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Project Title: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy

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Project Location: Countywide (*City*) Tulare (*County*)

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

The proposed 2026 RTP/SCS is an update to the current 2022 RTP/SCS that was adopted in August 2022. The proposed 2026 RTP/SCS reflects changes in legislative requirements, local land use policies, and resource constraints that have occurred since adoption of the current 2022 RTP/SCS. The 2026 update to the 2022 RTP/SCS is focused on continued implementation of the 2022 RTP/SCS, with updates to ensure consistency with federal, State, and local planning requirements.

As have past RTPs, the proposed 2026 RTP/SCS shows how the region can invest limited transportation funds to maintain, operate and improve an integrated, multi-modal transportation system with the purpose of facilitating the efficient movement of people and goods. The updated plan identifies specific strategies, policies, and actions, including a list of programmed and planned transportation projects feasibly within the region's anticipated transportation funding levels, to meet the current and future needs of the region. The planning horizon of the proposed 2026 RTP/SCS is 2049.

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

The project would result in potentially significant effects to aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. However, implementation of the following mitigation measures was determined in the EIR to reduce project effects:

AES-1(a): Tree Protection and Replacement
AES-1(b): Discouragement of Architectural Features that Block Scenic Views
AES-2: Design Measures for Visual Compatibility
AES-3(a): Roadway and Project Lighting
AES-3(b): Glare Reduction Measures
AG-1: Agricultural Land Impact Avoidance and Minimization
AQ-2(a): Application of SJVAPCD Feasible Mitigation Measures
AQ-2(b): Diesel Equipment Emissions Standards
AQ-2(c): Electric Construction Equipment
AQ-3(a): Long-term Regional Operational Emissions
AQ-3(b) Long-term Regional Operational Emissions
AQ-5: Health Risk Reduction Measures
BIO-1(a): Biological Resources Screening and Assessment
BIO-1(b): Special-Status Plant Species Surveys
BIO-1(c): Special-Status Plant Species Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation

BIO-1(d): Endangered/Threatened Animal Species Habitat Assessment and Protocol Surveys
BIO-1(e): Endangered/Threatened Animal Species Avoidance and Compensatory Mitigation
BIO-1(f): Endangered/Threatened Species Avoidance and Minimization During Construction
BIO-1(g): Non-Listed Special-status Animal Species Avoidance and Minimization
BIO-1(h): Preconstruction Surveys for Nesting Birds
BIO-1(i): Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP)
BIO-2(a): Aquatic Resources Jurisdictional Delineation and Impact Avoidance
BIO-2(b): Wetland, Drainages, and Riparian Habitat Restoration
BIO-2(c): Landscaping Plan
BIO-2(d): Sensitive Natural Community Avoidance and Mitigation
BIO-2(e): Invasive Weed Prevention and Management Program
BIO-2(f): Wetlands, Drainages, and Riparian Habitat Best Management Practices During Construction
BIO-3(a): Project Design for Wildlife Connectivity
BIO-3(b): Maintain Connectivity in Drainages
BIO-3 (c): Construction Best Management Practices to Minimize Disruption to Wildlife
CUL-1 Historical Resources Impact Minimization
CUL-2(a): Archaeological Resources Impact Minimization
CUL-2(b): Unanticipated Discoveries During Construction
GEO-5: Paleontological Resources Mitigation and Monitoring Program
GHG-1: Construction GHG Reduction Measures
GHG-2: Land Use Project Energy Consumption and Water Use Reduction Measures
GHG-4: Transportation-Related GHG Reduction Measures
HAZ-1: Site Remediation
HYD-2(a): Construction Dust Suppression Water Supply
HYD-2(b): Landscape Watering
N-1: Construction Noise Reduction
N-2: Noise Assessment and Control for Transportation Noise Sources
N-3(a): Vibration Mitigation for Construction of Transportation Projects
N-3(b): Vibration Mitigation for Operation of Transportation Projects
N-4: Noise Mitigation for Land Uses
N-5: Noise Mitigation Near Airports
PS-1: Increased Public Service Demand
PS-3: Impact Reduction from New Recreational Facilities
T-2(a): Regional VMT Reduction Programs
T-2(b): Project Level VMT Analysis and Reduction
TCR-1: Tribal Cultural Resources Impact Minimization
UTIL-1(a): Water and Wastewater Facilities
UTIL-1(b): Stormwater Facilities
UTIL-1(c): Stormwater Control Methods
UTIL-1(d): Electric Power, Natural Gas, or Telecommunications Facilities
UTIL-2: General Conservation Measures
UTIL-3: Solid Waste Generation and Disposal
WF-1: Wildfire Risk Reduction

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

No known areas of controversy.

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

- Tulare County
- City of Dinuba
- City of Exeter
- City of Farmersville
- City of Lindsay
- City of Porterville
- City of Tulare
- City of Visalia
- City of Woodlake
- Local transit agencies
- California Transportation Commission
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District