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San Joaquin Council of Governments Draft 2026 RTP/SCS and Draft PEIR



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Stewardship
Council**

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Acronyms

- **SJCOG** – San Joaquin Council of Governments
- **MPO** – Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **RTP** – Regional Transportation Plan
- **SCS** – Sustainable Communities Strategy
- **PEIR** – Programmatic Environmental Impact Report
- **PHRA** – Priority Habitat Restoration Area

Overview

- Review Council authority on regional plans and land use
- Describe SJCOG 2026 RTP/SCS and its relationship to the Delta Plan
- SJCOG's presentation: 2026 RTP/SCS
- Review Council staff's findings / draft comment letter
- Discussion and Council action

Council's Regional Planning Authority

Delta Reform Act (Wat. Code § 85212)

- Consistency of regional planning documents with Delta Plan
- Council's input to include but not limited to:
 - Consistency with Delta ecosystem restoration needs
 - Sufficiency of lands set aside for natural resource protection to meet ecosystem needs



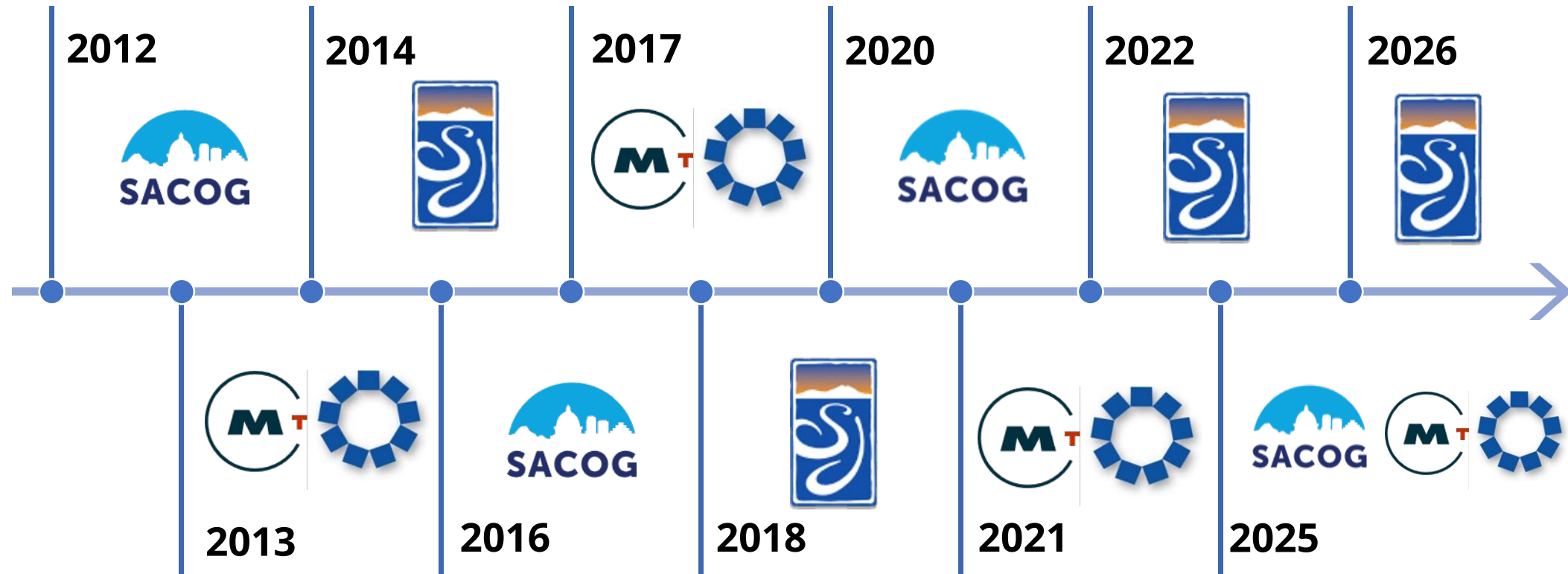
Statutory Requirements

3 MPOs with jurisdiction in the Delta:

- SACOG
- MTC/ABAG
- SJCOG



Historical RTP/SCS Timeline



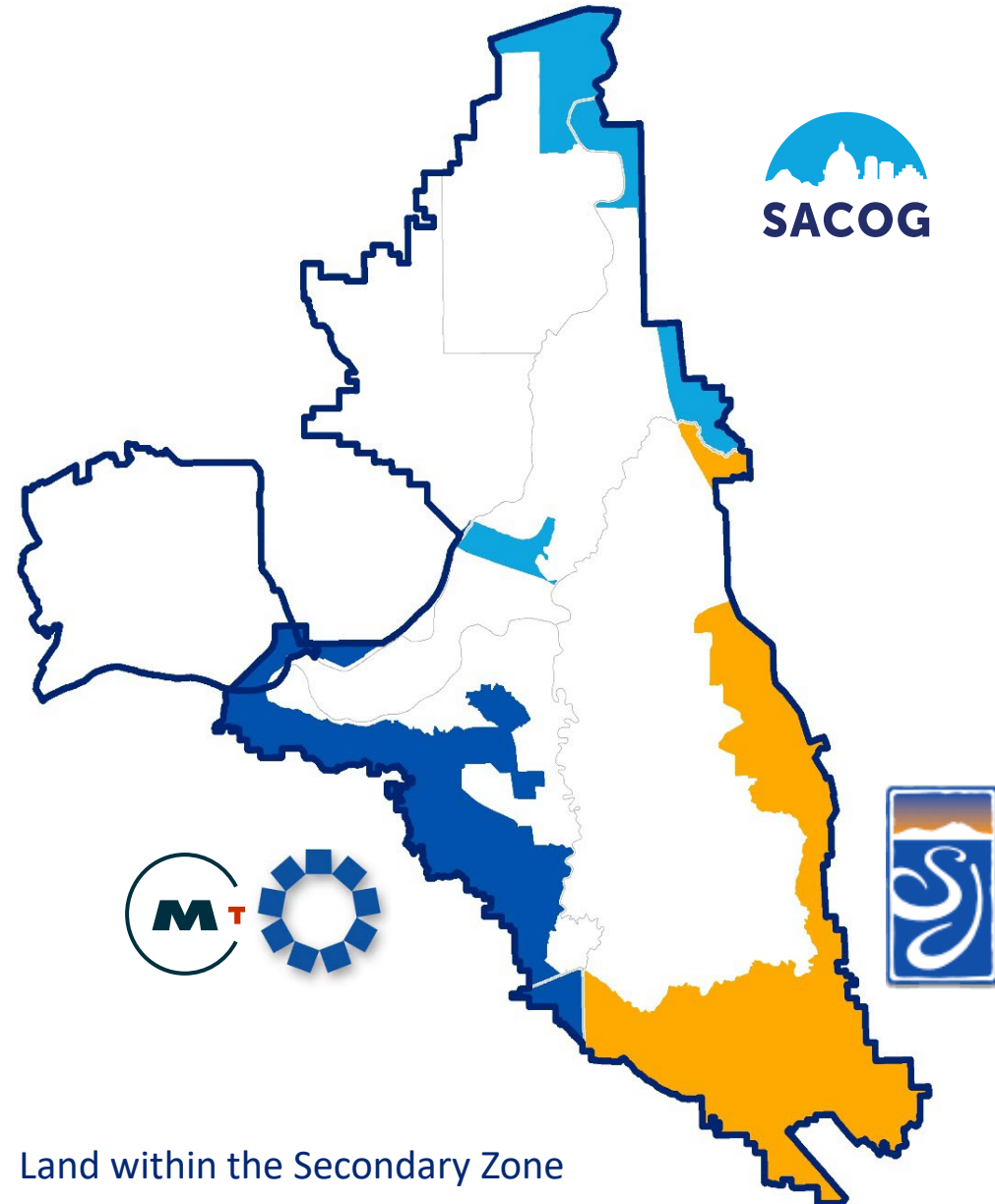
Statutory Requirements

- The MPO must provide a draft SCS no later than **60 days** prior to the adoption of the final RTP
- If the Council concludes that the draft SCS is inconsistent with the Delta Plan, it must provide written notice of the claimed inconsistency no later than 30 days **prior to the adoption of the final RTP**



Why is this important?

- SACOG
- MTC/ABAG
- SJCOG



Land within the Secondary Zone



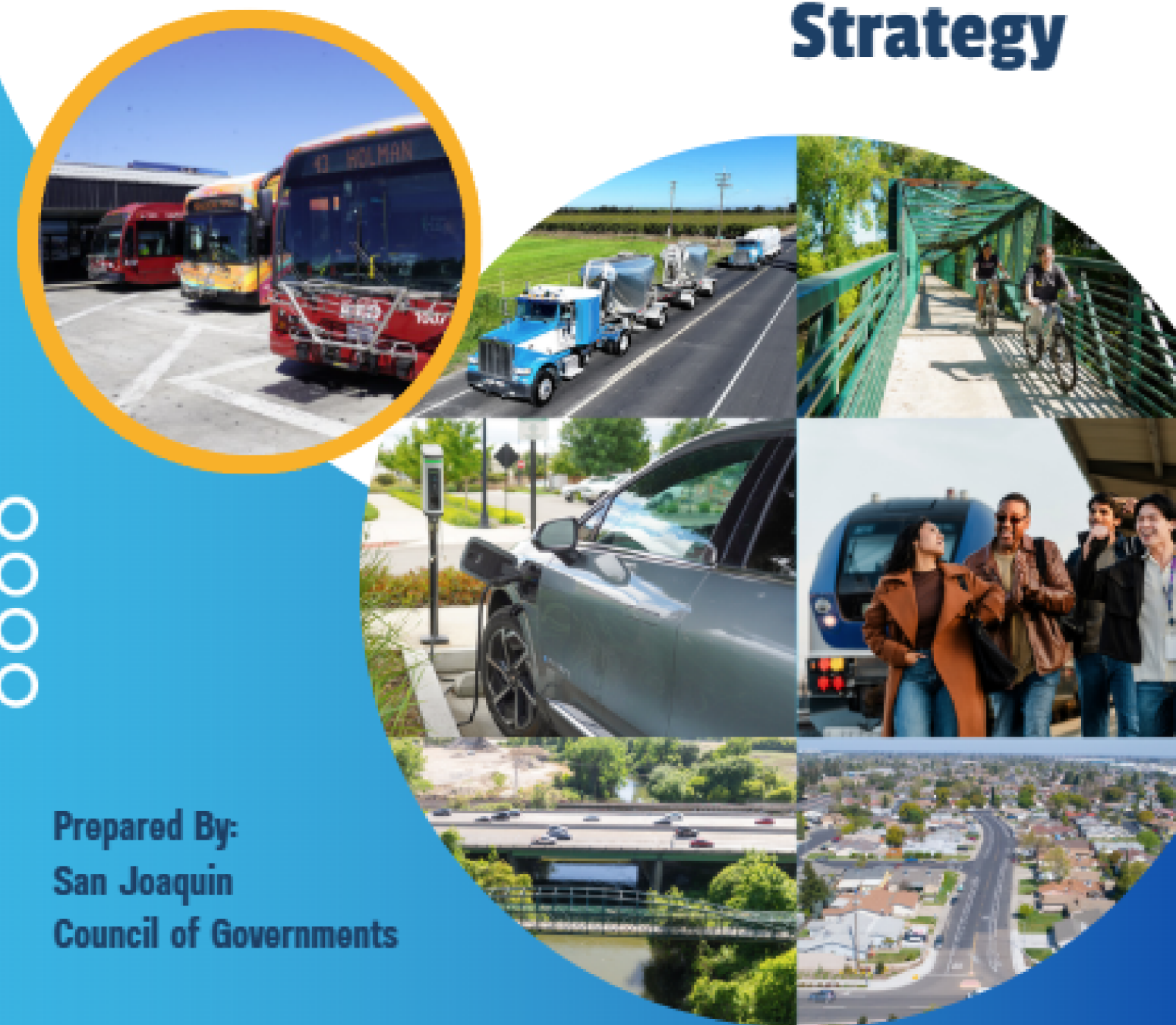
Local Voices. Regional Vision.

