



**Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025
Community Input Plan**

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SACOG Mission

“Delivering transportation projects, providing public information and serving as a dynamic forum for regional planning and collaboration in the greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area.”

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is an association of local governments formed by six counties and seventeen cities. SACOG serves the Counties of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba and the Cities of Auburn, Citrus Heights, Davis, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Lincoln, Live Oak, Marysville, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Wheatland, Winters, Woodland and Yuba City.

SACOG is governed by a Board of Directors composed of County Supervisors or City Councilpersons, appointed by the member jurisdictions. The Board is advised by several policy and technical committees. A full time staff is employed to implement Council policies and work programs as well as coordinate the efforts of consultants who are retained to augment the staff's efforts.

SACOG serves as an advisory agency to local government on matters of interjurisdictional concern, and has developed a comprehensive planning program in transportation and has been designated to fulfill mandates in airport land use planning and air quality.

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Sacramento Area Council of Governments

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is an association of city and county governments, organized “...to provide a forum for the discussion and study of area-wide problems of mutual interest and concern to the cities and counties, and to facilitate the development of policies and action recommendations for the solution of such problems.”¹ The Council serves six counties and eighteen cities comprising a 6,190 square mile area with an estimated population of 1,810,425 as of January 1998. The counties are Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, El Dorado, and Placer (excluding the Tahoe Basin).

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range blueprint for transportation improvements in the Sacramento region. The plan includes growth forecasts, goals and objectives, guiding principles, technical and policy analyses, a slate of transportation projects and services, and a financial plan. SACOG updates the plan every three years as required by federal law.

In the fall of 1999, a major new update of the plan, referred to as the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025*, was initiated. It will revisit goals and objectives, review the latest growth projections, financial trends and other information to re-examine the region’s long-range transportation strategy. Attachment 1 shows the dates and milestones for the process of developing the new plan, and Attachment 2 presents a timeline of the process.

The plan will be developed using collaborative planning strategies with SACOG’s member jurisdictions and other public agencies, with a special effort to involve private-sector, community, and specific interest groups, with particular attention to groups that have been traditionally under-represented in the planning process.

To assist with public outreach on this plan, SACOG has formed a partnership with Valley Vision / Regional Action Partnership, a group of leaders from business, communications, non-profit advocacy groups and education from throughout the six-county region. Valley Vision’s goal is for the Sacramento region to maintain its high quality of life as it grows and develops. Valley Vision is also committed to seeking private financial support for educational materials, meetings, opinion polls, and other outreach on SACOG’s plan. With this public-private partnership, SACOG’s planning efforts can reach and involve more people than ever before. Also, with the involvement and commitment of community leaders, obtaining funds to develop our transportation system will be more easily achieved.

¹ Joint Powers Agreement of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, adopted October 21, 1980 and revised January 20, 1983, February 1, 1988, and April 27, 1999.

Purpose of a Community Input Plan

In 1996, SACOG adopted a Community Input Plan for all of its planning and programming processes to maximize opportunities for public involvement in important decision-making processes. This Community Input Plan is a more specific version of that plan, and provides further details on the strategies that will be used to make this planning process as open and accessible to the public as possible.

Advisory Committees

A key element in the process for developing the *MTP for 2025* is the Transportation Roundtable, a group of 55 diverse stakeholders representing the private sector, community and interest groups and public agencies from around the region. The Roundtable provides policy advice on the plan to the SACOG Board of Directors at key points in the process. The group will recommend goals, guiding principles, study alternatives and a draft plan to the Board. Roundtable meetings are held in the SACOG Board Room on weekday evenings, approximately four times a year. Attachment 3 shows a list of Roundtable membership as of September, 2000.

The Regional Planning Partnership advises staff and the Board of Directors on the more technical elements of the plan, including specific objectives, performance measures, and projects. The Partnership includes individuals from public jurisdictions and agencies, the private sector, and community groups.

Other SACOG committees that are consulted on a regular basis regarding the *MTP for 2025* include the Regional Managers Forum, the Transit Coordinating Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Transportation Demand Management Task Force, and the Sacramento ITS Partnership.

