

**Regional Planning Activities
October 2023**

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

	Summary	Key Dates	OCTA Interest	OCTA Role
<p>Interstate 5 (I-5) High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes</p>	<p>Caltrans District 12 (D12) is studying implementation of HOT lanes on I-5 between the Los Angeles County Line and State Route 55.</p> <p>Caltrans D12 finalized a project study report (PSR) and an initial concept of operations (ConOps) in November 2019 and presented a summary to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in December 2019. The OCTA Board of Directors (Board) requested that Caltrans D12 include a high-occupancy vehicle (3+ occupancy) alternative as part of the subsequent environmental studies that are currently underway.</p> <p>Caltrans D12 provided subsequent project updates to the OCTA Board in August 2022, and in April 2023.</p>	<p><u>November 2019</u> – Caltrans D12 finalized ConOps and PSR</p> <p><u>May 2022</u> – Caltrans D12 initiated environmental studies for I-5 managed lanes</p> <p><u>Summer 2023</u> – Draft project report and environmental document released for public review</p> <p><u>July 20, 2023</u> – Comments submitted by OCTA</p> <p><u>December 2023</u> – Final project report, environmental document, and ConOps report</p>	<p>Prioritize corridor-wide (general purpose and carpool lanes) operational benefits and reliability.</p> <p>Development of toll policies, integration with adjacent toll facilities, equity considerations, support for transit services, and any necessary mitigation for vehicle miles traveled.</p>	<p>Coordinate executive-level meetings.</p> <p>Assist with planning efforts and provide technical support to Caltrans D12 and other partner agencies throughout development of the ConOps, PSR, and subsequent studies.</p>

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California Transportation Commission (CTC)

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<p>2023 California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP)</p>	<p>Caltrans prepared the 2023 CFMP to provide a long-term vision for the future of freight in California. The CFMP is a comprehensive plan that governs immediate and long-term planning activities and capital investments by the State with respect to freight movement.</p>	<p><u>March 2023</u> – Release draft CFMP for three-week public review</p> <p><u>Early May 2023</u> – OCTA staff submitted comment letter on Draft CFMP</p> <p><u>May 2023</u> – Submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</p> <p><u>September 2023</u> – FHWA approval of CFMP received</p>	<p>Ensure OCTA’s plans are consistent with the CFMP.</p> <p>Review and comment on technical documents.</p>
<p>2023 California State Rail Plan (Rail Plan)</p>	<p>The Rail Plan is the strategic funding and programming document for rail in California. In compliance with federal and state laws, the Rail Plan proposes a unified statewide network that aligns needs for passenger and freight service and connects passenger rail to other modes.</p> <p>The plan lays out a strategy for investments and needed steps designed to increase California’s economic growth, improve quality of life, improve equity of the State’s most vulnerable and impacted communities, and advance the State’s ambitious climate action goals.</p>	<p><u>March 2023</u> – Release of draft Rail Plan for 60-day public comment period</p> <p><u>April 2023</u> – Caltrans to hold public workshops</p> <p><u>Early May 2023</u> – OCTA staff submitted comment letter on draft CFMP</p> <p><u>May 2023</u> – Public comment period ends</p> <p>Late October 2023 – Anticipated final approval</p>	<p>Ensure OCTA’s rail plans and projects are reflected and consistent with the Rail Plan.</p> <p>Review and comment on technical documents.</p>

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<p>Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)</p>	<p>Pursuant to California Government Code Section 14522, the CTC must adopt RTP Guidelines for MPOs.</p> <p>The CTC initiated an update to the RTP Guidelines to better align with recent state and federal policies, such as the state Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure and the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).</p>	<p><u>October 2022</u> – Kick-off meeting with stakeholders</p> <p><u>February 2023</u> – Work groups workshop #1</p> <p><u>May 2023</u> – Release of first draft and 30-day comment period</p> <p><u>June 5, 2023</u> – OCTA comments submitted on first draft</p> <p><u>July 2023</u> – Work groups workshop #2</p> <p><u>October 2023</u> – Anticipated release of second draft and 30-day comment period</p> <p><u>January 2024</u> – Anticipated CTC adoption</p>	<p>Monitor significant changes to the RTP Guidelines that may impact OCTA's alignment of projects and plans with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).</p>	<p>Monitor work groups and meetings as needed.</p> <p>Review and comment on draft materials.</p>

