



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the
Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Notice is hereby given that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) has released the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) document for a 45-day public review/comment period.

Proposed Project: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2022 RTP/SCS).

Project Description: The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS is the region's long range transportation plan/land use strategy through 2046 for the Kings County region. The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS is an update to the current 2018 RTP/SCS that was adopted on August 22, 2018. The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS reflects changes in legislative requirements, local land use policies, and resource constraints that have occurred since adoption of the current 2018 RTP/SCS. The 2022 update to the 2018 RTP/SCS is focused on continued implementation of the 2018 RTP/SCS, with updates to ensure consistency with federal, State, and local planning requirements. The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS is the long-term coordinated transportation/land use strategy and provides a framework for transportation investment out to the year 2046.

Project Location: The proposed 2022 RTP/SCS covers the entire area of Kings County and includes the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore. Capital improvement transportation projects, identified in the proposed 2022 RTP/SCS, are located on State Routes, County roads, and locally owned streets, as well as on transit district property, airport property, and public utility lands.

Environmental Effects: The DPEIR provides a programmatic analysis of environmental impacts related to the implementation of the proposed 2022 RTP/SCS. It discloses significant effects for the following resource categories: aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire.

Public Review and Comment

The DPEIR prepared for the proposed 2022 RTP/SCS is available for public review from July 15, 2022, to 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2022, at:

- KCAG Website (<https://www.kingscog.org/>)
- Office (339 West D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, California 93245) upon request

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2022. Please address comments to:

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In addition, written and oral comments on the DPEIR will be taken at KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meetings on August 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and August 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at the City of Hanford, City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, and conducted via teleconference. The meeting agenda, including information on how to access the meeting via teleconference, can be found on the KCAG website: <https://www.kingscog.org/>. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details.

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