**2026 DRAFT
RTP/SCS**

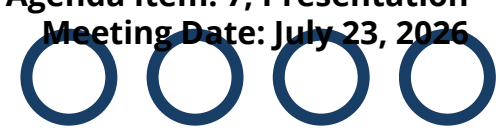
AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS



2026 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy



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BACKGROUND

The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) helps local agencies work together to plan, fund, and improve transportation throughout San Joaquin County.

- Federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
- State-designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA)
- Council of Governments (COG)
- Local Transportation Authority (LTA)
- Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)
- Congestion Management Agency
- Habitat Conservation Plan Administrator (SJCOG, Inc.)
- Regional Housing Trust Fund Administrator (San Joaquin Regional Housing Fund, Inc.)



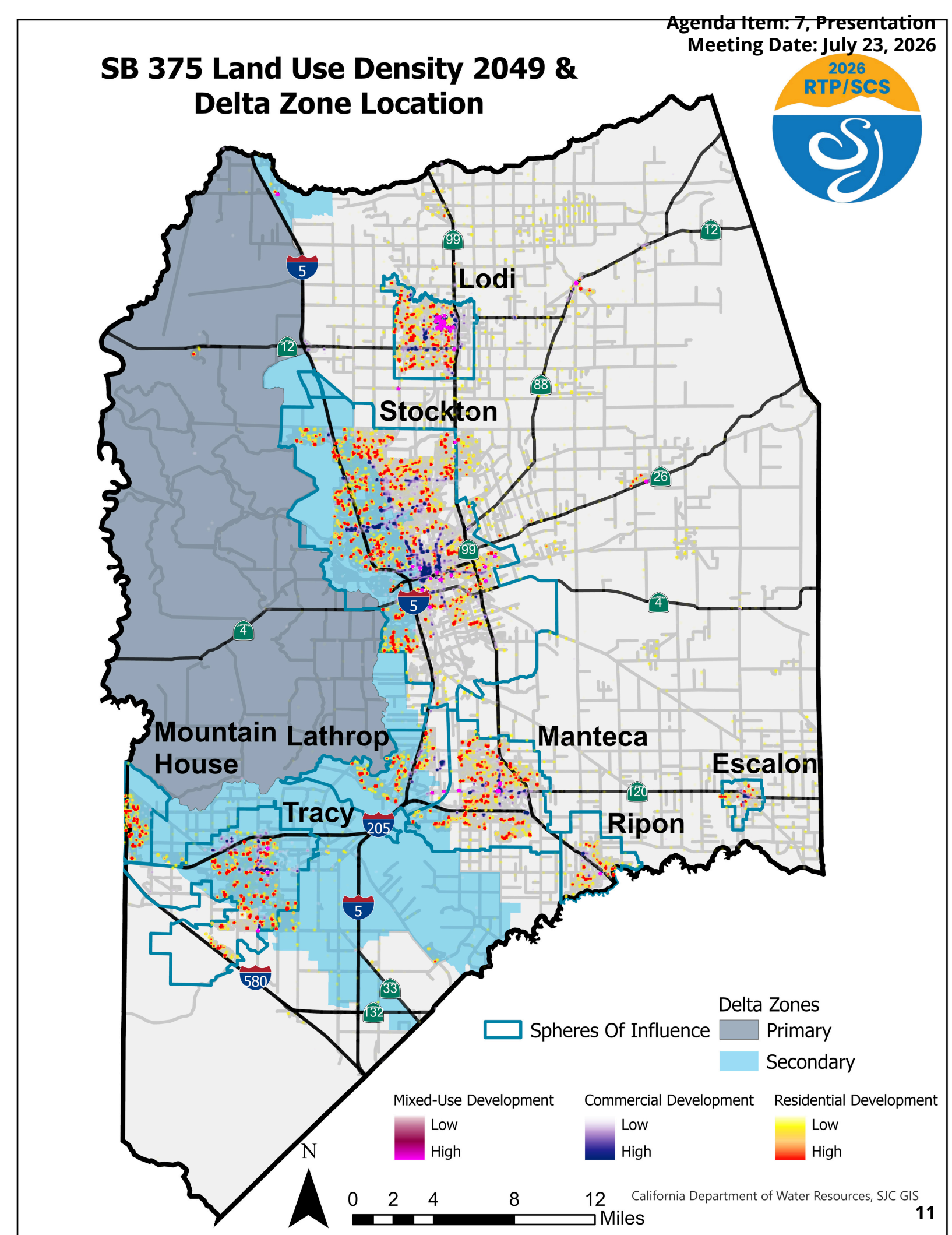
BACKGROUND

About ⅓ of the region is within the Delta Primary Zone.

