



## SACOG Board of Directors

Item #17-9-4  
Consent

September 7, 2017

### **Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) - SACOG Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)**

**Issue:** Revision of the existing MOU between MTC and SACOG that coordinates air quality planning and programming in eastern Solano County.

**Recommendation:** The Land Use & Natural Resources Committee recommends that the SACOG Board of Directors approve the proposed revisions and delegate authority to the CEO to execute the MOU.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** SACOG is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Sacramento region and is responsible for all regional transportation planning activities in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, and in El Dorado and Placer Counties outside of the Tahoe Basin. For purposes of air quality conformity, SACOG is also responsible for the analysis of transportation activities in that area and in eastern Solano County (attachment). However, Metropolitan Transportation Commission is responsible for regional transportation planning activities in eastern Solano County. Areas like this are categorized as donut areas and must follow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidance describing how transportation conformity determinations are done in areas where multiple MPOs have jurisdiction in a nonattainment area.

SACOG entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MTC on September 23, 1993 to establish the roles and responsibilities related to eastern Solano County. The initial MOU addressed the programming of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds in Solano County and on conformity procedures consistent with federal regulations. A 2004 revision sought to clarify the responsibilities of MTC and SACOG for the donut area during a conformity lapse.

The proposed 2017 revision to the SACOG-MTC MOU seeks to clarify existing practices and processes between SACOG and MTC by incorporating the following updates: revised transportation bill and air quality standard references, the roles of SACOG and MTC on project-level conformity determinations in eastern Solano County, and a higher-quality map showing the donut area subject to MTC and SACOG coordination. The proposed revision would also address a recommendation to re-examine and update SACOG's air quality agreements with MTC to account for new air quality standards and planning responsibilities, as identified in the quadrennial certification review performed by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Agency.

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Attachment: SACOG Air Quality Conformity Geographies

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# SACOG Air Quality Conformity Geographies by Nonattainment Area

Source: SACOG, July 2015

