2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy EIR Scoping Meeting

November 7, 2019
Agenda

- Describe Regulatory Background
- Provide Project Overview
- Discuss Scope of Environmental Impact Report – Focus of this meeting
Scoping Meeting Purpose

- Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project
- Solicit input regarding the SEIR scope
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input
CEQA Purpose

- Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts
- Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- Enhance public participation in the planning process
CEQA Environmental Review Process for the RTP-SCS

1. BCAG Circulates Notice of Preparation
2. BCAG Prepares Draft SEIR
3. BCAG Files Notice of Completion
4. Public Review Period (45-Day Minimum)
5. BCAG Prepares Final SEIR
6. BCAG Prepares Findings
7. BCAG Board of Directors Makes Decision on the Project
8. BCAG Solicits Input on Content of Draft SEIR (i.e., Public Agencies and members of the Public provide comments)
9. BCAG Solicits Comments on the Draft SEIR (i.e., Public Agencies and members of the Public provide comments)

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BCAG RTP and SCS
Project Overview

Regional Transportation Plan

- Long-range transportation planning document for the Butte County region
- Plan to meet the region's transportation goals regarding current and future mobility needs
- Addresses all transportation modes
- Guides transportation programming documents and plans
Sustainable Communities Strategy

- Required by State law Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)
- Plan to demonstrate how GHG reduction targets will be met through integrated land use, housing, and transportation planning
- Reduce GHG through alternative development patterns, infrastructure, or additional transportation measures or policies that result in fewer and/or shorter automobile and light truck trips
- Identify general land uses, residential densities, and building intensities based on the General Plan land use, zoning designation and housing elements of the local agencies
- Must be consistent with Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA)
SEIR Approach

- Supplemental EIR – broad, comprehensive evaluation to cover many actions, long-range plans; supplements the 2016 RTP/SCS EIR

- Focus on new projects not analyzed in the 2016 RTP/SCS EIR

- Many transportation projects are not fully designed and will require additional environmental review
SEIR Approach (cont.)

- Any future land use changes by local agencies will require additional environmental review

- The SEIR will screen which new transportation projects are likely to result in environmental impacts
Issues to Be Analyzed in the SEIR

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy
- Population and Housing
- Transportation
- Wildfire
Projected SEIR Schedule

- **November 21, 2019**
  Last day to submit comments on EIR scope

- **Spring 2020 (tentatively April)**
  Release of Draft SEIR for public comment

- **Fall 2020**
  Public hearings on the Final SEIR and RTP-SCS
We Welcome Your Comments

By November 21st, please direct your comments to:

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Thank you for participating!