



S A C O G

Transportation Committee

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Information

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2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update: Briefing on Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario

Issue: Staff will provide a briefing on the Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario for the 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion.

Discussion: In December 2014, the SACOG Board adopted Framework 2.0, the Framework for a Draft Preferred Scenario. This framework provides the guiding principles, method, and process for developing a Preferred Scenario for the 2016 MTP/SCS Update. The three primary directives of the Framework are: 1) develop a Preferred Scenario that meets federal air quality conformity requirements and achieves state greenhouse gas targets; 2) the land use forecast should support those air quality objectives; and 3) shift budget to system maintenance (Fix-it-First) investments and find new, reasonably foreseeable revenues to put towards those investments.

SACOG sent a Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario (Discussion Draft) to member agencies on January 26th for vetting. This initiated a six-week vetting period during which time local agencies have been asked to review and provide comment on the Discussion Draft. For the jurisdictions in El Dorado and Placer Counties, project list review is being coordinated by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency. The local agency comment period is set to conclude on March 9, at which time staff will review any suggested changes and refine the Discussion Draft into a Preferred Scenario. This Preferred Scenario will be brought to the SACOG Board in April for action. Attachment A summarizes the key Board actions, past and future, that are guiding the development of the MTP/SCS update.

As noted previously to the Board, two of the directives of the Framework for a Draft Preferred Scenario – increasing the budget for system maintenance (Fix-it-First) investments and achieving state greenhouse gas targets and federal air quality conformity tests – are not yet settled in the Discussion Draft. Staff continues to do modeling and analysis work to identify the options for refining the Preferred Scenario that would allow it to fulfill both directives. Staff aims to report to the March meeting of the committee the most recent budget and travel performance information on the Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario. This information will be provided in a supplemental handout.

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2016 MTP/SCS Update: Schedule of Board Actions Leading to Final Plan Adoption

(Updated January 12, 2015 to reflect Board adoption of Framework 2.0)

Board Action	Date of Action	Contents/Direction
Framework 1.0: Policy Framework	Adopted December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set implementation-focused theme for plan update with five policy themes: transportation funding, investment strategy, investment timing, land use forecast, plan effects. • Set region-level growth projections of population, employment and housing for the plan horizon year (2036). • Set overall schedule for the plan update.
Framework 1.5: Scenarios Development Framework	Adopted March 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set parameters for three regional land use and transportation scenarios for use in public workshops and plan development. • Initiated phasing analysis of transportation investments in current plan. • Initiated analysis of different levels and types of transportation revenue sources. • Set schedule for creation of Framework 2.0.
Framework 2.0: Draft Preferred Scenario Framework	Adopted December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets guidelines, task and process for developing a draft preferred scenario (land use forecast, revenue forecast, project list, performance outcomes). • Sets a minimum of six weeks for review and vetting of a preliminary draft preferred scenario.
Framework 3.0: Draft Preferred Scenario	Targeted for April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets details of Draft Preferred Scenario (for years 2020, 2035, and 2036) for use in development of Draft Plan and EIR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land use forecast ○ Revenue Forecast ○ Budget and Project List ○ Key Performance Outcomes
Draft Plan (2016 MTP/SCS)	Targeted for September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release Draft 2016 MTP/SCS for public comment. Draft Plan includes written discussion of the detailed land use and transportation information above plus: policies and strategies, an environmental justice analysis, discussion of natural resources.
Final Plan (2016 MTP/SCS)	Targeted for February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2016 MTP/SCS, certify Final EIR, adopt air quality conformity finding.