



# 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the Shasta Region

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EIR SCOPING MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2022



# Agenda Overview

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- Welcome/Introductions
- Describe Regulatory Background
- Provide Project Overview
- Discuss Scope of Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
- Q&A Session



# Scoping Meeting Purpose

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- Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project
- Solicit comments on the scope and content of the environmental analysis that will be included in the draft Supplemental EIR for the 2022 RTP/SCS
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input
  
- What it is not:
  - A public hearing to determine if the RTP/SCS should be approved or not
  - A discussion regarding the RTP/SCS scenarios, strategies, policies, etc.,

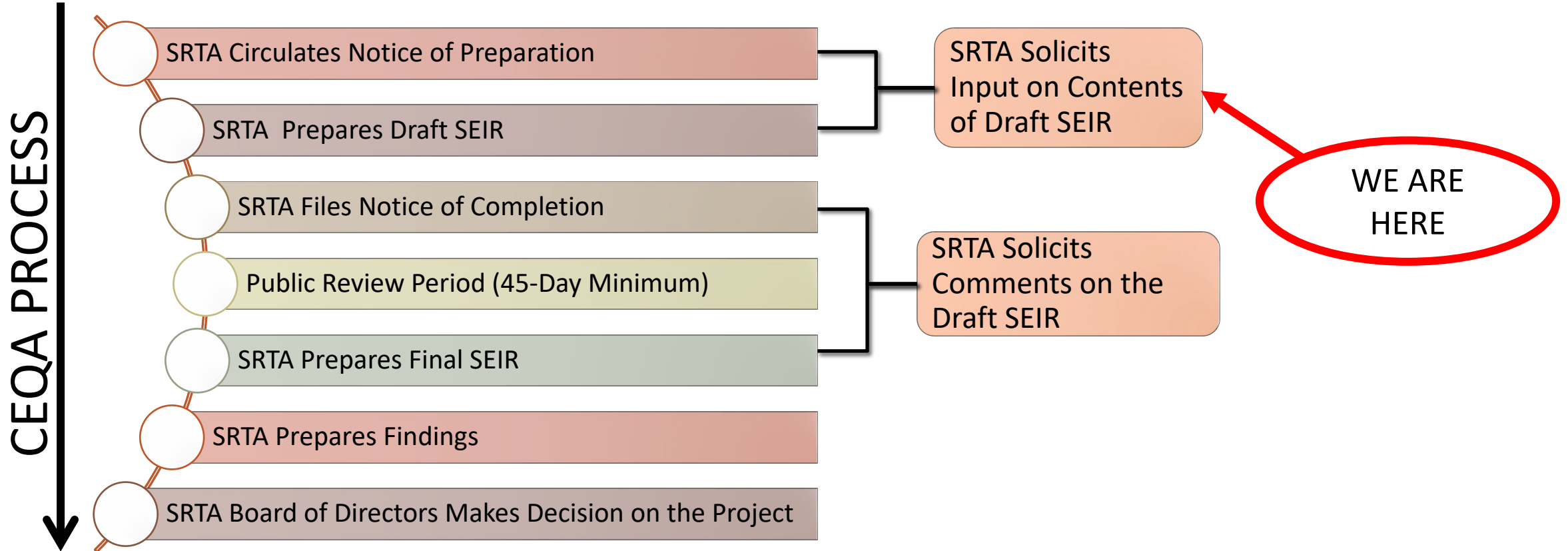


# CEQA Purpose

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- Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed project
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts
- Consider feasible alternatives to proposed project
- Enhance public participation

# CEQA Environmental Review Process for the 2022 RTP/SCS





# Notice of Preparation

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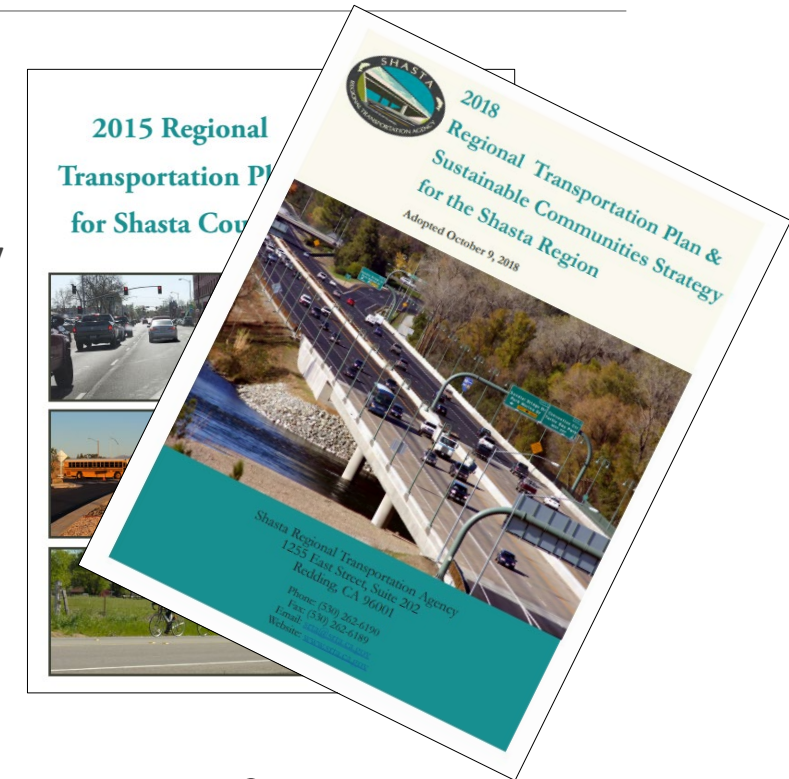
- SRTA issued Notice of Preparation (NOP) on October 11, 2022.
- The NOP was distributed by SRTA's environmental consultant (ECORP) to California State Clearing House.
- SRTA emailed the NOP to 50+ responsible/trustee agencies and tribes.
- The NOP was posted on SRTA's website - <https://www.srta.ca.gov/355/2022-RTP>.
- The 30-day mandatory NOP review and comment period ends November 9, 2022.



