



**Item #06-2-13
Action**

SACOG Board of Directors

February 9, 2006

Public Hearing on the Draft 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Draft Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025

Issue: The Draft 2006 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2006 MTP) and its accompanying Draft Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the MTP 2025 (EIR Addendum) have been released for public review and are scheduled for adoption at the March 16 Board meeting. Two public hearings are planned – one on February 16 and one on March 16.

Recommendation: That the SACOG Board hold a public hearing on the 2006 MTP and EIR Addendum at its February meeting, and bring the MTP and EIR Addendum back for a second hearing and adoption at its March meeting.

Committee Action/Discussion: At the January 2006 Board of Directors meeting, members approved the release for public review of the Draft 2006 MTP and Draft EIR Addendum. The documents are available for review on www.sacog.org or hard copies are available from SACOG.

This MTP is for the most part a renewal of the MTP 2025, adopted in 2002, and will be in effect until June 2007, when the Board is scheduled to adopt the “next generation” MTP 2030, which uses Blueprint land use scenarios as its base. This 2006 MTP restores projects in the Sacramento Air Basin that have been excluded from the plan since October, 2004, when the lack of an up-to-date air quality plan precluded an air quality conformity finding. Completion of the 8-Hour Rate-of-Progress State Implementation Plan for Air Quality, which will take effect at the end of March, allows these non-exempt air-quality projects to be planned and implemented once again.

The 2006 MTP contains the same lists of goals, policies, programs and projects as the MTP 2025, with the exception of projects that have been completed and a very short list of new projects. None of the new projects are significant enough to trigger a new program-level EIR; consequently, this MTP is accompanied by a Draft Addendum to the EIR for the MTP 2025. Upon the advice of attorneys representing El Dorado County, the Shingle Springs Tribe, Caltrans, and SACOG, the Board agreed in January to include the Shingle Springs Interchange project in the draft plan in a special IRR TIP category, along with language that explains the reason for its inclusion (Appendix L).

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