



# Metropolitan Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 Update



## What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

In 2008, SACOG adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 (MTP2035), a long-range plan for transportation in the

region built on the Blueprint. SACOG is required by federal law to update the MTP at least every four years. Since the last MTP, California adopted Senate Bill 375, which requires a Sustainable Communities Strategy, similar to the Sacramento region's smart land use Blueprint project, to be added to transportation plans across the state. The downturn in the economy has also resulted in less money for transportation, especially at the local level. SACOG will be factoring these changes into the MTP/SCS.

## How is the public involved?

As part of the update, SACOG staff has developed three land use and transportation scenarios. Those scenarios including their performance metrics were shared with the public in nine public workshops held across the region in October 2010.

SACOG used public input received during the public workshops and guidance from the SACOG Board of Directors, made up of local elected officials, to develop a preferred draft scenario for the MTP/SCS. In the winter of 2011/2012, SACOG will conduct additional public meetings for *(cont.)*

## REVISED MTP/SCS TIMELINE

### 2010

#### SPRING/SUMMER

Focus Groups to Gather Input on Priorities for Performance Indicators

#### FALL

Emissions Reduction Target Assigned

Nine Workshops for Public Input Held

### 2011/2012

#### SPRING/SUMMER

State Releases Revised Growth Projections

Release Preliminary Draft MTP for Public Comment

#### FALL/WINTER 2011/2012

Staff seeks Board action to release the Draft MTP/SCS 2035 for public comment.

Board action to release the Draft MTP/SCS & Air Quality Conformity Determination for 45 days of public comment. Comment period closes January 2, 2012.

Release Draft EIR for 45 days of public comment. Comment period closes January 2, 2012.

Staff holds meetings with local elected officials on the Draft MTP/SCS.

Staff holds three public hearings on the Draft MTP/SCS.

#### APRIL 2012

Board adopts the MTP/SCS 2035, certifies the EIR, and approves the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

## COMPLETION

input on the draft preferred scenario. These public meetings will be followed by public hearings in advance of Board action anticipated to conclude in early 2012. Workshop materials are available at [www.sacog.org/mtp/2035](http://www.sacog.org/mtp/2035).

The previous MTP had extensive public involvement. From the very beginning of the planning process, the focus was to use broad public outreach combined with extensive input from elected officials, community groups, and citizen planners at every phase in the process. From 2006 to 2008, nearly 8,000 people helped give input to the plan through community workshops, presentations, a televised forum, public opinion research, and direct input.

### **Why do we create an MTP?**

The MTP estimates transportation revenue and expenditures, and sets policies based on the MTP principles. Ensuring convenient access to jobs, school, entertainment, recreation, and critical services such as banking, medical care, and shopping requires a transportation system of roads, transit, bikeways, and sidewalks to manage our diverse needs. The MTP/SCS pro-actively links transportation with land use and air quality planning.

### **Blueprint for Sustainable Communities**

In 2010, SACOG and a group of public and other regional organizations received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Communities. As part of the MTP/SCS development, SACOG is doing more to help communities comprehensively plan for housing and transportation. The grant will fund work identifying and getting five transit priority areas ready for construction of housing and workplaces. It will also fund work that helps preserve natural resources around the region.

### **How does this relate to the Region's Blueprint?**

The previous MTP built on the Blueprint Preferred Growth Scenario, a 50-year vision for growth that promotes compact, mixed-use development and more transit choices as an alternative to low-density development. Blueprint envisions more housing and transportation choices and promotes better land uses and quality design for our region by 2050. It also serves as a framework to guide local government in growth and transportation planning. More information about the Blueprint and how it's being implemented is at: [www.sacregionblueprint.org](http://www.sacregionblueprint.org).

### **Six principles**

**The MTP/SCS focuses on six principles:**

- Smart Land Use
- Environmental Quality and Sustainability
- Financial Stewardship
- Economic Vitality
- Access and Mobility
- Equity and Choice

### **How do I get more information?**

[www.sacog.org/mtp/2035](http://www.sacog.org/mtp/2035)

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