

## **Notice of Availability**

### **Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Notice is hereby given that the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) has released the following documents for public review and comment and will be holding public hearings to receive public comment: the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (2022 RTP/SCS); and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the 2022 RTP/SCS. The 2022 RTP/SCS and the Draft EIR have been released for a 55-day and 45-day public review/comment period respectively.

**Project Description:** The 2022 RTP/SCS is the region's long range transportation plan through 2046 for the Stanislaus County metropolitan region. 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. The 2022 RTP/SCS is the long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy and provides a framework for transportation investment out to the year 2046.

**Project Location:** The 2022 RTP/SCS covers the entire area of Stanislaus County and includes the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, and Waterford. 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, airports, rail lines and property, and public utility lands.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** The Draft EIR provides a programmatic 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; biology; cultural resources; energy; geology and soils; greenhouse gas and climate change; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; noise; transportation; and tribal cultural resources, and; wildfire.

#### **Public Hearings**

StanCOG will hold two public hearings at the following dates, times, and locations:

- **June 16, 2022, at 6 PM during the StanCOG Policy Board Meeting (in-person/virtual)**
  - To attend virtually, please use the information in the agenda. To view the agenda, please visit <https://www.stancog.org/policy-board.shtm>
  - To attend in person, please visit the StanCOG Board Room at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, CA 95354
- **June 22, 2022, at 6 PM (virtual)**
  - To register, please visit: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-GtqTwoGNEypNhvwzDyP\\_4tv\\_ffUhGJ](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-GtqTwoGNEypNhvwzDyP_4tv_ffUhGJ)
    - Meeting ID: 845 8857 7225
    - Passcode: 337144
    - Dial by phone: +1 720 707 2699

StanCOG will hold two public hearings on the 2022 RTP/SCS. The first public hearing will be on June 16, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto. This meeting can also be attended virtually using the agenda posted on StanCOG's website. The second public hearing will be on June 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. using Zoom.

### **Public Review and Comment**

The Draft 2022 RTP/SCS and the Draft EIR prepared for the 2022 RTP/SCS are available for public review. The Draft 2022 RTP/SCS is available for public review from June 8, 2022 to 5 PM on August 2, 2022. **The Draft EIR is available for public review from June 10, 2022, to 5 PM on July 25, 2022.** The documents can be downloaded at [www.stancog.org](http://www.stancog.org) and upon request can be physically reviewed at StanCOG's office, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, CA 95354.

### **Written comments may be submitted to StanCOG at:**

StanCOG, 1111 I St. Suite 308, Modesto, CA 95354, Attn: Emma Goldsmith, or sent via email to the following address, [egoldsmith@stancog.org](mailto:egoldsmith@stancog.org).