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**Subject:** Comments on Sept 3 draft

Here are some brief comments on the latest draft RTAC report. They are keyed to section headings, since my version didn't print out with page numbers:

## II. RTAC Recommendations

In first paragraph, the second sentence should end as follows: "... could be adjusted up or down by region."

### Model improvement program

You should add a fourth factor to the second paragraph: "(4) what improvements are affordable to the MPO within available funding."

## 10. Statewide Assumptions

In first paragraph, the last sentence should end as follows: "...population and employment projections, although actual rates of population and employment growth are expected to vary considerably by region."

## 3. Recommendations -- Housing and Social Equity

In the fourth recommendation, don't we need some language about "to the extent feasible" instead of a categorical statement that all adverse consequences must be mitigated? I'm not an expert on CEQA law, but perhaps following the logic of that statute on impacts and mitigation might make sense here.

### 1. New Regional Authority to Raise Revenue and Promote Efficient Development

I think this section would be improved by consolidating items 1-4 under a new header called New Revenue Authority, while leaving item 5 (Indirect Source Review) separate since it is a regulatory measure. The RTAC has not discussed these revenue measures in any depth, so a general paragraph discussing various revenue options would make more sense to me.

### Co-benefits of SCS

If we are going to spend a couple pages listing the co-benefits of SCS, in the interest of balance, we at least need a paragraph or two to follow that itemize the costs of compliance for MPOs, local govt, developers, residents, etc.

### Performance Monitoring

Please add the following sentence at the appropriate place in this paragraph: "It is important that the limited number of performance indicators selected for use be easily understood by policy makers and the public, and that the selected indicators rely on readily available and reliable data."

Thanks for your consideration of these comments.

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