

## Appendix A: Agency Notification List

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**APPENDIX A: Agency Notification List**

Agency /Group	Contact Person	Email	Address	Phone Number
Tuolumne County Transportation Council	Darin Grossi, Exec Director	dgrossi@co.tuolumne.ca.us	2 S. Green St, Sonora CA 95370	(209) 533-5603
Amador County Transportation Commission	John Gedney, Exec Director	<a href="mailto:john@actc-amador.org">john@actc-amador.org</a>	117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, CA 95685	(209)267-2282
Alpine County Local Transportation Commission	Brian Peters	bpeters@alpinecountyca.gov		
Amador County Transportation Commission	John Gedney	john@actc-amador.org		
Stanislaus Council of Governments	Rose de Leon Park, Exec Director	rpark@stancog.org		
San Joaquin County	Andrew Chesley, Kim Anderson	chesley@sjcog.org, kanderson@rgs.ca.gov	555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202	
Native American Heritage Commission	-	nahc@nahc.ca.gov	915 Capitol Mall, Room 364, Sacramento, CA 95814	-
Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District	Doug Carson	<a href="mailto:dcarson@co.calaveras.ca.us">dcarson@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	Government Center 891 Mountain Ranch Rd. San Andreas, CA 95249-9709	(209) 754-6399
California Department of Fish and Wildlife: North Central Region 2	Kevin Thomas		1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670	(916) 358-2900
Sierra Nevada Conservancy	Tristyn Armstrong	Tristyn.armstrong@sierranevada.ca.gov	11521 Blocker Drive, #205, Auburn, CA 95603	(530) 823-4670
Caltrans	Kevin Schroder	Kevin.Schroder@dot.ca.gov	1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205	(209) 948-7543
Stanislaus National Forest - calaveras district		sm.fs.stanislausnf@usda.gov	5519 Highway 4, PO Box 500, Hathaway Pines, CA 95233	(209) 272 5455
Central Valley Water Quality Control Board				(209) 754 3543
Calaveras Big Trees State Park	Calaveras Big Trees Ranger Station			(209) 795 8907
Central Valley District, CA Dept of Parks and Recreation	Columbia Ranger Station			(209) 229 5625
Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk	Gloria Grimes	calaverasband.miwukindians@gmail.com	P.O. Box 899 West Point, CA, 95255	209) 419 - 5675
Ione Band of Miwok	Sara Setchwaelo	sara@ionemiwok.net	9252 Bush Street, Suite 2 Plymouth, CA, 95669	(209) 245 - 5800
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	Baily Hunter	<a href="mailto:bhunter@crtribal.com">bhunter@crtribal.com</a>	PO Box 1159, Jamestown, CA 95327	209-984-9096





## Appendix B: Correspondence

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May 22, 2020

Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District  
Government Center  
891 Mountain Ranch Rd.  
San Andreas, CA 95249-9709

Dear Mr. Carson,

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) is conducting a 2021 update of the Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with assistance from LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. The Calaveras County RTP provides a coordinated 20-year vision of the regionally significant transportation improvements and policies needed to efficiently move goods and people within Calaveras County. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Current federal regulations require Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) to consult with resource agencies early in the regional transportation planning process. We would appreciate any input Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District may have regarding the effect of any type of transportation improvement such as roadway improvements, airport improvements, new transit facilities, bicycle path construction may have on air quality in Calaveras County.

The current 2017 RTP can be downloaded here: [https://calacog.org/wp-content/uploads/tom-pdf-manager/870\\_Calaveras-2017-Regional-Transportation-Plan-1.pdf](https://calacog.org/wp-content/uploads/tom-pdf-manager/870_Calaveras-2017-Regional-Transportation-Plan-1.pdf). Once the Public Draft 2021 Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan is completed, we will notify you and provide you with instructions on how to view the document electronically. Thank you in advance for your input and consideration.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2020

Alpine County Local Transportation Commission

Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Peters,

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) to prepare the Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. An important element of the RTP process (and as required by State guidelines) is coordination with adjacent counties. To accomplish this, we are seeking your input with regard to the Calaveras County 2021 RTP. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. How would you characterize transportation conditions in Calaveras County as they impact Alpine County?
2. What do you see as the major economic and demographic factors in Alpine County that can be expected to impact transportation demands in Calaveras County over the next 20 years?
3. How can the Calaveras County RTP enhance mobility in Alpine County?
4. What transportation-related projects and proposals does Alpine County have that the CCOG should be aware of in developing their RTP?
5. Are there potential transportation-related improvement projects that you believe can be jointly pursued between Alpine County and Calaveras County? If so, please describe.
6. Please include any other input you might have for the Calaveras County RTP.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation in the Calaveras County RTP development process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2020

Amador County Transportation Commission  
117 Valley View Way  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Gedney:

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) to prepare the Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. An important element of the RTP process (and as required by State guidelines) is coordination with adjacent counties. To accomplish this, we are seeking your input with regard to the Calaveras County 2021 RTP. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. How would you characterize transportation conditions in Calaveras County as they impact Amador County?
2. What do you see as the major economic and demographic factors in Amador County that can be expected to impact transportation demands in Calaveras County over the next 20 years?
3. How can the Calaveras County RTP enhance mobility in Amador County?
4. What transportation-related projects and proposals does Amador County have that the CCOG should be aware of in developing their RTP?
5. Are there potential transportation-related improvement projects that you believe can be jointly pursued between Amador County and Calaveras County? If so, please describe.
6. Please include any other input you might have for the Calaveras County RTP.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation in the Calaveras County RTP development process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2020

San Joaquin Council of Governments  
Andrew T. Chesley, Executive Director  
555 East Weber Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95202

Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Chesley

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) to prepare the Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. An important element of the RTP process (and as required by State guidelines) is coordination with adjacent counties. To accomplish this, we are seeking your input with regard to the Calaveras County 2021 RTP. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. How would you characterize transportation conditions in Calaveras County as they impact San Joaquin County?
2. What do you see as the major economic and demographic factors in San Joaquin County that can be expected to impact transportation demands in Calaveras County over the next 20 years?
3. How can the Calaveras County RTP enhance mobility in San Joaquin County?
4. What transportation-related projects and proposals does San Joaquin County have that the CCOG should be aware of in developing their RTP?
5. Are there potential transportation-related improvement projects that you believe can be jointly pursued between San Joaquin County and Calaveras County? If so, please describe.
6. Please include any other input you might have for the Calaveras County RTP.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation in the Calaveras County RTP development process is greatly appreciated.

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May 20, 2020

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, #205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Ms. Armstrong,

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) is conducting a 2021 update of the Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with assistance from LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. The Calaveras County RTP provides a coordinated 20-year vision of the regionally significant transportation improvements and policies needed to efficiently move goods and people within Calaveras County.

Current federal regulations require Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) to consult with resource agencies early in the regional transportation planning process. Therefore, we would appreciate any input your agency has with respect to transportation issues in Calaveras County. Also, we would appreciate if you would be able to send us copies (electronic or otherwise) of any plans, maps or data that might pertain to transportation in Calaveras County.

The current 2017 RTP can be downloaded here: [https://calacog.org/wp-content/uploads/tom-pdf-manager/870\\_Calaveras-2017-Regional-Transportation-Plan-1.pdf](https://calacog.org/wp-content/uploads/tom-pdf-manager/870_Calaveras-2017-Regional-Transportation-Plan-1.pdf). Once the Public Draft 2021 Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan is completed, we will notify you and provide you with instructions on how to view the document electronically. Thank you in advance for your input and consideration.

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May 20, 2020

Stanislaus Council of Governments  
Rosa De Leon Park, Executive Director  
1111 I Street, Suite 308  
Modesto, CA 95354

Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. De Leon Park,

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) to prepare the Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. An important element of the RTP process (and as required by State guidelines) is coordination with adjacent counties. To accomplish this, we are seeking your input with regard to the Calaveras County 2021 RTP. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. How would you characterize transportation conditions in Calaveras County as they impact Stanislaus County?
2. What do you see as the major economic and demographic factors in Stanislaus County that can be expected to impact transportation demands in Calaveras County over the next 20 years?
3. How can the Calaveras County RTP enhance mobility in Stanislaus County?
4. What transportation-related projects and proposals does Stanislaus County have that CCOG should be aware of in developing their RTP?
5. Are there potential transportation-related improvement projects that you believe can be jointly pursued between Stanislaus County and Calaveras County? If so, please describe.
6. Please include any other input you might have for the Calaveras County RTP.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation in the Calaveras County RTP development process is greatly appreciated.

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May 20, 2020

Tuolumne County Transportation Council  
2 S. Green St, Sonora CA 95370

Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Grossi:

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Calaveras Council of Governments (COG) to prepare the Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. An important element of the RTP process (and as required by State guidelines) is coordination with adjacent counties. To accomplish this, we are seeking your input with regard to the Calaveras County 2021 RTP. We would appreciate receiving your written, verbal or electronic response to the following questions by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

1. How would you characterize transportation conditions in Calaveras County as they impact Tuolumne County?
2. What do you see as the major economic and demographic factors in Tuolumne County that can be expected to impact transportation demands in Calaveras County over the next 20 years?
3. How can the Calaveras County RTP enhance mobility in Tuolumne County?
4. What transportation-related projects and proposals does Tuolumne County have that the SCTC should be aware of in developing their RTP?
5. Are there potential transportation-related improvement projects that you believe can be jointly pursued between Tuolumne County and Calaveras County? If so, please describe.
6. Please include any other input you might have for the Calaveras County RTP.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation in the Calaveras County RTP development process is greatly appreciated.

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May 22, 2020

***Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk***

Gloria Grimes, Chairperson  
PO Box 899  
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Re: Calaveras County 2021 Regional Transportation Plan Update

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The RTPA is committed to developing Government-to-Government relationships with the Tribal Governments within the Calaveras County region. This letter serves as formal request for AB 52 consultation. If you wish to conduct formal tribal consultation please contact within 30 days:

Amber Collins, Executive Director  
Calaveras Council of Governments  
Telephone: 209.754.2094  
Email: [acollins@calacog.org](mailto:acollins@calacog.org)

Additionally, I would be happy to arrange a more informal discussion of transportation improvement needs for the Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk with you and/or other tribal members. Further, we would appreciate it you could send us electronic copies of any recent transportation related plans for the tribe so that we can ensure tribal transportation needs and projects are included in the RTP.

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**Local Government Tribal Consultation List Request**

**Native American Heritage Commission**

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916-373-5471 – Fax  
[nahc@nahc.ca.gov](mailto:nahc@nahc.ca.gov)

**Type of List Requested**

**CEQA Tribal Consultation List (AB 52)** – *Per Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subs. (b), (d), (e) and 21080.3.2*

**General Plan (SB 18)** - *Per Government Code § 65352.3.*

**Local Action Type:**

- General Plan     General Plan Element     General Plan Amendment
- Specific Plan     Specific Plan Amendment     Pre-planning Outreach Activity

**Required Information**

Project Title: 2021 Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan

Local Government/Lead Agency: Calaveras Council of Governments

Contact Person: Genevieve Evans

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City: Tahoe City Zip: 96140

Phone: 530 583 4053 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: genevieve@lsctahoe.com

**Specific Area Subject to Proposed Action**

County: Calaveras County City/Community: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:**

LSC Transportation Consultants is currently working to update the existing 2017 Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan for the Calaveras Council of Governments.

**Additional Request**

**Sacred Lands File Search - Required Information:**

USGS Quadrangle Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section(s): \_\_\_\_\_





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September 10, 2020

***Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California***

Bailey Hunter  
Environmental and Natural Resources Manager  
PO Box 1159  
Jamestown, CA 95327  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Genevieve Evans', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Genevieve Evans, Transportation Planner  
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May 22, 2020

***Lone Band of Miwok***

Sara Setchwaelo, Chairperson  
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Sincerely,

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## Appendix C: Public Participation Plan

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# 1. Introduction

## Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG)

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG), a Joint Powers Agency established by the City of Angels Camp and County of Calaveras, is responsible for the coordination of regional transportation planning in Calaveras County. The regional transportation system is a vital element of our community, helping to support the economic health and quality of life while providing for the mobility of goods and people. The regional planning process is continuous in order to respond to the changing needs of the County and City and serves to develop strategies for operating, managing, maintaining, and financing the region's transportation system.

The Core Functions of the CCOG include the following:

- Administer and allocate funds under the Transportation Development Act (TDA).
- Receipt and approval of claims for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.
- Coordinate Unmet Transit Needs.
- Coordinate, support, review, and rank Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs.
- Update the Coordinated Human Transportation Services Plan.
- Coordinate the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC).
- Ensure timely audits.
- Prepare the Annual Overall Work Program (OWP).
- Administer the Regional Transportation Planning process.
- Update and adopt the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Adopt and Monitor the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).
- Oversee the delivery of the State Transportation Improvement Program projects (STIP).
- Coordinate, consult, and collaborate with Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Communities.
- Conduct outreach efforts to the traditionally under-served populations such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, minority, or persons of limited means.

## Purpose of the Public Participation Plan

CCOG recognizes the importance of public participation as well as interagency and intergovernmental participation to effectively meet the transportation needs of Calaveras County. The planning process intends to:

- Provide adequate public notice of participation activities and document these efforts.
- Provide adequate time for public review and comment at key time periods.
- Hold public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times.
- Employ visualization techniques to describe the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other planning documents.
- Consult with Native American Tribal Governments.
- Seek out and consider the needs of low-income and minority households who may face challenges accessing employment and other services.

- Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in this Public Participation Plan to ensure a full and open participation process.

The CCOG Public Participation Plan (PPP) is meant to inform the public and other stakeholders about CCOG's public participation process. The PPP describes how the public can receive information from CCOG, and how the public can provide input into regional planning. The PPP also serves as a directive to CCOG staff to carry out public participation activities when developing and implementing the following:

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- Annual Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget
- Administration of Transit Development Act (TDA) funds
- Transportation Development Act Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings
- Federal and State grant programs
- Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan
- Transit studies such as the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP)

Furthermore, CCOG has developed the PPP to comply with state law. Caltrans requires (*Regional Planning Handbook 2013*) each RTPA to develop a Public Participation Involvement Plan [23 USC 134(i)(5)(b)]. The Caltrans Handbook requires that a Public Participation Involvement Plan be developed for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The plan will be the foundation for transportation planning decisions and shall:

- Be developed in consultation with all interested parties.
- Provide all interested parties reasonable opportunities to comment on the contents of the transportation plan.

The Public Participation Plan should also take into consideration the transportation system as a whole and involve the entire community as well as the interplay and impact of transportation on other regional factors such as the economy, the environment and quality of life.

## Region and Demographics

Calaveras County is located within the Foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range approximately 133 miles east of San Francisco and 85 miles southeast of Sacramento. The County was incorporated in 1850 and is bordered by Alpine County to the north, Tuolumne County to the south, and Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties to the west. Calaveras County is rural with a population density of approximately 44 persons per square mile (0.6 persons per acre). The topography varies from land elevation near sea level in the west to approximately 8,000 feet in the eastern mountains. The only incorporated city in the County is the City of Angels, commonly known as Angels Camp. The County's Census Designated Places (CDPs) include: Arnold, Avery, Copperopolis, Dorrington, Mokelumne Hill, Murphys, Rancho Calaveras, San Andreas, Vallecito, Valley Springs, and West Point.

