

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
SENATE BILL 375 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND EVALUATION GUIDELINES**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff will host a series of public workshops in June 2018 to seek public input on development of the Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) first program performance report and updates to its program evaluation guidelines. At the workshops, CARB staff will share preliminary findings for feedback on its analysis of data for the program performance report due to the Legislature in September 2018, per SB 150 (Allen, Chapter 646, Statutes of 2017). CARB staff will also present concepts for changes to CARB’s SCS evaluation framework, the information exchange process (i.e. technical methodology), and important considerations for quantifying GHG emissions reductions, per SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

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

Date and Time	Public Workshop Location
June 18, 2018 6:00pm – 8:00pm	San Diego Continuing Education Cesar Chavez Campus, Room 103 1901 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113
June 19, 2018 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Southern California Association of Governments Board Room 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 25, 2018 6:00pm – 8:00pm	University of California, Fresno Center Inyo/Kern Room 550 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710
June 28, 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 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 and evaluate MPO SCSs to determine whether their SCS would meet the targets, if implemented. In addition, SB 150 was passed into law in October 2017, and requires CARB to prepare a report to the Legislature starting in 2018, and every four years thereafter, that discusses regional changes in GHG emissions using data-supported metrics to assess progress.

Per SB 150, CARB is preparing a report 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 collected data for this effort and these workshops are an opportunity for CARB staff to share and receive public feedback on its initial analysis and identified emerging themes.

Furthermore, in March 2018, the Board adopted updated SB 375 GHG emissions reduction targets, which will become effective on October 1, 2018. As part of that action, the Board directed CARB staff to update its current SCS evaluation process to focus on changes to land use and transportation strategies and investments that MPO regions are making from one SCS to the next, and to increase program transparency and accountability by developing additional reporting and tracking guidance within the program guidelines.

CARB's existing SCS review methodology was published in July 2011, which focuses on the technical aspects of the regional modeling and supporting analysis related to GHG quantification. Per SB 375 statute, the process by which CARB accepts or rejects an MPO's SCS GHG quantification starts with the MPO submitting a description of the technical methodology it intends to use to estimate emissions from its SCS prior to starting its public participation process. CARB reviews the methodology and identifies any aspects of the methodology that will not yield accurate estimates and suggests remedies. Once an MPO adopts the SCS, it submits the plan to CARB for review along with the quantification of emissions and the final technical methodology used to obtain that result. CARB's updates to its program evaluation guidelines are intended to provide the framework for a more transparent, and strategy-focused evaluation of the SCSs and their associated reductions in GHG emissions. This will clarify data reporting needs, the information exchange process between MPOs and CARB, and provide methods for quantifying GHG emissions reductions from potential SCS strategies.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. For any questions regarding these workshops, including location access and parking, 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 Mr. Zhuo Yao at zhuo.yao@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 324-8028 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.