

# CHAPTER 6

## ACTION ELEMENT

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This chapter serves as an introduction to the Action Element. The Action Element includes sub-elements (Chapters 6.1 through 6.11) and action plans for regional roadways, public transit, aviation, passenger rail, goods movement, non-motorized transportation, transportation systems management, transportation safety and security, intelligent transportation systems, and integrated land, air, and transportation planning.

The Action Element identifies all transportation projects within the financial constraint requirements within the horizon of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Action Element implements the Policy Element with the anticipated financial resources identified in the Financial Element and conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

The Action Element represents the heart of the RTP. It describes, by mode of transportation, the current conditions, recent planning activities, and priorities. Federal conformity regulations (Title 40 CFR 93.106, Content of Transportation Plans) identify the short-term horizon as a period up to ten years and the long-term horizon as projects or activities 20 years and beyond.

A short-range (pre-2015), a medium-range (2016 – 2024), and long-range (2025 – 2035) action plan are provided for each mode as well as a list of specific projects to be implemented by the various jurisdictions that comprise PCTPA along with Caltrans and other transportation agencies.

The project lists are separated into programmed / funded (or constrained) and planned / unfunded (or unconstrained) projects. Appendix F provides the programmed major projects list; Appendix G provides the planned major projects list.

Programmed funds mean that the funds are budgeted / committed for projects and are included in the SACOG MTIP (as amended), the STIP, and the SHOP. Funded projects can also include projects beyond the four year programming period of the MTIP, which are included in the region's financially constrained 2035 MTP. The programmed / funded (or constrained) list includes those projects that given the assumptions contained in the Financial Element, PCTPA can reasonably expect to fund between now and 2035. Planned projects (or unconstrained) refer to projects for which a specific funding source has not yet been identified. The planned / unfunded (or unconstrained) list includes those projects included in the PCTPA's 2027 RTP and / or SACOG's MTP 2035, including its "vision." Many of the planned projects are still in the conceptual phase; although the list includes many projects that could be implemented if additional funds were to become available.

The short and long range action plans and project lists are consistent with achievement of the goals, objectives, and policies described in Chapter 5, Policy Element. This consistency is illustrated in the table shown in Appendix H, which matches each action plan item in Chapter 6 with the appropriate objective from Chapter 5.