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City Council
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SACOG TRANSPORTATION – LAND USE STUDY

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to receive information and provide comments to Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) staff on their Transportation Land-Use Study – Draft Base Case Future.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 19, 2002

SUMMARY:

A year ago SACOG embarked on a three year Transportation Land-Use Study. SACOG is nearing completion of the draft base case future and will be sharing the results with Council. SACOG will also discuss the next steps in the study.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Transportation Land-Use Study is to determine if there are land use choices local governments could make that would benefit the regional transportation system as well as their local communities.

The study will develop and apply state-of-the-art modeling tools to estimate the transportation, air quality, economic, and other impacts of current land use patterns and alternatives to those

patterns. The study uses a classic planning process centered on creating alternative versions of the future, comparing the strengths and weaknesses of those alternatives, and, in this case, selecting a “best” land use alternative for consideration in the next update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This approach will help us to comprehensively answer the question “what can be done to make the land use patterns and transportation system work best together?”

The first future alternative created is the Base Case Future. The purpose of the Base Case Future is to provide a plausible version of the SACOG region’s future if current development trends, policies and transportation investment priorities continue through the year 2050. It is not a prediction that current trends will continue, but rather, a “what if” exercise to determine what would happen if they did. Development of a Base Case Future is an important early element in a planning process because it provides tangible, common ground to focus the regional analysis. The information from the Base Case should help the region to develop and consider Alternative Futures that maintain the strengths of Base Case and attempt to address any weaknesses.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This is an informational item, which does not include any financial considerations.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Under Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), environmental review is not required at this time because this action involves only a planning study for possible future actions which the Council has not approved, adopted, or funded.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The project is consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan goal to establish and strengthen community and regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS: No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED



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