
BUSINESS ITEM**STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JUNE 4, 2009
TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: WOODROW DELORIA, ASSISTANT TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
SUBJECT: EL DORADO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2030
DRAFT POLICY ELEMENT

REQUESTED ACTION

By motion, approve the El Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan–2030 *DRAFT* Policy Element, which includes: Chapter 1 – Introduction; Chapter 2 – Organizational Setting; Chapter 3 – Physical Setting; Chapter 4 – Regional Transportation Issues; and Chapter 5 – Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan – 2030 (RTP) fulfills the state requirements of AB 402 (Government Code Title 7, Chapter 2.5, Sections 65080-65082). To qualify for funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), projects included in a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) or the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) must be consistent with adopted RTPs. In compliance with Government Code Section 65080(c), the California Transportation Commission will only consider STIP funding for projects consistent with an RTP adopted within five years (in rural regions) of STIP adoption.

In general, RTPs provide a clear vision of the regional transportation goals, objectives, policies, and strategies. This vision must be realistic and fiscally constrained. RTPs must be updated every five years to comply with state statute as well as to maintain a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive approach to regional transportation planning. RTPs have many specific functions, including:

- Providing an assessment of the current modes of transportation and the potential of new travel options within the region
- Predicting the future needs for travel and goods movement
- Identifying and documenting specific actions necessary to address the region's mobility and accessibility needs
- Identifying needed transportation improvements in sufficient detail to serve as a foundation for the development of the RTIP and ITIP
- Promoting consistency between the California Transportation Plan, the RTP, and other transportation plans developed by cities, counties, districts, private organizations, tribal governments, and state and federal agencies in responding to statewide and interregional transportation issues and needs
- Providing a forum for participation and cooperation
- Facilitating partnerships that reconcile transportation issues which transcend regional boundaries
- Involving the public, federal, State and local agencies, as well as local elected officials, early in the transportation planning process so as to include them in discussions and decisions on the social, economic, air quality and environmental issues related to transportation.

Under the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the RTP 2030 will provide the necessary elements to update the El Dorado County component of the SACOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

DISCUSSION

EDCTC received recognition for their Best Practices Approach in Consultation with Interested Parties from the California Transportation Commission for the El Dorado County 2025 RTP as outlined in Section 3.13 of the 2007 California Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines. EDCTC staff continues to build upon this achievement by implementing a parallel public involvement process utilizing the local expertise and knowledge of the RTP Policy Advisory Committee (RTP AC). The RTP AC was closely involved in the development of the *Draft* Policy Element.

The RTP AC meeting held on January 28th included a review of Chapters 1 through 3 and a brainstorming session to develop Chapter 4 – Regional Transportation Issues.

The RTP Advisory Committee meeting held on March 26th included small group exercises to develop Chapter 5 – Goals, Policies, and Objectives. The complete RTP 2030 *Draft* Policy Element was then circulated to all members of the RTP AC and comments were incorporated.

The RTP 2030 *Draft* Policy Element will guide the development of the RTP 2030. It is expected that the complete RTP will be in draft form in July 2010.

Approved for Agenda:

Kathryn F. Mathews, AICP
Executive Director

Attachments: A) RTP Timeline
B) RTP 2030 *Draft* Policy Element (*provided under separate cover*)