

# Draft Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2017/18

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The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) provides the leadership and coordination of resources to build the best means of moving people and goods throughout our region.

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## **Introduction**

Regional planning in California is a dynamic process. It involves the interaction of Federal, State, Tribal, regional and local agencies and the consideration of multiple plans and programs. The organizational arrangement for a cooperative planning process is formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the regional transportation planning agency. The designated regional transportation planning agency for Tuolumne County is the Tuolumne County Transportation Council.

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC), a Joint Powers Agency established by the County of Tuolumne and City of Sonora, is responsible for the coordination of the regional transportation planning in the Tuolumne County Region. The regional transportation system is a vital element of our community, helping to support the economic health and quality of life while providing for the mobility of goods and people. The regional planning process is continuous in order to respond to the changing needs of the County and City and serves to develop strategies for operating, managing, maintaining and financing the region's transportation system.

The TCTC is responsible for developing a plan that reflects the needs, concerns and actions of all the agencies (including Tribal Governments) involved in the Region. The purpose of the planning process is to identify and develop transportation improvements that meet the region's mobility needs, contribute to the economic health of a region and preserve the environmental quality of the region. The historical regional transportation planning duties of the TCTC are established in the Organizational and Procedures Manual. The Core Functions of the TCTC include the following:

- Administer and allocate funds under the Transportation Development Act (TDA).
- Receipt and approval of claims for TDA funds.
- Coordinate annual Unmet Transit Needs process.
- Administration of various Federal and State transportation grant and funding programs.
- Coordinate, support, review and rank Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs.
- Update the Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.
- Update the Long Range Transit Development Plan.
- Coordinate Social Services Transportation.
- Ensure timely audits.
- Prepare and implement annual Overall Work Program.
- Administer the Regional Transportation Planning process.
- Update and adopt the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Prepare, adopt and monitor the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).
- Oversee delivery of the region's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects.
- Coordinate, consult and collaborate with the local federally recognized Tribal Governments.
- Conduct outreach efforts to the traditionally under-represented and under-served populations such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities or persons of limited means.
- Participate in the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Review of proposed legislation.
- Review and carry out the State Highway Operation and Infrastructure Plan.
- Review and comment on numerous statewide planning documents.

- Coordinate priorities among State, Federal City and County Governments.
- Collaborate with neighboring Regions.
- Ensure compliance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

## Regional Setting

Tuolumne County, established in 1850, is located in the center of the California Mother Lode area along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The County extends from the foothills to the Sierra crest and is bordered on the north by Calaveras County, on the South by Mariposa County, on the west by Stanislaus County and on the east by Alpine and Mono Counties. Tuolumne County is approximately 2,217 square miles and includes portions of the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park. Approximately 78 percent of the land within the County is owned by government agencies.

The City of Sonora is the only incorporated city in the Tuolumne County Region and is also the County Seat. Sonora was established in the mid-1800's with the discovery of gold by miners from the State of Sonora, Mexico. The City is known as the "Queen of the Southern Mines" and many of its historic buildings date back to that era. Sonora is approximately 3 square miles, sits at an elevation of 1,825 feet above sea level, and has a current population of 4,903. As a major employment and commercial center, Sonora sees a daily influx of non-resident population that increases the City's daytime population to over 22,000 to 25,000.

Tuolumne County is home to two Federal and State recognized Native American tribes, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians and the Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians. These tribes have a very long and rich history in the region dating back thousands of years.

Tuolumne County is served by three state highways. State Route 49 provides an north-south route through the County from the Mariposa County line to Calaveras County. State Route 108 is a major east-west corridor from Stanislaus County through the heart of Tuolumne County and ending over Sonora Pass at an elevation above 9,000 feet. State Route 120 enters Tuolumne County from the west as State Route 108/120 and then continues eastward through Groveland and on through Yosemite National Park.

A key factor regarding future growth trends for housing, employment, transit and transportation infrastructure is population. The population of Tuolumne County is presently 53,831. The Department of Finance projects the population will increase to 63,947 by the year 2060.

Unlike neighboring rural counties where population is more dispersed, Tuolumne County's population is more centralized to the west of the County. The City of Sonora and the unincorporated communities of Columbia, Jamestown, Tuolumne and Twain Harte are very distinctive communities, each with their own rich history. Recreational and tourist destinations such as the Dodge Ridge Ski Resort, Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park are key tourist attractors. The communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat rely heavily on their proximity to Yosemite.

The regional movement of people within the County can be classified into three broad travel categories; commuters, recreational and tourist. The commute consists mostly of automobile traffic from smaller

communities and rural areas onto the 108, 49 and 120 corridors. Approximately 96% of travel is by automobile.

Tuolumne County has experienced relatively low population growth due the rural nature and lack of expanding employment opportunities. The small residential population in the County does not reflect the thousands of visitors and tourists that travel to and through the region each year, and ultimately the impact on the transportation system. The tourism in Tuolumne County contributes significantly to the regional economy. Emphasis on system preservation and rehabilitation of roadways, bridge replacement and road upgrades is important to economic development and the economic well-being of the region.

### Organization and Management

Through the creation of the Joint Powers Agreement, originally in 1967, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council has served as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Tuolumne County Region. As the RTPA, the Council coordinates regional planning efforts for both the County of Tuolumne and City of Sonora. The TCTC is comprised of five members, two from the County Board of Supervisors, two from the Sonora City Council and one Citizen “at large” member. The County and City members are appointed by their respective boards on a yearly basis. The Citizen member serves a four year term and is appointed by the majority vote of the other TCTC members.

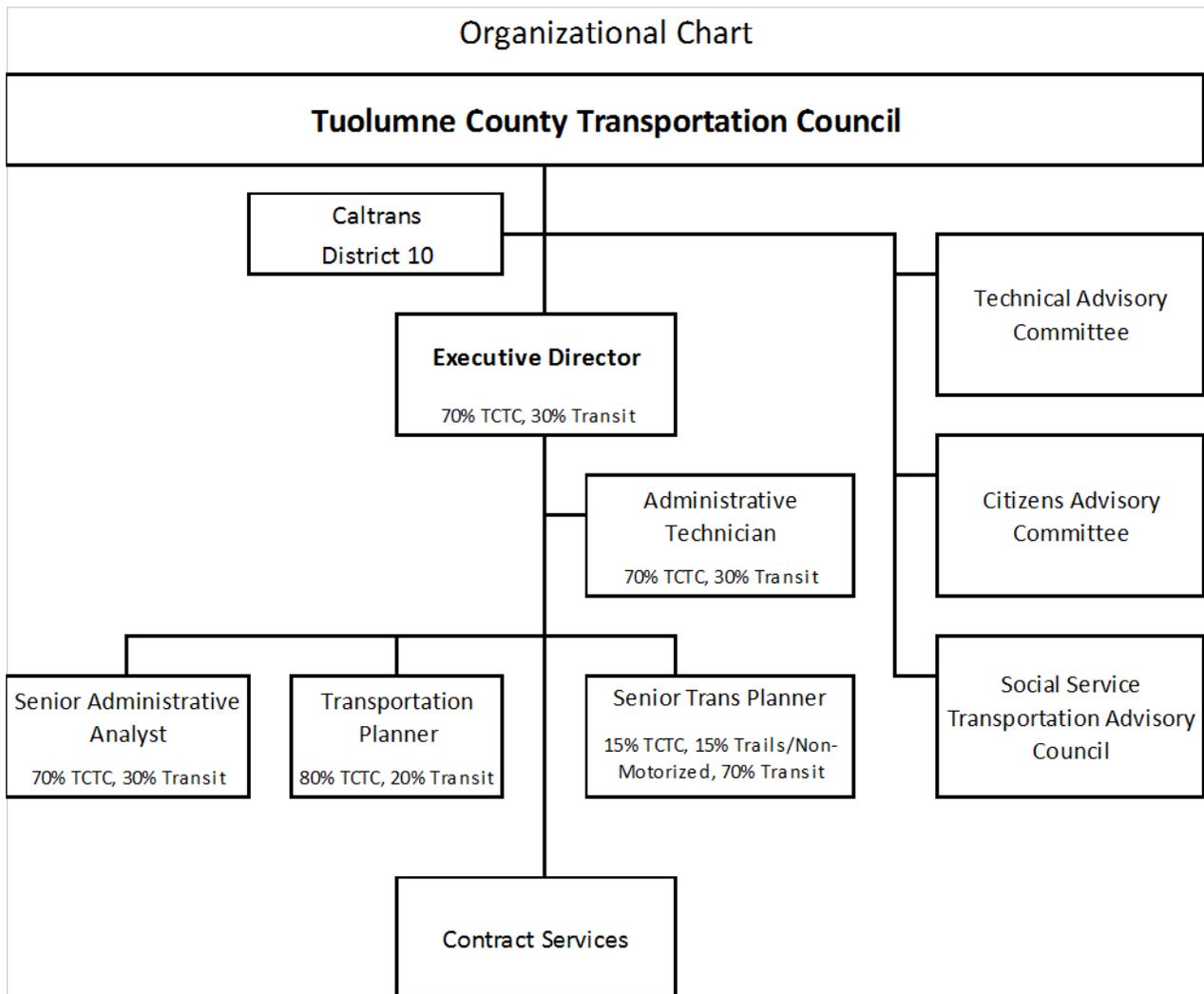
For many years, the staff dedicated to TCTC activities was maintained within the Transportation Division of the Tuolumne County Department of Public Works, with the Director functioning as the TCTC’s Executive Director. This staff spent a portion of their time on TCTC related activities and a portion on the administration of the Region’s Public Transportation System. Effective July 1, 2010, a revised Joint Powers Agreement for the TCTC was executed that established changes in the employee organizational structure, provided for the hiring of employees that directly serve at the pleasure of the TCTC, and transferred the responsibilities of the Public Transportation System from the County Board of Supervisors to the TCTC.

In August 2011, to more fully comply with the requirements of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) regarding designated operators of transit systems, the County and City of Sonora executed a new Joint Powers Agreement to create the Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) to function separately from the TCTC. This agency fulfills the role of the transit system operator and is, thereby, eligible to receive transit funding. The TCTA is governed by the same Board members as the TCTC and staff functions are performed by the existing staff of the TCTC.

