



## Joint Regional Planning Partnership / Planners Committee

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### Advancing Healthy Communities through Active Design/Transportation

**Issue:** Jurisdictions will have the opportunity for technical assistance related to Active Design and Transportation as part of SACOG's Strategic Growth Council Round 3 Grant.

**Recommendation:** None; this item is for information and discussion only.

**Discussion:** In January 2015, SACOG signed a grant agreement with the Strategic Growth Council for various forms of technical assistance to help support local infill and revitalization efforts, transportation choices, and implementation of the MTP/SCS.

One component of the grant activities includes offering various forms of technical assistance related to Active Design and Transportation. This program will be carried out in collaboration with WALKSacramento/Design 4 Active Sacramento, traffic/transportation engineering consultant(s), and the County of Sacramento. Technical assistance options include the following:

- Providing expert assistance to communities looking to retrofit street corridors by identifying alternatives and phasing options to balance the interests of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, businesses and neighborhood residents along different types of corridors, and support more active transportation, multimodal travel, public health and economic/neighborhood vitality.
- Working with interested jurisdictions on reviewing local government plans and policies for revisions to advance active design/transportation implementation and remove barriers.
- Providing technical assistance to developers on how to design or revise projects to be more walkable, bikeable, and accessible, enhance the pedestrian environment and safety, and develop community support for active design/health elements.
- Engaging public health officers, healthcare providers and public health interests throughout the region on opportunities for collaboration to improve the built environment and active design/transportation options.
- Providing education and training for cross departmental local government staffs, planning commissions, City Councils, Boards of Supervisors, advisory councils/neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders on advancing and implementing health and active design/transportation policies.

A number of jurisdictions expressed interest in some form of assistance at the time the grant application was submitted. A presentation will be provided at the meeting offering an update on the grant and potential activities and opportunities for local jurisdictions to participate.

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