The 2000 Census reported 40,554 people in Calaveras County. The most recent population estimates developed by the California Department of Finance (DOF) as of July 1, 2014 estimate Calaveras County's population to be at 45,079. This indicates an average annual growth rate of nearly one percent. Attachment 1 to this Plan includes a demographic profile and analysis of Calaveras County residents who are among the target populations, which was developed as part of the Coordinated Public Transit-

Human Services Transportation Plan. The profile indicates a growing population of older adults ages 65 and older, now representing over 20 percent of the total population.

Greater densities of the population are located in the western portion of the County, including the Valley Springs and Copperopolis areas, as well as the areas north and east between Murphys and Arnold. However, the data in this Section illustrate that the transit-dependent population is not concentrated in one small area or around community centers; instead these population groups are dispersed throughout the county. In addition, the areas where there are higher concentrations of transit-dependent individuals are the areas of lowest population density.

## 2. Federal and State Requirements

In addition to the specific requirement outlined in the Caltrans Regional Planning Handbook, there are other laws that require transportation planning agencies to have public involvement programs. Certain federal and State statutes specifically require agencies (and other entities that receive public funds) to carry out open, public processes. The laws direct agencies to make reasonable and proactive efforts to give all stakeholders an opportunity to voice their opinions. Most laws set general directives; some set specific requirements and/or offer guidelines.

The following describes the federal and State laws that apply to CCOG, requiring public participation processes, either general or specific.

### **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)**

The federal transportation bill, MAP-21, was signed into law on July 6, 2012. MAP-21 emphasizes public participation. MAP-21 directs transportation planning agencies to outreach and consult with all interested parties throughout the agencies' planning process. The goal, and the direction, is that all interested parties have reasonable opportunities to comment on transportation plans and programs.

### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The purpose of NEPA is to ensure that federal agencies consider environmental factors before deciding on discretionary policies, projects, and programs. California's multidisciplinary environmental law, CEQA, requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. Both the CEQA and NEPA require an agency such as CCOG to conduct public participation programs to inform the public and identify community concerns.

### **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 enacts legislation prohibiting public agencies, as well as private entities, from discriminating against people on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability. Congress supplemented the 1964 statute with the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and other statutes enacted in the 1990s relating to the concept of environmental justice. The general principles of environmental justice include:

- Avoiding, minimizing or mitigating disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

- Ensuring full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process; and
- Preventing the denial, reduction or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority populations and low-income communities.

All recipients of federal funds must ensure that their programs, policies, and activities comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI policies.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) stipulates involving the community, particularly those with disabilities, in the development and improvement of services. All events held for programs or projects with Federal aid and open to the general public must be made accessible to everyone, including the disabled. CCOG is in compliance with the ADA by having accessible formats and public hearings, consulting with individuals from the disabled community, and conducting outreach by maintaining an extensive mailing and email lists, developing contacts, and other means of notification to participate in the planning process. The ADA requires that governmental agencies provide information in ways that people with disabilities can access.

### **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**

The FTA directs that transportation planning agencies carry out a public participation process to provide all citizens with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the planning process. CCOG adheres to FTA guidance in administering FTA transit funding programs. The CCOG is a subrecipient of Federal Transit Administration Funds (FTA), which pass through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). For further guidance in meeting Title VI requirements, the FTA has published Circular 4702.1B, *Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients*.

### **The Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act)**

The Ralph M. Brown Act governs the meeting and actions of governing Councils of local public agencies and their created bodies. Brown Act requirements apply to any committee or other subsidiary body that such a governing Council creates, whether permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory. The Brown Act sets minimum standards for open public meetings, such as for access to the public, meeting locations, posting notices, distributing agendas, and accepting public input. A public agency may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure the public's right to address the agency, including limiting the time allocated for public testimony.

### **Executive Orders**

An Executive Order is an order given by the President to federal agencies. As a recipient of federal revenues, CCOG assists transportation agencies to comply with these orders.

#### ***Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations***

Executive Order 12898 mandates that federal agencies make achieving environmental justice (EJ) part of their missions. The order requires federal agencies, and other recipients of federal funds, to identify and address related actions and adverse health or environmental effects that do or would disproportionately affect minority and low-income populations (collectively "EJ populations"). As a subrecipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funds, environmental justice at CCOG includes incorporating environmental justice and non-discrimination principles into

transportation planning and decision-making processes as well as project-specific environmental reviews.

***Executive Order 13166 – Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)***

Executive Order 13166 requires federal agencies, recipients, and sub-recipients of federal financial assistance to ensure that people who speak limited English can access federally- conducted and federally-funded programs, and activities, and services.

***Executive Order 13175 – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments***

Executive Order 13175 calls for federal agencies and federal fund recipients to consult and collaborate with tribal officials, regularly and meaningfully, when developing federal policies that have tribal implications. The order also directs such agencies to strengthen the government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce imposing unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes.

***Executive Order 12372– Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs***

Executive Order 12372 calls for intergovernmental review of projects to ensure that federally funded or assisted projects do not inadvertently interfere with state and local plans and priorities. The Executive Order does not replace public participation, comment, or review requirements of other federal laws, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), but gives the states an additional mechanism to ensure federal agency responsiveness to state and local concerns.

### **3. Objectives & Policies**

Broad-based community participation is essential to good transportation planning because the best decisions are made with a fully-informed and involved public. When we inform the public, and in turn the public informs us, it improves the agency’s understanding of the subject. Ultimately, this helps the CCOG Council understand how members of the community perceive or anticipate pros and cons of matters affecting transportation projects, plans, and funds. CCOG provides for and encourages the public to participate in planning the region’s multi-modal transportation system.

#### **Public Participation Goal:**

That interested parties will have a meaningful role in Calaveras County’s transportation planning process. That public participation helps clarify stakeholder sentiment and capture diverse opinions.

#### **Objective 1: Increase public awareness and understanding of the transportation planning process in Calaveras County.**

Policy 1.1 Clearly communicate CCOG’s authority, roles and responsibilities, and processes and timelines for carrying out regional transportation programs and plans.

Policy 1.2 Provide agency reports that are clear, timely, and broadly distributed. Use visuals to help describe concepts and data; examples include photos, charts, graphs, maps, artist renderings, and computer simulations.



Policy 1.3 Provide timely and consistent public forums for interested parties and agencies to meaningfully participate in the transportation planning process. Provide timely notice of and reasonable access to CCOG's public forums.

Policy 1.4 Use multiple media and outlets to disseminate information on issues important to Calaveras County's transportation system.

**Objective 2: Promote a culture of dialogue and partnership between CCOG and Calaveras communities, including residents, property owners, business owners, advocacy organizations, local and Native American governments, and public officials.**

Policy 2.1 Provide adequate time for the public to review and make recommendations on regionally significant plans and programs. Give participants feedback on how their input is considered.

Policy 2.2 Provide varied opportunities for the public to review and offer input on policies, plans, and programs. Provide adequate public notice of public participation opportunities, encouraging active public participation at the initial stages of the process and throughout the process. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, public meetings, workshops and events, webinars, surveys, newspaper articles and columns, radio interviews, websites, social media, and printed materials. Proactively outreach to other committees, associations, and organizations by attending their meetings.

**Objective 3: Sectors of the population who are traditionally under-served are aware of, and can easily access, opportunities to participate in regional transportation planning. Those traditionally under-served include older adults, persons who are a minority, persons with a disability, and households with low income.**

Policy 3.1 Create and maintain opportunities for those traditionally under-served to participate in CCOG's transportation planning processes.

Policy 3.2 Utilize the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for outreach to older adults, persons who are a minority, people with a disability, and low income households, and other stakeholder communities. Ensure that representation on the SSTAC is reflective of the underserved communities within Calaveras County.

Policy 3.3 Make key information such as notices and announcements (printed, website, and audio) accessible for users with a disability, and attempt to offer such information in alternative languages when appropriate or requested.

Policy 3.4 When appropriate, utilize alternative media outlets that may target minority or underserved segments of the community.

## 4. Opportunities for Public Participation

### CCOG Committees

CCOG has a variety of committees that assist in its planning and decision-making process. The committees help inform and advise the CCOG Council and staff, as well as interested members of the

public, on transportation issues in our region. The following CCOG committees create consistent opportunities for the public to be involved:

- CCOG Council
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Meets monthly, and as needed.
- Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) – Meets quarterly, and as needed.
- Interagency Transit Committee (ITC) – Meets quarterly, and as needed

The following summarizes the composition and functions of each CCOG committee and the CCOG Council.

### **CCOG Council**

Formation of the CCOG was an effort to improve the transportation planning process. The Council is composed of seven members – two County Supervisors, two City Council Members from the City of Angels Camp, and three members selected from the public at large.

Calaveras COG has taken a dynamic view of planning by encouraging and supporting both the County and the City to initiate and complete a variety of planning efforts.

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

The CCOG TAC includes representatives from public works, planning, or engineering staff of each of the JPA members and Caltrans. The TAC provides technical expertise on transportation issues. The TAC leads in developing the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and assists in developing the Regional Transportation Plan and the Overall Work Program.

### **Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)**

The CCOG SSTAC was established, as required by the Transportation Development Act, to ensure that unmet transit needs are identified within Calaveras County. The SSTAC is required to have a minimum of nine members serving as representatives of the transit community, including persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons of limited means who are potential transit users, as well as social service providers who represent these target populations.

It is the SSTAC's responsibility to identify and review unmet transit needs information and recommend to the CCOG Council unmet transit needs within Calaveras County, as part of the annual unmet transit needs process. The SSTAC also participates in updates of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, and provides a forum to address other transportation issues facing persons with disabilities, older adults, and economically disadvantaged populations within the County.

### **Interagency Transit Committee (ITC)**

The Interagency Transit Committee (ITC) meets quarterly, or as needed, to review the performance of the transit system and provide recommendations to the CCOG for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of public transportation services (PUC 99244). Members of the ITC include: CCOG Transportation Planner, County Public Works Transportation Manager, a representative from the City, and the General Manager of the contracted public transit operator.

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, it is CCOG's responsibility to annually identify, analyze, and recommend to the transit operator (County), potential productivity improvements which could lower operating costs. The CCOG provides improvement recommendations to the County based on ITC's recommendations.

## Outreach Events

The CCOG participates in local informative fairs such as Family fairs at the local schools, resource fairs put on by social service agencies, and other events put on by organizations such as the Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce. Recent events attended by CCOG staff include:

- Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce, monthly mixers
- Annual Calaveras High School Career Fair
- Annual Avery Middle School Community Resource Fair
- Annual San Andreas Elementary School Children's Fair
- Annual San Andreas Community Health Walk
- Annual Historic San Andreas Annual Cleanup Day
- Annual County Fair, transit booth

## 5. Public Involvement Practices

### CCOG Public Meetings

CCOG committees and the Council decide and conduct business on CCOG matters at public meetings and public hearings. (One exception is for confidential matters for which the Council must confer in closed session.) CCOG's public meetings are a consistent, on-going, and accessible way that interested members of the public (stakeholders) can be involved in CCOG's planning, programs, and projects. Each meeting provides the opportunity for the public to provide comments or express concerns under a reasonable time constraint. CCOG encourages the public to attend public meetings.

CCOG generally holds three types of public meetings:

- Committee meetings
- Council meetings
- Public meetings on a single topic (e.g. a plan or project)

CCOG has standard procedures for all public meetings and hearings and ensures that information on all meetings is routinely and easily available to the public.

**1. Open and Accessible Meetings.** CCOG's public meetings and meeting procedures adhere to the Brown Act, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), and other applicable laws. All meeting locations are ADA accessible. CCOG will accommodate, to the best of its ability, persons who may need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting. All CCOG agendas/meeting notices display this message:

*If requested, this agenda can be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and*



*the Federal Rules and Regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Persons seeking an alternative format should contact Karlee Kane at 209-754-2094 for further information. In addition, a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in a public meeting, should telephone or otherwise contact CCOG as soon as possible.*

If an Interpreter is requested the CCOG has a list of contacts that are available with advanced warning.

**2. Meeting Notices & Packets.** CCOG posts all committee and Council meeting notices in a public place. As required in the Brown Act Section 54954.2(a)(1), “the agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.” CCOG posts meeting notices (including meeting cancellation notices) at the CCOG office. Notices are posted at additional places as warranted.

The meeting notice typically consists of the meeting agenda, with day, time, and place of the meeting. Notices for regularly scheduled meetings are posted at least 7 Days in advance; agendas for special meetings are posted at least 24 hours in advance.

For all committee and Council meetings, CCOG makes the meeting agenda and packets available: (1) on the CCOG website (<http://calacog.org>); (2) via e-mail to any person who has requested to be on the e-mail listserve; and (3) via post to any person who has requested to be mailed an agenda or packet.

**3. Meeting Records.** Draft meeting records are included in meeting packets, and approved meeting records are posted on the CCOG website. The public can read meeting records to learn what decisions committees and the Council made at previous meetings.

**4. Agendized Public Participation.** Each public meeting is designed to solicit and receive public comments. Every committee and Council agenda includes a stand-alone “Public Comment” agenda item, which states, “5 Minutes per person. Comments shall be limited to items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council; Government Code Section 54954.3(a).” In addition, the Chair (or Vice Chair) at the meeting allows public comment on each action item on the agenda.

## Public Involvement in Plans & Studies

When CCOG develops a special plan or study, or updates a long-range plan, staff typically implements public involvement practices that are more customized to the project at hand than the routine practices described above. The following describes CCOG’s public involvement practices for non-routine plans, studies, or projects. In Section 5, we describe the public involvement processes and practices that CCOG has established for particular CCOG plans.

### **A) Public Meetings on a Single Topic (e.g. a specific plan or project)**

CCOG holds focused public meetings to expand opportunities for CCOG staff, committee members, and the Council to converse with the public and better understand stakeholders’ perspectives on the subject matter. Public meeting formats for a single topic include workshops, charrettes (in which participants collaboratively design a project), and open houses with exhibits.

**B) Stakeholder and Agency Outreach**

Through each planning effort the CCOG identified potential stakeholders which may include government agencies, social and human service agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, property owners, and other individuals/organizations who would be impacted by a particular project. Stakeholders also include representatives of underrepresented populations as identified in the Demographic Profile in Attachment 1. The following is a list of stakeholders and agencies that may include but not limited to:

- California Valley Miwok Tribe
- California Band of Mi-Wuk Indians
- County Department of Public Health
- County Veterans Services
- County Office of Education
- Calaveras Works & Human Services Agency
- Common Ground Senior Services
- Area 12 Agency on Aging
- ARC of Amador and Calaveras County
- Creative Support Alternatives
- The Resource Connection
- Calaveras Transit
- Caltrans, District 10

**C) Attend External Meetings & Events**

Upon request and with a reasonable notice, CCOG staff members are available to provide general and project-specific information to community interest groups. For example, staff will attend other organizations' meetings. Or, staff will attend public community events to "table" for a particular plan or project, bringing informational materials and visualization tools to show the public, and being available to answer questions in person.

**D) Public Notices**

When CCOG is engaging the public to participate on a particular plan, staff will use additional means to notify the general public and stakeholder groups. Beyond the standard practices described above (e.g., posting meeting notices at buildings and on websites), staff will use newspapers, online newspapers, posting of public meeting flyers and Facebook to broadcast public notices.

General Circulation Newspaper: CCOG prints public notices in broad circulation newspapers, either dailies or weeklies. CCOG sends press releases and/or Public Service Announcements (PSA) to newspaper outlets and follows up by phone to encourage coverage or printing of the notice.

