

## Comment 1 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.

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Subject: Plan Mismatch with SB-375  
Comment:

Assessment of San Diego's 2050 Regional Transportation & Sustainable Communities Strategies Plan in SB-375 Terms.

A Structural Mismatch:

A reader is supposed to learn the mass transit oriented SCS, following SB-375 guidelines, is responsible for meeting energy and emissions reduction values at least through year 2035.

But while SCS provides attractive opportunity for such savings in the non-mobile category, the vigorously promoted associated mass transit contribution is nearly meaningless.

Instead, on-road vehicles, even assuming only short term mpg improvement, provide 95% of the savings in support of meeting the GHG CARB standards through 2035. The remaining 5% provided by an extensive mass transit overlay, along with walk/bike provisions, spends nearly 50%, ~\$47 billion, of the transportation capital budget and absorbs only 4% of travel growth. With very optimistic mode share assumptions, 2.5% of total.

Considering the amount of land used, access to mass transit commuting increases significantly especially for low income travelers. But autos continue 3 times more accessible. Overall Region work trips in less than 30 minutes actually decrease in the process.

(Tables TA 3.1, and 5.2 in 2050 RTP/SCS provide concise numerical proof.)

Thus the Sustainable Communities Strategy with emphasis on expensive mass transit, does not contribute meaningfully to SB-375 central transportation improvement objectives.

Looking Forward:

The Supreme Court in San Diego has ruled against 2050 RTP/SCS because it does not meet GHG levels directed by Executive Order.

Traffic congestion is also higher than the Plan's 2008 baseline year, and Regional Total mobility is decreased. Trips to work for example take 10% longer.

Energy and emissions savings planned to start for vehicles in 2025 will assist meeting 2050 standards. Even lighter weight automated personal vehicles should also be given consideration. Resources from SCS less effective mass transit can be reallocated.

Planning Process.

This Region devotes insufficient resources to an independent objective facts based process of checks and balances to correct deficiencies encountered before major commitments are made by responsible officials. And offer a range of alternatives for comparison by the public on a consistent basis.

In the 2050 RTP/SCS case, with emphasis on the environment and energy and emissions reductions, there is a clear mismatch between Regional system performance analysis, and allocations that were

approved for facilities. The Superior Court finding of one important deficient aspect, should prompt a reassessment and reallocations that should have occurred before the Plan's approval.

2050RTP/SCS is not a suitable template State-wide for other MPOs.

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## **Comment 2 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.**

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Subject: Inadequate analysis of SB 375 Implementation  
Comment:

Please see attached file.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/3-2014sb375-BXEbDQdnAz4EcQRg.pdf'

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### **Comment 3 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.**

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Subject: Support for Valley Targets  
Comment:

Dear CARB members:

As a Merced County Supervisor for 18 years and a member of the Merced County Association of Government's (MCAG) Governing Board I would like to go on record as opposing MCAG's recent action taken regarding SB 375's emission reduction targets set by your board in 2010.

Unfortunately, none of the scenarios presented to the Governing Board by our staff achieved the Valley's targets. However, more can and should be done in Merced County to achieve the goals set out by this important law. As you know, CA is facing a serious water shortage in 2014. This will hurt the Valley more than any other region in terms of our agriculture-based economy. I find it ironic that in an area where so many jobs are dependent on farming, the MCAG Board overwhelmingly voted for a scenario that will consume the most farmland and promote the continued decline of the Sierra Nevada snowpack by doing the least amount of work to reduce climate changing gases.

The San Joaquin Valley has an important place in the culture, economy and heritage of our State. Please do not leave the Valley behind. Our residents deserve to live in a County, region and State that value their long-term livelihood and health.

Sincerely,

Deidre Kelsey  
Supervisor, District 4  
Merced County

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## **Comment 4 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.**

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Subject: Support the San Joaquin Valley  
Comment:

Greetings Board members!

First and foremost, thank you for supporting strong San Joaquin Valley targets in 2010! In the last 3+ years there have been many local struggles throughout the Central Valley to achieve the goals set forth by ARB. The Valley has a tremendous challenge when it comes to air pollution given our geography and breadth of our emissions inventory. Being a pass-through region of the state also adds to our struggle. But, the gravity of the problem is exactly why we need strong leadership from you, our State leaders. More than 20% of our children are diagnosed with asthma, allergies and other respiratory disease. This winter has been a powerful reminder of how our environment makes us sick on a daily basis.

As a Merced County resident, I was particularly shocked by the decision of our local MPO to abide by our "status quo" pattern of land use (ie sprawl) especially after having participated in the public process where local residents overwhelmingly supported a scenario that was in line with the San Joaquin Blueprint. This scenario would have at least that demonstrated a willingness to work with regional partners to achieve a unified goal despite not attaining SB 375 targets.

Please continue to stand strong for the people in the San Joaquin Valley, especially the residents of Merced. Please know that there are people who live here that do care about achieving these targets and do not want to live in the only area of the state out of compliance with this law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary-Michal Rawling  
Merced Resident and former City Council Member (2009-2013)

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## **Comment 5 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.**

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Subject: SB 375 priorities for 2014  
Comment:

Please find the attached letter, submitted by ClimatePlan on behalf of 22 signatory organizations.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/6-2014sb375-VzRWPF16UG4LbAVx.pdf'

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## **Comment 6 for Senate Bill 375 Implementation Status (2014sb375) - Non-Reg.**

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Subject: Health Group letter on SB 375 implentation review

Comment:

Attached please find our letter from health organizations with recommendations for the California Air Resources Board in its Jan. 23 review of SB 375 implementation and targets.

Thank you very much.

Jenny Bard

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American Lung Association in California

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Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/7-2014sb375-AmFXMFIhU2IHXgRo.pdf'

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