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ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS 2025

In 2025, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) worked to finalize and adopt the region's long-range plan, the 2025 Blueprint. As discussions on future growth took shape, communities in the region have been working tirelessly to implement and build projects that have been planned for many years. This goes to show how smart and careful planning today impacts and shapes our communities for tomorrow.

Land Use and Natural Resources

2025 BLUEPRINT ADOPTED BY SACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

After years of planning and collaboration on the region's long-range plan, the 2025 Blueprint was officially adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors. This marks a significant milestone for the region. The 2025 Blueprint represents the collective work of SACOG, our member agencies, and partners to plan for and build a connected region for the residents of today and tomorrow.

GREEN MEANS GO IN ACTION: FOLSOM INFILL HOUSING

Ten new families now get to call the City of Folsom home. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento constructed an infill housing project at 300 Persifer Street, close to the Folsom Historic District. Complete with single family and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) homes, the project received a $374,000 award in Green Means Go funding.

REGION HOUSING BOOM EXCEEDS NEAR-TERM TARGETS

The 2025 Regional Progress Report, which monitors how the region is doing to meet our long-range goals, detailed the housing boom in 2024 that saw the highest housing production in two decades. More than a quarter of all new units occurred in Green Zones, which are areas that cities and counties have identified for infill. The findings underscore the positive impact of local policy reform, state funding, and the region's award-winning Green Means Go program.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING SERIES BRINGS SPECIAL DISTRICTS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES TOGETHER

For the first time, SACOG partnered with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) on the Collaborative Planning Series. Taking place over several months in 2025, directors, planners, and coordinators from cities, counties, and special districts came together to learn more about SACOG's Green Means Go program, explore challenges, and share opportunities to shape infill across the region.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento project in Folsom Green Zone. Residential infill project turned one lot into five homes, each with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Aggie Square on Stockton Blvd.

Funding

$42.5 MILLION AWARDED IN 2025 STATE FUNDING ROUND

The SACOG Board of Directors approved $42.5 million in funding to 11 projects in the 2025 Four County State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The awards come after a successful two-year effort led by the SACOG board and partners to revamp the funding program. View all awards.

Highlight: Stockton Boulevard Complete Streets Priority Project Receives $4.2 Million
As part of the 2025 STIP, 10 percent of funding was set aside to advance a regionally significant project. The Stockton Boulevard Complete Streets project in Sacramento County is in a highly disadvantaged and majority minority community in the county's High Injury Network. The project aims to create a safer, more accessible route.

FIRST EVER SIX COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ROUND DEVELOPED

The first ever six county Regional Federal Funding Round framework was created with extensive input from local agencies and the SACOG Board of Directors. Notably, funding allocated for pavement maintenance was increased over prior rounds, recognizing the region's growing need to strategically invest in our existing roadways.

Transportation

$4.7 MILLION APPROVED FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM

Four projects across the region were awarded $4.7 million in active transportation funds through the state's Active Transportation Funding Program. While historically this was considered the smallest six-county funding allocation because of available funding from the state, SACOG was successful in awarding two more projects than originally planned for. Each project will improve connections and safety for the region.

NORCAL GO IS CONNECTING THE REGION

In early 2025, NorCal GO launched as the region's resources to connect residents to carpool, vanpool, transit options, and bike connections to reduce single occupancy car trips and congestion. Users sign up, log their trips, and are eligible to claim prizes as a reward for choosing options other than driving alone. Since its launch, NorCal GO now has more than 3,000 users who have logged 115,000+ trips. This results in savings of 68,000 gallons of gas, and a reduction of 1.6 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

US 50 CORRIDOR PLAN FRAMEWORK ADOPTED, STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

The SACOG Board of Directors provided key guidance on the Policy Framework for the US 50 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP). The plan, in partnership with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 3, will identify transportation projects to improve safety, reliability, and access along the Highway 50 corridor. This is a key project in SACOG's external grants strategy and implementation of the 2025 Blueprint, opening eligibility to the SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program to priority projects in the plan.

Georgetown, El Dorado County on Mobility Zone tour

BUILDING THE REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK, SACOG OFFERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SACOG offered technical assistance to public agencies that are implementing projects identified in the 2022 Sacramento Regional Trail Network Action Plan. Eight cities and counties received one-on-one consultant support to advance individual projects while 10 received individualized implementation strategies. To date, 335 miles of the trail network have been constructed, 489 miles are planned projects, and 294 miles are being studied.

MODE SHIFT GRANT PROGRAM SUCCESSES

SACOG's Mode Shift grant program allowed organizations throughout the region to test ideas to provide affordable alternatives to driving. The Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley (ACC), ACC Rides program provided more transportation offerings to seniors to help reduce VMT with the $248,000 grant.

Paratransit received a $243,000 Mode Shift grant to promote their new MetroHub program launched this year. The new MetroHub service offers one-on-one support to people looking for guidance on how to get around the region without a car. They connect callers with bus routes and schedule information, microtransit, carpool options, and more.

TEN MOBILITY ZONES ADOPTED, PROGRESS CONTINUES

SACOG's Board of Directors adopted 10 Mobility Zones across the region. These zones reflect community input and collaboration with local partners who identified infrastructure gaps and mobility challenges. Next steps include identifying, prioritizing, and adopting projects in each zone for investment.

$3.2 MILLION IN SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION GRANTS FOR SACRAMENTO REGION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded $3.2 million to seven projects that range from active transportation and transit to roadway resilience and electric vehicle infrastructure planning in the Sacramento region.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON YOLO 80 MANAGED LANES

The first phase of approximately 17 miles of the region's first tolled managed lanes is now under construction along the I-80 corridor between Davis and Sacramento. The Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) continues to develop long-term operational systems and policies for tolling in the region.

