



SACOG Board of Directors

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Adoption of Schedule for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035

Issue: The development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 needs to be coordinated with the development of several other related tasks and federal mandates.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board approve the proposed schedule for development of the MTP 2035, the MTP 2035 Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Discussion: Recent changes to the air quality planning schedule and progress on corollary planning efforts have led to SACOG extending the MTP 2035 planning period. We now target plan adoption in September 2007 in order to ensure a high-quality plan that reflects the Board's direction, is compliant with *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU), is linked to the region's housing needs, meets the requirements of the new State Implementation Plan (SIP) and air quality conformity regulations, and provides a clearly defined project for the purposes of a program-level EIR. Staff has met with representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans, local air quality management districts, and the California Air Resources Board, regarding a proposed revision to the schedule for the adoption of the MTP; all of these agencies are supportive of the staff's proposed approach.

The attached matrix and schedule illustrate key milestones that require coordination and consultation. The revised MTP schedule will allow the plan to be synchronized better with corollary efforts including the air quality SIP update, a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliant EIR, and a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

A key milestone for April will be the presentation of a draft MTP preferred alternative project list. SACOG staff is currently synthesizing the public outreach and submitted projects against projected revenues to create a project list to present to the Committee and Board next month. As a financially-constrained plan, staff will only be able to include projects that fit within our "reasonably expected revenues" limit. This relatively conservative budget is necessary if the plan is to be accepted by the federal agencies who review the final plan.

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Draft MTP 2035 Schedule Highlights (Spring 2007 to Fall 2007 adoption)

March:	SACOG seeks input from advisory committees, including the Directors of Public Works (DPW), Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC), and Regional Planning Partnership on the draft MTP 2035 project list
April:	SACOG Advisory Committees and Board review draft MTP project list
April/May:	Additional meetings are held with SACOG advisory committees to spread the MTP project list across the planning period and revise into a refined list (i.e. no further additions, or deletions or major revisions) that can be reviewed. The associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is advanced.
May/June:	SACOG Board approves the MTP Preferred Alternative. The Alternative is expanded into the full plan through input from the Board and Advisory Committees
June/July:	SACOG Board approves the Draft MTP & Air Quality Conformity Determination for 30 days of public comment; Draft EIR for 45 days of public comment
Fall:	SACOG Board adopts the MTP 2035, certifies the EIR, and approves the Air Quality Conformity Determination

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035: FLOW CHART

