Item 16



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager

DATE: September 13, 2022

RE: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Presentation

Recommendation

Receive presentation from Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

Issue Statement and Discussion

The Town Council recently received a request from Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to provide an informational briefing on their Blueprint project (formally know as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy).

Background on SACOG

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is where local government leaders across the region come together to advance the goals of economic prosperity, connected communities, and vibrant places. SACOG works with the 6 counties and 22 cities in the region to solve challenges that are too big for any one jurisdiction to solve on its own. SACOG plays a central role in transportation infrastructure planning and funding assistance for cities, counties, transit operators, and other entities responsible for providing for the mobility needs of the region's residents. One of SACOG's main roles as the state and federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, is to maintain the region's long range, fiscally constrained, transportation plan and accompanying land use strategy. This plan must be updated every four years in coordination with local government agencies and demonstrate how the region is working to advance local, regional, state, and federal policy priorities. SACOG is currently undergoing an update of this plan, titled Blueprint, and anticipates adoption of the plan in 2024.

Background on Blueprint

The 2024 Blueprint will outline recommendations for public land use policy and transportation investment strategies for the Sacramento region for the next 30 years. This plan will lay out a set of strategies for an integrated, multimodal transportation system and a regional land use development pattern that can create a more thriving region that works for all residents. The plan aims to connect housing to jobs, education, goods and services, and recreational opportunities while protecting and enhancing our region's natural and working landscapes.

Aside from this plan being a federal and state requirement, SACOG will use the 2024 Blueprint update to help local agencies coordinate and prioritize efforts to attract greater investment in the region through grants, private investment, and economic growth while protecting our region's natural environment, existing economies, and improving quality of life for all residents.

At the Loomis Town Council Meeting on September 13th, Kacey Lizon from SACOG will provide a short presentation and answer any council questions on the 2024 Blueprint. The presentation will highlight how

a Triple Bottom Line approach that strives to advance coequal goals in equity, economy, and environment is imperative to prepare the region to meet the complex growth and mobility challenges we all face in the coming decades. The presentation will also provide an overview of the opportunities SACOG is creating to allow for public and stakeholder involvement in the regional planning process and a glimpse into the many programs SACOG has available or is developing to support public agencies in the implementation of the region's vision for the future.

CEQA Requirements

None.

Financial and/or Policy Implications None.

Attachments

None.