



*SCAG's Mission:*

*Under the guidance of the Regional Council and in collaboration with our partners, our mission is to facilitate a forum to develop and foster the realization of regional plans that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.*

## What SB 375 means for the SCAG Region

Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) was enacted to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from automobiles and light trucks through integrated transportation, land use, housing and environmental planning.

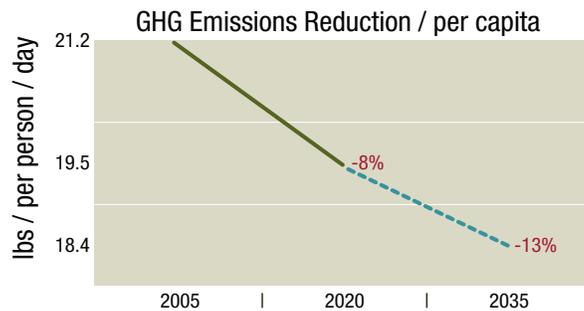
Using the regional GHG emissions reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), SCAG is tasked with developing a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), a newly required element of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that sets forth a plan for meeting the GHG emissions reduction targets.

In September 2010, ARB issued an 8% per capita reduction target to the SCAG region for the planning year 2020 *and a conditional target of 13% by 2035, contingent upon further discussion and analysis with ARB.* These targets apply to the SCAG region as a whole, and not to individual cities or sub-regions.

### SCS DEVELOPMENT

SCS development requires meaningful collaboration with local governments and stakeholders to identify areas for future land uses, residential densities and building intensities to accommodate the needs of our growing population and fulfill State housing requirements.

The forecasted development patterns that emerge from a bottom-up, iterative process will be integrated with transportation improvements and targeted new transportation initiatives to strive to reduce regional GHG emissions. If the resulting plan, or SCS, does not meet the GHG emissions reduction targets set forth by ARB, SCAG will adopt an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) which would show how the target could be met with additional transportation funding or land use changes.



*SCAG Region's GHG reduction target becomes less aggressive during the second phase planning period (2020-2035)*

### CEQA STREAMLINING

A significant benefit of SB 375 is the streamlining of residential and transit projects that are consistent with the SCS (or APS), during the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process. SCAG is available to assist jurisdictions in identifying opportunities for CEQA streamlining during the SCS development process.

### HOW SCAG CAN HELP

SCAG offers a number of programs, tools and services to assist local jurisdictions with sustainable planning efforts, including:

- Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Program Expansion
- Green Cities Initiative
- GIS Technical Assistance
- Toolbox Tuesdays Training
- Local Sustainability Planning Tool
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Tool
- CEQA Streamlining Consultation

For more information regarding these initiatives, go to: [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov)

## MAJOR MILESTONES

### September 2010

ARB Issues Regional Targets

### December 2010

Launch Public Outreach Process

### February 2011

ARB Sets Final Target for SCAG Region

### August 2011

State HCD Issues RHNA Determination for SCAG Region

### November 2011

Release Draft 2012 RTP/SCS

### November 2011 – January 2012

Hold Public Hearings

### April 2012

Adopt Final 2012 RTP/SCS

### November 2012

Adopt Final RHNA

### October 2013

Housing Element Due Date



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