transit Agencies • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may apply only as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>10% minimum of the grant amount requested.</p> <p>At least 7.5% of the grant amount requested must be cash match and the rest may be in-kind.*</p>
Environmental Justice (EJ)	<p style="text-align: center;">State Highway Account</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget \$3 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Cap \$250,000</p>	Promote community involvement in planning to improve mobility, access, and safety while promoting economic opportunity, equity, environmental protection, and affordable housing for low-income, minority, and Native American communities.	<p>The following may apply directly or as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Cities and Counties • Transit Agencies • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may apply only as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Public Entities** 	<p>10% minimum of the grant amount requested.</p> <p>At least 7.5% of the grant amount requested must be cash match and the rest may be in-kind.*</p>

* For in-kind contribution requirements, refer to each grant program's section in this Guide.

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Note: Redevelopment Agencies cannot apply as an applicant or sub-applicant until AB X1 26 and 27 have been resolved. Please consult your district contract manager before submitting your grant application to the EJ or CBTP grant program to determine eligibility.

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GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
Partnership Planning	Federal Highway Administration State Planning and Research, Part 1 Budget Federal funds \$1,200,000 Grant Cap \$300,000	Fund transportation planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance in partnership with Caltrans.	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>Caltrans District 4 Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Cities and Counties • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may only apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	20% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 20% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution. Additional local funds above the minimum local match are desired.
Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies	Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 Budget Federal funds \$1,500,000 Grant Cap \$300,000	Fund studies on transit issues having statewide or multi-regional significance to assist in reducing congestion.	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>Caltrans District 4 Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Cities and Counties • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may only apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	11.47% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies</p>	<p>Federal Transit Administration Section 5304</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal funds \$1,000,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Cap \$100,000</p>	<p>Fund public transportation planning studies in rural or small urban areas of California (transit service area with population of 100,000 or less).</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>Caltrans District 4 Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Cities and Counties • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may only apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Transit Planning Student Internships</p>	<p>Federal Transit Administration Section 5304</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal funds \$300,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Cap \$50,000</p>	<p>Fund student internship opportunities in transit planning at public transit agencies.</p>	<p>The following may only apply as an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>Caltrans District 4 Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Cities and Counties • Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following may only apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an in-kind contribution.</p>

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**DRAFT SACOG APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR CALTRANS FY 2012/2013
DISCRETIONARY PLANNING FUNDS**

The following is a list of the applications that are being moved forward by SACOG for FY 2012-13. Numbers 1-3 are being prepared by SACOG. Numbers 4-8 are requests from outside agencies.

Grant Application Title	Grant Category
1. Regional Public Transportation Connectivity Study	Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies

Applicant: SACOG

This project will implement one of the recommendations in SACOG's lifeline transit study to address greater regional connectivity for demand-response transit and supplemental service users needing to make cross-jurisdictional trips. Transit and demand-response service operators, supplemental transportation providers, health and social service providers, and community stakeholders will be involved to help SACOG assess and prioritize options to create a more seamless, connected system for residents needing to cross county or operator boundaries, especially to reach health care.

Caltrans Request: \$95,000 Local Match: \$12,308 Total Project Cost: \$107,308

2. Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit Plan	Rural or Small Urban Transit and Planning Studies
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Applicant: SACOG, Subrecipient: Yuba-Sutter Transit

The proposed project is an update of the FY 2007-2012 Yuba-Sutter Transit Short Range Transit Plan. Stakeholders from Yuba and Sutter counties will be included in the SRTP process. The new Short Range Transit Plan will allow for continued and future transit planning processes and operations by Yuba-Sutter Transit.

Caltrans Request: \$85,000 Local Match: \$ 11,013 Total Project Cost: \$96,013

3. SACOG Transit Intern	Transit Planning Student Internships
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Applicant: SACOG

This grant would allow SACOG to hire an undergraduate or graduate student in transit planning or a related program, who will intern at SACOG for 16 to 20 hours a week during the school year and full-time in the summer. The student intern will have the opportunity to assist the Transportation Services team with the Title VI equity study on the impact of the new Connect Card on disadvantaged populations. The transit intern will have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the requirements to which RTPAs and MPOs are subject, help create federally significant documents, and gain hands-on planning experience under the guidance of SACOG planners.

Caltrans Request: \$20,000 Local Match: \$ 2,592 Total Project Cost: \$ 22,592

4. Sunrise MarketPlace Transit Center Site Selection Study

Rural or Small Urban Transit and Planning Studies

Requested SACOG submission of application: City of Citrus Heights

The City of Citrus Heights' *Sunrise MarketPlace Transit Center Planning Study* will conduct an analysis of options for transit centers within the Sunrise MarketPlace, including revamping the existing location on Arcadia Drive, which is old and dysfunctional, with inadequate capacity for current and future ridership. The project scope would include working with the community and an engineering consultant to evaluate opportunities within the Sunrise MarketPlace to provide more attractive, accessible and convenient transit-related service, identify prospective sites, and recommend preferred alternatives.

Caltrans Request: \$100,000

Local Match: \$12,956

Total Project Cost: \$12,956

5. Yolo County Transportation District Limited English Proficiency Marketing Study

Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies

Requested SACOG submission of application: Yolo County Transportation District (Yolobus)

In this proposed *Limited English Proficiency Marketing Study*, YCTD would work with community stakeholders and leadership to develop new approaches and materials for marketing Yolobus and Yolobus Special services to Yolo County residents for whom English is not their native language.

Caltrans Request: \$35,412

Local Match: \$4,588

Total Project Cost: \$40,000

6. RT Transit Intern

Transit Planning Student Internships

Requested SACOG submission of application: Regional Transit

Through this grant, Regional Transit would hire up to two interns to assist in the data collection and assessment and reporting efforts RT undertakes to be in compliance with state and federal requirements. This would provide an opportunity for a student to experience first-hand the process of meeting requirements while being exposed to the various data that transit systems compile, as well as an understanding of transit routing and operations and the tradeoffs associated with different actions.

Caltrans Request: \$31,157

Local Match: \$4,037

Total Project Cost: \$35,194

7. YCTD Transit Intern**Transit Planning Student Internships**

Requested SACOG submission of application: Yolo County Transportation District

This proposed project would provide funding for the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) to provide internship opportunities for university students in the transit planning field. The scope of work for student interns would include reviewing all components of the Yolo bus service, training in a variety of software programs used by YCTD, and a variety of transit service planning and implementation activities.

Caltrans Request: \$35,412

Local Match: \$4,588

Total Project Cost: \$40,000

8. Interjurisdictional Agreement**Partnership Planning**

Requested SACOG submission of application: Sutter County

This project would facilitate an Inter-jurisdictional (IJ) Agreement between the Counties of Sutter, Placer and Sacramento and the City of Roseville to meet the Traffic and Circulation CEQA mitigation requirements for present and future development and Specific Plans. The Agreement would address fair share contributions to mitigate development traffic impacts on out-of-jurisdiction roads and state highways/freeways, including planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of improvements.

Caltrans Request: \$170,000

Local Match: \$ 56,670

Total Project Cost: \$ 226,670



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 2012

**APPROVING CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR AWARDED GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and one of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies responsible for transportation planning in the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for the grant applications submitted on April 2, 2012, and for the Chief Executive Officer to execute funding agreements between SACOG and the State of California Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to submit each of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2012-13, and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute any grant agreements necessary to receive grant funds, or other funds that may be available, for the purpose of developing and implementing the grant application projects in the Sacramento Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of March 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peter Hill
Chair

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer