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**LOCAL LEADERS APPROVE DRAFT 28-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN**  
*\$42 billion for roads, transit and programs*

**SACRAMENTO** – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments approved the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035 (MTP2035) today, after more than two years of extensive public input.

As our region adds an additional million people over the next three decades, including an additional 500,000 workers and 464,000 homes, we need strategic improvements for our existing roads and transit system. Since 2005, nearly 8,000 people have helped shape the region’s transportation future through community workshops, presentations, a televised forum, public opinion research and direct feedback.

The MTP2035 invests \$42 billion over 28 years, proactively links transportation, land use and air quality. This MTP gives individuals more options for how to get around, with lots of investments for people to walk, bike or use transit in our communities. The MTP2035 focuses on six principles: Smart Land Use, Environmental Quality & Sustainability, Financial Stewardship, Economic Vitality, Access & Mobility, and Equity & Choice.

The investment in transit (\$14.3 billion) is 21% higher than the last MTP in 2002, bicycle and pedestrian projects get \$1.4 billion (a 56% increase), and strategic investments in roads (\$11.3 billion) and road maintenance and rehabilitation (\$12.4 billion). The MTP also invests \$2.3 billion in programs and planning, such as rideshare matching, 511, community design grants to support local smart growth efforts, and Spare the Air campaigns.

The MTP2035 builds on the Blueprint Preferred Growth Scenario, which visions more housing and transportation choices and promotes better land uses and quality design for our region in 2050. The Blueprint encourages more livable communities by: providing a variety of transportation choices; offering housing choices and opportunities; taking advantage of compact development; using existing assets; providing mixed land uses; preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, through natural resources conservation; and encouraging distinctive, attractive communities with quality design. The \$42 billion planned in the MTP2035 provides the infrastructure needed to support the Blueprint influenced land uses in local jurisdictions across the six-county region.

The full MTP2035 is available for review online as well as in person at SACOG, city and county offices, and public libraries throughout the six-county region. You may also request a copy by calling (916) 321-9000.

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SACOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for developing the state and federally required MTP every four years in coordination with the 22 cities and six counties in the greater Sacramento region. Under memoranda of understanding, long-range transportation plans in El Dorado and Placer counties are also incorporated into the MTP. The action to release the Draft MTP2035 and related DEIR was taken by the SACOG Board of Directors in a special Board meeting on October 29, 2007.

Federal law requires the MTP to conform to air quality goals for the region, satisfy financial constraints such that all proposed projects can be reasonably funded, and undergo extensive public review. State law further requires the MTP process include careful environmental analysis and review.

*SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.*

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