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SCH #

Project Title: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy
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City: Modesto **Zip:** 95354 **County:** Stanislaus

Project Location: **County:** Stanislaus **City/Nearest Community:** Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, and Waterford
Cross Streets: N/A – entire County including all cities **Zip Code:** N/A
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): N/A ° ___ ' ___ " N/ N/A ° ___ ' ___ " W **Total Acres:** N/A
Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A **Section:** N/A **Twp.:** N/A **Range:** N/A **Base:** N/A
Within 2 Miles: **State Hwy #:** SR 99 **Waterways:** Tuolumne, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus rivers
Airports: Modesto City-County Airport **Railways:** Amtrak and StanRTA, UP **Schools:** N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: **NOP** **Draft EIR** **NEPA:** **NOI** **Other:** **Joint Document**
 Early Cons **Supplemental/Subsequent EIR** **EA** **Final Document**
 Neg Dec **(Prior SCH No.)** **Draft EIS** **Other:** _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update **Specific Plan** **Rezone** **Annexation**
 General Plan Amendment **Master Plan** **Prezone** **Redevelopment**
 General Plan Element **Planned Unit Development** **Use Permit** **Coastal Permit**
 Community Plan **Site Plan** **Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)** **Other** RTP/SCS

Development Type:

Residential: **Units** _____ **Acres** _____
 Office: **Sq.ft.** _____ **Acres** _____ **Employees** _____ **Transportation:** **Type** _____
 Commercial: **Sq.ft.** _____ **Acres** _____ **Employees** _____ **Mining:** **Mineral** _____
 Industrial: **Sq.ft.** _____ **Acres** _____ **Employees** _____ **Power:** **Type** _____ **MW** _____
 Educational: _____ **Waste Treatment:** **Type** _____ **MGD** _____
 Recreational: _____ **Hazardous Waste:** **Type** _____
 Water Facilities: **Type** _____ **MGD** _____ **Other:** Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Project Issues Discussed in Document

Aesthetics **Energy** **Mandatory Findings of Significance** **Sewer Capacity**
 Agriculture and Forestry Resources **Fiscal Impacts** **Mineral Resources** **Solid Waste**
 Air Quality **Flood Plain/Flooding** **Noise** **Transportation**
 Biological Resources **Geology/Soils** **Population/Housing** **Tribal Cultural Resources**
 Coastal Zone **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** **Public Services** **Utilities/Service Systems**
 Cultural Resources **Growth Inducement** **Recreation** **Vegetation**
 Cumulative Effects **Hazards & Hazardous Materials** **Schools/Universities** **Wetland/Riparian**
 Drainage/Absorption **Hydrology/Water Quality** **Septic System** **Wildfire**
 Economics/Jobs **Land Use/Planning** **Other** Environmental Justice

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Various

Project Description:

The proposed project is the StanCOG 2026 RTP/SCS. StanCOG's previous RTP/SCS was adopted in August 2022 and amended in September 2024. The 2026 RTP/SCS is the culmination of a multi-year effort that aims to improve access and mobility and facilitate the movement of people and goods efficiently. Furthermore, the SCS will seek to balance land use and transportation systems to reduce emissions from cars and light trucks. StanCOG is required by federal law to develop an RTP/SCS that meets national ambient air quality

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standards and determines the needs of the transportation system and prioritizes proposed transportation projects. The RTP/SCS is also necessary to obtain and allocate federal funding for regional transportation projects.

StanCOG is in the process of updating the RTP/SCS, which will cover the planning period through the year 2049. The EIR for the 2026 RTP/SCS is intended to comply with CEQA. It will also require coordination with or reference to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (Title 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500) (FAST Act), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (as applicable), the Federal Clean Air Act, the California Clean Air Act, California SB 375, California SB 743, California Assembly Bill 32, and California SB 32. The EIR will consider the 2026 RTP projects and preferred SCS scenario, a No Project alternative, and up to 2 alternative land use scenarios, and any alternatives to address identified significant impacts. The EIR will evaluate the potential impacts of implementing the policies and programs in the RTP/SCS in accordance with CEQA and will concentrate on the long-term environmental impacts of the RTP/SCS that extend to the 2049 planning horizon.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney General | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Agency, California |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay Conservation and Development Commission, San Francisco (BCDC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of (DPR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating and Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission, California (CPUC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans <u>District #10</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Water Quality Control Board <u>Region #5</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis Control, Department of (DCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of (CalRecycle) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy (CVMC) | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission (CCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Conservancy, California State (SCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Bay Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of (DOC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Nevada Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of (CDCR) | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission, California (SLC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> State Water Resources Control Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Stewardship Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Health Planning and Development, California Office of (OSHDP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, California Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Growth Council, California (SGC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services, Office of (OES) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB <u>Region #5</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Game Commission (CDFGC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning (TRPA) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish and Wildlife <u>Region #4</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of (DTSC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Agriculture, Department of (CDFA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Commission, California (CATC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of (CAL FIRE) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of (DWR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of (DGS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway Patrol, California (CHP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 15, 2025 Ending Date May 15, 2025

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