Shared Service Activity Update

December 4, 2013

**Issue:** Staff will update the Task Force on working group activities since the last Task Force Meeting.

**Discussion:** Staff continues to work with member jurisdiction staff on the concept proposals below including case studies, pilot activities, convenings and working groups. New shared services have emerged with sub-regional groups of members and are reflected in brief summary below.

Aerial Imagery - This shared service emerged apart from the original eight concept proposals at the interest of member jurisdictions for SACOG support in a convening and contracting role to maximize the opportunity for efficiency. The partnership formed to collect 2014 High Resolution Imagery is starting contract negotiations with a vendor to collect licensed imagery. The project will collect leaf-off 6-inch ortho and 9-inch oblique imagery that will only be available to participating agencies. Due to the loss of US Geographical Service funding, there will not be a public domain product for this collection. The contract currently includes shared cost amongst 14 participating jurisdictions.

I-5 Mitigation – Over the last 5 years, SACOG has been collaborating with Caltrans, Regional Transit and the cities of Elk Grove, Sacramento, and West Sacramento, Sacramento on a better approach to mitigating impacts to the State Highway System than has been available through a traditional CEQA process. Known as the I-5 Sub-regional Freeway Working Group (Working Group), the multi-agency effort is leading towards a new “system” to mitigate impacts of new development on the State Highway System. If the Working Group efforts succeed, impacts will be mitigated in a more cost effective, consistent, and equitable approach for project applicants, Caltrans and local agencies. SACOG and the Working Group will conduct environmental review of the Sub-regional Improvement Plan and Sub-regional Impact Fee to analyze whether implementation of such projects would mitigate the cumulative mainline freeway traffic impacts from new development within the I-5 Freeway Sub-regional Corridor. SACOG is anticipated to lead this effort anticipated to conclude in 2014.

Regional Advocacy Coordination – SACOG is hosting convenings of government affairs and other member jurisdiction staff to share information and coordinate advocacy activities. This group was invited to participate in a unique briefing with Transportation for America on transportation policy as well as a State Legislative Session Wrap Up with Katie Kolitsos, Assembly Speaker Perez’s Office. SACOG staff is assisting the working group in the development of an electronic center to facilitate information sharing on legislative advocacy platforms, position papers, white papers and other resource information. The site is established and SACOG staff is actively working to post information from member jurisdictions. Working group participation to date has included: Elk Grove, Folsom, Placerville, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, city of West Sacramento, Yuba City, Sacramento County, and Yolo County. In some instances, our member jurisdictions do not have dedicated government affairs staff. SACOG staff continues outreach with city managers and county executives to identify staff participants to expand this working group.

Travel Demand Forecasting & General Plan Support – The first phase of this work has concluded with Woodland general plan technical work and the Sacramento County Jackson Highway corridor traffic impact study. SACOG continues to support other member jurisdictions requests with data and analysis support, and SACSIM training (including development of video training materials to be available on line).

Pooled Purchasing – Activity for this Shared Service Concept Proposal is included in an independent staff item this month.
Regional Grant Coordination – This was one of the early Shared Service activity successes realizing several thousands of in savings dollars to participating member jurisdictions earlier in 2013. SACOG was able to identify an alternative grant tracking service subscription, efficientgov.com. The working group will reconvene to discuss their experience with the new grant tracking service and other shared needs initially identified as grant tracking, grant writing, and data tools.

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