Online Newspaper: CCOG sends press releases and/or PSAs to Online Newspapers, and follows up by phone to encourage websites to post it.

Radio: CCOG can send press releases and/or PSAs to radio stations, and follows up by phone to encourage stations to cover it. Radio stations might post the PSA on their website and/or read it on the air; local stations might report the item in a news story.

Social Media (Facebook): CCOG will post public notices and public outreach material on the CCOG's Facebook. The post is shared frequently to reach the highest amount of people.

Posting of Public Meeting Flyers: CCOG will post meeting notices in the affected community locations (e.g., local Post offices or grocery stores). When appropriate, CCOG may also have signs posted at major intersections in affected communities.

Direct Mail: Budget allowing, CCOG may mail printed notices direct to known stakeholders to notify them of an upcoming meeting(s) or hearing(s). Mailers would be mailed to those known to reside or have a business in a subject area (e.g. a neighborhood, adjacent to a bus route, within a limited radius of an intersection, etc.), or those known to be interested in the subject matter (e.g. transit service, freight/goods movement, trails, etc.). CCOG gathers addresses through our internal master contact database, and/or through a targeted mailing list from the local planning department. The mailer may be produced as a postcard, or a flyer, or another format, and may include supplemental information. It is cost prohibitive to use this method for mass outreach in the region.

Public notices will include the following statement in both English and Spanish:

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact CCOG at least two days prior to the meeting.*

*La participación pública es solicitada sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, edad, sexo, religión, discapacidad o su estado familiar. Las personas que requieren alojamiento especial de acuerdo con el American with Disabilities Act, o personas que requieren servicios de traducción (libre de cargo) deben comunicarse con CCOG al menos dos días antes de la reunión.*

#### **E) Public Review & Comment Periods**

Larger planning efforts—beyond routine duties—generally warrant a set public review and comment period. Such instances include, for example, updating the Regional Transportation Plan or the Regional Bike Plan, and the annual Unmet Transit Need Public Participation Process. If the public review period is mandated, CCOG complies as required (for example, public review periods per the California Environmental Quality Act). If not otherwise required, CCOG’s practice is to allow 30 or more days, if time permits, for any public review and comment period.

**Public Drafts:** Draft planning documents are available on-line and in hard copy at the CCOG office. Additionally, during formal public comment periods, draft planning documents are available at local government offices and regional libraries when applicable.

**Submitting Comments:** CCOG strives to accommodate all basic means of communicating comments, and encourages the public (or agencies) to submit comments in the manner that best suits them. That said, written comments are often preferred for their benefit of recording a commenter’s remarks just as he or she intended them to be.

As standard practice, CCOG accepts comments through the following avenues:

- Phone at (209) 754-2094; if a call is made outside normal business hours, callers can leave voicemail messages
- Fax at (209) 754-2096
- E-mail to [info@calacog.org](mailto:info@calacog.org), or as otherwise noted

- Post or hand-delivery to CCOG at 444 East St. Charles Street, Suite A, PO Box 280, San Andreas, CA 95249
- Verbal testimony (public comment) at a CCOG committee or Council meeting, hearing, or other CCOG public meeting

For some plans or studies, CCOG develops and distributes pre-made comment forms. Comments are never required to be submitted on comment forms. CCOG accepts comment forms by mail, by hand, by fax, or by e-mail.

## **F) Record of Comments & Responses**

**Record of Comments:** CCOG makes a record of public comments in one of two ways, generally:

- 1) CCOG staff reproduces, in the plan, the original comment letters (including e-mails) and telephone transcripts (usually in an appendix). Staff deletes (or blacks out) the commenter's address (physical and electronic) and phone number.
- 2) CCOG staff summarizes the disposition (or general viewpoint) of comments and publishes the summary in the plan or study. CCOG keeps the original letters on file in-house, which are available to view upon request.

**Response to Comments:** Staff reviews public comments and forwards them, as needed, to be considered by CCOG committee members, Council members, or other agencies. CCOG gives appropriate feedback to the individual/group who commented. Feedback might be given verbally, during discussions at the committee or Council meetings, and the meeting minutes serve as the primary record. Feedback might also be shown directly in the subject plan or study, where staff has added, revised, corrected, or deleted information, as directed and/or approved by CCOG committee(s) and/or the Council. CCOG staff might also contact a commenter directly to give him or her feedback on his or her comment(s). Formal response to comments is required after a public review period closes for projects subject to CEQA.

## **Contact Database/Mailing List of Interested Parties**

CCOG maintains a master contact database. CCOG uses the database to generate a mailing list(s) for disseminating timely information to interested parties, and to notify them of opportunities to review and provide comments. Mailings are sent via post and/or e-mail.

## **Internet Access**

### **CCOG Website**

We utilize both the CCOG website ([www.calacog.org](http://www.calacog.org)) and Walk-Bike Calaveras website ([www.walkandbikecalaveras.com](http://www.walkandbikecalaveras.com)) to offer the public independent, i.e., self-service, access to regional transportation planning information. CCOG designs the website pages to be as user-friendly and understandable as possible, and maintains website content to be timely, consistent, and comprehensive.

The CCOG website includes the following information:

- Contact information (physical address, phone, fax, e-mail)
- Regular business hours

- Current Council members with affiliations
- Current committee members with affiliations
- Meeting notices and agendas (current and archived to October 2011)
- Meeting calendar
- CCOG adopted plans
- CCOG projects
- Project-specific public surveys and/or comment forms (e.g. annual Unmet Transit Needs process).
- Other transportation planning documents and forms
- Social media link (Facebook)
- Local transportation-related events
- Link to the Capital Improvement Program at [www.ccogcip.com](http://www.ccogcip.com)
- Link to the Walk-Bike Calaveras webpage at [www.walkandbikecalaveras.com](http://www.walkandbikecalaveras.com)

### Social Media

CCOG posts meeting announcements/reminders on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calaveras-Council-of-Governments>). Each week we also post transportation-related news, events, legislation, technologies, practices, or fun facts.

### Online Surveys

CCOG uses online survey tools such as Survey Monkey or fillable PDF forms to survey and receive feedback from the public. The surveys are also available in other formats.

### Project-Specific Website

When appropriate and as part of a specific planning process, the CCOG may develop a website dedicated to a project to be available to the public to review project development, draft documents, learn about the project and process, and provide feedback.

### Access to CCOG Documents

The public can view final publications of planning documents (plans, programs, studies, audits, etc.) at the CCOG office and/or electronically via the CCOG website ([www.calacog.org](http://www.calacog.org)).

#### ***Hard copies on-site (at CCOG)***

The CCOG library holds past and current planning documents prepared for and by CCOG. The library also has transportation plans and studies from other jurisdictions, as well as from federal and state agencies. At the front desk, CCOG keeps a public copy of the meeting packet(s) for upcoming committee or council meeting(s). During the public review and comment period for CCOG plans, a public review draft is also made available at the front desk.

#### ***Hard copies off-site***

During the public review and comment period for CCOG plans, CCOG delivers copies of public drafts to other public agencies around the county, where members of the public can review them. CCOG hopes this makes the documents easier to access for more people. CCOG usually delivers public drafts to:

- Calaveras County Library (multiple branches)
- City Hall



- County Board of Supervisors
- Calaveras Transit
- Calaveras County Public Works

#### ***Take-home copies***

The public may request copies of CCOG public drafts and final documents (other than legally confidential data). Requests are handled as follows:

- Reports and technical information that are part of a meeting packet are available free of charge. The public can receive a document(s) via post, or pick it up at the CCOG office, or get it during the public meeting.
- The public can request hard copies of relevant reports and technical information not distributed during a public meeting.
- The CCOG library also holds electronic copies of many recent plans on compact discs (CDs). CCOG can provide CD copies to the public upon request.
- CCOG can and does supply most take-home copies free of charge. However, CCOG does reserve the right to supply such copies at cost. The charge would include the cost of staff time spent reproducing the document and/or the cost of reproduction materials.

#### ***On-line copies***

The public can access electronic copies of draft documents, adopted documents, and meeting packets on the CCOG website ([www.calacog.org](http://www.calacog.org)).

## **6. Public Participation Processes for Specific Plans**

### **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP)**

To fulfill its RTPA duties, CCOG must develop a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and update it every five years. An RTPA must have an adopted RTP in order to qualify for and receive federal transportation funding (Required by federal law (Title 23CFR 450.300, Subpart C) and by state law (Government Code section 65080 et seq).) The RTP updates include extensive public consultation and participation involving public agency officials and stakeholder groups. The community plays a key role in providing feedback on the policy and investment strategies contained in the plan. Local and Tribal governments, transit operators and other federal, state and regional agencies should actively participate in the development of the RTP.

The RTP is a comprehensive, 20+ year vision of a balanced, multimodal transportation system. The RTP includes a list of proposed projects that inform the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is designed to implement the vision and goals of the RTP.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) develops RTP guidelines to help transportation planning agencies statewide prepare consistent and comprehensive plans. The guidelines direct transportation planning agencies to carry out proactive public participation processes to coordinate and consult with interested parties. Interested parties include, but are not limited to, the business community, community groups, walking and bicycling representatives, environmental organizations, Native American Tribal Governments and communities, neighboring Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)/RTPAs, transportation providers, facility operators such as airports, appropriate federal, state

and local agencies (including local elected officials), environmental resource and permit agencies, and air districts, in addition to the general public (“California 2010 RTP Guidelines” (Jan 2011 Technical Change), CTC). The guidelines also direct transportation planning agencies on considering and addressing social equity and environmental justice issues in the RTP and public processes.

The guidelines advise what RTPAs “shall” and “should” do to coordinate and consult with stakeholders. In summary, the consultation process shall:

1. Provide adequate public notice and the opportunity to comment on proposed RTPs and public participation plans;
2. Employ visualization techniques to describe the RTP;
3. Make the RTP electronically accessible, such as placing it on the Internet;
4. Hold public hearings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
5. Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input on the RTP (documentation);
6. Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low income and minority households;
7. Provide additional opportunities to comment on the RTP and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), if the final version differs due to additional comments;
8. Coordinate with the state transportation planning and public involvement processes; and,
9. Periodically review intended RTP outcomes, products and/or services.

All RTPs must also be accompanied by an environmental review document pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA is primarily a mandated public information process. Therefore, agencies carry out specific public involvement activities to comply with CEQA.

#### **Native American-Tribal Government Consultation**

Consultation with the federally-recognized tribe in Calaveras County, and outreach to the Native American population in Calaveras County, are integral aspects of the Public Participation Plan. There is one federally-recognized tribe in Calaveras County, the California Valley Miwok Tribe. The tribe originates from Calaveras County and retains its origin. This is a federally-recognized tribe, therefore a sovereign nation, and the RTPA is required to have formal consultation with the tribe during the Regional Transportation Plan process. These efforts will involve early coordination, consultation, and participation measures as mandated by federal and state guidelines, regulations, and/or statutes. Their tribal office is located in San Joaquin County:

Silvia Burley, Chairperson  
 California Valley Miwok Tribe (CVMT)  
 10601 Escondido Place  
 Stockton, CA 95212

Caltrans District 10’s Native American Liaison may be contacted for an updated contact list of other interested Native American tribes and/or individuals who would be included in the public outreach process.

#### **Unmet Transit Needs Report of Findings**

As the RTPA, CCOG is responsible for administering the Transportation Development Act (TDA) for the Calaveras region. The TDA established state funding to develop and support public transportation in



California. Each year, per the requirements of the TDA, CCOG must conduct an unmet transit needs (UTN) process to identify and assess any unmet public transit need that may exist in Calaveras County. The purpose of the Unmet Transit Needs process is to ensure that all unmet transit needs, that are reasonable to meet, are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

CCOG conducts an extensive public participation process for the UTN cycle. CCOG's SSTAC leads the process to solicit broad input from the public.

The following summarizes the Unmet Transit Needs public participation process.

- The SSTAC evaluates and determines the best method to receive public input and regularly develops transit surveys to gather input from the public. Surveys are developed and posted on CCOG's website and at the CCOG office. Surveys are distributed widely throughout the county including all local transit facilities, on transit buses, city halls, social service agencies, and various other points throughout the County.
- Notify member entities, Native American Governments, and the SSTAC of upcoming UTN cycle; distribute information on the UTN public participation process and request dates of public hearings to be held by member entities.
- Prepare a press release and publish a minimum 30 day notice of the UTN public hearing(s) schedule in local newspaper(s) and other news outlets.
- Post the public hearing schedule on the CCOG website.
- Distribute the UTN public hearing schedule to CCOG member entities, Native American tribes, transit facilities to be provided on transit buses, the CCOG SSTAC, and any member of the public or agency that has requested the information.
- Public Hearings:
  - As the RTPA, CCOG conducts the statutorily required public hearing to receive public input on unmet transit needs.
  - The CCOG also holds a public hearing at a City of Angels Camp City Council meeting to ensure a public hearing is conducted in each jurisdiction of the CCOG (City of Angels Camp and County of Calaveras). This hearing is in addition to CCOG's required public hearing, and expands the level of public input. They provide local elected officials an opportunity to hear and respond directly to the expressed needs of their constituents.
  - CCOG may also attend various social service agency meetings as invited to provide information on the unmet transit needs process.
- Preparation of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report of Findings (ROF).
  - Concluding all public input, a draft UTN ROF is prepared which includes all public comment and any survey results regarding unmet transit needs.
  - At SSTAC meetings, which are open to the public, the SSTAC reviews the Draft UTN ROF data with CCOG approved UTN definitions and criteria and makes a recommendation to the CCOG Council on unmet transit needs for the region.
  - The SSTAC reviews public comments, and evaluate the most common requests against CCOG's criteria for determining if an unmet transit needs if reasonable to meet.
  - The CCOG's TAC reviews the Draft UTN ROF to determine support of the SSTAC's recommendation.



- After considering all available information compiled pursuant to the Unmet Transit Needs public participation process the CCOG Council must adopt, by resolution, one of the following findings:
  - a. there are no unmet transit needs;
  - b. there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; or
  - c. there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.





