



## Regional Planning Partnership

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### **Amendment #2 to the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Amendment #16 to the 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and Associated Air Quality Conformity Determination**

**Issue:** What comments does the RPP have regarding draft amendment #2 to the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and amendment #16 to the 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the associated conformity determination?

**Recommendation:** None. This item is for information only.

**Discussion:** SACOG's MTP and MTIP have been in a "lockdown" since the 2035 MTP was adopted on March 20, 2008. This means that the MTP and MTIP have been "unamendable" due to the outdated motor vehicle emissions budgets SACOG has been using, which do not work with the California Air Resources Board's latest approved emissions model (EMFAC 2007). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is expected to make an adequacy finding on the motor vehicle emissions budgets included in the recently adopted 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Sacramento ozone non-attainment area. This finding will allow SACOG to use the new budgets with the state's current emissions model to conduct a new conformity analysis and make a new conformity determination for amendments to the MTP and MTIP. The conformity determination associated with these amendments will be the first to use the new motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the new 8-hour ozone SIP.

SACOG invites public review and comment on the conformity determination. The SACOG Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss this matter at its August 6 meeting, and the SACOG Board will act on it at its August 20 meeting.

Hard copies of the conformity determination will be provided at the meeting and will also be available on the SACOG website on July 17.

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