



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

Item #13-2-9 Action

February 4, 2013

Consultant Selection for Economic Research in Older Suburbs

Issue: Consultant assistance on economic factors for community success in older suburban communities.

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee forward this item to the Board of Directors without a recommendation.

Discussion: An important part of the implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy is the economic health of older suburban communities where much of the growth is to go. In particular, two questions have been put forth: what are the factors and strategies that can make post World War II inner-ring suburbs economically healthy and what economic sectors are most successful near rail transit stations.

In order to get some useful information on these issues developed and used in the HUD-funded Sustainable Communities Initiative project, SACOG staff released a Request for Qualifications. The research will collect the best available data on economic factors for success across the country, then apply it to our communities as part of the overall SCI project. The budget will not exceed \$100,000. The funds are currently in the Overall Work Program. Given the schedule for Committee meetings and the Board meeting there is not enough time to allow prospective consultants to develop proposals prior to the Committee meeting. The RFQ was released February 1, 2013 with a due date of February 19, 2013. Therefore staff proposes, with the concurrence of the Committee, to evaluate the proposals prior to the Board meeting (February 21, 2013) and bring a recommendation directly to the Board for action.

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