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Regional Planning Partnership Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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1. **Introductions (Renee DeVere-Oki and Alex Cole-Weiss; 3 minutes)**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. What is the RPP?
 - c. Please enter your name upon logging in.

2. **The SACOG Regional Agencies Partnership Update**
 - a. **Updates from Membership and Partners (5 minutes):** Please feel free to share updates relevant to the region during this time. Limit yourself to two minutes. (Raise your hand to be un-muted or type an update to be read in the chat box.)

3. **2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update (15 minutes):** SACOG is initiating work on the 2023 Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2023 MTP) update.
 - a. **Background on the 2025 Blueprint (Blueprint) and the 2023 MTP (Clint Holtzen)**
 - b. **Status Update on Transportation Project Considerations for the 2023 MTP (Miguel Mendoza):** [See Attachment 3A.](#)
 - c. **◀ Conformity Assumptions for the 2023 MTP (Renee DeVere-Oki):** Consensus/discussion on Conformity Assumptions for the 2023 MTP. [See Attachment 3B.](#)

4. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (“Blueprint”) – Update on Plan Development and Related Activities (Clint Holtzen; 5 minutes)**
 - a. **Summary of administrative actions and information items to the SACOG board and committees last quarter.**
 - i. [March presentation to LUNR on Pathways](#) (Dov Kadin)

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

connecting with cities and counties to gather information to develop the framework.

- ii. **2022-23 Regional Funding Program recommendations – approved by the SACOG Board on May 17, 2023. (Chris Dougherty; 5 minutes)** At the May Board Meeting the Board adopted the staff recommendations for the 2022/23 Regional Funding Round. 42 projects were awarded approximately \$101 million in funding. [See staff report.](#)
- iii. **Future Funding Round Working Group Update (Board and Staff) - (Chris Dougherty; 5 minutes)** Our region must identify how we can invest our transportation funding in a way that supports a Triple Bottom Line (equity, environment, economy). Federal and state funding opportunities are expanding to support new types of projects that demonstrate diverse benefits to communities, using transportation as a lever to support placemaking and community revitalization, equity, climate resiliency, and public health in addition to the traditional co-benefits of goods movement and transportation safety.

An ad-hoc board working group with one member from each of the six SACOG counties is providing direction on the development of funding round programs, framework, and evaluation criteria. ([Board Working Group Charge](#); [video of the first meeting of the Board Working Group](#)) The board Funding Round Working Group is expected to meet through mid-2024, culminating in a final funding round program, framework, and evaluation criteria.

- b. **Look ahead to this quarter (Chris Dougherty; 5 minutes)**
 - i. **Revolving Match funding:** Recommendations available by June 1, 2023. [More info.](#)
 - ii. **Federal funding and grant updates (Gabriela Herrera)**
 - 1. Applying for SS4A or interested in other opportunities? Let us know-email us at grants@sacog.org.

- 8. **Transit Activities (Michael Rosson/Barbara VaughanBechtold; 5 minutes)**
 - a. **Summary of formal action and information items to the SACOG board and committees last quarter.**
 - b. **Look ahead to this quarter.**

- 9. **Adaptation and Climate Resiliency: Projects and Grants (15 minutes)**
 - a. [Draft Sacramento Regional Emergency Preparedness Strategy](#) (Michael Rosson/Victoria; 7 minutes)
 - b. **Grant opportunities (Renee DeVere-Oki; 7 minutes)**

- i. Federal: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT). Grant information is available [here](#). Interested in applying? Reach out to grants@sacog.org and [CALTRANS](#).
- ii. State:
 - 1. Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaption Program ([LTCAP](#))-Competitive funding available through the California Transportation Commission
 - 2. Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP)-Competitive funding available through the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program ([ICARP](#)) and other opportunities.

10. Other matters

11. Adjournment

The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for July 26, 2:00 p.m. Please visit www.sacog.org for more information.

◀ Indicates Consensus Item

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To: Local Public Works and Department of Transportation Programming Staff

From: Clint Holtzen, Planning Manager
Miguel Mendoza, Analyst

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 or (916) 340-6235.

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- Colfax
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- El Dorado County
- Elk Grove
- Folsom
- Galt
- Isleton
- Lincoln
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- Loomis
- Marysville
- Placer County
- Placerville
- Rancho Cordova
- Rocklin
- Roseville
- Sacramento
- Sacramento County
- Sutter County
- West Sacramento
- Wheatland
- Winters
- Woodland
- Yolo County
- Yuba City
- Yuba County

2023 MTP Adoption Schedule

April 14, 2023	Call for Updates to MTIP Project List
May 12	Deadline for submittals
May-August	<p>MTIP: SACOG review of submittals, determination of financial constraint, determination of regional significance, identification of grouped project listings, air quality modeling, and air quality conformity analysis.</p> <p>MTP: SACOG staff and project sponsor consultation on 2023 MTP planned project list nominations.</p>
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."



