

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Contract with Fehr and Peers for Work on Strategic Growth Council Grant

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

Background

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Land Use and Transportation Climate Action Planning (CAP) work is considerably expanding on the traditional foundation of Climate Action Planning. The traditional foundation, which has been featured in most published CAPs, borrows from the report: *California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA): Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures- A Resource for Local Government to Assess Emission Reductions from Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures. August 2010.*

The SBCCOG is expanding on the above efforts through new methodologies and analyses that are based on three large datasets collected by the SBCCOG over the last 10 years. In order for the larger land use and transportation community to consider the new methodologies and analyses, the work needs to be reviewed by experts.

Sole Source Justification

Fehr and Peers was a co-author of the CAPCOA document and has worked as a consultant for the majority of published CAPs. As original authors they are in a unique position to assess and validate the work the SBCCOG has done so far. Additionally, Fehr and Peers is currently drafting the Circulation Element for the City of Hermosa Beach General Plan update, a policy document closely related to the Land Use and Transportation Chapter of the CAP that the SBCCOG is producing for the City. The SBCCOG interviewed 3 consultants at the beginning of the project to gather advice and discuss research plans. It was evident from these three interviews that Fehr and Peers was the most knowledgeable.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Steering Committee approve the SBCCOG entering into a contract with Fehr and Peers not to exceed \$10,000 to review and validate the methodologies of the SBCCOG for the preparation of the land use and transportation chapters of the Climate Action Plan.