

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025040852

Project Title: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy

Project Applicant: Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Project Location (include county): Stanislaus County

Project Description:

The proposed project is the StanCOG 2026 RTP/SCS. StanCOG's previous RTP/SCS was adopted in August 2022 and amended in September 2024. The 2026 RTP/SCS is the culmination of a multi-year effort that aims to improve access and mobility and facilitate the movement of people and goods efficiently. Furthermore, the SCS will seek to balance land use and transportation systems to reduce emissions from cars and light trucks. StanCOG is required by federal law to develop an RTP/SCS that meets national ambient air quality standards and determines the needs of the transportation system and prioritizes proposed transportation projects. The RTP/SCS is also necessary to obtain and allocate federal funding for regional transportation projects.

StanCOG is in the process of updating the RTP/SCS, which will cover the planning period through the year 2049. The EIR for the 2026 RTP/SCS is intended to comply with CEQA. It will also require coordination with or reference to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (Title 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500) (FAST Act), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (as applicable), the Federal Clean Air Act, the California Clean Air Act, California SB 375, California SB 743, California Assembly Bill 32, and California SB 32. The EIR will consider the 2026 RTP programmed projects and preferred SCS scenario, a No Project alternative, and up to 2 alternative land use scenarios, and any alternatives to address identified significant impacts. The EIR will evaluate the potential impacts of implementing the policies and programs in the RTP/SCS in accordance with CEQA and will concentrate on the long-term environmental impacts of the RTP/SCS that extend to the 2049 planning horizon.

This is to advise that the Stanislaus Council of Governments has approved the above
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Described project on 10/21/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ An Addendum to the EIR was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Nick St. Cook

Signature (Public Agency): Nick St. Cook Title: Associate Planner

Date: 10/22/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____