



Transportation Committee

Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Directors Cabaldon, Hagen, Hodges, Holmes, Ex-officio Member Jones, Krovoza, McBride, Montna (non-voting), Peters, Sander, Slowey, Vice Chair Davis, and Chair Cohn

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1. Minutes of the December 1, 2011, Meeting ◀ (Mr. Carpenter)
2. Review of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 (Ms. Lizon)
3. Update on Use of Delegated Authority to Approve Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (Mr. Cáceres)
4. Other Matters
5. Adjournment

◀ Indicates Action

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

Steve Cohn
Chair

Next committee meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2012

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**Item #12-2-1
Action**

Transportation Committee

January 26, 2012

Minutes of the December 1, 2011, Meeting

Issue: The Transportation Committee met on December 1, 2011.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the meeting as submitted.

Discussion: Attached are the Draft Action Minutes of the December 1, 2011, Transportation Committee meeting for approval.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

Key Staff: Matt Carpenter, Director of Transportation Services, (916) 340-6276

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Attachment

**SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

The SACOG Transportation Committee met on December 1, 2011, in the Rivers Rooms on the Third Floor of the Meridian Plaza Building, located at 1415 L Street, Sacramento, CA, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Cohn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Directors Billeci, Cohn, Hagen, Hodges, Krovoza, Miller, Montna, and ex-officio member Jones

Absent: Directors Allard, Cabaldon, Holmes, McBride, and Peters

1. Minutes of the November 3, 2011, Meeting

Upon motion by Director Billeci, seconded by Director Hagen, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee approved the minutes as submitted. Director Krovoza was absent for this vote.

2. Reappointment of SACOG's Representative to the Paratransit, Inc., Board of Directors

Upon motion by Director Billeci, seconded by Director Hagen, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board reappoint Frances Gracechild to the PI Board of Directors for a three-year term (January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2014), and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to reappoint Ms. Gracechild to a future three year term. Director Krovoza was absent for this vote.

3. Transportation Demand Management Funding Program Guidelines

Upon motion by Director Billeci, seconded by Director Hodges, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board adopt the revised guidelines. Director Krovoza was absent for this vote.

4. 2012 Federal and State Programming Recommendations and Adoption of the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Billeci, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board approve the Final 2012 Federal and State Programming project list; authorize staff to submit the project list and resolution for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC); authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute any necessary Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with project sponsors; and direct staff to prepare the required Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program amendments. Director Krovoza was absent for this vote.

5. Contract between SACOG and Unitrans/University of California, Davis, for Unitrans Intelligent Transportation Systems Project

Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Hagen, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a sub-recipient agreement with Unitrans/UCD, to pass through California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved grant funds for an ITS project.

6. 2011/2012 Regional Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration's 5311 Funds

Upon motion by Director Krovoza, seconded by Director Billeci, and unanimously carried, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board approve the FY 2011/2012 5311 Program of Projects based on transit operator submissions.

7. Framework for Mid-Cycle Modification Process for Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035

Since the request for a mid-cycle modification process was withdrawn by the parties who originally requested it, the Transportation Committee did not take action on this item.

8. Selection of Methodology for Regional Housing Needs Allocation

The Transportation Committee received and reviewed this report, presented by Greg Chew, SACOG staff.

9. Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 Update

The Transportation Committee received and reviewed this report, presented by Rebecca Sloan and Kacey Lizon, SACOG staff.

10. Other Matters

There were no other matters.

11. Adjournment

Vice Chair Cohn adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



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January 26, 2012

Review of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035

Issue: SACOG staff and the EIR consultant team will present an overview of the Draft EIR and take questions and comment from the committee.

Recommendation: This item is for information and discussion.

Discussion: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, SACOG must prepare a programmatic environmental impact report (EIR) for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 (MTP/SCS). The Draft EIR evaluates the environmental impacts related to the adoption and implementation of the MTP/SCS for the six-county SACOG region.

As reported to the Board in prior meetings and pursuant to SB 375, the MTP/SCS is analyzed for impacts from both the transportation and land use components of the plan. To assist the reader in understanding the new scope of SACOG's MTP/SCS, potential impacts of the MTP/SCS are analyzed first in terms of the land use components, then in terms of the transportation components of the plan, then, where applicable, in terms of the sum total of impacts from the combined land use and transportation components of the proposed MTP/SCS. This analytical structure is used to provide the reader information about all components of the proposed project.

Because of the positive performance of the MTP/SCS, the project has very few impacts to transportation, air quality, energy, and greenhouse gases. For those areas with potential impacts, the EIR suggests options for mitigation but acknowledges that SACOG does not have the authority to implement those mitigation measures.

The MTP/SCS can serve as a first-tier environmental document under CEQA to support second-tier environmental documents for transportation projects developed during the engineering design process and residential or mixed-use projects and transit priority projects consistent with the SCS. In all cases, the local lead agency will have to do some level of project-level CEQA review. It is up to the local lead agency to decide what impacts are significant and how to mitigate potential impacts.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

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January 26, 2012

Update on Use of Delegated Authority to Approve Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Issue: Since May 2011, SACOG management has approved two amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

Recommendation: None; this is for information only.

Discussion: At its May 2011 meeting, the Board delegated authority to SACOG management to approve certain types of amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). As a condition for Board approval, the Transportation Committee instructed staff to periodically update it on amendments approved with delegated authority.

Summarized below are the two approved amendments, #10 and #13. Amendments are categorized into five types. Only “Types 4 and 5” require Board approval; the rest may be approved by management.

Amendment Type

1. Administrative Modifications
2. Formal Amendment Due to Funding Changes
3. Formal Amendment of Exempt Projects
4. Formal Amendment Requiring a Conformity Determination
5. Formal Amendment Requiring a Conformity Determination and a New Regional Emissions Analysis

Amendment #10, a “Type 3” revision, was approved by SACOG August 2, 2011, and received final approval August 8, 2011. It programmed two new projects for the Caltrans Division of Rail, funded with Section 130 Surface Transportation Program – Rail Crossing Improvements:

1. Rednall Rd. / UPRR Grade Crossing Safety, CAL20463, Sutter County, \$564,153
2. CR 105/32A / UPRR Grade Crossing Safety, CAL20464, Yolo County, \$205,563

Amendment #13, a “Type 3” revision, was approved by SACOG November 17, 2011, and is pending approval. The amendment was needed for multiple reasons. Namely, it grouped into a lump sum and changed the exempt category of all 1- to 2-lane bridge widening projects funded by the Highway Bridge Program (HBP), totaling \$122 million. (This will help streamline future revisions to such projects.) Also, it programmed \$4 million in new Safe Routes to School projects. In addition, it programmed a new Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project, Sac-12 Pavement Rehab, CAL18839, \$8,616,000, located in Sacramento County. Lastly, Amendment #13 included other changes, most of which could have been processed administratively but were combined in this amendment to limit the number of amendments to the MTIP.

Approved by:

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Chief Executive Officer

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