This OWP fully funds the TCTC employees as follows:

Position/Title	TCTC	Non-Motorized Transportation/ Trails Program	Transit
Executive Director	70%		30%
Senior Administrative Analyst	70%		30%
Senior Transportation Planner	15%	15%	70%
Transportation Planner II	90%		10%
Administrative Technician	70%		30%

The TCTC continues to use the County’s Senior GIS Technician in the County Community Resources Agency Department on an hour by hour basis for geographical information system (GIS) related work to support the Regional Transportation Plan. In previous years, the TCTC paid 50% of this position but the need became greatly reduced due to completed projects. It is estimated that 200 hours may be needed in the next year to support TCTC projects, which is included in this OWP Budget.



Regional transportation planning agencies are required to coordinate the planning, funding and implementation of nearly all programs reliant upon Federal and State funding, as well as creating new local funding sources. TCTC staff also performs much of the required project development work on transportation projects.

An important aspect of this OWP is the contracting out of specialized services such as the updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program, the Bus Stop Improvements Project, and Transportation Development Act (TDA) required Reports and Audits; and the development of major transportation improvement projects.

There are three standing committees that serve in an advisory capacity to the TCTC. Critical to the success of the TCTC is the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** The TAC is the clearinghouse and technical review body for all items that are to go before the TCTC. Membership of the TAC consists of the TCTC Executive Director, County Community Resources Agency Director, County Airports Manager, County Administrator, City Administrator, City Community Development Director, City Engineer, Caltrans District 10 – Transportation Planner, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commander for Tuolumne County and a representative appointed by the Tribal Council of the area Native American community. Other City, County and Caltrans staff members do attend and participate in TAC meetings. The TAC typically meets concurrently with the CAC on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** The CAC is intended to be an advisory committee to the TCTC on all matters relating to the regional transportation system. While TCTC staff services are available to the CAC, it is an independent committee that provides input directly to the TCTC. Membership of the CAC consists of eight total members with staggered four-year terms. The Sonora City Council appoints two members and the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors appoints six members. Each Board member, with the exception of the District Four Supervisor, appoints one person from their respective district. The District Four Supervisor appoints two individuals, one from the Groveland area and one from the East Sonora area. The CAC typically meets concurrently with the TAC on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)** The SSTAC is intended to be an advisory committee to the TCTC on matters pertaining to the transit needs of transit dependent and traditionally under-represented and under-served populations such as the elderly, disabled, low income and minority communities (i.e., Black, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islanders). The SSTAC's input is considered in and made an integral part of the TCTC's annual "Unmet Transit Needs" hearing and findings process. While TCTC staff services are available to the SSTAC, it is an independent committee that provides input directly to the TCTC. The composition of the SSTAC, the terms of SSTAC appointments and precise responsibilities of the SSTAC are found in and controlled by Section 99238 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC). The SSTAC meets on an as needed basis, generally quarterly, particularly in the months prior to and during the annual unmet transit needs process.

## Strategic Planning

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council focuses on a strategic plan for its operations. In a structured strategic planning process, objectives are clearly defined and both internal and external situations are assessed to formulate a strategy, implement the strategy, evaluate the progress and make adjustments as necessary to stay on track. Board members and TCTC management participate in developing the components of the Strategic Plan through strategic planning workshops.

The TCTC and Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) are integral parts of the economic and social fabric of Tuolumne County. TCTC and TCTA provide proactive transportation leadership to move forward to progress in the implementation of the transportation plan. The Vision, which incorporates both TCTC and TCTA, is a future in which a unified, fully integrated transportation network exists in the Region.

Strategies help an organization focus its work by emphasizing the operational tasks around what the Board deems most important. The TCTC strategies identified in the 2015 Strategic Plan are as follows. Each strategy identifies where in the Overall Work Program that work is accomplished.

- Partner with the County of Tuolumne to coordinate the adoption of a General Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.
  - See Work Element 17/18 - 10
- Coordinate City, County, State and Federal agency efforts to implement priority projects and programs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
  - See Work Element 17/18 – 3, 17/18 – 12, 17/18 - 13
- Facilitate funding of recovery projects needed in response to the Rim Fire through the National Disaster Relief Competition.
  - See Work Element 17/18 – 3, 17/18 – 12, 17/18 - 13
- Work with community groups and partner agencies to assure funding to construct a trail system throughout Tuolumne County.
  - See Work Element 17/18 - 8

The annual Overall Work Program (OWP) serves as the primary management tool for the TCTC. This one year scope of work establishes regional transportation planning objectives for the fiscal year, assigns institutional responsibility for tasks, and includes the methods, schedules and funding levels needed achieve those activities. The TCTC develops an Overall Work Program based on the following intentions:

- To promote an effective integrated multimodal regional transportation planning process among the system’s many stakeholders;
- To establish implementation plans to further the goals, objectives, policies and future actions established in the Regional Transportation Plan and local General Plans;
- To coordinate the efficient expenditure of limited staff time and public funding, as well as identify projects that are beyond the scope of available resources;
- To provide a management plan with useful information to assess past activities and insight for future planning efforts; and
- To assure accountability for the use of public funds.

## Federal Planning Factors

With the renewed focus on transportation planning brought about by the Federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Offices of Planning issued the following Planning Emphasis Areas. Planning emphasis areas (PEAs) are policy, procedural and technical topics that should be considered by Federal planning fund recipients when preparing work programs for metropolitan and statewide planning and research assistance programs. The Planning Emphasis Areas for this OWP include:

### MAP-21 Implementation

- *Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming.* The development and implementation of a performance management approach to transportation planning and programming that supports the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes.

### Models of Regional Planning Cooperation

- *Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning.* This is particularly important where more than one MPO or State serves an urbanized area or adjacent urbanized areas. This cooperation could occur through metropolitan planning agreements that identify how the planning process and planning products will be coordinated, through the development of joint planning products, and/or by other locally determined means. Coordination across MPO and across State boundaries includes the coordination of transportation plans and programs, corridor studies, and projects across adjacent MPO and State boundaries. It also includes collaboration among State DOT(s), MPOs, and operators of public transportation on activities such as: data collection, data storage and analysis, analytical tools, and performance based planning.

### Ladders of Opportunity

- *Access to essential services – as part of the transportation planning process, identify transportation connectivity gaps in access to essential services.* Essential services include housing, employment, health care, schools/education, and recreation. This emphasis area could include MPO and State identification of performance measures and analytical methods to measure the transportation system's connectivity to essential services and the use of this information to identify gaps in transportation system connectivity that preclude access of the public, including traditionally underserved populations, to essential services. It could also involve the identification of solutions to address those gaps.

These Planning Emphasis Areas have been considered in the development of this year's Overall Work Program.

## **Past Accomplishments**

### **PROJECTS**

#### **East Sonora Bypass (ESB)**

- 1989 – Caltrans completes original Sonora Bypass
- 1992 – ESB is broken into two stages due to escalating costs and funding constraints
- 1994 – County completes State Route 108 Widening Project with local funds
- 1994 – ESB is divided into three stages due to escalating costs and funding constraints
- 2004 (July) – Stage I is complete and opened to the public
- 2013 (November) – Stage II is complete and opened to the public.
- 2014 – Funding to add back ramps at Peaceful Oak Rd/SR 108 is programmed in STIP (eliminated from Stage II Project in 2008 as a cost savings measure)

#### **East Sonora Bypass II**

- Worked with Caltrans staff to reduce project costs and narrow the projected funding gap from over \$10 million to less than \$1 million.
- Design 100% complete.
- Contracted with Bender-Rosenthal Associates for appraisal services to expedite project delivery.
- Right of way completed, all necessary property acquired.
- Negotiated a funding resolution between the TCTC, Caltrans and California Transportation Commission (CTC).
- Performed traffic modeling necessary for environmental document certification. Coordinated Caltrans, Bureau of Land Management and private property owner with oak tree mitigation.
- Completed environmental certification.
- Working toward early construction award date to leverage Stimulus II funding.
- Project fully funded in 2007, including RIP, ITIP and CMIA (Corridor Mobility Improvement Account) funding.
- Awarded Construction Contract at a cost less than original Engineer's Estimate, due to begin June 2012.
- Cost savings from project will be returned to Region for future project(s).
- Stage II had a scheduled completion date of October 2014, yet was actually opened to the public on November 1, 2013 a full year ahead of schedule. *Project in close out, expected close out completion 12/2019.*

#### **Peaceful Oaks Rd / SR 108 Interchange Ramps**

- In December 2013, Caltrans prepared a Project Study Report (PSR) for two ramps at the Peaceful Oaks Rd / Highway 108 Interchange, which were removed from the Stage II Project earlier as a cost savings measure.
- Funding for the Project is programmed into the 2014 RTIP (TCTC-December 2013) and STIP (CTC-March 2014). This project will provide a full interchange at this location.
- Project began in 2014/15, construction scheduled to begin in 2016/17.
- The PS & E phase is being finalized. The critical path towards achieving RTL is obtaining the California Department of Fish and Wild life 1600 permit.

### La Grange Road

- Programmed \$2.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) stimulus funding to pavement rehabilitation project.
- County worked with Assembly member Kristin Olsen on a proposal to adopt J59/La Grange Road into the State Highway System.
- To address concerns expressed by the Legislative Committees, County and TCTC staff met with Caltrans and determined that the next step should be a Geographic Alignment Design Survey (GADS).
- A cost estimate for the GADS survey was developed by the County. Funding does not exist to cover the cost of the survey, therefore, it was decided that the project would not move forward.

### Sugar Pine Trail Phase 1A

- Programmed \$254,000 to construction of high priority project. *Project complete.*

### Sonora Elementary/Greenley Road

- Coordinated City/County/school efforts toward a preferred improvement alternative. *Project complete.*

### Jamestown Beautification

- September 2002, TCTC programmed \$300,000 toward the Jamestown Beautification Project, including construction of sidewalks, street lighting, traffic calming devices and landscaping.
- January 2009, TCTC programmed an additional \$145,437 to this priority project to fill a funding gap.
- Final payment is made in June 2009.

### Jamestown Flashing Beacon at Elementary School and Sidewalks Project

- Planned and programmed over \$1.5 million to this high priority safety project. (2008)
- Project not progressing in a timely manner - funds rescinded by TCTC and programmed to another project.
- Project is revived in 2012, new November 2012 cost estimate = \$1.213 million.
- Fully funded with TE, Proposition 1B Transit funds (for the bus stops) and LTF.
- May 2013 – CTC approves an allocation extension for Construction funding to February 2014 to accommodate delays in the environmental process.
- Construction funding allocation approved by CTC March 2014. Completion scheduled for fall 2014.

