REPORT

DATE: November 2, 2006

TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council

FROM: Rosemary Ayala, Lead Regional Planner, 213-236-1927

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Large Urbanized Area Grant Funds

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the large urbanized area grant funds (FTA 5307 Program Funds).

SUMMARY:
In order to comply with changes to requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) large urbanized area grant program, 49 U.S.C 5307 (d) (1) (K), under SAFETEA-LU, SCAG is developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and local transit operators in large urbanized areas (UZAs) in the SCAG region. The MOU is intended to identify the applicable roles and responsibilities of SCAG, the CTCs, and local transit operators in large UZAs during the process of allocating and spending large urbanized area grant funds (FTA 5307 Program Funds).

BACKGROUND:
Federal regulations require SCAG, as the designated recipient of FTA 5307 Program Funds for large urbanized areas (Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana; Lancaster; Temecula-Murrieta; Indio-Cathedral City-Palm Springs; and Riverside-San Bernardino) to be responsible for certifying to FTA that transit operators within these UZAs are spending not less than one percent of FTA 5307 Program Funds for transit enhancements. SCAG is also responsible for submitting an annual report on how the funds were spent.

The MOU would provide that the County Transportation Commissions are responsible for allocating 5307 Program funds, which includes identifying and programming projects to meet the federal transit enhancement requirements. The transit operators for large urbanized areas would agree to provide SCAG with the annual transit enhancement reports, copies of annual certifications and assurances, and other requested documentation, as required by FTA. SCAG, in turn, would submit the annual reports and any requested documents to FTA.

SCAG developed the MOU and circulated it to all parties' representatives for their review and comment.

FISCAL IMPACT:
The costs of developing the MOU are included in the 2006/2007 Overall Work Program budget.

Reviewed by: _____
Division Manager

Affirmed by: _____
Department Director