



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)?

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a 25-year long-range transportation plan, developed and updated by SCAG every four years. The RTP provides a vision for transportation investments throughout the region. Using growth forecasts and economic trends to project out over a 25-year period, the RTP considers the role of transportation in the broader context of economic, environmental and quality-of-life goals for the future; identifying regional transportation strategies to address traffic demand.

Background

The issues facing Southern California today and in the future are complex and challenging. The RTP seeks to identify regional solutions to transportation issues in Southern California. This comprehensive approach to regional planning is imperative to maintaining the unique social, environmental, cultural and economic vitality for the tens of millions of people who will live, work and play in Southern California.

Federal and state regulations require SCAG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), to develop an RTP periodically in order to qualify for future transportation funding. The RTP is updated every four years to reflect changes in trends, progress made on projects and to adjust the growth forecast for population. The first RTP was conducted and approved in 1998 and since then has been updated in 2001, 2004 and again, most recently, in 2008.

What is SCAG's role in developing the RTP?

On behalf of both the Federal and State Department of Transportation, SCAG is the lead agency in facilitating the development of the RTP. As the planning authority for six counties and 189 cities, SCAG understands the importance of input and consensus and utilizes a very collaborative process to create the RTP.

Throughout the development of the RTP, SCAG staff are guided by numerous task forces, local governments, sub-regions, county transportation commissions, Caltrans, state and federal agencies, environmental and business communities, tribal governments, non-profit groups as well as the general public. The end result of this collaborative process is an RTP that reflects public consideration and addresses the region's transportation issues.

How does the RTP affect me?

Given the geographic diversity and size of Southern California, a coordinated transportation system that operates efficiently is imperative not only to the movement of people but also of goods and services. By employing a regional focus to transportation planning, SCAG seeks to enhance economic growth and international trade in addition to improving environmental concerns and traffic time for residents.

For more information please visit the SCAG Web site at: www.scag.ca.gov/rtp2008 or contact Ryan Kuo at (213) 236-1813.



SCAG QUICK FACTS

RTP FOCUS AREAS

- ▶ Aviation
- ▶ Environmental Mitigation
- ▶ Goods Movement
- ▶ High-Speed Regional Transport
- ▶ Highways and Arterials
- ▶ Land-Use/Growth Forecast
- ▶ Public Transit
- ▶ Transportation Finance
- ▶ Transportation Safety and Security

RTP GOALS

- ▶ Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the Region
- ▶ Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the Region
- ▶ Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system
- ▶ Maximize the productivity of our transportation system
- ▶ Protect the environment, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency
- ▶ Encourage Land-use and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments