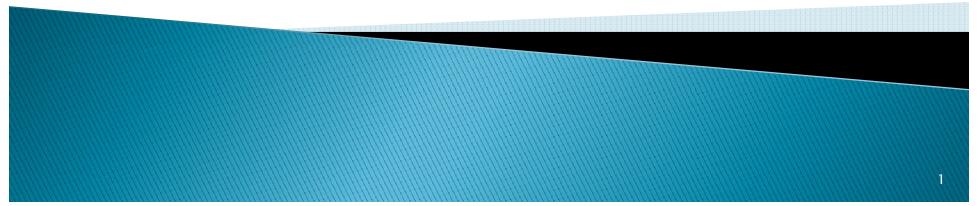


# Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy

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### SB 375 Background

- Passed in 2008
- Intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation by changing land use by reducing sprawl
- Land use is only 2% of total statewide GHG reduction strategy under AB 32 (2006 – Global Warming Solutions Act)
- GHG reduction targets set by CARB for 2020 and 2035 to roll back to 1990 levels

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### SB 375 Approach

- Major regions of the state (MPOs) to produce Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as a part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
  - SCS is a regional GHG plan that links transportation, housing and land use to reduce GHG emissions from cars and light trucks
- SCAG's next RTP is due in 2012 timeline set by federal law
- SCS to achieve GHG reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board
- No penalty at this time for failing to achieve target



# **Regional SCS in Development**

### SANDAG

- First RTP/SCS in the state
- Meets regional GHG reduction targets for 2020 and 2035, and projects reductions for 2050
- Attorney General letter identified problems with the EIR, including trends in GHG emissions
- SCAG
  - Draft RTP/SCS to be released December 1
  - Final to be approved April 5, 2012
  - Pattern of GHG emission reductions remains to be seen

## Gateway Cities Subregional SCS

- Subregional COG's have the option to prepare their own SCS
- Gateway Cities chose SCS delegation in January 2010:
  - Dense land use and transit patterns in Gateway Cities
  - Relatively low vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita
  - Ability to determine our own strategies in line with cities' plans
  - Many pieces of SCS already exist in COG studies, reports, and programs over the last decade

### **Process to Develop SCS**

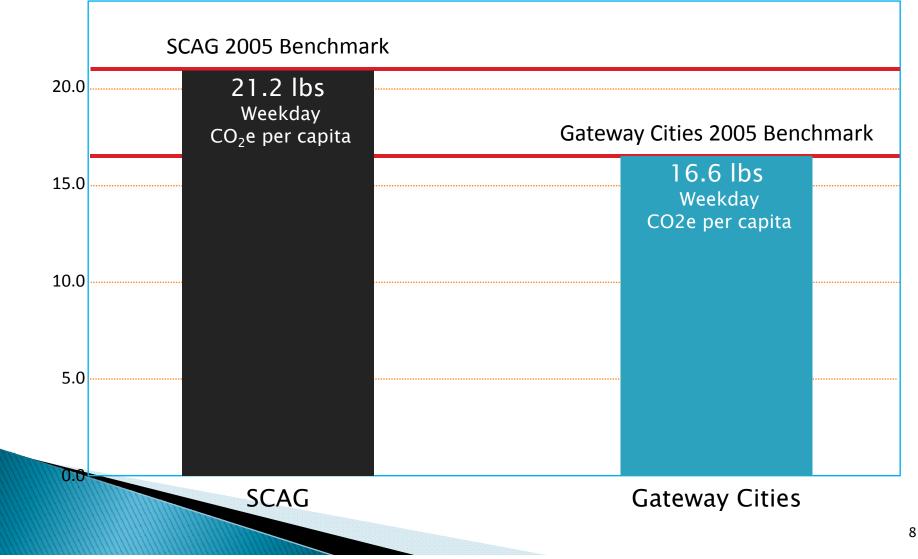


Technical workshops with city Planning and Public Works staff October 2010 - April 2011 Policy workshops with COG elected officials Winter/Spring 2011 Outreach to interested stakeholders February 28, 2011 Public open houses (April/May) Cerritos, Long Beach, Pico Rivera, Commerce

