



Managed Funding Sources

Transportation Planning Resources

BACKGROUND

*The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (**EDCTC**) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (**RTPA**) for the Western Slope of El Dorado County. As the RTPA, EDCTC is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning, ensuring projects reflect local priorities, and administering certain state and federal funding. EDCTC works in partnership with the [City of Placerville](#), [El Dorado County](#), [El Dorado County Transit Authority \(EDCTA\)](#), [Sacramento Area Council of Governments \(SACOG\)](#), and the [California Department of Transportation \(Caltrans\)](#) with various funding programs to deliver transportation projects and programs on the west slope of El Dorado County.*

EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Planning and Programming

EDCTC prepares [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (**RTIP**) for the western slope of El Dorado County (excluding the Tahoe Basin). EDCTC is also responsible for the administration of [Transportation Development Act \(TDA\)](#) funds for El Dorado County jurisdictions, excluding the portion of the county within the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency boundaries. All projects, including those designated in SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (**MTIP**), must be in the RTP, to receive consideration for funding.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

EDCTC follows the public participation guidelines as outlined in the [Caltrans Goals of the Public Participation Plan](#). EDCTC has adopted a Public Outreach Plan, which incorporates collaborative public participation efforts including Native American communities, organizations, groups, and individuals by soliciting input through various policy, technical, and public forums. EDCTC conducts public hearings regarding the development and adoption of the RTP, the RTIP, and the annual Unmet Needs hearing (pursuant to the TDA Statute). Additional public hearings and workshops are held for individual planning projects. The community participation effort has been enhanced by the expansion of the agency web site and social media in an effort to provide citizens with greater access to agency documents and activities.

STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

STIP projects are capital projects needed to improve transportation. Typical STIP-funded projects include state highway and local road improvements, public transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, transportation system management, transportation demand management, sound walls, inter-modal facilities, safety improvements, and environmental enhancement and mitigation.

Primarily, the RTIP is the program from which projects are nominated to the STIP where they become eligible for state funds.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)

Local Transportation Funds (**LTF**) and State Transit Assistance Funds (**STA**) comprise the TDA. The primary focus of TDA funds is to operate transit systems. LTF is funded from a quarter cent of sales tax collected within the county.

The State of Good Repair (**SGR**) Program, though funded through STA, is a distinct program that was established under Senate Bill 1 (Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017) to provide capital funding for the rehabilitation and modernization of public transit assets. SGR funds are allocated by formula through the State Controller's Office to eligible transportation planning agencies, with 50% distributed based on population and 50% based on operator revenues from the prior fiscal year. As the designated RTPA for the western slope of El Dorado County, EDCTC apportions SGR funds on behalf of the region, with EDCTA filing annual claims for eligible capital projects subject to Commission approval.

SENATE BILL 125 (SB 125) TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) / ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM (ZETCP) FORMULA FUNDS

Senate Bill 125 (2023) established approximately \$5.1 billion statewide in one-time funding distributed through two programs: the TIRCP and the ZETCP. TIRCP funds support transit and intercity rail capital projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve transit service. ZETCP funds are directed toward the purchase of zero-emission transit vehicles and supporting infrastructure. As the designated RTPA for the western slope of El Dorado County, EDCTC is administratively responsible for distributing SB 125 funds to eligible recipients in the region, with EDCTA serving as the sole eligible transit operator.

STATE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG) EXCHANGE FUNDS (formerly Regional Surface Transportation Program – RSTP)

A broad variety of transportation projects and modes are eligible for STBG funds, including highway projects, bridge projects, transit capital improvements, carpool, pedestrian facilities, safety improvements, research, traffic management systems, surface transportation planning, transportation enhancements, and environmental mitigation.

SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning and Programming

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (**MPO**) responsible for the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (**MTP**) and the MTIP for the area covered by the Sacramento ozone non-attainment area. This includes the region represented by the EDCTC who is responsible for the coordination of local projects that meet the MTP/MTIP criteria and presents SACOG with a list of "funding constrained" projects as part of the El Dorado County RTP process for inclusion in the MTP/MTIP. SACOG performs the air quality conformity analysis on these projects and, if the

conformity criteria are met, these projects are advanced to the statewide Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan **(FSTIP)**.

Additionally, as the designated MPO for the region, SACOG administers the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program **(CMAQ)** and Federal STBG Program Urban funds.

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM (CMAQ)

Eligible CMAQ projects include public transit improvements, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, Intelligent Transportation Systems infrastructure, traffic management and traveler information systems, employer-based transportation management plans and incentives, traffic flow improvement programs, shared ride services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG) URBAN FUNDS (formerly RSTP)

The STBG Program funds a wide range of transportation projects, including highway and bridge improvements, transit capital projects, carpool and parking infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety improvements, traffic management systems, surface transportation planning, research, transportation enhancements, and environmental mitigation.