

Briefing on SB375 Implementation Status

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Goals of SB375

- ▶ Broadly support AB32 climate goals
- ▶ Specifically reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles
- ▶ Support other environmental and economic goals
- ▶ Create a regional vision that guides local action

Roles in SB375

- ▶ ARB sets GHG reduction targets for the regions
- ▶ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) develops a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- ▶ ARB reviews MPO determination that targets would be met if SCS is implemented
- ▶ Local government implements the SCS
- ▶ Strategic Growth Council supports SCSs through grants

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Approach to First SB375 Targets

- ▶ Main focus on the four largest regions
- ▶ Target metric is a percent change from 2005
- ▶ Targets based on MPO modeled scenarios
- ▶ SB375 recognizes that changing land use patterns takes time

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Key Program Accomplishments

- ▶ SCSs reflect improved land use, mobility and housing goals
- ▶ The state has provided substantial funding for SCS planning
- ▶ Scenario planning process is embraced by MPOs and the public
- ▶ Major MPOs have demonstrated they could meet their targets

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SCS Part of a Broad Planning Framework

Transportation Planning

- ▶ Federal planning requirements
- ▶ Role of local transportation commissions
- ▶ Transportation funding
- ▶ MAP21 performance based approach

Land Use Planning

- ▶ Land use authority is local
- ▶ Change requires a long lead time
- ▶ Infrastructure must keep pace
- ▶ Fiscal drivers of local decisions

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Sustainable Communities Strategies: What Changed?

- ▶ Focus growth in urban areas accessible to transit
- ▶ Accommodate more multi-family housing closer to transit
- ▶ Encourage more active transportation and transit investment
- ▶ Mode shift to non-auto trips

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Improvements to the Planning Process

- ▶ Forming new regional partnerships
- ▶ Investing in model and tool improvements
- ▶ Adopting new RTP performance measures
- ▶ Revising project-level selection criteria
- ▶ Committing funds for SCS strategies

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San Joaquin Valley MPOs

- ▶ Working towards 2014 adoption of eight individual SCSs
- ▶ Collaborating on model improvements, growth forecasts, quantification methodology
- ▶ Technical consultant investigating effects of inter-regional travel

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Implementation Challenges

- ▶ Policy
 - Building local government support
 - Need growth and development to effect change
- ▶ Resources
 - For MPO and local planning
 - For regional infrastructure and projects to implement the SCS
- ▶ Technical
 - Ongoing modeling improvements

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State Support for SB375 Implementation

- ▶ Strategic Growth Council grants
- ▶ Governor's budget proposal
- ▶ High Speed Rail statewide system
- ▶ Investment in statewide model improvements
- ▶ State funded research to support SCS strategies

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SB375 Update Requirements

- ▶ Board shall update targets every 8 years
- ▶ Board may revise targets every 4 years

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SB375 Requirements for Target Update Process

- ▶ MPOs may make target recommendations
- ▶ Exchange of technical information among ARB, MPOs, Caltrans, air districts, and local governments
- ▶ ARB engages in a public process with stakeholders

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Summary

- ▶ Major MPOs are in the SCS implementation phase
- ▶ San Joaquin Valley MPOs are developing their first SCSs
- ▶ Board consideration of a target update in 2014
- ▶ State is supporting MPOs as they implement SCSs

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