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Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Ikhata,

The South Bay Cities COG's Board of Directors met on September 26, 2013 and voted to decline the responsibility for preparing a South Bay Cities subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that would be used in the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This action was taken with the understanding that our staff will use, with engaged cities, the Scenario Planning Model (SPM) that SCAG is developing as a means of evaluating the Sustainable South Bay Strategy's (SSBS - adopted by the SBCCOG Board in 2010) impact on GHG emissions and criteria pollutants.

Because of our interest in the SPM as a tool for teaching city staff, elected officials, planning commissioners and the public about the differences between business as usual and the SSBS, SBCCOG staff would like to participate in the SPM's development and testing. This may involve helping to "calibrate" the SPM so that it accepts inputs and produces outputs that are consistent with our empirical studies and demonstration project data. This will be most effective if the SPM's outputs can be aggregated for the entire sub-region or its coastal, inland and peninsula districts.

I understand that the 2016 SCS/RTP will include only a limited number of scenarios. The SBCCOG is not requesting that the SSBS serve as one of those regional scenarios. However, the SBCCOG, its Board of Directors and its SCAG delegates are interested in using the tools that will allow us to advance the South Bay's long run sustainability. We will appreciate anything you can do to help us in that effort.

We look forward to working with SCAG to develop a 2016 RTP and SCS which truly addresses the challenges of all areas of the region.

Sincerely,

Dan Medina, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, Gardena

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