



CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Presented by: <i>Erin Kelly, Transportation Planner</i>	Board Meeting Date September 6, 2023	Agenda Number 18.a
Transportation Planner Report		
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Recommendation:

This item is informational, no action is requested.

CCOG PLANNING PROJECT UPDATES

CCOG is working with City, County, and Caltrans staff on various planning projects and efforts. The following is a list of projects being completed, are ongoing, or getting started. Completed and past planning project documents can be accessed on the Completed Projects webpage of the CCOGs website at <http://calacog.org/completed-projects/>.

GHG Emissions Inventories and Reduction Plans - In Progress

Project Background

The County of Calaveras adopted a Conservation and Open Space Element as part of the most recent General Plan update that established goals, policies, and implementation measures for Air Quality/Greenhouse Gases. Of those measures, developing a GHG Baseline for Calaveras County (COS-5B) and GHG Reduction Plan (COS-5C) were identified by the County Board of Supervisors as priority programs to implement by the end of 2022. To support this effort on behalf of our member agencies, CCOG included GHG Emission Inventories and Reduction Plans as part of the FY 20/21 Overall Work Program. The CCOG Board awarded a contract to Sierra Business Council (SBC) at the September 2, 2020 regular board meeting. The work is being broken up into two phases with Phase 1, the GHG inventories now complete. Work on Phase 2, the Reduction Plans is currently underway.

This project will analyze current GHG emissions, establish baseline GHG levels against which to measure progress in emission reductions going forward, and develop emission reduction plans outlining strategies, goals, and priority actions to reduce emissions consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 32 (California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) and SB 32. These actions will also help to implement the County and City General Plan goals, air quality goals, and other compliance issues related to GHG emission reductions.

Recent or Upcoming Activities:

Phase II, the preliminary GHG Emissions Reduction measures, were presented to the City Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission throughout April and May. Public outreach, soliciting feedback on the draft measures, including surveys and office hours have been completed for both the City and County. The Consultant provided the outreach and feedback results to the County, adjusting the measures and running calculations towards developing draft Reduction Plans for both City and County. The Consultant is currently working with City and County staff identifying and calculating alternative measures with the goal of closing the gap to the target emissions.

Emergency Access and Evacuation Needs Assessment and Preparedness Plan - In Progress

Project Background

CCOG has received a Caltrans Grant to develop an Evacuation and Access Needs Assessment and Preparedness Plan for the County. The goal of this project is to build resiliency in our transportation system from the impacts of wildfires, extreme weather and other events. The project will facilitate adequate and sustained access to and from high-risk communities in Calaveras County, including the City of Angels Camp, during and after catastrophic events. The focus will be on assessing the transportation network's demands, capacity and deficiencies or needs in responding, recovering, and adapting to catastrophic events, furthering our community's resilience. The project will evaluate the potential for wildfires and extreme weather events, identifying the populations/communities and infrastructure at the highest risk. The study area will include the unincorporated communities of Calaveras County and the incorporated City of Angels Camp. The project is scheduled to be finalized in 2023.

Recent or Upcoming Activities:

The public comment period on the Draft Plan closed August 31, 2023. CCOG staff and the Consultant are reviewing and responding to received comments with the Final Plan anticipated for presentation at the October 2023 meeting.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Plan - In Progress

Project Background

The State of California continues to move rapidly towards integrating alternative fuel technology and the electrification of vehicles with goals to establish 250,000 electric vehicle chargers in CA by 2025 and bring 5 million zero-emission vehicles to California roads by 2030.

The purpose of this plan is to create a template and identify resources to implement charging infrastructure for both County and City fleets, Transit, and public use. Developing a network of charging infrastructure will support Calaveras County efforts to increase electrification and reducing emissions as well as provide a reliable network of charging infrastructure for tourism in and through Calaveras County. The CCOG Board awarded a contract to DKS at the February 1, 2023 regular board meeting.

Recent or Upcoming Activities:

The Consultant and CCOG staff hosted the first Project Advisory Committee meeting reviewing data needs and making the requests to City and County staff. The Consultant has started reviewing City and County data.

Triennial Performance Audit - In Progress

CCOG staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct the Triennial Performance Audits for Fiscal Years 2020/21 - 2022/23 for the Calaveras Council of Governments and Calaveras Transit Agency. Proposals are due September 13th, 2023.

Grant Award - Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant

On August 31, 2023, CCOG received notification of an FY 2023/24 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award from the Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning in the amount of \$264,000 to complete the Calaveras County Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Plan.