Draft Air Quality Conformity Assumptions for the Federal 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update and Concurrent Amendment to the 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

INFORMATION

Key Staff: Renée DeVere-Oki, Regional Air Quality Planning Program Manager, (916) 340-6219

Attachments: Yes

Issue:

Should the Air Quality Conformity Assumptions (Assumptions) be recommended for use in the air quality conformity analysis and determination on the Federal 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (2023 MTP) and concurrent amendment to the 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP Amendment)?

Recommendation:

In alignment with federal transportation conformity requirements, SACOG staff is recommending the attached list of assumptions for use in the air quality conformity analysis and determination for the 2023 MTP and MTIP Amendment.

Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG is preparing to update the 2023 MTP and process a concurrent amendment to the 2023 MTIP in November 2023. A call for project updates commenced on April 14, 2023 and concluded on May 12, 2023. The purpose of this update is to meet and maintain compliance with federal requirements. This 2023 MTP and concurrent MTIP Amendment will maintain consistency with the approved 2020 Sustainable Communities Strategy. As such, the update is constrained to projects in the current 2020 MTP/SCS and 2023 MTIP.

A new conformity determination is required as part of this federal update. To initiate and begin the preparation for a future conformity determination, a set of assumptions is presented to the Partnership as part of interagency consultation. The purpose of the set of assumptions (Attachment A) is to outline and document the variables and factors that will be used in preparation of the air quality analysis on the 2023 MTP and concurrent 2023 MTIP amendment. Assumptions account for modeling technique, testing mechanisms, data sharing, and other transportation conformity requirements.

At the conclusion of the air quality conformity analysis, SACOG must make a determination that the 2023 MTP and concurrent amendment 2023 MTIP do not impede the ability of the region to meet and attain air quality standards for specific criteria pollutants. Staff will return to the Partnership with this determination in early Fall 2023 to discuss analysis results.

Table 8**Air Quality Conformity Assumptions**

Assumption 1: The SACOG Board adopted population, household, housing, and employment projections for the years 2035 and 2040 at its November 2019 meeting concurrent with the adoption of the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). A forecast to 2050 was approved by the SACOG Board in February 2022. These land use projections will be used for this conformity analysis and determination. Vehicle activities for all other milestone years will be interpolated using the available full model runs for 2016, 2027, 2035, and 2040. Horizon year 2044 will be developed utilizing an assignment only model run. These projections meet the current definition of “latest planning assumptions.”

Assumption 2: Emissions Factor (EMFAC) 2017 and approved off-model adjustments will be used to develop emission estimates for the conformity analysis and determination associated with the 2023 MTP and the adoption of the concurrent 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) amendment. The emission budgets used in the conformity determination are the 8-Hour Ozone (2008 standard) emission budgets. These budgets were found adequate by EPA on October 22, 2021 and became effective November 22, 2021. Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) will use budgets which were found adequate by EPA on November 23, 2011 and became effective December 8, 2011; or adjusted budgets based upon pending EPA approval of the Second Maintenance Plan. Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) will use the Yuba City-Marysville Area budgets found adequate August 25, 2014 and became effective September 9, 2014; the Sacramento Area will follow interim test criteria because there is currently no approved SIP or adequate emission budget for this pollutant.

Assumption 3: SACOG will use the most recent emission control factors supplied by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for use in any future conformity determination. The EMFAC 2017 model is used to determine emission control factors; it uses vehicle fleet assumptions that meet the current definition of “latest planning assumptions.”

Assumption 4: SACOG will continue to incorporate emission estimates for the part of Solano County within the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area and federal PM_{2.5} nonattainment area in all future conformity determinations as agreed to under SACOG’s existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Assumption 5: On-road control measures from the Ozone SIP that are not reflected in the EMFAC 2017 baseline will be documented.

Assumption 6: SACOG will use the assumptions on transit fares, auto operating costs, and parking costs consistent with the 2020 MTP/SCS analysis in the conformity analysis and determination. The transit fares projections are derived from the financing portion of the 2020 MTP/SCS development. The auto operating costs projections were developed in coordination with other California MPOs for the third round of Sustainable Community Strategies. The parking costs are market-based projections using employment development patterns and densities as the main explanatory variables.