



REGIONAL INFORMATION BRIEF

Topic: 2001 Regional Transportation Plan Update

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Regional Transportation Plan Updated

Transportation, how we move people and freight in, out and within the Inland Empire, has become an issue of great concern. Residents, business owners and elected decision makers all agree that significant improvements are needed for the transportation system to keep up with the region's explosive population growth.

State law requires that Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) be developed to address long range transportation issues, and help local and state decision makers shape the future of California's transportation infrastructure. The last long-range plan for Southern California was adopted in April 1998; a revision to the RTP for the region is scheduled for adoption in April 2001.



What are Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs)?

RTPs are long-range planning documents developed by Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and other stakeholders. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) serves as the RTPA that includes Riverside County, as well as Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial counties.

The RTP, known in Southern California as Community Link21, is a critical document for transportation projects to qualify for future federal, state, and local funding sources. It is

a performance based plan aimed at providing a long-range, coordinated approach to transportation improvements in the six-county SCAG region through year 2025. Every three years, the RTP is revised and adopted to reflect changes in regional demographics, environmental factors, financial conditions, technological advancements and sub-regional planning. The RTP provides a framework for transportation improvement projects that will allow the region to meet the mobility goals and air quality requirements in 2010 and 2020, under a financially constrained environment while providing

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