



2025-2045 EL DORADO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN EIR SCOPING MEETING

December 4, 2024

(held on-line via Zoom)



Purpose of Today's Scoping Meeting

- To receive input from the public and interested agencies on the environmental issues that the Draft EIR should address.
- To enhance public participation as part of the project's review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Today's meeting is NOT intended as a forum to discuss the merits or design of the proposed project.



2025-2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Long-range (+20 Year) Transportation Investment Plan

Goals, Objectives, & Policies

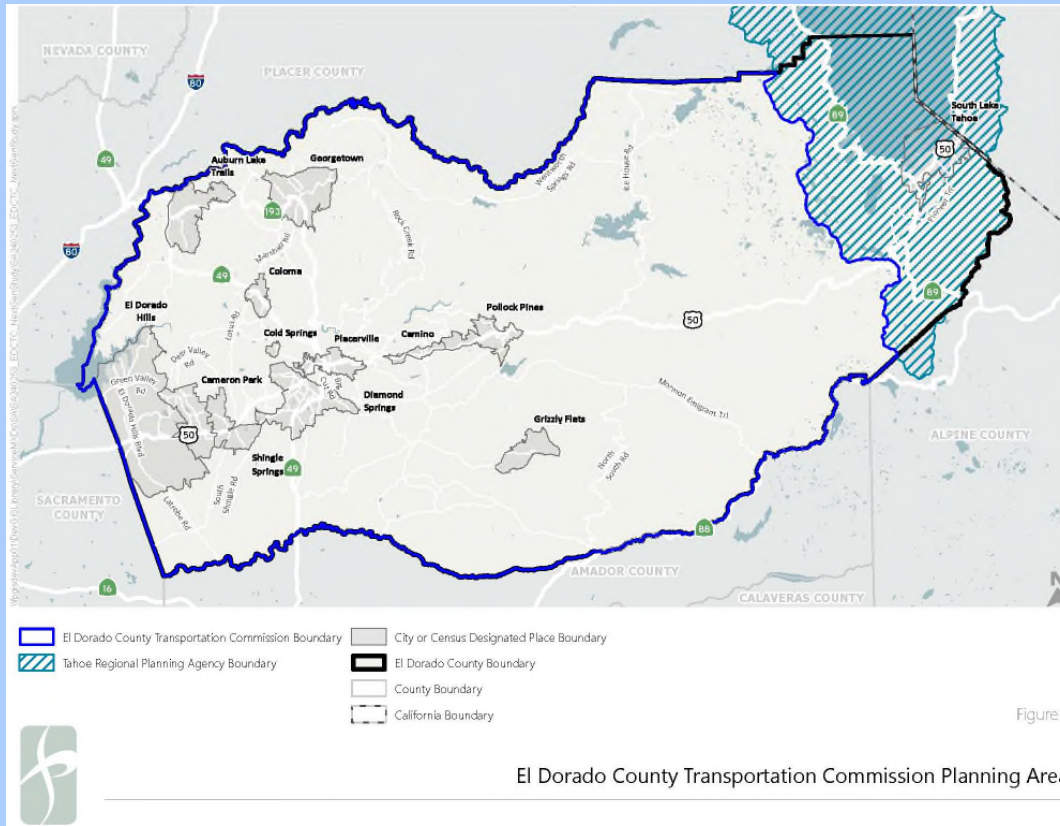
Addresses Short & Long-term Transportation Needs

Identifies Transportation Investments & Programs

Proposed Projects Consistent with Projected Funding



Planning Area



Size: The entire county encompasses approximately 1,805 square miles.

Location: The Planning Area is bounded by El Dorado County, except for the area under the jurisdiction of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).



Federal and State Requirements

- RTP Update required every 5 Years
- Evaluate current transportation network for future improvements
- Plan for 0-10 years and 10-20 years
- Account for changes in:
 - Demographics
 - Funding
 - Local, State, and Federal Policies
 - Project Priorities
 - Add New / Remove Completed Projects
- Verify Compliance with Air Quality Conformity Standards



2025-2045 RTP Update



- **Vision and Goals**

- Policies tailored to our region's unique needs and characteristics
- Aligned with the social and physical conditions in the region

- **Framework for Transportation Improvements**

- Action oriented
- Short and long-term
- Balanced, comprehensive, and multi-modal transportation system
 - Highways, streets, interregional roadways, public transit, aviation, active transportation, and intelligent systems

- **Realistic Funding Plan**

- Projects in the Plan are Eligible for State/Federal Funds
- Transportation Expenditures Cannot exceed Anticipated Revenues

Environmental Review Process

- **What is an EIR?**
 - An informational document describing the anticipated environmental effects of implementing a project, as required by CEQA.
 - Acts as a forum for public participation in the environmental review process.
 - An EIR includes Mitigation Measures to reduce potential adverse environmental impacts.
 - An EIR does not advocate or promote the project.



Issues Addressed

The following environmental topics identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines will be analyzed in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation
- Cumulative and Growth-Inducing Impacts



Notice of Preparation

- Public review period ends on December 13, 2024
- Comments can be submitted:
 - Today (orally)
 - By email
 - By mail



Next Steps

- Public Draft EIR
 - 45-day public review and comment period
- Final EIR
 - Written responses to comments, and any changes made to the Draft EIR
- Certify the EIR
- Implementing Agencies to Move Forward with Funding, Design, and Further Environmental Review



Schedule



- Notice of Preparation – Public Review
 - November 13 to December 13, 2024
- Public Scoping Meeting
 - December 4, 2024
- Notice of Availability – Draft EIR Public Review (45 days)
 - TBD (Estimated late winter or early spring 2025)
- Release Final EIR
 - TBD (Estimated Spring 2025)
- Public Hearings – EIR Certification/Project Consideration
 - TBD (Estimated Summer 2025)

Key Information



The NOP is available for review at the El Dorado County Transportation Commission. An electronic copy is also available at <https://www.edctc.org/announcements>.

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