

An SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy Primer

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SB 375 directs metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in 18 regions in California to develop an integrated transportation, land use, and housing plan known as a Sustainable Communities Strategy. In the San Francisco Bay Area, the MPO is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The Sustainable Communities Strategy requires the following:

- · Identify the general location of land uses, densities, and building intensities within the region
- · Identify residential areas sufficient to accommodate all of the Bay Area's population, including all economic groups, for 25 years
- Within three years of amending their housing elements, local governments enact zoning to implement those elements
- · Identify a transportation network that serves the needs of the region
- An integrated land use and transportation plan that achieves greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as established by the Air Resources Board

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