

Planning Advisory Committee September Updates

No Meeting in September – Next meeting 10/19/17

I. CLIMATE ACTION 2020 - RESOLUTION OF LITIGATION

The RCPA developed the Climate Action 2020 and Beyond plan last year to comply with state legislation to try to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by the year 2020. All nine Sonoma County cities and the county worked to develop the plan's goals. Implementation was put on hold while a lawsuit against the adequacy of the EIR was supported in court. The trial court issued an adverse ruling, which would require the RCPA to appeal or rescind certification of the EIR. The SCTA/RCPA authorized counsel and the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with California River Watch that will conclude the legal action in which RCPA pays \$226,912, comprised of \$225,000 in attorney fees and \$1,912 in costs, in two installment payments over two years. As further requirements of the settlement, RCPA would agree to not appeal, and California River Watch would reaffirm in signed correspondence on letterhead its commitment not to challenge the measures in the plan. The CAP will remain an advisory document, and RCPA's member agencies can continue to implement the measures in the plan if they either conduct CEQA review or find that the measures are exempt. The plan will not be able to be used for making significance determinations for CEQA analysis of other projects.

II. SONOMA COUNTY TRAVEL MODEL – UPDATE TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING GUIDELINES – FINAL REVISION

SCTA operates and maintains the Sonoma County Travel Model (SCTM) which is used to support SCTA's transportation planning activities and to provide analytic and modeling support to the Authority's member organizations. SCTA's Administrative and Operational Travel Demand Modeling Guidelines are used by staff to guide the operation, maintenance, improvement, and administration of the SCTM. This document outlines the goals and objectives, priorities, scope, products and services, maintenance, improvement, validation, and program evaluation strategies of the SCTA modeling program.

A draft update to these guidelines was provided to the PAC, TAC, and CAC for discussion and review in August of 2017. The final document has been revised based on feedback from these committees and staff level review.

<http://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/AdminGuidelines-2017-Sept-Update-revised.pdf>

http://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SCTA_RCPAmodeldatarequest.pdf

III. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Senate Bill 1 - Caltrans is administering SB 1, with an application deadline of October 20, 2017 for applications. Guidelines and application info at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>. There are two grant opportunities:
 - Transportation Planning Grants (\$25 million annually) to encourage local and regional planning that further state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the regional transportation plan guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission.

- Adaptation Planning Grants (\$20 million over three years) to local and regional agencies for climate change adaptation planning.
2. 2017 Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (NOFA expected October 2nd). AHSC Program Guidelines <http://sgc.ca.gov/Grant-Programs/AHSC-Guidelines.html>

IV. HIGHWAY 37

A series of four informational open houses on the Highway 37 Improvement Plan are being held from September 20 to October 2. The Sonoma meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 28th from 6-8 pm at the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building 126 First Street West, Sonoma.

The open houses are meant to inform residents and Highway 37 users about the status of the planning process to address impacts from sea-level rise, flooding and increased traffic along the corridor, as well as to provide an opportunity for participants to share their concerns and provide feedback. More information is available online: <http://scta.ca.gov/projects/highway37/>

V. ZIPCAR IS NOW AVAILABLE IN SANTA ROSA

Residents or employees can sign up for a complimentary annual membership available through a grant from the SCTA. Two Zipcars—a Honda Civic and a Ford Escape—are available for reservation by the hour or by the day with gas, insurance, maintenance and 180 miles of driving included. One is parked near the Downtown Santa Rosa SMART Station and the other is parked at 730 5th Street for. To sign up, visit Zipcar.com/SantaRosa.

VI. SHIFT SONOMA COUNTY

Shift Sonoma County aims to define and evaluate strategies to shift transportation choices away from single occupant vehicles towards cleaner, healthier, and more efficient modes of transportation. The window to provide feedback on the Draft Shift Sonoma County Low Carbon Transportation Action Plan runs through September 17, 2017. The online survey is available at: <https://www.placespeak.com/ShiftSonoma>. Once you log in, you can complete the survey, suggest locations for clean transportation infrastructure and share what you're already doing.

Additional information about the plan, including supporting documents and a Spanish translation, is available online at: <http://scta.ca.gov/shift>. Shift Sonoma County is a project to define and evaluate strategies to shift transportation choices away from single occupant vehicles towards cleaner, healthier, and more efficient modes of transportation. Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to share this information with others.

VII. BAY AREA PLANNING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2017 meeting is scheduled for October 13th, 2017 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 668 13th Street, Oakland. The agenda can be found at: <http://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/BAPDA-Agenda-October-13-2017.pdf>