



## Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Agenda Item No. 8

### Final Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

Information

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**Attachments:** Yes

#### 1. Issue:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a call for projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, October 11, 2019.

#### 2. Recommendation:

None, this item provides updated information following the September 19, board approval of project concepts for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications that will be led by SACOG for the FY 2020-2021 program cycle.

#### 3. Background/Analysis:

Over many years Caltrans has administered a discretionary transportation planning grant program. The programs are funded with state and federal sources and provide an important opportunity to implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). Caltrans released guidelines for the state FY 2020-2021 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program on August 19, 2019. Caltrans will competitively distribute \$21.5 million through three statewide grant programs: Sustainable Communities (\$17 million), Strategic Partnerships (\$1.5 million), and Strategic Partnerships – Transit (\$3 million).

Attachment A provides a summary of the grant programs, funding sources, and eligible applicants. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) are eligible to apply as primary applicants for the Strategic Partnerships grants and Sustainable Communities grants. Cities, counties, transit operators, Native American tribal governments, and other public transportation planning entities are only eligible to apply as primary applicants for Sustainable Communities grants. However, additional agencies are eligible to apply to the Strategic Partnerships program using SACOG as the primary applicant.

#### 4. Discussion/Analysis:

Of the ten project concepts discussed with the Transportation Committee in September, four are still being examined for development into Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications. The refined list of SACOG-led project concepts is included in Attachment B. For locally proposed projects, Caltrans and SACOG offer technical assistance and coordination on applications. Project sponsors are encouraged to work with both agencies to develop the most competitive projects and applications.

**5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

There is no impact to SACOG's operating budget to apply for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants. If any of the SACOG-led project concepts are developed into successful grant applications, they would require an in-kind or cash contribution of 11.47 percent to 20 percent of the total project cost starting as early as FY 2020-2021.

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

7 - Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects