

2010 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting #1

Welcome!

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Agenda

- Stakeholder Introductions
- Housekeeping & Ground rules
- ACTC & RTP Overview
- Trends in Transportation
- Key Topics
- Steps in the Process
- Stakeholder Statements



Stakeholder Introductions

- Who are our Committee Members and who do they represent?



Housekeeping & Ground rules

- Stakeholder Representative's Roles & Responsibilities
- Agendas, Binders, Comments & Communications
- Ground Rules & Process Facilitation
- Meeting Location



ACTC

- The Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Amador County and its five cities created by statute in 1972
 - Three Commissioners appointed by BOS; three appointed by City Selection Committee
 - Also serves as the Board for Amador Regional Transit
 - In house staff of four staff with a team of consultants in support



ACTC Functions

- Transportation Development Act: *Administer Funding*
- Transportation Planning: *Identify problems & solutions*
- Regional Transportation Plan: *Regional plans, projects, policies, & priorities*
- Overall Work Program: *Work Elements to implement the RTP*
- Regional Transportation Improvement Plan: *List of projects for state/federal funding, based on RTP*
- Project & Program Development: *49 Bypass, Pine Grove Corridor, Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF) program, Circulation Mapping Exercise (CMX), etc.*



Regional Transportation Plans

- The RTP carries out ACTC's core responsibility to plan, prioritize, and fund multi-modal transportation improvements of regional significance (Updates are Required Every 5 Years)
- Will be comprised of policies, priorities, & projects needed to serve our regional needs into the future
- Environmental document required to identify impacts & propose mitigations
- New CTC Guidelines address growing challenges



Trends in Transportation

Challenges

- Highway Bill: Trust Fund Insolvent, increasing demands
- State Budget: Funding becoming more tied to state goals & local performance measurement
- Local Failures:
 - Each RTP update has documented increasing congestion & an inability to fund needed improvements
 - 2004 RTP Identifies 8 highway sections *already* LOS D and E and **16** that could become D, E or F by 2025
 - New development is outpacing infrastructure & funding



Trends in Transportation

Challenges

- Community impacts becoming less tolerable
- Regulations on environmental impacts becoming more stringent
- The transportation link to land use decisions becoming more important but, still not widely accepted
- Political contention prevents solutions from being implemented



Trends in Transportation

Opportunities

- **Regional Successes:** Developing projects (49 Bypass) & programs (RTMF), acquiring special funding, delivering services,
- **Performance-based funding/incentives:** May help prioritize efficient allocation of scarce resources
- **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Unlock new potential to develop solutions & advocate for their implementation



2010 RTP Key Topics

- Regional Traffic Model
- Future-year growth patterns: “Blueprint Planning”
- Traffic Demand Forecasts
- Level of Service Policies: Peak Hour vs Average Daily conditions



2010 RTP Key Topics

- Funding Constraints
- New Development's "Fair Share"
- Other Funding Options
- Efficient & Effective Resource Allocation
- Alternative Modes & Smart Growth Policies



Steps in the Process



Data Collection/Preliminary Analysis

(Spring 2010)

- Existing Conditions
- County-wide Development Forecast
- Traffic Demand Model
- Future Levels of Congestion
- Recommended Improvements to Maintain Level of Service (LOS) Adopted in 2004 RTP



Unconstrained Improvement Strategy

(Spring 2010)

- Includes *all* Recommended Improvements Needed to Maintain *existing* LOS Policies
- Provide New & Revised Cost Estimates for *all* Projects
- Review with Stakeholders, the Community, & Relevant Agencies to Record Their Concerns on Potential Impacts



Constraints Analysis

(Summer 2010)

- Establish 'Reasonably Foreseeable' Funding
- Evaluate Environmental Sensitivity
 - Biological / Historic / Cultural
- Assess Community Acceptance
- Determine **Reduced** Scope of Improvements
- Forecast Potential Level of Congestion



Constrained Improvement Strategy

(Summer 2010)

- Includes *only* recommended improvements that are *feasible* to implement given available funding & community acceptance
- Review potential impacts with stakeholders, the public, & relevant agencies
 - Will this level of congestion be acceptable?
 - If not, what should we plan to do?
 - Are there alternative strategies that can reduce automobile congestion in Amador County?



Potential Alternative Strategies

(Summer/Fall 2010)

- Multi-modal Planning
 - Bike & Pedestrian Plan
 - Transit Development Plan
 - Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Plan
- Innovative ‘Best Practices’
 - Ride Share
 - Telecommute
- “Sustainable Communities Strategies”
 - All Improvements, Services, & Land Use Patterns Recommended to Reduce Traffic



Policy, Action, and Financial Elements

(Fall 2010)

- Revised Policies & Goals
 - Acceptable Levels of Congestion
 - Promote Alternatives
- Revised Priorities
 - Projects & Planning Efforts
- Long Range Funding Plan
 - Balancing Costs & Revenues



Draft RTP & Programmatic EIR

(Winter 2010)

- An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will analyze potential impacts from the draft 2010 RTP Update and propose mitigations & alternatives to lessen those impacts.
- It must be circulated for review with the RTP Update by the Public & Relevant Agencies



Certify EIR & Adopt RTP

(Winter 2010/Spring 2011)

- Hold Public Hearings
- Respond to Comments
- Revise as Directed
- Certify EIR & Adopt RTP



Stakeholder Statements

“Round Robin” for Primary Representatives

- Brief statements of interests and/or perspective at the outset
- Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns
- Please be brief & concise



Until our Next meeting

- Review material in advance
- Focus on input requested
- Come prepared with questions & comments



Adjournment

Thank you for volunteering!

Your patience & participation is appreciated

Next meeting; April 14th

