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IN IT TO WIN IT

With the bases loaded as we enter the final inning of election season, tensions are high in the State of California as we wait to see which ballot initiatives and candidates will come out on top next week. The State's AB 32: Global Warming Solutions Act is a key player up to bat for Tuesday's game, facing three possibilities: striking out completely under Prop 23, hitting a home run with "Green Jobs Brown," or calling a time-out with Coach Meg. Despite Tuesday's election, the impacts of California's struggle to get its financial line up in order is still being felt widespread – from floating furlough days to pay cuts and hiring freezes across many of the State's AB 32 and SB 375 implementing agencies. In this Fall 2010 Newsletter, [Lauren Michele](#) highlights her efforts to help move the State and its Regions forward in SB 375 and AB 32 implementation despite the odds.

Caltrans Releases Statewide Interregional Blueprint

In a time where both state and federal efforts are pointing toward sustainable planning, Lauren Michele had a unique opportunity to integrate her M.S. Thesis research under the Urban Land Use and Transportation Center (ULTRANS) at UC Davis into the [California Interregional Blueprint](#) (CIB) Phase I Narrative. The CIB will articulate the State's vision for an integrated, multimodal interregional transportation system that complements regional transportation plans and land use visions. The CIB when fully developed will become the foundation of the 2040 update to the State's long-range transportation plan, the California Transportation Plan (CTP). This plan will position us to respond to new legislative requirements (SB 391) for the next CTP update that require the plan to define the statewide transportation system that meets our climate change goals under AB 32 and SB 375. The ultimate benefit of this effort will be stronger partnerships, with regional and local agencies and tribal governments, and better data for improved decision-making at the State, regional, and local level.

This Phase I Report focuses on regional transportation plans and regional blueprint plans from the State's four largest metropolitan planning organizations and the eight metropolitan planning organizations working collaboratively in the San Joaquin Valley.

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Sacramento Regional Coalitions Support "Safe Routes for All" Metropolitan Transportation Plan

At last night's public workshop for SACOG's 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP 2035) 93% of individuals and 100% of group tables voted for the Scenario 3 option — which places the greatest investment in existing communities and would result in a 17% reduction in per capita greenhouse gas emissions (greater than the 16% SB 375 regional target assigned by CARB). Upon speaking with SACOG's Executive Director after the workshop, it was clear that the support for Scenario 3 was also well represented during this month's previous workshops across the region.

With overwhelming support for a more cost-effective, equitable, and environmentally sustainable MTP Scenario, could the SACOG region have public support to create a plan that achieves these objectives to an even *greater* extent? Policy in Motion founder, and researcher on SB 375 Implementation believes the answer is a resounding YES.

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Safe Routes for All is a concept that embodies achieving the sustainability "3-E" agenda which supports federal, state, regional, and local goals for healthy and thriving communities. Approving a Sustainable Community Strategy within the SACOG MTP 2035 process that emphasizes financial investments in existing communities with a focus around active transportation access to schools would be a way to not only serve as an example of how a Metropolitan Planning Organization can exceed SB 375 greenhouse gas reduction targets, but also support many other co-benefits such as healthier communities and neighborhood quality of life.

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Policy in Motion Receives Professional Woman & Small Business Owner Recognition

The National Association of Profession Women is the most rapidly growing and recognized association for professional women in the United States. **Lauren Michele** was nominated and selected to join this organization in September 2010.



Policy in Motion is certified with the City of Sacramento as an **Emerging Small Business Enterprise** (ESBE). The firm's Small Business Certification is linked [here](#) – City Certification Number 32334. The City of Sacramento states that the "small business certification provides bid preference and other incentives."

Policy in Motion's State of California **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise** (DBE) Certification Application is currently being processed by the California Department of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Transportation's DBE program provides a vehicle for increasing the participation by minority business enterprises in state and local procurement. Federal DBE regulations require state and local transportation agencies that receive DOT financial assistance, to establish goals for the participation of DBEs. Each DOT-assisted State and local transportation agency is required to establish annual DBE goals, and review the scopes of anticipated large prime contracts throughout the year and establish contract-specific DBE subcontracting goals. A percentage goal for DBE participation may be required on specific contracts, which is clearly stipulated at the time a contract is publicly advertised.

Please contact Lauren Michele if you are interested in contracting with Policy in Motion as an ESBE or DBE

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Policy in Motion Blog Articles

I have designed **Policy in Motion** to be a continued resource for federal and California policy news and analysis in a user-friendly interface. The website provides a compilation of resources, links, analyses, and personal opinions in an easily digestible format so that planners and policy-makers can make research-supported decisions to guide local, regional, state and federal transportation and climate change policy. To receive more timely policy news updates, please become a **Facebook Fan of Policy in Motion** by clicking "Like."

Read by clicking the links on the following blog articles:

Election Coverage

- [California Transit Association's Position on Propositions: Yes on 22](#)
- [League of CA Cities Positions on Propositions: No 26, No 19, Yes 22](#)
- [TransForm's Positions on Propositions: No 23, No 26, Neutral 22](#)

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Local News

- [\\$50 Million from Caltrans Available for Transportation Safety Improvements – 12/09/10 Deadline](#)
- [Urban Forestry Grants for Local Communities](#)
- [Organization of the Month: WALK Sacramento](#)
- [Local Government Technical Resources](#)

Regional News

- [Sacramento Regional Coalitions Support "Safe Routes for All" MTP Scenario](#)
- [SACOG and CSU Fresno Receive \\$5.5 million from HUD Sustainable Regional Planning Grant Funding](#)
- [\\$500K Grant Program from SACOG: Sacramento Region Air Quality and Infill Streamlining Program](#)

California News

- [Caltrans Releases Statewide Interregional Blueprint: Lauren Michele's UC Davis Master's Thesis Research Integrated into Report for Initial Phase of SB 391 Compliance](#)
- [ClimatePlan: California Air Resources Board Adopts SB 375 GHG Reduction Targets](#)

Federal News

- [USDOT: \\$776 Million in "State of Good Repair" for Transit](#)
- [US DOT: LaHood Announces Final Recovery Act \\$8.78 B Transit Grant](#)
- [DC Streetsblog: Obama Admin Will Make Its Transportation Push During the Next Congress](#)
- [Demand for TIGER II Funding Overwhelms Supply](#)
- [Obama's Labor Day Announcement: \\$50 Billion in Transportation Infrastructure](#)
- [US Senate to Consider the Livable Communities Act: \\$2.2 Billion for Local / Regional Planning](#)
- [US DOT Announces \\$11.6M in Grants for Minority/Women Owned Businesses](#)

Event/News Coverage

- [Women's Transportation Seminar to Host SB 375 Luncheon with Mike McKeever: Oct 20th @ SACOG](#)
- [UC Davis Sustainable Transportation Seminar to Host Fall 2010 Webinar: Handy, Lubell, Cervero to Present](#)
- [Victoria Transport Policy Institute: Summer 2010 Research Updates](#)
- [Strategic Growth Council to Host "Smart Schools for Sustainable Communities: Aligning Sustainable Communities Planning and Public Education in California" – August 31](#)
- [UC Davis Travel Behavior Research: Commuter Response to Fix I-5 Project](#)
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