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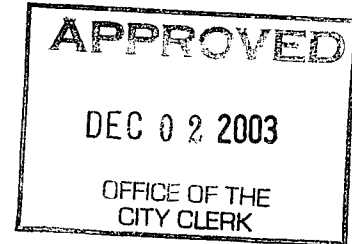
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REPORT BACK – SENIOR AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION STUDY

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the Senior and Disabled Transportation Study (Study) that is being developed by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 2, 2003

SUMMARY:

In September 2003 the City Council received comments from members of a senior coalition on the need to study the mobility requirements of our growing senior and disabled population. The members of the coalition also raised the need to coordinate completion of the Study with the Measure A renewal process. The City Council directed staff to evaluate the timing of the Study with the timing of the Measure A renewal process. At the conclusion of meetings with City and SACOG staff and members of the senior coalition, it was determined that a comprehensive and inclusive Study for the SACOG region was needed but could not be completed by January in time to be included in the Measure A renewal process. However, SACOG and the senior coalition agreed that early study phase data would be adequate to develop potential senior and disabled transportation program needs in time for consideration in the Measure A renewal process.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In July 2002, SACOG adopted the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is the region's broad-based, long-range transportation planning document. The findings and recommendations contained in the MTP are based on extensive analysis and supporting documentation that is not included in the MTP itself.

As part of the MTP planning process, SACOG, in cooperation with the region's transit operators, prepared a 2000/2001 Paratransit/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment Report. The report reviewed issues related to ADA transportation and the growing need for "senior transportation." It included a survey of the region's transit operators, a review of population projections, and identified some of the basic issues related to the impact of the aging population on the demand for transit service. The report also outlined some possible solutions for filling the demand. The report provided some of the basic groundwork for the MTP and a starting point for on-going discussions for addressing senior and disabled transportation issues.

The model analysis that supported the 2025 MTP assumes that Sacramento's population will remain static in structure over the next 25 years while growing in numbers. This is because the model used at the time the 2025 MTP was developed could not incorporate changing demographic trends. A coalition of senior advocates maintains that the 2025 MTP dramatically underestimates the number of seniors and retirees in the region and that transportation projections overestimate job travel and underestimates the needs of seniors who will lose their driver's license.

The MTP process is ongoing and currently on a schedule to be updated every three years. The next update is due in two years. As part of this on-going process of continuous analysis and improvement, SACOG is undertaking a number of studies. SACOG's 2003/04 Overall Work Program includes the development of a Regional Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Services Policy Plan. This plan will provide a more in-depth look at the developing needs of the elderly and disabled community and the impact of the continuing aging of the region's population as we move forward with the next MTP update.

During the September 2, 2003 City Council meeting, a coalition of senior advocates expressed strong concern that planning in our region, specifically the 2025 MTP, does not reflect accurate projections of population growth and trends, does not accurately identify the changing transit needs of seniors and people with disabilities, needs to consider a wide range of transit solutions, and funding sources need to be identified and secured to address the emerging and growing needs. The City Council directed staff to gather information on this issue and report back to the City Council.

On September 16, 2003 staff reported back to Council that SACOG had begun work on a Senior and Disabled Transportation Study for the six county region. The Study will look at the issues facing the senior and disabled population related to mobility and should be completed by October 2004. The coalition of senior advocates raised the issue that the timing of the Study's completion

is not well timed with the Measure A renewal process. The coalition requested the City's support in urging SACOG to complete the Study prior to the development of the list of Measure A renewal projects.

Staff was directed to return to the City Council with a resolution expressing the Council's support for collecting and analyzing data with regard to senior and disability needs in a fashion sufficient to allow for it to be used for the Measure A renewal transportation planning process and other transportation planning processes.

As requested by the City Council, City staff and the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) staff attended the September 19 meeting held between SACOG and the senior coalition. At the meeting, STA staff clarified that projects to be included in the Measure A renewal process do not need to be in the 2025 MTP and that elected officials within the county would ultimately determine the content of the ballot measure. It was agreed at the meeting that while some data could be obtained in time to inform the Measure A renewal process, the Study itself could not be completed. It was also agreed that it is very important for the Study to be comprehensive and inclusive and this was more important than having a study completed in time for the Measure A renewal process that was more general in nature and wouldn't serve the long-term interests of the region.

Subsequent to the September 19 meeting, the senior coalition and other interested parties have been working with SACOG to refine the work program for the Study, which should be completed in December. SACOG is concurrently holding stakeholder meetings and reviewing baseline information including the identification of available demographic data. SACOG staff is working with members of the senior coalition to verify the methodology and data contained in the report, *Spending Tomorrow's Dollars on Yesterday's Problems*, published by the senior coalition. At the end of the stakeholder outreach process, the work program will be finalized and a project advisory committee will be formed to guide the study through its completion.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This informational report is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not involve an activity which will cause a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and does not require further environmental review.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The development by SACOG of a regional Senior And Disabled Transportation Study is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving and diversifying the transportation system.


ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

None, as no services are being procured.

Respectfully submitted,


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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


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City Manager

Approved:

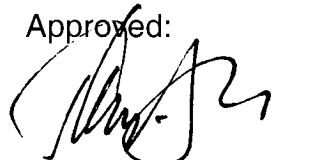

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-847

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

SUPPORT FOR THE SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S SENIOR AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION STUDY

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES THAT:

- The City of Sacramento supports the Senior and Disabled Transportation Study (Study) being conducted by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). This Study should address the mobility needs of the growing senior and disabled population, analyze the demographic trends and match mobility barriers with solutions for the six county SACOG region. The regional Study should have a multi-modal focus, including the consideration of transit, automobile, and pedestrian issues of concern for the senior and disabled communities. To the maximum extent possible, the analysis of methodology in *Spending Tomorrow's Dollars on Yesterday's Problems* should be developed in a timeframe to inform the Sacramento County Measure A renewal process. The results of the regional Study should be used to inform the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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