Cities with areas in the Delta's Secondary Zone include Stockton, Manteca, Lathrop, Mountain House, Tracy.

Planning → Funding → Implementation

Regional Transportation Plan /
Sustainable Communities Strategy



WHAT IS THE RTP/SCS?

- Long-range vision for the region
- Updated every four years
- Guides transportation investments
- Meets federal Clean Air Act requirements
- Establishes a strategy to meet state GHG targets



WHAT IS THE RTP/SCS?

Policy

Building Blocks
of the Plan



Financial

Revenue, Cost,
and Fiscal
Constraints



Action

Projects,
Programs, and
Regional Studies



SCS

State
Requirement



WHAT IS THE RTP/SCS?

Region's Priorities

Policy

Building Blocks
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Transportation & Mobility



Jobs & Economy



Technology



Housing



Environmental Resiliency



Public Health



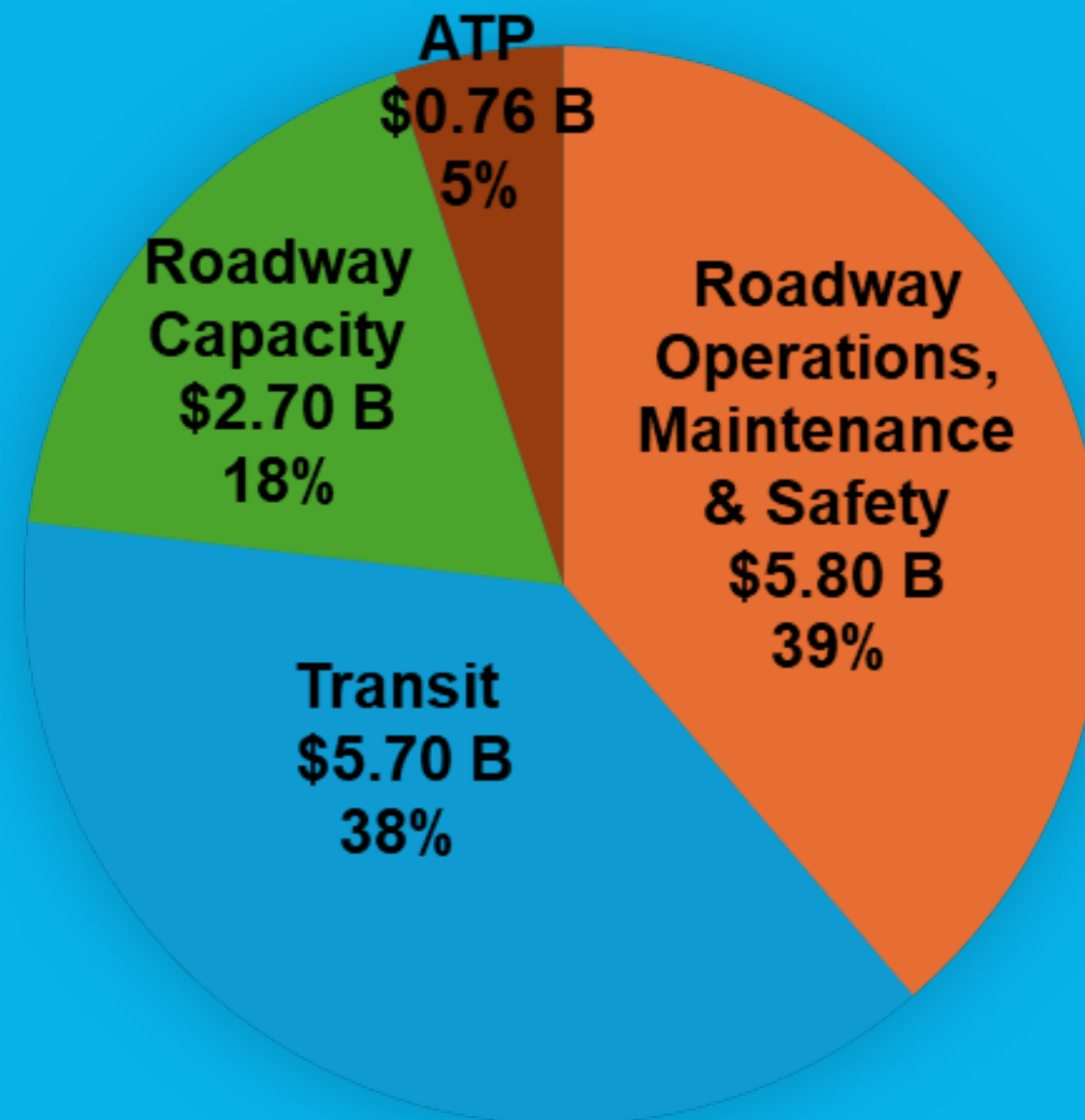
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Funding by Category



