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SB 375 Updates

Overview

California Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008), the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to develop Sustainable Communities Strategies that demonstrate how regional growth (land use) and regional transportation investments will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consistent with targets set by the California Air Resources Board (ARB).¹

These targets are set by ARB every eight years and are based on GHG emissions from reducing vehicle miles traveled from light-duty vehicles, quantified on a per capita basis.

Action: **Information**

Staff will present an overview of statewide efforts to update California Senate Bill 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Key Considerations

There have been significant changes in transportation and housing since SB 375 became law. Increases in the use of electric vehicles, the rise of remote work, the loss of redevelopment, ongoing challenges with housing production, and the arrival of new micro-transit options are just some examples of this. In addition, multiple bills related to housing and transportation have been passed in the intervening years that have created conflicts and/or duplication in how state goals are implemented through regional planning efforts like the Regional Plan.

In response to this, SANDAG has partnered with the Southern California Association of Governments, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and Metropolitan Transportation Commission to explore how SB 375 could be updated to reflect legislative and policy changes and ultimately, better align the process to focus on the implementation of regional investments that effectively reduce GHGs.

Goal No. 6 of the SANDAG Legislative Program is to support “policy and/or legislative changes to improve the planning and implementation of the Regional Plan, including efforts to reform SB 375 mandates.”

Next Steps

Staff will present the proposed 2026 Legislative Program to the Executive Committee in February. Based on feedback from the Committees, staff would continue working with the other MPOs to identify an author and draft legislative language to advance efforts to update SB 375.

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¹ The Sustainable Communities Strategy is included as a component of SANDAG's Regional Plan every four years.