> Submitted to SCAG June 30, 2011

### Benchmarks for SCAG & Gateway Cities GHG (CO<sub>2</sub>e) per Capita 2005

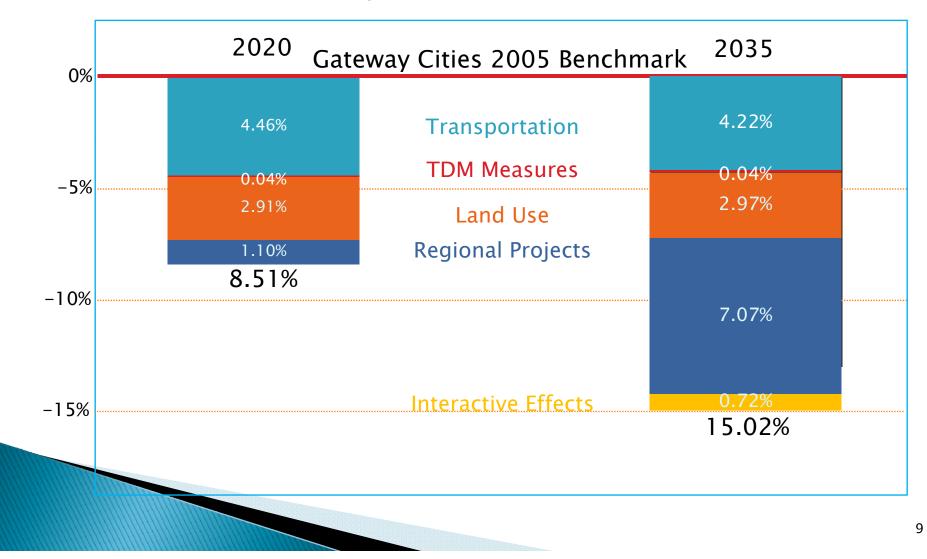
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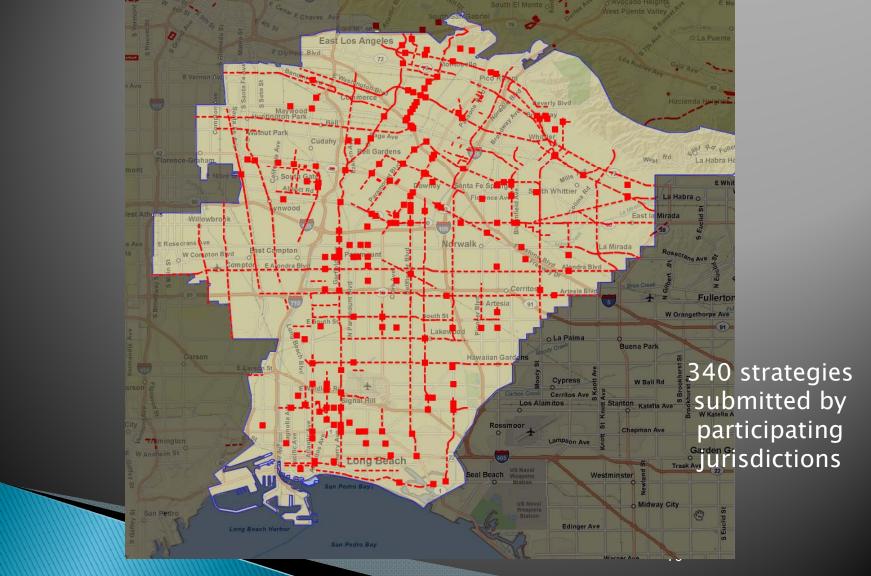
### Summary of Results

