

# **Appendix 11: SB 375 Requirements and Checklist**

## BCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) requirements Checklist

SB 375 Requirements of the SCS applicable to the BCAG Region, Chaptered into Law Under California Government Code (CGC) Section 65080(b)(2)(B)

Subject Area	CGC Requirements of the Sustainable Communities Strategy applicable to the BCAG Region	Section of 2024 RTP/SCS Where Requirement is Addressed and Relevant Notes
SCS Requirements Introduction	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)</u> Each metropolitan planning organization shall prepare a sustainable communities strategy, subject to the requirements of Part 450 of Title 23 of, and Part 93 of Title 40 of, the Code of Federal Regulations, including the requirement to use the most recent planning assumptions considering local general plans and other factors. The sustainable communities strategy shall do all of the following:	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> .
Land Use	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(i)</u> Identify the general location of uses, residential densities, and building intensities within the region.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> through the SCS Preferred Scenario Methodology's use of member jurisdiction General Plans and Housing Elements for land use policy assumptions. These are integrated into the 'Growth Areas' framework.
Housing Goals	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(ii)</u> Identify areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the regional transportation plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation, and employment growth.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> , through the SCS Preferred Scenario's use of the latest Regional Growth Forecasts as an input to the Land Use model, which distributes the regional growth by growth area and by mix of multi- and single-family housing units. The Preferred Scenario was also developed in consideration of the adopted 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP).
	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(iii)</u> Identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to Section 65584.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> , through the Preferred Scenario's consideration of the 6th Cycle RHNP.
	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(vi)</u> Consider the state housing goals specified in Sections 65580 and 65581.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> , through the Preferred Scenario's consideration of the 6th Cycle RHNP.
Transportation Network	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(iv)</u> Identify a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 2.1 Policy Element-- Existing Transportation Network, Services, Trends, and Key Issues</b> .

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Natural Resources	CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(v) Gather and consider the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 65080.01.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> , through the SCS Preferred Scenario Methodology and its use of the RHNP as a data input. Regional growth is allocated based on specified growth areas, ranging from urbanized areas to rural farm lands, to avoid allocating development in resource and farm areas. The RHNP directs the majority of housing outside of areas with farmlands and natural resources.
Meeting Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(vii)</u> Set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the State Air Resources Board.	Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> , through the SCS Preferred Scenario Methodology, which models different patterns of growth and development combined with different combinations of transportation infrastructure and service improvements to determine the Preferred Scenario.
Meeting Federal Air Quality Requirements	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(viii)</u> Allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7506).	Addressed in <b>Appendix 1. Air Quality Emissions Analysis and Conformity Determination.</b>
Informational Meetings	<u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(E)</u> The metropolitan planning organization shall conduct at least two informational meetings in each county within the region for members of the board of supervisors and city councils on the sustainable communities strategy and alternative planning strategy, if any. The metropolitan planning organization may conduct only one informational meeting if it is attended by representatives of the county board of supervisors and city council members representing a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of that county. Notice of the meeting or meetings shall be sent to the clerk of the board of supervisors and to each city clerk. The purpose of the meeting or meetings shall be to discuss the sustainable communities strategy and the alternative planning strategy, if any, including the key land use and planning assumptions with the members of the board of supervisors and the city council members in that county and to solicit and consider their input and recommendations.	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>

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Public Participation Plan	<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)</u> Each metropolitan planning organization shall adopt a public participation plan, for development of the sustainable communities strategy and an alternative planning strategy, if any, that includes all of the following:</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>	
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(i)</u> Outreach efforts to encourage the active participation of a broad range of stakeholder groups in the planning process, consistent with the agency’s adopted Federal Public Participation Plan, including, but not limited to, affordable housing advocates, transportation advocates, neighborhood and community groups, environmental advocates, homebuilder representatives, broad-based business organizations, landowners, commercial property interests, and homeowner associations.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(ii)</u> Consultation with congestion management agencies, transportation agencies, and transportation commissions.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(iii)</u> Workshops throughout the region to provide the public with the information and tools necessary to provide a clear understanding of the issues and policy choices. At least one workshop shall be held in each county in the region. For counties with a population greater than 500,000, at least three workshops shall be held. Each workshop, to the extent practicable, shall include urban simulation computer modeling to create visual representations of the sustainable communities strategy and the alternative planning strategy.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(iv)</u> Preparation and circulation of a draft sustainable communities strategy and an alternative planning strategy, if one is prepared, not less than 55 days before adoption of a final regional transportation plan.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(v)</u> At least three public hearings on the draft sustainable communities strategy in the regional transportation plan and alternative planning strategy, if one is prepared. If the metropolitan transportation organization consists of a single county, at least two public hearings shall be held. To the maximum extent feasible, the hearings shall be in different parts of the region to maximize the opportunity for participation by members of the public throughout the region.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>
		<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(F)(vi)</u> A process for enabling members of the public to provide a single request to receive notices, information, and updates.</p>	Addressed in <b>Appendix 3. BCAG 2024 RTP/SCS Public Engagement Activity Summary.</b>

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Consultation with Local Agency Formation Commission	<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(G)</u> In preparing a sustainable communities strategy, the metropolitan planning organization shall consider spheres of influence that have been adopted by the local agency formation commissions within its region.</p>	<p>Addressed in <b>Chapter 4. Sustainable Communities Strategy</b> through the SCS Preferred Scenario Methodology's use of member jurisdiction General Plans and Housing Elements for land use policy assumptions. These are integrated into the 'Growth Areas' framework.</p>
CARB Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets for BCAG	<p><u>CGC Section 65080(b)(2)(H)</u> Before adopting a sustainable communities strategy, the metropolitan planning organization shall quantify the reduction in the emissions of greenhouse gases projected to be achieved by the sustainable communities strategy and set forth the difference, if any, between the amount of that reduction and the target for the region established by the State Air Resources Board.</p>	<p>Addressed in <b>Appendix 9. Transportation Demand Model and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions.</b></p>