

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following is an overview of the issues, projects, and coordination currently being advanced by EDCTC.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

2020-2040 Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

RTP Advisory Committee meeting #3 was held on August 7, 2019. Committee members were provided with a presentation and opportunity to discuss the streets and roads project list anticipated for inclusion in the 2020-2040 RTP. The following Chapters of the Draft RTP 2020-2040 were also presented to the Advisory Committee members: Chapter 1, Introduction/Completed Project Lists; Ch. 2, Organizational Setting; Ch. 3, Physical Setting; and Chapter 5, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. EDCTC staff has started work with the consultant team on the Environmental Impact Report for the RTP. The RTP Policy Element has been posted on the Project web page located online here: <https://www.edctc.org/rtp2040>. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the RTP Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released for a 30-day public review on January 22, 2020. EDCTC and De Novo consultants held a scoping meeting for the EIR on February 5, 2020 at Placerville Town Hall.

US Highway 50 Hot Spot Study

On August 28, 2017 EDCTC and City of Placerville staff met with Caltrans to form a plan to identify and analyze improvements to traffic and circulation along the US 50 corridor through Placerville. This effort was formalized through the Caltrans led US 50 Corridor Hot Spot Study. Caltrans is leading this effort to identify issues and opportunities along US 50 from Placerville into the Tahoe Basin. The kickoff meeting was facilitated by Caltrans on October 28, 2018.

EDCTC staff recently met with Fehr and Peers and Aim Consulting to identify five alternatives to improve the congestion and delay through Placerville. Once the alternatives are established, Caltrans will provide planning level cost estimates for each alternative to be presented to the project team and public. The project team is going to be meeting in late February to finalize the alternatives to then be presented to the stakeholders and public in March.

COORDINATION, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY

EL DORADO COUNTY

El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan

EDCTC worked with Caltrans to secure \$144,000 in State Planning and Research grant funds to support the El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan. The effort is being closely coordinated with El Dorado County and the El Dorado Hills Business Park Association to look at future traffic and circulation in and around the business park. An initial meeting with property and business owners was held on Tuesday September 10, 2019. EDCTC staff and the consultant team presented the project to the El Dorado Hills Business Park Association members on October 22nd. Land use and transportation planning is ongoing as well as preparations for a public workshop to take place in Spring of 2020.

El Dorado County SB 743 Implementation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

EDCTC staff worked very closely with the City of Placerville and El Dorado County DOT staff to finalize the SB 743 Implementation Plan and related technical components. EDCTC released a

request for proposals to solicit proposals for the update of the County's Travel Demand Model to include the necessary inputs and analytical tools to comply with the requirements of SB 743. EDCTC secured state Rural Planning Assistance funding to support this effort. EDCTC awarded the contract to Fehr and Peers at the November 7, 2019 EDCTC meeting. EDCTC staff has initiated the effort in close coordination with El Dorado County DOT staff to begin the update of the model.

CITY OF PLACERVILLE

Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2.2

On May 16, 2018, the CTC awarded \$1,070,000 in LPP funds to the City of Placerville to advance delivery of the eastbound on-ramp for the Western Placerville Interchanges Phase 2 project. The City released an RFP for Engineering Design and Environmental Consulting Services on January 16, 2019. On March 26, 2019 the City Council awarded the consulting contract to R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. At the same meeting the City Council also approved a \$400,000 budget appropriation from the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Fund to increase the budget for PA&ED.

The City of Placerville was granted a 12-month construction allocation extension of LPP funds at the June 26-27 CTC meeting. The new project schedule shows the construction allocation request approval by the CTC in May 2020 with the construction contract award in November 2020. The February project development team meeting was cancelled to allow the team to focus on developing the 95% PS&E package that is due to Caltrans in February.

