

MTP/SCS Priority Policy Areas

The 2020 MTP/SCS focuses regional action within four priority policy areas:

1. Build vibrant places for today's and tomorrow's residents
2. Foster the next generation of mobility solutions
3. Modernize the way we pay for transportation infrastructure
4. Build and maintain a safe, reliable, and multimodal transportation system

Of these, the fourth theme has the strongest connection to the regional funding round. The policies within this area support investments within a broad array of board policy priorities. The funding round's goals and performance outcomes also reflect such board policy priorities.

Supporting policies to build and maintain a safe, reliable, and multimodal transportation system

MTP/SCS Policy 17: Reduce the growing system maintenance funding gap by prioritizing spending flexible revenues on state-of-good repair improvements before system expansion.

MTP/SCS Policy 18: System expansion investments that are not directly paid for by new development should be focused on fixing major bottlenecks that exist today, and/or incentivize development opportunities in infill areas.

MTP/SCS Policy 19: Transit expansion, particularly light rail and other fixed infrastructure transit options, should be targeted at communities with supportive land use policies and development patterns that will generate transit ridership and improve the cost recovery rates for transit service.

MTP/SCS Policy 20: Prioritize cost effective safety improvements that will help the region eliminate fatal transportation related accidents.

MTP/SCS Policy 21: Transportation infrastructure investments should be planned and built in a way that makes the system more resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters.

MTP/SCS Policy 22: Invest in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to encourage healthy, active transportation trips and provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

MTP/SCS Policy 23: Prioritize and incentivize transportation investments that benefit environmental justice communities.

MTP/SCS Policy 24: Invest in transportation improvements that improve access to major economic assets and job centers.

MTP/SCS Policy 25: Prioritize investments in transportation improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.