Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) & Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

An Informational Update

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Valley Transportation Authority

The Planning Process

- Assumes our actions today will benefit the future
- Outlines strategies to accommodate growth
- Helps to shape the future we want
- Provides strategies for using limited resources wisely

Main Components of a Plan

- Background/Setting
- Goals and Objectives
- Guiding Policies
- Projects and Programs
- Financial Projections

The Regional Transportation Plan

An Overview

RTP Role & Function

- Prepared by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Covers the nine-county Bay Area
- 25-year timeframe
- Addresses State and Federal requirements
- Establishes Financial Projections
- Projects seeking federal or state funds must be in the fiscally constrained part of the RTP

RTP Process

- Considers State and Federal requirements and issues
- Develops Regional Policies and Programs
- Countywide Transportation Plans *(in our case VTP)* provide input
- Updated every ~4 years

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

- New component of RTP
- Required by SB 375
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Link Transportation and Land Use Planning

SB 375/SCS

- Requires the California Air Resources Board to set Greenhouse Gas Targets
- RTPs must incorporate the targets & contain an SCS
- The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) must be consistent with the SCS

SCS Elements

- Identify general locations of land uses, residential densities and building intensities.
- Identify areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region.
- Identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need.
- Identify a transportation network
- Quantify the GHG Savings

Valley Transportation Plan (VTP)

Countywide Transportation Plan for Santa Clara County

An Overview

Valley Transportation Plan (VTP)

- Countywide Long-range Transportation Plan for Santa Clara County
- As the CMA for Santa Clara County, VTA is required to develop the plan
- Feeds into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Updated regularly to coincide with the update of the RTP

What VTP Does

- Provides a *planning framework* for developing and delivering transportation projects and programs over the 25-year life of the plan
- Identifies *sources and amounts of funding* reasonably expected to be available over the life of the plan
- *VTP 2040 is not a programming document*. It does not include precise schedules for implementation and does not make assumptions regarding financing costs that may be needed to implement specific projects in specific years

VTP 2040 Setting

- Existing conditions
  - Build on established plan (VTP 2035)
- Use ABAG Growth Forecasts
- Assess New Needs/Opportunities
- Determine Resource constraints
- Identify an approach to addressing SB 375

VTP 2040 Ideas & Opportunities

- Transportation Systems Integration/Multimodal System Efficiency
- Land Use/Transportation Integration
- Use of Technologies (ITS/TOS)
- Express Lane Development
- Greening Transportation Improvements
- Funding Strategies

VTP 2040 Planning Process

- Sets a framework for study, policies, development and investment
- Identifies existing and future transportation needs
- Guides investments to specific program areas

Developing VTP 2040

- Update to VTP 2035
- Partnership with Member Agencies (15 Cities and the County)
- Consider local priorities and objectives
- Responsive to Greenhouse Gas reductions
- Address new issues, ideas, and opportunities
- Incorporate new plans and programs
- Revise project lists from VTP 2035
- Use financial estimates using MTC projections as a base
- Develop project lists and submit to MTC for inclusion in RTP
- Work with MTC to finalize project lists and fund assumptions
- Board and Public Input

VTP 2040 Program Areas

- Transit
- Highways
- Expressways
- Local Streets / County Roads
- Transportation Systems Management (ITS)
- Bicycle
- Community Design & Transportation (CDT)
- Pavement Management
- Local Transportation Projects and Enhancements

VTP Status

- Project list due to MTC, end of April 2011
- Funding/Policy Discussion with MTC, Summer 2011
- Development of VTP Document 2011/2012
- Draft VTP Winter 2012
- Final RTP December 2012/January 2013

VTP SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN (VTP) 2040 DEVELOPMENT MATRIX

2011	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS		CALL FOR PROJECTS										
				SUBMIT PROJECTS TO MTC				VTP 2040 PROGRAM AREA REVIEW				
VTP DEVELOPMENT						DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSUMPTIONS						
								VTP 2040 DRAFT PLAN DEVELOPMENT				
VTA MEETINGS	TAC PAC	TAC PAC	TAC PAC CMPP	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board	TAC PAC CMPP Board
PUBLIC OUTREACH			★	✦								✦

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee PAC – Policy Advisory Committee
CMPP – Congestion Management Planning and Programming Committee

