



**Item #17-9-6
Consent**

SACOG Board of Directors

September 7, 2017

Application for FY 2017/18 Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant

Issue: Should the Board authorize SACOG to submit an application to Caltrans for a grant from the new Climate Adaptation Planning Grant Program?

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board:
1) authorize SACOG to submit an application to Caltrans for funding of a regional climate adaptation plan; and 2) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute funding agreements associated with this grant application if awarded funding by Caltrans.

Committee Action/Discussion: In mid-July, as part of the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 1, Caltrans released draft guidelines for a new \$7 million Adaptation Planning Grant program for FY 2017/18. The guidelines state an October 20th due date for all applications.

In 2016, SACOG submitted an application to Caltrans' Sustainable Communities program for consultant assistance with a regional climate adaptation plan, which was an action outlined in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). Caltrans did not select the project for funding, but provided good feedback on the proposed project, and encouraged SACOG to resubmit its proposal in the next round.

SACOG staff has incorporated Caltrans' suggestions into a revised project proposal that fits even more closely with the goals of the new Adaptation Planning program. The primary focus of the proposed project is to define how climate change may impact the region's transportation system, and to better define how transportation projects in the MTP/SCS may need to be altered to reflect climate adaptation needs. The project scope would include work on risk assessment, research on resiliency in planning, design, and construction of transportation infrastructure, a cost-benefit analysis, and a guide for local jurisdictions on incorporating climate analysis, adaptation planning, and State guidance into their project-level work.

If authorized by the Board, SACOG would submit the project application requesting a \$100,000 grant, which is the minimum allowed under the Caltrans guidelines. If awarded, SACOG would seek Board approval for a procurement process to select the consultant to assist with the project work.

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