

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
SENATE BILL 375 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS UPDATE AND PROGRAM PERFORMANCE
REPORTING**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff will host four public workshops throughout the State at the end of January and beginning of February 2018 to seek public input on the Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection program. At the workshops, CARB staff will present revisions to staff's [October 2017](#) proposal for updates to regional passenger vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for California's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), share feedback received at the December 2017 Board Meeting, present initial concepts for updates to the technical methodology for SCS evaluation and guidance on quantification of strategies, and seek public input on next steps with interested stakeholders. CARB staff will also initially scope and seek public input on data supported metrics for reporting in its first SB 375 program performance report to the Legislature by September 1, 2018, pursuant to SB 150 (Allen, Chapter 646, Statutes of 2017).

Workshop Information: The workshops will be held at the locations and dates shown below. All workshops will follow the same format and presentation.

Date and Time	Public Workshop Location
January 30, 2018 4:00pm – 6:00pm	Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201 Fresno, CA 93721
January 31, 2018 1:00pm – 3:00pm	San Diego Association of Governments Board Room, 7 th Floor 401 B Street San Diego, CA 92101
February 5, 2018 1:30pm – 3:30pm	Caltrans District 7 Conference Room 01.037 100 South Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 6, 2018 3:00pm – 5:00pm	California Environmental Protection Agency Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 This workshop will also be webcast live at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/

Background: SB 375, the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, requires MPOs to add a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to their Regional Transportation Plans. The intent of the SCS is to better integrate land use and transportation policies to meet long-term sustainability goals. To help guide these regional planning efforts, CARB is required to establish regional GHG emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. CARB adopted initial targets for the MPO regions in 2010 and the targets are due to be updated in 2018. Recognizing that comprehensive actions on vehicles, fuels, and land use will be critical to reaching the State's climate goals, CARB staff has developed a proposal to establish more stringent SB 375 GHG emission reduction targets for years 2020 and 2035 to support the needs identified in the 2017 Scoping Plan Update.

In October 2017, CARB staff published a Staff Report on the Proposed Update to the SB 375 GHG Emission Reduction Targets. Several MPOs indicated that CARB staff's proposed targets would not be achievable based on the MPOs' most recent data and modeling tools, combined with known shortcomings of the current SB 375 target framework and the use of modeling as the primary means for demonstrating SB 375 target achievement.

To achieve both needed additional reductions and more effective program implementation, staff recommends updating and enhancing the current target framework and method for evaluating MPO plans in a way that encourages additional GHG emission reductions with greater emphasis on MPO strategy and investment decisions. These workshops are an opportunity for the public to learn more about and provide feedback to CARB staff on this revised approach to target achievement.

In addition, SB 150 was passed into law in October 2017, and gives CARB new SB 375 program responsibilities. The bill requires CARB to prepare a report to the Legislature starting 2018, and every four years thereafter, that discusses regional changes in GHG emissions, as well as best practices and challenges to achieve greater reductions under SB 375. This report will use data-supported metrics to assess progress, as well as the effect of State policies and funding programs. CARB staff has begun collecting data for this effort and these workshops are an opportunity for the public to learn more about and provide feedback to CARB staff on potential assessment metrics.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. For any questions regarding these workshops, please contact Ms. Lezlie Kimura Szeto, Manager of the Sustainable Communities Policy and Planning Section at Lezlie.Kimura@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 327-5985.

More information about CARB's SB 375 program, is available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>.

Special Accommodations: Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Caitlin Miller at Caitlin.Miller@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 445-9798 as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Notices for Future Meetings and Materials: If you would like to receive notices of future meetings and the availability of materials, please sign up for our list serve at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=sb375.