



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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FTA Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Subrecipient Agreements - Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento Streetcar Toolkit

Issue: Should SACOG execute subrecipient agreements with the City of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento to pass through \$1,100,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funds for the City to conduct planning work for the Streetcar Toolkit project?

Recommendation: That the Government & Public Relations Committee recommend that the Board grant the Chief Executive Officer authority to negotiate and execute a subrecipient funding agreement with the City of Sacramento in the amount not to exceed \$750,000, and with the City of West Sacramento in the amount not to exceed \$350,000, to conduct planning work for the Streetcar Toolkit project.

Discussion: In late 2015 SACOG was awarded \$1,118,720 from the FTA Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning for TOD planning along the Downtown Riverfront Streetcar alignment. The pilot program is designed to support comprehensive planning work, including TOD, which is conducted in conjunction with the development of a New Starts, Core Capacity, or fixed-guideway Small Starts project that is or will soon be in the project development or engineering phase. The program is intended to fund land use-related planning covering an entire transit capital project corridor, and that supports economic development, ridership, multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increased transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and mixed-use development near transit stations. The program encourages identification of infrastructure needs; engagement with the private sector; strategies to address potential residential and commercial displacement from TOD; and support for “ladders of opportunity,” through planning for improving residents’ access to employment, health care, education, and housing.

SACOG’s grant award will fund development of a toolkit of policy and regulatory changes to encourage TOD in the areas of the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento that surround the planned Downtown Riverfront Streetcar route. The toolkit will include updated plans and guidelines for areas along the streetcar route, development standards, updated zoning codes that encourage TOD, a survey of historical resources, an infrastructure assessment, an analysis of potential gentrification/displacement and an environmental impact report. The subrecipients of the grant project are the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento.

The grant funds were amended into the current Overall Work Program in October, 2015 and the Board authorized the CEO to execute the FTA funding agreement associated with this grant. So that work can begin on the project, staff recommends execution of a subrecipient agreement with the City of Sacramento for \$750,000 and with the City of West Sacramento for \$350,000. The subrecipient agreements will terminate in December 2018.

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