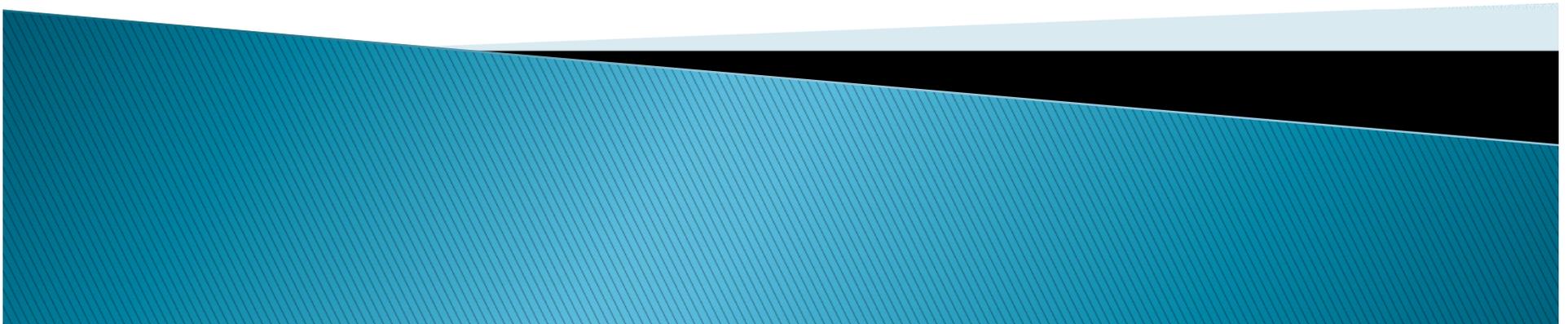


# From Vision to Project, A Regional Perspective

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# Create a Vision | Develop a Plan

Regional Trail Corridors



California Coastal Trail



Juan Bautista de Anza Trail



SLOCOG Regional Trails:

- Bob Jones: City to the Sea
- Salinas River Trail Corridor
- Railroad Safety Trail

# From Vision to Project

- » The players
- The agencies
- The authority

# From Vision to Project: Players

## ▶ Secure Support & Create Champions

- Elected Officials
- Advisory Committees
  - Bicycle advisory committees (city/county)
  - Parks commissions
  - Transportation Advisory Committees
- **Staff (at local and regional agencies)**
- Stakeholder Groups
  - San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition
  - Central Coast Concerned Mountain bikers
  - CoastWalk
  - Amigos De Anza



# From Vision to Project: Agencies

## Local

Cities and  
Counties

Community  
Services  
Districts

Open Space  
Districts

## Regional

COGs & MPOS

RTPAS

Transportation  
Commissions

Transportation  
Authorities

## State

Parks

Coastal  
Commission

Coastal  
Conservancy

Caltrans

Fish and Game

## Federal

National Parks

Federal Highway  
Administration

Environmental  
Protection Agency

Fish and Wildlife  
Services

# From Vision to Project: Authority

... and their planning documents

## Local

Cities and  
Counties General  
Plan:

- Circulation Element
- Open Space & Parks /  
Recreation Element
- Bikeway Master Plan

## Regional

Regional  
Transportation Plan

Corridor Plans

Clean Air Plans

Trail Plans

## State

Caltrans  
Transportation  
Concept Report

Corridor plans

Coastal Trail Plan

## Federal

Surface  
Transportation Act

# Vision to Project:

## Is my project on the Planning Radar?

- ▶ Project specific:
  - In a plan?
  - Funded in that plan?
  - Does it close a gap?
  - Does pending development create Mitigation opportunities?
- ▶ Policy:
  - Policies support project?
- ▶ Mitigation:
  - Can my trail project be mitigation for another project in the plan?



# More on Regional Governments



- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Transportation Authorities
- Councils of Governments

# Regional Governments: Transportation Planning and Funding

- ▶ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
  - ▶ Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
  - ▶ Transportation Commission (TC)
  - ▶ Transportation Authority (TA)
  - ▶ Council of Governments (COG)
  
  - ▶ SLOCOG is a COG, MPO, and RTPA
  
  - ▶ Transportation Authorities are Counties that have a local option sales tax: “Self-help” counties.
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# CALIFORNIA

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPO's)

and

### Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA's)



\*By MOU, Kings CAG and Madera LTC have an agreement with COFCG to model their plan and program for conformity. San Benito has a similar arrangement with AMBAG.

