

# SUTTER COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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## MOBILITY

### Multimodal Transportation Network

Goal 2.A Plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network suitable to the rural nature of Sutter County. [New Goal]

#### Policies

2.A-1 **Multi-Modal Roadways.** Design County roads to support multimodal transportation options serving automobiles, transit, trucks, bicycles, and pedestrians. [New Policy]

2.A-2 **Transportation Improvements.** Consider all transportation improvements as opportunities to enhance safety, access, and mobility for all travelers including people with special needs, recognizing bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system. [New Policy]

2.A-3 **Right-of-Ways.** Secure adequate right-of-way to allow for the planning, design, and operation of transportation systems that provide safe access for all users. [New Policy]

2.A-4 **New Development.** Plan for new development to provide “complete streets” that connect to existing and planned transportation systems. [New Policy]

#### Implementation Programs

2.1 **Complete Streets.** Design County roads and condition development as necessary to implement “complete streets” concepts and legislation to achieve an integrated transportation system where practical. Lead Agency: Public Works. [New Implementation Pgm]

### Streets and Highways

Goal 2.B Provide for the long-range planning and development of the County’s roadway system and the safe, efficient, and reliable movement of people and goods throughout Sutter County. [Modified Goal 2.A]

**Policies**

- 2.B-1 Functional Classification.** Plan, design, and regulate roadways in general accordance with the circulation diagram contained within this element and the California Road System [CRS] Functional Classification System as updated and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, unless otherwise addressed in an adopted specific plan or community plan. [Modified Policy 2.A-1]
- 2.B-2 Right-of-Way.** Require that road right-of-way dedications be wide enough to accommodate all necessary road improvements to handle forecasted travel volume[s] at or above adopted service level standards. [Modified Policy 2.A-1]
- 2.B-3 Road Dedication and Improvement.** Dedicate and improve all roads consistent with this element and in accordance within the County's improvement/design standards. Exceptions shall only be permitted in accordance with the County's improvement standards. [Modified Policy 2.A-2]
- 2.B-4 Intersection and Driveway Spacing.** Maximize intersection and driveway spacing on roadways. Driveway encroachments shall be minimized in accordance with the County's improvement standards. [Modified Policy 2.A-3]
- 2.B-5 Level of Service on County Roads.** Develop and manage the County roadway segments and intersections to maintain LOS D or better during peak hour, and LOS C or better at all other times. Adjust for seasonality. These standards shall apply to all County roadway segments and intersections, unless otherwise addressed in an adopted specific plan or community plan. [Modified Policy 2.A-4]
- 2.B-6 Mitigation by New Development.** Require new development projects to analyze their local traffic impacts and to construct and implement the improvements necessary to fully mitigate their local impacts to traffic capacity, structural sections and intersection geometrics. [Modified Policy 2.A-6]
- 2.B-7 Regional Improvements.** Require new development projects to analyze traffic impacts on the regional transportation system (i.e., facilities that provide regional connectivity to the new development) and require a fair share contribution to regional transportation improvements. [Modified 2.A-7]
- 2.B-8 City Coordination.** Coordinate with the cities of Yuba City and Live Oak to provide acceptable and compatible levels of service on roadways

that cross County/City boundaries and when establishing future road alignments within the cities' spheres of influence. [Modified Policy 2.A-8]

- 2.B-9 External Development Mitigation.** Coordinate with the cities and neighboring counties to require new development within those jurisdictions to analyze and fully mitigate their impacts to Sutter County roadways through construction of improvements and/or fair share funding of improvements within Sutter County. [New Policy]
- 2.B-10 Agency Coordination.** Maintain ongoing coordination with Caltrans, SACOG and other jurisdictions to address local and regional transportation issues. [Modified Policy 2.A-9]
- 2.B-11 State Highways.** Support projects that will improve traffic flows and safety on State Highways. [Modified Policy 2.A-10]
- 2.B-12 Major Highway Projects.** Continue participation in the planning and preservation of right-of-way for the Placer Parkway Project, and as appropriate, other major highway projects to improve traffic flows and safety within Sutter County. [Modified Policy 2.A-11]
- 2.B-13 Main Arterials.** Encourage the City of Yuba City and Caltrans to explore the feasibility of synchronizing signalized intersections on Highway 20, Highway 99, and other main arterials to improve traffic flows. [Modified Policy 2.A-12]
- 2.B-14 Parallel Roads.** Develop local roads parallel to State Highways, where feasible, to reduce congestion and increase traffic safety on state facilities. [Modified Policy 2.A-13]
- 2.B-15 Farm to Market Connectivity.** Improve and maintain County roadways to provide a network of agricultural truck transportation corridors and to facilitate farm-to market connectivity. [New Policy]

