

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DPEIR) FOR THE PROPOSED CONNECTED 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SBCAG is in the process of revising the RTP/SCS as required by California Government Code Section 65080 et seq., and federal guidelines pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and preparing an EIR for the project, called Connected 2050. SBCAG is required by federal and state law to develop an RTP/SCS that determines the needs of the transportation system and prioritizes proposed transportation projects. The RTP/SCS has a preferred scenario that includes a future land use pattern for the region and identifies policies, programs, actions, and a plan of projects intended to meet regional transportation needs and policy goals, including a regional greenhouse gas emission target for passenger vehicles for 2035 and climate goal for 2050.

PROJECT LOCATION & DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The project site encompasses the entire SBCAG region, which coincides with the boundary of Santa Barbara County. The DPEIR may be obtained and all documents referenced in the DPEIR are available online at <http://www.sbcag.org/2021-rtp>. For other options to review the draft document, please contact SBCAG at (805) 961-8900.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: The CEQA comment period starts May 27, 2021 and ends July 12, 2021. You may comment by providing testimony at the SBCAG Board of Directors public meeting on June 17, 2021 that starts at 10:00 a.m. or by e-mail to JCarvalho@sbcag.org.

Per guidance of California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20, persons may not address the Board in-person. If a person wishes to make a public comment, they may submit written comments up until June 16, 2021, or request to participate via conference call. Written public comments or requests to speak should be e-mailed to info@sbcag.org or mailed to SBCAG at 260 North San Antonio Road, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 to be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. SBCAG Board of Directors meetings are televised live on County of Santa Barbara Television (CSBT) Channel 20.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in a meeting should contact SBCAG at least three working days prior to the meeting at (805) 961-8900.

For questions regarding the Board of Directors meeting contact the SBCAG Board Clerk at (805) 961-8811, or via email at info@sbcag.org.

For members of the public unable to attend the public hearing, they may submit written comments through the U.S. Postal Service to the attention of Jared Carvalho at SBCAG, 260 North San Antonio Road, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, or by e-mail to JCarvalho@sbcag.org by July 12, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to evaluate and inform the public and decision-makers of the potential environmental impacts from implementing Connected 2050. The Draft EIR has identified significant impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biology, cultural resources, paleontological resources, Greenhouse gases, hydrology, land uses, noise, vehicle miles travelled, tribal cultural resources, and wildfires.

If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.