Wins for the Region

Franklin Blvd. groundbreaking

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS ADVOCATES FOR VISION OF SUNRISE MALL'S FUTURE

Earlier this year, the Sunrise Tomorrow project faced a difficult challenge when a local developer approached city leaders with a plan to amend the project. Residents showed up en masse to share their overwhelming support for the project, and council members rejected the amendment proposal. The city received a Green Means Go grant to map out infrastructure investment for the project.

SYCAMORE TRAIL OVERPASS CONNECTS WEST SACRAMENTO

The City of West Sacramento celebrated the opening of the Sycamore Trail Overpass, a much-anticipated bridge that allows pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross over US 50. The trail connects schools and neighborhoods previously cut off by the highway. The grand opening represents years of hard work to bring this vital connection to the community.

I STREET BRIDGE MOVES FORWARD WITH $25 MILLION CTC AWARD AND $250 MILLION COMMITMENT FROM CALTRANS

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded $25 million to the I Street Bridge Replacement Project, allowing the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento to move forward with construction on the new bridge, and the accompanying conversion of the existing I Street Bridge to continue use as a bike/pedestrian bridge. SACOG worked closely with the two cities and Caltrans to ensure a strong commitment from the State of California.

FRANKLIN BOULEVARD COMPLETE STREETS BREAKS GROUND IN CITY OF SACRAMENTO

The City of Sacramento broke ground on the Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets project, which will reduce traffic lanes, and will add protected bike lanes, sidewalks, and landscaping to the corridor. Over a decade in the making and informed through persistent community input, the final project will improve safety and connectivity for the community and surrounding businesses.

MISSOURI FLAT OVERCROSSING OPENS IN EL DORADO COUNTY

The El Dorado Trail, a multi-use trail envisioned to traverse the length of El Dorado County, gained a new bridge this year with the grand opening of the Missouri Flat Overcrossing. The important safety connection provides improved

Bicycle pedestrian bridge over Hwy 50, West Sacramento

access between the City of Placerville and the community of Diamond Springs. The trail also closes a gap on the El Dorado Trail.

PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (PCTPA) RECEIVES $22.5 MILLION BUILD GRANT

PCTPA's $22.5 million grant award through the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD program will improve travel on State Route 65 between Blue Oaks Boulevard and Galleria Boulevard. The highway project will widen State Route 65 with an additional lane and auxiliary lane to ease congestion and traffic for one of the biggest traffic chokepoints in the region.

$35.5 MILLION AWARDED TO YUBA COUNTY IN RURAL STBG

Funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Rural Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) was awarded to Yuba County. The $35.5 million award will help extend Plumas Lake Boulevard, connecting it to the county's Sports and Entertainment Zone with the Plumas Lake future rail station.

FIRST EVER FEDERAL LOAN TO THE SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

With SACOG's support, the Sacramento International Airport secured a $36.1 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the first ever TIFIA loan to an airport. By programming the project into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, SACOG was able to make the project eligible for funds. The loan will accelerate delivery of a skybridge to connect travelers from its Terminal B to Concourse B.

MARYSVILLE ADOPTS 2050 GENERAL PLAN, FIRST UPDATE SINCE 1985

The City of Marysville adopted its 2050 General Plan, the city's long-range vision for growth. The plan details land use policies, open space conservation, and transportation, and includes a Downtown Specific Plan to enhance the city's urban core. This is the first general plan update the city has undergone in 40 years.

Bok Kai Parade in Marysville

Other Events/Activities

OFFSITE BOARD MEETINGS PROVIDE LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Board members attended meetings in the City of Rocklin, the Arden-Arcade area of unincorporated Sacramento County, and the City of Wheatland this year. Offsite board meetings are an opportunity to explore the unique qualities of each community, and to learn how SACOG has helped realize local priorities.

SPRING TOUR OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGION

Before the Metro Chamber Cap to Cap event in May, board members toured the Northern Virginia region to learn more about housing, infill, and transportation projects. The peer region tours offer an opportunity to learn from elected officials and planners around the nation on how they are tackling challenges similar to those in the Sacramento region.

MORE THAN 250 STUDENTS JOIN YLA ALUMNI RANKS

2025 marked the seventh cohort to complete the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA), with more than 250 high school students from across the region participating since the program launched. This year, students got a behind the scenes tour at the Sacramento International Airport, explored Three Sisters Farm in Yolo County, and also engaged in discussions around local government, economic mobility, and equity.

2025 LIVABILITY SUMMIT BRINGS TOGETHER BLUEPRINT VISION

In 2025, SACOG partnered with Valley Vision on their annual event, the 2025 Livability Summit. At the summit, Valley Vision and SACOG presented to 350 of the region's leaders, held discussions about the nonprofit's Livability Poll, and wove in projects from the region's long-range plan, the 2025 Blueprint.

YLA graduation

CHARLES MAROHN TOURS REGION

Best-selling author and founder of Strong Towns, Charles Marohn joined SACOG for two days to tour parts of Yuba City and Marysville. During the visit, Marohn also met with regional managers, board members, and members of the public. The tour concluded with a special presentation and discussion on housing challenges facing the region, in addition to bottom up and locally driven solutions to the housing crisis.

SACOG PARTNERS WITH THE SACRAMENTO HISPANIC CHAMBER FOR ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT

The Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce released the third edition of the Hispanic Economic Report at the 2025 State of Hispanics event. SACOG was proud to partner on the report by providing the data and analysis to highlight the economic impact of the Hispanic/Latinx community and their role as a driving force in the region's growth.

Chair Suen at the Livability Summit, Credit Tia Gemmel

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