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AGENDA ITEM 7a
TAC Meeting
May 6, 2021

DATE: April 27, 2021
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Oona Smith, Senior Regional Planner
SUBJECT: **Regional Transportation Plan Update 2021: Administrative Drafts of Active Transportation Elements (Complete Streets, Commuter Trails, Public Transportation) and Commercial and Industrial Transport Elements (Aviation System, Goods Movement)**

STAFF REPORT

Contents:

- Staff's Recommended Action
- Staff Summary
- Active Transportation Administrative Drafts: Complete Streets, Commuter Trails, and Public Transportation Elements
- Commercial and Industrial Transport Administrative Drafts: Aviation System and Goods Movement Elements

Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and direct staff as necessary.

Staff Summary:

Previously, for the 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, the TAC has reviewed the existing overall goal and the six main objectives in the current RTP, *VROOM* (adopted in 2017). The TAC did not make any recommendations to forward to the HCAOG Board.

The TAC also has reviewed the Greenhouse Gas Emissions-Reduction Targets Table. TAC members gave substantive comments, which I brought forward to the HCAOG Board.

The outline for the RTP update is as follows:

1. Update introduction or summary
2. Renewing Our Communities

- Making streets safer, more useful and attractive
 - Addressing the global climate crisis
 - Addressing transportation equity
3. Goals, Vision
 - Overall Goal/Vision
 - Primary Objectives (planning priorities)
 - GHG Emissions-Reduction Targets
 4. Strengthening Partnerships
 - Tribal Transportation
 - Emergency Transportation
 - Land Use and Transportation (regional, integrated planning)
 5. Supporting Active Communities
 - Complete Streets and Connected Communities
 - Commuter Trails
 - Public Transportation
 6. Commercial and Industrial Transport
 - Aviation System
 - Goods Movement (ground, air, maritime)
 7. Financial Element

Staff prepared administrative drafts for chapters 5–Supporting Active Communities and 6–Commercial and Industrial Transport.

In the administrative drafts, staff is working on integrating the draft GHG emissions-reduction targets and performance measures into all the elements. We are seeking to align GHG targets in the modal elements so that TAC members (and other entities) can consistently prioritize projects for all modes, and help create regional action plans/project lists that will support achieving RTP goals and objectives, and greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Staff have incorporated applicable GHG performance measures as objectives (under the Goal, Objectives, & Policies sections) in the Complete Streets Element (see page 2-9) and the Public Transportation Element (see page 5-7). We would like TAC members to consider and give feedback on how functional it would be to use the related GHG-target objectives to gauge priority projects.

As I noted in my previous RTP staff report, having a more articulate and meaningful connection between the RTP’s long-term goals/objectives and the action plan (project lists) will benefit decision-making for short-term and long-term regional transportation investments; it will also make the RTP more consistent with recent State and Federal planning and funding directives. Documenting a strong case for regional priority projects should also help jurisdictions when pursuing competitive funding grants.

Please review the administrative drafts and recommend revisions or additions. TAC members are asked to **update and return their Active Transportation Elements project lists by May 21 (Friday)**. (Email or mail updates to Oona Smith.)

The next iteration of drafts will be on the TAC’s June 3 agenda. Staff will then bring the drafts to the HCAOG Board, on June 17, for them to approve as public-release drafts.