Metro and SCAG recently developed a Joint-Work Program to implement the strategies outlined in the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) that will support the region in meeting established greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

The Joint-Work Program helps achieve substantial benefits to the region including 500,000 jobs/year, the preservation of over 85 square miles of undeveloped land, and $3,200 in annual household savings*. The program builds upon an ongoing partnership between SCAG and Metro to collaborate on a broad range of initiatives to advance common transportation and sustainability objectives. The program consists of 11 implementation activities which will take place over the course of the next several years.

The implementation items include:

1. Convening a Regional Sustainability Working Group to share best practices and inform the decision-making process for the program.

2. Seeking funding for Sustainable Transportation Demonstration Programs to implement innovative, multimodal transportation plans, projects, and programs.

3. Developing a First-Last Mile Strategic Plan to improve accessibility to existing and planned transit stations and stops.

4. Establishing a Countywide Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan to help local communities establish new Safe Routes to School programs and to sustain and enhance existing efforts.

5. Completing a Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan to identify optimal locations for charging infrastructure while promoting sustainability and economic development within the green technology sector.

6. Creating a ConservationPlanning Policy to identify priority conservation areas and develop regional mitigation policies and approaches.

7. Exploring opportunities to Expedite Active Transportation Funding to ensure local infrastructure is in place to support the expansion of the transit system.

8. Conducting a High Quality Transit Area Study to leverage incentive programs that have the potential of reducing GHG emissions and capturing growth in High Quality Transit Areas.

9. Pursuing funding for High Quality Transit Corridors Needs Assessment studies to better understand transit needs and capacity enhancements that will be required to accommodate planned growth.

10. Improving Performance Measurement and Monitoring to more efficiently evaluate the benefits and co-benefits of transportation projects and plans.

11. Developing Legislation in support of the above activities and the broader goals of the RTP/SCS.

* Source: SCAG 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)