★ = Leadership Roundtable ✦ = Public Meeting

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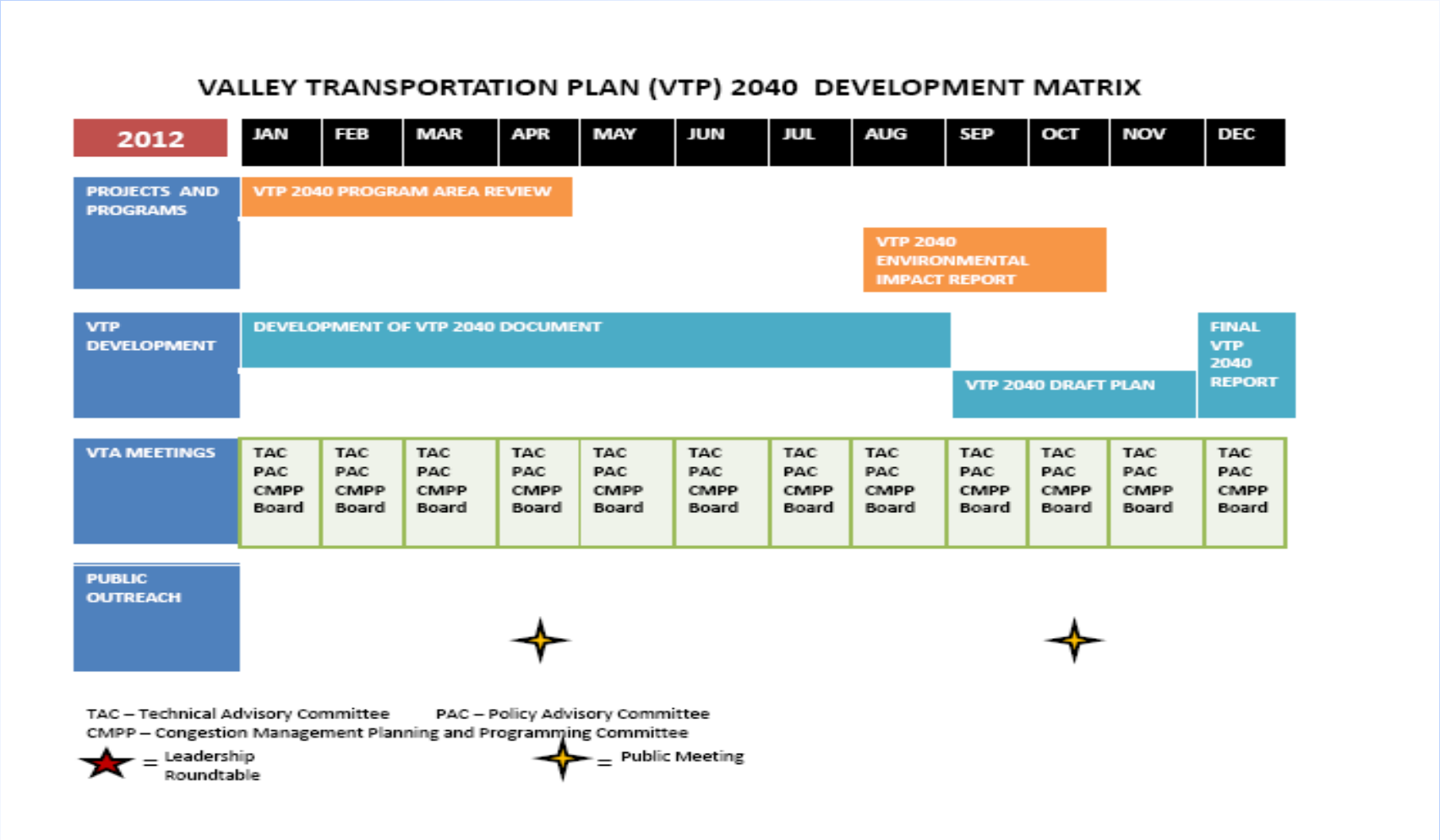

How Can You Get Involved?

- Public may submit projects
- Website to provide information
- April Open Houses to show Project Lists
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Web-based Survey
- Contact us by phone at (408) 321-7575 or email us at VTP2040@vta.org