# Project Development Process



From Plan to Construction

# Project Initiation and Development

- ▶ There is a vision!
- ▶ There is a plan!
- ▶ Now:
  - Preliminary assessments
  - constraints analysis
  - Environmental and preliminary engineering
  - Right of way and final engineering
  - Construction
  - (and each of these phases cost money...)



# Funding: Sources vary by agency

## Open Space and Parks Districts

parks fees  
donations,  
taxes

## Cities and Counties

General fund,  
parks fees,  
transportation  
and local option  
sales tax

## COGs

Receive local,  
state, and  
federal funds  
for projects

## Transportation Authorities

Have county-  
wide local  
option sales tax  
to fund specific  
transportation  
projects

# Funding: types and limitations

City Sales Tax,  
general and  
specific, fees

Need to request annually via regular budget

Used for any general government purpose

Mitigation fees

Transportation  
Sales Tax,  
specific

May include set asides or a percentage of funding for bikes, pedestrians, trails, land acquisitions, etc.

Need to assure programming criteria allows fair competition for uses

State,  
discretionary

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation

Bicycle Transportation Account

Safe Routes to School

Federal,  
allocation &  
discretionary to  
Regional Agency

Transportation Enhancement

Scenic Byway

Surface Transportation Program

Safe Routes to School

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

Federal Earmarks and Appropriations



# Planning and Funding Strategies for non-motorized projects

## Planning Strategies

- ▶ Support Livable/walkable communities
- ▶ Support multimodal transportation
- ▶ Complete Streets (AB 1358)
- ▶ Clean Air Act , Mitigation
- ▶ Climate Change Mitigation (AB 32)

## Funding Strategies

- ▶ Assure program set asides
- ▶ Assure programming criteria allows for fair ranking of alternatives
- ▶ Assure set asides or targets for each phase of a project;
  - Plans, constraints analyses, environmental, engineering
- ▶ Build up support (remember those “players” from the earlier slide)

# SLOCOG examples

- »» Just an overview, Tim Duff will explain the process with some case studies.

# Bob Jones City to Sea Trail

Phases funded with:

- Congressional earmarks
- City General Funds
- County Parks Fees
- Fish & Game funds
- Transportation Enhancements
- Regional Surface Transportation Program



# Pismo Beach – Grover Beach Promenade

Phases funded with:

- Transportation Enhancements
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Regional Surface Transportation Program
- Congress Earmarks



# Moonstone Beach Boardwalk/Trail

Phases funded with:

- Regional Surface Transportation Program
- Recreational Trails Program
- State Parks
- Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM)
- and more



# New Federal Transportation Bill



- “MAP 21”
- “HR 7”

