



SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

Action

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

An update has been completed to the SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan (Coordinated Plan) that will extend the eligibility of transportation providers to seek funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities program.

Request:

Approve

Recommendation for Board:

That the board approve by resolution (Attachment A) the updated SACOG Coordinated Plan and authorize its submission to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

Recommendation for Committee:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that the board approve by resolution (Attachment A) the updated SACOG Coordinated Plan and authorize its submission to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

Background:

The first SACOG Coordinated Plan was approved in July 2007, to comply with the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Since then, SACOG has updated the Coordinated Plan numerous times to comply with a new federal transportation authorization act and updated guidance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Coordinated Plan was most recently updated in 2022 to update demographic, transit services information, and obtain additional stakeholder input.

A Coordinated Plan or Draft Plan is required for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to accept applications, select projects, and distribute funding under the FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310). Selected projects and strategies must be included in a locally developed Coordinated Plan to be eligible.

Discussion/Analysis:

The 2024 SACOG Coordinated Plan update reflects the following changes:

1. Updated demographic information on the target populations for the Plan – comprised of older adults, the disabled population, and those with lower incomes;
2. A current inventory of transit, specialized, and supplementary transportation services in the SACOG region, including changes to services;
3. Additional information on potential transportation mobility options for the target populations from recent SACOG plans and studies, and stakeholder outreach efforts.

The draft update of the Coordinated Plan was posted in April 2024, on the SACOG website for public review and comment: <https://www.sacog.org/meetings-agendas/advisory-groups/transit-coordinating-committee/transportation-coordinated-plan>. In addition, SACOG conducted outreach in the six-county region. The purpose of the outreach was to hear directly from organizations and other stakeholder groups that work with the target populations in each of the six counties in the region.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

The plan update does not impact SACOG's operating budget beyond the staff time already included in the agency's overall work program. Once approved, the Coordinated Plan will be submitted to Caltrans and FTA. It will allow eligible agencies and specialized transportation providers to apply for FTA 5310 funds that provide mobility services to older adults and persons with disabilities.

List of Attachments:

Attachment A - SACOG Coordinated Plan Resolution

SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan