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The California Transportation Assessment

An Analysis of Transportation Planning and Funding Pursuant to AB 285

Presentation of Summary Report and Next Steps to SGC
February 24, 2022



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Transportation is not an end in itself – it is one way we support individual and collective goals.



Reminder: What is the California Transportation Assessment required by AB 285 (Friedman, Chapter 605, Statutes of 2019)?

SGC is required to produce a one-time report to the Legislature containing:

- Overview of the California Transportation Plan (CTP)
- Overview of all Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs)
- Assessment of how implementation of the CTP and SCSs will influence the configuration of the **statewide integrated multimodal transportation system**.
- A review of the potential **impacts and opportunities for coordination** of several State funding programs*
- Recommendations for the improvement of these programs or **other relevant transportation funding programs** to better align the programs to meet **long-term common goals**, including the goals outlined in the California Transportation Plan.

*Programs named: The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, the Transformative Climate Communities Program, and the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

AB 285 Timeline

Oct. 2019

The State
Legislature directs
SGC to produce
the California
Transportation
Assessment

Nov. 2021

UC ITS
presents draft
findings to the
Council

February 24,
2022

SGC presents
issue areas from
the UC ITS
report to the
Council

Summer 2022

SGC to publish
the engagement
summary

Spring 2021

SGC
commissions
UC ITS to
produce
working
papers

February 2022

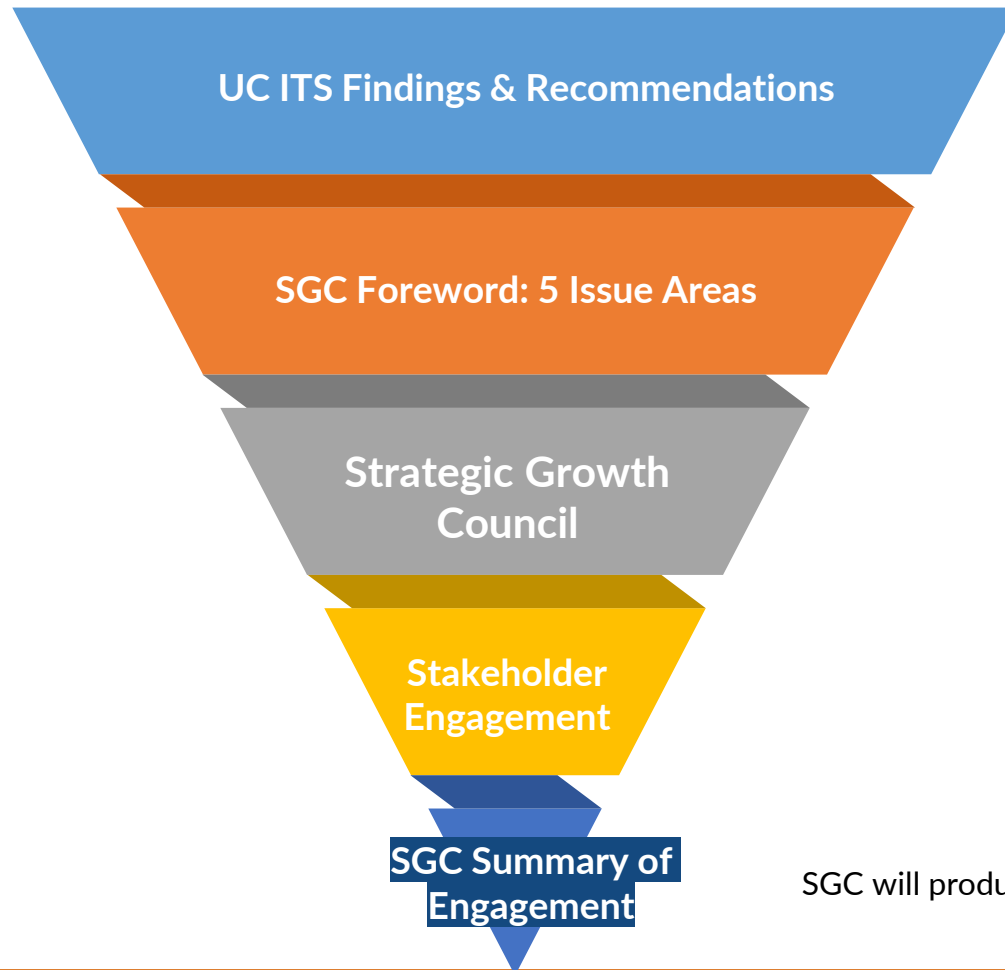
SGC delivers
Foreword &
UC ITS
Summary
Report to the
Legislature

February-May
2022

SGC manages
a stakeholder
engagement
process

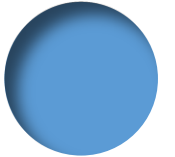
CA Transportation Assessment (AB 285) Process

From research to stakeholder engagement to recommendations



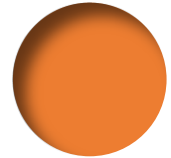
UC ITS

UC ITS produced 5 working papers assessing our transportation funding & systems and produced a summary of their findings & dozens of recommendations.



