



Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Agenda Item No. 1

SACOG's 2024 Work Plan – Mid-Year Update and 2025 Look Ahead

Information

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Attachments: No

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Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

SACOG staff will present an update of progress towards implementing the agency's 2024 work plan along with a look ahead to some of the major milestones ahead in 2025.

Recommendation:

None; this item is for information only.

Background:

Each year, SACOG staff develops a detailed work plan as part of the fiscal year Overall Work Program (OWP) and a higher-level summary of an annual calendar-year agency work and priorities that is presented to the board each January. This was discussed in detail with the Strategic Planning Committee at your February 5, meeting.

Discussion/Analysis:

Your May 6, Strategic Planning Committee meeting provides an opportunity to review the 2024 Work Plan for the agency with a closer look at some key recent accomplishments along with a preview of key deliverables in the next six months and a look ahead to 2025.

- (1) The 2025 Blueprint (MTP/SCS) – How can we best articulate the critical choices ahead for the region and develop collaborative approaches to local government and partner agency implementation of the plan as we enter the next phase of the development of the 2025 Blueprint?
- (2) Transportation funding — the board's work to develop a short, strategic list of transportation projects for Cap to Cap was worth the effort based on the positive feedback we received in Washington, DC. How can we ensure that we continue to prioritize projects across all six counties that advance the goals of the region's long-range plan while honoring the different unique needs of urban, suburban and rural areas? How do we reconcile flat or declining transportation revenues with an outsized desire for more transportation expansion projects across all modes?
- (3) Green Means Go – we've been successful in securing at \$22.5 million federal Reconnecting Communities grant, submitting a regional grant to USEPA for \$93 million that includes Green Means Go,

and we are working hard to make sure the legislature rejects the proposed cuts to Green Means Go at the state level. How else can we help our local government partners and development partners accelerate infill development in Green Zones across the region?

- (4) Racial equity and community engagement – How can we continue to implement the agency’s Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP), advance our commitment to equitable community engagement through board-approved programs like Engage, Empower, Implement (EEI) and make it meaningful across all six counties in our region?
- (5) Overall board engagement – more than two-thirds of the SACOG board are new since 2021 which has meant a need to step up and further engage board members in the work of SACOG and the importance of us hanging together as the greater six county region. How are we doing at engaging the board in our work and providing opportunities for engagement outside regular board and committee meetings?

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This work is included in the agency’s budget and overall work program.

List of Attachments:

N/A