

# **Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG)**

## **2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy EIR Scoping Meeting**

**November 7, 2019**



# Agenda

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

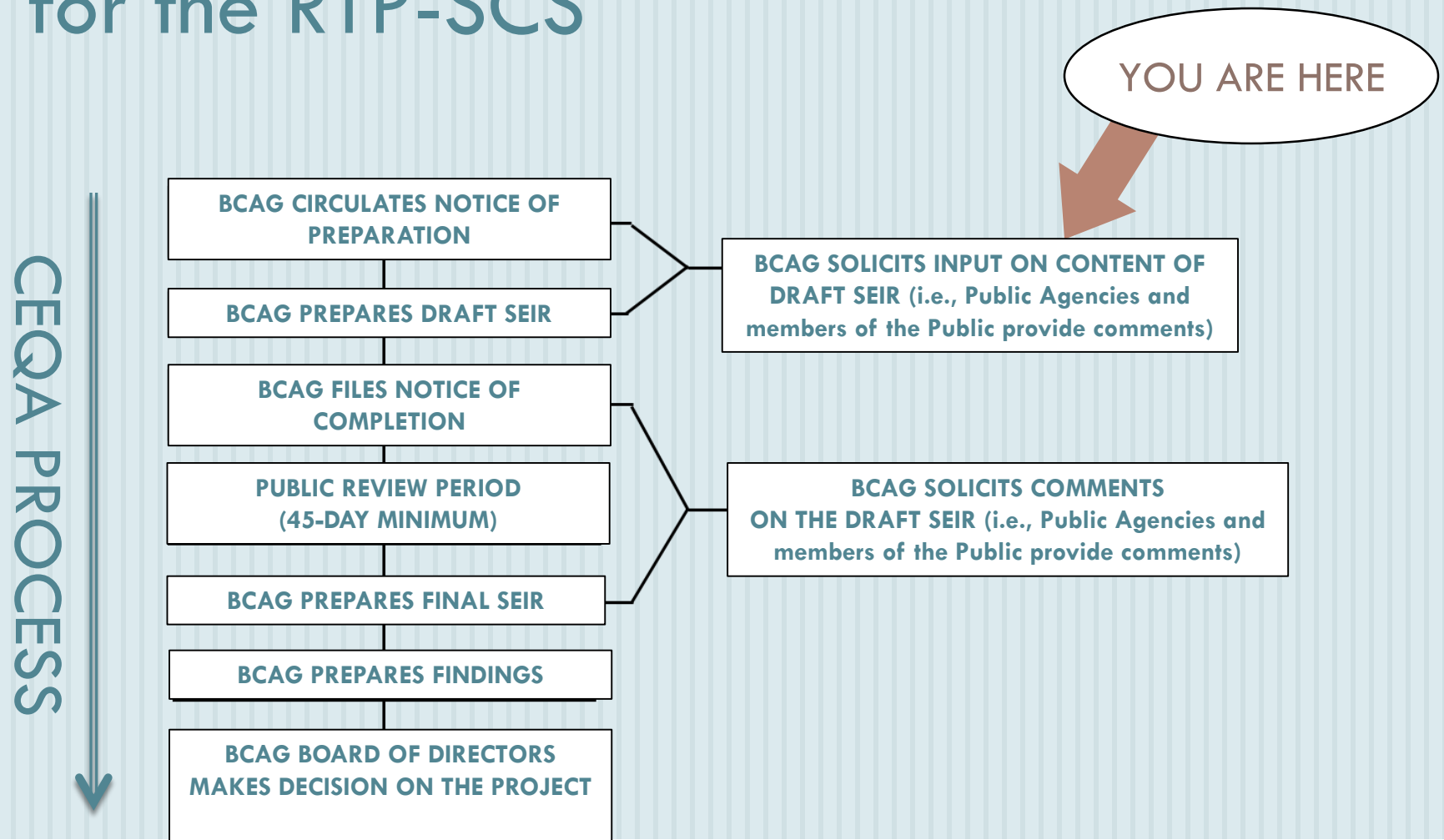
# Scoping Meeting Purpose

- ❑ Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project
- ❑ Solicit input regarding the SEIR 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-SCS



# BCAG RTP and SCS Project Overview

## Regional Transportation Plan

- ❑ Long-range transportation planning document for the Butte 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



# BCAG RTP-SCS

## Project Overview (cont.)

### Sustainable Communities Strategy

- ❑ 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 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)



# SEIR Approach

- ❑ Supplemental EIR – broad, comprehensive evaluation to cover many actions, long-range plans; supplements the 2016 RTP/SCS EIR
- ❑ Focus on new projects not analyzed in the 2016 RTP/SCS EIR
- ❑ Many transportation projects are not fully designed and will require additional environmental review





# SEIR Approach (cont.)

- ❑ Any future land use changes by local agencies will require additional environmental review
- ❑ The SEIR will screen which new transportation projects are likely to result in environmental impacts



# Issues to Be Analyzed in the SEIR

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy
- Population and Housing
- Transportation
- Wildfire

# Projected SEIR Schedule

- November 21, 2019  
Last day to submit comments on EIR scope
  
- Spring 2020 (tentatively April)  
Release of Draft SEIR for public comment
  
- Fall 2020  
Public hearings on the Final SEIR and RTP-SCS

# We Welcome Your Comments

By November 21<sup>st</sup>, please direct your comments to:

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For more information, visit

<http://www.bcag.org/Planning/RTP--SCS/2020-RTPSCS-EIR/>

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Thank you for participating!