### State Highway Operations & Protection Program (SHOPP)

- Advised Caltrans on priority safety projects. The following projects are in various stages of completion:
  - \* State Route 49/Parrotts Ferry Road traffic Signal (*completed*)
  - \* State Route 108/Via Este turn lane (*completed*)
  - \* State Route 49 Sonora to County line pavement rehabilitation (stimulus) (*completed*)
  - \* State Route 49/108 Montezuma Junction merge lane
  - \* State Route 108/La Grange Road merge lane
  - \* State Route 120 Groveland shoulder widening

### Transportation Enhancements Projects

- 2010 STIP Fund Estimate included \$452,000 in available funds through the Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program, funds were programmed by TCTC to Reserves as projects are not ready.

- Call for Projects was conducted, County nominated four projects;
  - \* Beautification at State Route 49 and Parrotts Ferry Road (Pedro “y”)
  - \* Sugar Pine Railroad Trail – Phase 2
  - \* Jamestown – enhanced street signage, park improvements and possible modifications on Seco Street at west entrance
  - \* Pedestrian/Bicycle Facility on south side of Tuolumne Road between Summerville High School and Tuolumne town site.
- TCTC allocated \$5,000 to the County to fund staff time to develop TE applications to determine eligibility of proposed projects and provide the project study report level document required for programming.
- \$911,000 in TE Reserves are programmed to Jamestown Sidewalks Project construction.
- The TE program is eliminated and removed from the STIP in the 2014 STIP cycle, pursuant to the new Federal Transportation Act, MAP-21. Bicycle/Pedestrian projects are still allowed as they are eligible for RIP funding.
- Remaining balance of \$607,000 in TE Reserve reverts to RIP funding in the 2014 STIP.

#### Shaws Flat Roadway Drainage and Shoulder Improvement Project

- Programmed gap funding for this high priority City project.
- Project completed 2008.

#### Mono Way Widening

- TCTC, City of Sonora and County are partnering on a project to widen Mono Way to five lanes between Fir Drive and Greenley Road.
- Project is completed in February 2015, greatly improving traffic congestion in that area.

#### Rawhide Road Bridge Project

- Facilitating the re-scoping of the project.

#### Streets and Roads

- Reviewed and mitigated numerous development projects impacts on the road system.
- Participated in the State Route 49 Transportation Concept Report.
- TCTC allocated \$100,000 in RSTP Exchange funds in FY12 OWP to update the Pavement Management System to provide appropriate assessment of local streets and roads needs, pursuant to a request from the County. Project complete November 2013.
- Programmed \$207,000 in RSTP Exchange funds in FY12 OWP toward road maintenance to fill funding gap in FY12 Budget, pursuant to a request from the County.
- Allocated \$220,000 in RSTP Exchange to fund the cost of pavement repairs to Pinecrest Lake Road and Dodge Ridge Road, pursuant to a request from the County. Project completed short of scope and under budget. Final cost = \$175,883.
- Allocated \$350,000 to the City for the Washington Street Overlay.
- Allocated \$50,000 to the City for the Mono Way Widening Gateway Monument.
- Allocated \$ 57,437 to the City for the Norlin St. paving/rehabilitation project.
- Allocated \$51,682 to the City for the Stewart St. Public Restroom Facility project.
- Allocated \$482,000 to the County for the Woodhams Carne Road Reconstruction or Road Maintenance.

- Allocated \$354,579 to the County for the Parrotts Ferry Road Reconstruction.
- Allocated \$170,418 to the County for the Dodge Ridge Road Reconstruction (continues previous project).
- Allocated \$147,250 to the County for the Jackson Street/Yankee Hill Road Reconstruction.
- Allocated \$198,000 to the County for infrastructure and road improvements near the Transit Transfer Facility on the new Law and Justice Center site.
- Allocated \$100,000 to the County for the Jacksonville Rd Bridge rehabilitation project.
- Allocated \$193,737 to the County for the Tuolumne Park and Ride project.

#### Northern Yosemite Regional Transportation Access Center

- In April 2014, submitted a \$3.2 million TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant Application to create a centralized, high visibility regional transportation access center in downtown Sonora to more effectively serve the transportation needs of those that live in the community and the heavy influence of regular visitors to our historic region. This project will fund the purchase and rehabilitation of an existing historic building into a transportation facility designed to provide a home for a community mobility management center and ideal downtown location for the Visitors Bureau to market the region. Grant was not awarded.
- In January 2015, submitted a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application in a second attempt to fund project.

### **PLANNING**

#### Tuolumne County Regional Blueprint Plan

- Conducted numerous Policy and Technical Advisory Committee meetings aimed at building consensus on planning assumptions. The completed Recent Trends scenario will greatly enhance decision makers' understanding of how the region is likely to grow over the next forty years.
- Worked extensively with Service Districts to digitally map sewer and water line locations.
- Secured another \$96,300 in grant funding to implement a public outreach campaign to improve public knowledge about land use decisions and develop growth alternatives that better achieve existing General Plan smart growth policies.
- Completed Recent Trends (status quo) growth scenario through 2050.
- Initiated alternative growth scenarios.
- Developed Performance Measures to evaluate growth alternatives.
- Initiated major update to the Traffic Model.
- TCTC and County have navigated the Regional Blueprint Plan project to acceptance by the Board of Supervisors.
- An additional \$160,800 in grant funds secured for enhanced public outreach efforts and to identify necessary revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and General Plan to implement the Distinctive Communities growth alternative.
- The next phase facilitates Land Use Element changes in the General Plan representative of changing market demands.
- As a result, the Region is well positioned to take advantage of forthcoming Cap and Trade revenues.
- The Regional Blueprint Distinctive Communities Land Use Plan was used in the development of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan update.

### Columbia Circulation Improvement Plan

- Identified transportation system deficiencies in Columbia. Obtained public input on community needs and prioritized improvements for the TCTC to assist in funding. The final plan provides a road map for investments in the Columbia area.
- Implementing first project – design of a gateway project at Parrotts Ferry Road/State Route 49 (Pedro “y”).

### Updated Functional Road Classifications

- Over the past 30 years the Regional Transportation Plan, General Plan, Road Tabs report and Federal Highway Classification have become increasingly inconsistent. Staff has initiated an effort to make all of these documents consistent.

### Groveland Trail Task Force

- Partnered with Groveland Community Service District, Yosemite National Park, the Forest Service and Trail advocates to begin the planning of a trail between Groveland and Yosemite National Park.

### Adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report

- Funding toward an update to the RTP and related environmental document included in this OWP.
- The Public Participation Plan is adopted in December 2013.
- Completion of RTP update is planned in FY2015/16.
- RTP plan was completed and approved by the board in February 2017.

### Update and Expansion of the Geographical Information Road Layer

- Using aerial photography, County road locations are being corrected, County Service Area roads are mapped, City streets have been added to the road layer, Forest Service roads are added and private roadways are being added. A coordinated methodology and shared use of global positioning equipment will facilitate timely addition of new development roadway into the road layer. Working with the County GIS Coordinator, the road layer was linked with house numbering and 911 dispatch software. This coordinated effort will significantly reduce emergency response times especially to remote previously poorly mapped areas of the County.

### Community Improvement Plan/Mitigation Mapping

- Adopted Community plans, the Regional Transportation Plan, various traffic impact fee programs and numerous development approval CEQA required impact mitigation programs over the last 30 years has created many mitigation funding accounts directed at dozens of identified projects throughout the County. This ambitious effort will tie all of this information to one GIS map layer covering the entire County. When completed, management staff will be able to better respond to already identified community improvement needs, combine legacy funding accounts with current project delivery efforts and refund money paid to the county by citizens for projects no longer viable.

### Mapping of Snow Plow Routes

- TCTC staff assisted Public Works crews in responding to citizen complaints regarding snow plow operations. Snow plow routes were mapped allowing supervisors to more efficiently coordinate

operations. Regulation signage was mapped to ensure tow away signage was adequate. Project complete.

#### Accident Record Management System

- The TCTC has developed a state of the art accident records management system. The system is utilized to map high accident locations on SR 108 for collision reduction purposes.

#### Development Review

- TCTC Staff assisted or coordinated the efforts of City staff, county staff, developers and consultants in the preparation of traffic studies for the following projects:
  - \* Grand Yosemite National Golf Course/ Wetland Preserve
  - \* Big Oak Flat development
  - \* Yosemite Gateway
- Often staff is called upon to negotiate CEQA compliant traffic impact mitigation programs.

#### Electrical Vehicle Implementation

- TCTC staff worked with ChargePoint to secure the California Energy Commission grant for these quick charge stations that will be located along the S.R. 120 Corridor from Oakdale to Yosemite National Park.
- A four County Readiness Planning Grant has been submitted to the California Energy Commission.

Vision Sonora Plan Projects The Plan focused on creating a vibrant community by directing physical improvements along State Route 49 and Washington Street Corridors. The vision statement states the City of Sonora will find new ways to showcase its unique history; it is enriched with public spaces, parks, green space; its streets actively support pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit, but it is a community that openly attracts and welcomes visitors, but it still takes care of the locals; and its core is a thriving and flourishing downtown. The Plan recommends capital improvements along gateway corridors that serve Sonora’s primary entryways, and in the historic downtown core.

## TRANSIT

### Management and Operation Agreement

- Through a Request for Proposals process, Storer Transit Services was hired in July 2009 for a four year Agreement for the operations and management of the Regional Public Transportation System. A comprehensive employee retention program, local company ownership and excellent client references lead the County to select Storer as the new Transit Contractor.
- Responsibilities of the Regional Public Transportation System were transferred to the new Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA) in August 2011.
- The two-year extension to Storer Transit Systems' Agreement was executed, extending the Agreement through June 30, 2015.
- A Request for Proposals for a new Transit Agreement was issued December 2014. Four proposals were received. Storer Transit Systems was ranked the top proposed and was selected for a new four to six year Transit Agreement, which began July 1, 2015.

### Transit Facility

- A long term lease negotiated with Joe Martin to secure an exceptional property located on Sanguinetti Loop Road for the Tuolumne County Transit Facility. Budgeted funds allowed needed tenant improvements to accommodate TCT.
- Relocating Transit Facility to core Sonora area has reduced deadhead time for routes and, therefore, reduced operational costs.
- March 2015 - A new Lease Agreement for the next five years with an additional two years option was executed with the Joe Martin family.