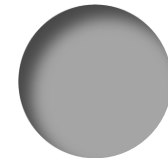
SGC Foreword

The SGC Foreword highlighted 5 issue areas: Program Goals, Plan Alignment, Project Pipeline, Transportation Institutions, and MPOs/Local Government



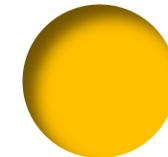
The Strategic Growth Council

The Strategic Growth Council will discuss the report's recommendations and provide prioritization to shape stakeholder engagement.



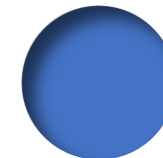
Stakeholder Engagement

SGC will manage a stakeholder process to gather feedback and refine recommendations.

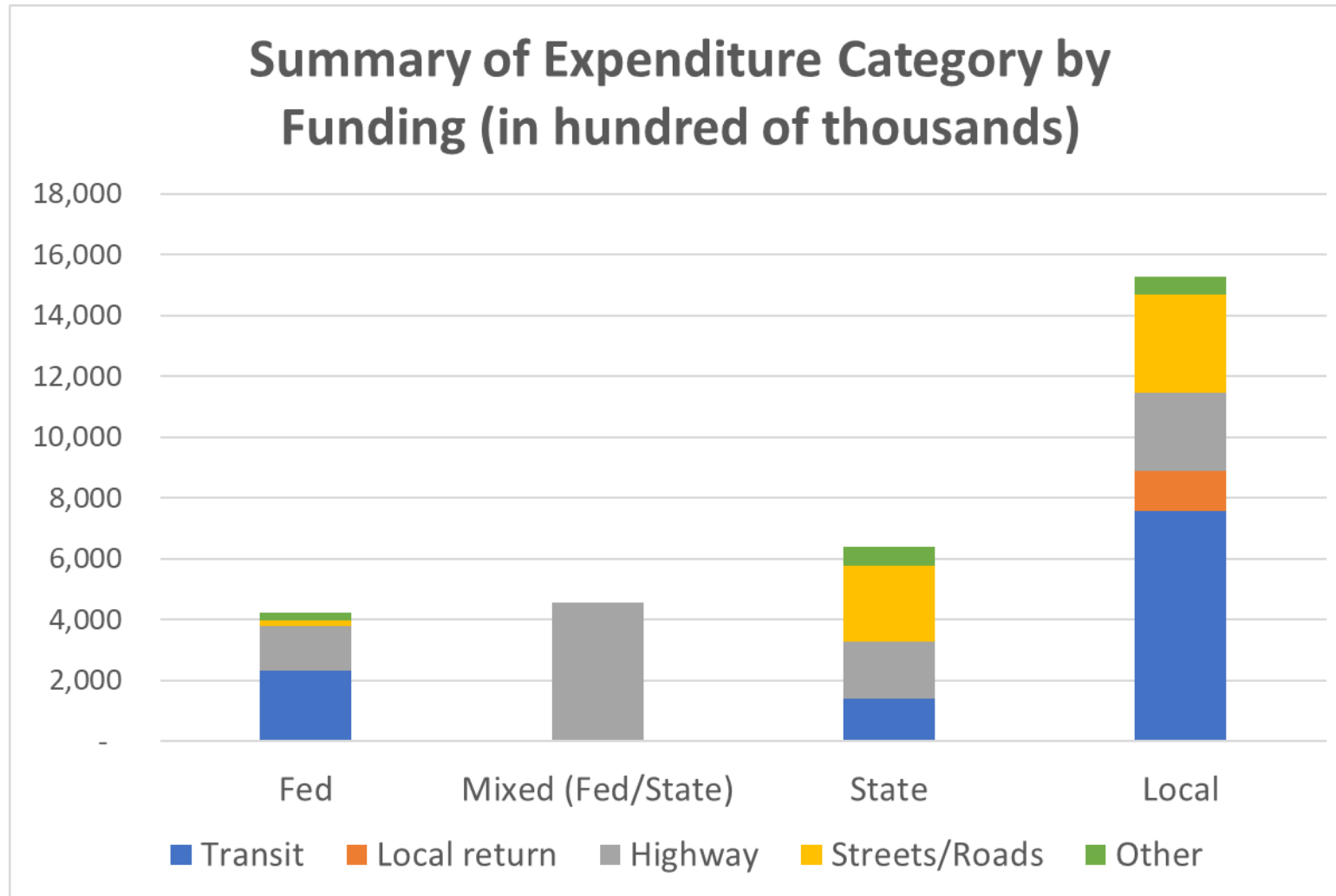


SGC Summary of Engagement

SGC will produce a summary from our overall Council and stakeholder engagement process.