## Appendix D: Community Survey

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# Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan Online Community Survey Analysis

## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

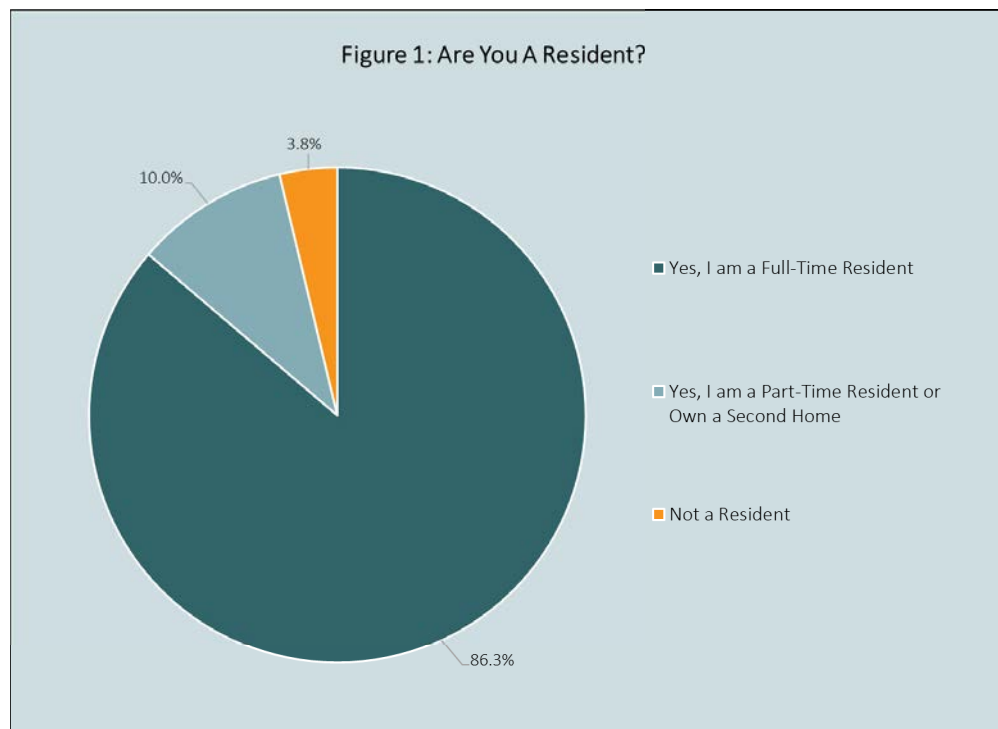
As part of an effort to obtain input from Calaveras County residents and stakeholders, an online community survey was developed with input from the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) staff. Links to the survey were distributed to stakeholders, advertised in local newspapers (both print and digital) and posted on the CCOG website. The survey asked respondents to answer a series of questions about their personal and household transportation needs and experiences. The survey was available online for the months of July and August 2020. A copy of the survey included at the end of this appendix.

## SURVEY ANALYSIS

A total of 113 survey responses were received and the results are discussed in detail below.

### Are You a Resident?

Respondents were asked whether they are a full or part time resident. As shown in Figure 1, the majority of those who took the survey were full-time residents (86.3 percent). Part-time residents and/or second homeowners made up 10 percent of those surveyed, followed by 3.8 percent who indicated that they were neither a full-time or part-time resident.



### Where Do you Live and Work?

Table 1 indicates where respondents live and work. As shown, 30.4 percent who took the survey live in Murphys, followed by 29.1 percent living in Arnold. Of those taking the survey, 12.7 percent lived outside of Calaveras County. Roughly 43 percent of survey respondents are not currently working (retired or

unemployed), followed by 22.2 percent working outside of Calaveras County. About 15.3 percent currently work in Murphys followed by 6.9 percent working in Arnold and 4.2 percent working in Stockton.

Calaveras County Communities	Where Do You Live?		Where Do You Work?	
	#	%	#	%
San Andreas	2	2.5%	2	2.8%
Angels Camp	7	8.9%	1	1.4%
Valley Springs	5	6.3%	0	0.0%
Murphys	24	30.4%	11	15.3%
Arnold	23	29.1%	5	6.9%
Avery	3	3.8%	1	1.4%
Copperopolis	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
Mokelumne Hill	0	0.0%	-	-
Mountain Ranch	0	0.0%	-	-
West Point	1	1.3%	-	-
Stockton	-	-	3	4.2%
Sonora	-	-	1	1.4%
Sacramento	-	-	1	1.4%
I live/work outside of Calaveras County	10	12.7%	16	22.2%
I do not live in Calaveras County	3	3.8%	-	-
I am not working in any community	-	-	31	43.1%

Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020

## Commute Patterns

Table 2 shows commute patterns of the 79 respondents who noted both where they live and work. Of those who responded, 44.6 percent do not currently work and another 21.5 percent of people either work outside of Calaveras County, or in a community not listed in the survey. Of those who do commute to and from work, many commute to work in the same community that they live within, primarily Murphys, followed by Arnold, and Avery.

Where do you live?	Where do you work?									
	Angels Camp	Arnold	Avery	Copperopolis	Murphys	San Andreas	Valley Springs	West Point	I Work in a Another Community	I am currently not working
Angels Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arnold	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Avery	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Copperopolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Murphys	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0
San Andreas	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Valley Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
West Point	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
I do not live in Calaveras County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020

## Commute Length

When asked how long it takes to drive to work, 31.8 percent of respondents stated that their commute takes less than 15 minutes (Table 3). Another 31.8 percent of those surveyed indicated that their commute takes between 16 and 30 minutes, with 20.6 percent stating that their commute takes between 31 and 45 minutes. The longest commute time was two hours, of which only 2.8 percent of respondents currently commute. The average commute time among the survey respondents was approximately 30 minutes.

**Table 3: How Long is Your Commute?**

Commute Length	Responses	
	#	%
Less than 15 minutes	34	31.8%
16 - 30 minutes	34	31.8%
31 - 45 minutes	22	20.6%
46 - 60 minutes	8	7.5%
1hr - 1 hr 15 minutes	1	0.9%
1hr 16 minutes - 1hr 30 minutes	3	2.8%
1hr 31 minutes - 1hr 45 minutes	1	0.9%
1hr 46 minutes - 2 hours	1	0.9%
Over 2 hours	3	2.8%

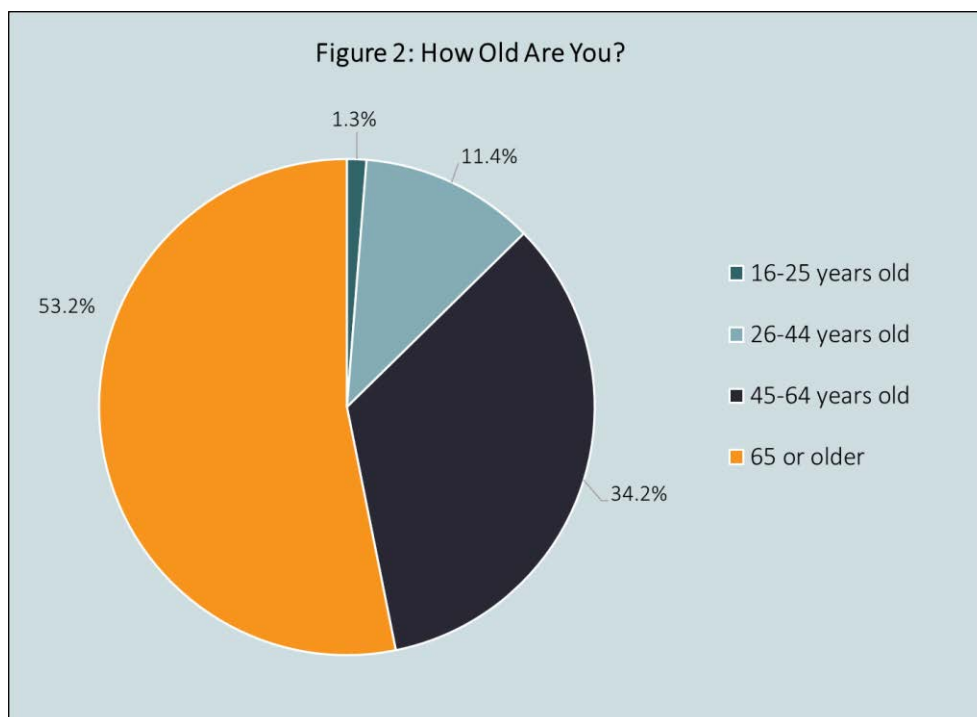
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## Household Demographics

The following questions were asked to get a better idea of who was taking the survey and what their household characteristics are.

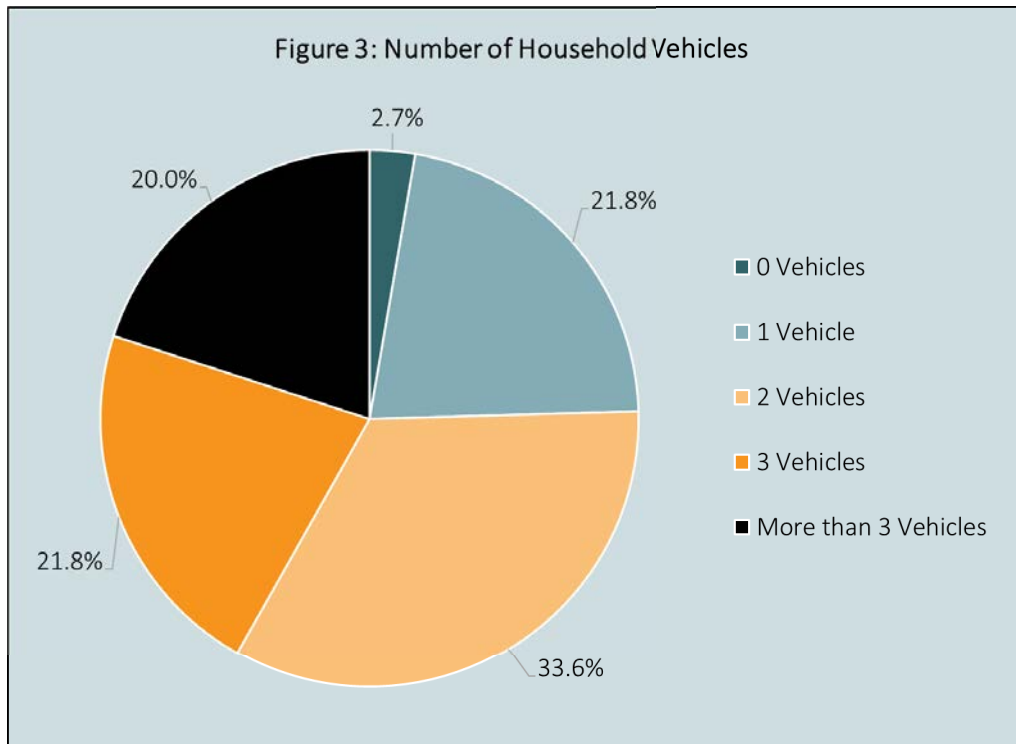
### How Old Are You?

When asked how old respondents were, 53.2 percent were age 65 or older, followed by 34.2 percent between the ages of 45 and 64 years old and 11.4 percent between the ages of 26 and 44 years (Figure 2). Only 1.3 percent of those taking the survey were between 16 and 25 years old and no respondents were under the age of 16. As Census data indicates that 26 percent of Calaveras County residents are 65 years of age or older, this indicates that the survey respondents are over-represented among the elderly.



### Number of Household Vehicles

Household number of vehicles are shown in Figure 3. Roughly 33.6 percent respondents who indicated that they had two vehicles in their household, followed by 21.8 percent had 3 vehicles and 20 percent had more than three vehicles in their household. Of those surveyed, 2.7 percent had no vehicle access in their household. This indicates that the vast majority of respondents are not dependent on public transit or non-motorized transportation.



### How Easy or Difficult is it For You to Get Around without a Car?

More than half (51.9 percent) of those surveyed indicated that it can be very difficult to get around Calaveras County without a car, as shown in Table 4. Another 22.5 percent stated that it is somewhat difficult. A total of 15.7 percent of respondents mentioned it was somewhat easy and very easy for them to get around Calaveras County.

Experience	Responses	
	#	%
Very easy	4	4.5%
Somewhat easy	10	11.2%
Neither easy nor difficult	6	6.7%
Somewhat difficult	20	22.5%
Very difficult	46	51.7%
Don't know/Not sure	3	3.4%

Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020



## Why Do You Drive?

Table 5 summarizes reasons behind respondents driving behavior. As shown, 17 percent indicated that their destination is too far away making taking alternative forms of transportation too inconvenient. Another 14.3 percent stated that the lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities is their reasoning for driving. Other reasons included busy roads (12.3 percent), hills and terrain (12 percent), driver behaviors (10 percent), and the need for personal vehicles for shopping and dropping off children (9.3 percent).

Reasons	Responses	
	#	%
My destination is too far away/I do not have time/inconvenient	51	17.0%
Scarce bicycle or pedestrian facilities (bike lanes, trails, or sidewalks)	43	14.3%
Roads are too busy/too much traffic	37	12.3%
Hills and terrain	36	12.0%
Driver behaviors (speeding, unsafe driving, etc.)	30	10.0%
I need a car for other reasons (shopping, drop off child, etc.)	28	9.3%
Transit is not convenient enough	24	8.0%
Health issues	14	4.7%
Bad weather	12	4.0%
I don't own a bike	10	3.3%
Unsafe neighborhood/safety/poor lighting	8	2.7%
Lack of amenities (restroom, shower, bike rack, etc.)	7	2.3%

*Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020*

## Transportation by Mode

Respondents were asked how often they use each transportation mode (personal vehicle, bicycle, walking, or carpooling). Their answers are summarized in Table 6. As shown, 87.7 percent indicated that they never use public transit, followed by 76.1 percent who indicated that they never carpool. Roughly 50 percent indicated a private vehicle as their mode of transportation 100 percent of the time. This data also indicates that of the 12.3 percent that use public transit, most use it for 5 to 30 percent of all their trips. A majority (62.2 percent) of respondents walk for at least some of their trips, while 31.9 percent bicycle for at least some of their trips.

	%	Personal Vehicle			Public	
		Walked	Bicycled	Transit	Carpooled	
0%	2.0%	37.8%	68.1%	87.7%	76.1%	
5%	3.0%	17.6%	7.2%	1.5%	10.4%	
10%	0.0%	23.0%	5.8%	1.5%	1.5%	
15%	0.0%	2.7%	1.4%	0.0%	3.0%	
20%	2.0%	4.1%	5.8%	3.1%	3.0%	
25%	3.0%	5.4%	2.9%	3.1%	0.0%	
30%	1.0%	0.0%	2.9%	1.5%	1.5%	
35%	0.0%	2.7%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
40%	1.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	
45%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
50%	2.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	3.0%	
55%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
60%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
65%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
70%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
75%	5.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
80%	7.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
85%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
90%	13.0%	1.4%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	
95%	3.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
100%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

*Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020*

## How Concerned are You About Transportation Issues?

Respondents were asked to rank how concerned they were about various transportation issues. The most concerning transportation issue indicated by survey respondents were conflicts between vehicles and bicycles along roadway shoulders (62.6 percent), as shown in Table 7. This was followed by there not being enough separated bicycle paths (53.8 percent), and lack of adequate pavement conditions on local roads (51.1 percent). The most “somewhat concerning” transportation issues included emergency evacuation options (40.4 percent), high vehicle speeds through communities (37.8 percent), and a lack of truck passing lanes (35.1 percent). In Table 7 below, red indicates the least amount of people rating a particular level of concern and the yellow indicates the most amount of people indicating a particular level of concern by transportation issue.

Transportation Issues	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Not very concerning	Not at all concerning
Not enough separated bicycle paths	53.8%	19.8%	12.1%	14.3%
Conflicts between vehicle and bicycles on roadways with shoulder	62.6%	24.2%	6.6%	6.6%
Unsafe conditions for children traveling to school	36.7%	34.4%	17.8%	11.1%
Discontinuous sidewalks	36.3%	28.6%	16.5%	18.7%
More crosswalks in communities	18.9%	30.0%	27.8%	23.3%
Not enough crosswalks in the communities	21.6%	25.0%	34.1%	19.3%
Insufficient wheelchair ramps and other ADA accessible facilities	17.0%	33.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Not enough public transit options	20.2%	31.9%	29.8%	18.1%
Sufficiency of walkways, pathways, etc. to transit stops	32.3%	22.6%	28.0%	17.2%
Seasonal traffic congestion on state highways	45.2%	30.1%	19.4%	5.4%
Not enough truck climbing lanes	37.2%	35.1%	19.1%	8.5%
Sufficient emergency evacuation options	45.7%	40.4%	9.6%	4.3%
Pavement conditions on local streets and roads	51.1%	32.6%	13.0%	3.3%
High vehicle speeds through communities	41.1%	37.8%	15.6%	5.6%

*Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020*

## What One Transportation Problem Would You Fix?

Respondents were asked to identify their top priority transportation issue in Calaveras County. A list of responses is included as an attachment to this memo. When asked which one transportation issue respondents would fix if they could, 41.2 percent stated that they would increase the amount of bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout the county. While most respondents generally requested more bicycle and pedestrian facilities, others mentioned specific areas that would benefit from increase bicycle and pedestrian activities. These areas include communities such as Arnold, Dorrington, and Murphys as well as along Highway 4 and Highway 26. Another transportation issue residents thought of as high priority is the implementation of the Wagon Trail Project (17 percent), followed by lowering and enforcing lower speed limits (11.8 percent). Others suggested actions such as increasing the number of passing lanes, improving parking signage, widening road shoulders, and expanding public parking in downtown areas.