Funding by Type

Local

\$4.5 B

State

\$5.8 B

Regional

\$2.5 B

Federal

\$2.2 B



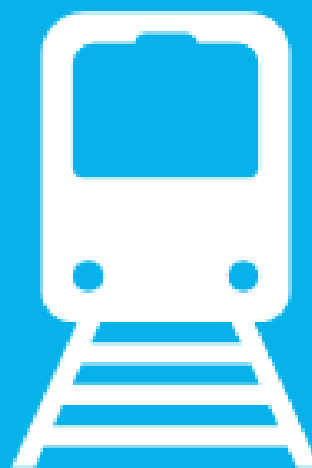
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2026 Projects



I-580/CORRAL HOLLOW ROAD INTERCHANGE
Project Plan View Exhibit

WHAT IS THE RTP/SCS?

SCS

State
Requirement



- Links transportation planning to housing and land-use planning.
- Considers projected population, housing, and employment growth through the plan's horizon year.

By 2035, greenhouse gas emissions per person must be 16% lower than they were in 2005.

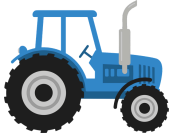
2026 RTP/ SCS

KEY METRICS

Sustainability



**7,613 FEWER ACRES
OF LAND CONSUMED**



**2,358 FEWER ACRES
OF PRIME FARMLAND
CONSUMED**



**NET RESIDENTIAL
DENSITY**

**What does this
mean for me?**



**Future growth can be
accommodated using land
more efficiently, while
protecting more farmland,
preserving open space, and
reducing pressure for
outward sprawl.**



INCREASE IN CARPOOL/VANPOOL



REDUCTION IN VMT PER CAPITA



INCREASE IN WALKING AND BIKING



**73% OF PROJECTED GROWTH WILL
OCCUR IN INFILL AREAS**



**4,871 ACRES OF NEW IMPERVIOUS
SURFACE**

Forecasted Growth



EMPLOYMENT GROWTH OF 16.7%



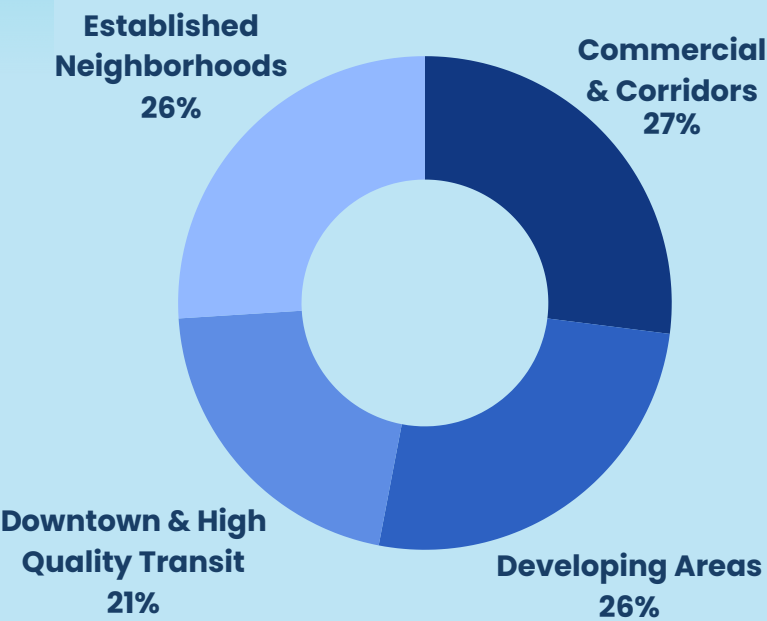
**POPULATION WILL REACH ALMOST
1 MILLION**



**HOUSEHOLDS WILL EXCEED
290,000**

Figure ES.1: 2026 Key Metrics Cont.

2026 DRAFT RTP/SCS



Distribution of Growth

Projected growth is distributed across the region in a balanced way, avoiding overconcentration in any one area.



HABITAT PRESERVATION

Through the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, 24,279 acres of habitat have been preserved.



COMPATIBILITY WITH PRIORITY HABITAT RESTORATION AREAS

The EIR considers land-use compatibility with key Delta restoration opportunities.



WATER CONSUMPTION

An estimated 332 gallons of water would be used per new household daily, down from 349 gallons



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

84 million BTUs of energy used annually per new household, down from 87 million BTUs.

