

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**Project Title:** SLOCOG 2023 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP-SCS)

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 City: San Luis Obispo Zip: 93401 County: San Luis Obispo

**Project Location:** County: San Luis Obispo City/Nearest Community: Countywide

Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
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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

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached project description.

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

Starting Date February 23, 2023 Ending Date April 6, 2023

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/22/23

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## **SLOCOG 2023 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Project Description**

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is proposing to update its 2019 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP-SCS). The RTP-SCS is the long-range transportation plan for San Luis Obispo County and is being updated in accordance with California Government Code Section 65080 et seq., Part 450 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 450), and the California Transportation Commission's 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

This long-range plan aims to achieve a coordinated, balanced, and multimodal regional transportation system that speaks to improvements and investments in all modes, which include but are not limited to pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, highway, rail, maritime and harbors, goods movement, and aviation. The RTP must be action-oriented, fiscally constrained, and pragmatic, considering both short-term (FY 2023/24-2028/29), mid-term (FY 2029/30-2035/36), and long-term (FY 2036/37-2045/46) periods.

The RTP includes the following elements:

- **Policy Element** – describes the goals and policies that inform regional transportation planning, programming, and prioritization of projects, programs, and services. The Policy Element informs the Action Element.
- **Financial Element** – determines how much money is likely to be available to maintain, operate, and improve the region's transportation system over a 20+ year period.
- **Action Element** – describes the multimodal investment program of transportation projects, programs, and services that address the region's transportation needs. The Action Element is subject to the funding limits outlined by the Financial Element, resulting in a fiscally-constrained list of projects. The Action Element may also include a list of projects that are determined to fulfill a need but are not expected to be fundable within the 20+ year timeframe of the RTP. This is labeled as an unconstrained list. The Action Element identifies priority corridors, placing an emphasis on the balance of jobs and housing as well as connecting communities.
- **Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)** - Pursuant to SB 375 (2008), the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is an integral part of the RTP. The SCS must identify areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the RTP, considering net migration into the region, population growth, household formation, and employment growth. The SCS identifies a "forecasted development pattern" for the region, which is informed by the inventory of existing land use throughout the region, along with the identification of sites where future development can be located, while still reducing vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The law establishes an approach to ensure that cities, counties, and the public are involved in the development of regional plans to achieve targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for reducing GHG emissions. The SCS must also be consistent with the general plans of the region's jurisdictions.

**Evaluation Factors:** The transportation projects, strategies, and services recommended by the 2023 RTP-SCS must address factors relating to:

- Safety
- Security
- Passenger and Freight Accessibility
- Environmental Protection
- Energy Conservation
- Improved Quality of Life
- Consistency between Transportation Improvements and Planned Growth and Economic Development
- Connectivity and Integration of Various Transportation Modes
- Transportation System Management
- Economic Vitality and Tourism
- Transportation System Preservation and Resiliency

These factors must be addressed for both non-motorized and motorized modes of transportation.

**Alternatives:** The 2023 RTP-SCS considers alternative scenarios that are based on specific assumptions, such as the location and type of residential and employment growth in the region, and the assumed transportation projects to be built over the RTP-SCS planning period.

- **Alternative 1 - No Project Alternative** - The No Project Alternative, required by CEQA, addresses the effect of not preparing the 2023 RTP-SCS. This alternative would be in conflict with federal and state requirements to periodically update the RTP-SCS and would result in the ineligibility of the region to receive federal and state funding and expose the region to litigation for non-compliance with state and federal law.
- **Build Scenarios** - Multiple land use scenarios are modeled in the 2023 RTP-SCS. Scenarios are informed by the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast totals for housing, employment, and population, which vary by housing type (e.g. larger lot housing vs. smaller lot housing) and location of new housing and jobs within the region. An intermodal investment strategy is used to support each scenario; investments may vary based on the scenario.

**Projects:** The 2019 RTP-SCS (Appendix A) lists all highway planned improvement projects for construction over the 23-year planning period of the report. The project list is included in the RTP-SCS for the purpose of determining compliance with the goals and policies of the RTP-SCS. The project list is confirmed and updated in the 2023 RTP-SCS. Each of these projects will be subject to project-specific CEQA review as part of the project planning, permitting, and implementation process, including stakeholder outreach and opportunity for public comment as appropriate in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.

# Map of San Luis Obispo County

