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The City of Santa Clarita has a unique regional setting within the CTP 2040 Plan. Its location, population, jobs/housing balance and infrastructure makes it a significant stakeholder in projects related to high speed rail, HOV/HOT, light rail, active transportation programs, transit centers and notable arterial projects.

Many of Santa Clarita's transportation goals are tied to its Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan (greenhouse gas reduction) and Circulation Element of its General Plan. These documents, in addition to following the framework in AB32 and SB375, ensure that Santa Clarita is developing a transportation network of sustainability and environmental friendly complete streets.

Please find below some specific policies from our Circulation Element that support this:

Objective C 1.1: Provide multi-modal circulation systems that move people and goods efficiently while protecting environmental resources and quality of life.

Policy C 1.1.1: Reduce dependence on the automobile, particularly single occupancy vehicle use, by providing safe and convenient access to transit, bikeways, and walkways.

Policy C 1.2.11: Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) through the use of smart growth concepts.

Policy C 2.2.6: Within residential neighborhoods, promote the design of healthy streets which may include reduced pavement width, shorter block length, provision of on-street parking, traffic-calming devices, bike routes and pedestrian connectivity, landscaped parkways, and canopy street trees.

Policy C 2.6.2: Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a joint City/County Intelligent Transportation Management System (ITMS) impact fee for new development that is unable to otherwise mitigate its impacts to the roadway system through implementation of the adopted Highway Plan.

Policy C 2.6.3: Coordinate with Caltrans and other local, regional, state and federal agencies in identifying and implementing funding alternatives for the Valley s transportation systems.

Consistent with CTP 2040 sustainability goals, the City requests and anticipates Caltrans support and appropriate assistance on key regional projects to implement the CTP 2040 vision including, but not limited to,

- High speed rail alternative alignment that would pass beneath the Angeles National Forest east of Santa Clarita and more directly connect Palmdale and Burbank
- I-5/SR-14 HOV direct connector (Measure R funds)
- SR-14 park-and-ride at Newhall Avenue
- Expanded bus services between Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys
- Via Princessa Gap Closure: Extend from Isabella Pkwy to Circle J Ranch Rd provides cross-valley connectivity between I-5 and SR-14
- Magic Mountain Parkway: Grade separation and extension to Via Princessa provides I-5 access to center of SCV
- Installing and increasing bicycle trail facilities
- Increase Metrolink service to Downtown Los Angeles
- Complete the Dockweiler Drive extension
- Increase pedestrian access and mobility City-wide

Santa Clarita looks forward to a continued partnership with Caltrans to work toward implementing CTP short and long-range goals and in identifying and securing permanent funding sources toward that end. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Senior Transportation Planner Jason Smisko at 661-286-4171.

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