



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

Meeting Date: February 6, 2025

Agenda Item No. 5

Transportation Funding Overview

Information

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Attachments: No

Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

Provide an overview of transportation funding in the Sacramento six-county region.

Request:

Review & Discuss at Meeting

Recommendation for Board:

None; this is for information only.

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None; this is for information only.

Background:

SACOG is one of 18 federally established Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in California, representing the six-county Sacramento region, inclusive of 28 member agencies within Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and El Dorado counties. MPOs are charged with carrying out the metropolitan planning process, including the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and related Transportation Improvement Program (or MTIP/FTIP), as well as related programming and administration for federal transportation funding for highways and transit.

In addition, SACOG also serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), a state designation for the Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba and Sutter Counties. In this capacity, SACOG is charged to meet state transportation planning and programming requirements, including administering both formula and competitive state funding programs.

With these two designations, SACOG receives and administers funding from both federal and state programs. Historically, SACOG's regional funding program combined all three funding sources (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to administer a funding round for the four-county region (Sacramento, Yuba, Yolo and Sutter). Most recently, the program consisted of two major sub programs – Transformative and Maintenance & Modernization. The agency ran a competitive program with adopted guidelines to receive, score, and award

projects funding from both state and federal sources. With this process, funding was pooled and projects that received an award were programmed with funds independent of the project application process. Generally speaking, projects that were eligible for a specific funding source were matched accordingly during the programming process. Funding flowing to SACOG as the MPO from federal programs were suballocated to the other two RTPAs – Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCPTA) and El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC).

In February 2023, the SACOG board approved the response to a corrective action issued by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to Caltrans. The corrective action was regarding the suballocation and administration of two federal funding sources used by SACOG for regional funding rounds: STBG and CMAQ funds. SACOG's response approved changing the regional funding round from a four-county program to a six-county program for the federal STBG and CMAQ funding.

As a result of this change, the board directed staff to convene a board working group comprised of six SACOG board members, one from each county, and a staff working group comprised of representatives from local agencies from the across the region. The two working groups worked with SACOG staff over the last two years to shape and guide the development of the new regional funding program.

Discussion/Analysis:

At the committee meeting, staff will give a broader overview of how transportation funding from the state and federal levels is allocated between state and local uses, and what portion of that is allocated by SACOG.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

List of Attachments:

Not applicable