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STAFF REPORT
October 25, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Selection of Projects to Submit to SACOG for Funding

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the submission of projects to SACOG for federal and state funding.

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Presenters: Theresa Arnold, Special Projects Engineer
Department: Department of Transportation
Division: Engineering Services
Organization No: 3431

Summary:

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has issued a call for projects to receive federal and state funding from the recently enacted federal transportation act – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Background Information:

In September, SACOG announced that it would program two years of funding from the federal transportation act – SAFETEA-LU, and the funds available from the 2006 STIP. For the region, this amounts to $100 to $150 million. The funds available will most likely be on the lower end of this range.

This funding cycle will include funding for the four SACOG regional programs – Community Design, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transportation Demand Management and

Air Quality. SACOG is reserving $19 to $31 million for these regional programs. The balance of the funds will be programmed to Regional Scale projects, Road Rehabilitation projects and a very small amount will go to Local projects to help provide regional equity. While $100 to $150 million may seem like a large amount of funding, agency staffs in the region have identified over $350 million in funding needs just for Regional Scale projects in progress. SACOG staff has implied that the majority of the funds will go to Regional Scale projects under development.

Applications are due to SACOG on November 1, 2005 for all program areas except Community Design, which are due on January 12, 2006. Staff will return to Council in November with recommendations for the Community Design program.

Staff is recommending that Council adopt the projects listed below for submittal to SACOG:

Project Name	Phase	Fund Request (in 000's)
Local Road Rehabilitation	Construction	$4,500
Cosumnes River Blvd, Extension & Interchange	Design & Right of Way	$19,000
Sacramento Intermodal Westside Access	Preliminary Engineering	$1,950
I-80 Bike Bridge at the West Canal	Right of Way	$400

Cosumnes River Boulevard and I-80 Bike Bridge are recommended because the projects are under development and need funding for the next phases of work. Local Road Rehabilitation is an on-going program that has insufficient local funds to meet the needs. The Sacramento Intermodal Westside Access project will provide access to the existing depot and future intermodal. Based on the initial planning/feasibility studies, staff recommends requesting funds to begin project development for the Westside Access Project.

With the adoption of the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a new process for selecting the projects to receive federal funds is being used by SACOG. Local agencies submit their projects to SACOG. SACOG staff will prepare a recommendation based on the needs of the region and is not bound by "fair share" allocations. The schedule is as follows:

November 1, 2005	Local agencies submit projects
November 7 – 30, 2005	SACOG works with agencies and others to prioritize projects
December 15, 2005	SACOG public hearing
January 19, 2006	SACOG Board approval
March 2006	New State Implementation Plan for air quality and Metropolitan Transportation Plan approved

SACOG is timing this programming cycle to coincide with the lifting of the air quality conformity lapse. According to SACOG this is scheduled for March of 2006.

Financial Considerations:

Federal and state funding will allow the city to deliver priority projects and programs sooner. Local match funding is available for the projects being recommended. Specific match funding will be determined once SACOG approves the City's application and the specific SAFETEA-LU and STIP funds are designated by SACOG.

Environmental Considerations:

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

Policy Considerations:

Leveraging of local funds with state or federal funding is consistent with Council priorities of fiscal soundness. The action requested herein is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan to improve the transportation system and enhance and preserve the neighborhoods.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

None.

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Marty Hanneman
Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO SUBMIT TO SACOG FOR FUNDING

BACKGROUND

A. Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) has issued a call for projects to receive federal and state funding from the recently enacted federal transportation act – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). There is $100 to $150 million available for programming.

B. SACOG will be programming these funds to seven program areas – Community Design, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transportation Demand Management and Air Quality, Regional Scale, Road Rehabilitation and Local projects.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The following list of projects is approved for submission to SACOG for federal and state funds. The cost estimates may change as staff further refines the estimates.

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