Changing outcomes in transportation requires action and partnership across all levels of government.



- Out of ~\$30 billion in transportation, half of expenditures are from local/regional sources.
- The State of CA plays a more significant role in road and highway spending than in transit.
- Transportation investments are also critical to State Agencies meeting their respective goals.

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What are 5 issue areas where SGC wishes to partner with stakeholders to develop recommendations?

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Issue 1. Aligning existing funding programs with State goals.

There is a gap between the vision for a more climate friendly and equitable transportation system and actions and infrastructure spending decisions.

The climate and equity-focused programs listed in AB 285 represent ~2% of total transportation spending.

At all levels, funding still supports new general purpose highway lanes and other projects that increase vehicle travel.



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Issue 2. Updating and better aligning among existing State and regional plans.



Safety

Provide a safe and secure transportation system

Climate

Achieve statewide GHG emissions reduction targets and increase resilience to climate change

Equity

Eliminate transportation burdens for low-income communities, communities of color, people with disabilities, and other disadvantaged groups

Accessibility

Improve multimodal mobility and access to destinations for all users

Quality of Life & Public Health

Enable vibrant, healthy communities

Economy

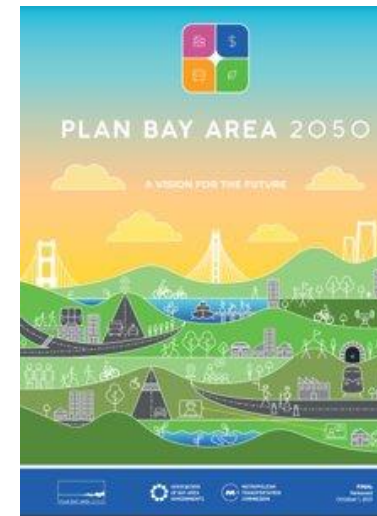
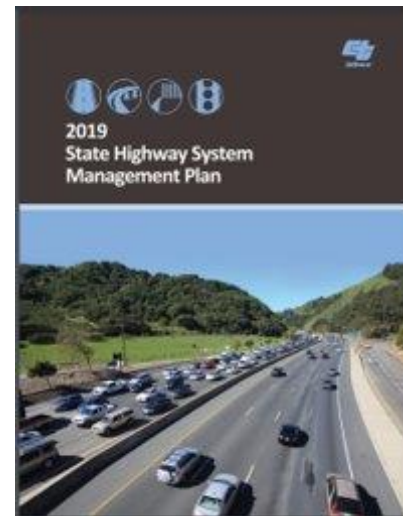
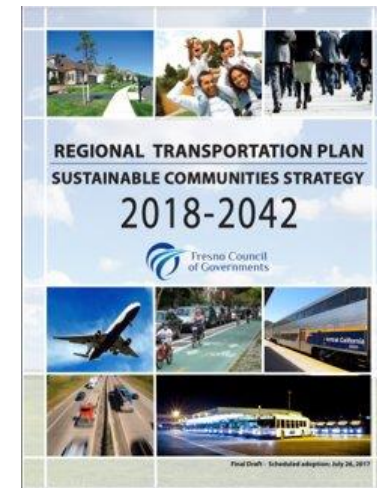
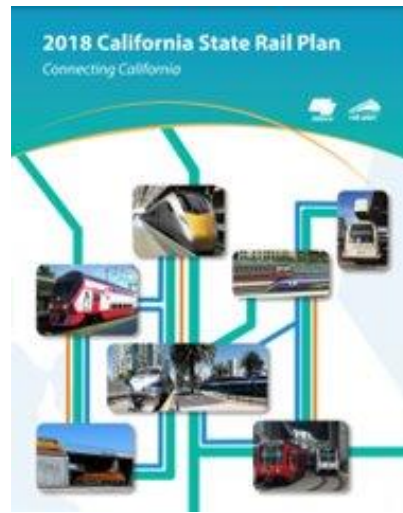
Support a vibrant, resilient economy

