

SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET AND OWP - FINAL
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

COMMENTS	SACOG RESPONSES
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Caltrans commends SACOG for developing a detailed OWP, continuing to include the three C’s and E’s in the planning process, for extensive coordination efforts with local and regional partners, as well as a thorough and informative prospectus.•Caltrans commends SACOG for including information consultation and coordination with Federal Land Management Agencies (23 CFR 450.316(e)). Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional assistance with this process.	<p>Thank you for reviewing and commenting of the draft Overall Work Program.</p>
General Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Please know that the Caltrans Office of Regional and Community Planning (ORCP) does not have oversight of the Senate Bill (SB) 125 Funds, therefore ORCP does not provide approval of these funds. For questions and guidance on SB 125 funding, please contact Mandeep Chohan in the Office of Project Management, Delivery, and Oversight in the Division of Local Assistance at Mandeep.Cohan@dot.ca.gov.	<p>CalSTA is overseeing the funding. Staff will coordinate with Mandeep, Division of Local Assistance, for questions and guidance. WE SAC238 in the OWP Document has been updated to reflect this information.</p>
HQ Specific Comments	
Planning Factors	
<p>Please note that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) made a slight word change to the Planning Factors, specifically planning factor number five. It should read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote, consistency between transportation improvement and State and local planned growth, housing, and economic development patterns.	<p>OWP Document has been modified reflecting the changes to planning factor number five.</p>
Work Element (WE) Specific Comments	
WE SAC101 – Education and Outreach	
<p>Task and Final Product 9 - The Public Participation Plan is listed as needed in the task but listed in final products as annual June 2025.</p>	<p>Public Participation is as needed, we do not have a requirement to do it every year, but are planning to update in the near future. The OWP Document has been updated to address this comment.</p>
<p>Task and Final Product 2 – Please ensure that media, outreach, social content etc. is not used for marketing or lobbying and solely for enhancing the federal and state transportation planning process and decision making as noted in WE SAC106 Legislative Analysis.</p>	<p>Lobbying and Marketing – we do not do lobbying and marketing, we use our social media channels to promote public information, project updates, and engagement opportunities. The OWP Document has been updated to address this comment.</p>
WE SAC109 Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning	
<p>Task 6 and Final Product 4 – Does SACOG have an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or agreement when they loan equipment for counts? How was the equipment purchased/procured?</p>	<p>Partner agencies enter into a Master Agreement with SACOG that identifies the terms and responsibilities for borrowing, using, and returning equipment. The equipment was procured using an RFP in 2019. Since the project was funded using RSTP (via a grant through a SACOG bike/ped funding program), the RFP was conducted to meet federal funding requirements. OWP document has been updated to include information about loan agreements and the procurement of the equipment.</p>
WE SAC 113 Regional Air Quality and Climate Planning	
<p>We recommend SACOG include a list of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for which their region is designated non-attainment and/or attainment/maintenance by the U.S. EPA. Please refer to the U.S. EPA’s Greenbook.</p>	<p>OWP document has been updated to include a list of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for SACOG (Non-Attainment).</p>
WE SAC116 Transit Technical Assistance and Programming	
<p>Caltrans commends SACOG on including updated their MOUs with the transit operators. We look forward to seeing the executed agreement</p>	<p>Thank you for reviewing and commenting of the draft Overall Work Program.</p>
WE SAC129 Performance Based Planning and Programming	
<p>The WE addresses Transportation Performance Management (TPM) topics like target-setting, but not the process of regional decision making on resource allocation. Please review and include in the work program.</p>	<p>SACOG’s actions on resource allocation using SAC129 deliverables is noted in other WEs. SACOG makes long range decisions about resource allocation within SAC126, MTP/SCS Update, specifically the required Revenue Estimate per 2017 RTP guidelines. SACOG creates revenue estimates and regional funding cycle program guidelines under SAC114. Project Evaluation Process (PEP) tasks related to performance-based planning are developed under SAC107 and used in tasks under SAC126. The OWP document has been updated to address this comment.</p>

