

Locally Significant Projects

The Regional Transportation Plan focuses on regionally significant projects – major projects that influence travel patterns and traffic flow over large areas. While important, these are not the only meaningful investments made in the region. Smaller scale, locally identified investments that address needs like pavement preservation, system safety, intersection efficiency, sidewalk infill, on-street bike lanes, and shoulder upgrades also make the transportation system work. These locally significant projects are essential to the safe and efficient functioning of the transportation system.

If locally significant projects are so important, why aren't they identified through the regional transportation planning process? Local agencies are best qualified to identify, evaluate, prioritize, and program these projects. They perform detailed, operational traffic analysis and system evaluation, and work with citizen groups and local advisory boards to prioritize competing needs. Local agencies can best respond to quickly changing needs and opportunities. This challenging, but essential, function can be best carried out at the local level.

The 2025 RTP recognizes locally significant projects included in the current adopted six-year Transportation Improvement Programs, Capital Facilities Plans, Tribal Transportation Improvement Programs, or Transit Development Plan as priority needs. As local entities update those plans throughout the term of this RTP, the new lists are incorporated by reference as the local priority needs recognized by this Regional Transportation Plan.

To become involved in the development and review of these local programming efforts, contact the appropriate Public Works Department or TRPC.