



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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REGIONAL ISSUES
August 16, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

Subject: REGIONAL SOUNDWALL NEEDS

Location/Council District: Various locations, Citywide

Recommendation: No Council action is requested.

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Presenters: Fran Halbakken, Planning & Policy Manager

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 Council of Government

Department: Transportation

Division: Office of the Director

Organization No: 3416

Summary:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is considering a regional soundwall policy. This report provides an update of SACOG's activities concerning soundwall locations and policy.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Background Information:

Since 1997, responsibility to fund new or retrofit soundwalls along state highways shifted from the State of California to regional or local agencies, under Senate Bill 45. SACOG, our region's transportation agency, is responsible for establishing a regional soundwall program or policy.

In June 2005, SACOG staff was directed to undertake a preliminary inventory of soundwalls in the region and develop policy options that will allow the SACOG Board of Directors to gauge the extent of the need and determine what it wishes to do with the soundwall issue. SACOG staff requested that the City provide information on any soundwall needs in our jurisdiction. City staff worked with the Council offices and submitted a list of soundwall requests which is shown as Attachment A to this report.

We were also requested to provide information on local soundwall policy or programs. The City of Sacramento does not have a local soundwall policy or a program.

Financial Considerations:

At this time there is no direct financial impact to the City of Sacramento. If SACOG opts to establish a regional soundwall program, the SACOG Board will have to decide how to fund the program.

Environmental Considerations:

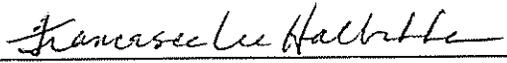
The subject of this report is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The activity involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Section 15061 (b)(3)).

Policy Considerations:

The SACOG Board will be weighing policy options to address soundwall needs in the region. A regional soundwall policy would potentially be consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan goals of improving and diversifying the transportation system and enhancing and preserving neighborhoods.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

No goods or services are being procured.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Approved by: 
Marty Hanneman
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT A

SOUNDWALL REQUEST LIST				
CITY OF SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT				
Updated 8/4/05				
COUNCIL DISTRICT(s)	PROJECT NAME	LIMITS	APPROXIMATE LENGTH	REQUESTED
2	North Sacto Mobile Home Park	Hwy 160 near 902 Del Paso Blvd	To be determined	2004 CM Sheedy letter to SACOG
3	Swanston Estates	Along eastbound Business 80 - from eastbound Arden Way on-ramp to eastbound El Camino off-ramp	2,700 feet	11/03 Swanston Estates Neighborhood Association
4	Riverside Village	West side of I-5 from 35th Ave undercrossing to Riverside Blvd undercrossing	3,200 feet	Early 2003 from Riverside Village Improvement Association (Charles Zell)
4,7	South Pocket	West side of I-5, near Pocket Road	Yet to be determined	Responded 8/31/01 to South Pocket Homeowners Assoc (Jon Coupal)
5	Southgate Mobile Home Estates	Along Light Rail tracks east of Florin Rd LRT station	Yet to be determined	2003 from Southgate Mobile Home Estates neighborhood (Margie Allen)
6	Capital Estates	On westside of 65th from Elder Creek Rd to City limits	2,050 feet	Letter dated 11/02 Capital Estates Home Owners Association
6	Elmhurst Neighborhood	South side of Hwy 50 from 37th to 42nd Street	To be determined	August & Sept 04 through Mayor's office and CM Jones (McCarty) for Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
7,8	Cosumnes River BI / I-5 future interchange	Yet to be determined	8,000 feet	10/02 by Kay Backer representing Delta Shores property owner