



Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: March 6, 2025

Agenda Item No. 8

U.S. 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Overview

Information

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Not Applicable

Issue:

This item provides an update on the US 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Request:

Review & Discuss at Meeting

Recommendation for Board:

None; this item is for information only.

Recommendation for Committee:

None; this item is for information only.

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. This is the first CMCP in the region led by SACOG, as previous CMCPs in the region have been led by Caltrans District 3 and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

The US 50 CMCP will identify and analyze projects along U.S. 50 and parallel roadways, active transportation facilities, and transit networks such as the American River Parkway Trail, and the Sacramento Regional Transit District Gold Line train. The corridor offers an opportunity to develop a list of project priorities that improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, and access for travelers across the region, including passenger vehicles, people walking and bicycling, public transit, and goods movement.

The U.S. 50 CMCP will be consistent with the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines, Caltrans' Corridor Planning Guidebook, and the Memorandum of Understanding between SACOG and Caltrans District 3 that was signed July 2023, regarding the US 50 CMCP. 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), and generally support projects competing for other state and federal transportation funding programs.

SACOG was awarded a \$500,000 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Planning Grant to develop the US 50 CMCP through June 2026, aligning with the next SCCP Cycle call for projects. The SACOG board approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to support the US 50 CMCP in December 2023. Staff released the RFP in February 2024, and finalized the contract with the selected consultant team in August 2024. The consultant team is led by Jacobs, and includes Drago Vantage (partner engagement), AIM Consulting (community engagement), Elite Transportation Group (modeling support), and CHS Consulting (transit planning).

Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG, Caltrans District 3, and the consulting team have conducted key early tasks to guide the process; refer to Attachment A for further detail on the project timeline and task list for the plan. These include Project Management, Partner and Community Engagement planning, Existing Conditions and Plans analysis, and Plan Area development.

Partner and Community Engagement Planning: SACOG and Caltrans District 3 partnered to assemble the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the plan. The includes all of the Cities, Counties, transit agencies, the 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association, and key non-profit partners. See Attachment B for the list of organizations currently serving on the technical advisory committee (TAC).

SACOG staff coordinated with Caltrans District 3 Native American Liaison staff to contact and inform all of the identified Tribal Governments along the corridor of the plan. SACOG and Caltrans District 3 staff will continue to leverage opportunities to share information and receive input from Tribal Governments along the corridor at key milestones in the process.

Drago Vantage staff developed a partner engagement plan and is supporting partner engagement at TAC meetings. These meetings will be held bi-monthly throughout the process and will guide the development of the plan. Two TAC meetings were held in December 2024, and February 2025.

AIM Consulting staff developed a community engagement plan and is supporting engagement activities, which will include up to two online surveys, up to 12 pop-up engagement activities, and up to three Community Virtual Workshops. The consultant team will host the first round of pop-ups and an online survey in March to provide direct input into the Policy Framework.

Existing Conditions and Plans Analysis: SACOG, Caltrans District 3, and the consultant team reviewed and shared relevant data and information to inform the Existing Conditions Memo for the plan. The online existing conditions map includes data and information across key categories – demographics, employment, transportation networks, environmental information, etc. – and can be found at:

<https://jacobs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=5cf695b2e0e548c6b83195b37bf09481>

The consultant team reviewed state, regional, and local planning documents for Policy Framework input, as well as potential transportation projects. This list was shared with the TAC for their input and planning documents requested by partners were added to the list for review.

Plan Area Development: SACOG, Caltrans District 3, and the consultant team developed the US 50 CMCP Solutions Area and Study Area after the TAC provided input on the initial proposal in the December meeting. The Solutions Area is the corridor area where transportation projects will be identified and analyzed for

prioritization. The Study Area is the broader corridor area where existing conditions, benefits, and impacts will be analyzed, and where the consultant team will engage partners and the public. The Solutions Area and Study Area can also be reviewed on the online map linked above.

The US 50 CMCP Policy Framework that will guide the analysis of transportation projects will be developed with input from TAC meetings, SACOG Transportation Committee meetings, Community Engagement, and Existing Conditions and Plans noted above. The US 50 CMCP Policy Framework will be presented for input at the April Transportation Committee.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program (OWP)/Budget, Discretionary Grant Funded (indicate grant below)

List of Attachments:

Attachment A: Plan Timeline and Task List

Attachment B: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agencies and Organizations List