Environment

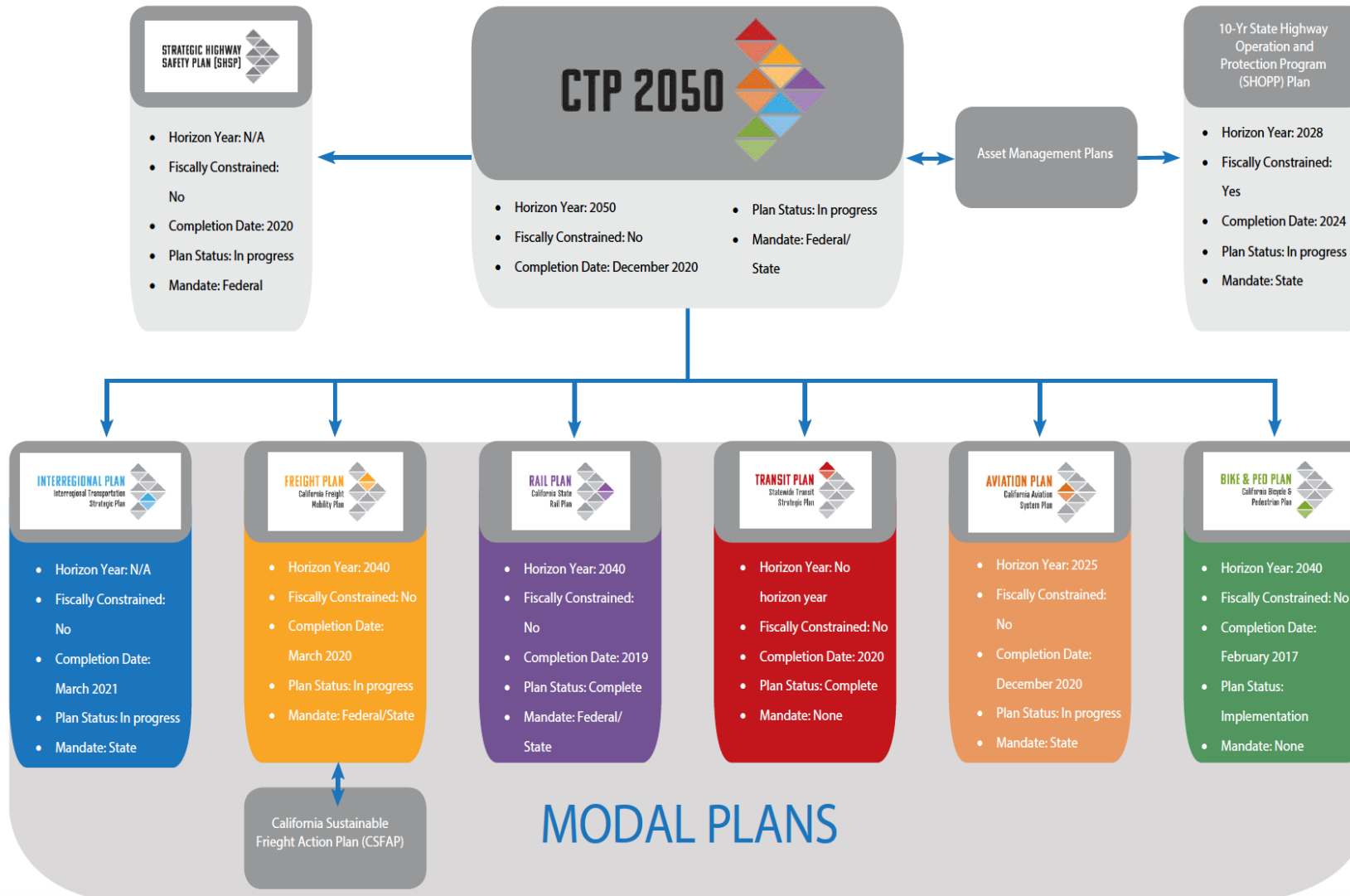
Enhance environmental health and reduce negative transportation impacts

Infrastructure

Maintain a high-quality, resilient transportation system



Issue 2 (cont'd): Updating and better aligning among existing State and regional plans.



What are opportunities to coordinate among the existing State transportation plans, including the CTP and Caltrans modal plans?



Issue 3. Re-evaluating project and program funding and reviewing the current transportation project pipeline.

Projects in the pipeline are rarely reevaluated to assess their alignment with current state priorities, which may have shifted over the time from transportation project conception to construction.



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Issue 4. Assessing the roles of State transportation institutions.

The institutional structure for transportation is complicated and decision-making levers can be disparate or hard to pinpoint.

Federal



State of California



California Transportation Commission



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CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

Regional/Local



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Issue 5. Assessing MPO and local government roles and responsibilities.

Institutions (such as Metropolitan Planning Organizations, among others) that have been given key responsibilities for meeting climate and equity goals do not necessarily have the appropriate levers to fulfill those responsibilities.



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Discussion Questions

- What kinds of improvements to our transportation system will help support your agency/organization's priorities?
- Which recommendations from the UC ITS final summary report do you think should be advanced or further explored?
- What additional questions and needs does this report raise and how can SGC best address them?

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Comments addressing the Report's findings and recommendations that focus on potential solutions and viable next steps are encouraged.

Members of the public are invited to submit their assessment on the Report's findings at transportation@sgc.ca.gov



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