Upcoming milestones include:

- Complete tree survey January 2020
- Submit 95% PS&E to Caltrans – February 2020
- Submit LPP allocation request to Caltrans – April 2020

Upper Broadway Bike Lanes Project

On October 18, 2017, the California Transportation Commission awarded \$1,886,000 in 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide and Small Urban and Rural Components funding for the Upper Broadway Pedestrian Connection Project that will provide strategically located sidewalks and additional pedestrian improvements and new transit stops on Broadway between Schnell School Road and Point View Drive. Tree clearing work began the week of January 27th and has concluded. Work will resume in April, weather permitting.

Broadway Sidewalks Project

The project improves pedestrian safety by constructing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk on four segments of Broadway between the Main Street/Mosquito Road/Broadway intersection and Orchard Lane where there are currently no pedestrian facilities. The project is funded by Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. The project is being delayed by ROW and utility relocation coordination and is now scheduled to go to construction in summer 2020.

Placerville Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Project

The project will design bicycle facilities and sidewalks along Placerville Drive from west of the US 50 undercrossing to Green Valley Road and sidewalk on the west side of Green Valley Road from Placerville Drive to Mallard Lane. In June 2016 EDCTC programmed \$1.1 million of CMAQ funds to the project. The consulting contract was awarded to Drake Haglan and Associates at the July 10, 2018 City Council meeting. At the March 7th meeting EDCTC programmed \$680,303 in CMAQ to the project PA&ED/PS&E and ROW phases. Environmental and cultural studies will be completed in Winter of 2020.

Main Street/Cedar Ravine/Clay Street Intersection Improvement Project

Due to delay in the schedule, the City has been awarded a second time extension from FHWA for the Highway Bridge Program funds. The City of Placerville is working on finalizing responses to comments received on the Environmental Document. The City anticipates completing CEQA and

NEPA in July of 2020. Once the environmental work is done, the City will complete the final design and prepare to release bid documents in 2022 to begin construction in 2023.

Placerville Station II

The project is in the gravel lot adjacent to the existing Placerville Station (Mosquito Park and Ride) north of U.S. 50. In March 2019, EDCTC programmed \$645,000 in CMAQ funds to the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring or summer of 2020. The project includes:

- Construction of a 50-car parking lot with lighting and landscaping
- Bicycle racks and lockers
- Replacement of an existing water main and services
- Replacement of sewer connection
- Paving Mosquito Road between the westbound U.S. 50 off-ramp and Clay Street
- Realigning the existing El Dorado Trail
- Improved connection to El Dorado Transit and Amtrak Bus Service

Upcoming activities include:

- Advertise the project winter 2020
- Begin construction spring 2020

SACOG

EDCTC is working closely with SACOG on the Advancing Innovative Mobility program. This effort will look at funding pilot projects throughout the SACOG region to explore new and innovative ways to move people and goods. SACOG is seeking a cross section of projects deployed throughout the urban, suburban, and rural communities in the region.

CALTRANS

US Highway 50 Camino Safety Project

EDCTC has been working with Caltrans to develop a strategy to continue moving forward with the project. Caltrans has finalized the Project Report to include the first phase which will be the completion of the median barrier closure from Still Meadows Road to Upper Carson Road and a minimum undercrossing at Lower Carson Road. Caltrans, El Dorado County, and EDCTC will be developing a plan to deliver and fund the remaining elements.

Caltrans has recently prepared Phase 1, the full median barrier and undercrossing at Lower Carson Road, to go out to bid. If bids come in within budget, Caltrans expects to begin construction on Phase 1 in Spring of 2020. In February 2020, EDCTC will be applying for the Federal INFRA grant program to secure funding for Phase 2, a partial interchange at upper Carson Road.

SR 49 SHOPP Complete Streets Project

Caltrans is proposing to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety along SR 49 from Commerce Way to Patterson Drive. The improvements would include additional shoulder width and striping. EDCTC is working with Caltrans to identify opportunities to extend this effort to span the segment of SR 49 from Missouri Flat Road to Koki Lane to provide access to local schools, commercial centers, and residents. The project is currently scheduled to go to construction in 2021.

