



# **SB 375 Updates to Evaluation Process & Target Setting Workshop**

July 23, 2024

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# Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)

- SB 375 (**2008**) requires **targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from cars**
- Each region must develop a **Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**
- CARB **evaluates the SCSs**
- Accepted SCS/APS:
  - can **reduce environmental analysis** for some projects
  - can affect **eligibility or prioritization within certain State funding programs**

# SB 375 - Geographic Context



# Elements of an SCS

California law requires an SCS to:

1. Show **land uses and densities**;
2. Identify areas **to house everyone**, including all economic levels;
3. Identify areas to house an **eight-year projection of the regional housing need**;
4. Identify a **transportation network**;
5. Understand **resource areas and farmland**;
6. Consider state **housing goals**;
7. Plan a **development pattern**, which, with the transportation network and other transportation measures and policies, will meet CARB's GHG emissions reduction targets from passenger vehicles, **if feasible**;
8. Comply with the **federal Clean Air Act**.

# Updates to SCS Evaluation Process

Discuss medium-term topic changes in the Guidelines

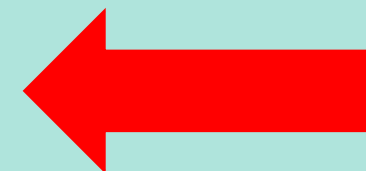
# Recap: January 2024 Workshop

## Short-term

- Effective immediately
- Existing guidelines
- Example: Telecommuting

## Medium-term

- Effective six months after finalizing
- Change/addition to existing guidelines (process only)
- Example: SCS information exchange and submittals



## Long-term

- Effective two years after finalizing
- Change/addition to existing guidelines (process and/or quantification)
- Example: Autonomous vehicles

# Updates to SCS Evaluation Process

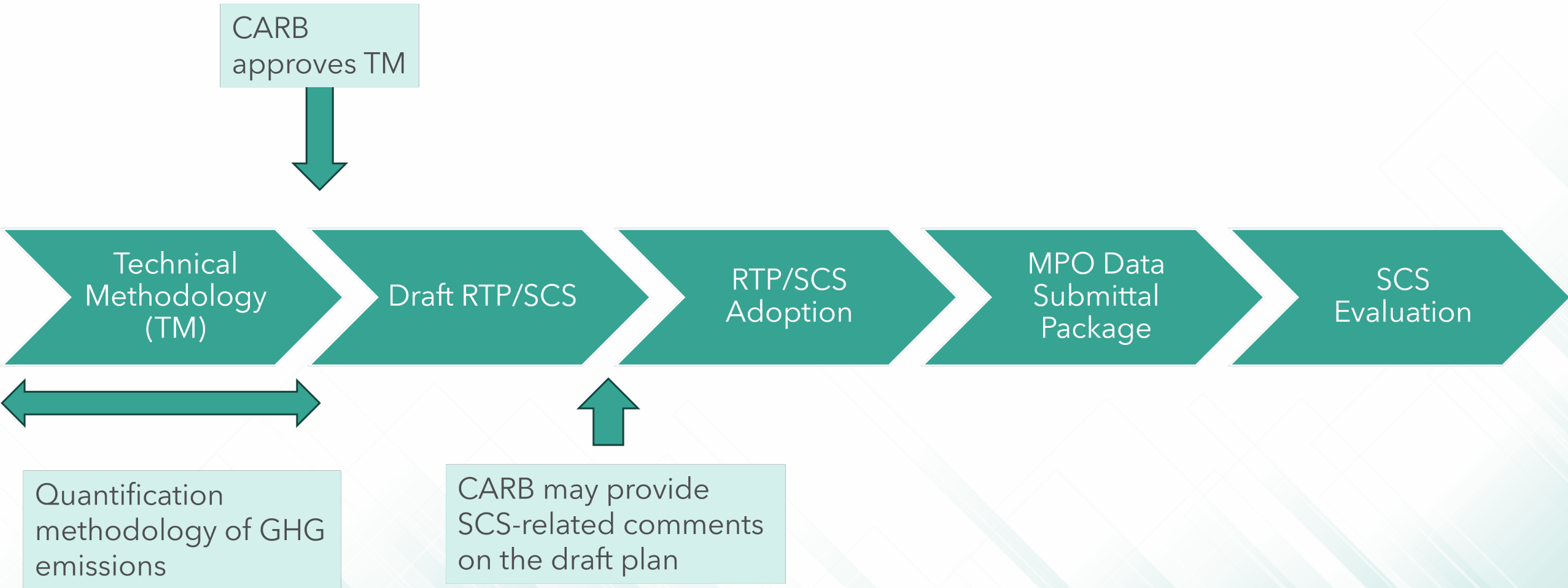
Medium-term (six months: process changes)

