

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ON DRAFT 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT 3,**  
**DRAFT 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT 1, DRAFT 2023 CONFORMITY ANALYSIS, AND**  
**DRAFT ADDENDUM TO PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM at the MCAG office, located at 369 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, California regarding the Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 3 (2023 FTIP Amendment 3), the Draft Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 1 (2022 RTP Amendment 1), the corresponding Draft 2023 Conformity Analysis, and the Draft Addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR Addendum). The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on these documents. During the public hearing, comments can also be made via online webinar or by phone:

- By online webinar, click <https://zoom.us/join> and entering Meeting ID: 88548212590 followed by Passcode: 36918.
- By phone, call 1-669-444-9171, key in Meeting ID 88548212590#, and key in Passcode 36918#.
  
- The 2023 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Merced County during the next four years. Amendment 3 programs an up-to-date listing of regionally significant projects.
- The 2022 RTP is a long-term strategy to meet Merced County transportation needs out to 2046. Amendment 1 adds new projects, makes changes to existing projects, such as project limits, costs, and open to traffic dates.
- The EIR Addendum provides an updated analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the RTP/SCS as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.
- The corresponding Conformity Analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2023 FTIP Amendment 3 and 2022 RTP Amendment 1 meet the federal air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.

Individuals with disabilities may call MCAG (with 3-working-day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Interpreting services are available (with 3-working-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

A 30-day public review and comment period will commence on February 14, 2023, and conclude on March 15, 2023. The draft documents are available at the MCAG office, located at 369 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA, 95340, and on the MCAG website at <https://www.mcagov.org/364/2022-RTP>.

Public comments are welcomed at the public hearing, or may be submitted in writing by March 15, 2023, by 5 p.m., to Elizabeth Forte at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the MCAG Board at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on March 16, 2023. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

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