

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)

2015 Regional Transportation Plan EIR Scoping Meeting

February 19, 2014



Agenda

- ❑ Describe Regulatory Background
- ❑ Provide Project Overview
- ❑ Discuss Scope of Environmental Impact Report –
Focus of this meeting



Scoping Meeting Purpose

- ❑ Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project
- ❑ Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- ❑ Inform the community about future opportunities for input

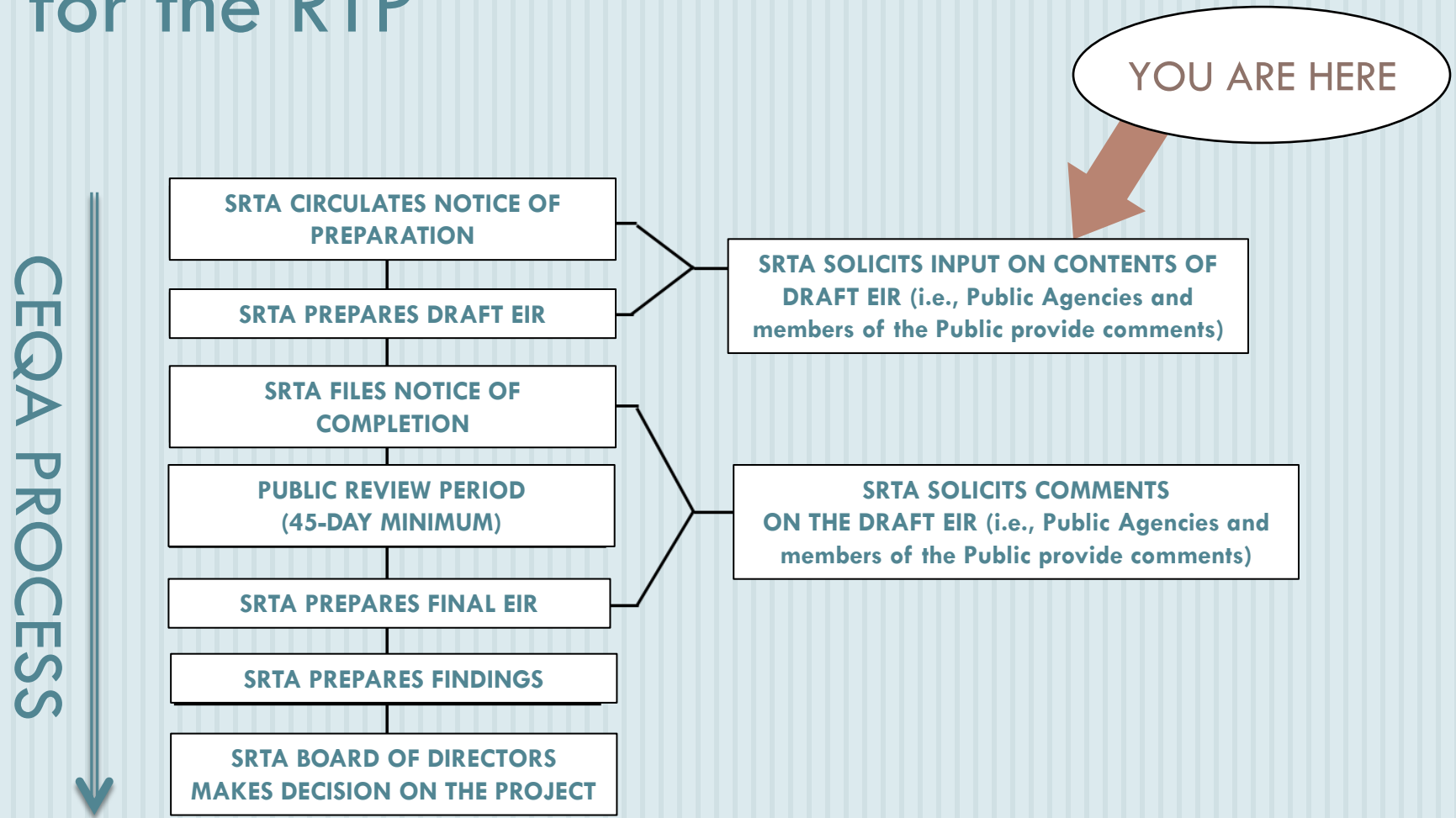


CEQA Purpose

- ❑ Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- ❑ Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts
- ❑ Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- ❑ Enhance public participation in the planning process



CEQA Environmental Review Process for the RTP



SRTA RTP

Project Overview

Regional Transportation Plan

- ❑ Long-range transportation planning document for the Shasta County region
- ❑ Plan to meet the region's transportation goals regarding current and future mobility needs
- ❑ Addresses all transportation modes
- ❑ Guides transportation programming documents and plans
- ❑ Covers a 20-year planning horizon from 2015 to 2035



SRTA RTP

Project Overview (cont.)

Sustainable Communities Strategy

- ❑ Newly required by State law Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)
- ❑ Plan to demonstrate how GHG reduction targets will be met through integrated land use, housing, and transportation planning
- ❑ Reduce GHG through alternative development patterns, infrastructure, or additional transportation measures or policies that result in fewer and/or shorter automobile and light truck trips
- ❑ Identify general land uses, residential densities, and building intensities as well as areas able to house future residents based on the General Plan land use, zoning designation and housing elements of the local agencies
- ❑ Must be consistent with Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA)



EIR Approach

- ❑ Program EIR – broad, comprehensive evaluation to cover many actions, long-range plans
- ❑ Many transportation projects are not yet fully designed
- ❑ Many transportation projects will require additional environmental review



EIR Approach (cont.)

- ❑ Any future land use changes by local agencies will require additional environmental review
- ❑ The EIR will screen which transportation projects are likely to result in environmental impacts
- ❑ Alternatives to the “Preferred” Plan will be evaluated and considered



Issues to Be Analyzed in the EIR

- **Aesthetics (Visual Resources)**
- Agricultural and Forest Resources
- **Air Quality**
- **Biological Resources**
- **Cultural Resources**
- **Energy**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Geology/Soils**
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- **Hydrology/Water Quality**
- **Land Use/Planning**
- Mineral Resources
- **Noise**
- Population/Housing
- Public Health & Services
- Recreation
- **Transportation/Traffic**
- Utilities/Service Systems



Projected EIR Schedule

- ☐ March 12, 2014

 - Last day to submit comments on EIR scope

- ☐ Fall 2014 (tentatively September)

 - Release of Draft EIR for public comment

- ☐ Winter 2014

 - Public hearings on the Final EIR and RTP



We Welcome Your Comments

By March 12th, please direct your comments to:

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Thank you for participating!

