



Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy & SCAG-Metro Joint-Work Program

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21st Century Planning: Practicing What We Preach



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Measure R Transit Projects



Metro Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy (Pending Approval)

Establishes a framework to:

- Better **integrate** sustainability in Metro Planning functions
- Complement and provide a framework to **build upon** Federal, state, regional, and local policies and plans
- **Foster** collaboration and partnerships



Provides guidance to:

- Encourage people to **drive less** and in **more efficient vehicles**
- **Match** transportation strategies with land-use patterns

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Principles and Priorities

| | Society | Economy | Environment |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Connect | Access | Prosperity | Green Modes |
| Create | Healthy Neighborhoods | Community Revitalization | Urban Greening |
| Conserve | Context Sensitivity | System Productivity | Environmental Stewardship |

Planning Guidance

Focus:

Promotes actions that provide opportunities for more people to **drive less and in more efficient vehicles**, while reaching the places they need to go.

Structure:

Two policy components to guide Metro's activities:



**Universal
Policies**



**Place-based
Policies**

SCAG-Metro RTP/SCS Joint-Work Program

Background:

- Metro and SCAG have an ongoing collaborative partnership
- As part of that collaboration, Metro Sustainability was directly involved in the RTP/SCS process
- The SCAG-Metro Joint-Work Program was developed as a key component in implementing the RTP/SCS



| Year | Target | 2012 RTP/SCS Results |
|------|--------|----------------------|
| 2020 | 8% | 9% |
| 2035 | 13% | 16% |

SCAG-Metro RTP/SCS Joint-Work Program

This Program between SCAG and Metro is comprised of 11 implementation activities, each with long and short-term agendas.

1. **A Regional Sustainability Working Group** to monitor progress and develop recommendations for future plans
2. **Sustainable Transportation Demonstration Program** that will provide **local agencies** with planning, programming, and/or capital funds to implement Compass Blueprint projects or other **innovative, multimodal approaches**



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3.) First-Last Mile Strategic Plan will include policies and guidelines that serve as a resource for local governments seeking to partner with Metro and SCAG on improvements in transit catchment areas and **inform the types and sizing of intermodal facilities** that Metro should aim to provide at its stations/stops

4.) Countywide Safe Routes to School Plan to identify a strategy to help local communities **establish new Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** programs and to sustain and enhance existing efforts



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5.) **Regional PEV Readiness Plan**-Identify the best locations for charging infrastructure based on market demand and travel patterns for plug-in electric vehicles. The Regional PEV Readiness Plan will become part of a **larger effort** to **support regional sustainability** while **promoting economic development** within the **green technology sector**.



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Questions

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