

GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR 2025

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GOALS

1. OVERARCHING GOAL: QUALITY OF LIFE¹

Develop a fully-integrated, multi-modal transportation system to serve as a catalyst to enhance the quality of life enjoyed by the current and future residents of the Sacramento region.

2. ACCESS AND MOBILITY

Improve access to goods, jobs, services, housing, and other destinations; provide mobility for people and goods throughout the region, in a safe, affordable, efficient and convenient manner.

3. AIR QUALITY

Develop a transportation system and related strategies that contribute to achieving healthy air in the region.

4. TRAVEL CHOICES

Provide affordable, convenient, safe, and integrated travel choices.

5. ECONOMIC VITALITY

Enhance the economic vitality of our region by efficiently and effectively connecting people to jobs, goods, and services, and by moving goods within our region and beyond with an integrated multi-modal freight system.

6. EQUITY

Pursue a transportation system that addresses the needs of all people in all parts of the region and assure that impacts of transportation projects don't adversely affect particular communities disproportionately.

7. TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

Influence land use policies to improve access to jobs, services and housing to everyone in the region by using market forces and the regulatory process.

¹ Some of the characteristics that people consider to be important to quality of life include a healthy, beautiful, natural environment with open space and natural habitat, agricultural areas, affordable housing, adequate employment opportunities, proximity of jobs and housing, recreational opportunities, convenient retail stores and services, a sense of community or "place", stable property values, a sense of personal safety, a low crime rate, good schools, peace and quiet, and a high quality transportation system.

8. FUNDING AND REVENUE

In order to adequately fund the Plan, develop appropriate, innovative, equitable, and stable funding sources (both short- and long-term) and identify cost-reduction measures.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Improve the health of our residents by developing systems that would encourage walking and biking, and improve the safety and security of people on all modes in all areas.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Develop the transportation system to promote and enhance environmental quality for present and future generations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Create a plan that....

- is based on the best available analysis methodologies for all transportation modes.
- anticipates and can adapt to changing lifestyles, patterns of travel, new technologies, new methods of communication, and other trends.
- preserves all future transportation options by, for example, preserving land and building bridges to accommodate all modes.
- minimizes harm to the environment and yields environmental benefit.
- respects the unique identities and qualities of neighborhoods, communities, and the region as a whole.
- recognizes that a portion of the trips made on our highways pass through the region, sometimes creating congestion problems.
- is balanced and invests in all appropriate modes of transportation, maintenance, and new strategies throughout the region.
- is built upon the cooperation and shared vision of all stakeholders in the region on priorities, and is informed by an extensive public outreach program.
- is proactive, not merely reactive.
- considers innovations and proven techniques from other areas.
- recognizes that we may need to make difficult choices to implement desired long-term changes.

- analyzes the full spectrum of life-cycle costs and benefits, both public and private.

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