



SACOG's 2023 Work Plan – Opportunities and Challenges in the Year Ahead

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1. Issue:

SACOG staff will present a summary of the agency's upcoming 2023 work plan with a closer look at both opportunities and challenges in the year ahead.

2. Recommendation:

None; this item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

Each year, SACOG staff develops a detailed work plan as part of the Overall Work Program (OWP) and a higher level summary of annual agency work and priorities that is presented to the board each January. This item will provide the board's Strategic Planning Committee with an opportunity to discuss both challenges and opportunities associated with the 2023 SACOG work plan in greater detail.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

While SACOG staff gave the board a high-level summary of SACOG's upcoming calendar year work priorities at your January 19 board meeting, your February 6 SPC meeting provides an opportunity to take a deeper dive into the year ahead and discuss both the opportunities and challenges of our upcoming work:

(1) Implementing SACOG's new strategic plan – how can we best ensure that we implement SACOG's new strategic plan and embed triple bottom line principles in our work?

(2) The 2025 Blueprint (MTP/SCS) – The region faces environmental, economic, and social challenges in the future. How can we best articulate the critical choices ahead for the region and engage key decisionmakers and the public as we enter the next phase of the development of our new long-range plan?

(3) Racial equity and community engagement – To make good on our racial equity commitments we have to better listen to and learn from community members. How can we successfully implement the agency's recently adopted Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP), advance our commitment to equitable community engagement and make it meaningful across all six counties in our region?

(4) Transportation funding — SACOG's regional funding must implement the regional plan and meet many federal requirements. How can we ensure that federal transportation funds are awarded competitively to

projects across all six counties that advance the goals of the region's long range plan while respecting the different unique needs of urban, suburban and rural areas?

(5) Coordinating federal and state grant requests across the region – The majority of state and federal funds are competitively awarded. How can we best ensure more regional coordination and prioritization of grant requests for the increasing number of federal and state grant programs for transportation, infrastructure and housing, so that the region wins more grants that build our collective vision?

(6) Continuing the success and momentum behind Green Means Go – Land use change is the most powerful strategy for achieving our regional growth vision. How can we secure more state and federal funding for Green Means Go and what can local governments do themselves to accelerate development in Green Zones across the region?

(7) Accelerating the Regional Trails Plan – in 2022, the SACOG board adopted an ambitious plan to connect every corner of the region with nearly 1,000 miles of new bicycle and pedestrian trails. How can we now accelerate the implementation of that plan and realize its transformational benefits sooner rather than later?

(8) Holding ourselves accountable – We value what we measure, and we measure what we value. How do we know we are moving the needle, implementing the region's MTP/SCS, and changing our region's trajectory towards a more sustainable, prosperous and equitable future?

We look forward to the discussion at your committee meeting on February 6.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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