The principles outlined below help support SACOG's work in linking transportation, air quality, and land use. SACOG will work to advance the interests of the Sacramento region. In order to accomplish these principles, SACOG will advocate for sufficient funding in legislation and the state budget, and seek out grants to effectively plan for and deliver projects that meet these principles.
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Revenue
- Give regions and local governments additional revenue options and protections, including transferring legal control of state funds to local governments for transportation
- Restructure the state budget to help stabilize transportation funding
- Advocate for funding for transportation through cap-and-trade revenues
- Support new ways to fund transportation needs

Financing
- Offer regions and local governments tools for community revitalization and infrastructure, and provide them with additional financing options
- Support tax-increment financing through enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts or another method such as Sustainable Communities Investment Authorities

Spending Flexibility
- Provide local governments more flexibility and options, particularly for transit operations/capital and road maintenance/rehabilitation, in both rural and urban areas
- Advocate for increased flexibility

Government Structure
- Modify representation on state boards and commissions to provide equitable representation for those entities that directly impact SACOG or its members, and where appropriate, a dedicated Sacramento region representative, such as the California Transportation Commission
- Advocate for representation from the Sacramento region on state bodies

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Goods Movement
- Fund goods movement improvements in the Sacramento region
- Advocate for goods movement funding

Rail
- Fund rail freight improvements and regional air quality programs, and coordinate state passenger rail planning
- Support implementation of the San Joaquin Corridor JPA
- Seek funding for intercity rail improvements

Rural Roads
- Fund improvements on rural farm-to-market roads
- Advocate for farm-to-market road improvements

SMART LAND USE

SB 375/AB 32 Implementation
- Protect assets and tools that help existing communities of all sizes and support smart growth, Senate Bill 375 implementation, and Assembly Bill 32 implementation
- Work with the Administration on tools to assist regions and local governments

Affordable Housing
- Amend housing element law and/or administrative procedures to give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing that is appropriate for their community, and remove disincentives and regulatory
obstacles to providing affordable housing, including devolution of decision making from HCD to regions and local governments

- Work with other regions and local governments to come up with improvements to existing law/procedures that meet the objective of providing affordable housing

**SB 375 Implementation Funding**

- Create performance-based funding for local governments and regions to implement Senate Bill 375
- Ask the Administration and the Legislature to create funding for regions and local governments to effectively implement SB 375 requirements

**SB 375 Technical Assistance**

- Help local governments and regions use CEQA benefits from Senate Bill 375
- Work with the Administration on tools and implementation of CEQA benefits (e.g., SB 743, SB 226) to assist regions and local governments

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY**

**Ag Land Preservation**

- Strengthen the Williamson Act, and provide additional resources and tools for local governments to preserve farmland and open space through public or private programs
- Support legislation that would allow local governments to preserve agricultural lands

**Regulatory Reform**

- Reform regulations to streamline review and approval of transportation and smart land use projects with low environmental impacts and positive benefits to state regional and local goals
- Work with the Administration and the Legislature on regulatory and legislative improvements to the regulatory process

**Flood and Water Resources**

- Involve regional and local governments in flood management and water resources
- Serve as a convener and assist with educating local officials about water and flood management issues

**Flood Protection**

- Support local flood protection efforts with funding and administrative support.
- Support local requests for state funding for flood protection

**Habitat Conservation**

- Fund innovations that link natural resource mitigation and habitat valuation on agricultural lands
- Encourage the Administration and the Legislature to provide such funding

**Forestry**

- Support collaborative efforts to prevent catastrophic fire and to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of private and public forest.

Farm-to-market transportation is essential to the region’s $1.6 billion agricultural economy.
ACCESS & MOBILITY

Complete Streets

- Support complete streets designed to accommodate cars, transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians including education, encouragement, and infrastructure for Safe Routes to School
- Support legislation and regulations that encourage and fund multi-modal infrastructure
- Advocate for improving the process for planning and implementing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

Transit Operations

- Solve the PEPRA labor issue between the U.S. Department of Labor and California transit agencies
- Support legislation and regulatory actions to create a permanent solution

Transit Asset Management

- Increase the state of good repair for transit vehicles
- Encourage the Administration to provide statewide support for transit maintenance

The Sacramento region is adding bike lanes and sidewalks to create complete streets.