

**Sustainable
Communities Strategy
(SB 375)
Overview**

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Board of Directors Meeting
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Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS):

- Mechanism to implement provisions of CA Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) for passenger vehicle GHG reductions
- All of California's 18 MPOs subject to SCS
- Integrated transportation and land use plan
- Goal - meet GHG reduction target set by ARB

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SCS – A New Element in the 2012 RTP

- Policy Element
- Action Element
- Financial Element
- **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

All Elements must be internally consistent

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SCS Includes:

- **Forecasted Development Pattern (2035)**
 - **Regional Growth Projections (jobs & housing)**
 - **Latest Planning Assumptions**
 - **Jurisdictions' Land Use Plans**
 - **Habitat Conservation Plans**
- **RHNA (8 year housing need)**
- **Transportation Network**
- **Transportation Measures and Policies**

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Alternative Planning Strategy (APS)

- **APS required if SCS does not meet GHG reduction target**
- **Separate Plan outside of the RTP**
- **Identifies impediments to achieving target with SCS**

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SCS – CEQA Incentives

- **Streamlined review for residential and mixed use projects in SCS/APS**
- **Transit Priority Projects* in SCS/APS receive partial CEQA exemption or streamlining**

** TPP must qualify based on CEQA criteria*

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SCS - Public Participation

- Update BCAG PPP to include:
 - Target Setting Workshop
 - 2 Supervisor/Council Member Workshops
 - 2 Public Hearings

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SCS/APS – Disclaimer:

- Does not regulate the use of land or supersede land use authority of Cities/Town/County
- Cities/Town/County land use policies do not need to be consistent
- Must meet Federal Regulations

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