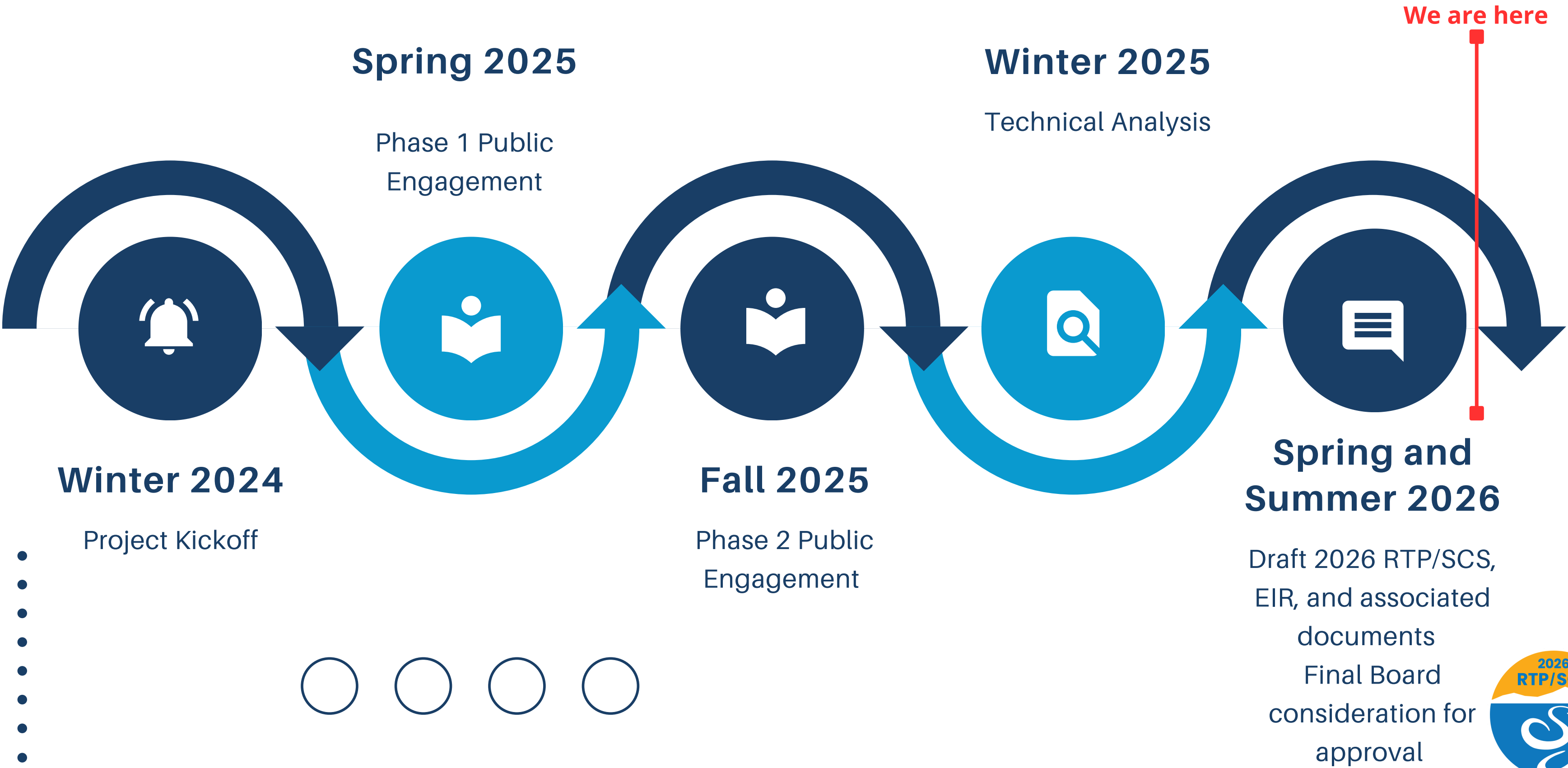


GHG EMISSIONS

Plan meets and exceeds the region’s SB 375 greenhouse gas reduction target.



