



## Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

Meeting Date: June 6, 2019

Agenda Item No. 3

### 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: Implementation Policies

Information

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**Attachments:** Yes

#### 1. Issue:

Achieving the economically prosperous future forecasted in the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) will require local and regional actions that need to be supported by clear policies and actionable strategies.

#### 2. Recommendation:

That the committee discuss the staff proposal and provide feedback and policy direction on implementing policies for the 2020 MTP/SCS.

#### 3. Background/Analysis:

In April 2019, the SACOG board endorsed the Preferred Scenario for the 2020 MTP/SCS. The Preferred Scenario consists of a land use forecast, revenue forecast, transportation project list, and roadway pricing strategy. The Preferred Scenario staff report and its attachments are available on SACOG's website at the following link: <https://bit.ly/30C2KIB>

The board's endorsement of the Preferred Scenario directed SACOG staff to conduct final analysis of the plan, develop implementation policies and strategies, and begin writing the plan document and accompanying environmental impact report (EIR) in preparation for plan adoption in February 2020.

#### 4. Discussion/Analysis:

The MTP/SCS forecasts a vibrant future for the Sacramento region, with a prosperous economy supported by strong housing and jobs growth, a variety of housing products and communities for residents to choose from, and multiple transportation options to connect people with places. As a result, the plan is forecasting less time spent in congestion, cleaner air, fewer greenhouse gas emissions per capita, a modernized, more productive transit system, and more ways for residents to choose walking or cycling for some of their daily trips.

The plan achieves its positive outcomes by acting as a phasing strategy for growth and transportation investment over 20 years. While the assumptions in the plan are based on city and county local plans, transit agency short and long-range plans, and plans developed by the state, a plan is only as good as its implementation. Some components of the MTP/SCS will require coordinated local actions and interagency partnerships.

For the vision of the MTP/SCS to become reality, the plan needs specific and actionable implementation policies and strategies along with measures for tracking progress. This “Policy Element” is also required by federal and state law. Previous plans have included a wide variety of implementing policies and strategies. The 2016 plan included more than 30 policies, each with multiple strategies, to support implementation. Attachment A includes the list of policies from the 2016 plan. For the 2020 plan, staff is proposing to update the policy element of the plan to have fewer policies and more focused strategies, with timeframes for implementation, and performance measures that will allow for tracking progress between plan updates.

Attachment B describes the major policy topics that have come up over the last two years of work on the MTP/SCS including: (1) New Mobility and Transit; (2) Transportation Revenues and Pricing; (3) Growth and Land Use Pattern; and (4) Investment Priorities.

For each of these topics, Attachment B shows:

- the major assumptions included in the 2020 MTP/SCS Preferred Scenario,
- examples of current actions that support these assumptions,
- examples of new implementation policies and actions that SACOG and partners should pursue to help implement the plan, and
- examples of specific measures or milestones that staff would track to report back to the board on implementation progress.

At the June committee meeting, staff will solicit the committee’s input and direction on this approach to the plan’s policies and strategies. After receiving input from the committee, staff will develop a full draft of implementing policies and strategies to bring back to the board for review in August. Attachment C shows the schedule for the remainder of the plan update process.

## **5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Work on the 2020 MTP/SCS is included in the Overall Work Programs and Budgets for fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

## **6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:**

- 1 - Advance Economic Prosperity
- 3 - Assist Local Economic Development Strategies
- 4 - Connect Low-Income & Disadvantaged Populations to Jobs & Opportunity
- 5 - Establish the Sacramento Region as an Innovator & Test-Bed for New Ideas
- 6 - Help the Region Advance a Vision for "Next Generation Transit"
- 7 - Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects