

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-20-201

**Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG)
2020 Sustainable Communities Strategy
CARB Acceptance of GHG Quantification Determination**

WHEREAS, SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008), also known as the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicle travel through improved transportation and land use planning at the regional scale;

WHEREAS, SB 375 requires each of the State's 18 federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) or an Alternative Planning Strategy that meets the regional GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the SACOG region of a 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and a 16 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2012, CARB accepted SACOG's quantification of GHG emissions reductions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its first SCS, adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors on April 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2016, CARB accepted SACOG's quantification of GHG emissions reductions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its second SCS, adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors on February 18, 2016;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018, the Board set targets for the SACOG region of a 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 19 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2020 SCS, SACOG staff engaged the public via advisory committee meetings, stakeholder working group meetings, public workshops, and public hearings between June 2017 and October 2019;

WHEREAS, in September 2019, SACOG published its draft 2020 SCS, which was available for public review through November 2019;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2019, SACOG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2020 SCS, known as the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's

GHG target of a 19 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, SACOG's 2020 SCS did not include a determination of whether the SCS would achieve the region's GHG target of 7 percent per capital reduction by 2020 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, SACOG submitted the final 2020 SCS to CARB on April 21, 2020, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed an evaluation of the 2020 SCS's quantification of the GHG emissions reductions the strategy would achieve and the technical methodology used to obtain that result based on CARB's November 2019 document entitled *Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines*;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that SACOG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2020 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that SACOG's 2020 SCS included strategies, key actions, and investments to support its stated GHG emissions reductions;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed SACOG's 2020 SCS, when implemented, would meet the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets that the Board established for the region for 2035;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's technical evaluation of SACOG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Evaluation of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' SB 375 2020 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, October 2020;

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), calls for CARB to accept or reject an MPO's determination that the Sustainable Communities Strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets established by the Board;

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code sections 39515 and 39516 delegate to the Board's Executive Officer the authority to act on behalf of the Board in this manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under California Government Code section 65080, subsection (b)(2)(J)(ii), the Executive Officer hereby accepts SACOG's determination that the SCS adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors on November 18, 2019, would, when implemented, achieve the applicable GHG emissions reduction target for automobiles and light trucks of 19 percent per capita reduction by 2035, relative to 2005 levels, as established by CARB for the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, CARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the SACOG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 26th day of October 2020.



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Evaluation of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' SB 375 2020 Sustainable Communities Strategy, October 2020.*