#### Daily GHG Reduction Per Capita in Gateway Cities

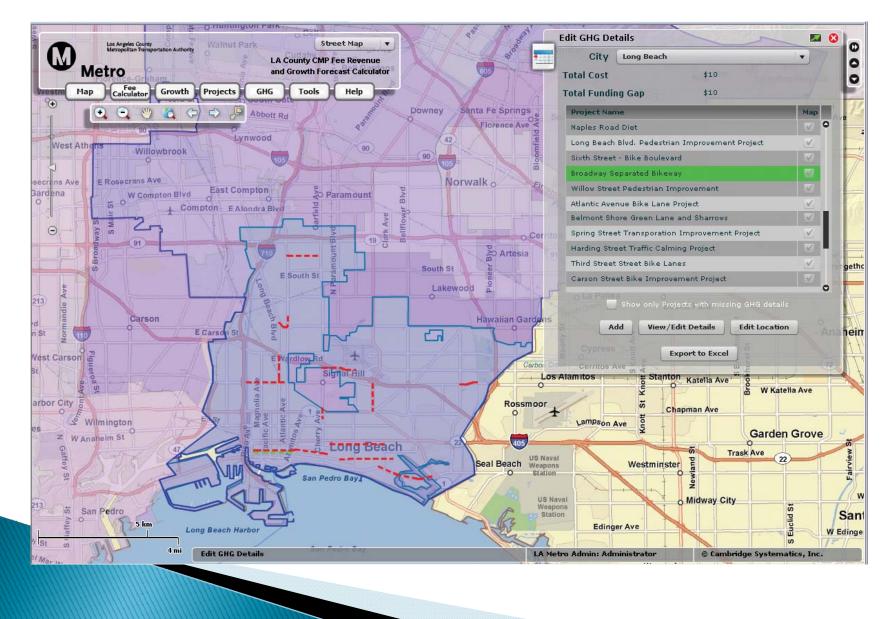
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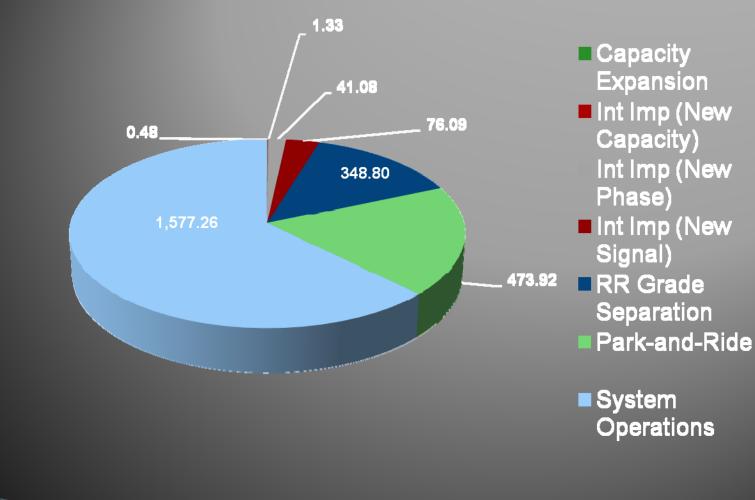
#### GHG Reductions from Transportation Measures Submitted Transportation Project Locations



