



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Presentation – State Route 49 Multi-Modal Complete Streets & Congested Corridor Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a Presentation of the Draft State Route 49 Multi-Modal Complete Streets and Congested Corridor Plan

DISCUSSION

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) will be presenting a draft of the Route 49 Multi-Modal Complete Streets and Congested Corridor Plan. The study area corridor includes approximately 6 miles of State Route (SR) 49, from Jamestown, through the City of Sonora to Columbia College. An essential function of the SR 49 Multi-Modal Corridor Plan from Jamestown through Sonora is to identify opportunities to add multi-modal transportation choices that help reduce congestion within the communities caused by the complexity of the different user groups while maintaining the historic character of the community.

The primary goal of the SR 49 Multi-Modal Corridor Plan is to increase mobility and transportation choices for all users and reduce congestion while improving air quality for Tuolumne County. The Plan expands upon and supports the goals and objectives of numerous local and state efforts and programs. Overall, the Plan is a consistent, coordinated step forward in achieving local and regional transportation goals and objectives.

The ability to bicycle, walk, and exercise for recreation is also limited by a relative lack of a cohesive bicycle network, and the distance residents must travel to reach such recreational facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian safety at intersections, identifying opportunities for off-highway facilities, and overall bicycle and pedestrian connectivity will be the main focus for the SR 49 Multi-Modal Corridor Plan.

The solution for the SR 49 corridor is twofold; identify roadway solutions to improve traffic congestion and marry them with non-motorized facilities that currently don't exist. The solution provides cost benefits to both project types and creates a complete project that serves all users of the corridor.

To successfully implement the SR 49 Multi-Modal Corridor Plan, the TCTC and other regional partner agencies will need to collaborate and work together to fund priority projects and continue to move longer-term projects forward. Regional collaboration includes regional support for funding, right of way acquisition, collaborating during the environmental and design phases, and combining multiple project elements to leverage resources. Regional support of these projects will help the public understand their benefits and the roles they play in improving the overall corridor for the greater good of the community.

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