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Draft 2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities Implementation

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California's Sustainable Communities Policy Framework

SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategies

- 18 MPOs identify regional land use and transportation strategies to reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles

Compact and Connected Communities

- Ample supply of affordable homes in convenient locations
- Transit, parks, healthy food, and education close by
- Sustainable transportation choices fulfill travel needs and reduce the need to drive

Vehicle electrification alone is not enough to meet climate goals

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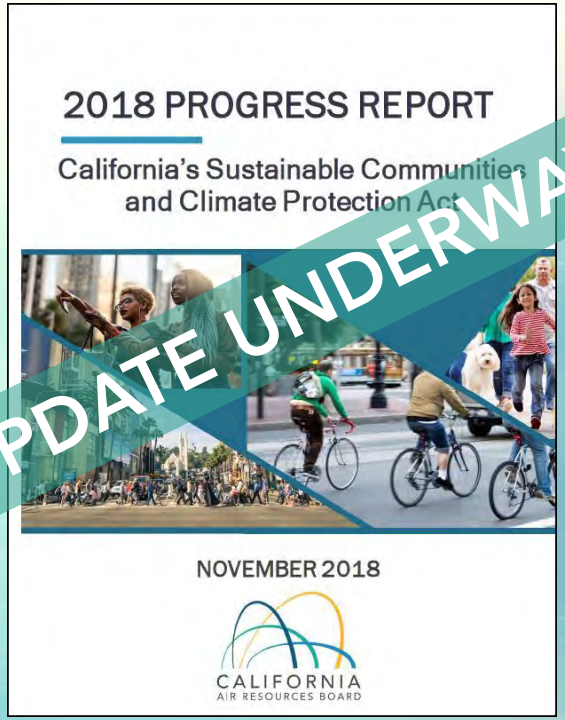
- Changes to VMT, GHG, and other metrics
- Implementation challenges
- Opportunities for advancing implementation



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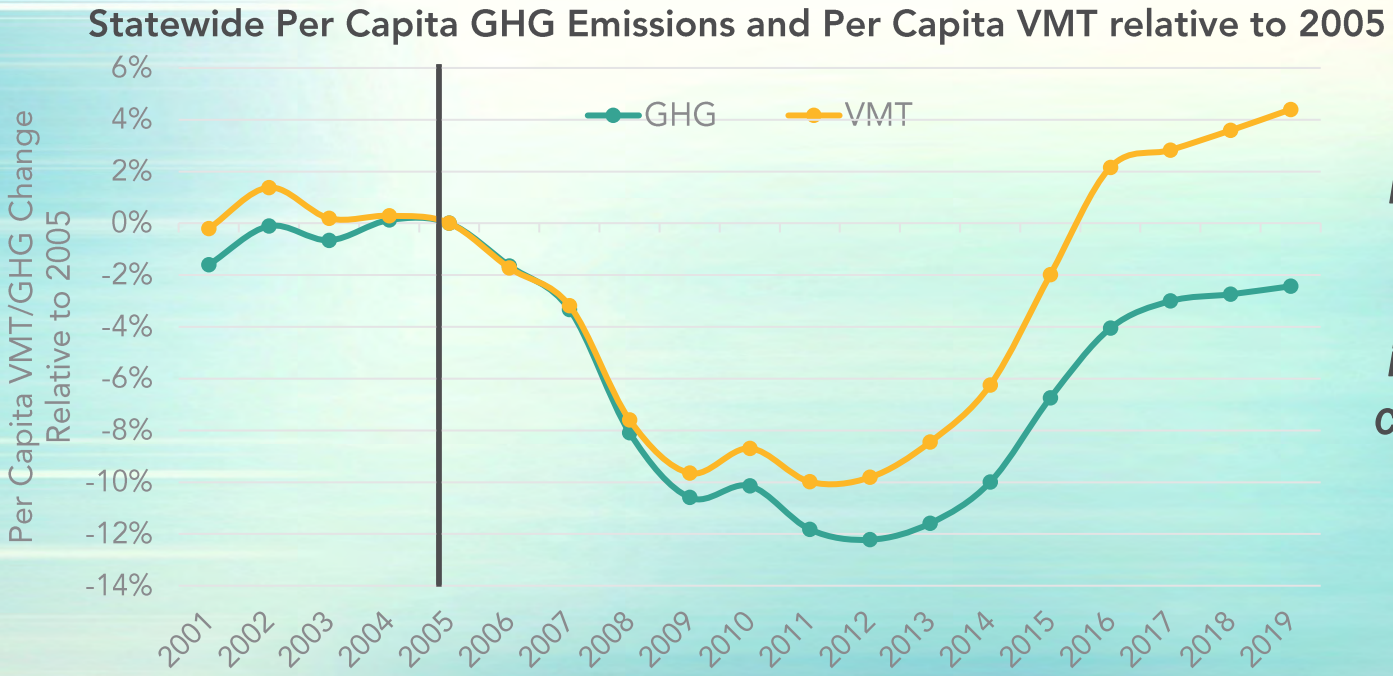
Key Metrics Findings