### New Transit Bus Purchases

- Federal Section 5310 grant was secured to purchase three new buses to replace older vehicles in the Transit Fleet. These buses may only be used for services that mainly service seniors and disabled persons.
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding has been secured to purchase two new trolley buses to add to the fleet.
- Fiscal Year 2012/13 CMAQ funds were approved for the purchase of four 20-passenger buses for fixed route and dial-a-ride services. Buses were received and put into service in fall/winter 2014.
- Fiscal Year 2014/15 CMAQ funds were approved for the purchase of three 20-passenger and two 30-passenger buses. Buses are operational as of 12/2016. Purchases are consistent with the Fleet Plan approved by the California Air Resources Board to comply with air quality regulations.

### Radio System

- Proposition 1B Transit Security funding was made available to purchase a Motorola MotoTrbo Communications System for Tuolumne County Transit. This system complies with the new narrow-banding requirements and is superior to the previous technology by eliminating "dead" areas, improving transmittal quality (clarity) and providing compatibility with emergency services technologies to allow for inter-operability.
- Additional radios are purchased through bus purchasing grants as new buses are ordered.

### New Satellite Tracking Technology for Transit Buses

- Proposition 1B Transit Security funding has been approved for Satellite Tracking Technology for Transit Buses Project. This new technology and advanced computer modeling allows transit users, drivers, administrators, and emergency response personnel to track vehicles in real time on their routes.
- A Request for Proposals process was conducted in the fall of 2013 to select a vendor, which concluded in January 2014, with the selection of NextBus, Incorporated. The purchase and installation of the system was completed in August 2014. The system went live to the public in January 2015.

### Cardlock and Bulk Fuel Contracts

- The TCTA executed two-year agreements separate from the County, for cardlock services and bulk fuel (April 2012). (initial two year terms, with the option to extend an additional year, two extensions may be granted)
- Options to extend the Agreements for an additional year were executed in April 2014 and in March 2015, final expiration will occur in April 2016.
- A new Request for Proposals process will implemented in the fall/winter 2015 to execute new Fuel Agreements.
- The TCTA will work with the vendor to update the bulk fuel tanks located at the transit facility and begin purchasing bulk fuel to provide fuel storage and fueling services for the transit fleet on site.

### Surveillance Cameras and Lighting for Bus Stops

- Proposition 1B Transit Security funding approved for the installation of surveillance cameras and improved lighting at various bus stops.

### Dodge Ridge Ski Bus

- Implemented Dodge Ridge Ski Bus in 2008/09. First year totaled 304 riders and averaged 33.5% farebox recovery ratio. FY09/10 had 495 passengers and a farebox recovery ratio of 35.2%.
- Through enhanced marketing efforts in FY10/11 and a successful private-public partnership with Dodge Ridge Ski Resort and the Lodging Association, a significant increase in ridership occurred. Total ridership for the season exceeded 1,000 and farebox recovery averaged 44%.
- Due to mild winter weather in 2011/12, the service did not begin until the end of January 2012, therefore significantly reducing ridership for that year. Ridership = 312, Farebox Recovery Ratio = 20%
- The first month of the 2012/13 Season, December, brought in more ridership (400) than all last season. The year ended with a total of 837 passengers and an average farebox recovery ratio of 26.3%.
- The 2013/14 Season did not open until February due to warm weather conditions, and only ran a total of 11 days. Ridership for the season totaled 151 passengers and had an average farebox recovery ratio of 18.9%.
- The 2014/15 Season began in December but, due to warm weather conditions, only ran a total of 19 days. Ridership for the season totaled 373 passengers. Farebox recovery averaged 15.6%.
- The 2015/2016 Season began in December and ran a total of 42 days. Ridership for the season was up almost 500% over last year at 1,812 passengers. Farebox recovery was at an all-time high of 33.3%.

### Historic 49 Trolley Service

- The Transit Development Plan (TDP) proposed a Visitor's Trolley Service that would connect Railtown, Jamestown, Sonora, Columbia State Park, Hotels and other tourist oriented locations to enhance our tourist based economy. A Saturday/Sunday Trolley Service began in May 2011 coinciding with the Mother Lode Roundup celebration and operated through Labor Day weekend in September. Extensive marketing has occurred, with strong community support and participation, to increase awareness of new service.
- Although ridership began low for the new weekend Historic 49 Trolley Service, a gradual increase each weekend continued to occur through the season as people became more aware of the service through the extensive advertising campaign. Farebox recovery ratios peaked in July at 7.5% and averaged 7% through the end of the 2011 Season.  
The 2012 Season farebox recovery and ridership declined from the 2011 Season. Farebox recovery peaked in June at 8% and ended in September at 7.7%, but May and August only reached 2.4%.2012 - Service transitioned to an event specific service, serving local community events such as the Sonora Christmas Parade, Mother Lode Roundup and Mother Lode Fair. Policy for Special Events Services
- TCTA adopted a new policy in 2011 in support of community events and set aside \$10,000 in the FY12 Budget. Community service groups and organizations may request the use of TCT vehicles to serve their event. They must meet the adopted criteria.
- The 49er Festival (Groveland) uses this service each year to shuttle attendees from parking areas to the event.
- The Holiday Trolley Service is provided to support the City of Sonora Christmas Parade the Friday after Thanksgiving. Over 400 community residents rode the "Holiday Holly Trolley" to the event in downtown Sonora.
- There were a number of local community events that were provided service in the 2015/2016 year. In May 164 passengers were transported to the Mother Lode Roundup, June we had a record 802 passengers we transported to our Father's Day Fly-in event, July we shuttled 448 people to the Mother Lode Faire, September we had 88 passengers that used our services to get to the 49 festival, in November 367 riders were transported to the down town Sonora Christmas Parade, and in December 504 passengers were shuttled to the Polar Express event in Jamestown's Railtown 1897 Historic Park. All in all we had a total of 2,373 riders that were provided service to special events.

### Tuolumne County Transit Website Improvements

- Added a "Plan Your Trip" function using Google Transit.
- Added information and links to other social services transportation providers in Tuolumne County.
- Improved "Advisories" page and developed Winter Schedules to better assist riders in understanding transit services during inclement weather.
- In 2011, launched a completely revised Tuolumne County Transit website, [www.tuolumnecountytransit.com](http://www.tuolumnecountytransit.com).
- Funding was included in the 2014/15 OWP to conduct major overhauls of the TCT and TCTA websites.

### Social Media

- 2011-Developed Facebook page for Tuolumne County Transit. As of January 2016, there are 446 followers.
- Update?

#### Bus Stop Improvements

- Secured \$2.8 million for bus stop improvements through the Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Program.
- Project development continues on the top priority locations.
- New shelters placed at various locations in the County, including: Tuolumne Memorial Park, Willow Springs Clubhouse, Jamestown (5<sup>th</sup>/Willow; Seco/Preston Place), Mono and Fir and Tuolumne Road at Standard Park
- Purchased parcel for new Transit Center for Tuolumne County Transit
- Design of site and facilities to be offered at new Transit Center
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#### Inter-County Transit Shelter

- Through a State Transit Technical Planning Grant, the planning of an Inter-County transit facility in the Columbia area was completed in 2010.
- Secured Proposition 1B (PTMISEA) funding for the project.

#### Transit Development Plan

- Secured grant funding and contracted with Majic Consulting Group to prepare a short range plan to guide efficient delivery of transit services.
- Consultant conducted comprehensive public outreach/participation through development of plan.
- TDP completed and approved by TCTC February 2011, with a phased implementation plan.

#### Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan

- Coordinated completion of the plan which included extensive public input on transit needs in Tuolumne County. The plan provides mobility strategies to be further studied in the Transit Development Plan.
- TCTC and the Calaveras Council of Governments received grant funding to update the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (January 2013).
- Plan completed and adopted by TCTC August 2014.

#### Emergency Operations Plan

- Proposition 1B Transit Security funding was made available to develop an Emergency Operations Plan for county-wide coordination of transportation to prepare for and assist during a local disaster.
- Request for Proposals issued and firm selected, contract executed April 2012.
- The Transportation Emergency Operations Plan (T-EOP) was completed in December 2012. The work effort included input and assistance from a wide variety of partner agencies along with an assessment of how to best coordinate transportation resources countywide.

#### Yosemite Transportation Service

- Through a collaborative effort between TCTC staff, Yosemite National Park, the Yosemite Gateway Partnership and local project team with members from the Chambers of Commerce, Visitors Bureaus, lodging establishments, local agency representatives, the District 4 Supervisor and others,

Yosemite Transportation Service in Tuolumne County became a reality in 2012. This service is intended to mitigate traffic congestion and improve the visitor experience in Yosemite National Park.

- The first year pilot service was provided from May 14<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. Daily round trips were provided from Sonora, through Jamestown and Groveland, with the final destination in Yosemite Valley. Two additional runs were offered to Yosemite Valley on Saturdays and Sundays from Groveland.
- Yosemite National Park provided \$25,000 in 2012 and again in 2013 to market the service.
- A Rural Planning Assistance Grant has provided \$67,500 in funding to develop a feasibility study and service plan evaluating the viability of transit service from Sonora into Yosemite National Park. The consultant contract was awarded in October 2012. This study evaluated the first year of service and the feasibility of linking with interregional transit services. Recommendations were developed for future services.
- Final Study completed and approved by TCTA in August 2013.
- The Park continues to provide annual grants to market this service, at least through 2017.

## **AIR QUALITY**

### Purchase of New Cleaner Burning Buses and Public Works Equipment

- The TCTC programmed over \$2.1 million of Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the Federal –State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) to facilitate the purchase of much needed equipment to replace older vehicles in the Public Works Road Maintenance and Public Transit fleets.

### Traffic Modeling used to estimate emissions

- The TCTC's traffic model was used by Caltrans and numerous consultants to evaluate project emissions in Environmental Impact Reports for capital and development projects.

### Foothill Rideshare

- The TCTC coordinated rideshare promotion in Tuolumne County in cooperation with Calaveras Council of Governments, Amador County Transportation Commission, Caltrans and Commute Connection of San Joaquin County. Outreach efforts included road-side signage, website, radio interviews, media advertising and employer benefit fairs. Project was developed through a Memorandum of Understanding between the three counties.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Strategic Planning Workshops

- Pursuant to a recommendation in the Triennial Performance Audit, the TCTC conducted a Strategic Planning Workshop in January 2012, which resulted in the development of a Strategic Plan for the TCTC.
- In 2015, additional Strategic Planning workshops were conducted with the TCTC and TCTA.

