



SACOG Board of Directors

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Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 Vision Project List

Issue: What additional input do Partnership members want to give concerning the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 vision list?

Recommendation: The June Board unanimously acted to adopt MTP principles, revenue assumptions, and release the Draft MTP project list for a 45 day comment period. A full set of these MTP documents is available at www.sacog.org/mtp/2035. In July, staff is seeking Board consensus on an MTP vision project list that fits within the vision budget approved by the Board.

Discussion: The “revenue constrained” MTP can only include projects backed by revenues reasonably expected to be available during the planning period. These projects, however, do not represent the complete picture, or “vision,” of where the Board and partner agencies would like to go with the region’s transportation investments. A vision element to the MTP 2035 offers the opportunity to include projects that improve the performance of the plan, but would not be affordable until new additional funding can be identified.

Attachment 1 identifies vision projects for consideration in each SACOG county. This updated list reflects Board and agency input to the initial Draft Vision list emailed in May and June to the Partnership, Transportation Committee and additional partner agency staff (public works and transit).

Based on comments received, staff recommends that two of the chronically under-funded investment areas are allocated significant “vision” investment support:

- Increased transit operating funds to expand bus services sooner.
- Increased road maintenance funding to cut down the rolling backlog of deferred maintenance.

Additional proposed “vision” projects are capital investments. These projects generally fall into three categories:

- Completion of capital projects not fully fundable in the “revenue constrained” plan, including the full-build Downtown-Natomas-Airport rail extension and the Placer Parkway freeway conversion.
- Corridor mobility funds for community investments and related improvements such as multi-modal complete streets and safety projects.
- Capital projects which the region and local agencies cannot afford to undertake with current revenues, such as the third Feather River Bridge, Oak Avenue Bridge, and carpool lanes on I-5 to Woodland.

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Attachment

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