



Land Use Implementation Activities March 2022

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Referring Committee: Land Use & Natural Resources

1. Issue:

The purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the land use related activities that staff participate in to support Blueprint implementation on an on-going basis.

2. Recommendation:

None; this item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

Many of the Blueprint and MTP/SCS land use implementation activities conducted or coordinated by SACOG will come through the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee through this year. Additionally, every month the committee and the board receive this summary of land use activities SACOG has participated in to support local implementation of the MTP/SCS and the Blueprint principles. SACOG conducts the following Blueprint and MTP/SCS implementation land use activities in response to requests from member agencies and/or developers or non-governmental organizations: (1) provision of data and/or technical support to member agencies implementing the Blueprint and MTP/SCS; (2) review and comment on development proposals regarding their consistency with the Blueprint principles or the MTP/SCS; and (3) educational presentations on the Blueprint and the MTP/SCS. As with all planning efforts, implementation of the plan is critical to achieving the regional transportation, air quality, quality of life and prosperity goals that the plan sets forth. Successful implementation requires the work and support of our partners and our members. Supporting local efforts around MTP/SCS and Blueprint implementation is therefore a critical part of our work.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

In March, SACOG staff conducted the following Blueprint and MTP/SCS implementation activities related to land use:

- Provided the City of Sacramento a MTP/SCS consistency letter for the Hobby Condos Project, Ironside Project, the Railyards Lot 3 Project, the 16th and V Mixed Use Project, and the Jefferson Block Project.
- Early outreach and input on the SACOG Coordinated Rural Opportunities Plan— or "CROP" is scheduled to begin this Spring. In December 2021, the SACOG board Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with a consultant/partner to assist staff in gaining a better understanding of the unique role agriculture plays throughout the region, what work is completed or underway to support the agricultural economy, and what additional needs and opportunities exist for regional

coordination and priority setting. Valley Vision, our grant partner, has taken on this expanded role and is scheduling meetings in coordination with members of the 6-County Regional CROP Working Group composed of Agricultural Commissioners and County staff. An update on the grant and associated activities will be provided to the Land Use & Natural Resources committee in late spring. For more details on this project please reach out to Renee DeVere-Oki at rdevere-oki@sacog.org.

- Continued work on the state-funded Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. Activities included processing non-competitive and competitive grants, pass-through funds for Housing Element updates, and Civic Lab Commercial Corridor Revitalization projects.
- Continued to coordinate consultant assistance for five local government agencies to move out of compliance housing elements into substantial compliance.
- Worked with local governments and the State Department of Housing and Community Development to encourage SACOG member agencies to apply for and secure the Prohousing Designation.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This program is budgeted in SACOG's adopted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Overall Work Plan and budget.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:

Goal 3 : Vibrant Places

Objective 1: Develop tools and funding to help revitalize older commercial and retail corridors throughout the region.

Objective 2: Identify incentives and help remove barriers to infill and affordable housing in cities, suburbs, and towns throughout the region.

Objective 3: Encourage development patterns that promote walkable neighborhoods.