Coordination with Other Transportation Agencies

Presentations to county-wide transportation agencies, including the Sacramento Transportation Authority, the Bi-County Transportation Agency, and the Yolo County Transportation District will be made at key points in the process to share information and obtain feedback. In two counties, Placer and El Dorado, SACOG maintains a Memorandum of Understanding that coordinates transportation planning responsibilities with the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission. MTP-related presentations and meetings in those counties will be coordinated with those agencies. In Sacramento County, a countywide Transportation and Air Quality Forum, a project administered by the Sacramento Transportation Authority, is currently in the beginning stages of a multi-year stakeholder-based process for developing a transportation and air quality plan for the County. SACOG will coordinate MTP planning with this forum.

Targeted Outreach

SACOG is making a strong effort in the MTP planning process to involve groups that have traditionally been under-represented in regional transportation planning. This includes recruitment of Transportation Roundtable members who represent ethnic minority groups, low-income, disabled and elderly populations as well as targeted outreach to those groups for public meetings. There will also be a special effort to involve Native American tribes in this process. The provisions of federal Title VI and “environmental justice,” which specify outreach and non-discrimination involving minority and low-income populations for agencies that receive federal funds, will be followed in the MTP process.

Media strategies will include minority media in notifications for public meetings or plan review. SACOG will also advertise in minority media and seek comments through group spokespersons.

Annual Regional Transportation Forum

In the fall of each year, SACOG and Valley Vision / Regional Action Partnership will bring together elected and community leaders from throughout the region for a major forum on transportation-related issues. The purpose of this forum series is to educate and to engage these leaders in solving regional problems. This will be a large, half-day event involving dynamic speakers and facilitated “open mike” sessions. In 1999, this forum was the kickoff for the *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025*. In 2000 the theme will be Air Quality.

Town Hall Meetings

SACOG and Valley Vision / Regional Action Partnership will hold open town hall meetings around the region at appropriate points in the process to engage the public in discussion about transportation issues and strategies. There will be at least one town hall meeting in each county in a convenient and easily-accessible location. Publicity for these meetings will be tailored to the area, and meeting summaries will be widely disseminated through SACOG’s media outlets (see below).

The Brown Act

The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950-54962) governs the meeting and actions of governing boards of local public agencies and their created bodies. It sets minimum standards for open meetings relative to access to the public, reasonable regulations ensuring the public’s right to address the agency, including regulations on the amount of time allocated for public testimony. The Brown Act applies to all of the public meetings that are officially convened by SACOG for the MTP process, including SACOG Board and Work Program Committee meetings, Roundtable meetings, and other SACOG advisory committee meetings. All of these meetings are open to the public and will be noticed at least 72 hours ahead of time on the bulletin board in the lobby of the SACOG building and on its web site. SACOG’s policy is to post the agenda for each meeting, including date, time, location, and agenda topics.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The SACOG building was built in 1991 in compliance with the ADA. All meeting rooms are wheelchair-accessible, the elevator has floor numbers posted in Braille, there are communications devices for hearing-impaired persons, and sign language interpreters are provided upon request. A telecommunications device (TDD) is available to communicate with people who are deaf or have communications impairment over the telephone. Information about accessibility, including transit information, is always provided on each SACOG meeting agenda.

Response to Public Input

SACOG encourages letters, phone calls, e-mails, and other forms of comment on the MTP. Information on how to contact SACOG is located under the section below called “How to Contact SACOG”. Whenever possible, comments or questions will be responded to individually. In cases such as town hall meetings and public hearings, summaries of public comments will be made and distributed to attendees as well as to decision-makers.

Media Strategies

SACOG publishes and distributes a free monthly newsletter, the *Regional Report*, to a mailing list of approximately 5,000 individuals and organizations throughout the region. The newsletter includes frequent updates on the MTP process and results, with occasional in-depth articles. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to call SACOG to have their name put on the mailing list.

News releases will be used as a method to alert the press to major upcoming events such as town hall meetings, as well as major milestones in the progress of the MTP. When appropriate, newspaper ads, radio and television spots will be used as well.

SACOG maintains a web page (www.sacog.org) that is a comprehensive source of information on all activities and information involving the agency. Under the link “Transportation Planning” one can find current information on the MTP. The “Agendas” link gives upcoming meeting information. Under the link “Getting Involved,” one can sign up for the newsletter mailing list and deliver comments to the staff.