- **MPO-CARB information exchange and submittals**
- SCS amendment process
- Rounding protocol





# MPO and CARB SCS Collaboration Milestones



# Purpose of Proposed Updates

Emphasize early communication and address substantive issues before release of public materials

Address options if CARB cannot recommend acceptance

## Explanation:

- ❑ Current guidelines summarize key milestones and information needs
- ❑ Timing and completeness of key milestones were inconsistent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of SCSs
- ❑ Added clarity about information exchanges to boost transparency and help all parties know what to expect

## Information Exchange



# Summary of Proposed Updates to Chapter VIII MPO-CARB Information Exchange and Submittals

## Technical Methodology

- Encourage early consultation and plan for iteration with general timeframes
- Advise MPOs to publicly release SCS GHG estimates and draft plan materials **after** CARB staff has concluded that the TM operates accurately

## Draft RTP/SCS

- Reflect CARB staff's recommended remedies from the TM review
- Incorporate requests for information, details, and supporting actions that implement each SCS strategy

## Final RTP/SCS and SCS Submittal

- Include all supporting information, as applicable, in the Final RTP/SCS
- Clarify data and documentation needs to streamline CARB's final SCS review
- Proposed options towards reaching a resolution on outstanding substantive issues with the adopted SCS

# MPO-CARB Information Exchange and Submittals

**Thoughts and  
feedback?**

**Memo open for  
comments through  
August 30, 2024**



Reach the Sustainable Communities Program at  
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# **2026 SB 375 Target Update**

Updating the 2018 MPO GHG Emissions Targets

# What is the SB 375 Target Update?

- CARB must **update GHG emissions reduction targets** at least every 8 years
- Previous targets were set in **2010 and 2018**
- Updates for **target year 2035** will be **approved in 2026**
- New targets will apply to the **fifth cycle** of SCSs

# Why the Target Update Matters

- The **target levels** determine MPO efforts to meet them (e.g., identify and plan for changes to the built environment and services in each region)
- Making it possible for people to drive less through significant changes to the built environment and services is a key issue for meeting both **climate and equity goals**
- Targets ensure that SB 375 activities contribute to achievement of **Scoping Plan goals**

# Considerations for the Target Update

- CARB staff will consider **statutory, technological, and other policy factors** that changed since the last time targets were set.
  - Climate and air quality directives and commitments
  - Progress made
  - Funding
  - Regulatory changes
  - Research



# Target Recommendation Inputs

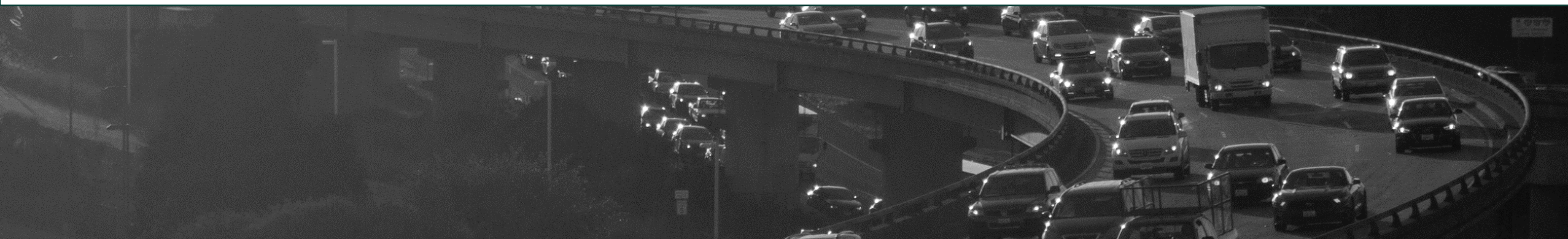
- Scoping Plan recommendations
- SB 150 Progress Report and updated data
- MPO recommendations and supporting data
- Latest research (e.g., telework, AVs)
- Public input

# AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan

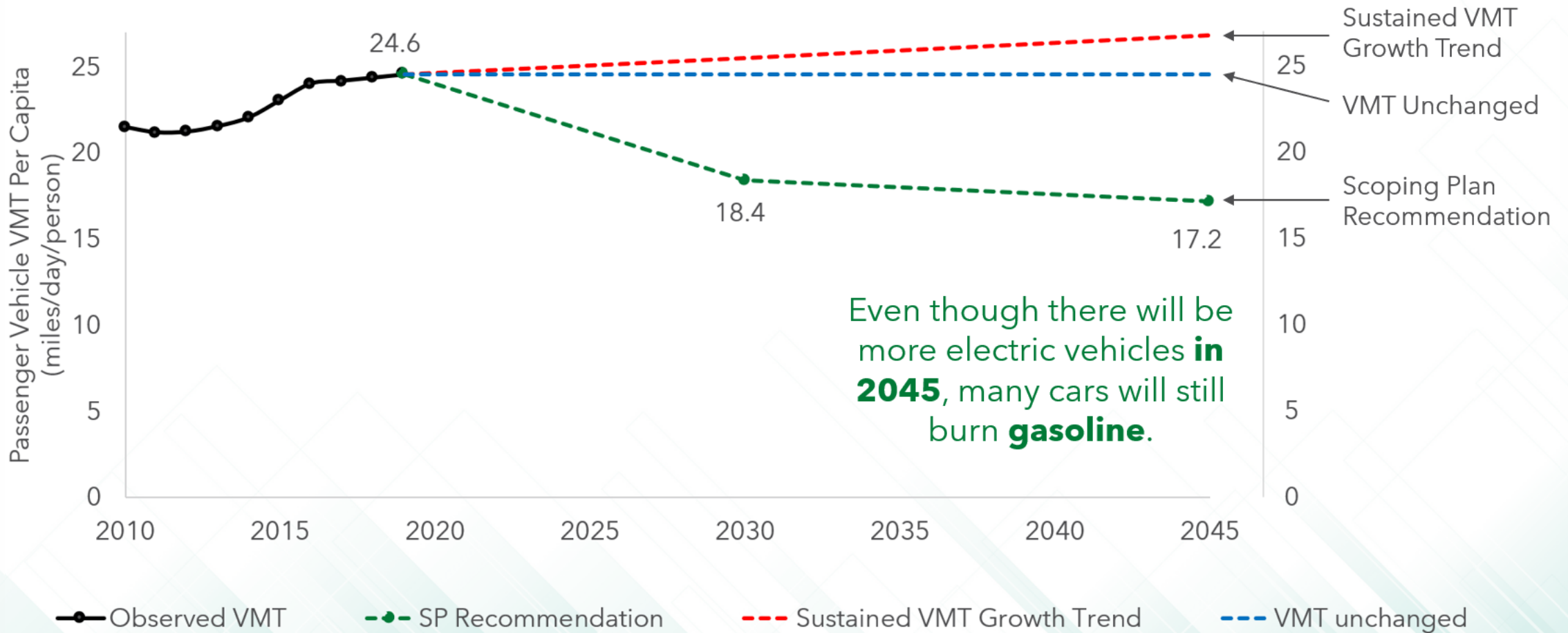
**Transportation** created **50 percent** of statewide GHG emissions in 2019, the single largest source.

Transportation emissions can be addressed in three general ways:

- **Technology** (like electric vehicles)
- **Fuels**
- **Vehicle Travel** (vehicle miles traveled (VMT))

