



**California Regional Blueprint Planning Program:
Linking Land Use, Transportation, Housing and the Environment**

In 2005, the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency launched the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program that provided \$10 million in grants to support federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and local Councils of Governments in their efforts to conduct long-range, comprehensive planning. The grant program is intended to foster consensus among community and regional leaders, local governments and stakeholders toward a vision for preferred growth and land use patterns for the region. The comprehensive planning efforts will result in a Blueprint Plan for the region through the year 2025.

Regional collaboration will produce Blueprint Plans that will:

- Foster more efficient land use patterns,
- Provide consumers more housing and transportation choices,
- Improve economic competitiveness and quality of life,
- Provide for more efficient delivery of transportation projects,
- Increase efficient use of energy and other resources, and
- Generate broad community support by involving public and resource agencies early on in the process.

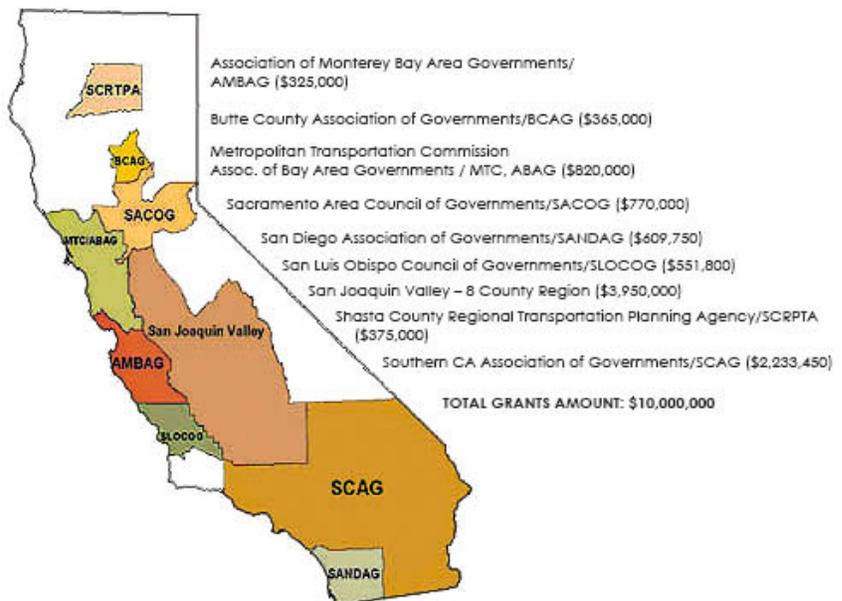
“Inspire, innovate, dream – this is the work of the Regional Blueprint Planning community”
– Rusty Selix, CALCOG

The long-range goal for these Regional Blueprint Plans is to guide future infrastructure development, and in turn to accommodate anticipated population and economic growth within the regions. Ultimately, these comprehensive plans should be incorporated into local General Plans.

**Participating Metropolitan Planning Organizations -
Blueprint Grantees**

During 2005 and 2006, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the California Department of Transportation awarded \$10 million for Regional Blueprint Planning to nine grantees, comprised of sixteen MPOs. There are eight MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley that have partnered to develop an integrated valley-wide blueprint plan. More than 90% of Californians reside in regions covered by Blueprint Plans under development.

