

**Regional Planning Activities  
November 2024**

**California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)**

	Summary	Key Dates	OCTA Interest	OCTA Role
<p><b>Interstate 5 (I-5) Managed Lane Project (Red Hill Avenue to Orange/ Los Angeles County Line)</b></p>	<p>Caltrans District 12 is studying implementation of high-occupancy toll lanes on I-5 between the Los Angeles County Line and State Route 55.</p> <p>Caltrans 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 include a high-occupancy vehicle (3+ occupancy) alternative as part of the subsequent environmental studies that are currently underway.</p> <p>Caltrans provided subsequent project updates to the Board in August 2022, and in April 2023. Another update is anticipated in early 2025.</p>	<p><u>November 2019</u> – Caltrans finalized ConOps and PSR</p> <p><u>May 2022</u> – Caltrans 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>Fall 2024</u> – Anticipate final project report and environmental document</p> <p><u>December 2024</u> – Seek California Transportation Commission (CTC) tolling approval</p> <p><u>2025</u> - Begin design</p> <p><u>2026</u> – Begin construction</p> <p><u>2029</u> – Anticipated opening year</p>	<p>Prioritize corridor-wide (general purpose and managed 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 and other partner agencies throughout development of the ConOps, PSR, and subsequent studies.</p>

**Caltrans (continued)**

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<p><b>Games Route Network (GRN) (Caltrans District 7)</b></p>	<p>The GRN is a network of roads for traveling between official venues during the Los Angeles (LA) 2028 Olympics (LA28). These will be dedicated lanes for the use of Olympic Games vehicles. General traffic will be prohibited from using these dedicated travel lanes. The network is intended to promote “No Venue Parking” at the LA28 – part of a “Transit First” objective for LA28.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>OCTA to continue monitoring as developments occur.</p> <p>Provide input and service recommendations to ensure alignment with Orange County plans.</p>	<p>Ensure that OCTA operations are prepared to support the GRN and meet the needs of Orange County transit riders.</p>

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### CTC

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<b>SB 1121 (Chapter 508, Statutes of 2022)</b>	SB 1121 requires the CTC, in consultation with California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans, to prepare a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next ten years. The assessment is focused on potential funding gaps resulting from a drop in gas tax revenue due to increased electric vehicle adoption.	<p><u>January 2024</u> – Interim needs assessment report submitted to State Legislature</p> <p><u>Fall 2024</u> – Release Draft SB 1121 complete needs assessment and hold public workshop</p> <p><u>January 2025</u> – Transmit final assessment to State Legislature</p>	Provide input on assumptions included in scenarios used to project revenue and needs such as zero-emissions vehicle adoption rates, vehicle miles traveled, and local needs.	Provide input to Caltrans on status of regional transportation plans, ten-year multimodal transportation needs, ten-year revenue projects.

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### Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

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<p><b>2024 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)</b></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 (CARB).</p> <p>The 2024 RTP/SCS, or Connect SoCal 2024, is an update to the 2020 RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2020.</p> <p>Note: CARB is currently conducting a technical review of SCAG’s SCS. SCAG has received preliminary feedback from CARB and is actively working to address the concerns raised. One key issue centers around SCAG’s auto operating cost methodology. SCAG remains confident in its approach and continues to engage in discussions with CARB to resolve the matter.</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>January 2023</u> – OCTA submitted comment letter on the draft 2024 RTP/SCS</p> <p><u>April 2024</u> – 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 policies and programs.</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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<b>Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)</b>	<p>The FTIP is a listing of multimodal transportation projects proposed over a six-year period for the SCAG region. The projects include highway improvements, transit, rail and bus facilities, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, active transportation, and signal synchronization, amongst others. SCAG produces a biennial FTIP update for the region on an even-year cycle.</p> <p>The FTIP is prepared to implement projects and programs listed in the RTP/SCS and is developed in compliance with state and federal requirements.</p>	<p><u>September 2024</u> – Regional Council adopted 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1</p>	<p>Ensure inclusion of projects identified in OCTA's LRTP.</p>	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and other partner agencies for implementation of FTIP projects.</p>

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<b>SoCal Greenprint</b>	<p>SCAG is developing the SoCal Greenprint Tool (Tool), a conservation mapping program 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 Tool. The Tool will align with SCAG’s Regional Advance Mitigation Program Policy Framework and 2020 RTP/SCS Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) mitigation measures.</p>	<p><u>June 2023</u> – Formation of TAC</p> <p><u>June 2023</u> – Consultant selection (Arup) for development of SoCal Greenprint Tool</p> <p><u>June-October 2023</u> – Three TAC meetings held – one OCTA staff member sat on TAC</p> <p><u>February 2024</u> – Regional Council adopted draft data standards for Greenprint Tool</p> <p><u>Summer 2024</u> – Perform beta testing and complete development</p> <p><u>Fall 2024</u> – Release Tool and conduct training and workshops</p> <p><i>*SCAG notes that the timeline is tentative</i></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 and attend training/workshops.</p>
<b>LA28</b>	<p>SCAG is coordinating with LA Metro to develop mobility plans and secure funding.</p> <p>SCAG will support several mobility strategies and lead the effort on freight/demand management.</p>	<p><u>October 2024</u> – Mayor of Paris is invited to come and speak to SCAG Executive Administration Committee</p>	<p>Coordinate with SCAG and LA Metro to develop inter-jurisdictional mobility plans for LA28.</p> <p>Support the development of traffic demand management strategies.</p>	<p>Monitor SCAG’s LA28 planning coordination with LA Metro, and other agencies as needed.</p>

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### Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)

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<b>LA28</b>	<p>The Greater Los Angeles Area is preparing for LA28. This will include coordination between OCTA, LA Metro, and other planning agencies in the area.</p> <p>LA Metro’s refined project list (48 total projects) is comprised of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion management (nine projects)</li> <li>• First-last mile and active transportation (seven projects)</li> <li>• Bus (11 projects)</li> <li>• Rail (ten projects)</li> <li>• Systemwide (eight projects)</li> <li>• Regional rail (five projects)</li> </ul> <p>Projects are anticipated to also prepare the region for the FIFA World Cup in 2026 and Super Bowl in 2027.</p>	<p><u>December 2020</u> – LA Metro Board of Directors approved Mobility Concept Plan</p> <p><u>April 2022</u> – Mobility Concept Plan presented to stakeholders</p> <p><u>December 2023</u> – Mobility Concept Plan and Projects List approved by LA Metro Board of Directors</p> <p><u>October 2024</u> – Meeting of Ad Hoc 2028 Olympic &amp; Paralympic Games Committee</p>	<p>Coordinate with LA Metro and the City of Los Angeles as preparations begin for LA28.</p> <p>Monitor development of financing/ funding strategy and potential implementation of program of projects.</p>	<p>Coordinate with LA Metro and other partner agencies.</p>
<b>LA Metro E Line Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2</b>	<p>Environmental process and advanced conceptual engineering for extending the E Line 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> – LA 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>May 2024</u> – Final EIR certified by LA Metro 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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<b>Southeast Gateway Line</b>	<p>In January 2022, the LA Metro Board of Directors approved Los Angeles Union Station as the northern terminus and the 14.5-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 and project terminus</p> <p><u>January 2024</u> – Project renamed from West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor to Southeast Gateway Line</p> <p><u>April 2024</u> – LA Metro Board of Directors certified Final EIR</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>