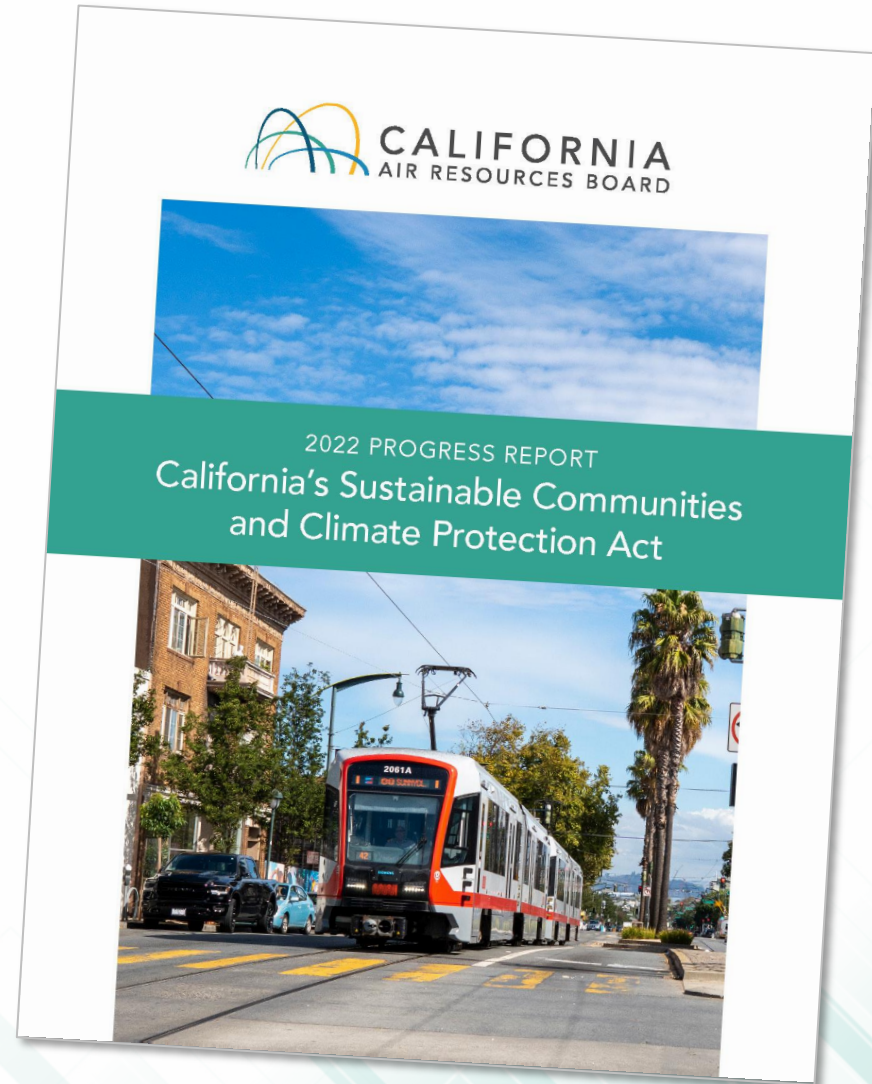


# 2022 Scoping Plan and VMT reduction



# SB 150 Reporting and Data

- CARB must prepare **progress reports** about SB 375 **every four years**.
  - Regional and statewide **performance metrics**
  - **Comparison with SCSs** for some metrics
  - Effects of recent **State policies**
  - Remaining **challenges** and potential **actions**



# Proposed Target Update Timeline

**2024**

**Spring Summer Fall**

Public kickoff workshop, MPO target recommendation request, Guidelines update review request

Information item at Joint Board Meeting

**2025**

**Winter Spring**

2nd public workshop

Release draft target report

**2026**

**Winter Spring Summer Fall**

Release final report & environmental assessment

Board adoption

→  
New targets effective for fifth cycle SCSs

# Environmental Impact Analysis

- Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) being prepared analyzing potentially significant adverse impacts caused by reasonably foreseeable actions.
- Meets requirements of CARB's certified program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The CEQA Environmental Checklist (CEQA Guidelines Appendix G) is used to identify and evaluate potential indirect impacts.
- The EIA will be an appendix to the Staff Report.

# Environmental Impact Analysis

- The EIA will include:
  - Description of reasonably foreseeable actions taken in response to the proposal.
  - Programmatic level analysis of potential adverse impacts caused by reasonably foreseeable actions
  - Feasible mitigation measures to reduce/avoid significant impacts
  - Alternatives analysis
- Input invited at this early stage on appropriate scope and content of the EIA during the NOP public comment period from July 11 to August 10, 2024.
- Draft EIA will be released for 45-day public comment period.

# Panelists

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