



SACOG Board of Directors

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Receive & File

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Workshop Results

Issue: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) workshops continue across the region. Workshops have been held in El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo Counties since the last update.

Recommendation: Receive and file only.

Committee Action/Discussion: The Transportation Committee reviewed this item. Over 200 citizen planners participated in MTP workshops in Auburn, El Dorado Hills, and West Sacramento between February 28 and March 23. After a short presentation and brief video illustrating the linkage between Blueprint and the MTP2030, the evenings were spent working in small facilitator-led groups to develop transportation scenarios with stickers and markers. At the El Dorado Hills workshop, participants worked on a largely blank base map to develop their scenario, while participants at the Placer County and Yolo County workshop selected a pre-built scenario and then customized it to better reflect their transportation priorities.

At the February 28 Placer East workshop in Auburn, a majority of the 70 participants worked at tables that selected the medium distance (3-10 miles) travel scenario as a starting point. The most common additions to the scenario maps were neighborhood shuttles, express buses, small community roads, and capacity increases to I-80 and Highway 65 that included more interchanges and additional mixed-flow and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. The highest priorities for the not-mapped improvements were improved road maintenance, local bike trails, incentives for Blueprint implementation, and air quality programs.

In contrast, the 65 participants at the March 16 West El Dorado workshop in El Dorado Hills were more focused on improvements to support longer distance (10+ miles) travel. Mapped priorities included improving major intersections, enlarging Highway 50 interchanges, express buses, expanding roads running parallel to Highway 50, and building a connector road into Sacramento County from extending White Rock Road. As with the earlier workshops, the highest priority for the not-mapped improvements was road maintenance. Additional priorities included enhanced road safety features (improved shoulders, guardrails, lighting, etc.), and technology deployment (511, signal timing coordination, etc.).

A majority of the 80 participants at the Yolo East workshop in West Sacramento on March 23 worked at tables that selected a short-distance (0-3 miles) scenario for their starting point. Transit priorities included neighborhood shuttles (Southport and northern West Sacramento) and streetcars (Capitol Avenue, Sacramento River riverfront, and Jefferson Boulevard). New bridges across the Sacramento River at Broadway, Sutterville Road, and connections to the Pocket illustrated a common theme of strengthening connections to Sacramento. For the not-mapped improvements, the highest priorities surveyed were to expand ADA-paratransit services for elderly and disabled, improve road maintenance, enhance road safety, and continue air quality programs.

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