## What Transportation Barriers Do You Experience in your Community?

Respondents were asked what transportation barriers they encounter in their community. Complete answers to this question are included at the end of this memo. Similar to the question related to fixing transportation problems above, 54.5 percent indicated a lack of pedestrian and bicycle paths, followed by the poor state of roads needing repair (12.1 percent), and a lack of access to transit stops and services (12.1 percent).

Others responded that high speeds along major roadways (6.1 percent), poorly maintained sidewalks (3 percent) and a lack of access to the planning process (3 percent) were all major barriers to transportation within Calaveras County. Another 6.1 percent mentioned that they currently have no barriers to transportation.

## Prioritizing Improvements

Each respondent was asked how they would spend \$100 on various types of transportation improvements. As shown in Table 6, on average respondents would spend around \$33 on fixing existing roads, followed by \$15 on widening highway shoulders for bicycles, and \$11 on increasing the number of lanes on state highways. The least amount of money was budgeted towards improving the overall transit system (\$6), building new roads (\$4), or improving airport facilities (\$2).

Improvement	Avg. Dollars Spent
Fix existing roads	\$33
Widen shoulders on highways for bicycles	\$15
More lanes on state highways	\$11
Improve pedestrian facilities	\$10
Improve separated bicycle facilities	\$10
More guardrails, striping, signage etc.	\$6
Improve overall transit system	\$6
Build new local roads	\$4
Improve local airport facilities	\$2

*Source: LSC Transportation Consultants, Calaveras County Survey, 2020*

## Locations of Recommended Improvements

Respondents were given the opportunity to use an online map to indicate specific locations where roadway and bicycle/pedestrian improvements or repairs were needed. Respondents were allowed to place as many markers as they wished. Figures 4 and 5 display the results for the east and west sides of the county, respectively. Along the SR 4 corridor in the eastern portion of the county, respondents indicated that Forest Meadows has a high need for wider shoulders. Many respondents would like to see a bike path between Arnold and Dorrington as well as in the Forest Meadows and Murphys areas. Pavement repairs have been noted along Sheep Ranch Road and Armstrong Road as well as on the local streets in Arnold.

In the western portion of the county, requests for a new roadway and passing lanes were indicated along Wagon Trail alignment of SR 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp. Stop signs or signals were also requested at multiple locations in San Andreas.



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FIGURE 4  
Desired Improvement Locations –  
East County

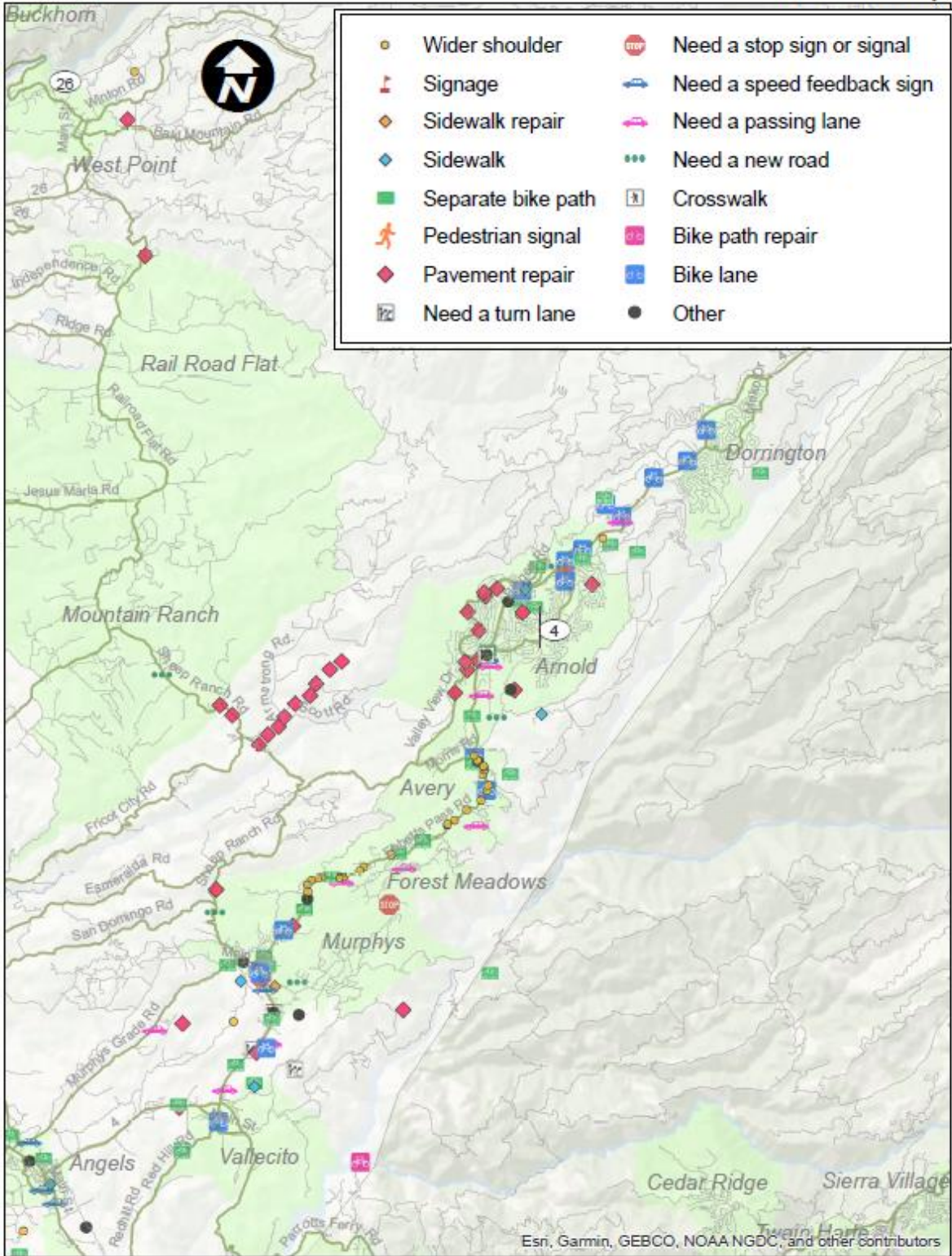
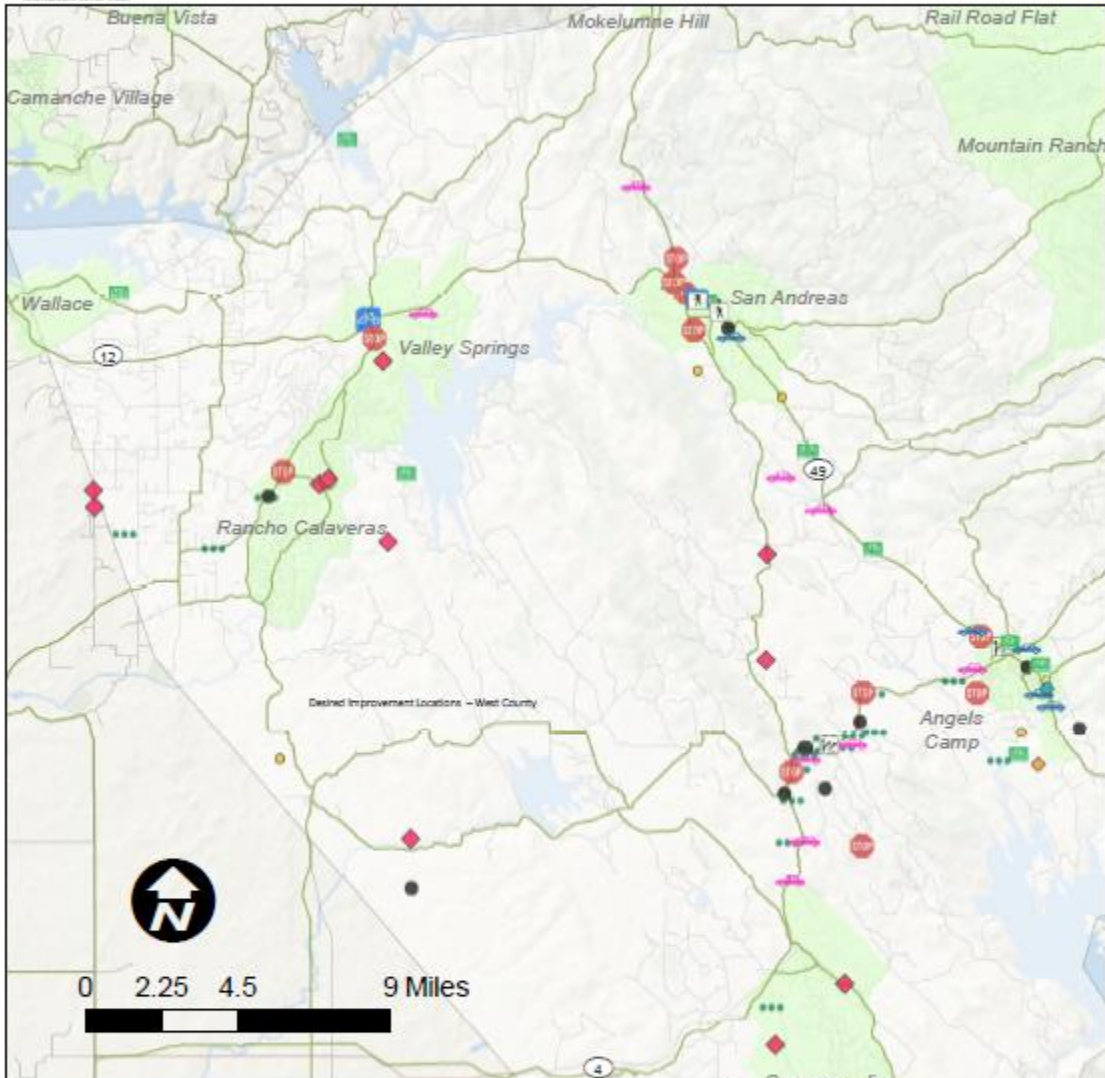






FIGURE 5

Desired Improvement Locations – West County

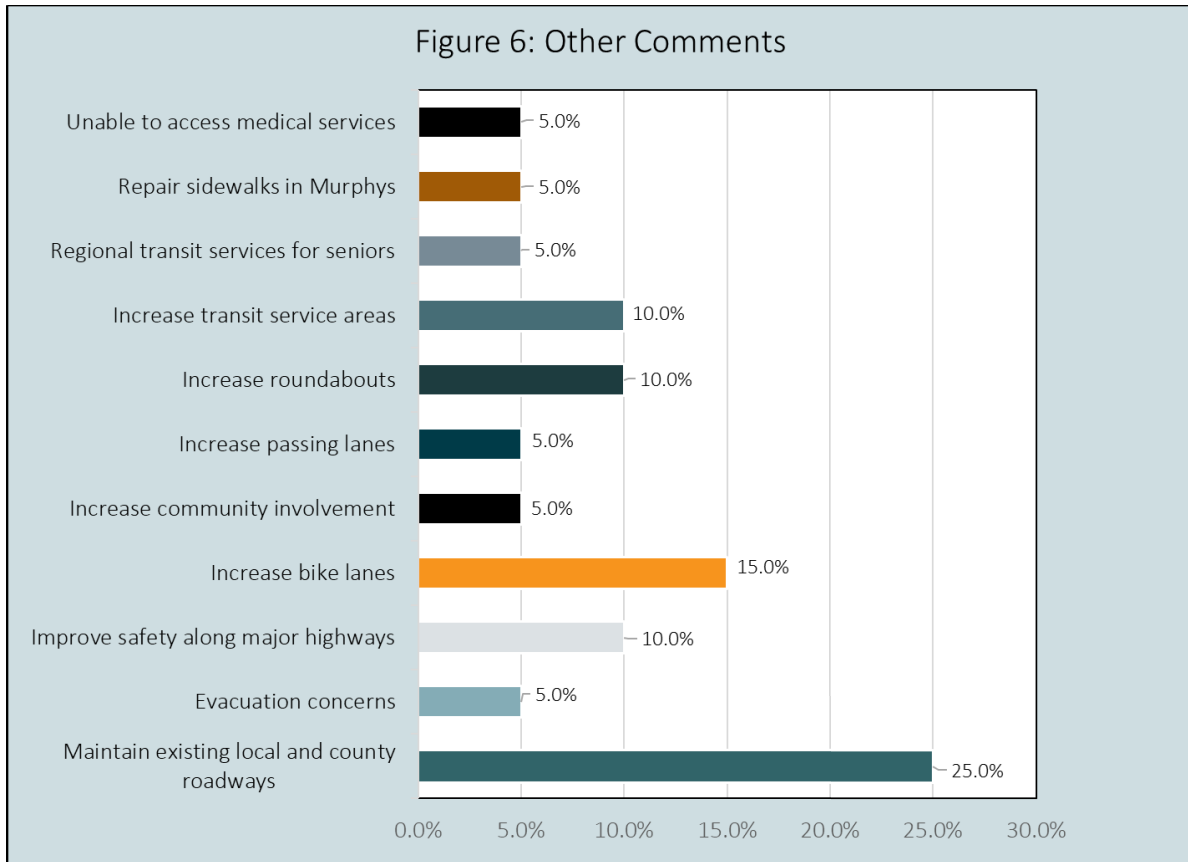


	Wider shoulder		Need a stop sign or signal
	Signage		Need a speed feedback sign
	Sidewalk repair		Need a passing lane
	Sidewalk		Need a new road
	Separate bike path		Crosswalk
	Pedestrian signal		Bike path repair
	Pavement repair		Bike lane
	Need a turn lane		Other

SEBCO, NOAA NGDC, and other contributors.

### Is there anything else you would like to add?

Each respondent was asked whether they had additional input for consideration. Figure 6 summarizes these comments. Of the 30 responses, 25 percent indicated wanting more consistent maintenance of local and county roads. This was followed by increasing the amount of bicycle lanes (15 percent), improving safety along major highways (10 percent), increasing roundabouts (10 percent), and increasing transit services (10 percent). Respondents were also interested in increasing community involvement, passing lanes, roundabouts, and transit service areas.



## ATTACHMENT A: PUBLIC COMMENTS

### ***If you could fix one transportation problem in Calaveras County, what would it be?***

Earlier buses in the mornings especially connections with the Columbia bus and people who have to get to work earlier in Sonora. I noticed that there are some people who really need that.

Speed and not enough transit choices

Turn lane at Hwy 4 and Live oak Dr.