**Implementation Programs**

- 2.2** Develop and update circulation plans, as necessary to support the General Plan Land Use Diagram and to address existing conditions. Follow approved Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification System guidelines to classify County road segments based on this element and supporting circulation plans. Lead Agency: Public Works. [New Implementation Pgm]
- 2.3** Prepare and adopt a capital improvement program [CIP] that includes transportation improvements to achieve the adopted level of service standards, improve safety, and satisfy improvement standards. The CIP will be based on adopted circulation plans and updated as necessary.

The CIP will be used in the review and approval of development proposals. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified Implementation Pgm 2.1]

- 2.4 Prepare and adopt a traffic impact fee and allocation methodology to fund the improvements in the CIP. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Existing Implementation Pgm 2.2]
- 2.5 Condition new development to finance and construct appropriate circulation improvements necessary to mitigate a project's transportation impacts including pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety, and level of service-related impacts. Collect the fair share cost of required circulation improvements through established fees, and/or construction estimates of needed improvements, as appropriate, where construction is not practical at the time of development. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified Implementation Pgm 2.1]
- 2.6 Condition new development to provide rights-of-way and other dedications and easements consistent with circulation plans, and County improvement standards. Lead Agency: Public Works. [New Implementation Pgm]
- 2.7 Actively participate in regional transportation planning and funding efforts to improve the current and future streets and highways serving the County. Lead Agency: Public Works. [New Implementation Pgm]

## **Transit**

**Goal 2.C Promote a safe and efficient transit system to reduce congestion and provide viable alternatives to automobile use.** [Modified Goal 2.B]

### **Policies**

- 2.C-1 **Transit Service for Residents.** Support development of transit facilities in strategic locations, including areas of concentrated activity, density, and intensity. [New Policy]
- 2.C-2 **Transit in New Development.** Require new, large-scale developments to facilitate the provision of adequate transit service for users and to coordinate with local transit agencies to situate transit service and stops at locations that are convenient and accessible to users. [New Policy]
- 2.C-3 **Transit Integration.** Support multi-modal stations at appropriate locations to integrate transit with other transportation modes. [New Policy]

**Implementation Programs**

- 2.8 Coordinate with local transit agencies to ensure that residents have convenient transit service to workplaces, government services, shopping, and other destinations, as funding allows. Coordinate with Yuba-Sutter Transit in periodically reviewing and updating the transit plan for the County. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified policies 2.B-1, 2.B-2; Modified Implementation Pgm 2.4]
- 2.9 Cooperate with Yuba-Sutter Transit as they identify potential locations for rideshare facilities. Lead Agency: Community Services. [Modified Policy 2.B-3; Existing Implementation Pgm 2.5]
- 2.10 Condition new development to construct or fund transit stops and hubs with upgraded amenities such as pull-outs, sheltered stops, benches and lighting, where appropriate. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Pgm]

**Rail Transportation**

**Goal 2.D Promote a safe and efficient rail system for the movement of passengers and freight.** [New Goal]

**Policies**

- 2.D-1 **Protect Rail Facilities.** Protect and enhance existing rail facilities to support the transportation of agricultural goods and other materials within and through Sutter County. [Modified Policy 2.B-5]
- 2.D-2 **Rail Spurs.** Support opportunities to provide rail spurs within industrial areas. [New Policy]
- 2.D-3 **Transit Stops.** Support opportunities to provide additional transit stops to provide passenger service along existing rail lines. [New Policy]

**Implementation Programs**

- 2.11 Require new development proposed adjacent to rail facilities to provide adequate setbacks, buffers, walls, landscaping, and other appropriate elements to mitigate impacts from and avoid conflicts with ongoing railroad operations. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Program]