TIMELINE



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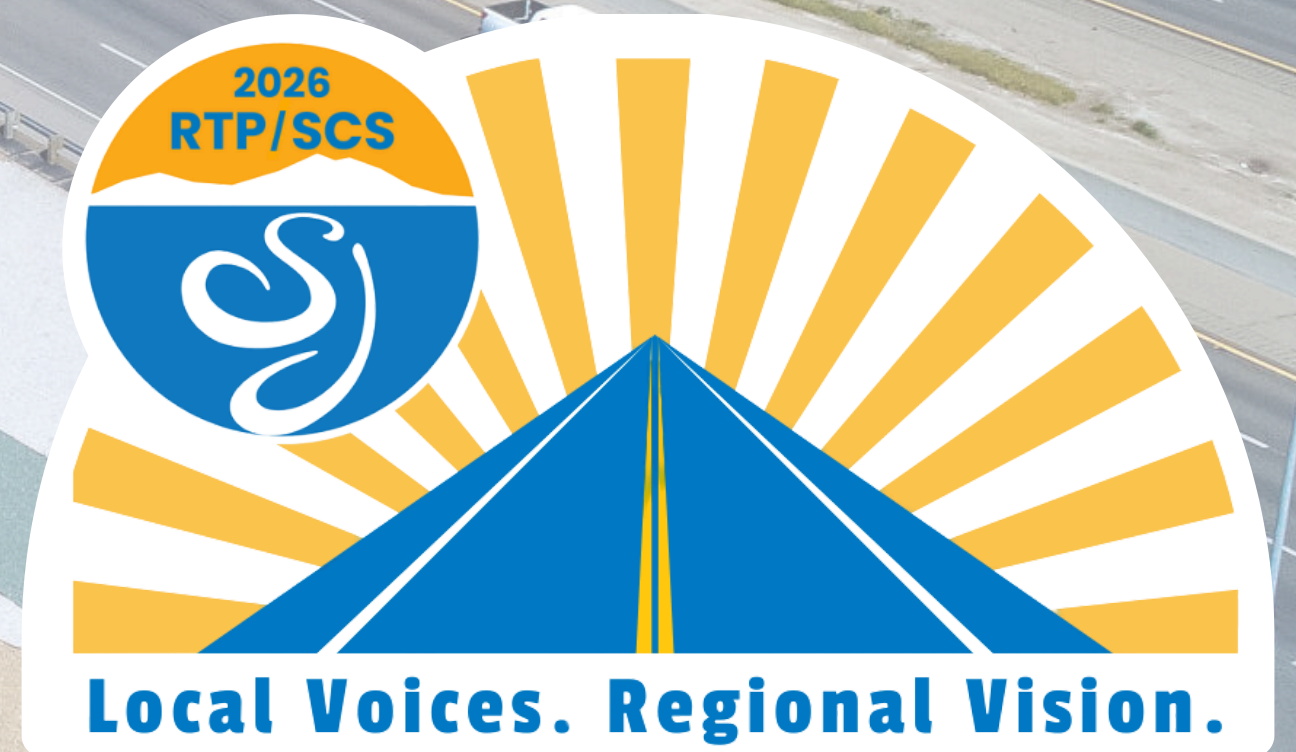
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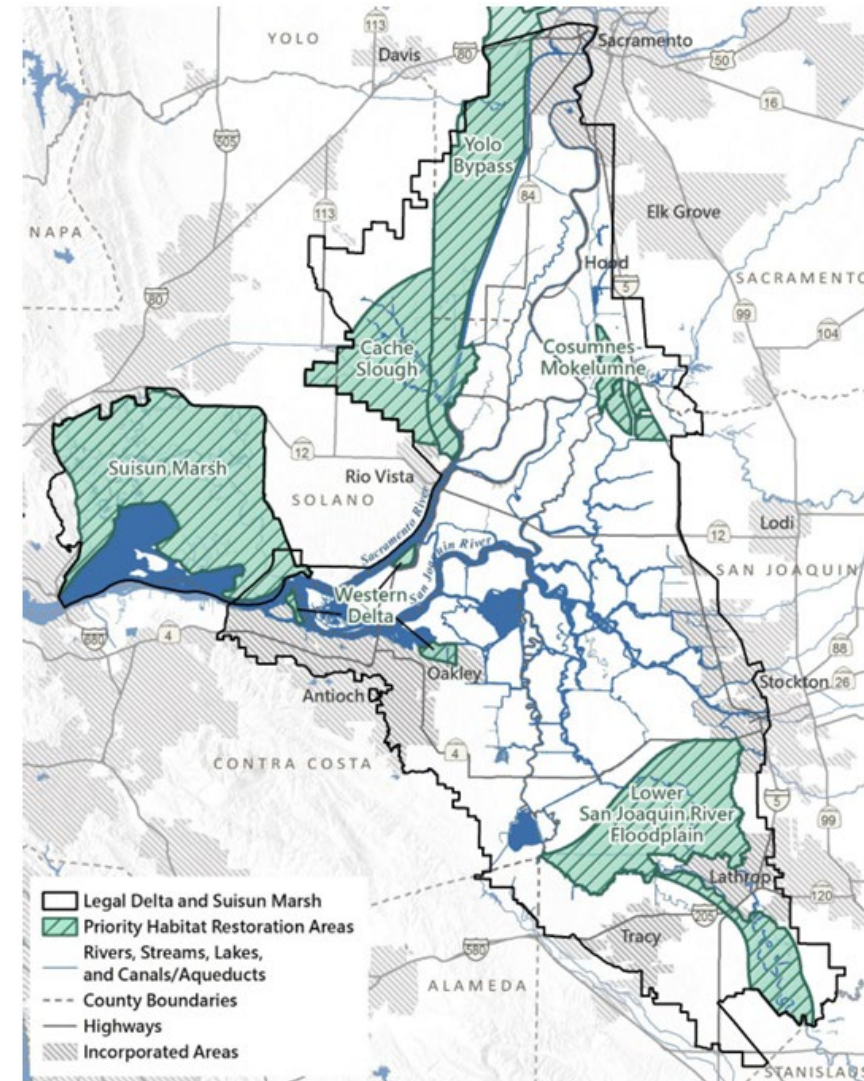
Consistency with the Delta Plan

- Determined using policies that tie to scope of Council's advice
- Supported by Delta Plan recommendations

Delta Plan Policies	Meeting Date: July 23, 2026
WR P1 - Reduce Reliance	
WR P2 - Transparency in Water Contracting	
ER P1 - Delta Flow Objectives	
ER PA – Disclose Contributions to Restoring Ecosystem Function and Providing Social Benefits	
ER P2 - Restore Habitats at Appropriate Elevations	
ER P3 – Protect Opportunities to Restore Habitat	
ER P4 – Expand Floodplains and Riparian Habitat in Levee Projects	
ER P5 - Avoid Invasive Nonnative Species	
DP P1 – Locate New Urban Development Wisely	
DP P2 - Respect Local Land Use	
RR P1 - Prioritization of Levee Investments	
RR P2 – Require Flood Protection in Residential and Rural Areas	
RR P3 – Protect Floodplain	
RR P4 – Floodplain Protection	
G P1(b)(1) – Coequal Goals	
G P(1)(b)(2) – Mitigation Measures	
G P(1)(b)(3) – Best Available Science	
G P1(b)(4) – Adaptive Management	

ER P3 – Protect Opportunities to Restore Habitat

- Avoid or mitigate significant adverse impacts to the opportunity to restore habitat in six PHRAs

