



Item #17-4-8

**Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee      Consent**

March 31, 2017

**Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Grant Submittal for  
Emergency Recovery Plans**

**Issue:** The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) is soliciting interest from regions to participate in emergency recovery planning.

**Recommendation:** That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board direct the SACOG CEO to apply, and if awarded negotiate and enter into a contract with AMPO, for training on creating a regional emergency recovery plan.

**Discussion:** In partnership with the Federal Transit Administration and Portland State University, AMPO is soliciting interest in participating in a two-day training course that will facilitate development of an emergency recovery plan in each host region that focuses on using transit and TDM strategies while leveraging social media and ITS applications to improve recovery time and travel options. The training is being made available to six MPOs through the country, with attendance at a two-day workshop in Portland, Oregon followed by a two day training for the selected regions.

SACOG feels this opportunity will align with recent Board conversations around coordinated emergency response, following the evacuation of portions of the region due to the issues at the Oroville Dam spillway.

An expression of interest is due to AMPO by April 15. A draft letter of interest from SACOG is attached to this item.

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The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is an association of local governments in the six-county Sacramento Region. Its members include the counties of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba and the 22 cities within. SACOG provides transportation planning and funding for the region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues.

The SACOG region enjoys a complexity of people and places. This diversity makes the region unique due to the challenges it faces. From the rugged mountains of the Sierras, to the rich agricultural lands of the valley floor, to the waterways of the Sacramento River, to being the capitol of California the region has plenty of opportunities but also faces many risks. Finding regional solutions to transportation issues can be difficult, especially in the face of a disaster, but SACOG has always provided assistance to local jurisdictions and partner agencies on these issues.

SACOG's strategic vision embodies this desire to help. It places an emphasis on information-based decision making by providing state-of-the-art data and tools to members, partners, stakeholders and residents to help them shape the futures of their communities and the region. The agency develops integrated regional transportation plans that produce unique and significant quality of life benefits for residents of the region. SACOG also serve as a source of high quality information and a convener on a range of regional issues when the agency's involvement would provide added value.

The 2016-2017 winter has seen lots of precipitation, and with that has come flooding, landslides, and [damage to infrastructure](#), sometimes resulting in the need for quick action. The recent incident at the Oroville dam spillway resulted in the evacuation of over 100,000 residents of the SACOG region. While this evacuation was successful at moving residents, SACOG heard overwhelmingly from it's Board of Directors, made up of elected officials from the 28 jurisdictions it serves, that there is a deficiency in coordinated reaction, and the region needs to better understand who is at risk and how to better respond in a timely and efficient manner when a disaster of any kind occurs.

SACOG is in the process of updating it's ITS Master Plan, TDM Master Plan, and Climate Adaptation Plan. With the right guidance, these three efforts could work in concert to identify transportation solutions to potential disasters. SACOG would very much benefit from the training to develop an all-hazards emergency transportation recovery plan, and would like to be considered as one of the six MPOs to participate in the program.

If selected, SACOG would coordinate with the following agencies:

- The Office of Emergency Services from all 6 SACOG counties
- City Emergency Staff (City Management, Fire, Police, Emergency Management, Communication Staff)
- Caltrans District 3
- CalOES
- CALFIRE
- Regional transit providers, including but not limited to:
  - o Sacramento Regional Transit
  - o Paratransit
  - o Yolobus
  - o Unitrans (UC Davis)
  - o El Dorado Transit
  - o Yuba-Sutter Transit
  - o Roseville Transit
  - o E-Tran (Elk Grove)
- Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
- Representatives from the region's Transportation Management Organizations
- Representatives from the region's ITS Technical Advisory Group
- Walk Sacramento
- Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates