



**Item #17-9-5
Consent**

SACOG Board of Directors

September 7, 2017

Innovative Transit Stop Development

Issue: Should SACOG program \$10,000 of SACOG funds to match a \$50,000 Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (SMAQMD) Infill Streamlining grant?

Recommendation: The Land Use and Natural Resources Committee unanimously recommends that the Board authorize an administrative budget/OWP amendment for \$10,000 towards matching funds to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (SMAQMD) Infill Streamlining grant.

Committee Action/Discussion: SACOG received a \$50,000 grant from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (SMAQMD) Infill Streamlining Program for implementation of innovative transit stops. The grant program's objective is to fund projects that reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and promote the Blueprint principles in the Sacramento region. The SMAQMD grant and matching funds would allow design and construction of at least one innovative transit stop that also serves as a community gathering space.

The transit stop would be designed according to a transit stop design guidebook that is being developed on behalf of SACOG by its consultant Portland State University's Center for Public Interest Design (CPID). Funded by SACOG's third round California Strategic Growth Council Grant, the guidebook shows in process and design how to create more interactive transit stops that serve as both transportation infrastructure and community-building asset. These stops could serve as small community gathering places, for example, sign-up spots for little league or girl scouts, or market stalls for home-based businesses to sell small craft items. The draft guidebook will be vetted with transit agencies in the region to ensure its applicability; staff will also bring the draft guidebook to the Land Use & Natural Resources Committee for information.

The timing of this project leverages another SMAQMD grant program that funds transit stop improvements throughout the six-county SACOG region. The program is very popular among transit agencies that are also exploring ways to build better transit stops. SACOG and SMAQMD would collaborate in piloting the first application of the guidebook through SMAQMD's transit stop improvement program. The prototype stop(s) and location(s) for this pilot test will be selected based on transit stop improvement proposals already submitted to SMAQMD by transit agencies. SACOG's \$50,000 SMAQMD grant would be combined with the requested \$10,000 in SACOG matching funds to demonstrate the application of the guidebook to a transit stop project: it would fund CPID to train and work with a local transit agency to design a transit stop using the concepts in the guidebook and fund construction of at least one transit stop.

Should the board approve this funding request, staff will proceed with signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SMAQMD to accept the grant and create the new project # 220-011-01 (Innovative Transit Stop Development) with budget as follows:

Funding Source(s):

SMAQMD Grant	\$50,000
SACOG Managed Funds	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$60,000

Expenditure Budget:

Portland State University (Design Consultant)	\$10,000
<u>Contractor (selected through RFP process)</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
TOTAL	\$60,000

Staff will then enter a sole source contract with CPID for design services of up to \$10,000 and come back to the Board for authorization to release an RFP for up to \$50,000 to procure a contractor to build the prototype. SACOG staff time will be covered with existing time budgeted for Blueprint Implementation and no additional time is requested.

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