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RE: 2023 Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update  
Due *Friday, May 12, 2023*

Thank you for participating in our transportation programming, planning, and project delivery processes. We request your local agency input for transportation projects as part of the 2023 Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2023 MTP) update.

Please submit your project updates in SACTrak by **Friday, May 12, 2023**. Questions about the 2023 MTP update should be directed to Miguel Mendoza at [mmendoza@sacog.org](mailto:mmendoza@sacog.org) or (916) 340-6235.

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## 2023 MTP Adoption Schedule

April 14, 2023	Call for Updates to MTIP Project List				
May 12	Deadline for submittals				
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August	Interagency Review of MTIP, 2023 MTP update, and Conformity Analysis				
August – October	Public Comment Period				
November 9, 2023	Board Adoption of MTP				
Late Fall 2023	Final MTP submitted to Caltrans				



## 2023 MTP Update

### *Background on the 2025 Blueprint (Blueprint) and the 2023 MTP*

The Blueprint is a federal and state-required document for planning long-range transportation, air quality, and land use. The purpose of the Blueprint is to identify policies, strategies, and investment priorities that support efficient development, operation, and management of the regional transportation system. Through the Blueprint, SACOG seeks to build a connected region that includes transportation options for residents, affordable housing for the region's growing population, and equitable investments that give all community members access to a safe and healthy region.

In November 2022, the SACOG board authorized staff to pursue state legislation to extend the Blueprint schedule, which would move the Blueprint adoption date from Spring 2024 to Fall 2025. This additional time will allow SACOG more time to meaningfully collaborate and iterate with partner agencies and advance work on SACOG's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant into the plan development process.

Extending the schedule to develop the Blueprint will require SACOG to adopt a 2023 minor update to the federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to meet and maintain federal requirements. This minor update of the federal MTP would ensure SACOG and our members remain eligible for state and federal funding while we work on updating the Blueprint.

### Transportation Project Considerations for the 2023 MTP

The 2023 MTP update is an opportunity to update projects in the current 2020 MTP/SCS and 2023 MTIP, as well as update the status of completed projects from 2022 and 2023. This update will also provide an opportunity to review exempt and non-exempt (i.e., capacity-increasing) projects. Agencies should focus primarily on projects already programmed in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

Pay close attention when updating non-exempt projects in the MTIP:

- Update project cost increases: This is an important time to update costs for non-exempt projects with your latest estimates since large project costs may have increased greater than administrative modification thresholds would allow since the last update.
- Update project scope: Sponsors will be able to propose project scope changes as part of this update. For projects that are non-exempt from federal air quality conformity, SACOG will be limited in entertaining significant revisions to scope as part of this update.
- Update project schedule: Sponsors will be able to propose project schedule changes as part of this update. For projects that are non-exempt from federal air quality conformity, SACOG will be limited in advancing completion years (delaying completion years is generally acceptable).

If project sponsors believe they have critical changes to non-exempt projects that advance completion years or significantly modify project scopes, and those changes cannot wait to be considered as part of the 2025 Blueprint update, they should contact SACOG staff directly to discuss these changes on a case-by-case basis. SACOG will be adopting the 2025 Blueprint no later than December 2025 which will supersede the 2023 Federal MTP update in its entirety. Therefore, project updates that were proposed as part of the nomination process for the 2025 Blueprint or that are not critical for immediate action should wait to be considered as part of the major plan update in 2025.

Both the 2023 MTP update and the 2025 Blueprint adoption will restart the four-year clock by which updates to both the federal and state components of the plan are required to comply. Following the 2025 Blueprint Update, the region will return to the regular four year cycle with the following plan update due in 2029.

#### Update Existing MTIP Projects

We are asking for agencies with project updates to enter their changes into SacTrak. Please follow the brief instructions under Update Existing MTIP Projects below and update all your agency's projects.

1. Under the Main Menu, select "AMEND 23 MTIP."
2. Next, select "MODIFY PROJECT ON 23 MTIP."
3. One by one, click on each project to make updates.
4. Submit or save your work for later under MTIP #23-11.

#### Updating Status on Completed Projects

Review your projects in the 2023 MTIP following the steps outlined above. For the projects that have been completed since the 2023 MTIP adoption or your last update, click the "Completed Project" button in the "Change Reason" box before you hit "Submit to SACOG."