### Unmet Transit Needs Report

- TCTC successfully completed the annual Unmet Transit Needs hearing and findings process.

### Committee Participation

- Administrative staff continues to support the TCTC, Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council consistent with the Ralph N. Brown Act. In 2009, the Regional Blueprint Plan effort added a Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and dozens of stakeholder groups to agenda distribution efforts. Six different agenda cycles typically occur each month with distribution of dozens of agenda packets every month.

### Funding

- The TCTC administers and provides support, as required, for the following funding programs:
  - \* Transportation Development Act (TDA)
  - \* Rural Planning Assistance (RPA)
  - \* Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange
  - \* State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
  - \* Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM)
  - \* Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Grants
  - \* Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Operating Assistance
  - \* Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
  - \* Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
  - \* State Planning and Research (SP&R)
  - \* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (Stimulus)
  - \* Prop. 1B, Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, & Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA)
  - \* Proposition 1B, Transit Security Program (CalOES), administered by CA Office of Emergency Services.
  - \* Various Federal and State Planning Grants
- Initiated programming of \$452,000 in Transportation Enhancement funding for community. (2010 STIP)
- Initiated programming of an additional \$381,000 in TE funding for community. (2012 STIP)
- Obtained Board approval of Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program project priorities.
- Completed annual fiscal and compliance audits of TCTC, Transit, County and City of Sonora.

### Intergovernmental Affairs

- The TCTC places a high value on collaboration with other agencies. Participation with the following groups facilitates advocacy efforts:
  - \* California Transportation Commission
  - \* Regional Transportation Planning Agency Cooperative
  - \* Rural Counties Task Force
  - \* California State Association of Counties
  - \* California Transit Association
  - \* California Association of Council of Governments
  - \* California Association for Coordinated Transportation
  - \* Chamber of Commerce
  - \* Visitors Bureau

## **LEGISLATION**

### Federal and State Economic Stimulus Legislation

- During the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act the TCTC submitted information on projects and delivery ability. Subsequent to passage, staff advocated for State legislation that streamlined funding allocation through the TCTC rather than the California Transportation Commission.

### State Transit Assistance

- The TCTC encouraged local State representatives to vote against cuts in the State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF). Ultimately, the 2009 State Budget was passed with STAF cuts resulting in a loss of approximately \$250,000 each year. Through the successful lawsuit filed by the California Transit Association, future diversions of STAF are no longer allowed and the program was restored.

### Assembly Bill 32 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

- This law requires local government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels. This goal will require yet unknown changes to the Regional Transportation Plan. Staff continues to monitor and comment on proposed regulations from the California Air Resources Board aimed at local government.

## **Programming and Project Development**

### **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

Senate Bill 45 (SB45), which became effective in 1998, succeeded the 1989 Transportation Blueprint legislation and made fundamental changes in the funding, programming and planning of transportation improvements in California.

Under SB45, the STIP consists of two broad programs, the Regional Program funded from 75% of new STIP funding and the Interregional Program funded from 25% of new STIP funding. The 75% Regional Program is further subdivided by formula into County Shares. County Shares are available solely for projects nominated by regions in their Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs). The Caltrans Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) will nominate only projects for the Interregional Program. Under restricted circumstances, an RTIP may also recommend a project for funding from the interregional share.

Caltrans is responsible for the operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the State Highway System. Caltrans is also responsible for programming improvement projects funded through the Interregional Improvement Program. However, for projects funded with Regional Improvement Program funds, Caltrans can only promote and recommend highway improvement projects to the TCTC for inclusion in the RTIP.

SB45 was enacted with the following objectives:

- Preserve the basic planning and programming process, avoiding legislative budgeting of projects, while changing the STIP from a project delivery document to a resource management document.

- Transfer transportation decision making responsibility to those who are closest to the problems.
- Eliminate artificial constraints and barriers to programming.
- Preserve geographic equity through a measure of “return to source”, while recognizing that California is one state with statewide concerns.
- Place State highway, local road and transit projects on equal footing for access to support costs.
- Recognize the Caltrans role as owner-operator of the State Highway System, while removing Caltrans from lead responsibility for resolving urban congestion problems created largely by local decisions.
- Provide incentives for regional accountability for the timely use of funds.
- Retain the California Transportation Commission role as guardian of State capital dollars, with responsibility for determining how best to manage those dollars in a wise and cost-effective manner.

### **Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Programming (Work Element 11)**

The STIP Fund Estimate is adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The purpose of the Fund Estimate is to provide an estimate of all Federal and State resources expected to be available for programming in the subsequent STIP and a plan to manage these funds over the subsequent five years. The 2016 STIP Fund Estimate provided a five-year forecast covering Fiscal Years 2016/17 through 2020/21.

The 2016 STIP Fund Estimate included no new funding for the Tuolumne County Region. The STIP actually had a \$754 million shortfall. Each region was tasked to delay or delete projects to meet the CTC’s funding target reductions. Existing STIP programming for Tuolumne County totaled \$11.736 million. The 2016 Tuolumne County RTIP reduced that programming by \$1.955 million. This was accomplished by delaying construction of the Mono Way Operational and Safety Project and reducing and delaying (one year) the construction of the Peaceful Oak/State Route 108 Interchange Ramps Project. The funding shortfall (\$611,000) for this project will be covered with revenue from the sales of excess property along the East Sonora Bypass corridor.

A copy of the current RTIP Program is included as Exhibit I of this OWP.

## **Overall Work Program Summary**

The Work Program is divided into the following elements for clear identification of planned products and tasks to be accomplished:

- Work Element 17/18 - 1:** Agency Overhead/Indirect Costs
- Work Element 17/18 - 2:** Planning Administration
- Work Element 17/18 - 3:** Transportation Development Act Administration
- Work Element 17/18 - 4:** Intergovernmental Coordination
- Work Element 17/18 - 5:** Transportation Planning
- Work Element 17/18 - 6:** Air Quality Conformity
- Work Element 17/18 - 7:** Aviation Transportation
- Work Element 17/18 - 8:** Non-Motorized Transportation
- Work Element 17/18 - 9:** Rail Transportation
- Work Element 17/18 - 10:** Regional Transportation Planning
- Work Element 17/18 - 11:** Regional Transportation Improvement Program
- Work Element 17/18 - 12:** Transportation System Management
- Work Element 17/18 - 13:** Local Streets and Roads Projects
- Work Element 17/18 - 14:** State Highway Projects
- Work Element 17/18 - 15:** Public Transit Projects

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 1**  
**AGENCY OVERHEAD/INDIRECT COSTS**

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide for the administration and day-to-day operations of the agency including but not limited to general office expenses, legal services, County auditing and information technology (IT) services, and personnel administration.

**DISCUSSION**

This is an ongoing work element created to distinguish between indirect and direct costs.

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 1.1. Maintain the TCTC office and equipment
- 1.2. Develop/maintain operating budgets
- 1.3. Public notices for meetings/hearings
- 1.4. Develop/maintain recordkeeping/accounting/data systems
- 1.5. Personnel administration
- 1.6. Maintain/update IT systems and equipment
- 1.7. Update operating procedures and policies, as needed
- 1.8. Attend general training sessions and conferences
- 1.9. Obtain necessary legal consultation and oversight of TCTC activities.
- 1.10. Obtain necessary accounting consultation and oversight of TCTC funds.

**END PRODUCTS**

- Organized functional office
- Operations budget
- Public notices
- Efficient well maintained recordkeeping/accounting/data systems
- Personnel reviews (confidential)
- Updates to the Organizational and Procedures Manual, as needed
- Legal opinions/approvals
- Administration and management of State and Federal funds and required financial reports
- Coordination with County Finance System and accounting oversight

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

Responsible Agency	Budget	Funding Source
TCTC	128,044	General Funds

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 2  
PLANNING ADMINISTRATION**

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide the management and administrative activities directly related to the TCTC’s planning program.

**DISCUSSION**

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Tuolumne County Region, it is the responsibility of the TCTC to conduct a comprehensive transportation planning program for the Region and keep the public well informed of and included in the process. This process includes conducting regular and special meetings, public outreach activities, and the development and maintenance of the annual Overall Work Program to ensure the Region’s priorities are being addressed and moving forward in the process. The following activities are planned in this work element.

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 2.1 Conduct/attend TCTC, TAC, CAC, SSTAC meetings
- 2.2 Conduct public outreach activities
- 2.3 Develop and manage the OWP, Budget and prepare/process amendments, as appropriate
- 2.4 Develop OWP progress reports
- 2.5 Develop next year’s OWP
- 2.6 Track legislation pertinent to the transportation planning process
- 2.7 Website updates, as appropriate

**END PRODUCTS**

- Documentation of TCTC, TCTA, TAC, CAC, SSTAC meetings and others, as appropriate, (agendas, minutes, notices).
- Monthly Executive Director and staff reports.
- Press releases, public service announcements and public notices
- Public meetings
- Annual Overall Work Program, amendments, progress reports
- Financial reports and project status reports on projects funded by TCTC
- Fact sheets, program and project summaries, and other printed material
- Reports on legislative measures
- Informative and easily accessible websites

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	114,455	RPA

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 3**

### **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To ensure adequate staffing to fulfill the TCTC's legal responsibilities under the Transportation Development Act (TDA), as follows:

- Administer TDA funds in full compliance with laws and regulations.
- Complete and submit annual reports and fiscal/compliance audits.
- Complete and submit scheduled triennial performance audits.

The fiscal/compliance audits of the TCTC and claimants of TDA funds and triennial performance audits of the TCTC and public transit system require the hiring of an outside auditor.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the most basic responsibility of the Tuolumne County Transportation Council is to administer TDA funds and related programs. Under the TDA, the TCTC is responsible for carrying out the annual unmet transit needs process and conducting annual fiscal audits, triennial performance audits, transit planning and transit coordination.

