

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

MORE THAN A MAP: HOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE COLLABORATING ON
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES

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Abstract:	<p>The Sacramento Area Council of Governments developed California's first Blueprint Study for Land Use Transportation and Air Quality in 2002. The study, which was developed to respond to locally elected officials concerns that we could not build our way out of traffic congestion, relied on GIS parcel files from each of our six counties in the SACOG Region.</p> <p>The chief success behind the SACOG Blueprint has been in connecting the public's understanding of how what happens in their own neighborhood, or on the parcel next door, is connected to the larger issues of how California can continue to grow in a way that has less impact on our region's air quality.</p> <p>This paper or presentation will explain how SACOG leveraged our local government's investment in GIS parcels with a small grant from California Department of Housing and Community Development and software from the California Energy Commission into a parcel based planning evaluation system that helps citizens make more informed choices about land use and its implications on transportation, air quality and climate change.</p>