

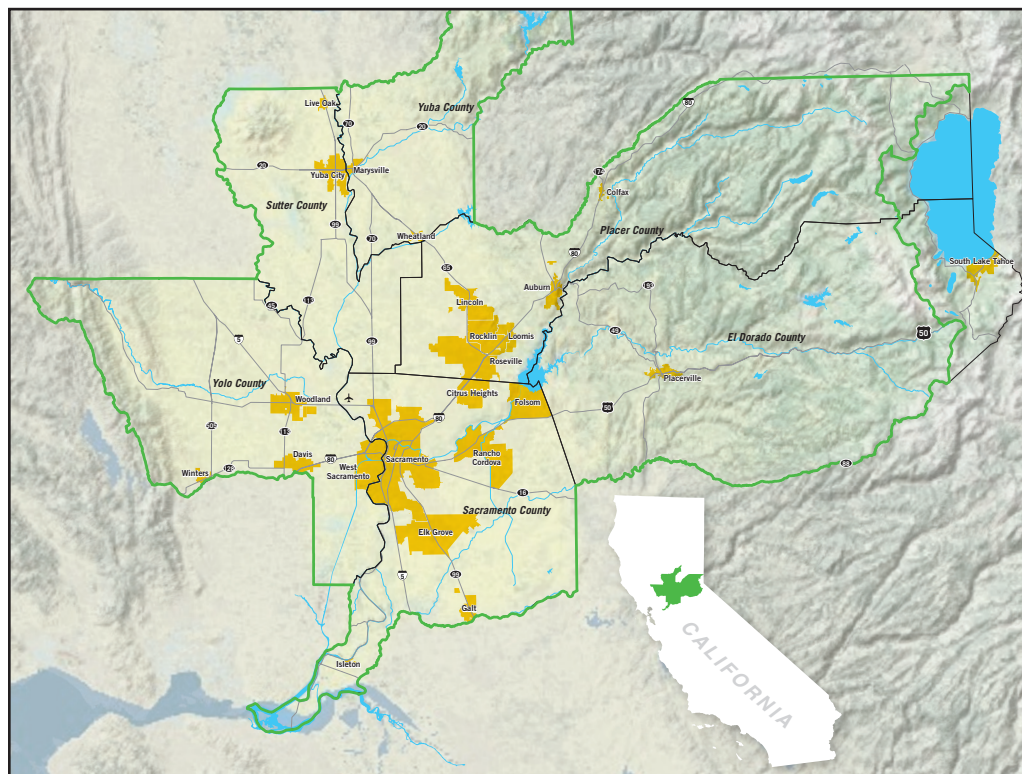
# Sacramento Area Council of Governments

## What SACOG Does

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is where local government leaders in the Sacramento region come together to advance the goals of economic prosperity, connected communities, and vibrant places. SACOG works with its 28 member cities and counties to solve challenges that are too big for any one jurisdiction to solve on its own- such as preserving agriculture, natural resources, flooding, wildfires, and housing affordability. In addition to preparing the region's long-range transportation plan, SACOG approves the distribution of affordable housing in the region and assists in planning for transit, bicycle networks, clean air and airport land uses.

SACOG is responsible for helping the region meet its obligation under SB 375 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 19 percent from 2005 levels by 2035. SACOG's role is one of encouragement and incentivizing rather than mandating or developing projects. Its influence comes primarily from two levers:

- The long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The plan lays out transportation investment and land use strategy to support a prosperous region, with access to jobs and economic opportunity, transportation options, improved air quality, and preserves open space and natural resources. Only transportation projects contained in this plan are eligible for inclusion in the transportation improvement program (TIP) that programs transportation spending over a four-year period.
- Its own funding rounds, which on average allocate about \$100 million a year to regional transportation projects.



## SACOG Members:

- El Dorado County
- Placer County
- Sacramento County
- Sutter County
- Yolo County
- Yuba County
- City of Auburn
- City of Citrus Heights
- City of Colfax
- City of Davis
- City of Elk Grove
- City of Folsom
- City of Galt
- City of Isleton
- City of Lincoln
- City of Live Oak
- Town of Loomis
- City of Marysville
- City of Placerville
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Rocklin
- City of Roseville
- City of Sacramento
- City of West Sacramento
- City of Wheatland
- City of Winters
- City of Woodland
- City of Yuba City



## SACOG's Responsibilities

### **Council of Governments (COG)**

COGs are regional planning agencies that exist throughout the United States. Through technical assistance and forging collaboration, COG efforts often provide a regional perspective to support member agency activities. SACOG is the COG for the 22 cities and six counties in the Sacramento region.

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

MPOs are federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy making organizations that exist throughout the United States. SACOG is the MPO for the 22 cities and six counties in the Sacramento region. As the MPO, SACOG is responsible for the region's long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

### **Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)**

The primary RTPA responsibilities under California state law are to adopt a regional transportation plan and to prepare and adopt a regional transportation improvement program. SACOG is the RTPA for four counties (Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties), with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) and the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) serving as RTPAs for these counties respectively.

