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Project Title: MCAG 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

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Project Location: Merced and Others
City

Merced
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project, as defined pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21065, is the preparation of the 2026 RTP/SCS. The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) prepared the RTP/SCS as required by Section 65080 et seq., of Chapter 2.5 of the California Government Code, federal guidelines pursuant to new requirements established in the federal surface transportation reauthorization, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21), and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Acts, Transportation Conformity for the Air Quality Attainment Plan per 40 CFR Part 51 and 40 CFR Part 93, and requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 32, The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and Senate Bill 375 The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. The 2026 RTP/SCS addresses all transportation modes including the multi-modal transportation system, motor vehicles, transit (commuter and local), rail (commuter and interregional), goods movement (rail freight and trucking), bicycle and pedestrian facilities, aviation systems, and transportation systems management (TSM) programs and projects considering the horizon year of 2049.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Table 1-1 in Chapter 1 of the Draft PEIR includes a complete set of impacts, mitigation measures, and significance findings found in each environmental issue area environmentally assessed in Chapter 3 of the Draft PEIR. Impacts, mitigation measures, and significance findings are included for the following environmental issue areas:

Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Climate Change, Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy and Energy Conservation, Geology/Soils/Mineral Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Planning, and Recreation, Noise and Vibration, Population, Housing, and Employment, Public Utilities, Other Utilities, and Services Systems, Transportation/Traffic, and Wildfire.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife -- Improvement projects involving Stream Alteration Permits and California Endangered Species Act
- California Dept. of Transportation -- Local Assistance Projects, Transportation Improvement Program, and development permits/encroachment permits on State highways
- Cities -- regional transportation planning, Capital Improvement Program budgeting and project priorities, review of transportation and land use development projects, General Plan Amendments, and encroachment permits.
- Merced County (public, Board of Supervisors, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission, Airport Land Use Commission, and County staff) -- regional transportation planning, Capital Improvement Program budgeting and project priorities, review of transportation and land use development projects, General Plan Amendments, and encroachment permits.
- Local water departments, Districts, and regional irrigation districts/companies -- Improvement projects involving waterway crossings, channel re-alignments, piping, etc.
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) -- air quality attainment plan consistency and air quality mitigation measures for improvement projects.
- Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) -- Development of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and other regional transportation planning documents, tracking of progress in implementing RTP/SCS strategies and monitoring of progress made by other entities, development and implementation of the Measure V Expenditure Plan.
- School Districts -- Improvement projects adjacent to or in the vicinity of public schools.
- Federal agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service, Housing and Urban Development (Community Development Block Grant program), etc. -- RTP and funding review and subsequent improvement projects funding and U.S. Endangered Species Act.
- Economic Development Commission -- Strategic Plan development, identification of infrastructure and road improvements.