



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

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Release of the Draft 2025 Blueprint and Environmental Impact Report

Action

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

The 2025 Blueprint and Environmental Impact Report are ready to be released for two months of public review with comments due on August 1, 2025.

Request:

Approve

Recommendation for Board:

That the board authorize the release of the Draft 2025 Blueprint and Environmental Impact Report for a 55-day public review and comment period.

Recommendation for Committee:

Staff recommends the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee recommend that the SACOG Board of Directors authorize the release of the Draft 2025 Blueprint and Environmental Impact Report for a 55-day public review and comment period.

Background:

SACOG is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sacramento region. As the MPO, SACOG is responsible for maintaining a regional land use and transportation plan in collaboration with local governments in the Sacramento region. The 2025 Blueprint, officially known as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), is a plan to guide the Sacramento region towards a bright future with a healthy environment and a thriving economy. This plan is the latest in a line of plans implementing the original [Sacramento Region Blueprint](#) vision from 2004, integrating land use and transportation planning to create a better community for everyone.

Based on input from more than 6,000 residents from across the region and more than two years of technical analysis, in 2024, the SACOG board adopted a bold land use forecast and transportation investments to support the plan's coequal goals of advancing equity, economic prosperity, and environmental sustainability. In the 2025 Blueprint, we are planning for 580,000 new residents, 278,000 new homes, and 263,000 new jobs over the next 25 years. This plan shows the region is focusing on revitalizing commercial corridors, rural main streets, and locally designated [green zones](#), while also providing diverse housing options like

apartments, condos, small homes, and single-family homes.

The plan strives to shorten distances between homes, jobs, and amenities, to make daily life more convenient and affordable. To do this, the plan calls for investing over \$40 billion in roads, highways, transit services, programs, and active transportation to create a safe and efficient multimodal transportation system that connects people and places, reduces emissions, and manages congestion. To fund these investments, the region is modernizing how we pay for transportation by introducing tolling on a regional network of express lanes and exploring a statewide shift from fuel taxes to usage charges.

But funding alone isn't enough – the plan also includes a set of policies to guide the joint efforts of cities, counties, the state, and other partners to drive implementation. In March and April, staff received feedback from the SACOG board on the plan's draft policies to help align actions of state, regional, and local agencies.

Combined, the land use forecast, transportation investments, and policies provide a unified vision for the region, demonstrating we're ready for investment and aligned with federal and state priorities.

Discussion/Analysis:

The 2025 Blueprint is founded on improving outcomes across three primary goals: **equity, economy, and environment**. It seeks to create an equitable region where marginalized communities can participate in decision-making processes and benefit from investments. Economically, the plan aims to improve access to resources and opportunities, focusing on key economic sectors with room to grow such as health and life sciences, precision manufacturing, and research and development. Environmentally, it outlines strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and preserve natural resources.

The 2025 Blueprint policies build on the priorities from SACOG's Strategic Plan adopted in 2022, focusing on creating vibrant and inclusive places, fostering innovative mobility solutions, modernizing transportation infrastructure financing, and building a safe, equitable, and resilient transportation system. The plan is organized into six chapters, namely:

- 1) **What is the MTP/SCS?:** The overall requirements of the plan and the role the plan plays in transportation and land use planning in the region are summarized in Chapter 1.
- 2) **How the Public Shaped This Blueprint:** SACOG conducted robust public input in the development of the 2025 Blueprint to ensure it reflects the region's vision for the future. An extensive outreach program engaged over 6,000 residents, every local government and partner agency, and a broad range of interest groups. This yielded the key themes described in detail in Chapter 2 of the plan. These themes include ensuring access to opportunities for all residents, providing diverse housing options, investing in existing communities, and preparing for natural disasters.
- 3) **Housing, Jobs, and Land Use:** Attracting and retaining a talented workforce that will contribute to an additional 580,000 people calling this region home will take significant effort and coordination among municipalities in the region. This chapter describes the housing and jobs strategies and outcomes of the 2025 Blueprint that lead to better housing affordability, a healthy environment, and economic opportunity for residents and businesses.
- 4) **Transportation Vision:** The multimodal transportation system and strategies are designed to meet the needs of existing and future residents and businesses, maintain our transportation infrastructure, and make travel safer and more convenient. This chapter addresses the changes and improvements that

are integral for connecting housing and jobs.

- 5) **Land Use and Transportation Integration:** To build an efficient and reliable transportation system requires taking a broader look at the built environment including the relative locations and types of jobs, homes, services, and amenities to which people need daily access. This chapter breaks down how the land use and transportation strategies of the plan work together to achieve the plan's outcomes, including meeting the region's greenhouse gas reduction target.
- 6) **Policies and Implementation Actions:** Without near term, tangible actions this plan would simply sit on a shelf. To be effective, plans require careful attention to implementation activities. This chapter outlines the supporting policies and actions the region will need to take to successfully realize the vision of the 2025 Blueprint.

A Plan for the Region

Beginning with local plans and incorporating the voices of communities from around the region, the 2025 Blueprint reflects our region's values and priorities in a comprehensive approach to planning for the future, focusing on sustainability, equity, and economic opportunity. Through collaboration, community engagement, and strategic planning, our collective efforts aim to create a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient region that meets the needs of its growing population while preserving the environment for future generations. By prioritizing maintenance, investing in existing communities, and fostering diverse housing options, the Blueprint lays the groundwork for a prosperous future.

Attachment A includes the Draft 2025 Blueprint reflecting the deep analysis, board direction, and broad outreach efforts of the last three-plus years. **Attachments B through E** include the transportation project list, revenue forecast, and land use forecast adopted by the board last year that serve as the foundation of this plan update. Upon release of the draft plan, additional supporting appendices outlining the outreach and engagement process and performance and equity analyses for the plan will be made available on the [2025 Blueprint webpage](#). Additionally, SACOG has prepared an amendment to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to ensure consistency with the Draft 2025 Blueprint transportation project list. This amendment will be released concurrently with the draft plan for public review.

Should the Board approve the release of the draft plan for public review, SACOG will also release the accompanying environmental impact report for the 2025 Blueprint for the same 55-day comment period expected to close on August 1, 2025. Following the comment period, staff will summarize all comments received and recommend responses for the board's consideration in preparation for final revisions to the plan. The 2025 Blueprint is scheduled for adoption by the SACOG board in November of this year.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

List of Attachments:

Attachment A - Draft 2025 Blueprint: <https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/3009>

Attachment B - 2025 Blueprint Project List: <https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/3011>

Attachment C - Revenue Forecast: <https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/3013>

Attachment D - Land Use Forecast: <https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/3015>

Attachment E - Land Use Forecast Documentation:

<https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/3017>

