



Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: April 3, 2025

Agenda Item No. 7

U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Policy Framework Input

Information

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

SACOG staff are requesting input from the Transportation Committee on the draft Policy Framework for the U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Request:

Review & Discuss at Meeting

Recommendation for Board:

None; this item is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

Staff is seeking input on the draft Policy Framework for the U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Background:

SACOG is leading the U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (US 50 CMCP) in collaboration with Caltrans District 3 and partner agencies along the corridor from West Sacramento to Pollock Pines. The draft Policy Framework can be found in Attachment A.

This process will allow transportation projects identified and prioritized along the corridor to be eligible for the SB 1 funded Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) while supporting projects competing for other state and federal transportation funding programs. The US 50 CMCP Policy Framework will align with relevant state, regional, and local policies, as well as the funding criteria for the SCCP.

SACOG staff provided an overview of the US 50 CMCP at the March Transportation Committee meeting. Refer to Attachment B for the Plan Timeline and Key Tasks. Task 1 Existing Conditions and Plans Analysis includes an online map showing the plan Solutions Area, where transportation projects will be identified, and the plan Study Area, where travel impacts will be studied. The map includes key existing conditions data and information that will help to analyze the plan and inform the development of strategies, projects, and performance measures to improve travel. The online map can be found here:

<https://jacobs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=5cf695b2e0e548c6b83195b37bf0948>

Partner and Community Engagement were critical inputs to the development of the Policy Framework. Refer to Attachment C for a list of the partner agencies who are participating in bi-monthly Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings to help guide the planning process. TAC members were able to provide early input into the Policy Framework at the February 2025, meeting and will review and comment on the draft Policy Framework before the April Transportation Committee meeting. The consulting team kicked off community engagement implementation in March, developing a logo and branding materials, and releasing an online survey for travelers along the U.S. 50 corridor to provide input into the Policy Framework. Refer to Attachment D for Interim Online Survey Responses as of March 21, 2025.

SACOG staff will present TAC input and survey findings at the committee meeting.

Discussion/Analysis:

Draft Plan Vision Statement:

Create a safe, reliable, and accessible travel experience along the U.S. 50 corridor, enhancing connections to jobs and housing, and supporting a resilient, equitable, and healthy environment for all.

Draft Plan Goals and Strategies:

Goal: Improving safety for all transportation system users

- Prioritize safety projects in disadvantaged communities that have been disproportionately impacted by traffic violence.
- Reduce the number of fatal and severe collisions along the corridor.
- Develop safe and comfortable active transportation networks for all ages and abilities, leveraging the American River Parkway as a regional connector.
- Improve emergency preparedness for extreme weather events (e.g., wildfires in El Dorado County, flooding, extreme heat) and other travel disruptions.

Goal: Enhancing travel reliability within the corridor

- Reduce delay and manage travel demand along corridor.
- Increase service frequency and reliability for SacRT, El Dorado Transit and Yolo bus and light rail.
- Create more resilient transportation networks and communities to adapt to changing climate conditions.
- Improve the operation of parallel roadways for local travel and minimize regional cut-through traffic.
- Target roadway capacity increases on existing bottlenecks and in alignment with regional planning and land use assumptions.

Goal: Increasing multimodal travel options and access to destinations

- Encourage transit use by creating better access to and from the regional trail system, first and last mile walking and biking paths, and ride/car share options.
- Increase transit, active transportation and non-SOV mode share for long distance and commute trips, reducing daily vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within the corridor.
- Provide travel options that overcome barriers such as the American River and U.S. 50.
- Provide travel options that increase access to housing, jobs and community and regional destinations along the corridor, particularly for rural communities in El Dorado County and others with low

multimodal access.

Board members within the corridor area will have the opportunity to provide input to the draft Policy Framework before it is finalized later in April. The final Policy Framework Vision, Goals, and Strategies will be used to develop Performance Measures to analyze transportation projects within the corridor for their ability to improve corridor travel.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in OWP/Budget, Discretionary Grant Funded (indicate grant below)

This plan is funded by a \$500,000 Caltrans Strategic Partnership planning grant.

List of Attachments:

Attachment A: Draft Policy Framework

Attachment B: Project Timeline and Task List

Attachment C: Technical Advisory Committee Organization List

Attachment D: Interim Online Survey Responses