

SB 375 Update

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SB 375 Overview

- SB 375 builds on existing regional transportation planning process to connect the reduction of GHG emissions from cars/light trucks to land use and transportation policy
- SB 375 applies to the 17 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in the state, together covering 37 counties and representing 98% of the state's population



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SB 375 Goals

- SB 375 has three goals:
 - Use the regional transportation planning process to help achieve AB 32 goals
 - Use CEQA streamlining as incentive to encourage residential projects which help achieve AB 32 goals to reduce GHG emissions
 - Coordinate the regional housing needs allocation process with the regional transportation planning process



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Senate Bill 375 - Regional Impacts

- CARB to develop regional GHG emissions targets for automobiles and light trucks
 - CARB to set regional targets by September 30, 2010
 - Draft targets will be released to the regions by June 30, 2010
- Regions to create Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) as plans to address their GHG targets
 - COG is analyzing the SCS for potential participation by the COG
 - SCS does not in any way supersede a local general plan, local specific plan, or local zoning



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Senate Bill 375 - Transportation Impacts

- SB 375 eliminates disconnect between regional transportation planning and regional housing policy by:
 - Requiring regional transportation plan to plan for the RHNA
 - Requiring the RHNA plan to be consistent with the projected development pattern used in the regional transportation plan



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Senate Bill 375 - Environmental Impacts

- CEQA incentive eliminates the requirement to analyze the impacts of certain residential projects on global warming and the growth-inducing impacts of those projects when:
 - The projects achieve the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by their proximity to transit
 - The projects are consistent with the SCS



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Senate Bill 375 - Long Beach's Role

- Ensure local projects are planned to help reduce GHG emissions from cars/light trucks by focusing on:
 - Location to alternative transportation and bike routes
 - Transit-oriented, mixed use development



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Senate Bill 375 - Next Steps

- Continue to follow the regional process
- Continue to work with the COG and participate in regional Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Incorporate GHG emission reduction strategies in local plans
 - Sustainable City Action Plan
 - LB2030, General Plan Update
 - Housing Element
- Plan Long Beach projects to benefit from funding and other opportunities