Public Involvement Brochure

SACOG has published an *ABC Guide* to orient interested persons to the regional transportation planning process.

Speakers' Bureau

To extend the reach of public involvement, SACOG staff are available to speak to groups with an interest in the *MTP for 2025*. Contact information is shown below.

Citizen Surveys and Polls

SACOG periodically conducts citizen surveys and polls to gauge public attitudes and opinions about particular issues. For the *MTP for 2025*, SACOG or Valley Vision / Regional Action Partnership may be conducting these surveys or polls.

Other Activities

SACOG and Valley Vision / Regional Action Partnership have produced a videotape that is available for public viewing called "50 Years of Growth, 50 years of Choices." This seven-minute, professionally-produced videotape reviews transportation choices that have been made over the past twenty-five years, as well as demographic trends, current and future challenges, and a summary of transportation projects and services in the *1999 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. A second videotape has recently been completed on air quality and the problem our region faces with nitrous oxides (NOx).

Distribution of Final Documents

SACOG's *Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025* will be made available in both draft and final form at area libraries and on the web at www.sacog.org. It will also be available for a small charge from the SACOG office.

Public Hearings

Public hearings on the final draft plan will be held at the SACOG Board meetings in May and June, 2002. SACOG Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 9:00 a.m. at the SACOG offices, 3000 "S" Street, 2nd Floor Board Room, Sacramento, CA 95816.

How to Contact SACOG

General information about SACOG

Web page: <http://www.sacog.org>

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To arrange for interpreters and/or equipment for persons who are deaf, impaired, or hard of hearing, call 916-737-1718 at least 48 hours prior to a SACOG meeting

General information on the MTP for 2025

Web Page: <http://www.sacog.org/mtp/mtp2025.htm>

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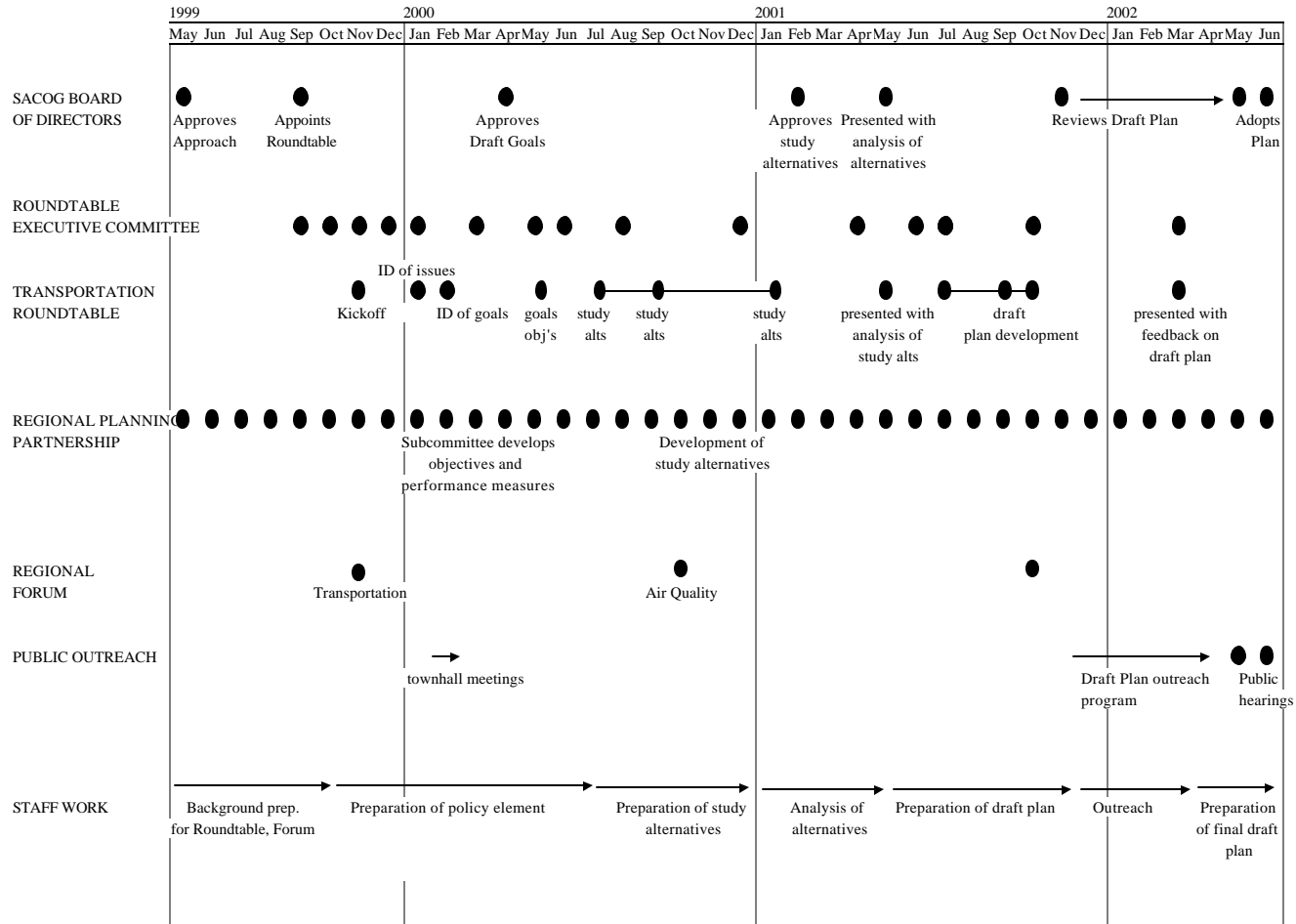
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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR 2025 DATES AND MILESTONES