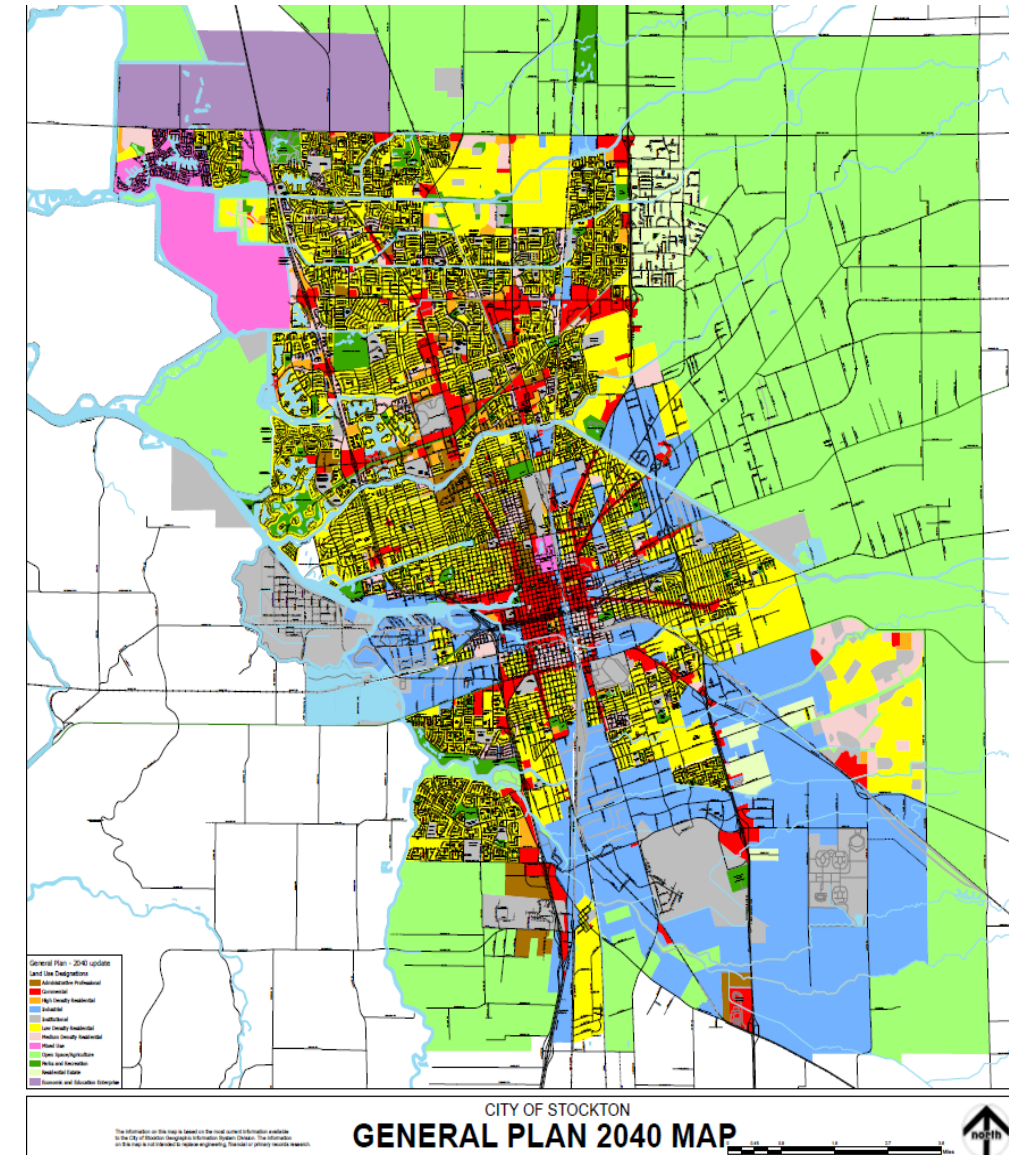


2026 RTP/SCS Review - ER P3

- Growth within the Delta limited to *Developing Communities* and none anticipated in the PHRAs
- Approximately two-thirds of region's new housing and most job growth in existing downtowns, commercial corridors, and suburbs
- **Finding:** Council staff has not identified any inconsistency of the 2026 RTP/SCS with Delta Plan policy **ER P3**

DP P1 – Locate New Urban Development Wisely

- New development limited to areas that city or county general plans designate for development as of May 2013.



2026 RTP/SCS Review - DP P1

- Growth within the Delta limits development to areas that city or county general plans designate for development
- Accommodates projected regional growth and would not induce additional growth beyond that anticipated in the Delta Plan
- **Finding:** Council staff has not identified any inconsistency of the 2026 RTP/SCS with Delta Plan policy **DP P1**

Supporting Recommendations

- **DP R5** Roads and highways planned to meet development needs
- **DP R11** Existing recreation opportunities protected and improved along with new and better coordinated opportunities

2026 RTP/SCS Review - DP R5 and DP R11

- Proposes bicycle and pedestrian routes providing new and improved connectivity to transit and local destinations throughout San Joaquin County
- Transportation investments improve road and highway capacity and safety in the Delta
- Includes pavement restoration and redesigns streetscapes to be more pedestrian and bike friendly
- **Finding:** Council staff has not identified any inconsistency in the 2026 RTP/SCS with Delta Plan transportation recommendations

Staff Recommendation for Council Action

- Staff recommends that Council find that the 2026 RTP/SCS is not inconsistent with the Delta Plan
- Staff recommends that Council approve resolution to submit the 2026 RTP/SCS and Draft EIR Comment Letter

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