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SCAG

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<p>2024 RTP/SCS</p>	<p>The 2024 RTP/SCS is a federally required transportation planning document. The 2024 RTP/SCS addresses needs over a 20-plus year planning horizon and is constrained by a reasonably foreseeable revenue forecast. It must also demonstrate air quality conformity and greenhouse gas emission reductions with budgeted levels set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and California Air Resources Board.</p> <p>The 2024 RTP/SCS, or Connect SoCal 2024, is an update to the 2020 RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2020.</p>	<p><u>2021-2022</u> – Initiate plan development process and establish foundation and frameworks</p> <p><u>Spring 2022 – Fall 2022</u> – Data collection and policy development; OCTA submitted projects consistent with 2022 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)</p> <p><u>Winter 2023</u> – Outreach and analysis</p> <p><u>Spring 2023</u> – Draft plan policy discussions</p> <p><u>Fall 2023</u> – Draft plan, transportation conformity determination, and environmental document release</p> <p><u>Winter 2023</u> – OCTA to submit comments on the draft 2024 RTP/SCS by January 12, 2024</p> <p><u>April 2024</u> – Anticipated adoption of the final 2024 RTP/SCS by SCAG</p>	<p>Ensure inclusion of projects identified in OCTA’s LRTP.</p> <p>Support policies that are consistent with OCTA positions.</p>	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and other partner agencies.</p> <p>Participate in working groups.</p> <p>Monitor SCAG policy committees.</p> <p>Review and comment on related materials.</p>

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<p>SoCal Greenprint</p>	<p>SCAG is developing the SoCal Greenprint tool, a conservation mapping tool that highlights the benefits of natural lands, waters, and agricultural lands, including access to parks and trails, habitat protection and connectivity, clean water, clean air, food production, and increased resilience to climate change.</p> <p>SCAG has established a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop data guidelines, parameters, and criteria for the SoCal Greenprint tool. The tool will align with SCAG’s Regional Advance Mitigation Program Policy Framework and 2020 RTP/SCS Programmatic Environmental Impact Report mitigation measures.</p>	<p><u>June 2023</u> – Formation of TAC</p> <p><u>June 2023</u> – Consultant selection for development of SoCal Greenprint tool</p> <p><u>June-September 2023</u> – TAC will convene once per month – one OCTA staff member sits on TAC</p> <p><u>Fall/Winter 2023</u> – Begin development of Greenprint tool</p> <p><u>January 2024</u> – Draft Greenprint tool to Regional Council</p>	<p>Monitor and provide input to ensure OCTA’s environmental mitigation programs and policies are considered and not impacted.</p>	<p>Review and comment on related materials.</p>

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

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<p>2028 Olympics</p> <p>The Greater Los Angeles Area is preparing for the 2028 Olympics. This will include coordination between OCTA, Metro, and other planning agencies in the area.</p> <p>Metro’s refined project list (48 total projects) is comprised of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion management (nine projects) • First-last mile and active transportation (seven projects) • Bus (11 projects) • Rail (ten projects) • Systemwide (eight projects) • Regional rail (five projects) 	<p><u>December 2020</u> – Metro Board of Directors approved Mobility Concept Plan</p> <p><u>April 2022</u> – Mobility Concept Plan presented to stakeholders</p> <p><u>January 2023</u> – Metro to begin work on priority projects</p> <p><u>To Be Determined (TBD)</u> – Submittal of project list for consideration by the Games Mobility Executives</p> <p><u>TBD</u> – Metro Board of Directors approval of project list</p>	<p>Coordinate with Metro and the City of Los Angeles as preparations begin for the 2028 Olympics.</p> <p>Monitor development of financing/ funding strategy and potential implementation of program of projects.</p>	<p>Coordinate with Metro and other partner agencies.</p>
<p>Metro L (Gold) Line Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2</p>	<p>Environmental process and advanced conceptual engineering for extending the Metro L (Gold) further east from its current terminus at Pomona Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard in East Los Angeles potentially through the cities of Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, and the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and West Whittier-Los Nietos.</p>	<p><u>February 2020</u> – Metro Board of Directors approved proceeding with the project’s environmental process and withdrawing the State Route 60 and combined alternatives from further consideration in the environmental study</p> <p><u>2023</u> – Anticipated certification of final Environmental Impact Report by Metro’s Board of Directors</p> <p><u>2023- 2028</u> – Final design phase</p> <p><u>2029</u> – Start of construction</p> <p><u>2035</u> – Phase 2 in service</p>	<p>Support alternatives that create potential for future connections into Orange County.</p> <p>Monitoring.</p>

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West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project	<p>In January 2022, Metro Board of Directors approved Los Angeles Union Station as the northern terminus and the 14.8-mile route from Slauson/A (Blue) Line to Pioneer Boulevard in the City of Artesia as the locally preferred alternative for the initial segment between the City of Artesia and downtown Los Angeles. The new light rail transit line will connect downtown Los Angeles to southeastern Los Angeles County, which could provide potential for a future extension into Orange County along the Pacific Electric right-of-way.</p>	<p><u>July 2021</u> – Draft environmental document for public comment</p> <p><u>January 2022</u> – Selection of a locally preferred alternative (LPA) and project terminus</p> <p><u>Late 2024</u> – Final environmental document for LPA</p> <p><u>2041</u> – Anticipate opening service of initial segment</p>	<p>Support alternatives that create potential for future connections into Orange County.</p>	<p>Monitoring.</p>