- 2.12 Coordinate with the railroads on opportunities to provide railroad spurs, add transit stops, and utilize abandoned right-of-way. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Program]

### **Bikeways and Pedestrians**

- Goal 2.E Provide a comprehensive system of facilities for non-motorized transportation. [Existing Goal 2.C]

#### **Policies**

- 2.E-1 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.** Prepare a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that supports implementation of a comprehensive and safe system of commuter and recreational routes for pedestrians and cyclists. [Modified Policy 2.C-1]
- 2.E-2 **New Development.** Require new development to construct and/or fund bicycle and pedestrian facilities. [New Policy]
- 2.E-3 **Abandoned Rail Lines.** Support the conversion of rails lines considered for abandonment into bike-pedestrian paths or other similar uses, where practical. [Modified Policy 2.B-5]
- 2.E-4 **Bridges.** Identify opportunities to add bicycle lanes and pedestrian facilities on existing or new bridges during restriping or major renovations. [New Policy]

#### **Implementation Programs**

- 2.13 Identify and pursue available sources of funding for the planning, development and improvement of bikeways. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified Policy 2.C-2]
- 2.14 Condition new development to construct bicycle and pedestrian lanes/trails and associated facilities in and supporting the development project in accordance with the County's Bikeway and Pedestrian Master Plan and County improvement standards; and to the extent possible, connect these facilities to existing and planned bicycle lanes/trails. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified Implementation Pgm 2.6]
- 2.15 Participate, as appropriate, in the development of multi-jurisdictional funding applications for regional bikeways. Lead Agency: Public Works. Modified Implementation Pgm 2.7] [IGC]

## **Air Travel and Airports**

**Goal 2.F** Promote the continued use and improvement of general and agricultural aviation facilities within the parameters of compatible surrounding land use and public safety. [Modified Goal 2.D and 7.E]

### **Policies**

- 2.F-1 Protection from Incompatible Uses.** Protect public and private airports from conflicting land use patterns to the extent practicable. [Existing Policy 2.D-1]
- 2.F-2 New Development.** Restrict new development around airports to insure safe airport operations. [Modified Policy 7.E-1]
- 2.F-3 Airport Safety Zones.** Limit land uses in airport safety zones to those listed in the applicable airport comprehensive land use plan [CLUP]. [Existing Policy 7.E-2]
- 2.F-4 Sutter County Airport.** Support Sutter County Airport’s continued use as a general aviation facility. [Modified Policy 2.D2]

### **Implementation Programs**

- 2.16** Review new development and building permits within the County airport vicinity to insure compliance with County ordinances for the Airport Zoning. Coordinate with Yuba City to insure compliance within the City limits. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Pgm]
- 2.17** Manage the Sutter County Airport to insure its viable long term operation. Lead Agency: Public Works. [Modified Implementation Program 2.8]
- 2.18** Review all new development projects within overflight zones affecting Sutter County for consistency with the applicable airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan [CLUP]. Lead Agency: Community Services. [Existing Implementation Pgm 7.9]

## **Green House Gas Reduction**

**Goal 2.G** Employ strategies that reduce the use of fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by transportation, and improve air quality. [New Goal]

**Policies**

- 2.G-1 New Development.** Require that new development projects avoid or mitigate environmental impacts to the transportation system. [New Policy]
- 2.G-2 Regional Objectives.** Support regional air quality and greenhouse gas reduction goals through effective management of the Sutter County's transportation system to reduce congestion and maintain a high level of service. [New Policy]
- 2.G-3 County Employees.** Promote carpooling, the use of public transit, and the use of alternative modes of transportation for County employees. [New Policy]
- 2.G-4 Emission Reduction Programs for Employers.** Encourage employers to offer programs, facilities, and incentives to their employees that would reduce the use of fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [New Policy]

**Implementation Programs**

- 2.19** Identify key areas where opportunities exist to promote greenhouse gas emission reduction through the financing of subsidies and facilities to support the use of alternative modes of transportation. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Program]
- 2.20** Encourage employers to provide telecommuting opportunities, alternative work schedules, incentives for use of public transit, and facilities to support alternative modes of transportation such as preferential parking for carpools and bicycle facilities. Lead Agency: Community Services. [New Implementation Program]