

# Mendocino Council of Governments

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **An Opportunity to Have a Say in the Way Our County Travels**

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is currently in the process of preparing the 2005 update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and is seeking public input. The Plan will outline transportation improvements over the next several years. It will identify goals, policies and objectives, determine projects which will meet the transportation needs of the county, and include a financial plan in support of the projects. The RTP will encompass all regional modes of transportation including local roads, transit, State highways, bicycle and pedestrians facilities, aeronautics, and rail.

MCOG is seeking public input in the development of the plan. In an effort to involve the public, two workshops will be held during October—On October 5, 2004, at the Fort Bragg Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street, Fort Bragg, and on October 6, 2004, at the Victory Theatre Building, 367 N. State Street, Suite 101, Ukiah, both from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. MCOG staff will also be making brief informational presentations to the Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Point Arena and Willits City Councils and to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to inform both elected officials and their constituents of the plan update. These presentations will be made at their regularly scheduled meetings during the months of September and October. You may contact MCOG for specific dates.

The last RTP was adopted by MCOG in May 2003. Although it is expected that this update of the RTP will be relatively minor due to the proximate adoption of the last RTP and depleted funding available for transportation, MCOG does want to thoroughly address the needs of the residents of Mendocino County.

Your input is welcome. Written comments may be sent to MCOG at 367 N. State Street, Suite 206, Ukiah, CA 95482. You can also contact MCOG via email at [nbarrett@saber.net](mailto:nbarrett@saber.net) or by telephone, 707-463-1859.

MCOG anticipates the RTP process continuing through June 2005. There will be additional chances for input and participation at later stages of plan development. Additional information, including the existing Regional Transportation Plan, is available on MCOG's website at [www.mendocinocog.org](http://www.mendocinocog.org).