# Project Overview – 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

## ➤ Regional Transportation Plan

- Long-range transportation planning document for the Shasta County region
- Meet region's transportation goals regarding current and future mobility needs
- Addresses all transportation modes
- Guides transportation programming documents and plans
- Covers a 20-year planning period: 2022 - 2042





# Project Overview – 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

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## ➤ Regional Transportation Plan:

- Be internally consistent document
- Include the following elements:
  - A Policy Element
  - A Sustainable Communities Strategy
  - An Action Element
  - A Financial Element
- Discuss environmental review and public outreach process
- Include an Environmental Justice analysis
- Utilize the most recent planning assumptions, local general plans and other data, as much as is feasible



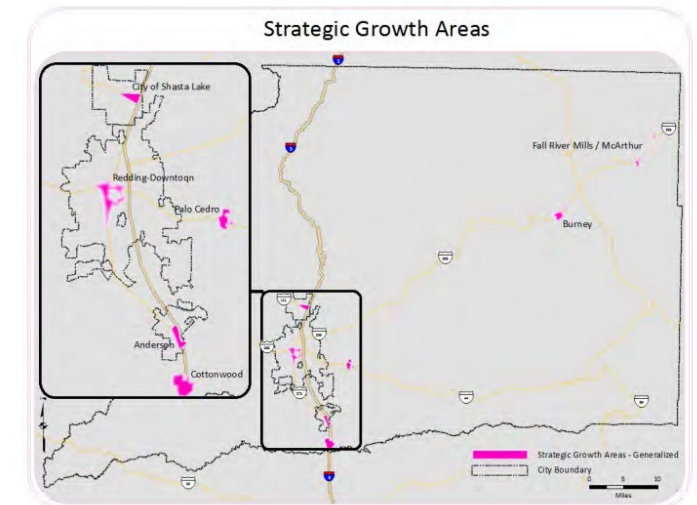




# Project Overview – 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

## ➤ Sustainable Communities Strategy

- Required by California law Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)
- Plan to demonstrate how GHG reductions will be met through integrated land use, housing and transportation planning.
- Reduce GHG through alternative development patterns, infrastructure, and/or additional transportation measures or policies that result in fewer and/or shorter automobile and light truck trips
- Identifies general land uses, residential densities, and building intensities as well as areas able to house future residents based on the General Plan land use and housing elements of local agencies in the region
- Must be consistent with Regional Housing Need allocation (RHNA)
  - December 2018 through April 2028 <https://www.srta.ca.gov/240/Regional-Housing-Need-Allocation-RHNA>





# SEIR Approach

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- Supplemental EIR – broad, comprehensive evaluation to cover many actions in long-range transportation plan; supplemental to the 2015 and 2018 RTP/SCS EIR documents
  - 2018 Final Supplemental EIR for the 2018 RTP/SCS: <https://www.srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4287>
  - 2015 Final Program EIR for the 2015 RTP/SCS: <http://www.srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1851>
- Focused on new projects not analyzed in 2018 RTP/SCS EIR
- The SEIR screens which new transportation projects are likely to result in environmental impacts



# SEIR Approach (cont.)

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- High level review – many transportation projects not fully designed; will require additional environmental review by implementing agencies
- Future land use changes by local agencies will require additional environmental review (at the local level)



# Environmental Factors to be Analyzed in the Supplemental EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture/Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services/Facilities
- Recreation/Parks
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

 = identified for further analysis compared to 2018 RTP/SCS



# Projected EIR Schedule

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10/11/2022	SRTA Circulates Notice of Preparation
10/25/2022	2022 RTP/SCS Scoping Meeting
11/9/2022	Comments on Supplemental EIR Scope due to SRTA
12/12/2022 (tentative)	SRTA Releases Draft Supplemental EIR (45-day comment period)
12/15/2022	Public Hearing on Draft 2022 RTP/SCS and Presentation of SEIR to SRTA Board of Directors
2/23/2023	Public Hearing on Adoption of 2022 Final RTP/SCS and SEIR
February/March 2023	SRTA submits 2022 RTP/SCS to California Air Resources Board for SB 375 Review



# Outreach for RTP/SCS

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## Consult with:

- Federal, state, regional and local public agencies
- Tribes
- Public

## Provide documents electronically

- Documents on SRTA's website at: <https://www.srta.ca.gov/355/2022-RTP>

## Public workshops

- Requirement – one workshop/hearing
- **Anticipate two** meetings at SRTA Board of Director meetings
  - December 15, 2022 & February 23, 2022

45-day comment period on Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy (same period as the Draft SEIR)



# How To Provide Comments

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By 5:00 PM on November 9, 2022, please submit comments to:

Attn: Jennifer Pollom, Senior Transportation Planner

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

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Redding, CA 96001

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For more information, please visit: <https://www.srta.ca.gov/355/2022-RTP> or call: (530) 262-6190



# Questions & Comments

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Any Questions?