

**SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 1C  
AND PROPOSITION 84 FOR REGIONAL GROWTH RELATED PORTIONS OF  
HOUSING AND WATER/PARK BONDS**

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**Policy Objective: Implementation of Regional Blueprints**

Two provisions of Proposition 1C, the \$2.9 billion housing bond and three provisions (Chapter 9 of Proposition 84, the \$5.8 billion water and parks bond) call for legislation to direct how the funding is to be provided and include policy guidance promoting infill and resource protection in the same manner in which the regional blueprint programs are being established by regional planning agencies throughout the state.

Not all infill is of equal value in achieving the blueprint goals of reduced congestion, reduced trips and reduced miles traveled and avoided as well as meeting housing needs and protecting valuable natural resources. The location, use and intensity of projects must be evaluated in relation to transportation impacts and availability as well as surrounding land uses.

In order for that funding to be directed to those projects which most assist and support the implementation of those regional blueprints and to incentivize those regional blueprints to achieve the best possible performance, those funds should be centered around project selection guided by the regional planning agencies developing the regional blueprints.

**Regional Blueprint Requirements**

The blueprints must map the areas where such development should be located and set forth performance goals that include one or more of the following:

1. 10% or greater reduction in vehicle miles traveled per household
2. A 10% or greater improvement in jobs/housing balance
3. A 10% or greater increase in the percentage of new development which is considered infill as opposed to greenfield as compared to development in the ten years prior to adoption of the blueprint.

4. A 10% or greater improvement in vehicle miles traveled per household comparing the vehicle miles traveled associated with the growth in accordance with the blueprint versus vehicle miles traveled per household for growth over the ten years prior to the adoption of the blueprint
5. A 10 % or greater improvement in percentage of new housing that is transit oriented as compared to development over the ten years prior to adoption of the blueprint
6. A 10% or greater increase in average housing density as compared to the average over the 10 years prior to the adoption of the blueprint
7. A 10% or greater reduction in the amount of agricultural land lost per new household as compared to the rate of agricultural land loss in the 10 years prior to adoption of the blueprint.

#### **Allocation of Funds for Regional Growth Programs in Propositions 1-C and 84**

There shall be an integrated fund allocation program combining the funds to be allocated by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Regional Housing Planning and Infill Program and the Housing Urban-Suburban- Rural- Parks Program in Proposition 1-C with funds to be allocated by the State Parks Department for the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction Programs in Proposition 84.

The funding shall be allocated on a formula basis for two grant cycles. The first shall be in 2008 and the second shall be in 2010. The formula shall allocate funds based on the regional housing needs being utilized for the most recent regional housing needs assessment in areas with councils of governments and the total of the housing needs in the countywide areas without councils of governments, as determined by the State Department of Housing & Community Development.

In areas of the state where there is no metropolitan planning organization, or other regional agency preparing a regional blueprint, a Council of Governments or a countywide commission comprised of the county and cities within that county may develop a set of project selection priorities consistent with the same purposes and objectives but without requiring a detailed blueprint.

#### **Countywide plans within multi-county regions**

In multi-county metropolitan planning regions a county and the cities within that county may develop a sub-regional implementation strategy that may involve sharing of revenues and transferring of development requirements and components to implement the regional blueprint. Where such implementation strategies have been adopted by a county and its cities, the regional planning agency shall assign a share of the region's funding for these housing and park programs to the sub-regional county organization for project selection.

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## Criteria and review of projects

The Department of Parks and Recreation for Chapter 9 of Proposition 84 funds and the Department of Housing and Community Development with respect to the Proposition 1-C funds shall develop guidelines to implement statutory criteria setting forth the eligible types of projects that may be selected for each applicable funding program.

The guidelines for project selection for the \$90 million in funds for planning grants and planning incentives shall authorize regional agencies to expend such funds for mapping of lands important for resource protection, development of guidelines for preferred development design and density, updating of regional housing need and allocation programs and grants to local governments to update or adopt specific plans and general plan amendments to support projects which implement regional blueprints. The implementing legislation shall also include a dedicated permanent allocation of transportation funds for MPOs/COGs to continue the development and updating of regional blueprints in accordance with Caltrans/BTH content requirements.

Project applicants shall submit their proposals simultaneously to the regional planning agency and to the applicable department. The department shall evaluate each project to determine which projects meet all applicable criteria. The regional planning agency shall select projects from among those approved by the state agency and provide that information to the state agency which shall develop a contract for the award of funds.

If no blueprint or project selection plan is developed and adopted by a specified date for each funding cycle, the projects for that area of the state shall be selected by the state agencies with jurisdiction over each portion of the bond funds.

If a blueprint or project selection plan is not yet adopted by the specified date but is nearing completion, the region shall be granted an additional six months to complete it.

### **Relation to other Proposition 1-C and 84 Programs**

In regions where a regional blueprint has been adopted, Housing and Community Development Department grants for housing programs pursuant to other provisions of Proposition 1 – C which are to be administered by that department shall give priority to projects which support the implementation of the regional blueprint. Project applicants shall submit proposals to the regional planning agencies before the submittal to HCD for the planning agency to determine the extent to which each project assists in meeting blueprint objectives.

In regions where a regional blueprint has been adopted and which identifies natural resource lands which are a priority for preservation, state agency allocations of funds pursuant to other chapters of Proposition 84 and pursuant to Proposition 1 –E shall give priority to projects which support the protection of lands so designated unless the state agency determines that there is an overriding need of statewide significance to expend funds for a different priority.

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