



## **SACOG Board of Directors**

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### **Congestion Management Process**

SACOG is required under federal law to develop a formal Congestion Management Process (CMP) as part of its ongoing transportation monitoring, planning, and programming activities. In the past, SACOG met statutory requirements through its Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities (MTP/SCS) planning and public outreach efforts. However, in SACOG's most recent MPO certification review, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a corrective action, highlighting the need for CMPs in California to be more explicitly aligned with new federal statutes. In response, the preparation of a CMP was amended into SACOG's FY 2016-17 Overall Work Program.

The CMP is defined as a systematic approach, collaboratively developed and implemented throughout a metropolitan region. The focus of a CMP is to provide for the safe and effective management and operation of new and existing transportation facilities through enhanced performance-based data and the use of demand reduction and operational management strategies. The intent of the CMP is to enable MPOs and their partner agencies to jointly measure performance, manage data, and analyze alternative strategies in a manner consistent with federal requirements.

SACOG's CMP, completed in June 2017, involved a cooperatively developed metropolitan-wide strategy of addressing roadway congestion through analyzing existing and proposed transportation facilities in the six-county region. Key CMP activities completed, in coordination with the Kimley-Horn consultant team, included:

- Forming a working group of agency staff to assist in developing objectives and the CMP network;
- Identifying and reaching agreement on the subset of roadways to include in the CMP;
- Identifying performance measures used to analyze congestion;
- Identifying and analyzing strategies to address congestion; and,
- Developing implementation actions.

Positive and encouraging feedback was received on the completed CMP activities from the working group and the content lead for the FHWA in California. FHWA has lifted the corrective action, and moving forward, the CMP will be updated biennially. The working group will continue to work with SACOG on how the CMP can help inform development of the 2020 MTP/SCS, and position SACOG and its member agencies to competitively pursue federal and state funds to implement the CMP strategies.

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