

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE
DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES STRATEGY, CORRESPONDING DRAFT CONFORMITY
ANALYSIS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND DRAFT 2019
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the regularly scheduled StanCOG Policy Board meeting at the StanCOG office at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California 95354 and a second public hearing on July 18, 2018 at a regularly scheduled StanCOG Policy Board meeting at the Ceres Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, California 95307.

The purpose of the first public hearing is to receive public comments regarding the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2018 RTP/SCS), Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), corresponding Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2019 FTIP, and the Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2019 FTIP).

- The 2018 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy to meet Stanislaus County's transportation needs out to the year 2042.
- The 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.
- 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 2019 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Stanislaus County during the next four years.

The purpose of the second public hearing is to receive public comments regarding the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2018 RTP/SCS) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Individuals with disabilities may call Cindy Malekos at (209) 525-4600 (with 72 hours advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 72 hours advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

A 55-day public review and comment period will commence on May 11, 2018 and conclude on July 5, 2018 for the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS and Draft EIR.

A 30-day public review and comment period will commence on June 5, 2018 and conclude on July 5, 2018 for the Draft 2019 FTIP.

The draft documents are available for review at the StanCOG office, located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California 95354 and on the StanCOG website at www.stancog.org.

Public comments are welcomed at the hearings, or may be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on July 5, 2018 to the StanCOG office at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the StanCOG Policy Board at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on August 15, 2018. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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