Re-lay asphalt on roads in subdivisions in Arnold, not just patch here and there - the roads are horrible and have been neglected for 40 years.

Lack of bicycle lane between Arnold & Dorrington.

Roads are beat up

Fix the streets

Stop cars from passing on the right side of a car making a left hand turn. Especially Murphys. Too many times near accidents involving children with bikes crossing in front of a stopped car signaling a left turn being passed by speeding cars to the right almost crashing into the kids.

Slow the speed down and ticket those who don't obey them especially weekenders.

Adequate roadway shoulders for safe bicycle travel.

Better public transportation options.

Straighten 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp

Straighten Route 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp. Every time I use it, I feel unsafe, and fear an accident caused by oncoming traffic.

Crowned roads with no shoulder

Quicker pothole repairs

Make bicycle lanes or walking/cycling paths. If the option was available, more people would use it.

Widen hwy 49 between Angles and San Andreas and shoulders and turn out lanes.

Get all the old people off the road, they either need to do the speed limit, move over, or stay home!

Speeding through neighborhoods

Lack of bike/hiking paths



Reduce the speed limit on HWY4 through Arnold. Speeding Logging trucks are a problem.

More public transit

Potholes

Hello, wagon wheel. Hwy 4 How many more have to die?

Commercial Air Service

Promote bicycle traffic by building linked bike paths, especially within the town of Murphys.  
More bike paths.

More passing lanes. I hate being stuck behind slow trucks for 10-20 minutes.

The turn lane in Arnold that goes onto Blagen Road. People take the Dunbar exit onto Blagen Road. I almost got hit when I turned onto Blagen Rd by someone who used the exit from Dunbar Rd. I reported to CHP they suggested I contact the County Supervisor Callaway.

More bike lanes

More bike lanes

More passing lanes on Highway 4 between Murphys and Arnold. Better road (less curves) west of Angles Camp.

Widening 4 or putting in additional 'slow vehicle lanes' between Angels Camp and Camp Connell.

Wagon Trail project on highway 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp.

More paved bike/walking paths. Pattern our community bike paths like Davis, California.

I would make Murphys more pedestrian friendly. Sidewalks in town are either dangerous or non-existent. Many residents are forced to walk along Hwy 4 to get to town (a cut-through from Williams to town is needed). A pathway is also needed on 6-mile to Ironstone. Residents need a safe place to walk for exercise. Fixing the problem should not be hap-hazard. There must be a plan!

Put a stop light on Highway 4 and the Penn Gulch intersection by Michelson Elementary school. The intersection is very dangerous. Kids and parents are going to the school in the morning. Cars are speeding down 4. It is very hard to make a left turn to get on the highway, I have seen some very close calls here, lot of Seniors, are pressured here. Do something here soon!

Traffic on Rock creek road up to salt springs reservoir has increased quite a bit. The road is rough and only one lane with a blind corner and a cliff Also many vehicles are over the bridge weight limits of the old bridges.

Speeding

I would realign Hwy 4 between Angels Camp and Copper.



Bus from Camp Connell to Government Center in San Andreas

More designated walking bike trails.

Flatlanders parking where they should not - not enough enforcement.

I would love to see a bike trail go from one end of Arnold to the other. I think it would be great if we encourage physical activity. People like to go to the store and to cedar center. It would be nice to bike. If it extended all the way up to Blue Lake Springs and even into White Pines that would be wonderful. I see kids riding down the highways and it is not safe. We need to encourage more bicycles especially for children. Arnold would embrace the idea!

Lower speed limits enforced

Clearing the overgrowth from the sides of the roads. It is so overgrown that oncoming cars do not know you are there. It is also a major hazard if a fire is anywhere in the area as fire trucks cannot get in safely

Lack of biking lanes

Realignment of Hwy 4 between Copperopolis & Angels Camp.

Access to Sacramento airport.

Pavement conditions on local roads

More pull out lanes for trucks on HWY 4

More pathways to walk safely.

No emergency exit routes in case of fire

Four lanes for Hwy 26 all the way out of town, past Rancho towards Stockton

Fix the Copperopolis to Angels Camp, highway 4, sub-standard road route. I have lived here for 30 years and it remains a true hazard to drive. For senior drivers, highway 4 is test of driving abilities (just follow one either way, mostly 30-35mph). For flatlanders it is not much better. For the motorcyclists it is "see how fast you can take the curves". Each year it is high on the list but has the least attention. How many lives, broken bones does it take to really do something???

Please install Bike path and sidewalk from La Contenta to Marval Parking lot. I cannot even count how many people young to old I have seen walk down the side of highway 26 and are at risk of being hit! I think it would be a great option for people to safely get from their homes to the grocery store in a safe manner who do not have a vehicle. Not to mention it would be great for our community. How about an evening bike ride to the ice cream shop :)

Public Transportation would not be shut down on every conceivable holiday in the world. People have to work on most of these "holidays". There is only one or two that are expected to be closed on, Christmas Day and possibly Thanksgiving.

By-pass Hwy 49 around (or under) Angels Camp and San Andreas.

The amount of big truck traffic on the roads. Causing traffic congestion because they can't/won't pull over and destroy delicate pavement that cannot handle the weight

Continuous sidewalk from Big Trees Market to Sarafinis restaurant.

Stoplights at high fatality intersections like Pool Station Rd in San Andreas and Avery Middle School Moran Rd

Continual sidewalks on Main St Murphys. Vehicles speeding on Main St Murphys, especially near the west end

More bicycle paths

HWY 4 road straightening from Angels Camp to 5 miles east of Copperopolis turn-off.

Paving older roads.

Much better sidewalks and walking options. Especially in Murphys, CA

Bike lanes

Paved the roads

Available transportation for the elderly and home bound.

The number of tourists coming up during the current health crisis. They do not wear masks, for the most part, and empty our grocery store of food that the community could use, as well as probably infect the locals.

Potholes in the subdivisions, especially in Lake Mont Pines.

35mph thru Murphys to the bottom of Utica Grade with the addition of better patrol presence as well as some way to slow traffic. Change the traffic light to a round-about and most of the speeding issues will be solved no matter the time of year or time of day or night.

A walking path paralleling Hwy 4 in Arnold from Cedar Creek Realty to Snowshoe Brewery. Lots of people walk the shoulder of the highway here and the speed limit is 45 mph. Not ideal.

Not county maintained roads - why? and potholes (main st and hospital- vs)  
Pothole repairs on rural roads.

More passing lanes

More public parking in busy downtown areas

A closer bus stop by my house in Valley Springs...I think the nearest stop is across from the Mobil gas station? It is about 2-12 miles to walk each way. I am 70 and that is a tad too far, and too scary to walk highway 26. I would like to be able to get to my Mark Twain Doctor's office

Popular bicycle routes need pavement improvements

Bicycle lane between Arnold and Dorrington.

Roads with wide shoulder

Improve road surfaces and passing lanes.

More bike lanes

1) Aggressive motor vehicle drivers who are unwilling to share the available road and have no respect for cyclists or pedestrians. 2) Better road surfaces on small rural roads to allow less interaction with aggressive drivers.

The infrastructure, improve road conditions for autos and bicycles

***Is there anything you would like to tell us to help us understand the transportation barriers you experience in your community?***

We personally have no barriers.

We would like more walking bike paths.

People driving too fast through Murphys and passing illegally because they are in such a hurry

More cyclists would shop and visit if shopping districts were visibly cycle friendly

Potholes not repaired quickly. Many roads dangerously narrow (e.g., Moran road between Avery and Pinebrook)

If bike lanes were available, people would use them.

You need to have public meeting. This survey has a vent that is looking for a certain type of transportation fix. Our county needs to update our road system. We live in a rural area and not in a developed area. Point, look at highway 4 between Angles and Copper and number of accidents on that

Old people...

Resort area - weekender traffic

I would use a bike much more often, but almost everywhere I need to go, I have to use Highway 4 for some of the trip, and Highway is a dangerous place for bikes, with very narrow shoulders.

Outside of Valley Springs. No bike paths or safe space on roadways to ride to town.

I walk a few miles each day; however, there is nothing within walking distance so all errands require a car.

Snow. I wish the bus went to towns in the winter but because of snow conditions they don't.

We own a home in Arnold, and a home in Belmont. No other way to get back and forth on a bike, or bus, or train, so we drive.

We need more paved bike paths and transportation to and from airports

Bicycling in Murphys - There are not enough options. Traffic is heavy and bike lanes are non-existent.

Walking in Murphys - More pathways needed!

We live in the country on a ranch. No transit available. Even the school bus is 7 miles away.

Streets don't have sidewalks. No designated walking trails for daily use or recreation. No designated spots for dog walking. We have "country roads" for a community with heavy traffic and tourism, and it doesn't work. We need to upgrade!

More children could ride bikes home from school if there was a safe path. Kids are out of school more now. Let's give them something healthy to do.

The potholes and overgrowth are very dangerous. It has been 5 years or more since any clearing was done on the roads off the main thruways

Roads not wide enough and/or no shoulders or sidewalks for walking or cycling in my neighborhood.

Aggressive drivers add to problem.

Not much can be done with the terrain. A bike lane might help but probably not as it would need to be EV equipped for the hill and they are expensive. Maybe a voucher to get an EV bike but still need bike lanes into town for all the shopping. Always sounds neat to bicycle but not really convenient; more for recreation.

No sidewalks to keep kids and pedestrians safer from drivers

The bus system is simply not well done. People need to be able to get to Jackson and Stockton/Lodi. The public transportation should serve the needs of the public.

Link rolling hills. Bus stops too far from the house for mom to use bus. Dial a Ride stops at main road not the house - too far for mom to walk.

Outdoor walking and bicycling needs to be encouraged. More paths for would promote safe outdoor trips for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially between Murphys and Angels Camp.

Need more turnout locations along Hwy 4 and 49.

Roads suck

I've seen numerous people fall on the uneven sidewalks and pavement in and around Murphys. My father fell due to tripping over uneven pavement because there was no sidewalk for him to walk on in town. He was injured.

More buses

No

The intersection at Hwy 4 and Lake Mont Drive is especially concerning. People drive so fast on the passing lane just before that intersection and often come around the curve at about 60 mph. I don't feel safe in my car, much less a bicycle.

We should be pedestrian and cycle friendly. Communities are pretty car-locked driven. It would be nice to create more connections within each community as well as between communities.

For Arnold in the snow, walking and cycling are most difficult because most roads are only cleared for vehicle traffic; there are no cleared paths along the roadways for cyclists or pedestrians, and the existing shortcuts become largely inaccessible too.

Is there transportation close enough for me to walk to? I've lived here for 5 years...I drive as I don't know any other way to get to the Mark Twain hospital doctors. thank you

I live in Hathaway Pines, and there is little to no bicycle shoulder between home and Avery. Roads need improvement.

Even if 90% of a route from A-B is safe the 10% (death trap) with no shoulders and intolerant drivers is not worth the risk.

### ***Is there anything else you would like to add?***

Transit services for seniors for out of county appointments

We have lived here full time for 33 years and most of the county roads in Meadowmont are horrible and need new layers of asphalt.

Avid bicyclist. Seasonal FT work at Bear Valley Mtn. Resort Second home in Bear Valley.  
Thanks

Please provide a bike lane between Arnold and Dorrington.

I would like to be involved in this project. I have worked in the transportation industry for most of my life as a manager. I believe I could add a lot to this project with my vast expertise of truck routing.

I wish there were more passing lanes. Traffic is rarely a problem. I left the Bay Area and now I get anxious and stressed when I need to travel back to the Bay Area. Overall, I am happy with Calaveras Counties Traffic.

I worry about fire exit roads... what to do if a fire closes Highway 4? Is there a fire plan? Is there a radio frequency drivers can listen to for evacuation advice? How to avoid a Paradise disaster? In a fire, how do I know it drive west or east to avoid getting trapped?

I would be happy to volunteer to make Murphys more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

I can no longer drive, have cancer and need to get to the hospital weekly. We live on a ranch. Transportation does not come out anywhere close to us. Wish that transit came to Milton.

Safety first. We need less sharp curves on Hwy.4, a wider Hwy. 49 between Angels Camp and San Andreas, and safer ways to bike and walk in Arnold. Enforce lower speed limits.

Please think about more designated walking and hiking trails in the area.

There needs to be a bike trail extending from Dorrington down to Arnold. People riding bikes are endangering their lives daily along highway 4 especially on the stretch from Dorrington to Arnold  
Thank you.

Please consider doing aggressive clearing of brush alongside the roads. There is extremely limited access to roads in the event of a fire. In some cases, only one way out, which will be life threatening to those trapped if that path is closed.

We live in Stockton in the winter and Camp Connell in the summer. We are retired.  
thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Some stop lights would slow the traffic on Hwy 26. Rigs and towing vehicles just haul. They will get used to them just like everything else. If not stop light, then speeding simply continues. Not a sign and they get disobeyed more than a light. The light at Vista Del Lago became accepted as would a light at Baldwin and 26. I have commuted on Hwy 26 almost 25 years and have seen the speeding crashes, life flights, illegal passing which is increasing and just carelessness.

Do what the Calaveras County residents have been asking for, for at least the 30 years I have lived here. What is a life worth? Can you look a family member in the eye and honestly say "I'm sorry". Can you live with a clear mind, no guilt, when a family is ruined by hospital bills caused by sub-standard roads? Maybe you need to go and talk with those affected by an accident attributed to bad roads. The local Highway Patrol or Sheriffs Dept can provide a lot of information.

Just that the Public Transportation system is really very poor.

I think Calaveras County has done a remarkable job with the funds that we have. I think: 1st - The local streets are going to need some maintenance. 2nd - Our 2 major highways need to be widened. 3rd - Take Hwy traffic out of Angels Camp and San Andreas.

The sidewalks on Main St Murphys are nonexistent or cracked and waiting for someone to trip.

Add only Roundabouts. No need for traffic signals

A round-about instead of a traffic light would be a huge improvement to overall traffic flow as well as excessive speeding that occurs north of the light on a daily if not hourly basis (mostly by locals)

Bear Valley is the community I work in.

Why are roads "not county maintained?" how do you change this?

I work in Alpine County

We bring a major bicycle event into Calaveras and Amador County each year with over 1500 riders plus volunteers. Road conditions and bike lanes are critical.

Calaveras County is a beautiful place to pedal a bicycle, but many roads are in disrepair and too narrow to share with vehicles.



The Calaveras Council of Governments is updating the Calaveras County Regional Transportation Plan. This plan outlines transportation improvement projects and funding for the next 20 years. We need the community's input to identify needs and priorities for all modes including automobile, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, aviation, and trucks.

## **What do you think are the most needed transportation improvements in Calaveras County?**



**Let us know by taking a short online survey**

**Go to:**  
<https://calacog.org/project/rtp-update/>

Please provide input by August 20, 2020



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Alternative ways to provide input...

