



Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: August 1, 2019

Agenda Item No. 3

SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

Action

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Attachments: Yes

1. Issue:

A minor 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 a federal competitive grant program.

2. Recommendation:

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

3. Background/Analysis:

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 2017 to address the passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

The Coordinated 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.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

The 2019 SACOG Coordinated Plan minor update reflects the following changes:

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

The draft update of the Coordinated Plan was posted earlier in July on the SACOG website for public review and comment: <https://www.sacog.org/post/sacog-public-transit-and-human-services-transportation-coordinated-plan>. To-date, no comments have been received.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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 in September for FTA 5310 funds that provide mobility services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

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

7 – Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects