

2026

REGIONAL TRAILS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Informational Item #6

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AGENDA

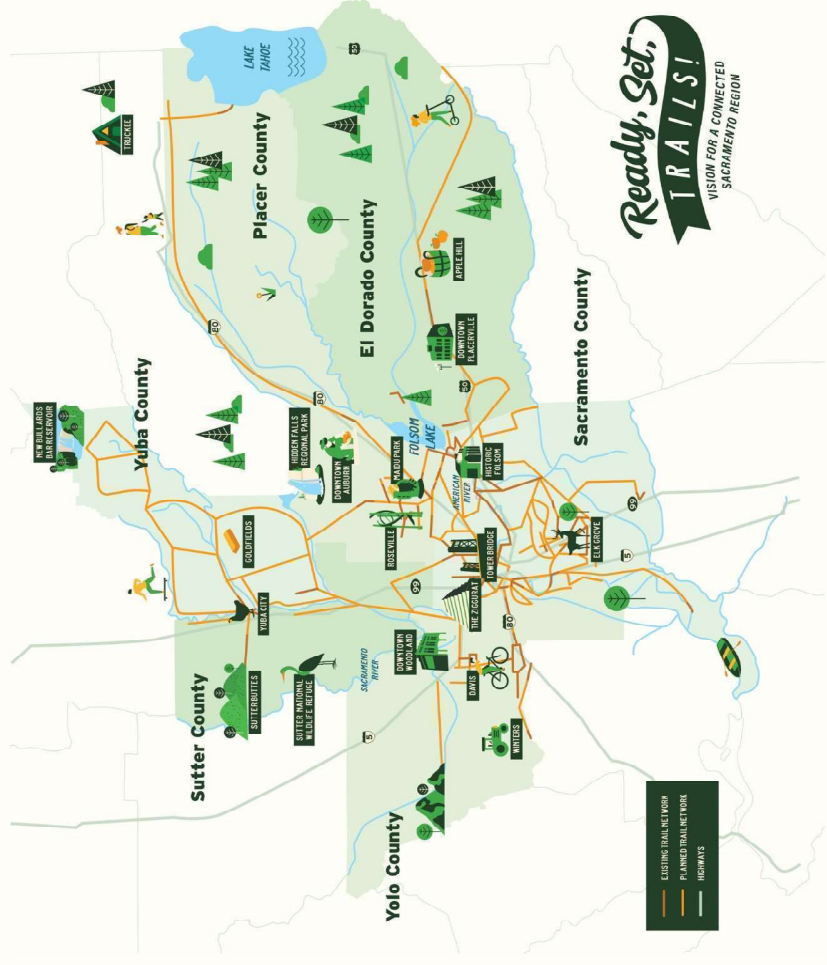
- Project Purpose and Context
- Project Overview
- Technical Assistance Pilot Program
 - Announce call for applications
- Implementation Challenges & Opportunities
 - Key Findings
- Next Steps: Prioritization Update
- Q&A

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PROJECT CONTEXT

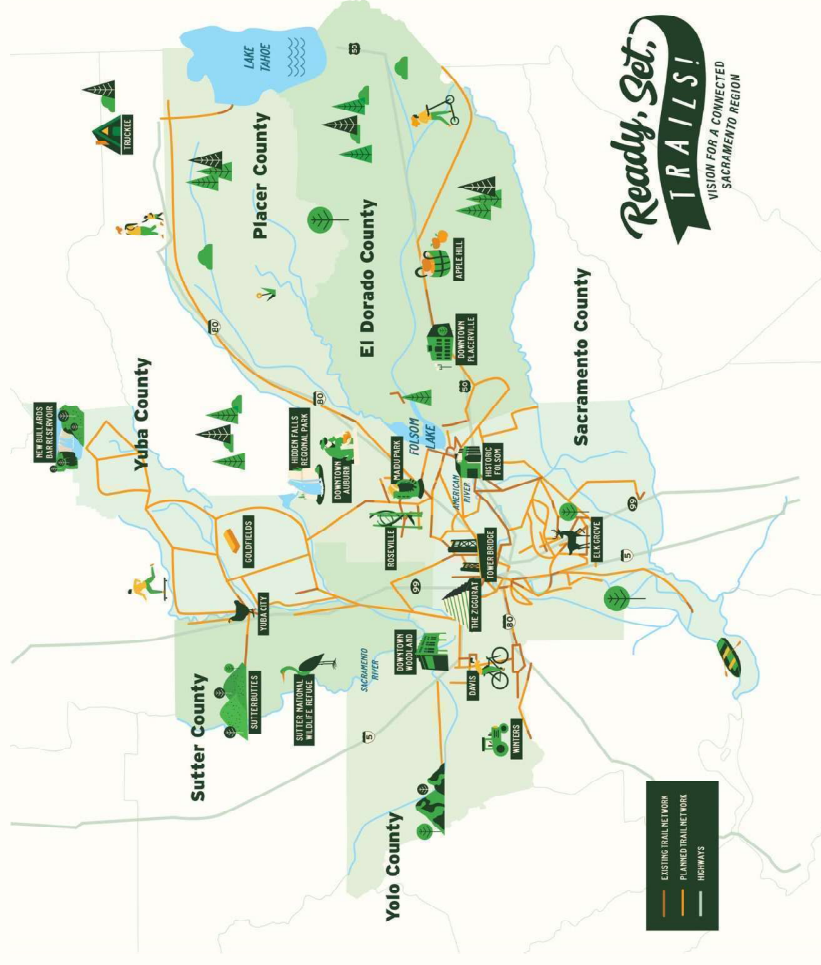
- 2022 Regional Trail Network Action Plan
- Goals
 - Health
 - Environmental Justice
 - Economic Vitality
 - Improve Safety
 - Recreation
 - All Ages & Abilities
 - Regionalism
 - Elevating Local Trails & Destinations
- Regional Trail Network
 - 293 Miles – Existing
 - 564 Miles – Planned
 - 308 Miles – Study Corridors



