



Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Project Delivery Report

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) helped sponsors across the region deliver transportation projects, including projects awarded as part of the regional funding rounds, during Federal Fiscal Year 2024.

Request:

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Recommendation for Board:

None; this is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

None; this is for information only.

Background:

Each year, SACOG helps sponsors with the delivery of their projects, focused on those funded by SACOG, El Dorado County Transportation Commission, and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency through the regional funding rounds. In addition to supporting individual projects, we also support the delivery of the overall program of projects. "Delivering" a project refers to obtaining the state or federal approval necessary to start work for a project or project phase.

To deliver projects, each region in California needs both apportionments (federal funds assigned to a region) and Obligation Authority (OA, the permission to use apportionments). Without OA, apportionments are unusable.

Project Delivery Plan Process

Each year our Project Delivery and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Team helps project sponsors across the six counties deliver their projects using the board-approved process (Attachment A: Delivery Plan Process), focusing on those federal funds that we control, primarily Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, and Carbon Reduction Program funds.

The Delivery Plan Process organizes projects in three priority tiers:

- Tier 1 - Projects programmed for the current fiscal year
- Tier 2 - Projects programmed in a future year but are ready to deliver early
- Tier 3 - Projects that need to borrow funding (contingent on available dollars)

Tier 1 projects have priority for the first third of the year. After the tier 1 priority period, tier 2 projects share the same priority and are encouraged to move forward with their projects. If funding is still available after two-thirds of the year has elapsed then tier 3 projects may come forward.

The Delivery Plan encourages early delivery using a first-come, first-served system. If sponsors are ready to go early, they are more likely to deliver. The inverse is also true: If sponsors wait too long, or if many projects come in early, the region may run out of available funds.

For sponsors that arrive too late, the Delivery Plan provides options. The Project Delivery Team meets regularly with project sponsors and Local Assistance to coordinate, educate, and troubleshoot project delivery.

Discussion/Analysis:

Our region's project sponsors, in coordination with SACOG and Caltrans Local Assistance, delivered 39 projects or project phases (Attachment B: 2024 Obligated Projects). The 39 projects totaled \$77.1 million of SACOG awarded funds. \$77.1 million represents 210% of SACOG's available apportionment for 2024.

To support our strong delivery SACOG pursued and borrowed apportionments from three regions (Attachment C: 2024 Loans). SACOG will repay the loans by using future apportionments, as outlined in the attachment. There are no fees or interest charged for borrowing these funds. The loans provided our region with the opportunity to make progress on projects earlier than anticipated, which would have been difficult to achieve otherwise.

The thirty-nine obligated projects are represented by 24 agencies and encompass all six counties of the SACOG region. The projects support the implementation of our regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and were funded from prior SACOG, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, and El Dorado County Transportation Commission funding rounds.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

SACOG's programming and project delivery activities are funded by a combination of state and federal Planning and Programming Funds as well as state Transportation Development Act- Local Transportation Funds.

List of Attachments:

- Attachment A: Delivery Plan Process
- Attachment B: 2024 Obligated Projects
- Attachment C: 2024 Loans