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oWe recommend including the new greenhouse gas (GHG) target for particulate matter (PM) 3.	Agreed. We will include this as an additional target-setting task for SAC129. We also understand that there are still additional hurdles related to court cases against the federal government directly related to the GHG target mandate and how this process aligns with Sustainable Communities Strategy development.
oWe commend SACOG’s approach in emphasizing safety, infrastructure quality, and data-driven decision-making to create a connected and equitable region for residents. The upcoming Blueprint (2025 MTP/SCS) will play a pivotal role in achieving these goals.	Thank you for reviewing and commenting of the draft Overall Work Program.
oIt would be helpful to include specific examples of how the program achieves its objectives. For instance, mentioning successful projects or initiatives related to carpooling, biking infrastructure, or telecommuting could enhance understanding. Consider mentioning how SACOG measures the success of its outreach and education efforts. Metrics like increased public transit ridership or reduced single-occupancy vehicle trips could illustrate program effectiveness.	SACOG includes reporting tasks under other WEs. Funding cycles and programming decisions tasks are listed under SAC114 and SAC115, such as MTIP adoption content about programming related to achieving performance-based planning. Both of these other WEs leverage data compiled under SAC129, specifically the Project Performance Assessment Tool. Reporting delivery of projects is under SAC114. Reporting performance metrics on a routine basis is under SAC144.
oSACOG’s multifaceted approach demonstrates their commitment to improving transportation, reducing environmental impact, and enhancing the quality of life for residents.	Thank you for reviewing and commenting of the draft Overall Work Program.
•WE SAC 231 Truxel Bridge Concept and Feasibility Study	
oThis FTA 5304 grant will be expiring in FY 24-25. However, SACOG is identifying a “deferred revenue match” for this grant. SACOG must meet the minimum match requirement by the grant expiration date of June 30, 2025.	The deferred revenue portion of the funding table has been removed in the OWP Document.
oAlso, please note that SACOG has been using a tapered match for this grant. The current match balance is \$64,215.66. The funding table is not currently meeting the minimum match requirement. Please revise.	The deferred revenue portion of the funding table has been updated in the OWP Document to reflect the correct match balance.
•WE SAC236 U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan	
oPlease note, that SACOG made a contractual match commitment of 33% for this grant. Based on SACOG’s estimated carryover, the correct match amount should be \$236,417.91. As a reminder, SACOG must meet the contractual match amount of \$250,000 by the grant expiration date of June 30, 2026.	The deferred revenue portion of the funding table has been updated in the OWP Document to reflect the correct match amount.
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS	
•SACOG Organization	
oSACOG noted that the Joint Powers Agreement was last updated in 2003. Has SACOG evaluated whether or not it should be revisited again?	The Joint Powers Agreement was updated in 2003 to reflect a change in the governance structure of SACOG to provide every incorporated city a voting seat on the SACOG board. There have not been any other changes discussed that would necessitate a revision to the Joint Powers Agreement, but the Strategic Planning Committee is reviewing SACOG’s Board Rules this year to recommend any changes to the full Board of Directors.
•SACOG Participation in Other Public/Private Efforts in Regional Planning Related	
oDoes SACOG also participate in the Rural Counties Task Force or have Supervisor representation at the Rural County Representatives of California?	SACOG is not a member of the Rural Counties Task Force, but the other two RTPAs within our region, PCTPA and EDCTC, are members. Five of six counties within SACOG are members of Rural County Representatives of California, but those counties appointed directly to RCRC.
•SACOG Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) MOUs	
oWe recommend including that SACOG has a MOU with Placer County Transportation Planning Agency to perform work on their behalf.	SACOG has an existing MOU with Placer County Transportation Planning Agency to perform work on their behalf. In addition, there is a new MOU between SACOG and PCTPA detailing the roles and responsibilities of each agency, particularly in the areas of state and federal transportation planning and funding requirements and it is scheduled for board approval on April 18, 2024. WE SAC127 - MTP/SCS Update - PCTPA in the OWP Document has been updated to address this comment.
•Office of Aviation Planning	
oThe Office of Aviation Planning would like to recommend the following resources:	Thank you for reminding SACOG/ALUC staff of the training programs available to ALUC staff and commissioners. We are aware of these resources. Currently, SACOG does not have an ALUCP update in the foreseeable future. However, when the time is appropriate, the ALUC staff will reach out to Caltrans Aviation Planning staff about airport-related resources.
§ The California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook	
§ The California Department of Transportation State Dollars for Your Airport	
§ The Caltrans Local Airport Loan Program	
o The Aeronautics Program would also like to make SACOG aware of its Airport Land Use Compatibility training program for Airport Land Use Commissions and local planning staff. The training is intended to review the airport land use compatibility process, compatibility criteria, and any specific questions the Commissioners or planning staff may have. Please reach out if SACOG has any questions regarding our comments or if there is interest in our training program, contact aeronautics-planning@dot.ca.gov.	

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FHWA/FTA Comments	
<p>Please include the following planning activities in the OWP. The projects below have been awarded federal discretionary planning grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We recommend including the following FY 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grants for inclusion in the OWPo SACOG Regional Partnerships Challenge	<p>Thank you for reviewing and commenting of the draft Overall Work Program. New Work Element has been included in the Final OWP Document (SAC239 – RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES: GREEN ZONE ACCESS AND EQUITY PROJECT).</p>