



2023

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, SACOG's work remained focused on creating a region of choice to meet the wide-ranging needs of more than 2.5 million community members. Program and project achievements detailed in this year's highlights, organized by the agency's strategic priorities, are focused on making the region work for everyone, so individuals and families can choose to stay here, choose where they want to live, and choose how they move around.



SACOG Priority:
Build and maintain a safe, equitable, and resilient transportation system.

SACOG AWARDED \$45.5 MILLION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE REGION

This year SACOG awarded \$45.5 million for 10 projects dedicated to improving walking and biking options throughout the region. Projects ranged from installations of a new biking and walking bridge in El Dorado County, to new parkway trails in Sacramento County, and new bike lanes and trails to connect to jobs and services in Roseville. Many of the projects will benefit residents of disadvantaged communities and continue to grow the Sacramento Regional Trail Network.

\$83 MILLION AWARDED TO REGION IN STATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Awarded at the end of 2022, the Sacramento region received 9.8 percent of the total available State ATP funding. That is just over \$83 million to eight active transportation projects in Yuba County, Rancho Cordova, West Sacramento, Placerville, the City of Sacramento, and Sacramento County.



\$101 MILLION AWARDED TO 42 PROJECTS IN SACOG'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ROUND

SACOG's Regional Active Transportation Program is an important source of transportation investment in the region. In May, the Board of Directors approved \$101 million in investments for 42 projects across the region to receive funding for road, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.

REVOLVING MATCH PROGRAM LEVERAGES \$61.8 MILLION IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

SACOG's Revolving Match Program is designed to help partners and jurisdictions better compete for larger state and federal funding programs by leveraging regional funding. In the last two cycles of the program, \$7.5 million in funding over three projects has leveraged \$61.8 million in state and federal funding. Projects included



the City of West Sacramento I Street Bridge Deck Conversion, Sacramento County's US 50 Gold Line Corridor Enhancement Project, and Capitol Corridor's Sacramento to Roseville Third Track.

IMPROVING TRANSIT'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Sacramento Regional Emergency Preparedness Strategy was adopted by the Board of Directors, establishing a vision for how transportation assets and transit operators in the region are deployed in emergency evacuation situations.

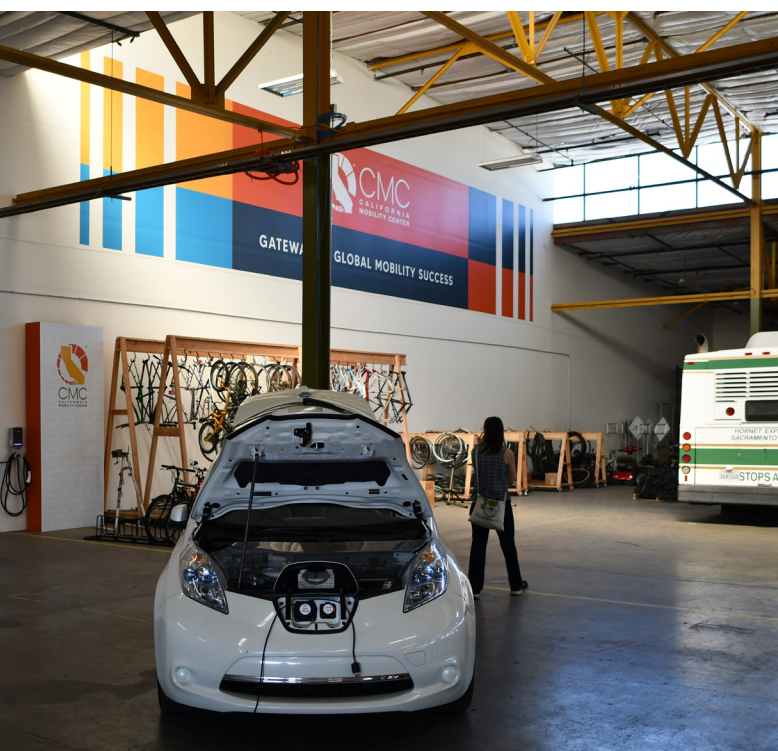
BUILDING THE 2025 BLUEPRINT

This year has been one of robust community engagement as SACOG develops the region's long-range plan, the 2025 Blueprint. Efforts included hosting a 300-person regional Blueprint Workshop this summer, conducting focus groups, and outreach events in nearly every city and county of the region. This outreach, combined with community-based organization partnerships, resulted in a historic number of survey responses collected to help inform the final Blueprint. The top concerns that have surfaced from this research are quality of life, housing, Build and maintain a safe, equitable, and resilient transportation system.



APPROVAL OF ASSEMBLY BILL 350 MARKS NEW BLUEPRINT SCHEDULE

Governor Newsom signed Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's AB 350 that allowed a formal extension for the 2025 Blueprint and allows for adoption of the long-range plan in the fall of 2025. The bill enjoyed a strong show of support from local governments in the region, transportation and transit agencies, business and environmental groups, as well as megaregion partners in the San Francisco Bay Area and San Joaquin County. A support letter signed by 21 mayors across the six-county region provided another critical boost for the bill.



SACOG Priority:
Modernize the way we pay for
transportation infrastructure.

MANAGED LANES PLANNING EFFORTS

SACOG staff and board members have been continuing to learn about managed lanes processes and projects with a series of presentations from various partners. There continues to be projects in the region that are underway to advance these policies, and SACOG is working closely with partners like Caltrans HQ and District 3 offices, Yolo Transportation District, and the Sacramento Transportation Authority.



