

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for El Dorado County, except for that portion of the County within the Tahoe Basin, which is under the jurisdiction of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). One of the fundamental responsibilities which results from this designation is the preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The El Dorado County 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was developed by the EDCTC to document the policy direction, actions and funding recommendations intended to meet El Dorado County's short and long range transportation needs over the next twenty years. The RTP is designed to be a blueprint for the systematic development of a balanced, comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system.

In general, Regional Transportation Plans are developed to provide a clear vision of the regional transportation goals, objectives, and policies, complimented by short-term and long-term strategies for implementation. The vision must be both realistic and fiscally constrained. The 2025 RTP, pending review by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), will become the El Dorado County portion of the SACOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Chapters 1 through 5 comprise the **Policy Element** of the RTP which develops the process for implementing the short-term and long-term transportation strategies. Chapter 1, Introduction, Chapter 2, Organizational Setting, and Chapter 3, Physical Setting, provide the data on the background, relationships and projections that provide the basis on which the RTP is developed. Chapter 4, Regional Transportation Issues summarizes the issues facing transportation planning including: recreational travel, inter-jurisdictional coordination/integrated land use, congestion, growth, transportation funding, air quality, and safety. Chapter 5 identifies the mobility goals, objectives, and policies of the region.

Chapters 6 through 12 comprise the **Action Element**. The Action Element identifies the multi-modal projects that implement the RTP in accordance with the goals, objectives, and policies set forth in the policy element. Projects are included for both the short term (up to 10 years) and long term (20 years and beyond) horizons. Each transportation mode is addressed in the action element. Highlights of the proposed projects are identified below by transportation mode.

ROADWAY: The Roadway action plan includes regionally significant projects that are funded by Federal, State or Local funds. Some projects in the short term horizon include High Occupancy Vehicle Lane extensions on US 50 from El Dorado Hills to Cameron Park, US 50 Operational Improvements through Placerville, Western Placerville Interchanges and the Missouri Flat Interchange.

TRANSIT: The Transit action plan includes projects proposed in the El Dorado County short and long range transit plan. Some short term projects include transit service to planned light rail in Folsom, expanded service to Pollock Pines and other outlying areas, increased commuter service to Sacramento and expanded dial-a-ride.

AVIATION: The Aviation action plan includes projects proposed in the Airport Capital Improvement Programs (CIP). The airport CIPs are used to provide systematic direction for the future development and maintenance of the airports. Some short range projects include

additional hangars at both the Placerville and Georgetown Airports, and plans for upgrading, maintaining and improving the runways.

GOODS MOVEMENT: The Goods Movement action plan lays out a strategy for support of projects and improvements that will be necessary to ensure timely movement of goods and services to and through El Dorado County. Projects include supporting interregional movement of goods through use of airports and improvements to US 50 to facilitate goods movement and access to jobs.

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION: The RTP action plan for non-motorized transportation includes projects derived from the El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan and from the City of Placerville Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Short term projects include a Bass Lake to El Dorado Hills connector bike path/bike route utilizing Old Bass Lake Road and Tong Road, a grade separated bicycle/pedestrian crossing of US 50 in El Dorado Hills, a Class I Bike Path on the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor between Ray Lawyer Drive and Missouri Flat Road, and bike lanes on Placerville Drive, Green Valley Road, and Cameron Park Drive.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (TSM): The TSM action plan includes support and cooperative work for the development of regional rideshare programs, projects that support alternative transportation, school congestion mitigation and expanded use of alternative fuels.

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS): The ITS action plan includes proposals from the Tahoe Gateway Strategic ITS Plan. EDCTC works collaboratively with SACOG to help implement the actions outlined in the strategic plan. Projects include Placerville signal timing technology advances, US 50 winter traffic management, US 50 traveler information, US 50 downhill speed warning sign near Camino, and ice detection and warning systems.

Chapter 13 is the **Financial Element**, which summarizes the cost of implementing the projects in the RTP within a financially constrained environment. All anticipated transportation funding revenues are compared with the anticipated costs of the transportation projects identified in the action element. If shortfalls are identified, strategies are developed to potentially fund the otherwise unfunded projects.

Chapter 14 is the **Air Quality Conformity** discussion. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Sacramento Metropolitan Area, is responsible for ensuring that regional transportation plans and programs conform to the State Implementation Plan. SACOG also has responsibility for making findings of conformity required under section 176(c) of the federal Clean Air Act within the designated Sacramento Ozone Non-attainment Area.

Chapter 15 introduces the **Environmental Document**. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), EDCTC prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report as a separate document. The CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000-15389) are the implementing regulations for CEQA and provide detailed information on CEQA compliance.