



Joint Regional Planning Partnership/Planners Committee

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Briefing on Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario

Issue: Staff will provide a briefing on the contents of the Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario.

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. Staff developed a Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario (Discussion Draft) according to the action items set forth in the framework. The Discussion Draft includes a draft land use forecast, transportation revenue forecast and budget, and transportation project list. A large part of this work is focused on identifying the range of possible revenue and budget strategies that could shift more investment into road and transit maintenance.

An important note related to both the transportation investments and land use assumptions is that modeling has not yet been completed. The two directives of the Framework for a Draft Preferred Scenario – increasing investment in maintenance and rehabilitation (Fix-it-First) projects and achieving state greenhouse gas targets and federal air quality conformity tests – are not yet settled in this Discussion Draft. This means that as modeling and analysis work is completed over the next several weeks, staff may recommend changes to the Discussion Draft and will work with individual jurisdictions if and where that becomes applicable.

SACOG sent the attached Discussion Draft to member agencies on January 26th. This initiated a six-week vetting period during which time local agencies are asked to review and provide comment on the Discussion Draft. For the jurisdictions in El Dorado and Placer Counties, project list review will be coordinated by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

Summary of Attachments

Attachment A: *Draft Preferred Scenario Transportation Project List*

The transportation investments in the Discussion Draft reflect the SACOG Board's focus on implementing the commitments made in the current plan and tackling the challenges we face as a region toward maintaining a state of good repair on our roadway and transit systems. The Discussion Draft is the starting point for a plan update that will meet all federal and state financial constraint and emissions requirements; however, staff expects to work with member and partner agencies to refine the assumptions in the Discussion Draft over the next six weeks.

Forthcoming: Staff is also working on a transportation project list that identifies those projects in the Discussion Draft that could be considered for delay to post-2036 due to low performance based on scenario travel modeling.

Attachment B: *Draft Preferred Scenario Land Use Forecast*

The land use assumptions in the Discussion Draft fit within the SACOG Board adopted Framework for a

Draft Preferred Scenario. This attachment includes four pieces of information: 1) a table by jurisdiction and Community Type showing the housing and employment assumptions of the Discussion Draft; 2) a map that corresponds to the table; 3) the currently adopted MTP/SCS Community Type map; and 4) a narrative overview on how the Discussion Draft was created.

Forthcoming: The Discussion Draft will also include a 2020 land use forecast. Staff will be briefing the SACOG Board Committees on the 2020 regional growth projections (population, employment and housing – *not* allocated to jurisdiction) in their February 5th and 9th meetings. Shortly after, a 2020 Discussion Draft land use forecast will be emailed to member agencies for review.

Presentations on the Discussion Draft

To support local review of the Discussion Draft, staff will give presentations to several groups during the six-week vetting period. In addition to the January 28th briefing to the SACOG Regional Planning Partnership and Planners Committees, staff will also brief the SACOG Board Committees at their February 5th and 9th meetings, and the MTP/SCS stakeholder sounding board group on February 6th. In the month of February, staff will also present the Discussion Draft at elected official information meetings held in each of the six counties in the region (see schedule in **Attachment C**).

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