Sustainable Communities: Planning & Implementation

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Sustainable Communities Planning
2018 Progress Report: California’s Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act

Includes CARB’s assessment of:

- Performance on metrics related to SCS strategies,
- What challenges exist for implementation, and
- Examples of regional implementation
SB 375
transportation GHG emissions reductions are not on track to meet targets
(Source: CA Dept. of Tax & Fee Admin.)
Californians Continue to Drive Alone as their Primary Mode of Travel

(Source: American Community Survey)
RTP/SCS Include Over $1.1 Trillion in Spending Over 2-3 Decades (Source: MPOs)

But There Has Been Remarkably Little Shift in Spending by Mode
Transit Ridership is Falling

(Source: National Transit Database)
Change in Housing Cost Burden by Income (2016 vs. 2010)

This bar plot shows the percentage of household overburdened by rent in California. Overburdened is defined as spending >35% of income on housing costs.

(Source: American Community Survey)
Why is this happening, and what can we do?
Opportunity Areas

Improve the way the State targets transportation, housing, & climate-incentive funds to better align projects with the State’s health, equity, & environmental priorities.

Develop a State vision to address inequities by increasing mobility, economic development, & access to jobs & other opportunities, as well as affordable housing for under-served communities.
Opportunity Areas

Improve incentives & legal certainty for projects that provide affordable housing choices near jobs, transit, & other high opportunity locations.

Pilot test innovative ideas to speed the adoption of clean, efficient transportation solutions across the state.
Opportunity Areas

Develop fiscally sustainable & equitable methods of funding the transportation system, in ways that increase climate friendly travel choices for everyone.

Complement deployment of new mobility options & technologies with policies supporting the State’s environmental & equity priorities.
Questions for you

• Why do you think SCS plans and actual outcomes diverge to such a great extent?
• What could the State do, other than increase funding, to support local governments to take stronger actions to support the implementation of SCSs?
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Housing Cost Burden Continues to Increase

(Source: American Community Survey)

Burden shows the percentage of rental households paying over 35 percent of their income for housing.