REPORT

DATE: January 4, 2007

TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Resolution #07-482-1 Authorizing SCAG to accept Blueprint Planning Grant Funds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Adopt Resolution #07-482-1 authorizing SCAG to accept $975,000 in Caltrans Year 2 Blueprint Planning grant funds and amend the SCAG Overall Work Plan (OWP) to include the funds.

BACKGROUND:
In November the Regional Council authorized SCAG to submit a renewal grant application to Caltrans for Year Two Blueprint funding to continue regional planning activities aimed at improving statewide mobility and conducting intensive comprehensive scenario planning. Caltrans made available approximately $4 million statewide for second year funding during Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-2007. SCAG applied for $1,100,000 in funding and has been awarded $975,000.

In January 2006 SCAG was awarded $1,258,450 in Blueprint Grant funds out of approximately $5 million made available to all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) by Caltrans. Since that time SCAG has undertaken several transit oriented development (TOD) and general plan update demonstration projects with various cities and subregions in the region. In addition, SCAG has provided a long range housing projection (2005 to 2035) in the Integrated Growth Forecast and has defined local household growth (occupied housing units) for the 2005 to 2014 Regional Housing Needs Assessment planning period at the jurisdictional level.

Concurrently, SCAG has developed new tools for assessing TOD impact on growth, development capacity/ density analysis and evaluation data for the 2007 RTP. In addition, SCAG has supported several key subregional studies on mixed use potential, parking and smart growth and refinement of Compass Blueprint 2% Strategy areas in key locations across the region's transit network. Work will also begin this fiscal year on evaluating Compass benefits, and forecasting and demonstration project work will continue.

The Year 2 Blueprint Grant will fund additional Compass demonstration projects throughout the SCAG region and will also focus on measuring and evaluating Compass benefits and the impact on the environment. As with the first year Blueprint Grant, the SCAG second-year program will also stress our continued commitment to public engagement throughout our processes.

FISCAL IMPACT:
The total second year Blueprint Grant project value is $1,218,750 of which SCAG will receive $975,000 (80%) in funding for staff and consultant work. The remaining $243,750 (20%) is required local in-kind or cash match which SCAG will obtain from commissions, cities, and other project partners throughout the region.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION #07-482-1 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTING CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FY 2006-2007 OWP RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, SCAG was awarded $1,258,451 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006 for the first year of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant Program ("Blueprint Planning Grant") designed to support related statutory requirements, programs and guidelines that address the need for integrated planning;

WHEREAS, the FY 2006-2007 California State Budget includes approximately $4 million in statewide Blueprint Planning Grant funds available only to MPOs;

WHEREAS, each Blueprint Planning Grant awarded by the State will require at least a 20% cash or in-kind match financed with non-federal funds;

WHEREAS, SCAG applied for $1,100,000 in grant funds in November 2006; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has awarded to SCAG $975,000 in grant funds for the second year of the project, which will require $243,750 in local matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments as follows:

1. The Regional Council authorizes SCAG to accept and manage the second year Blueprint Planning Grant, to collaborate with other stakeholders in the grant program, and to implement the grant through the FY 2006-2007 OWP as amended.

2. The Regional Council approves and authorizes SCAG to amend the FY 2006-2007 OWP to include the Blueprint Planning Grant funds in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 OWP;

3. SCAG pledges to secure cash or in-kind services, or both, for the matching funds necessary to receive Blueprint Planning Grant funds; and

4. The SCAG Executive Director or in his absence, the Deputy Executive Director, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all related agreements and documents on behalf of the Regional Council regarding the receipt and implementation of the Blueprint Planning Grant funds.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this 4th day of January, 2007.

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