



California Transportation Plan and
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Public Participation Plan



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California Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)

- AMBAG¹ Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- BCAG Butte County Association of Governments
- COFCG Council of Fresno County of Governments
- KCAG Kings County Association of Governments
- KCOG Kern Council of Governments
- MCAG Merced County Association of Governments
- MCTC Madera County Transportation Commission
- MTC² Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- SACOG³ Sacramento County Association of Governments
- SANDAG San Diego Association of Governments
- SJCOG San Joaquin Council of Governments
- SLOCOG San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
- SBCAG Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- SCRTPA Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
- SCAG⁴ Southern California Association of Governments
- StanCOG Stanislaus Council of Governments
- TCAG Tulare County Association of Governments
- TMPO Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. AMBAG includes SCCRTC, TAMC, and SBTCOG. All retain RTPA status.
 2. MTC covers a nine county region.
 3. SACOG is the RTPA for Sacramento Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. It is the non MPO for the federally designated ozone non-attainment area in Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and El Dorado Counties. Placer and El Dorado Counties retain RTPA status up to the crest of the Sierras.
 4. SCAG covers a six county region, five of which are county Transportation Commissions LACTMA, OCTA, RCTC, SBCTC and VCTC.



- RTPAs within MPOs
- MPO Areas
- Non-MPO Rural RTPA Areas

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The California Department of Transportation has developed this Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the California Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This PPP supports Caltrans' mission to involve the public in transportation decision making and responds to federal laws and regulations that emphasize public engagement. Developed through input gathered at stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and a broad-based survey, the PPP will guide public engagement for the CTP and FSTIP for the next 3 to 5 years and ensure that future transportation planning and programming reflect public needs.

Educating the public on how transportation decisions are made in California will be at the forefront of Caltrans' CTP and FSTIP public engagement efforts. Many people find the transportation planning and programming process difficult to understand, and they do not know how to get involved in transportation decision making. In order to enlighten the public on these issues, Caltrans will

present materials in clear, understandable, and accessible formats. We will also strive to reach a broad spectrum of the public by using diverse outreach tools and techniques that target traditionally underserved populations and specific stakeholder categories as defined in federal regulations. To assure the public that their input counts, we will review and provide appropriate follow-up responses to all public comments. Finally, this PPP will undergo regular review and evaluation to measure its continued effectiveness.

Caltrans and local agencies conduct extensive public engagement throughout the transportation planning and programming process that helps form the CTP. The CTP is the fundamental document that guides California's transportation future by defining the goals, policies, and strategies to achieve our collective transportation vision. Public input on the CTP influences long-range transportation planning policy and, ultimately, the investments made in California's transportation system.

State level planning operates in conjunction with long-range transportation planning at the regional and local

level as described in regional transportation plans (RTPs) or metropolitan transportation plans (MTPs). RTPs and MTPs establish regional goals; identify present and future needs, deficiencies and constraints; analyze potential solutions; estimate available funding and propose projects. In addition to long-range plans, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) develop short-range, project specific Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIPs). The FSTIP is a statewide compilation of the metropolitan FTIPs and projects in rural counties. Public participation on the FSTIP provides the opportunity to comment on funding and inter-regional issues and concerns. The scope of this PPP is limited to outlining a process of public engagement for the overall CTP and FSTIP; however, Caltrans provides many other public input opportunities during project implementation.

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