Changes Ahead

# Comparison: Senate & House Bills

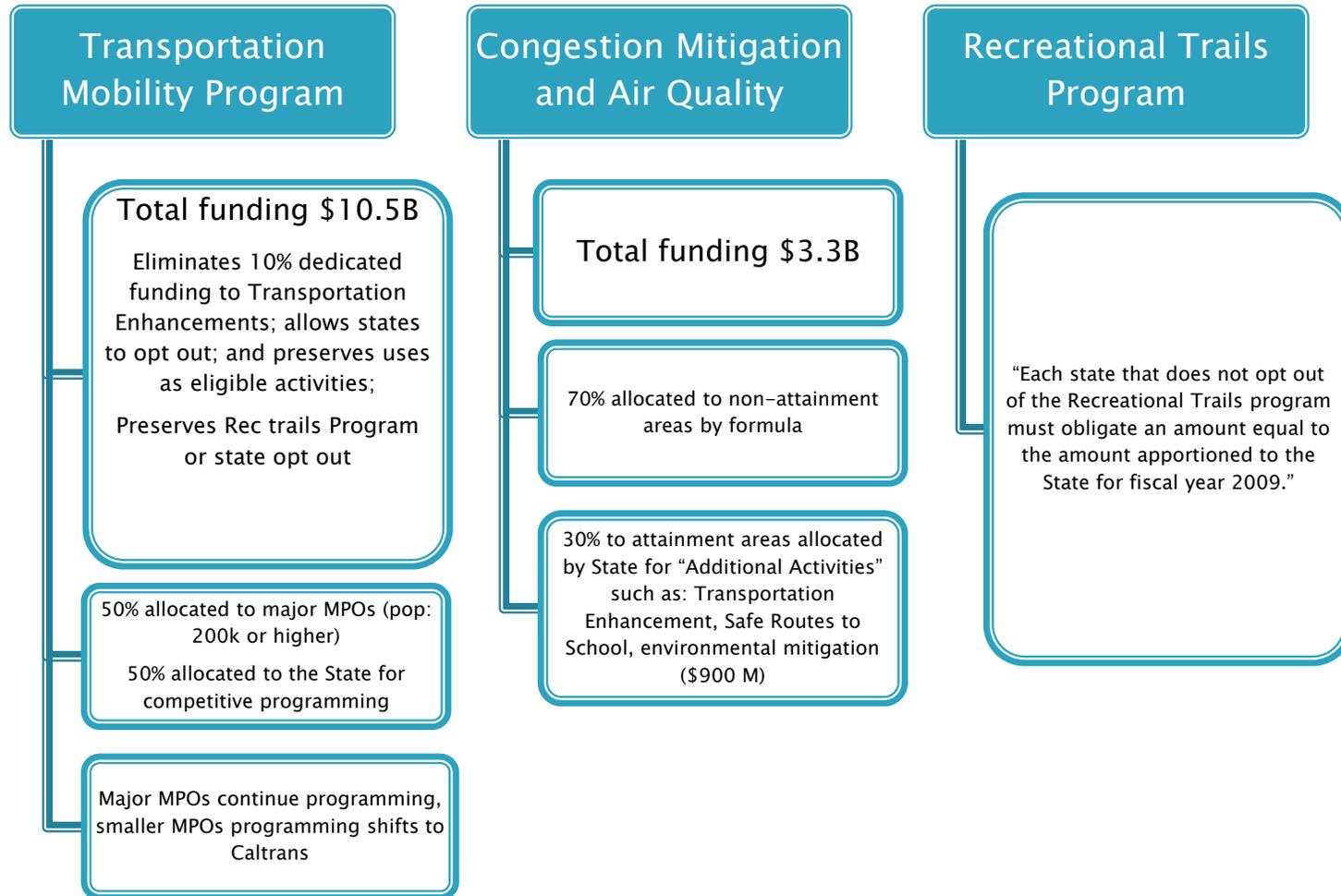
## Map-21

- 2 Years: \$109B
- \$54.5B per year
- Status quo plus CPI
- Consolidates 90 into 30
- Eliminates dedicated \$:
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Transp. Enhancements
  - Scenic Byway
- Rec Trails (Opt out prov) or spend same \$ as 2009

## HR-7

- 5 Years: \$269B
- \$54B per year
- Status quo, no CPI
- Consolidates: 90 into 30
- Eliminates “dedicated” \$:
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Transp. Enhancements
  - Transit
- Retains Rec Trail @\$ 85M

# MAP-21: What it does



# CURRENT STATUS:

- ▶ Senate approved its version (MAP-21)
- ▶ House has not completed action on its version (H.R. 7)
- ▶ In late March Congress extended SAFETEA-LU to June 30
- ▶ Congress is considering another extension to September
- ▶ Senate/House Bills must be resolved



# Map-21: Suggested Actions

- ▶ Keep involved, respond to proposed Legislation
  - Assure Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School have “Dedicated” funding or are included as “Eligible Activities” in transportation programs.
- ▶ If enacted as drafted:
  - Support State legislation to allocate TMP & CMAQ (set-asides) to regions by formula vs. competitive grants
  - Assure your MPO “funds” or establishes “set-asides” for Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, and bike & pedestrian projects

