

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
SENATE BILL 375 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY PROGRAM &
EVALUATION GUIDELINES**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss updates to the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Program and Evaluation Guidelines, which outlines how CARB evaluates each Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPOs) SCS. The initial draft guidelines were released in early December 2018 and discussed at a public workshop on December 12, 2018 in Sacramento with satellite locations at Fresno and Los Angeles.

CARB staff will host a public workshop on April 3rd to discuss comments received on the initial draft guidelines, provide information on updates to the guidelines, as well as solicit stakeholder feedback on those updates. The updated SCS Program and Evaluation Guidelines will be available approximately two weeks prior to this workshop at the following web link:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/scs-evaluation-resources>

The presentation slides will be available prior to the workshop at the following web link:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/scs-evaluation-resources>

Workshop Information: The workshop will be held in Sacramento, the location and date shown below.

Date and Time	Public Workshop Location
<p align="center">April 3, 2019 2:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p align="center">Sierra Hearing Room CalEPA Headquarters, 2nd Floor 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p align="center">This workshop will also be webcast live at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/</p>

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 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 and evaluate MPO SCSs to determine whether their SCS would meet the targets, if implemented.

In March 2018, the Board adopted updated SB 375 GHG emissions reduction targets, which became effective on October 1, 2018. As part of that action, the Board directed CARB staff to update its current SCS review 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 SCS Program and Evaluation Guidelines. CARB's current SCS Program and Evaluation Guidelines was published in July 2011, and focuses on the technical aspects of the regional modeling and supporting analysis related to GHG quantification.

Starting in January 2018 CARB kicked off the public process for the updates to the guidelines. Since then, three public workshops across California have been held to discuss initial concepts, a revised evaluation framework, and the initial draft guidelines, which were released in early December 2018. The comment period was open until January 15, 2019.

CARB staff received five comment letters, which can be found at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/scs-evaluation-resources>. Responses to comments, along with the revised SCS Program and Evaluation Guidelines, will be released approximately two weeks prior to this workshop. We encourage your participation and look forward to your input.

For any questions regarding this workshop, including location access and parking, please contact Mr. Nesamani Kalandiyur, Manager of the Transportation Analysis Section at nesamani.kalandiyur@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 324-0466.

More information about CARB's SB 375 program, is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/sustainable-communities-climate-protection-program>.

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.