



## Innovation Task Force

## Item #16-4-6 Information

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### **Shared Planning Functions with SMAQMD and Regional Transit**

**Issue:** Staff will brief the Task Force on the status of coordinating land use planning functions between SACOG, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and Sacramento Regional Transit.

**Discussion:** Starting in December of last year land use planning staff from SACOG, Sacramento Regional Transit, and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District have been meeting on an ad hoc basis to discuss and better coordinate land-use planning functions among the three agencies.

The first few meetings focused on identifying each agency's planning functions in order to identify areas of complement or overlap, and potential opportunities for better coordination. Functions were first aligned into categories such as Planning and Technical Assistance, Local Land Use Review, Data Development and Monitoring, Grant Programs and more. From those categories staff worked to identify opportunities for coordination of land use functions between the three agencies. For example, Planning Technical Assistance was identified as an opportunity for better coordination.

Staff then worked to identify current or potential projects within each functional category on which all three agencies could partner. One potential project under the category of Planning Technical Assistance is an effort funded by SACOG's third round Strategic Growth Council Grant. This project, Community Revitalization and Capacity Building in Disadvantaged Communities, is being conducted by Portland State University's Center for Public Interest Design (CPID) and entails planning, design work and associated community engagement in State-designated Disadvantaged Communities in Del Paso Heights and South Sacramento.

As a next step, staff plans to engage executive leadership from the three agencies to work on finalizing a project for the land-use planning group to coordinate.

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