The TDA governs both State Transit Assistance Funding (STAF) and Local Transportation Funds (LTF). STAF may be allocated to public transportation purposes only. Local Transportation Funds (LTF) may be allocated for administration, pedestrian and bicycle projects, public transportation purposes, and road maintenance, in that priority order. Before any allocations not directly related to public transportation services, specialized transportation services, or facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrian and bicycles, the TCTC must adopt a finding that there are no unmet transit needs, no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, or there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. The unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet must be funded before any allocation is made for streets and roads maintenance purposes.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Conducted unmet transit needs process.
- Prepared LTF and STAF apportionments, allocations and instructions, and reviewed subsequent expenditures.
- Prepared annual required State Controllers Financial Transactions Reports.
- Hired outside auditing firm and assisted in preparation of required TDA financial audits.
- Prepared and maintained internal financial status reports.
- Facilitated and monitored SSTAC.
- Administered Bicycle/Pedestrian LTF Reserves account – reviewed project funding requests from agencies, prepared allocation approval documents, prepared allocation/expenditure instructions, maintained balance report.
- Triennial Performance Audits for TCTC and Tuolumne County Transit (TCT).
- Provide ongoing assistance to TCT management.
- Prepared Request for Proposals documents, solicited proposals for TCT Management and Operations Agreement, selected top proposer, executed Agreement.

- Provide ongoing oversight of Transit Contractor pursuant to Management and Operations Agreement.
- Prepare and monitor performance calculations of TCT.
- Prepare TCT Performance Reports and present to Board on semi-annual or quarterly basis.

## **WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 3.1 Conduct Unmet Transit Needs Process.
  - Schedule the unmet transit needs public hearing and publish notice of the hearing at least 30 days in advance in the local newspaper and on the TCTC website.
  - Solicit public comments on unmet transit needs that may exist.
  - Review/analyze comments regarding potential unmet transit needs, and make transit needs and reasonableness to meet determinations.
  - Evaluate current existing services and their effectiveness in meeting transit needs and demand.
  - Prepare/adopt/submit transit needs findings report and resolution.
- 3.2 Manage TDA funding allocations and disbursements.
  - Prepare estimates of TDA apportionments for following year.
  - Prepare/accept claims and prepare/adopt resolutions allocating funds.
  - Issue allocation instruction to County Auditor and monitor fund distributions.
  - Prepare/accept LTF claims and prepare/adopt resolutions allocating funds.
  - Assist claimants with the preparation of project lists, annual claims and local program administration.
- 3.3 Administer the LTF Bicycle/Pedestrian Reserves Fund, including receiving claims, processing. Administer the LTF allocations and preparing financial reports.
- 3.4 Provide for financial and compliance audits of the TCTC and each TDA funds allocation recipient by an independent auditing firm.
- 3.5 Develop/submit Financial Transactions Reports of the TCTC, Transit Operator-General Services and Transit Operator-Specialized Services.
- 3.6 Develop/maintain financial status reports.
- 3.7 Facilitate and monitor the activities of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).

## **END PRODUCTS**

- Unmet Transit Needs Findings Report and Findings Resolution, including analysis of testimony and unmet transit needs determinations pursuant to adopted criteria, and recommendations for LTF allocations for the next fiscal year.
- TDA claims.
- Local Transportation Fund allocations.
- State Transit Assistance Fund allocations.
- Financial and Compliance Audits of the TCTC and all TDA claimants.
- Financial Transactions Reports for the TCTC, Transit Operator-General Services and Transit Operator-Specialized Services.
- Financial Status Reports of TDA Funds Activities.
- SSTAC meeting agendas and minutes.
- Claims and Allocating Resolutions for Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects.
- Triennial Performance Audits of TCTC and Public Transit System for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16.

## WORK ELEMENT BUDGET

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	28,336	LTF
County Auditor (financial transactions reports)	2,500	LTF
Auditor Contract (TDA financial audits)	50,000	LTF
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,836</b>	

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 4**

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To operate and maintain an effective public involvement and interagency coordination program with outside agencies (including Tribal Governments) and jurisdictions on matters pertinent to transportation planning, programming, funding and public transportation.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council maintains a cooperative working relationship with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, the National Forest Service, the National Park Service, the California State Park System, the California State Railroad Museum, the local Tribal Governments, surrounding counties and other regional transportation planning agencies, as well as maintaining effective contacts with area representatives of elected officials. The TCTC also maintains active memberships in transportation advocacy organizations such as Californians for Better Transportation, California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT), the Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF) and the California Council of Governments (CALCOG). This participation is important not only to keep staff and jurisdictions updated on Federal and State regional transportation programs, but to also represent the interests of local jurisdictions in Federal, State and regional policy and funding decisions.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Preparation of RTIPs every two years in coordination with Caltrans, CTC and regional partners
- Completion and adoption of County and City General Plan Circulation Elements as an integral component of the Countywide RTP
- Development of State/TCTC/Local partnerships for many jointly funded projects
- Completion community circulation plans
- Adoption and implementation of Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program
- Development, adoption and implementation of Public Involvement Procedures

#### **WORK ACTIVITIES** (All tasks are year-long activities)

- 4.1 Assist agencies with projects and program requirements
- 4.2 Review Federal Transportation Act and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program guidance to consider how to meet the new planning requirements and take advantage of new funding programs, and meet the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- 4.3 Participate in Rural Counties Task Force, and attend meetings, workshops or other activities of neighboring counties, RTPAs or other related groups for RTPA coordination as appropriate
  - Participate in California Transportation Commission (CTC) meetings and workshops
  - Participate in Statewide Regional Transportation Planning Agency meetings
  - Participate in ad hoc and standing Caltrans policy and technical advisory committees
  - Attend governmental forums and Caltrans meetings and workshops
  - Attend governmental and professional conferences and training sessions
  - Attend Board of Supervisors and City Council meetings
  - Hold technical workshops for jurisdictions
- 4.4 Coordinate, consult and collaborate with the two local Tribal Governments

- 4.5 Participate in the development of the State Highway and Operation Protection Program (SHOPP), current and future programs
- 4.6 Participate in the development of the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) and State/Local Partnership Projects
- 4.7 Develop Semi-Annual Project Status Reports
- 4.8 Coordinate and correspond with Federal, State and local agencies

**END PRODUCTS**

- Staff reports to TCTC and local jurisdictions on pertinent topics
- Correspondence, communications and coordination with other governmental agencies
- Information packages on local transportation projects
- Document Tribal government-to-government relations
- Project Status Reports

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	63,938	RPA
TCTC – goods and services (membership fees)	4,450	RPA
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,438</b>	

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 5 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To identify and develop transportation improvements that meet the region's mobility needs, contribute to the economic health of a region and preserve the environmental quality of the region.

### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

#### **5.1 Traffic Studies and Development Review:**

The Regional Transportation Plan has identified the following purposes:

- Identify and document the region's mobility needs and issues in terms of the transportation system, land use, financial needs, air quality and environmental considerations including wetlands, endangered species, cultural resources; and
- Inform the public, Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies, and local elected officials who make land use and other project decisions, of the transportation planning process and related socio-economic, air quality and environmental concerns.

Within the direction of these statements, TCTC staff has assisted in the preparation of traffic studies related to land use development and capital projects. Due to the unique knowledge of TCTC staff, and GIS databases, the TCTC's staff has absorbed significant increases in responsibility related to the preparation of traffic studies. This Work Product recognizes this expanded role of staff as follows.

### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Provide traffic modeling services
- Review and comment on traffic studies

### **END PRODUCTS**

- Provide comprehensive management of traffic study preparation
- Coordinate multi-agency reviews
- Coordinate project mitigation
- Coordinate responses to comments
- Facilitate project approvals
- Document Tribal government-to-government relations

### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

1. Coordinate traffic study scopes of work
2. Coordinate consultant contract scopes of work
3. Conduct traffic modeling as needed
4. Provide traffic data such as accident histories, transit, trail and traffic counts.
5. Respond to consultant inquiries
6. Coordinate distribution of studies for review and comment
7. Coordinate responses to comments
8. Coordinate project mitigation

- 9. Attend meetings and public hearings
- 10. Facilitate final approval of traffic studies and related environmental documents
- 11. Coordinate, consult and collaborate with the two local Tribal Governments.
- 5.2 Update Traffic Mitigation Fee Program
- 5.3 Vision Sonora Project Development and Implementation
- 5.4 Identify and Plan Park and Ride Facilities
- 5.5 Uplan Model Update (grant funded)
- 5.6 Apply for Federal/State Grant Programs
- 5.7 Regional Planning

**END PRODUCTS**

- Regular written progress reports
- Public comments on project reports
- Staff training on UPlan Model
- Updated websites, correspondence/input requests to select groups and local agencies, press release, public meeting notices
- Updated and coordinated Regional Traffic Model with UPlan
- Approval of updated UPlan and Regional Traffic Model by TCTC
- Improved data and analysis for planning and measuring performance of the regional transportation network
- Grant applications

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	83,595	RPA
TCTC	3,121	PPM
Consultant	100,190	RSTP/TIMF
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,905</b>	

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 6**  
**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY**

**OBJECTIVE**

Plan and prepare for new air quality regulations that would affect Tuolumne County.

**DISCUSSION**

In June 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties as one multi-jurisdictional nonattainment area called the Southern Mountain Counties. The Southern Mountain Counties were in non-attainment for the 1997 National 8-Hour Ozone Standard but this ozone standard was revoked by the EPA in 2015. In April 2012, the EPA released the most recent update for the 2008 National Ozone standards. Based on the changes to the 8-hour ozone standard levels, Tuolumne County through its 2009-2011 ppm levels did not exceed the Federal standard. The EPA designated Tuolumne County and Mariposa County to be a separate jurisdictional area for air quality. The EPA has lowered the National Ozone Standard to .70 ppm level. TCTC will continue to participate in interagency consultation with local, State and Federal agencies about future compliance with new air quality regulations.

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

6.1 Review CARB/CEC Guidance.

6.2 Comply with State/Federal requirements.

- Plan and prepare for the EPA’s new National Ozone standard and prepare for future transportation conformity compliance.

6.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Program.

- Continue to facilitate installations of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the region.

6.4 Zero Emissions Vehicle Planning.

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**END PRODUCTS**

- Correspondence with other local, State, Federal, and governmental agencies regarding EPA air quality regulations and transportation conformity compliance.
- Continued compliance with emission regulations.

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	6,416	RPA
TCTC	16,066	Zero Emissions Grant
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,482</b>	

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 7**  
**AVIATION TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**OBJECTIVE**

To promote planned development of aviation facilities in order to meet the general aviation and emergency medical transportation needs within Tuolumne County.