DATE	MILESTONE
1999	
May 20	SACOG Board approves approach and schedule. <i>DONE</i>
September 9	SACOG Board selects members of the Transportation Roundtable; presentations made by SACOG liaisons to Boards of regional transportation agencies. <i>DONE</i>
October 21	SACOG Board completes selection of members of the Transportation Roundtable. <i>DONE</i>
November 5	Regional Forum for elected officials and community leaders on November 5th. <i>DONE</i>
November 30	First Roundtable meeting. <i>DONE</i>
2000	
January	Town hall meetings on transportation held around the region to educate the public and take input on transportation issues; Roundtable meeting. <i>DONE</i>
February 29	Roundtable meeting. <i>DONE</i>
April 20	Roundtable presents draft goals to the SACOG Board for adoption. <i>DONE</i>
May 25	Roundtable meeting on goals, guiding principles, and objectives <i>DONE</i>
July 13	Roundtable meeting on goals, guiding principles, and study alternatives. <i>DONE</i>
September 19	Roundtable meeting on study alternatives. <i>DONE</i>
October 20	Regional Forum on Transportation and Air Quality, Sacramento Convention Center <i>DONE</i>
2001	
January 11	Roundtable meeting on final study alternatives <i>DONE</i>
January - April	Staff analysis of study alternatives.
May 24	Roundtable meeting on draft MTP.
September 18	Roundtable meeting on draft MTP.
October 11	Roundtable meeting on draft MTP.
November	Board review of the draft MTP.
2002	
December - April	Public outreach on the draft plan; presentation to Boards and Councils
June	Adoption of MTP by SACOG Board; public hearing

Occurring on a regular basis: Presentations to the SACOG Board and advisory committees (Regional Planning Partnership, Regional Managers' Forum, Transit Coordinating Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, TDM Task Force, Regional ITS Partnership) and on-going public outreach with the newsletter and web page and presentations to groups. Regular briefings with public works and planning officials will also be made. The schedule for Roundtable meetings in 2002 has not yet been determined.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR 2025 TIMELINE



02/12/2001

02/14/2001

MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE

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Kay Backer, KB International
Steve Baker, Folsom Traffic Safety Commission
Peter Bridges, Live Oak Enterprises.
Mary Brill, Sacramento County Association of Neighborhoods
Bill Center, Lotus Resort
Ed Cox, Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association
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Manuel De Aquino, American River Conservancy
Dain Domich, Separovich Domich Real Estate
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Anne Geraghty, WalkSacramento
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Jane Hagedorn*, American Lung Association
Alan Hirsch, Sacramento Transportation Equity Network
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Irene Itamura, Caltrans District 3
Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
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Wayne Nader, North Auburn Municipal Advisory Committee
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Pat Perez, Regional Transit daily rider
Mark Quisenberry, Sutter County Agricultural Commission
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