STATE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

State Transportation Funding

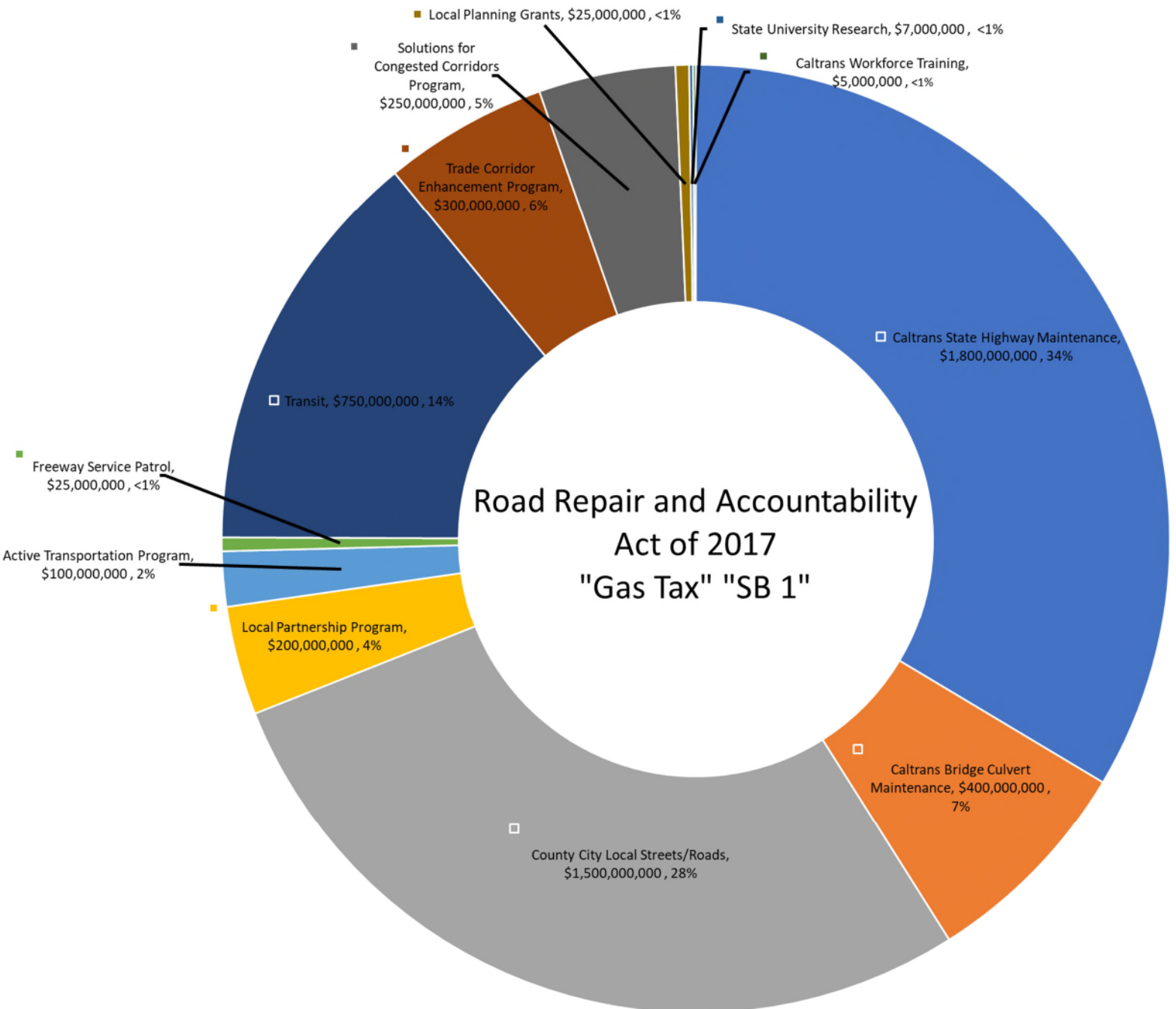
On January 10, 2020 Governor Newsom released a \$222.2 billion budget. In summary, the budget aligns with the Governor's recent Executive Order (N-19-19), see attachment, which directs state agencies to focus transportation investments on projects and programs which help meet the State's climate goals. Nearly 80% of the proposed budget is focused on state transportation improvements which help meet the climate goals. These investments are focused on reducing vehicle miles

travelled through mode-shift, increased transit ridership, housing production near jobs, and other innovative solutions.

Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1)

The next cycle of competitive SB 1 transportation funding programs will begin in early 2020. EDCTC is working closely with City and County staff to develop a list of projects which are "shovel ready" to compete for these funds.

The following is a recap of how the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, also known as SB 1 or the gas tax, revenue is broken out into various programs.



Source: <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/overview.html>

State Transportation Legislation

Some proposed bills that we are currently tracking include the following:

- **AB 1350 (Gonzalez D) Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program**
 - Would create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program upon the appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund by the Legislature and would require the Department of Transportation to administer the program. The Bill would require the Department to award available moneys to eligible participants, as defined, to provide free transit passes to persons under the age of 25 through new or existing transit pass programs, as specified.
- **AB 1839 (Bonta D) Climate Change: California Green New Deal**
 - Current law establishes various environmental and economic policies. This Bill would create the California Green New Deal Council with a specified membership appointed by the Governor. The Bill would require the California Green New Deal Council to submit a specified report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2022. The Bill also would make various findings and declarations.
- **AB 1920 (Boerner Horvath D) Climate Change: California Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network**
 - Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would establish the California Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network to provide technical support and information to local governments on adapting to climate change impacts.
- **AB 1924 (Grayson D) Housing Development Fees**
 - Would require that a fee levied or imposed on a housing development project by a local agency be proportionate to the square footage of the proposed unit or units. By imposing additional duties on local agencies that impose fees under the Mitigation Fee Act, the Bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION AND FUNDING

Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Rule

In August 2018, the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) proposed the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicle Rule. The rule, approved by the Trump Administration on September 19, 2019, will hold the national fuel efficiency standard at the 2020 levels. The rule also repeals California's waiver to establish higher fuel efficiency standards within the state. The rule revokes California's authority to implement the Advanced Clean Cars and Zero Emission Vehicle mandates.

EDCTC worked closely with SACOG to ensure that the projects included in the current MTP will remain in compliance and will not lose federal funding due to the new SAFE rule. Currently, no projects have been identified that would be jeopardized due to a lack of non-conformity of the existing MTP. To get ahead of the SAFE rule taking effect, SACOG adopted their MTP before the November 26, 2019 SAFE rule implementation date. This MTP includes all projects for which EDCTC will be seeking State and Federal funding over the next 20 years.

The State of California has initiated litigation with the Federal administration to challenge the SAFE rule. However, this will likely take six months or more to resolve.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED *(since the last Commission meeting December 5, 2019)*

12/06 James Corliss, Director of SACOG
12/11 CTA SCO Language re STA with Rural Agencies
12/12 LPP Workshop
12/12 TDA Task Force
12/13 ALF Class, Session VII
12/16 Quick Chats with Supervisors and County staff
12/16 John Hidahl re EDH Trails
12/18 Amarjeet Benipal, Director Caltrans D3
12/18 Camino Addenda
12/19 EDH Park and Ride
12/19 US 50 Hot Spot Analysis
01/06 James Corliss, Director of SACOG
01/07 Meet and Greet new Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin
01/09-10 ALF Class, Session IX
01/13 CDAC meeting
01/14 2020 Grant Applications discussion
01/16 SACOG Board meeting
01/16 Regroup on US 50 Hot Spots
01/17 RPA Eligibility discussion
01/17 Rural Counties Task Force
01/21 US 50 Green Light Pilot Project
01/22 Mike Luken, Director PCTPA
01/23 TCC meeting
01/24 Freeway Service Patrol Award Luncheon
01/24 Federal Advocacy Services MOU
01/29-30 CTC North STIP Hearing
01/29 Reception Celebrating Susan Branson, CTC Director
01/31 Rafael Martinez re Grant Funding for Trails
02/05 Commissioner Parlin
02/05 Commissioner Taylor orientation