



Legislation Text

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Supervisor Veerkamp recommending the Board receive and file a presentation from El Dorado County Transportation Commission to present the draft elements of the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Alternatives Analysis. (Est. Time: 1 Hr.)

On April 1, 2013, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) submitted an application to Caltrans for a 2013/2014 Partnership Planning Grant to fund the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) Alternatives Analysis. On August 7, 2013, Caltrans notified EDCTC that the SPTC Corridor Alternatives Analysis had been selected for funding in Fiscal Year 2013/2014 with an award of \$210,000.

EDCTC is partnering with El Dorado County, the SPTC Joint Powers Authority, the City of Folsom, Sacramento County, Sacramento Regional Transit District, El Dorado Transit Authority, Caltrans, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to study modal options for development of a transportation, recreation, and economic resource for the Greater Sacramento Area in 30 miles of the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) from Missouri Flat Road in El Dorado County to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail in the City of Folsom. The transportation modes being analyzed include:

- Reinstating Freight Rail
- Light Rail
- Excursion Train
- Road Cycling
- Mountain Biking
- Equestrian
- Hiking
- Walking / Jogging

The SPTC is a relatively unknown and untapped but highly valuable regional transportation, recreation, and economic resource with significant potential to provide connectivity and modal options for commuters and a higher quality of life for residents of the Greater Sacramento Area, including El Dorado and Sacramento Counties and the City of Folsom. Currently the public has limited knowledge of and access to the 30 miles of the SPTC in the project area which was purchased with more than \$3 million in public transportation funding.

Because an evaluation of the costs, benefits, opportunities, and constraints of providing transportation improvements in the SPTC within the project area has not been done, the public has been prevented from enjoying greater access to and benefits from the SPTC. Elected officials do not have the background information necessary to make informed decisions about prioritizing, funding, and implementing transportation projects within the project area. As a result, decisions are delayed and the public's opportunity to take advantage of the SPTC's health, quality of life, and economic benefits goes largely unrealized.

The purpose of the study is to give public officials and community members the technical analysis needed to make informed decisions about prioritizing, funding and implementing improvements to the SPTC that will provide the public with the highest and greatest benefit from this highly valuable public resource.