

# California Transportation Plan 2035

*Caltrans Public Participation Plan -Publication Summary*

Agency:	California Department of Transportation
Publication Title:	California Transportation Plan (CTP) and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Public Participation Plan (PPP)
Date of Release:	June 2008
Next Update	Every 3 – 5 years (2011-2013)
Introduction (Page 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ CTP &amp; FSTIP two major products Caltrans</li> <li>⊗ CTP – long-range planning policy document</li> <li>⊗ 5 pdated every 5 years</li> <li>⊗ no projects</li> <li>⊗ FSTIP – Program of prioritized projects from local and regional long-range plans</li> <li>⊗ Reflects vision and goals in CTP and local &amp; regional long-range plans</li> <li>⊗ Both involve ongoing feedback</li> <li>⊗ Educating public at forefront of CTP and FSTIP public outreach activities</li> <li>⊗ Transportation Planning – process of identifying transportation problems and looking for solutions.</li> <li>⊗ Transportation Programming – the commitment of transportation funds to particular projects over several years</li> </ul>
Purpose & Background (Page 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Caltrans Mission – Improve mobility across California</li> <li>⊗ Provide transportation services equitably</li> <li>⊗ Fair treatment</li> <li>⊗ Meaningful involvement – all races, cultures, &amp; income levels</li> <li>⊗ Early stages of transportation planning &amp; investment decision making</li> <li>⊗ Through construction, operation, &amp; maintenance</li> <li>⊗ Caltrans policy – encourage public to express needs and concern</li> <li>⊗ Transportation decision reflect community values &amp; interests</li> <li>⊗ Encourage public engagement early and at the local level</li> <li>⊗ Stay involved throughout many stages of project development</li> </ul>
Laws & Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Federal laws and regulations require public involvement</li> <li>⊗ From legislation passed ~ 6 years</li> <li>⊗ “Reauthorization” of federal transportation funding</li> <li>⊗ 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)</li> <li>⊗ Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964</li> <li>⊗ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</li> <li>⊗ Context Sensitive Solutions – collaborative interdisciplinary approach to transportation decision making</li> </ul>
Development Approach (Page 4)	<p>Public prefers the internet as main communication medium</p> <p>Public asked using 3 methods “how do you want to be involved?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Phone interviews</li> <li>⊗ Focus groups – 4</li> <li>⊗ Web survey</li> </ul>
Public Participation Principles and Strategies (Page 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Outreach activities provided insight to how public perceived role in transportation planning &amp; programming</li> <li>⊗ Process is confusing</li> <li>⊗ Do not know how or when to get involved</li> <li>⊗ Skeptical whether input makes a difference</li> <li>⊗ Caltrans principles for public engagement efforts</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ Clarify process</li> <li>☼ Show impact &amp; relevance of issues</li> <li>☼ Explain how &amp; when public can influence process</li> <li>☼ Reach diverse population</li> <li>☼ Continuous evaluation of public participation process</li> </ul>
Generate Interest Through Connections (Page 7)	Outreach must demonstrate how CTP and FSTIP are relevant to people's daily lives
Simplify Educational Materials & utilize Visualization Techniques (Page 8)	<p>Visualization Techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ Process graphics or wall graphics</li> <li>☼ Maps, and Flowcharts</li> <li>☼ Photo simulations, Scenario planning</li> <li>☼ Audience response systems, interactive displays</li> <li>☼ Artist renderings</li> <li>☼ More in-depth explanations</li> <li>☼ On web and in printed materials</li> </ul>
Be Transparent (Page 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ Easy access to transportation planning &amp; programming documents</li> <li>☼ Public identify involvement opportunities</li> <li>☼ Know public's comments are acknowledged</li> <li>☼ Internet provides most practical method for entire State</li> <li>☼ Confirmed during public outreach</li> <li>☼ Comprehensive Web Portal</li> <li>☼ Focus of efforts</li> <li>☼ User-friendly, attractive interface</li> <li>☼ Clear information about transportation planning &amp; programming</li> <li>☼ Fact sheets, FAQs, and newsletters</li> <li>☼ Calendar of events, schedule of Public outreach activities</li> <li>☼ Timelines/next steps: planning process in graphic format</li> <li>☼ Related Links</li> <li>☼ Pubic comment forms with acknowledgements of receipt</li> <li>☼ Notification sign up forms: email and webfeeds</li> <li>☼ Contact info</li> <li>☼ Visually impaired enabled</li> <li>☼ Continuous updating</li> </ul>
Use Diverse Outreach Tools (Page 9)	<p>Outreach Focus: comprehensive &amp; dynamic online presence</p> <p>Public Outreach Toolbox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ Dynamic website</li> <li>☼ Email blasts</li> <li>☼ Focus groups</li> <li>☼ Regional workshops</li> <li>☼ Stakeholder &amp; community group presentations</li> <li>☼ Connecting with trusted community leaders</li> <li>☼ Mainstream &amp; ethnic media outreach</li> <li>☼ Newsletters</li> <li>☼ Surveys</li> <li>☼ As needed:</li> <li>☼ Language assistance</li> <li>☼ Documents in alternative formats for sensory disabled</li> <li>☼ Disability assistance at workshops</li> <li>☼ Easily accessible locations</li> <li>☼ Accommodate non-traditional work schedules</li> </ul>
Engage Traditionally Underserved ( Page 10)	<p>Provide opportunities for minority &amp; low-income populations</p> <p>Hurdles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ Limited transportation access</li> <li>☼ Childcare</li> <li>☼ Work schedules</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Language barriers</li> <li>Active engagement             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Community gatherings</li> <li>⊗ Advertising in ethnic media</li> <li>⊗ Outreach materials at transit facilities</li> <li>⊗ Communicating through trusted community leaders</li> </ul> </li> <li>Build on Existing Caltrans outreach efforts             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning grants program</li> <li>⊗</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Engage Specific Stakeholder Groups (Page 10)	<p>Offer valuable feedback and have considerable investments in transportation issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Environmental associations</li> <li>⊗ Business alliances</li> <li>⊗ Community organizations</li> <li>⊗ Other groups</li> </ul>