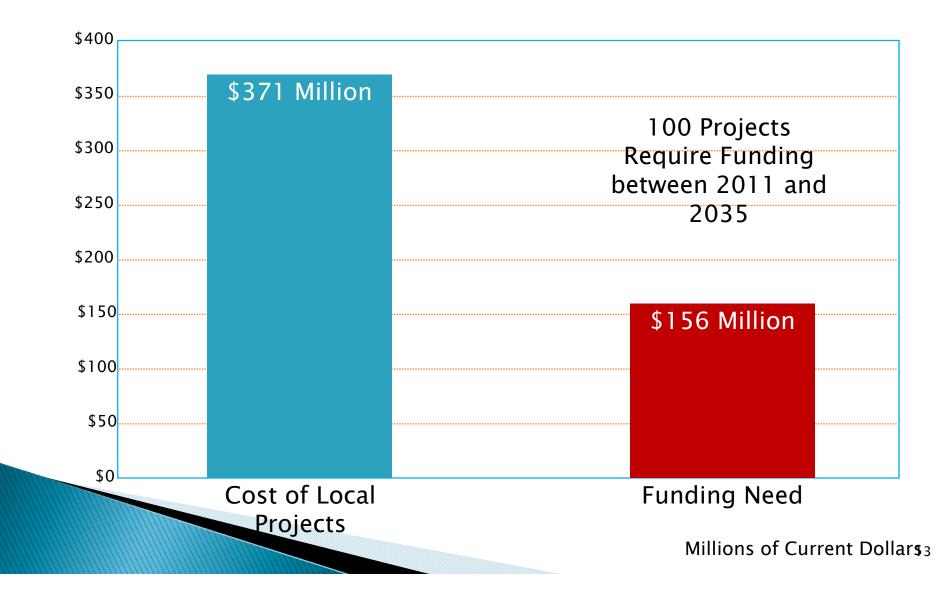
### Analysis of GHG Strategies with LACMTA Impact Tool



#### GHG Reductions from Transportation Measures Average Annual Reduction by Project Type (tons)



### Cost and Funding of Local Project Implementation



### **Travel Demand Management**

- Three key city strategies:
  - Compressed work week schedules for city employees (12 cities)
  - Ridesharing programs for city employees (6 cities)
  - TDM or Trip Reduction
    Ordinances for new development (8 cities)
- Limited resources prevented outreach to the business community
- Includes interactive effects between land use and transit



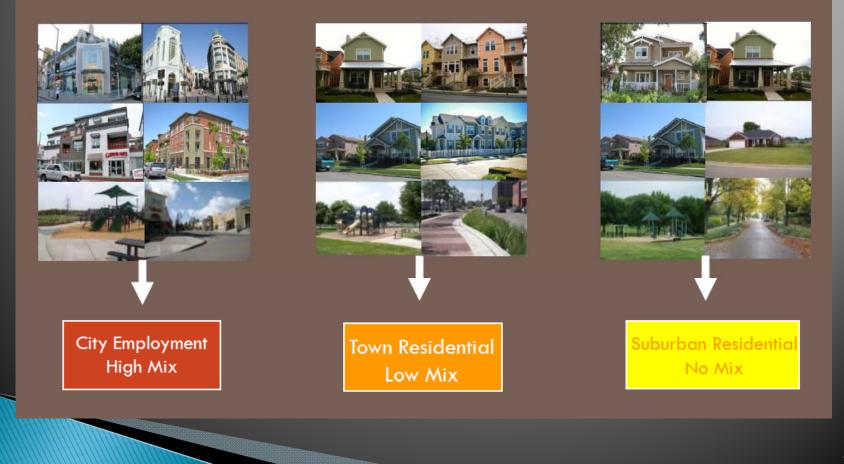
#### Other strategies:

- County Bike-to-Work
  Day
- Transit pass promotions (CSULB U-Pass)
- Safe Routes to School
- Distance learning...

#### SCAG Sustainability Tool Used for Land Use Analysis

### STEP1 DEVELOPMENT TYPES

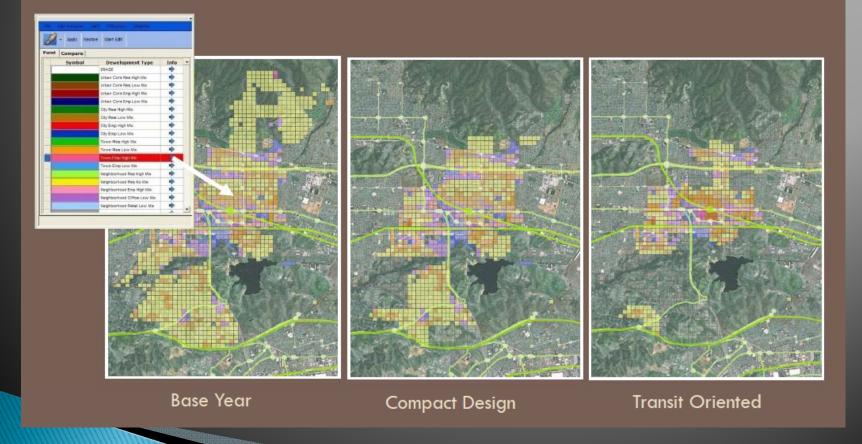
A Variety of Buildings, Streets and Amenities Create a "Place"



