

TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP (TRANS)

Lead Organization: Central Valley Councils of Government

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 2nd QUARTER (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
Goal 1: Implement a universally accepted Route 99 Corridor Master Plan (Enhancement and Business Plan Elements) for the 274-mile section within the San Joaquin Valley as a leading economic development strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	
Objective A: Improve Highway 99 to freeway standards to increase safety.			
Promote adoption of resolutions supporting the Master Plan for Route 99, by counties and cities along the Highway 99 corridor.		IP	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council has endorsed the SR 99 Master Plan; individual Councils of Government (COGs) also have acted on the Business Plan.
Work with Caltrans and the Council of Governments (COGs) to work toward implementation schedule for projects and additional funding.		IP	San Joaquin Valley COGs are working with Caltrans districts 6 and 10 to identify potential cost savings from Proposition 1B projects on SR 99. To date, three (3) projects have been selected and meetings with California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans are ongoing with a final project list to be considered by CTC in November 2010.
Objective B: Increase Highway 99 capacity which will result in improved mobility and reduced congestion while protecting environmental resources and fostering economic vitality.			
Work with Caltrans on progress of interstate negotiation.			Regional Policy Council has taken a position of not pursuing Interstate designation for SR 99.
Monitor development of report on funding needs and financing approaches for Master Plan implementation.			See response to Objective 1A above
Objective C: Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 Corridor identity.			
Provide oversight, input and act a catalyst to move forward recommendations.			No action has been taken on Objective C
Objective D: Build an ongoing coalition of civic leaders to support improvements to the Highway 99 corridor.			
Convene working sessions of Highway 99 Master Plan Advisory Committee to support Master Plan implementation.			See response to Objective 1A above
Provide educational opportunities for elected officials and staff on benefits of corridor-adjacent land use policies.			Regional Policy Council will hold its annual conference on Oct. 6-7, 2010, in Modesto.

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Goal 2: Improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors. <i>(Assumes timing of Blueprint work is conducive to proposed action items according to the schedule outlined in the Partnership Strategic Action Plan)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objective A: Support construction projects to improve safety and capacity of vital east-west corridors.		San Joaquin Valley COGs submitted a proposal to Caltrans in February 2010 to study east-west corridors focusing on goods movement. A favorable response is anticipated from Caltrans.
Work with COGs and Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) to discuss potential safety and capacity improvements vital east-west corridors.		
Work with Transportation Work Group to assist Caltrans in development of East-West Corridor Plan.		
Objective B: Incorporate plans for improving east-west corridors into Regional Blueprint Plan.		See Objective 2A above
With COGs, Work Group will develop appropriate east-west corridor land use patterns to address Blueprint land use goals.		
Goal 3: Improve goods movement within the region to increase economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility.		See Objective 2A above
Objective A: Increase benefits to the San Joaquin Valley from goods movement through a “goods movement enhancement system” specific to the region.		
Engage Work Group in efforts by Business Housing and Transportation Agency (BTH) and CAL/EPA to develop the San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan.		
Goal 4: Enhance goods movement capacity while increasing safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality, and promoting economic development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	See Objective 2A above
Objective A: Accommodate current and future goods movement needs while improving air quality and economic prosperity.		
Working through BTH, analysis of projects to augment goods movement will be conducted.		
Identification of subgroup of interested stakeholders to identify and prioritize issues and projects to improve goods movement.		

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Goal 5: Develop a sustainable regionwide transit system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Policy Council approved the San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study in June 2009 and incorporated its findings and recommendations into the Council's Regional Transportation Plan Element.
Objective A: Implement a comprehensive and efficient alternative transportation system for intra-regional and inter-regional passenger trips.		
Engagement of COGs and Caltrans in planning process for development of a comprehensive and interoperable transit system.		
Goal 6: Transform roadside rest stops into user-friendly amenities that benefit the overall region and host communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No action was taken on this Goal
Objective A: Improve roadside rest stops amenities and facilities to benefit user safety, facilitate tourism, and educate users about the environment and local communities.		
Monitor BTH progress on regulatory challenges regarding designer selection, commercial activity, and interagency partnerships.		
Goal 7: Improve mobility through more efficient land use patterns that will reduce single-occupant trip generation and support use of alternative modes.		San Joaquin Valley Blueprint 2010 Executive Forum showcased progress on the Blueprint Implementation Plan including a Web-based toolkit and a draft summary.
Objective A: Encourage the Regional Blueprint Plan process to integrate land use and transportation planning to improve mobility.		
Development of methodology and evaluation of impacts on mobility from alternative land use patterns and policies.		
Objective B: Incorporate into regional transportation plans those actions that support and encourage implementation of the Regional Blueprint Plan.		
Work with Caltrans to ensure COGs and local governments have assistance in incorporating complimentary land use and transportation plans into the Blueprint.		

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Goal 8: Improve understanding by public officials and public of the relationship between investments in transportation improvements and economic development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Joaquin Valley Blueprint 2010 Executive Forum took place in June. Elected officials and key staff members throughout the urban and rural spheres of the Valley participated.
Objective A: Develop and implement a system for tracking economic development that results from investments in transportation improvements.		
Design and organize "Transportation: A Cornerstone of the Economy" workshop and identify "volunteer" communities for implementation.		
Goal 9: Implement "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) technologies to assist the region in achieving mobility goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Policy Council did not act on this Goal
Caltrans and/or COG representative will provide status report to Work group on San Joaquin Valley ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.		
Goal 10: Assure the high-speed rail system, if implemented, supports the San Joaquin Valley in achieving its economic, environmental, land use, and mobility goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Joaquin Valley COGs directors and Regional Policy Council receive regular status reports on high-speed rail (HSR); Regional Policy Council supports HSR implementation in the San Joaquin Valley including construction of the Heavy Maintenance Facility
Objective A: Provide tangible benefits and mitigate impacts to the region while assisting the State in meeting transportation goals.		
Facilitate updates for Work Group that present benefits and challenges that could result from implementation.		
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter		N/A
New funds leveraged during the quarter.		N/A