



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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Transit State-of-Good-Repair Needs Assessment

Issue: An important step in preparing for the 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) update is to evaluate issues related to the current condition of the regional transit system.

Recommendation: None, this item is for information and discussion.

Discussion: At the October committee meeting, staff presented an analysis of road maintenance funding needs in the region. The presentation highlighted the continuing decline in road conditions throughout the region and the state, and the growing gap between needs and available resources. In addition to the road maintenance challenge facing public works and transportation departments, transit operators are also facing major challenges in terms of maintaining aging assets and meeting service expectations. In July 2013, the California Transit Association released the California Transit Unmet Funding Needs study, which takes a ten-year look at transit needs and available funding throughout the state. The study found, similar to the road maintenance challenge, growing needs for transit system operations and maintenance along with insufficient funding options to pay for these needs.

As a financially constrained planning document, the MTP/SCS must address the tradeoffs inherent in expanding the region's roadway and transit systems at a time that system maintenance, operations, and preservation needs continue to grow. At the March committee meeting, staff will present an initial analysis of transit system funding needs in the SACOG region. This discussion will help set the stage for future dialogue and analysis regarding MTP/SCS priorities, tradeoffs, and potential policy options that should be explored as part of the plan update.

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