

Information Item

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: June 12, 2025

Topic

2026 Unified Planning Work Program: Consultant Study Review

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Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines and describes transportation planning activities for the calendar year. This document is submitted to the federal government as an application for transportation planning funds; it includes planning study descriptions, schedules, costs, and key tasks and deliverables. At the May 8, 2025 TAC Planning Committee meeting, an overview of the UPWP was presented that included an update of projects included in the 2025 UPWP and a discussion of potential studies to be added to the 2026 UPWP. The 2026 UPWP proposed projects, descriptions, tasks, scope and schedule are attached to this document. These were discussed last month with primary changes listed below.

Key Questions

- Are there major policy areas of concern or interest that are not addressed in the UPWP projects?
- Are there needs for regional system studies that have not yet been identified?
- Are there other internal or consultant study efforts that we should consider?
- Do the proposed project descriptions, schedule, and budget seem appropriate?

Primary Changes

Based on feedback from TAC Planning Committee and discussions with partners, the following changes were made to the list of consultant studies that will be carried forward into the 2026 UPWP.

Removed from 2025/2026 UPWP

Projects that need further scoping and may advance in future work programs:

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy Development
- Highway System Optimization Study
- Arterial Modernization Study

Projects that will be completed using local funds:

- Community Considerations Framework & Tool Training
- EV Public Charging Needs Analysis
- EV Public Engagement & City Technical Support

New Studies for 2026 UPWP

- Complete Streets Local Implementation Guide
- 2050 Comprehensive Planning Technical Assistance
- Managed Lane Vision & System Study, Phase 4
- Existing Interchange Modernization Study

Schedule Updates

The 2026 Unified Planning Work Program is expected to follow this schedule:

Milestone	Date
TAC Planning Preliminary Discussion	Thursday, May 8, 2025
TAC Planning Preview	Thursday, June 12, 2025
TAC Planning Release for Public Comment	Thursday, July 10, 2025
Comment Period	July 11 – August 1, 2025
TAC Review & Recommend	Wednesday, August 6, 2025
TAB Review & Recommend	Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Transportation Committee Recommend	Monday, September 8, 2025
Council Approval	Wednesday, September 24, 2025