Please Contact:  
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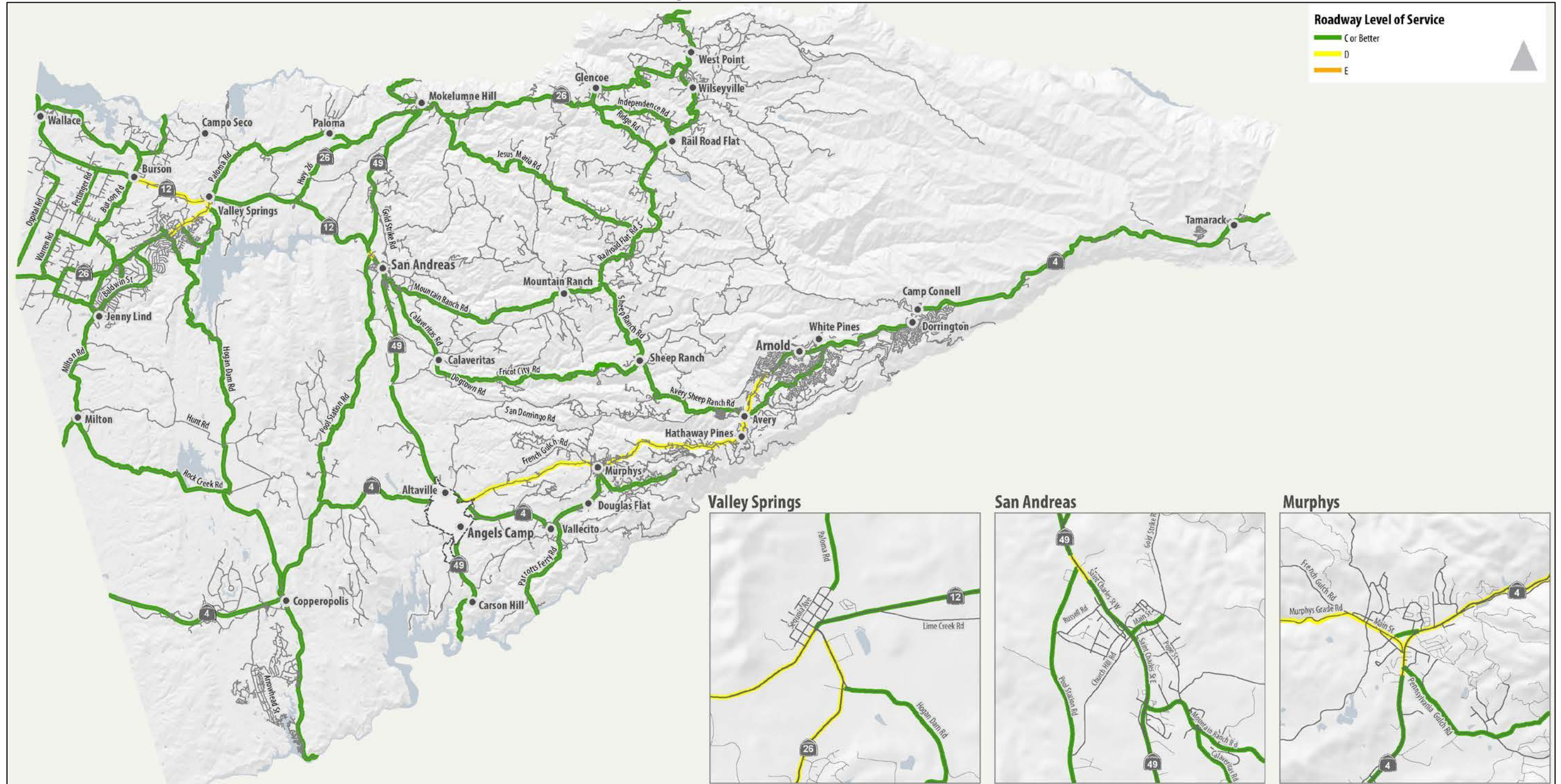


## Appendix E: General Plan LOS

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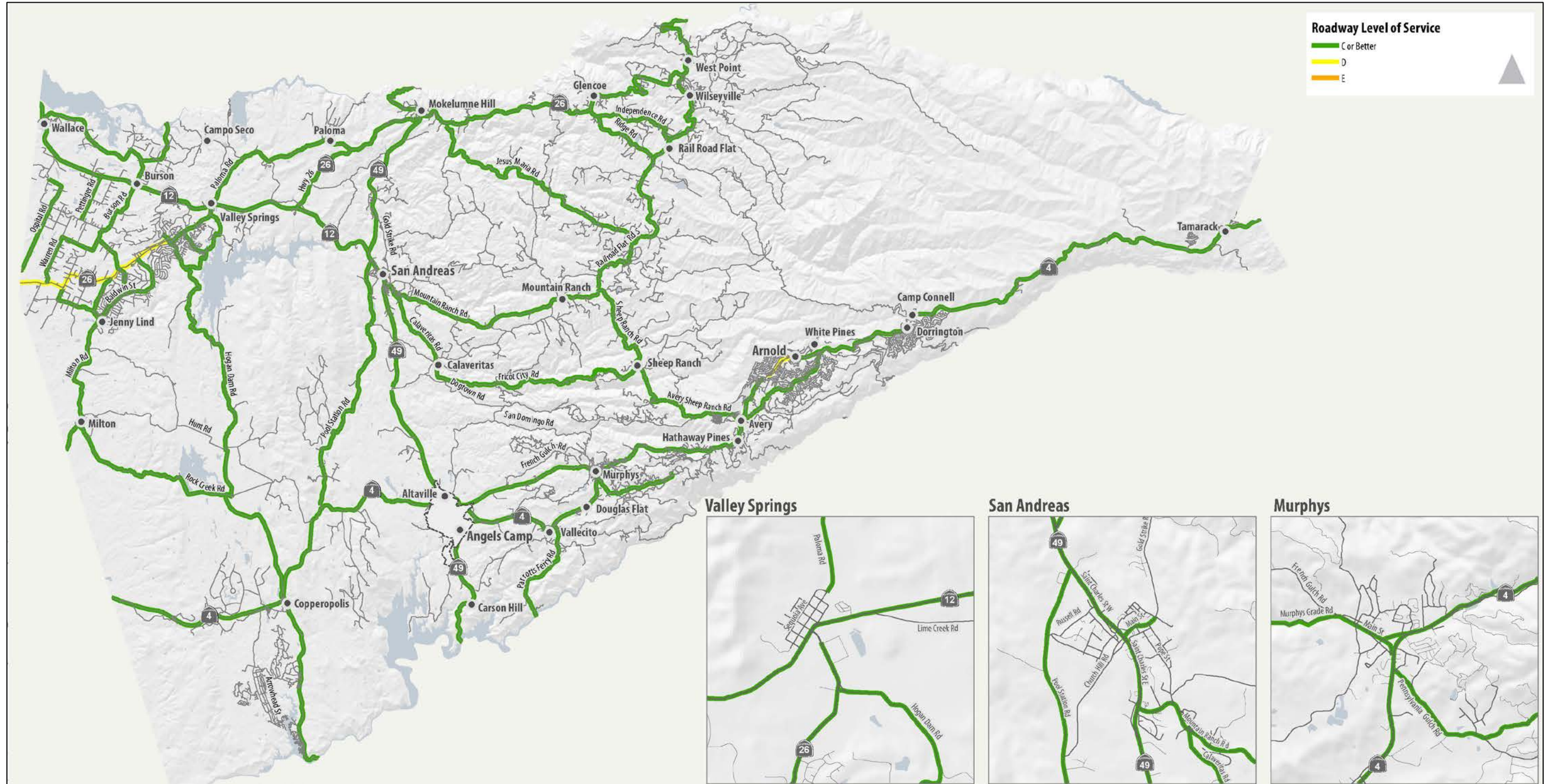
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 Existing Conditions – PM Peak Hour LOS



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2017.



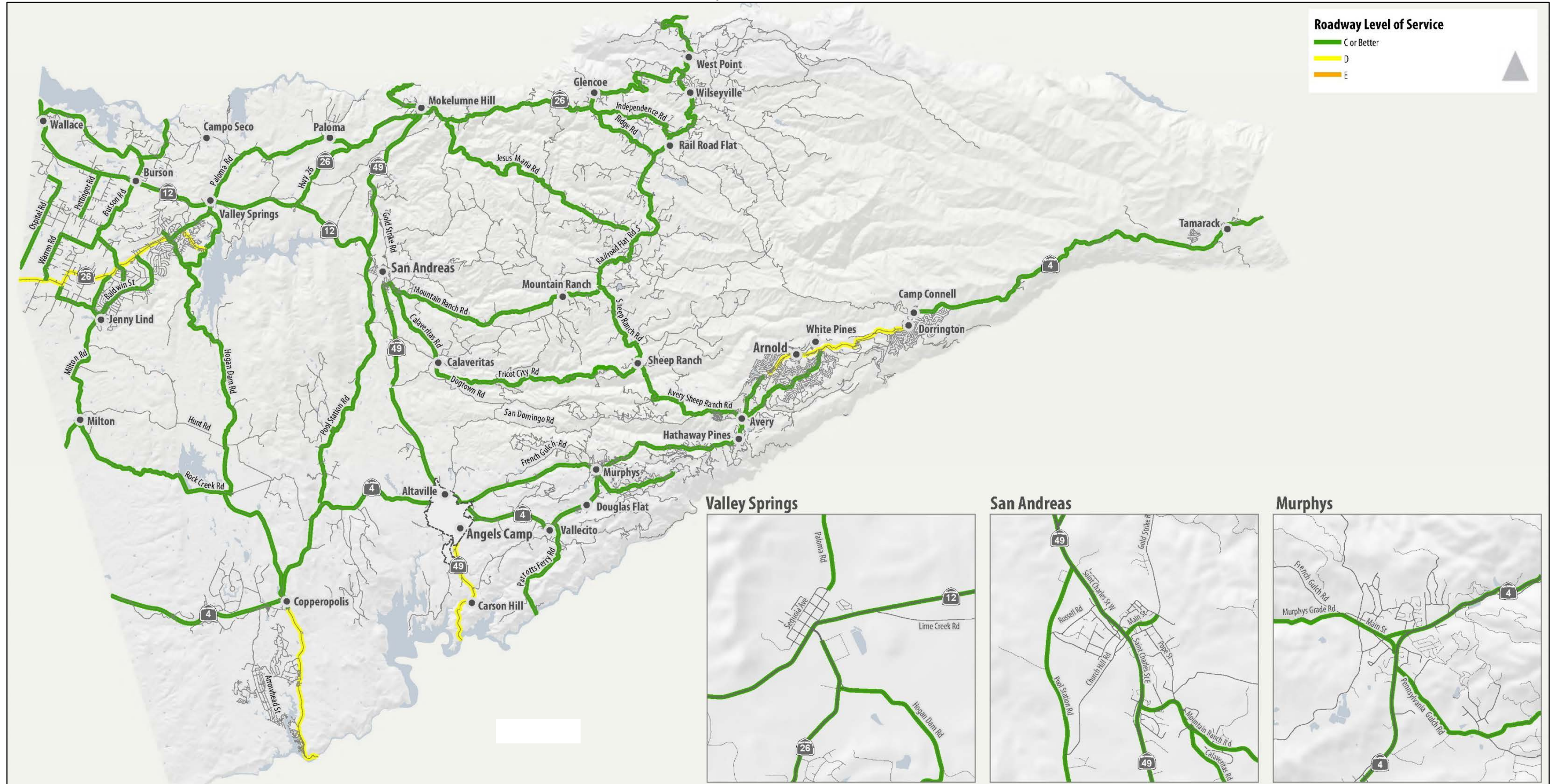
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 Market-Level Year 2035 Growth Scenario – PM Peak Hour LOS



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2017.



Figure 4.13-6  
 General Plan Buildout (Growth Beyond 2035) Growth Scenario – PM Peak Hour LOS



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2017.



# Appendix F: Pavement Management Reports

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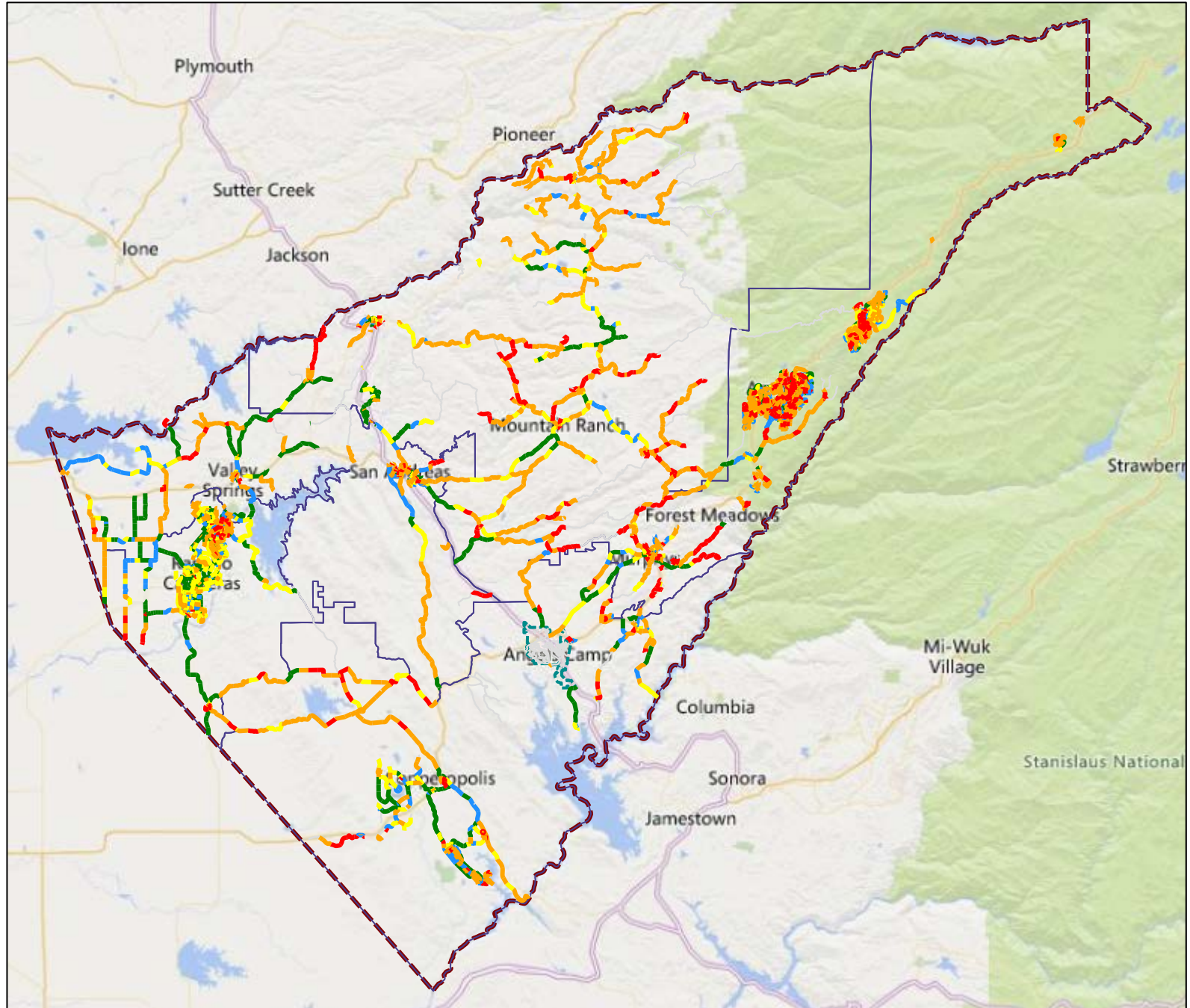
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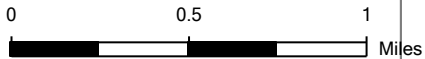
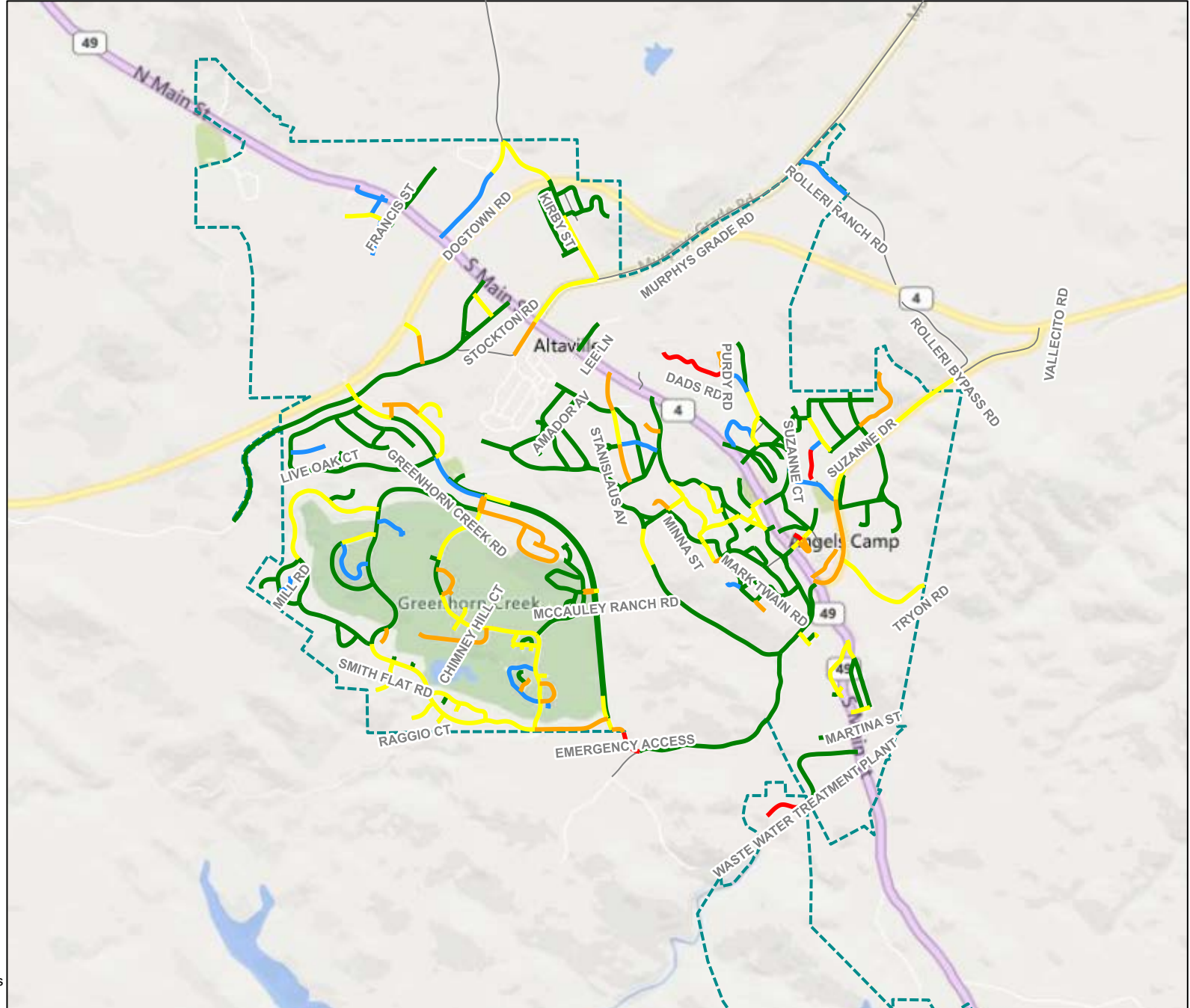