California Is Not On Track To Meet SB 375 Targets



Per capita GHGs from passenger vehicle travel continued to increase; this was the case for nearly all MPO regions

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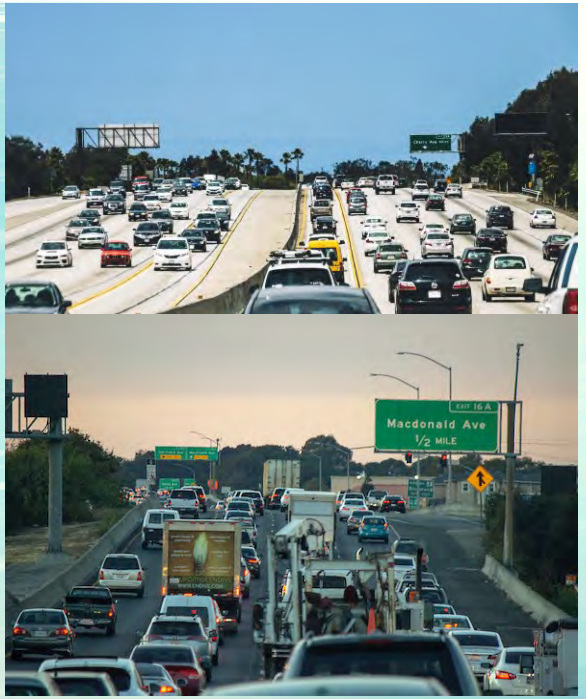
Californians Continued to Drive Alone as Their Primary Mode of Travel



- Commute Mode Share
  (Drive Alone, Carpool, Transit, Bike+Walk)
- Lane Miles Built
- Household Vehicle Ownership
- Transit Ridership per Capita
- Transit Service per Capita

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Overall Land Use Development Patterns Were More Compact

- New Acres Developed
- Agricultural Land Lost
- Land Conserved

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But Most Residents in Each Region Still Lacked Good Accessibility to Key Destinations

In California, less than half of the population in every region could access key destinations within 15 minutes by walking.

Photo: https://seattlegreenways.org/15minutecity/

Housing Permitting and Construction Significantly Lagged Behind Need In Numbers, Types, and Locations

- Housing units permitted and constructed
  - By structure type
  - By affordability

Discussion

What Do the Latest Regional SCSs Show is Needed to Achieve Targets?

- Equitable infill development
- Transportation pricing strategies
- Transit and active transportation solutions

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Accelerate Housing Near Jobs, Close to Transit, and In Priority Growth Areas

- State needs to implement and leverage Governor's January Budget – Housing-Climate Initiative
- Regions need to continue building on finance and data assistance efforts to encourage local alignment
- All levels of government must accelerate work to green light development in priority areas

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Authorize and Implement Non-Regressive Parking and Roadway Pricing

- State must authorize transportation pricing tools for implementation
- All levels of government must accelerate work to design and implement them

Increase Investments in Clean Transportation and Mobility Strategies

- All levels of government need to review and reprioritize transportation investments
  - Shift away from projects that increase VMT
  - Toward projects that complement and improve transit user experience
  - Toward first/last mile solutions

What is the State Doing that Supports Implementation?

Instrument	Emphasis
CAPTI	Aligning State transportation funding and incentives to meet VMT reduction and climate goals in an equitable way
AB 285	Research and policy recommendations for aligning State CTP and regional RTP/SCS transportation plans to improve achievement of GHG reduction goals
CTP 2050	Long-term plan setting a vision for the future of the State transportation system and meet State policy objectives around climate, equity, and public health
REAP 2.0	Funding to accelerate progress towards State housing and climate goals
SB 150 Progress Report	Tracking progress on SCS implementation, what is working, what are the challenges, how do we support greater implementation
2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update	Statewide plan for achieving climate goals, which includes strategies to reduce GHG emissions from transportation

Take Bolder Action and Strengthen Partnerships to Implement SCSs

- State, regional, and local changemakers
- Legislative action
- Focus on implementation

Process and Timeline

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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Submit Written Comments on Draft SB 150 Report

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What actions would you suggest the State undertake to support implementation of the SCSs?

Thank you!