Respond to Public Comments and Provide Accountability	<p>What impact will input have?; hw will input be addressed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Responses will vary</li> <li>⊗ Developed protocol             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Specific comments addressed either individually or as part of general response</li> <li>○ Those that do not apply to CTP or FSTIP directed to proper Caltrans contact</li> <li>○ May fall outside of scope; will be noted and addressed in future plan or program</li> <li>○ Comments available on CTP and FSTIP websites</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Evaluate and Update the Public Participation Plan on a Regular Basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Continuous review and ongoing evaluation</li> <li>⊗ Update process 3-5 years</li> <li>⊗ Effectiveness gauged by public evaluation after each public outreach event             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ....opportunity to participate?</li> <li>○ ..have a voice?</li> <li>○ ...understand the issues...?</li> <li>○ ...responsive to comments?</li> <li>○ ...satisfied with results of event?</li> </ul> </li> <li>⊗ Feedback for future development of PPP</li> </ul>
Getting Involved	<p>Transportation system planning requires coordination between Caltrans and local and regional planning agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Metropolitan Planning Organizations</li> <li>⊗ Regional Transportation Planning Agencies             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type depends on size &amp; population of area served</li> </ul> </li> <li>⊗ Caltrans and regional agencies conduct extensive public outreach             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure programs and policies match public's needs                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional Blueprint Planning workshops                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visualization scenarios for region</li> <li>• Create collective vision</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
California Transportation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Developed by Caltrans; approved by Governor or designee</li> <li>⊗ Document for guiding State's transportation future</li> <li>⊗ Long-range policy plan – not project specific</li> <li>⊗ Vision for California's transportation system</li> <li>⊗ Developed collaboratively with public and transportation partners/stakeholders</li> <li>⊗ Defines goals, policies, and strategies to achieve vision</li> <li>⊗ Provides common framework</li> <li>⊗ Guides transportation decisions and investments             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To enhance economy</li> <li>○ Support communities</li> <li>○ Protect environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Regional Long-Range Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Regional Transportation Plan or Metropolitan Transportation Plan</li> <li>⊗ Mechanism used in Ca by MPOs and RTPAs for long-range transportation planning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 20 year horizon</li> </ul> </li> <li>⊗ Establish regional goals</li> <li>⊗ Identify present and future needs, deficiencies, constraints</li> <li>⊗ Analyze potential solutions</li> <li>⊗ Estimate available funding and proposed investments</li> <li>⊗ Primary avenue for public participation in the process</li> <li>⊗ Plan for public participation in RTP development mandated by federal law</li> </ul>
<p>Federal Programming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ MPOs also develop short-range programs             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIPs)</li> <li>○ Project specific</li> <li>○ Public comment provided in FTIP process</li> </ul> </li> <li>⊗ FSTIP – statewide compilation of all projects in rural counties and projects in regional FTIPs             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 year span – Caltrans updates &amp; amends every even years</li> <li>○ Prioritized projects based on available funding</li> <li>○ Available for public review &amp; comment for 14-30 days</li> <li>○ Limited opportunity to adjust projects in FTIPs                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opportunity is in reviewing transportation projects statewide perspective – “big picture”</li> <li>▪ See relationships between connecting regions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>⊗ FSTIP amendments processed as needed             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ According to Amendment Modification Guidelines</li> <li>○ In cooperation with FHWA, FTA, and individual MPO</li> <li>○ Available for public comment with FTIP amendment public comments</li> <li>○ Rural counties’ project amendment public comments via Internet at State and/or regional level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Other Public Involvement Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Regional and local efforts</li> <li>⊗ Excellent opportunities for early public involvement</li> <li>⊗ Local planning and programming processes – Critical elements leading to development of FSTIP</li> </ul>
<p>Stay Involved Beyond Planning &amp; Programming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Project implementation             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policies                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Context Sensitive Solutions - encourage design &amp; operations to respond to community values where State highways serve as main streets</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Contact local Caltrans office                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Operations &amp; Design</li> <li>▪ Environmental Review</li> <li>▪ Construction &amp; Maintenances</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Non-Metropolitan Local Officials, Government and Other Agencies</p>	<p>Local &amp; Tribal Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ SAFETEA-LU reaffirms consultation with non-metropolitan local officials &amp; Tribal Governments</li> </ul> <p>Consultation with non-metropolitan Planning Agencies &amp; Local Officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ State required to provide for non-metropolitan local official participation in the long-range CTP and FSTIP</li> <li>⊗ See Non-Metropolitan Local Official Consultation Process January 28, 2004</li> </ul> <p>Tribal Government Consultation – government-to-government consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊗ Federal regulations require State to engage Tribal Governments</li> </ul>
<p>Resource Agency Consultation</p>	<p>Environmental and resource agencies consulted during CTP 2030 Addendum</p>

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	Proposed seamless process for bridging transportation planning with environmental planning & resource planning efforts Next steps: encourage & refine efforts Expand the framework to support implementation of the consultation process
Consultation: The Next Steps	Expand in future updates of the CTP Document & append independent efforts of the PPP.
Other	See CT photographs for possible inclusion in CTP publications.