2005-2007 Regional Blueprint Planning Program Grantees





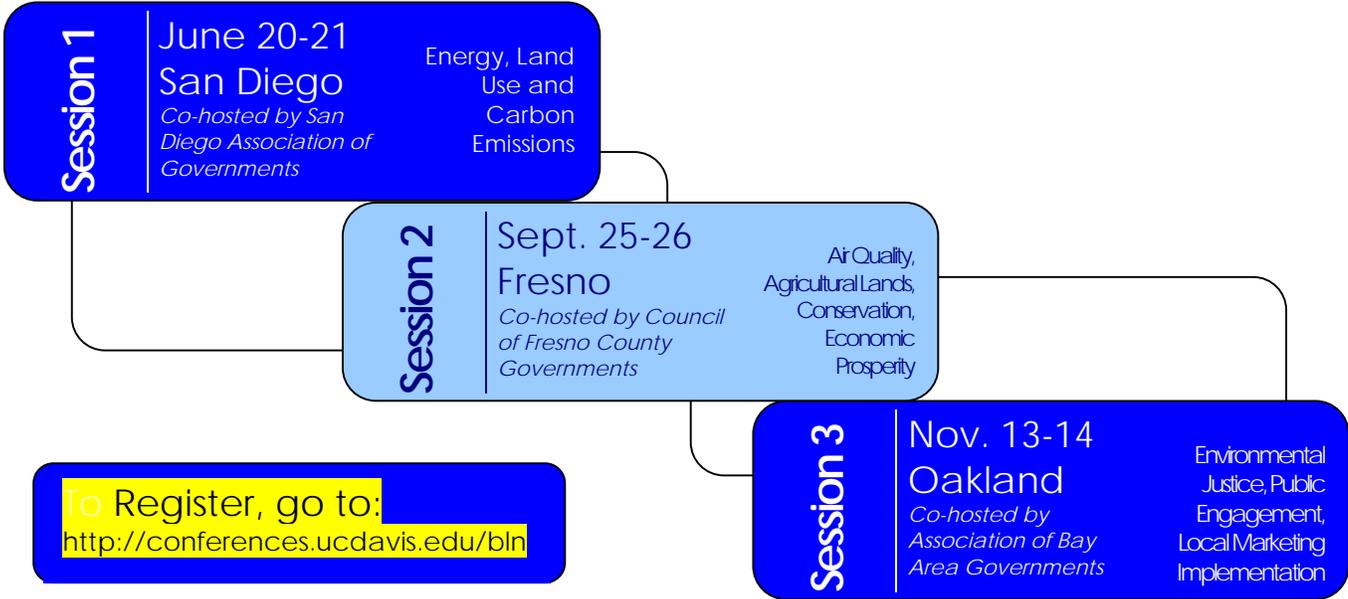
The Blueprint Learning Network

In 2006, a series of three workshops was developed to support the first year Regional Blueprint Planning Program grantees and to provide a forum for regional and State agencies to exchange information, share best practices, and combine knowledge and resources. The workshop topics were based on the expressed interests of the grantees:

- Workshop Session 1** - Land Use and Housing, Measuring Results and Collaboration
- Workshop Session 2** - Transportation and Land Use Planning
- Workshop Session 3** - The Environment: Air Quality, Water Supply, Energy, Protecting Agricultural Land and Habitat Conservation

The three workshops showcased over 50 presentations – by 38 State and local agencies – and provided practical guidance on how to better integrate transportation planning into other areas of infrastructure development for long-term, cost effective benefits.

Blueprint Learning Network 2007 Calendar



To Participate:

Contact Seth Miller at smiller@ccrl.org. For more information, see www.calregions.org or www.calblueprint.dot.ca.gov.



The State Coordinating Committee

The State Coordinating Committee provides State agency support to regional blueprint planning, and is comprised of key staff from the California Resources Agency, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, California Center for Regional Leadership, the University of California at Davis, and others. Members of the State Coordinating Committee include: Dale Bonner, Secretary, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; Cynthia Bryant, Director, Governor's Office for Planning and Research; Cindy Tuck, Assistant Secretary for Policy with the Environmental Protection Agency; A.J. Kawamura, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture; Mike Byrne, Geographic Information Systems Council member; and Mike Chrisman, Secretary of the California Resources Agency, among others.

Strategic Growth Advisory Group

The Strategic Growth Advisory Group (SGAG) is a high-level policy leadership forum of State agencies and external affiliates. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to State leadership for policy on growth, land use, housing, transportation and other infrastructure development. The SGAG is convened periodically to provide policy input on issues such as California Environmental Quality Act improvement, strategies for Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction and infrastructure planning.

Blueprint Learning Network Partial List of Participants

(Bold indicates member of State Coordinating Committee)

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| Association of Bay Area Governments | City of Redding, Geographic Information Systems Division |
| Metropolitan Transportation Commission | City of Redding, Planning Division |
| Amador County Transportation Commission | City of Santa Rosa |
| American Farmland Trust | City of West Sacramento |
| Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments | County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning & Building |
| Bay Area Council | California State Association of Counties |
| California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency | Edward J. Blakely Center for Sustainable Suburban Development |
| Butte County Association of Governments | University of California, Riverside |
| California Air Resources Board | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| California Association of Councils of Governments | Endangered Habitats League |
| California Center for Regional Leadership | Federal Highway Administration |
| California Department of Conservation | California Department of Fish & Game |
| California Department of Food and Agriculture | Council of Fresno County Governments |
| California Department of Housing & Community Development | Governor's Office of Planning and Research |
| California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) | Granville Homes |
| California Department of Veterans Affairs | Great Valley Center |
| California Department of Water Resources | Institute for Local Government |
| California Great Places Program | Kings Area Rural Transit |
| California Health and Human Services Agency | Kings County Association of Governments |
| California Labor and Workforce Development Agency | Kings County Farm Bureau |
| California Resources Agency | Local Agency Formation Commission |
| California Service Corps | Local Government Commission |
| California Transportation Commission | Madera County Transportation Commission |
| California Energy Commission | Merced College |
| City of Escondido | Merced County Association of Governments |
| City of Merced | |



List of Participants, cont.

New America Foundation
New California Network
Office of Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny
Orange County Business Council
Otay Ranch Company
Public Policy Institute of California
Ranchwood Homes
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
San Benito Council of Governments
San Diego Association of Governments
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
San Joaquin Council of Governments
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Serna and Associates
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Sierra Club Challenge to Sprawl Campaign
Signature Properties
San Joaquin Council of Governments
Southern California Association of Governments
Stanislaus Council of Governments
State and Consumer Services Agency
Sustainable Communities Working Group
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Tehama County
Tehama Regional Transportation Planning Agency
The Nature Conservancy
Tulare County Association of Governments
Tulare County Farm Bureau
Tulare County Probation Department
University of California - Davis
University of California - Davis Extension
Urban Habitat
Valley Vision
Visalia Economic Development Corporation

"BLN exists because the state does not have all of the answers and this work is enriched by coming together – in addition to existing work – to prompt the state to get the most out of its public investments and to support the regions in addressing the challenges of growth in a coordinated and comprehensive way".

- Will Kempton
Director, Department of Transportation



May 2006 BLN Workshop, hosted by SACOG