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Representatives from every city and county in the Sacramento region have been working since early 2005 on a plan to address the number-one issue in our region—traffic. The 31 elected officials that serve on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments have released a list of projects for a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 (MTP2035). For the first time in our region, transportation projects are being planned based on the types of land uses projected community by community. Simply put, the plan is a practical and forward-thinking plan to improve mobility for individuals and businesses.

We have heard from residents at community workshops and meetings, and in survey research, that they want smarter land use, better road maintenance, increased transit, and better connections with transit, freeway enhancements and more bicycle and pedestrian amenities throughout the region.

The detailed MTP project list reflects the broad-based community input and includes everything from sidewalks to streetcars, road improvements to regional rail—and many other types of investments. We expect to add another one million people to our region over the next three decades, but by reducing the number of miles households drive, planning for housing closer to where people work, increasing transit access, and improving our streets so that walking and bicycling are safe and easy, we can stop congestion from spiraling out of control.

The region's residents will benefit from a balance of road and transit improvements including more road maintenance; improvements and additional capacity on major arterial roads; new freeway auxiliary and carpool lanes; additional transit service, including new types of transit, such as streetcars, express buses, and bus rapid transit; and light rail from the Sacramento Valley Intermodal Station to Sacramento International Airport. Our air quality would also benefit from fewer vehicles idling and increased funding for air quality programs.

We want to hear from individuals in communities across the region about the projects we are considering. You can review projects and more information at www.sacog.org/mtp2035 or request copies by calling (916) 321-9000.

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