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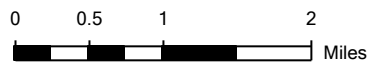
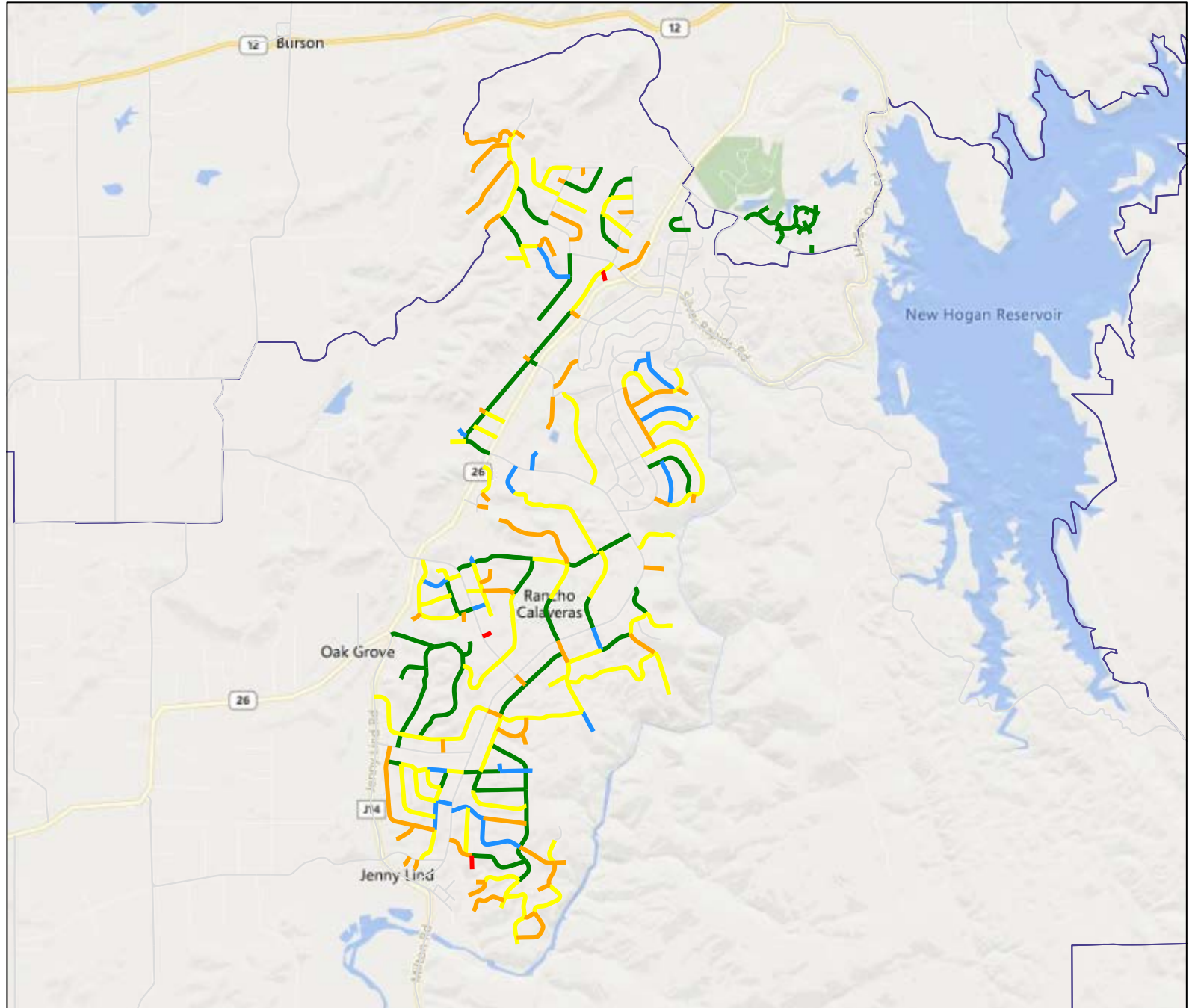
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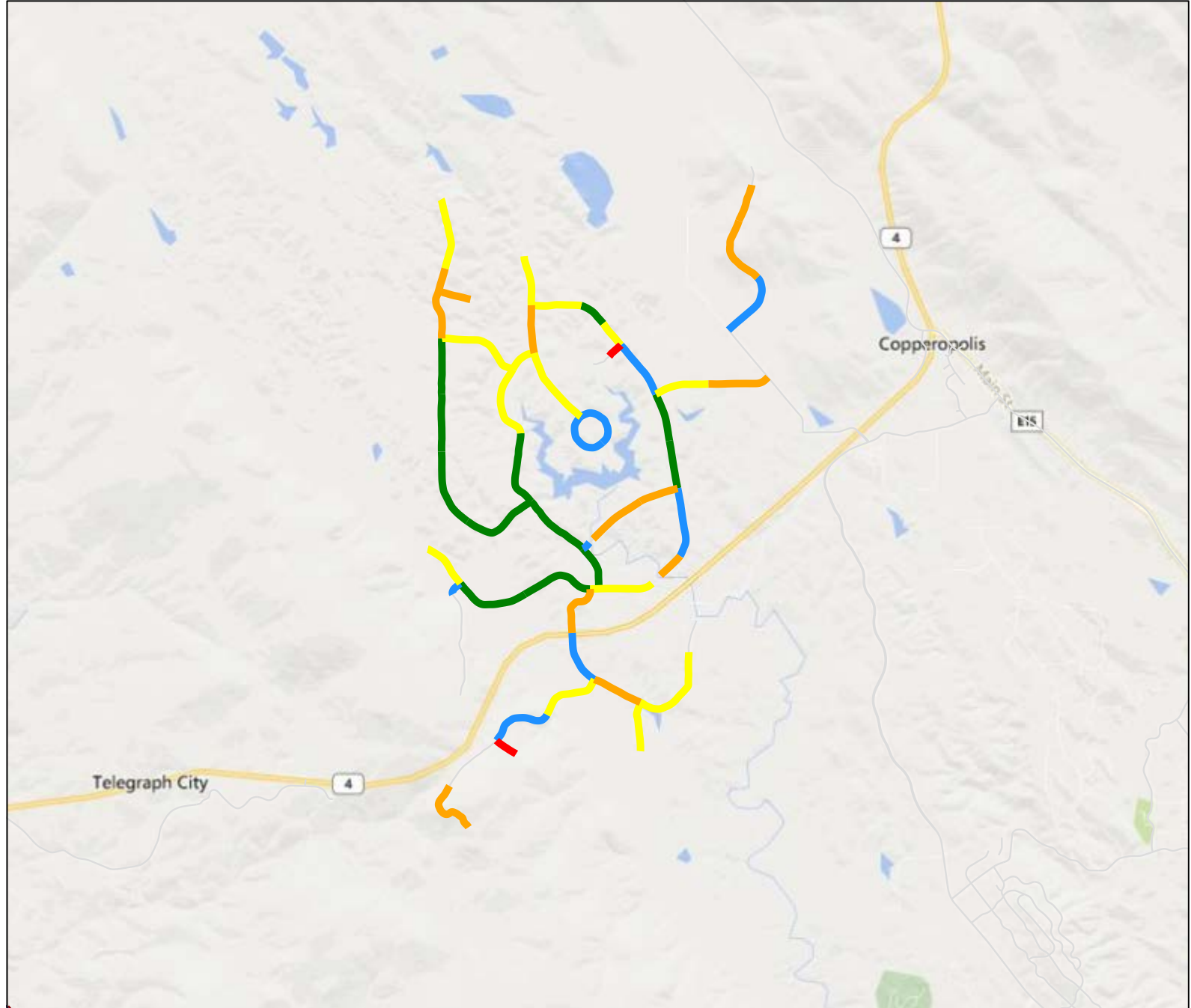
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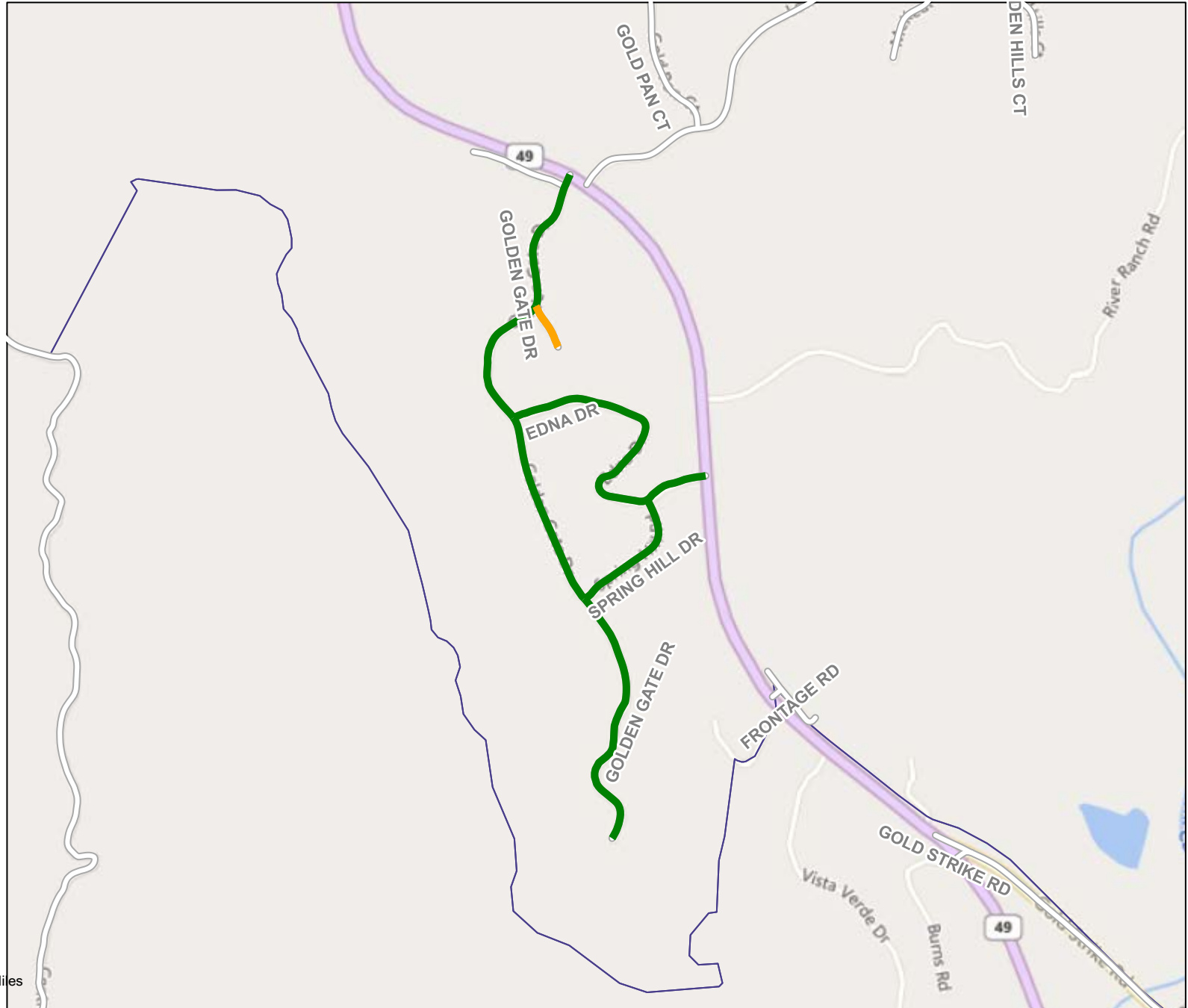
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# Current PCI Condition

CSA 12: Printed 11/8/2019

### Feature Legend

- Category I - Very Good
- Category III - Good (Load)
- Category IV - Poor

