

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE DRAFT 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,
THE DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY,
THE CORRESPONDING DRAFT CONFORMITY ANALYSIS, AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(SCH # 2017051047)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) will hold a public hearing on June 21, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Merced County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 2222 M Street, Merced, California, regarding the Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2019 FTIP), the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2018 RTP/SCS), the corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2019 FTIP and 2018 RTP/SCS, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on these documents.

- The 2019 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures using federal and state monies for transportation projects in Merced County during the next four years.
- The 2018 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy to meet Merced County's transportation needs out to the year 2042.
- The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2019 FTIP and 2018 RTP/SCS meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.
- The Draft EIR document provides an analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Individuals with disabilities may call MCAG (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Interpreting services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional interpreting services.

An additional public hearing will be held by MCAG staff, to receive public comments on the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS, on June 21, 2018, at 7 p.m. at in Los Banos Council Chambers, 520 J Street, Los Banos, California.

A 55-day public review and comment period on the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS and the Draft Environmental Impact Report will commence on May 23, 2018 and conclude on July 17, 2018.

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft EIR, potentially significant and unavoidable direct and cumulative environmental impacts may occur to the following resources areas: Aesthetics, Agricultural & Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biotic Resources, Climate Change/Greenhouse Gases, Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy & Energy Conservation, Geology/Soils/Minerals, Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Resources, Land Use & Planning & Recreation, Noise, Population, Housing & Employment, Public Utilities, Other Utilities, & Services, and Transportation/Traffic.

A 30-day public review and comment period on the Draft 2019 FTIP and the Draft Conformity Analysis will commence on June 15, 2018 and conclude on July 17, 2018.

The draft documents are available for review at the MCAG office, located at 369 West 18th Street, Merced CA 95340, and on the MCAG website at www.mcagov.org.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. on July 17, 2018 to Matt Fell at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 16, 2018. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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