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PROJECT CONTEXT

- Shared Implementation Challenges
 - Institutional Challenges
 - Community Engagement
 - Infrastructure Barriers
 - Siloed Local Planning Efforts & Development
- SACOG's Role
 - Partnership and Inter-agency Coordination
 - Create a Roadmap for Implementation
 - Prioritization Criteria and High Priority Projects



PROJECT OVERVIEW: FROM VISION TO IMPLEMENTATION

- 18 Months: Fall 2024 – Spring 2026
- Key Tasks
 - Convene Regional Working Group
 - Identify challenges, opportunities, and partnerships
 - Update and rerun the network prioritization
 - Develop implementation strategies for SACOG, including Governance and Funding
 - Provide 10 agencies with detailed implementation strategies
 - Provide up to 10 agencies and tribal governments with Technical Assistance

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS

1. March: Project Overview, Challenges & Opportunities
2. May 2025: Draft Prioritization Methodology
3. August 2025: Draft Prioritization Results
4. November 2025: Governance and Funding Strategies
5. Spring/Summer 2026: Draft Plan
6. Spring/Summer 2026: Final Plan

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PILOT

- Advance priority projects from 2022 Plan
- Establish a replicable TA model
- Up to 10 local agencies, including Tribal Governments
- Timeline
 - Applications Open: Monday, February 10th – Friday, March 21st (6 Weeks)
 - Selections Announced: Week of April 28th
 - Technical Assistance Rollout: May 2025 – March 2026
- More details and application survey:
 - <https://tinyurl.com/SACOGTrailsTA>

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2 MORE WEEKS

***DUE FRIDAY,
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PILOT

MENU OF SERVICES

1	Grant Application Support
2	Opinions of Probable Cost
3	Feasibility Assessments
4	Funding Strategies
5	Signage Strategy
6	Making the Case for Trails
7	Phasing and Implementation Strategies
8	Trail Design Guidance
9	Green Infrastructure Guidance
10	Trail Conceptual Design
11	Illustrative Graphics/Visualizations
12	Community Engagement
13	Staff Training and Capacity Building
14	Strategies for Emerging Mobility Trends on Trails

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An aerial photograph of a suburban area featuring a paved road, railroad tracks, and residential houses. A semi-transparent grey banner is centered over the image, containing the title text. In the upper right corner, there is a logo for 'Ready, Set, TRAILS!' with the tagline 'VISION FOR A CONNECTED SACRAMENTO REGION'.

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION

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Del Rio Trail (Photo Credit: Sacramento Bee)

SHARED CHALLENGES

- Interface between Rail & Trails
- Right-of-Way and Ownership
- Agency Coordination, Partnerships, and Priorities
- Community and Political Buy-In and Support
- Funding
- Environmental Review, Compliance, Permitting, and Litigation
- Other Shared Challenges: Staffing Capacity, Design Complexity and Compliance

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SHARED OPPORTUNITIES

- Establishing and maintaining a list of shared regional priorities
- Acting as liaison between local agencies and key partners (Rail, Caltrans, elected officials, regulatory agencies)
- Convening and building consensus across local agencies
- Providing funding with flexible timelines
- Providing technical assistance, tip sheets, guidelines, and resources
- Collecting and publishing critical data about rail status, ownership, land use etc.
- Supporting local agencies to develop trail-supportive policies, processes, and programs
- Conducting community engagement, outreach, and education

PARTNERSHIPS

- Public Sector Agencies
- Regulatory and Environmental Agencies
- Utilities, Infrastructure, and Emergency Service Providers
- Private Landowners and Development Partners
- Elected Officials
- Nonprofits and Advocacy Partners
- Community and User Group Partners
- Traditional and New Media

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NEXT STEPS

- Technical Assistance – Opened February 10th
 - Share with your local jurisdictions
- Prioritizing Methodology
 - Next Transportation Committee Meeting: May

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