**DISCUSSION**

The general aviation needs in Tuolumne County are met by two County owned and operated airports: Columbia Airport, located near the town of Columbia; and Pine Mountain Lake Airport, located near the town of Groveland. The Airport Master Plan is coordinated and implemented by the County Airports Department. However, to receive Federal and State funding, airport projects must be programmed in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and, for certain funding programs, in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 7.1 Plan aviation facilities that meet the needs of the community
  - Attend meetings and public forums, as necessary, related to the coordination and development of updates to the aviation program.
  - Prepare and adopt RTP or RTIP amendments as appropriate.
  - Prepare and submit STIP amendments to Caltrans and California Transportation Commission as appropriate.
- 7.2 RTP Aviation Update

**END PRODUCTS**

- Updated aviation program
- RTIP and STIP amendments
- RTP Update including Aviation Element

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	2,304	RPA

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 8**

### **NON-MOTORIZED/ ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To implement the Non-Motorized Transportation /Trail Program in Tuolumne County and facilitate funding of projects.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The primary forms of non-motorized transportation used in Tuolumne County are by bicycle and walking. All planned projects that are eligible for Federal or State funding are included in the Regional Transportation Plan and programmed for implementation in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

The number of existing bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian facilities in Tuolumne County is limited. This limited provision of non-motorized facilities is due, in part, to funding, but is due also to natural limitations within Tuolumne County. Highly variable topography means steep grades must be overcome by users of non-motorized facilities, while winter snows can limit the benefit of facilities at elevations above 3,000 feet. In response to these constraints, the Non-motorized Element of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes a policy that non-motorized transportation facilities in the County, in order to be effective and to assist in reducing motorized traffic, shall target short distances connecting schools, work centers, large subdivisions, shopping and life enrichment facilities, including swimming pools, libraries and senior centers. The County of Tuolumne and City of Sonora are directly responsible for constructing projects, while the TCTC facilitates the funding of projects.

The TCTC allocates funds from the Local Transportation Funds Bicycle/Pedestrian Reserve to implement the Non-Motorized/Active Transportation Program. A portion of the TCTC's Senior Transportation Planner's time is dedicated to implement this program.

#### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 8.1 Active Transportation Programs/Alternatives
- 8.2 State Route 120 (Groveland) Partnership Project
- 8.3 Community Complete Street Plans

#### **END PRODUCTS**

- Correspondence, communications and coordination with other governmental agencies, community groups, clubs, social service organizations, educational institutions, non-profits, businesses, Chambers of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.
- Regional Trails/Non-Motorized Transportation Program
- Active Transportation Program/Alternatives
- Improved trails including maintenance, signage, maps, amenities, promotion, data, etc
- Project planning and/or funding
- Construction of new trail on various trails
- Grant writing
- Chair, Trail Me About It Program
- Trail Education and Program Development

Community outreach and presentations

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	21,333	Bic/Ped LTF
TCTC – Goods and Services *funding for trail development purposes including contracting for design, planning, and environmental services	68,457*	Bic/Ped LTF
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,790.</b>	

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 9**  
**RAIL TRANSPORTATION**

**OBJECTIVE**

To support the economic vitality and continued integration of the Sierra Railroad into the multimodal system in Tuolumne County.

**DISCUSSION**

Tuolumne County is currently served by the Sierra Northern Railway, which operates between Oakdale, in Stanislaus County, and Standard, in Tuolumne County. Connections are made with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad in Oakdale. The Railroad includes 49 miles of track from Standard to Oakdale. The Sierra Railroad has been in operation since 1897.

The TCTC assisted the Sierra Railroad Company (now the Sierra Northern Railway) in successfully receiving \$850,100 in Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program funding, which contributed to the completion in 1998 of a \$1,700,000 track improvement project in Tuolumne and Stanislaus Counties. In addition, the TCTC allocated \$242,000 to the Sierra Railroad Company for the completion, in the year 2000, of the Roadway Approach Safety Program (RASP) project, which improved public safety in and around the approaches to twenty-two at-grade railroad crossings within an eight-mile section between Jamestown and Standard.

Located along the Sierra Railroad in Jamestown is the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, which includes a functional roundhouse, several steam engines and an inventory of vintage passenger and freight cars. Through funding received through the Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program, the California State Railroad Museum completed a structural repair and fire protection project on the historic buildings at the Railtown 1897 State Historic Park.

Due to public support of the railroad in Tuolumne County, the TCTC will continue to support improvements to Sierra Railroad.

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 9.1 Preservation of rail corridor, improvements to crossings/tracks
- Coordinate with State and local jurisdictions on funding opportunities and grant programs to preserve the rail corridor and improve railroad crossings and tracks within Tuolumne County.

**END PRODUCTS**

- Preserve rail corridor and construct improvements as funding becomes available
- Updates to Rail Element of RTP, as appropriate

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

Responsible Agency	Budget	Funding Source
TCTC	2,090	RPA

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 10**

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To employ regional strategies for transportation, land use and economic growth by considering the effects of the built environment on infrastructure, the natural environment as well as history and culture of communities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for residents of Tuolumne County and to make more efficient land use decisions in conjunction with existing infrastructure.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Development patterns in California over the last 30 years have challenged community leaders with the task of preserving resources and quality of life as a whole. Suburban sprawl causes people to depend on automobiles, is expensive for local government to serve and has a significant effect on the environment. Vehicle emissions create air pollution and increase greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. Storm water runoff from asphalt affects rivers and streams. Acres of farms, woodlands and open space are potentially converted to development. Housing opportunities often do not accommodate housing needs. The needs of businesses and industry are not always addressed by infrastructure investments.

The 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a policy, action and financial plan that is focused on the future transportation needs of the Tuolumne County Region for the next 25 years. Regional planning issues transcend the boundaries of local jurisdictions, and regional planning agencies are best equipped to help resolve these issues. As the regional transportation planning agency, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) collaborates and partners with local, State and Federal governments to achieve an effective multi-modal transportation system. The RTP focuses on transportation and the movement of people and goods for purposes such as working, shopping, school or recreation by means of autos, trucks, buses, trains, planes, bicycling or even walking. The RTP must balance transportation priorities with anticipated funding as the RTP is a financially constrained document.

The Rural Sustainable Communities Strategies (RSCS) builds upon previous planning efforts to help coordinate transportation and land use. The RSCS would help achieve RTP and State transportation goals by reducing greenhouse gases in the transportation sector. A key component of Tuolumne County's RSCS is linking land use and transportation decisions together into multiple strategies and goals. Some of these new approaches to transportation planning are aimed at coordinating land use and transportation by increasing the availability of quality transit service; improving road networks; and ensuring connectivity between pedestrian, bicycle, transit and road facilities. Regionally and locally adopted plans are now expected to couple a multi-modal approach to transportation with supportive development patterns to create a variety of transportation and housing options for residents.

#### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

##### **10.1. Regional Traffic Model (RTM) Updates**

- Maintain TCTC's Regional Traffic Model (RTM) for 2030, 2040, and beyond.
- Periodically update the RTM with the most current data available.
- Comply with new State & Federal regulations, including Senate Bill 743 pertaining to CEQA and other performance measures.

##### **10.2 Interregional Planning.**

**END PRODUCTS**

- Updated Traffic Model

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	11,912	RPA
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,912</b>	

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 11**

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To program funding available through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), including the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and to implement and monitor the projects currently programmed in these documents. The current RTIP is included in this OWP document as Exhibit J.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the Tuolumne County Transportation Council is responsible for developing and amending the RTIP. This responsibility has become more and more complex in recent years, under SB 45 and AB 1012, which both increase flexibility in project selection and impose “use it or lose it” timely use of funds requirements.

The most critical responsibility for the TCTC is to determine how to program the RTIP funds allocated to the Tuolumne County Region, known as Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds. The TCTC also advocates for the allocation of Caltrans’ ITIP funds for shared priorities on the State Highways, such as the East Sonora Bypass Project. Once these selections are made, staff then works to ensure that all project requests in the RTIP and ITIP are included in the STIP.

Equally important, the TCTC closely monitors projects programmed in the existing STIP to make sure they are implemented in accordance with timely use of funds rules. Under SB 45, regions can update their RTIPs annually, if necessitated by project delays or changing priorities, and request amendments as needed to reflect current circumstances. In conjunction with an engineering advisor, staff will continuously monitor the progress of RTIP and ITIP funded projects and the availability of funding, and work with jurisdictions and Caltrans to ensure projects are on time and within budget. If necessary, the TCTC will work with project sponsors to reprogram funds to comply with timely use of funds policies.

#### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 11.1 Monitor programmed projects
  - Work with jurisdictions (including Tribal Governments) and Caltrans to monitor RTIP project status to ensure projects are properly scoped, on schedule and within budget.
  - Participate in the Project Development Team (PDT) meetings with project sponsors, Caltrans and other appropriate team members.
- 11.2 Prepare/submit RTIP/STIP Amendments
  - Work with CTC staff to process STIP amendments, as appropriate.
- 11.3 Assist agencies in programming eligible projects
  - Assist agencies in developing Project Study Reports (PSRs).
- 11.4 Develop 2018 RTIP

**END PRODUCTS**

- Project status and financial reports
- RTIP/STIP amendments
- Public outreach materials.
- Transportation facility improvements.
- Document Tribal government-to-government relations.

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	18,411	PPM
TCTC	2,427	RSTP
	20,838	

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 12**

### **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To plan for and maintain a safe, effective road and street system for the orderly, safe and convenient movement of people and goods. To identify key safety projects and prioritize improvements to maximize the benefit of public funding expenditures. To identify and capture Federal, State, local and private revenues available for traffic engineering activities and, more specifically, for safety projects. To develop and maintain a Traffic Monitoring System by developing and maintaining traffic safety and traffic count databases. To utilize the existing Geographic Information System (GIS) to maintain the transportation system management program. Provide a training program to continually improve and update Traffic Engineering staff to enhance job skills.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, one of the goals of the TCTC is to provide an adequate transportation system for the Region. TCTC staff has recognized the importance of maintaining and updating the Traffic Circulation Model. Recalculating land use figures and traffic analysis zones to reflect known and potential growth within the County will provide more accurate traffic forecasting results and an improved approach to feasible funding programs. A GIS based system for the Traffic Circulation Model will accomplish current and future land use needs within the County so that data may be continually updated and a wider range of planning options can be explored.

The model is a very valuable tool that should be kept fine-tuned so it will continue to be available to provide service to the County and its staff. The model will be useful for future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan, the General Plan and for evaluating major land use and highway network proposals.

