

Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Impact Report for Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Related Documents

Notice is hereby given that the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has released the following documents for public review and comment and will be holding a public hearing to receive public comment: the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the 2022 RTP/SCS; the Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2023 FTIP); and the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2023 FTIP and 2022 RTP/SCS.

PROPOSED PROJECT: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2022 RTP/SCS).

DRAFT EIR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The Draft EIR has been released for a 45-day public review/comment period, from Friday, May 20, 2022 to Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Written comments on the Draft EIR should be e-mailed to Gabriel Gutierrez at GGutierrez@tularecag.ca.gov using subject line "2022 RTP/SCS Draft EIR" or mailed to:

TCAG
2022 RTP/SCS Draft EIR
Attention: Gabriel Gutierrez
210 N. Church Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93291

PROJECT LOCATION: The 2022 RTP/SCS covers the entire area of Tulare County and includes the cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake, as well as unincorporated communities in the county. Capital improvement transportation projects, identified in the proposed 2022 RTP/SCS, are located on State highways, County roads, and locally owned streets, as well as on transit district property and public utility lands.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 2022 RTP/SCS is the County's long range land use and transportation plan through 2046. The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS is an update to the current 2018 RTP/SCS that was adopted in August 2018. The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS reflects changes in legislative requirements, local land use policies, and resource constraints that have occurred since adoption of the current 2018 RTP/SCS. The 2022 update to the 2018 RTP/SCS is focused on continued implementation of the 2018 RTP/SCS, with updates to ensure consistency with federal, State, and local planning requirements.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

The Draft EIR provides an analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the 2022 RTP/SCS. It discloses significant effects for the following resource categories: aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services and recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the 2022 RTP/SCS Draft EIR and related documents during the regularly scheduled

Board meeting on June 27, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at the Tulare County Human Resources & Development Office, 2500 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or virtually. Virtual attendance instructions are as follows:

Zoom Meeting | Direct Link: <https://bit.ly/2Zt4BQY>

Toll-Free Call-in Number: 1(888) 475-4499 | **Meeting ID:** 744 710 0343

Passcode: 82243742

Call in only instructions:

Enter your meeting ID followed by #, Enter # for participant ID, Enter the passcode followed by #.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW: The documents can be downloaded at <https://tularecog.org/tcag/planning/rtp/rtp-2022/>. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for inspection upon request. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR are also available for viewing at the following locations:

- TCAG Office, 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291 – (559) 623-0450
- Visalia Branch Library, 200 W. Oak Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291 – (559) 713-2700
- Dinuba Branch Library, 150 S. I Street, Dinuba, CA 93618 – (559) 591-5829
- Lindsay Branch Library, 157 N. Mirage Street, Lindsay, CA 93247 – (559) 562-3021

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The following statement is required to be included in this notice pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6). The 2022 RTP/SCS location contains numerous hazardous waste sites as enumerated under California Government Code Section 65962.5.