OneBayArea
Sustainable Communities Strategy

A Local-Regional Partnership
Alameda County
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SCS Purpose

To build a Bay Area that thrives and prospers...

- Walkable, affordable places with services and amenities
- Sustainable transportation system
- Attractive place for business
- Protected natural resources
- Safe, healthy, and resilient communities
Plan Requirements/Goals

- Adopt by 2013 (ABAG and MTC)
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from driving in the Bay Area by 15% per capita by 2035
- Use realistic demographic and revenue assumptions
- House the region’s population at all income levels
- Align transportation investments, housing growth, and land use planning

What is New?

- Regional Transportation Plan will align with and support Sustainable Communities Strategy land use pattern.
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation changes to an 8-year cycle.
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation will be consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy.
Building on an Existing Framework

Potential Investment Strategies

- Infrastructure bank to support investments in neighborhoods with housing and jobs close to transit
- Grants for affordable housing close to transit
- Transportation investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Initial Vision Scenario

• Starting place for dialogue about the SCS
• Future distribution of households and jobs
• Assumes policies, strategies, and incentives to support growth are in place
• Initial assessment of how we do on performance targets
• To be released March 11

Initial Vision Scenario Growth Distribution

• Strengthen the character of places through sustainable development
• Accommodate future growth within urban boundaries
• Locate future housing and jobs next to transit, amenities, and services
• Strengthen regional transit corridors that allow access to jobs and services
• Align regional transportation funding with production of sustainable and affordable housing
SCS Scenario Development

Identification of Places, Policies and Strategies
County/Corridors Engagement Process
Regional Advisory Working Group

Initial Vision Scenario
March 2011

Development of Realistic Detailed Scenarios
July 2011

Preferred SCS Scenario
Early 2012

Analysis against Targets and Indicators
Evaluate Transportation Investment Trade-offs

Developing Detailed Scenarios

- Iterative process based on feedback from local jurisdictions, CMAs, regional agency boards, public
  - TAWG, meetings with elected officials, public workshops
- To be refined with additional information about constraints, transportation investments
Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

- First meeting of SCS Housing Methodology Committee in January
- RHNA must be consistent with land use pattern in SCS
- How do the SCS and RHNA relate to one another?
  - SCS looks at specific locations for housing; RHNA allocations to jurisdiction
  - 25-year horizon for SCS vs. 8-year RHNA period

SCS/RTP Public Participation Plan

- Local government workshops in each county
- Public workshops in all nine counties
- Competitive grants for targeted outreach in low-income communities