

Sacramento Transportation Priorities Plan

Prioritization Recommendations Summary

What is the Transportation Priorities Plan?

In the last 20 years, City Council has approved over 700 transportation projects throughout the City. Staff estimate the over 700 projects would cost \$5 billion to implement yet even with grants and maintenance funding, there is typically less than \$42 million a year. It would take over 100 years to address our known needs.

Additionally, there is currently no way to prioritize all those projects to determine what should get built now because it's a high priority or later because it's a priority but less of a priority.

The Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) is a planning project to listen to community values around transportation investment and then take those values to develop a prioritization process so that projects that best meet our values rise to the top and are priority for investment.

To hear community values, staff conducted community engagement and will seek City Council's input and approval on recommended criteria, metrics and points for prioritizing transportation investments.

Community Engagement

The Transportation Priorities Plan began with community engagement. City staff engaged Sacramento communities from April through July 2021 and focused on listening to community transportation values and priorities. Engagement was conducted in four ways and included:

- Virtual Gathering Series
- Priorities Road Show
- Youth Engagement "On Our Streets"
- Community Survey

A report of community engagement activities and community input is available at [SacTransportation.org](https://www.sacramento.gov/transportation/priorities). A key component of engagement was striving for an equitable process. To do that, staff tracked survey responses by zip code and focused the Priorities Road Show in neighborhoods with low survey responses. The majority of these neighborhoods are predominately Black, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, and/or Indigenous, and are lower income.

Staff estimate it would cost **\$5 billion** to build all the transportation projects identified in plans created over the last 20 years.

However, the City only has about **\$42 million (including grants)** each year to make this happen.

It would take more than **100 years** to build what we currently have planned.

This Plan will identify priority investments.

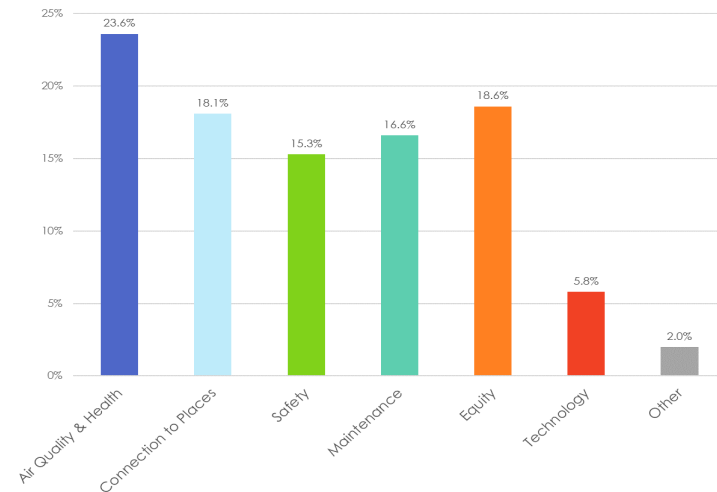
Community Values

Through the engagement effort, staff found Sacramentans value the following for transportation investment and funding:

1. Air Quality and Health
2. Equity
3. Connections to Places
4. Maintenance
5. Safety

While some community values had greater responses, given the number of survey responses and responses by geography, staff believe the five values have comparable importance.

Based on community input, staff recommend the following project prioritization strategy.



Prioritizing Projects

Value and Criteria

The value is what the community shared, such as “Improve Air Quality and Health”.

The criteria is the value defined in terms of City investments around transportation. For example, “Improve Air Quality and Health” includes infrastructure that supports bicycling, walking, transit and electric vehicles.

Metrics

Metrics are the proposed way to measure a project for meeting the criteria.

For example, if the value is “Improving air quality and health” and the proposed criteria are projects that support walking, bicycling, transit, and electric vehicles; the metrics could be sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees or marked crosswalks.

Each metric is then given recommended points that will be applied if that project meets that metric.

Scores

Staff recommend each criteria have equal value.

Projects will be organized in buckets: high priority, mid-term priority, and long-term priority. This will help align funding opportunities with appropriate eligible projects.

Staff recommended transportation investment prioritization criteria, metrics and scores are presented on the following page. These align with the values Sacramentans shared during community engagement.

Recommended Project Prioritization Criteria, Metrics and Scores

Value & Criteria	Rational & Metric	Score
Improves Air Quality and Health	We face an existential Climate Emergency that threatens our city, region, state, nation, humanity, and the natural world (Reso. 2019-0465); and over 50% of Sacramento's GHGs come from transportation. Air quality, health and climate change should be drivers for our mobility investments.	12
Supports bicycling	The project contains a bikeway where there are currently none or enhances an existing bikeway.	3
Supports walking	The project includes sidewalks, pedestrian scale lighting, street trees, or marked crosswalks.	6
Supports transit or electric vehicles	The project contains new transit access enhancement (sidewalk or crosswalk to a transit stop, bus lane, signal priority), transit stop improvements, or supports EV charging infrastructure	3
Provides Equitable Investment	Sacramento acknowledges historical racial inequities and is committed to transparent, deliberate, and actionable solutions that will remedy those inequities.	12
Fills identified infrastructure gaps	The project is in a neighborhood that lacks basic infrastructure, specifically sidewalks, bikeways, trees or traffic signals.	6
Benefits communities that have been recipients of racism and bias	The project is in an area that is majority Black, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, and/or Indigenous.	6
Provides Access to Destinations	Mobility opens doors to education, economic opportunity, health, and personal growth. Connections to institutions and places that provide economic, educational, and health benefits should be prioritized.	12
Connects to jobs	Project is in area with high employment density.	4
Connects to schools	The project is within a 1/4 mile of a school.	4
Connects to parks	The project is within a 1/4 mile of a park.	4
Improves Transportation Safety	Sacramento continues to rank as one of the worst cities in California for transportation safety based on data from the Office of Traffic Safety. Transportation safety should be a driver for investments.	12
Improves a Vision Zero Top 10 corridor	The project is on the Vision Zero Top 10 corridor.	12
Improves a Vision Zero HIN street or is a Vision Zero School Safety Project	The project is on the Vision Zero high injury network but not on the top 10.	6
Fixing and Maintaining the Transportation System	Sacramento's transportation infrastructure is in "fair" condition but is predicted to rapidly deteriorate by the end of the decade. Fixing potholes, repaving streets and maintaining traffic signals supports Sacramentan's and our economic health.	12
Improves pavement	The project score based on Traffic / Pavement quality ratio	8
Improves traffic signals	The project includes new or improved signals or signal technology.	4

Recommended Project Prioritization Criteria, Metrics and Scores Graphical Format

