



**Government Relations and Public  
Affairs Committee**

**Meeting Date:** 6/11/2018

**Agenda Item No.:** 2018-June-12.

**Subject:** Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation Pilot Program  
(Est. time: 5 minutes)

**Information**

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**Attachments:** No

**1. Issue:**

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Implementation Pilot Program

**2. Recommendation:**

None, this item is for information only.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently established new greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the SACOG region. The region's target for a 19 percent reduction by 2035 is conditional on the implementation of a new innovative pilot program in the SCS that addresses specific conditions and challenges relating to GHG emission reductions. If funding and related policy commitments are not secured to support the programs, SACOG's target will be at 18 percent.

In providing this scenario, CARB noted some of the differences between the Sacramento region and the other three large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) as outlined by SACOG: the Sacramento region did not experience the boom in attached housing seen by other regions, it has a higher expected growth rate than any of the coastal MPOs, its transit systems are smaller and less developed, and transit ridership is lower. In light of this, the pilot is intended to help SACOG meet the 19 percent target.

**4. Discussion/Analysis:**

According to CARB's final staff report, the goal of the pilot is to effectively coordinate growth with transportation investments within SACOG's unique region. The pilot should enhance current SCS implementation efforts and include new programs. It can include a combination of the following possibilities:

- Regional and local electric vehicle infrastructure development
- Infill development incentives

- Transit-oriented development incentives
- Innovative TDM and “Next Generation Transit” solutions
- Alternatives or substitutes to the gas tax
- Agriculture processing
- Forest management programs

SACOG is in the beginning stages of developing the proposed pilot program. Staff will update the Committee as the details are developed.

## **5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

This item has no direct fiscal impact.

**This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:**

#5 - Establish the Sacramento Region as an Innovator & Test-Bed for New Ideas