

Summary of feedback from County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) on Regional Advanced Mitigation

Regional Advance Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task Group – Meeting #2

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October 7th Regional Council Action & Next Steps



Regional Council Action

Continued the pause on **implementation** of the SoCal Greenprint, allowing further engagement with stakeholders to ensure the tool advances required PEIR mitigation measures and is aligned with regional policy objectives

Next Steps

- **Establish policy framework & white paper for advance mitigation**
- Develop Greenprint with focus on cities, counties & transportation agencies
- Review and revise proposed data layers with feedback from strategic & scientific advisors, stakeholders, and RAMP-ATG members
- Conduct user testing
- Disclosure statement & acknowledgement
- Return to RC to seek feedback and remove the pause

RAMP: Connect SoCal & PEIR



Core Vision & Land Use Tool

- Identify mitigation solutions for infrastructure projects early in planning process
- Supplement regional conservation & mitigation banks
- Support long-term management & stewardship

Mitigation Measures

- Develop new regional tools, like the Regional Data Platform and Regional Greenprint
- Produce whitepaper on the RAMP initiative
- Greenprint tool identify priority conservation areas
- Work with CTCs

Interviews With CTCs on Regional Advanced Mitigation

 <p>Ventura County Transportation Commission</p>		 <p>San Bernardino County Transportation Authority</p>
	 <p>Orange County Transportation Authority</p>	 <p>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</p>

Interviews With Other Organizations



District 7 & District 8



Summary of Feedback from CTCs

- Potential Benefits of RAMP:
 - Address **data gaps**, providing input on **land use**, **sharing data**
 - Enhance **cross-jurisdictional and cross-county collaboration**
 - Encourage **continued collaboration** between SCAG and CTCs to address mitigation project-by-project & at a county scale
 - **Incentives** for advanced mitigation
 - Provide **solutions** for reducing the impacts of projects

Summary of Feedback from CTCs (con't)

- Concerns on establishing a RAMP:
 - Potential **duplication and/or conflicting mitigation efforts** between regional, county, and local approaches
 - May hold a **gap in direct application to local conditions**
- Suggestions on establishing a RAMP:
 - RAMP can be **valuable across multiple sectors**, not just transportation
 - Menu of **mitigation options and approaches for each county**
 - Focus on **water resources in addition to biological resources**
 - **Transparent engagement** with CTCs, partner agencies, utility agencies

Summary of Feedback from Other Organizations

- Feedback on establishing a RAMP:
 - Brings **private and public entities** together towards a common goal
 - Increases **public awareness** of environmental resources
 - Expressed support for **multi-county approach**, especially when collaborating across Caltrans Districts for development of multi-species regional plans
 - Encouraged development of a **credit system that could provide consistency across management of multiple mitigation banks**
 - **Interested in collaborating on advance mitigation**, specifically multi-agency advance mitigation projects

Timeline of the RAMP-ATG & SoCal Greenprint

December 2021 – March 2022

- RAMP Advisory Task Group

January/February 2022

- Greenprint Science & Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting

April 2022

- Present policy framework to Regional Council

May 2022

- Finalize list of data layers based on feedback from strategic & scientific advisors, stakeholders, and RAMP-ATG members

June – August 2022

- Complete draft tool and conduct user testing

Fall 2022

- Present tool to Regional Council & Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)

Issues for Consideration in Developing RAMP Policy Framework

- What could a program for advance mitigation be in the SCAG region? What regional policies should be emphasized?
- How can we effectively satisfy SCAG's requirements in Connect SoCal and the PEIR related to RAMP?
- What is the state of advanced mitigation in SCAG region? How can SCAG enhance this?
- What priorities, parameters and governance could be considered in development of the Greenprint tool to align with RAMP opportunities?



Thank you!

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