



**Item #15-10-5
Action**

Transportation Committee

October 8, 2015

Submission of Applications for FY 2016-17 Caltrans Transportation Planning Discretionary Grants

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

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend 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 if awarded.

Discussion: Caltrans issued a call in August 2015 for projects for its two discretionary transportation planning grant programs: Strategic Partnerships and Sustainable Communities. Attachment A provides a summary of the FY 2016-17 programs. Following the call for projects, staff issued guidance to SACOG's Regional Planning Partnership, Planners Committee, Transit Coordinating Committee, and Transportation Demand Management Task Force, requesting information on any Strategic Partnership projects for which an agency might want SACOG to pass through a Caltrans grant application on their behalf.

SACOG staff will provide a proposed list of the SACOG-led and pass-through applications for the FY 2016/17 cycle by the time of the Transportation Committee meeting. A final list of grant applications that SACOG plans to move forward, including brief summaries of each of the proposed projects, will be provided to the Board at its October 29 meeting.

Attachment B contains the resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to submit the grant applications.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Partnerships</p>	<p>Federal Highway Administration— State Planning and Research, Part 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal funds \$1,500,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min \$100,000 Grant Max \$500,000</p>	<p>Funds transportation planning studies of interregional and statewide significance, in partnership with Caltrans.</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • 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>20% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 20% local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Additional local funds above the minimum local match are desired.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Federal Transit Administration, Section 5304 & State Highway Account</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal/State funds \$8,300,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min \$50,000 Grant Max \$500,000</p>	<p>Funds studies of multimodal transportation issues having statewide, interregional, regional or local significance to assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Transit Agencies; Cities and Counties; Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • 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 cash or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution.</p>

* For in-kind contribution requirements, refer to Page 11 of this Guide.

** Public entities include state agencies, the Regents of the University of California, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the State (Government Code Section 811.2).



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. X – 2015

APPROVING CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 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, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is offering an opportunity for SACOG and sub-applicants through SACOG to apply for the FY 2016-17 cycle of Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for grant applications to be submitted by October 30, 2015, 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 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2016-17, 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 29th day of October 2015, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Don Saylor
Chair

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer