



Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: September 5, 2024

Agenda Item No. 4

Approve 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment #1 to the 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Action

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Not applicable

Issue:

Staff has received and responded to comments on the Draft 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (2025 MTIP), associated Amendment #1 to the 2023 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2023 MTP/SCS), and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The Regional Planning Partnership, SACOG's Advisory Committee on transportation and air quality planning and programming processes, took consensus action on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination at its meeting August 28, 2024. Board approval is necessary to submit the package for state and federal approvals.

Request:

Approve

Recommendation for Board:

That the board approve the resolution (Attachment A) to do the following: (1) Adopt the 2025 MTIP including changes made in response to public comments and Amendment #1 to the 2023 MTP/SCS (Attachment B); (2) Adopt the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis (Attachment C); and (3) Delegate authority to the SACOG Executive Director to make any necessary technical edits to secure state and federal approval.

Recommendation for Committee:

That the Transportation Committee recommend the Board approve the resolution (Attachment A) to do the following: (1) Adopt the 2025 MTIP including changes made in response to public comments and Amendment #1 to the 2023 MTP/SCS (Attachment B); (2) Adopt the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis (Attachment C); and (3) Delegate authority to the SACOG Executive Director to make any necessary technical edits to secure state and federal approval.

Background:

The 2025 MTIP is necessary for all federally funded transportation projects in the six-county region to start federally reimbursable work. Without it, sponsors in our region would not be able to access hundreds of millions in federal transportation dollars. The 2025 MTIP is an administrative programming document that formalizes funding decisions already made by federal, state, and local agencies. State and supporting federal

rules require that we adopt a new MTIP every two years. The Draft 2025 MTIP adds, deletes, marks completed, and revises many projects from the current 2023 MTIP. These changes also count as a revision to the 2023 MTP/SCS and, therefore, require that we amend the 2023 MTP/SCS project list accordingly for consistency. Also, in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, we must demonstrate to the federal government that the changes do not affect our ability to attain clean air standards. In developing the MTIP, staff contacted sponsors directly and reviewed their project submittals for accuracy, clarity, financial constraint, air quality conformity, and consistency with the 2023 MTP/SCS.

Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG circulated for public review the following documents, which can be found online at www.sacog.org: (1) Draft 2025 MTIP and Draft Amendment #1 to the 2023 MTP/SCS; (2) Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the Draft 2025 MTIP. These documents were released for public review on July 1, 2024, with comments due by August 2, 2024. SACOG staff held a public hearing at the August 2, Transportation Committee meeting on the Draft 2025 MTIP, Draft Amendment #1 to the 2023 MTP/SCS, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. No comments were received at the Public Hearing.

We received comments in writing for both the Draft 2025 MTIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Staff has fully addressed all comments. In response to comments, staff made administrative-level changes to multiple projects. Most changes involved changing the programming year of federal funds in response to lists maintained and managed by Caltrans Local Assistance. None of the changes made in response to comments affect air quality conformity or impact the determination of financial constraint or consistency with the 2023 MTP/SCS. Staff's analysis is that the package demonstrates that the 2025 MTIP is accurate, clear, financially constrained, demonstrates air quality conformity, and is consistent with the 2023 MTP/SCS through Amendment #1.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact.

List of Attachments:

Attachment A - Board Resolution

Attachment B - Final 2025 MTIP and Amendment #1 to the 2023 MTP/SCS

Attachment C - Air Quality Conformity Analysis