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### STEP2 PAINT A SCENARIO

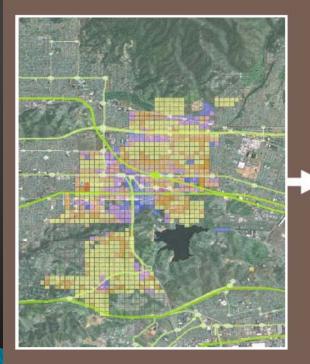
Design Scenarios by Painting Development Types on to the Landscape

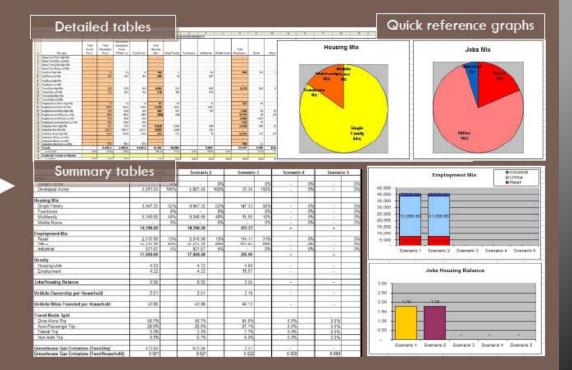


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### STEP3 MONITOR INDICATORS ON-THE-FLY

Compare the Scenarios and Monitor the Impact of Land Use Decisions in Real Time



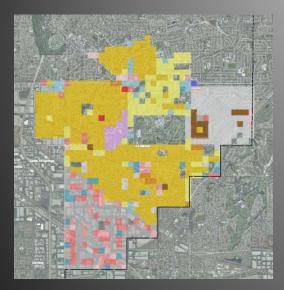


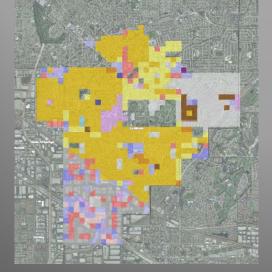
### **Example:** City of La Mirada Default Scenarios

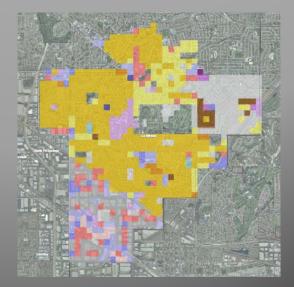
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#### 2020









All cities' future land use consistent with their adopted general plans

### Regional Projects within Gateway Cities Subregion (includes Measure R projects)

- 1. I-710 Arterial Hwy Improvements
- 2. I-710 TSM/TDM
- 3. I-5 (I-605 to county line)
- 4. SR-91/I-605/I-405 Arterial Highway Improvements
- 5. BNSF Grade Separation
- 6. I-110 Harbor Transitway HOV conversion to HOT lanes
- 7. I-710 Freight Corridor
- 8. Signal synchronization of major arterials (re: I-710)

- 9. ITS Integration Plan
- 10. California High Speed Rail
- 11. Goldline Eastside Extension
- 12. OLDA Project
- 13. Regional Connector
- 14. Green Line Extension to LAX
- 15. I-5 (between I-605 to I-710)
- 16. I-5 Arterial Highway Improvements
- 17. I-605 Hot Spots

### For Further Information

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