



**Item #09-04-4
Information**

Climate & Air Quality Committee

March 25, 2009

Update on Regional Targets Advisory Committee (SB 375)

Issue: The Regional Targets Advisory Committee's next meeting is April 7, 2009. In preparation for the meeting, several projects are underway.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: At the March 4 meeting of the RTAC, an assessment of the data and modeling capabilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) was presented. The committee requested additional details on them. The committee also directed staff to investigate the formation of an "expert panel" to provide best practices and best available evidence on travel, land use, and GHG emissions that could be used in the development of the GHG methodology. These efforts are in process and reports will be presented at the next meeting.

The Strategic Growth Council was established last year and tasked with the distribution of some of the funds from Proposition 84 bonds to the development of data and modeling to improve smart growth planning and GHG analysis. At their April 1 meeting an agenda item "Coordinating State/Regional/Local Data Needs" will include a discussion of the identified needs of MPOs to address the GHG targets. A summary of the meeting will be presented.

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