The State Office of Traffic Safety recommends and supports the development of GIS based system management tools. Listed below are some of the very important GIS based system management programs that staff resources will facilitate:

- Maintain the accident record management system to improve roadway safety and reduce liability. Maintaining an up to date accident database facilitates the prioritization of safety reviews so that the cause of collisions in specific areas may be understood and, ultimately, take measures to prevent them. This information will be shared with other agencies, such as law enforcement, the City of Sonora and Caltrans when appropriate.
- Maintain the post mile and Global Positioning System (GPS) based inventory of the Region's public roads and develop right of way/easement limits and infrastructure including signage, guardrails, striping and culverts. A GIS based inventory will improve emergency maintenance response times and allow for better system management.
- Documentation and recordation of maintenance work related to ditching, drainage improvements, sign retro-reflectivity analysis, sign replacement, shoulder backing, striping, lighting and pavement repairs will enhance the County and City's ability to defend against claims.

- Conversion of the existing Pavement Management System (PMS) to a GIS based platform. Illustrating PMS data on the GIS based mapping greatly enhances the understanding of pavement deterioration, investment options and system preservation efforts.
- Develop a GIS database platform for Traffic Mitigation Impact Fee project cost estimates. Project data would include aerial views and available property information providing estimates for comparison to actual project costs. This effort will reduce the need for costly consultant work and provide a more cohesive plan to track projects costs to engineering and transportation staff.
- Utilize the GeoXT mobile GPS unit to collect pertinent data. The data inventory will include right of way/easement limits and infrastructure including signage, guardrails, striping and culverts, sign reflectivity and a variety of data pertinent to the GIS transportation management system.

## **WORK ACTIVITIES**

12.1 GIS Projects/Mapping/Maintain Traffic Data System

12.2 System Management

## **END PRODUCTS**

Performance Measures

- New RTP performance Measures
- Update performances measures data on a periodic basis

Local Road & Streets:

- Updates to the roadway functional classification as needed
- Create local roads and streets maps
- Update local roads and streets data

Non-Motorized Transportation:

- Update non-motorized transportation network database
- Create/improve trail signage, maps and brochures

Public Transportation:

- Google Transit Data: Update transit route data as needed

Accident Data:

- Date Entry: reports and mile posts
- Analysis and mapping of accidents

GIS Education:

- Training and Support with Esri

Transportation Network Database:

- Update the transportation network as needed
- Create maps of the transportation network including but not limited to railroad, aviation and State highways

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTC	4,790	RPA
TCTC	7,325	PPM
TCTC	4,790	LTF
TCTC – Goods and Services	10,000	PPM
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,905</b>	

**WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 13  
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS**

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide an adequate transportation system for the Region.

**DISCUSSION**

The basic streets and highways network in the Tuolumne County Regional is comprised of a combination of approximately 139 miles of State highways, over 600 miles of County maintained roads and 26 miles of City maintained streets. Beyond this basic system, there also exists several hundred additional miles of Federal (Bureau of Land Management, Yosemite National Park and Forest Service) and privately owned roads. When these roads are grouped by category (i.e., rural arterial, rural minor arterial, rural collector, major collector, minor collector, rural local road and scenic highways), they form the functional system of roadways in the Tuolumne County Region.

Local streets and roads projects are planned and then prioritized by the TCTC in the Regional Transportation Plan. Priority projects are then programmed by the TCTC, as funding becomes available, in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

**WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 13.1 County / City Projects.
  - a. Greenly Road/Mono Way Intersection Improvements.
  - b. Washington St/Stockton Rd Corridor Improvements?
  - c. J59 Improvements

**END PRODUCTS**

- RTP amendments, funding applications/allocations for projects
- Partnership projects

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

Responsible Agency	Budget	Funding Source
TCTC	14,977	PPM

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 14 STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To participate in planning, programming and monitoring State Highway projects within the Tuolumne County Region.

### **DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to Senate Bill 45 and the TCTC/Caltrans Memorandum of Understanding, the TCTC is responsible to program and monitor State Highway projects in the Tuolumne County Region. The TCTC/Caltrans MOU documents the understanding of each party as to their responsibilities for the delivery of projects on the State Highway System within Tuolumne County. Some key components of the MOU are as follows:

- The MOU establishes State/Regional partnership goals and objectives.
- TCTC is responsible for programming projects in RTIP and monitoring project status in the STIP.
- TCTC identifies a program manager which participates in project development plans, reviews project delivery schedules, monitors expenditures, reviews Caltrans' performance and facilitates timely local agency decisions.
- Caltrans is responsible for procuring resources to perform engineering, environmental studies, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction administration.
- Caltrans appoints a project manager to coordinate efforts of the project team in executing the project management plan, monitor and report project performance, progress and cost, lead efforts to resolve problems and facilitate timely decisions from the appropriate Caltrans authority.
- Affirms project standards.
- Identifies project costs to be programmed into the RTIP.
- Establishes a process to change project scope, cost or schedule.
- Establishes a conflict resolution process.

Under the umbrella of the MOU and/or cooperative agreement, every project will have a project management plan developed and approved by both Caltrans and the TCTC. The project management plan will be an effective monitoring tool of the TCTC, as the programming agency, to review project progress, performance and financial expenditures.

Construction of the East Sonora Bypass (ESB) Stage I project was completed in July 2004. Construction of the ESB Stage II was completed and opened to the public in November 2013. Completion of the full East Sonora Bypass Project continues to be a priority. Work on the final phase (Stage III) is included in this OWP.

### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 14.1 East Sonora Bypass Stage II (close out)
- 14.2 Peaceful Oaks/Mono Way Interchange Ramps
- 14.3 East Sonora Bypass Stage III; right of way protection
- 14.4 Pedro "Y"/State Route 49 Safety Project

- 14.5 Priest Grade Improvements
- 14.6 State Routes 120/108 Intersection Project
- 14.7 East Sonora Bypass Right of Way Sales

**END PRODUCTS**

- Document Tribal government-to-government relations
- Quarterly Project Status Reports
- Project Development Team (PDT) meeting agendas and minutes
- Press releases, outreach materials

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

Responsible Agency	Budget	Funding Source
TCTC	12,166	PPM
TCTC	7,503	TIMF
<b>Total</b>	19,668	

## **WORK ELEMENT 17/18 - 15 PUBLIC TRANSIT PROJECTS**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide safe, efficient, reliable, high quality and effective public transportation for residents and visitors, which enhances the community and ensures viable mobility options.

### **DISCUSSION**

Generally, the transportation needs of transit dependent persons are met primarily through social service transportation providers and the Regional Public Transportation System, Tuolumne County Transit.

Tuolumne County Transit (TCT) was established under a Section 147 grant in December 1976. The County of Tuolumne operated the system for the first 9 years, until November 1985. After that time, the County began contracting the management and operation of Tuolumne County Transit to a private transportation provider based upon competitive proposals received. In August 2011, the Public Transportation System became the responsibility of the newly formed Tuolumne County Transit Agency (TCTA). The current Transit Agreement with Storer Transit Systems began July 1, 2015 and will expire on June 30, 2018 with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year being optional.

Tuolumne County Transit is funded primarily by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funds and farebox revenue. The system provides both fixed route and demand response (dial-a-ride) services. Priority service is provided to seniors and disabled persons.

The Transit Contractor employs all the drivers, dispatchers, mechanics and other staff necessary for the operation and management of Tuolumne County Transit. The TCTA provides the Transit facility, including offices and maintenance areas. The Contractor provides in-house training to staff on a regular basis, including; CPR, First Aid, Empathy Training, Defensive Driving and Road Training. The Contractor is responsible for making sure all certifications and requirements are met in a timely manner.

### **WORK ACTIVITIES**

- 15.1 Consult and meet with the traditionally under-represented and under-served populations such as the elderly, disabled, low income and minorities (i.e., Black, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian/Alaskan Native and Pacific Islanders) and community leaders.
- 15.2 Transit Conference and Meetings.
- 15.3 Transit Stop Improvement Projects.
- 15.4 Public Transit Management.
- 15.5 Yosemite Transportation Service (YARTS) Marketing.
- 15.6 Interregional Transit Services.
- 15.7 Vehicle Tracking System (NextBus Maintenance) .
- 15.8 California Office of Emergency Services (COES) grants
- 15.9 Transit Asset Management (TAM).
- 15.10 Management of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funding and Projects.
- 15.11 Construct and Operate Tuolumne Transit Facility located at the Law and Justice Center.
- 15.12 Tuolumne Trip Program.

- 15.13 Bus Advertising Program/Transit Website/Marketing.
- 15.14 Transit Accounting/Record Keeping.
- 15.15 Transit Legislation/FTA Guidance.
- 15.16 Update Short Range Transit Plan.

**END PRODUCTS**

- Outreach efforts and meetings with the traditionally under-represented and under-served populations and community leaders
- Project Development Team (PDT) meetings / Transit Performance meetings (weekly) / Commission on Aging meetings / Senior Network meetings
- Tuolumne County Transit deliverables, including; schedules, marketing collateral, transit reports, outreach, website updates/redesign, policy modifications
- Bus stop improvements including shelters, turnouts, signage, lighting and amenities
- Marketing activities and materials for Yosemite Transportation Service. Coordination with other Park entrance communities, attendance of Yosemite Gateway Partners meetings
- Implement Interregional Transit Services. Coordination with Valley communities, transit agencies, private business

Maintain Vehicle Tracking System (NextBus) for Tuolumne County Transit

- Surveillance cameras and lighting at bus stops
- Develop, implement and report on Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Projects
- Develop, implement and report on Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant (TSGP) Projects – CalOES (California Office of Emergency Services)
- Complete construction of the Law & Justice Center Transit Transfer Facility
- Secure funding for a Downtown Travel Demand Access Center
- Continue Tuolumne Trip Program to provide transportation options for those not able to use other transportation services
- Continue Transit Bus Advertising Program to generate revenue
- Plan, coordinate and market SkiBUS and Special Event Services
- Prepare funding and grant applications to purchase new vehicles, retire rolling stock and fund on-going system services
- Attend conferences, workshops, trainings and online courses
- Updated and adopted Transit Development Plan

**WORK ELEMENT BUDGET**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
TCTA	248,504	LTF
TCTA / Goods & Services	23,792	LTF
TCTA / Goods & Services	47,802	CalOES
TCTA (Yosemite Service Marketing)	35,000	YNP Grant
<b>Total</b>	<b>355,098</b>	

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