



AHSC Round 4: Guide to Plan Reference Requirements

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

AHSC Application Workbook Sections

Overview: *“Application Threshold Requirements”*

FAAST File: *SCS or Equiv Regional Plan*

What is the SCS?

The passage of California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) in 2008 requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization such as SCAG prepare and adopt a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (as part of their Regional Transportation Plan) that sets forth a forecasted regional development pattern which, when integrated with the transportation network, measures, and policies, will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light duty trucks (Govt. Code §65080(b)(2)(B)). The SCS outlines certain land use growth strategies that provide for more integrated land use and transportation planning, and maximize effectiveness of transportation investments.

Where can I find it?

The 2016 RTP/SCS plan can be found here: <http://scagrtpscsc.net/Pages/default.aspx>

What should I refer to?

Look in the following sections to find specific language that relates to the project:

- Executive Summary (pgs. 6-7)
- Chapter 3: Challenges in a Changing Region (pgs. 55- 60)
- Chapter 5: The Road to Greater Mobility & Sustainable Growth (pgs. 75- 79)
- Appendix: SCS Background Documentation (pgs. 1-4; 63-77)

By topic:

- Transit Improvement and Reducing Single Occupancy Vehicles (pg. 6-7, 78-79)
- Housing Affordability (pg. 55-59)
- Improving Public Health (pg. 59)
- Climate Change Adaptation (pg. 59-60)
- Land Use Strategies for Growth (pg. 7-8, 75-79)



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Local Planning Efforts

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Narrative Based Policy: “*Local Planning Efforts*”

FAAST File: *Local Planning Efforts and Narrative*

Past AHSC applicants have referred to local plans including but not limited to:

Land Use Plans: Specific Plan, General Plan, Community Plan, Station Area Plan, Local Costal Plan, Redevelopment Plan, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy or Plan

Find these local plans through web search or find contact information for the jurisdiction in the City, County, and Regional Planning Agencies sections of OPR’s directory http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20180614-2017_DOPA_final.pdf

Transportation Plans: Mobility Action Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, Non-motorized Transportation Plan, Transit Plan, Transit Corridor Plan

Find these plans on city and/or transit agency websites. Website and contact information for local transit agencies can be found in the Regional Transportation Entities section of OPR’s directory available at the following link: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20180614-2017_DOPA_final.pdf.

Corridor System Management Plans: Regional CSM plans can be found by selecting the related district on California's Department of Transportation website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/corridor-mobility/index.html>

Climate Action Plans (CAP): Find climate action plans, on the applicable city or county website. Jurisdictions that adopted a CAP in prior to 2016 can be found here: http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/2016_California_Jurisdictions_Addressing_Climate_Change_Summary.pdf.

Other Plans: Other relevant plans (community safety plans, community engagement plans, etc.) may be available at the following agencies: Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, Schools/School Districts, Local Health Department, and Housing Departments.