



Project Delivery Update and Future MTIP Actions

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Attachments: No

Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is currently engaged in the preparation of the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and accompanying draft air quality conformity analysis. The purpose of this item is to: (1) provide a summary of last year's project delivery; (2) discuss what the year ahead will look like in terms of key work product.

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Recommendation for Board:

None; this is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

None; this is for information only.

Background:

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have three essential documents they are required under federal law to produce: the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (in the SACOG region, SACOG refers to this as a Metropolitan Transportation Plan), the short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and the Overall Work Program (OWP). The FTIP lists surface transportation projects and is developed by MPOs in cooperation with the state. (In the SACOG region, SACOG uses the term Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program or MTIP). The FTIP covers four federal fiscal years and reflects the investment priorities established in each region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Capital and non-capital surface transportation projects funded with federal dollars must be listed in the FTIP. Regionally significant projects requiring action by the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration, whether or not funded with federal dollars, must also be included in the FTIP.

Each of California's eighteen MPOs prepares an FTIP that is incorporated into the overall statewide Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The FSTIP is approved by the FHWA and FTA, extending to each region's FTIP.

SACOG is updating the 2025 MTIP, as are other MPOs in the state. The 2025 MTIP will remove the first two

years, 2023 and 2024, and add two years, 2027 and 2028. The document will also add, delete, mark complete, and revise many projects from the current 2023 MTIP. In developing the MTIP, staff contacted project sponsors directly and reviewed their project submittals for accuracy, clarity, financial constraint, air quality conformity, and consistency with the 2023 MTP.

As part of administering the MTIP, SACOG staff helps sponsors with the delivery of their programmed projects. In addition to supporting individual projects, we also support the delivery of the overall program of projects. "Delivering" a project refers to obtaining the state or federal approval necessary to start work for a project or project phase.

Each year our Project Delivery and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Team helps project sponsors across the six counties deliver their projects, focusing on those federal funds that we control, primarily Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG).

Discussion/Analysis:

Staff will provide a presentation to the committee on our progress and future plans regarding the administration of the MTIP.

Administering the 2023 MTIP and delivery of funding round projects.

As part of administering the MTIP, SACOG staff assists project sponsors in beginning federally reimbursable work. Sponsor agencies must have their projects listed or programmed in the MTIP to receive authorization to begin work. For the four years covered by the 2023 MTIP, \$1.89 billion of federal funds are programmed along with \$623.97 million of state and \$1.26 billion of local dollars.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds are the federal revenues used for the SACOG, El Dorado County Transportation Commission, and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency funding rounds. For projects that were awarded grants as part of the funding rounds, SACOG staff assisted region's project sponsors deliver \$44,164,126 of projects or project phases (Attachment 1) in Federal Fiscal Year 2023.

To support our strong delivery SACOG pursued and borrowed apportionments from one region (Attachment 2). SACOG will repay the loans by using future apportionments, as outlined in the attachment. There are no fees or interest charged for borrowing these funds. The loans provided our region with the opportunity to make progress on projects earlier than anticipated, which would have been difficult to achieve otherwise.

In federal fiscal year 2023, 38 projects obligated CMAQ or STBGP. Obligation is when Caltrans approves the project and executes the project agreement:

1. 16 projects focused on building or improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
2. Nine improved shoulders or intersections;
3. Eight projects resurfaced or rehabilitated pavement;
4. Three were planning projects; and
5. Two projects to increase road capacity.

The 2025 MTIP and future actions.

The 2025 MTIP must be submitted to Caltrans by September 30, for inclusion into the 2025 FSTIP. The MTIP

must include the following components:

1. A narrative portion that addresses items such as a regional profile and performance measures;
2. The list of projects proposed for the 2025 MTIP;
3. Financial table to prove the MTIP is financially constrained;
4. A list of public comments and responses; and
5. Air quality conformity document.

Caltrans will incorporate all FTIPs into the 2025 FSTIP with tentative approval from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in December 2024.

In preparation for the 2025 MTIP staff reached out to project sponsors to review, amend, and carryover projects in the current 2023 MTIP during the call for project updates period, February 28, to March 29. SACOG staff is currently analyzing the list of projects for consistency with the MTP, financial constraint and accuracy. After the draft list of projects have been modeled for air quality conformity, and draft 2025 MTIP narrative completed, the documents will be circulated for public review. The public review period will be open for 45 days, with a public hearing at the Transportation Committee meeting in August.

Staff will address the public comments as part of the final 2025 MTIP. The MTIP, air quality conformity, public comments, and financial constraint documents will be included in the September committee and board meetings for approval. The MTIP and related documents will be submitted to Caltrans for review and inclusion into the FSTIP.

At the committee meeting, members asked how often the MTIP was update and whether a project enters the MTIP by being in the MTP or by acquiring funding. Staff replied that the MTIP is updated every other year and that a project would have to both be in the MTP and have funding secured to be included in the MTIP.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

SACOG's programming and project delivery activities are funded by a combination of state and federal Planning and Programming Funds as well as state Transportation Development Act- Local Transportation Funds.

List of Attachments:

- (1) Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Obligated Projects
- (2) Interregional Loans Taken in Federal Fiscal Year 2023