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USA 2050

Now that World Cup 2010 is over, attention (for some) turns back to the tournament of federal and state legislative issues competing to be a political and fiscal priority among key players. Between California State employees facing minimum wage until the budget is passed and Congress balancing major reform from energy to immigration, I don't think even a FIFA ref could flash enough yellow cards to send the message that without secured funding and technical resources for local, regional, and state planning staff there will be no real victory in significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions from integrated land use and transportation planning. Perhaps we should stop playing in overtime and move to penalty kicks – with red cards for legislators with bad sportsmanship. This month [Lauren Michele](#) reports on financial strategies to take Team USA to global climate stabilization by World Cup 2050.

Scoring Opportunities: Federal & CA Grants

Fortunately for Team USA, Housing and Urban Development Secretary [Donovan](#) brought fans hope with his 92nd minute announcement of \$100 million in grants for sustainable community regional planning. The federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities – including all-stars from US DOT, EPA and HUD – is making available **over \$700 million** in grants to cities, counties, MPOs, and transportation agencies for sustainable community plans with integrated transportation. Grant pre/proposals are due on July 26 and August 23 and applicant registration must be submitted by **July 16**. For details outlining the individual federal grant opportunities, view Policy in Motion's [Federal Grant Matrix](#) and read a digest of the fed grants [here](#).

- Policy in Motion is offering a "Sustainable Community Grant Navigation" package to assist local governments in optimizing successful grant submissions for both the five federal grant opportunities totaling \$748 million, and the California Proposition 84 grant awards totaling \$22 million this cycle.
 - [\\$748 Million in Federal Grants Available for Sustainable Communities](#)
 - [Federal Grant Opportunities for Sustainable Land Use/Transportation Plans](#)
 - [California Prop 84 Grant Opportunities Announced](#)
 - [UC Davis Seeks Partnerships with Local Governments on HUD/DOT Grants](#)

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. Read by clicking the links on the following blog articles:

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Show Me the Money!

- **HUD Announces \$100 Million Available Under New Sustainable Regional Planning Grant Program**
- **EPA to Provide \$10 million for Communities to Combat Climate Change**
- **US DOT: New Transit Solutions Promise Jobs Now, Livability Gains for Years to Come**

Resources / Reports

- **California Institute for Local Government Resources**
- **ULI Releases SB 375 Report on Economic and Environmental Benefits**
- **State of California Releases "Vision California" Report, Puts Price on CA's SB 375**

California News

- **CA Air Resources Board Releases Draft SB 375 GHG Targets for MPOs**
- **"California MPOs Reveal Results of SB375 Soul-Searching" by Jerry Walters, Fehr & Peers**

Federal News

- **Senate Banking Committee Marks Up Bipartisan "Public Transportation Safety Act of 2010"**
- **2011 Appropriations Process Starts This Week; TIGER III Included**
- **StreetsBlog DC: \$2 Billion in Emergency Transit Operating Aid**
- **American Power Act Will Create Clean Transportation Options**
- **TIGER II Grants To Target Major-Impact Trans Projects & Job Creation**

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