SACOG Priority:
Build vibrant and inclusive places.

ENGAGE, EMPOWER, IMPLEMENT (EEI) PROGRAM FRAMEWORK ADOPTED

The EEI Program Framework was adopted by the Board of Directors, and work is moving forward to create more equitable and community-driven transportation projects. This milestone has been years in the making and paves the way for staff to begin developing program guidelines and other materials for the \$3.8 million funding program.



HISTORIC BOARD MEETING WITH SACOG, SACRT, SMUD, AND SMAQMD

This year we saw the first-ever joint board meeting with SMUD, SACOG, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and Sacramento Regional Transit to discuss upcoming opportunities to secure funding for carbon reduction, clean vehicle, and climate adaptation projects across the region, including Green Means Go .

SACOG BOARD AWARDS \$31.8 MILLION TO GREEN MEANS GO PROJECTS

This was a big year for Green Means Go as \$31.83 million for 27 projects was awarded across the region. In addition, the National Association of Regional Councils awarded Green Means Go the 2023 Achievement Award for the program's innovative vision and success in setting up a foundation for future infill in the region. The award recognizes excellence in programs and services of regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations like SACOG.

RANCHO CORDOVA MILLS CROSSING RECEIVES ADDITIONAL \$4 MILLION IN GREEN MEANS GO FUNDING

The City of Rancho Cordova received funding from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development's REAP 2.0 program in the Higher Impact Transformative funding category for its transit-oriented development project, Mather Mills Crossing. The project also received grants in Green Means Go's Early Activation and Capital categories.

RACE, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE GAINS MOMENTUM

SACOG staff have been implementing the Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) in the areas of Board Practices, Programs, and Operations. Staff have been working on incorporating tools into programming, training for staff, and on-the-ground tours for board members as we work toward building a just and equitable region.

SACOG BOARD MEETINGS HIT THE ROAD

This year the SACOG Board of Directors held three board meetings in different areas of the region to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the areas the agency serves. Board members visited Roseville, Yuba County, and South Sacramento and heard from community-based organizations and others working on transformative projects to gain a better understanding of



those areas. Meetings in cities and counties throughout the region will continue in 2024.

SOUTH SACRAMENTO AREA TOUR HIGHLIGHTING REI BARRIERS AND SUCCESSES

As part of SACOG's Racial Equity Action Plan implementation, board members and partners toured areas of South Sacramento and heard from community-based organizations like La Familia, the Franklin Boulevard Business District, Stockton Boulevard Partnership, and Mutual Housing on how they are reimagining this area of the region. Attendees saw firsthand the impact of SACOG funding in the area.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH REGIONAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

SACOG welcomed Jesus Tarango, chairman of the Wilton Rancheria, to address the Board of Directors and share with us the tribe's history in the region and their future priorities. As part of the agency's work to develop more meaningful government-to-government relationships with all the tribes in the region, SACOG also participated in the California Native American Day.



MOBILITY ZONES PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

The \$5 million Mobility Zones project made progress this year led by Principal Transportation Planner Kathleen Hanley, who is leading the direction and implementation of this project along with community-based organization Civic Thread. SACOG continues to make progress on the project, which seeks to prioritize and advance clean, shared, and active transportation investments in equity-priority communities across the six-county region.

SACOG Priority
Foster the next generation of mobility solutions.

\$1.3 MILLION AWARDED TO MOBILITY PROJECTS

The Mode Shift program awarded \$1.3 million to projects throughout the Sacramento region looking to invest in, test, and expand programs that reduce car trips and provide new mobility solutions to make biking, walking, and transit easy choices for community members. Grant awardees have already started implementing their programs around the region.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF PROGRAMMING AND RECEIVES APA AWARD

More than 200 young leaders from across the region have participated in the Youth Leadership Academy, which wrapped up its fifth year of programming. The academy received recognition for its achievements with the 2023 Local Vision Award from the Sacramento Valley Section of the American Planning Association.

MEGAREGION PROJECTS SEE MEGA BACKING

SACOG led the efforts this year for the Northern California Megaregion Working Group. SACOG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments met with policymakers at the state capitol, sharing the Megaregion Dozen project list and how the Northern California megaregion would benefit from additional investments. Two Megaregion Dozen projects won significant investment this year: the Valley Rail Expansion Program [\$25 million] and the Sacramento to Roseville Third Track project [\$42.5 million].

FEDERAL GRANT ASSISTANCE

SACOG showed support for regional projects by writing 49 letters of support. Of those, 17 were granted funding that resulted in more than \$137 million for the region. The largest awards were a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements [CRISI] award for the Sacramento to Roseville Third Track project for \$42.5 million (also a Megaregion Dozen project) and a Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program [LTCAP] award for Yuba County's Olivehurst Climate Resiliency project for \$49 million.

ALL ABOARD THE REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORK

SACOG and its partners have made significant headway in developing the Regional Transit Network, which will improve the level of transit service across the region and provide easy transit connections between cities and counties. This year the project team engaged more than 1,000 community members to help inform the development of draft transit network corridors. Staff have prioritized these draft corridors based on existing needs and future demand and are currently coordinating with partner jurisdictions and transit agencies to identify near-term improvements for implementation.



