

Why the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is important:

1. Describes how the region will reduce carbon in transportation – transportation accounts for 40% to 50% of the total carbon produced in each city.
2. Is the gateway to state cap and trade funds for cities and COGs (which lack CAPs) – funding applications must be consistent with the RTP/SCS.
3. Adopted and approved RTP is a requirement for the region to receive federal funds
4. Shares data and findings with other regional and state agencies, for example, the data are used in the RHNA.
5. Contains assumptions that may in the future challenge the principle of local control of land use.