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BLUEPRINT-STYLE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN SEEKS CITIZEN PLANNERS

SACRAMENTO – Gas prices peak and fall with the seasons and yet are hard to predict or plan for. Californians can be sure \$3/per gallon prices are not permanently behind us. The new year brings attention to the need to diversify our travel options.

With nearly \$30 billion in transportation investments being considered across the six-county region over the next 23 years, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and civic partner Valley Vision are teaming up to develop the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2030 (MTP2030), an inclusive and bottoms-up process with sixteen community workshops planned between February and June.

Based on the Blueprint planning process, in which 5,000 citizen planners helped shape a smart-growth alternative ultimately adopted by the SACOG Board representing the interests of 22 cities and six counties, the MTP2030 represents the next step in implementing the Blueprint Project. The region's transportation system is critical infrastructure for a high quality of life and economic prosperity for the current 2.2 million residents in the SACOG region.

Community workshops are planned across the Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties beginning February 8. The workshops will be fun and interactive, affording citizens time to map the investments and see the results of their virtual planning.

Citizens are invited to come learn about transportation investment options and indicate their preferences for improving their transportation system. Bus routes, light rail, streetcars, commuter rail, shuttles, HOV lanes, designated truck lanes, bike lanes, pedestrian paths - all these and more options will be on the table when citizens come to try their hand at planning for their future.

For more information including a complete calendar of workshops, please visit the SACOG website at www.sacog.org/mtp or call civic partner Valley Vision at (916) 325-1634.

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