

Executive Report		June 3, 2014
Strategic Plan Reference #		Status and Next Steps
Tier 1 Prioritization by Council	1	<p><b>Coordinate among State Agencies</b>  <i>"Identify and review activities and funding programs of member agencies that may be coordinated"</i>            PRC 75125 (a )</p> <p><u>STATUS:</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Statewide Implementation:</u> Since coming on board at SGC as the Senior Advisor for Environmental Science and Policy, Dr. Grossman has engaged the state agencies to refine the scope and vision of RAMP, define the required processes to implement this initiative, specify the information resources and tools necessary to drive this analysis, and identify the stakeholder roles required for implementation. The long term objective is to specify how RAMP will be brought to scale at the regional and statewide level.</p> <p><u>Financial Analysis:</u> The two Caltrans led studies to explore the types of financial mechanisms required to fund mitigation in advance of projects are nearing completion. The University of California, Davis team has made a preliminary presentation of their findings to Caltrans and received guidance for the focus of their final report. The Sperry Capital research on public private partnerships that could financially support the implementation of RAMP has been summarized in a draft report. This report has now been reviewed by key stakeholders, with the final report being submitted to Caltrans the end of May.</p> <p><u>High Speed Rail:</u> In the short term, HSR will apply the emerging RAMP methods, information, and partnerships to advance their current project needs. Over the longer term, HSR plans to integrate the fuller RAMP methodology for the implementation of future project sections. A High Speed Rail Update for Administration Environmental Leaders on May 19 where RAMP was showcased to demonstrate HSR commitment to implement this advanced approach for environmental planning. HSR and SGC are currently evaluating the best pilot applications of RAMP methods for HSR project sections.</p> <p><u>Schools:</u> SGC staff is continuing to work with the State Superintendent's Office and Division of School Facilities at CDE, as well as the Office of Public School Construction to identify specific, actionable opportunities on land use and schools to implement in 2014.</p>

	2	<p><b>Barriers to Infill</b>  <i>“Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning sustainable communities”</i>            PRC 75125 ( c )</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Infill Finance Options</u>: SGC engaged Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) to analyze challenges to financing infill and recommended strategies to reduce risk and support new or existing financing mechanisms. The preliminary findings of this analysis will be presented at the June 3, 2014 SGC meeting, with the final reports and recommendations presented at the September 18, 2014 SGC Council meeting.</p>
Tier 1 Prioritization by Council	4	<p><b>Infrastructure Planning</b>  <i>“At a minimum the council shall review and comment on the five year infrastructure plan developed pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with section 13100) of chapter 2 of part 3 of division 3 of the Government Code and the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report pursuant to Section 65041 of the Government Code”</i>            PRC 75125 ( a )</p> <p><i>Criteria and priorities used to identify and select the infrastructure it does propose to fund, including criteria used to identify and select infrastructure that by January 1, 2005, shall be consistent with the state planning priorities</i>            GC 13102 ( c ) ( 1 )</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p>An internal SGC Sustainable Infrastructure working group met with the Department of Finance to discuss the 2014 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan. The Department of Finance has offered to request additional information from departments to list their plans, programs, directives or policies that they use to screen infrastructure proposals for consistency with the state's planning priorities where applicable. The working group is also partnering with the California Research Bureau to study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Current and potential alternate definitions of “infrastructure”</li> <li>· Recent infrastructure spending patterns and sources of infrastructure spending</li> <li>· Innovative practices and processes used by federal, state, and local organizations related to the management of infrastructure spending in attainment of multiple goals</li> </ul>

	<p>8</p>	<p><b>SB 375 Implementation</b> PRC 75125 (a )</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>MPO Self-Assessment</u>: A draft report has been submitted to the SGC. In addition to the MPO Self-Assessment, staff is proposing state agency and stakeholder feedback of the SCS process to complement and provide a broader perspective on the development of the SCSs. This activity may generate possible recommendations for SGC and its member agencies to support more effective SCS processes in the future. The MPO report will be released for public comment in early Summer 2014 and will be used to support development of possible administrative and/or policy recommendations for staff to bring to the SGC at its September 18, 2014 meeting.</p> <p><u>Proposed Sustainable Communities Implementation Program</u>: The 2014 Governor’s Budget proposed \$100 million for the Sustainable Communities Implementation Program, developed and administered through the SGC to support local implementation of regional Sustainable Communities Strategies. Budget discussions are ongoing, and SGC staff hope to provide an update to the Council at the September 18, 2014 SGC meeting.</p> <p><u>UrbanFootprint</u>: UC Davis has successfully installed the UrbanFootprint model and will begin to develop a training curriculum with a small group of MPO and city planning participants in Summer 2014.</p> <p><u>UrbanFootprint Public Health</u>: SGC has convened experts in the public health, epidemiology, transportation, and planning fields to discuss methodologies associated with the depiction of potential activity-based health impacts in scenario planning models. In collaboration with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), SGC convened this Technical Advisory Committee to address data and methodological issues which will result in improved analysis and use of California-specific data for these purposes.</p>
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<b>Tier 2 Prioritization by Council</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>Grants</b> <i>“Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities</i> PRC 75125 ( d )</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program.</u> Round Three Sustainable Communities Planning Grants submission period closed on February 28. Eighty-eight eligible proposals were submitted and reviewed, requesting \$\$41,689,388 in funding. Reviews of grants were conducted from March to May 2014, with recommendations for awards brought to the Council at its June 3rd, 2014 meeting.</p> <p><u>Urban Greening Project and Planning Grants.</u> The Round Three Urban Greening Planning and Project Grants program invitation/solicitation processes have closed. Recommendations for award will be made at the June 3, 2014 SGC meeting.</p>
	<b>10</b>	<p><b>Outreach</b></p>	<p><u>Local Outreach and Sustainable Communities Learning Network</u> STATUS: Agreement complete. Through collaboration with UC Davis, the Institute for Local Government (ILG), and Partners for Sustainability, research and resources were developed identifying local sustainability efforts and practices in California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Sustainable Communities Learning Network (SCLN) provides a forum for local learning collaborative about sustainability.</li> <li>- The California Resources for Sustainability (CARES) Inventory, which features local sustainability resources for public use (<a href="http://cares.ucdavis.edu">http://cares.ucdavis.edu</a>).</li> <li>- UCD 2012 Survey of Local Sustainability Practices in California</li> <li>- Case Stories reflecting SGC grantee experiences in project implementation</li> </ul> <p><u>SGC Outreach to Grantees</u> STATUS: Ongoing. SGC continues to communicate with our grantees and the general public through our listserv and will roll-out the updated SGC website in the summer of 2014 that allows staff the ability to be more nimble in providing information and updates.</p> <p><u>SGC Local Implementation</u> STATUS: Work to begin in July 2014&gt; in At its March 3, 2014 meeting, Council authorized staff to issue a request for proposals or an interagency agreement(s) for consultation not to exceed \$50,000 for services to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design and conduct surveys, interviews and focus groups to gather information from Round 1 planning grantees to understand the status of their work in its progress toward implementation</li> <li>2. Examine compiled information to determine similarities and outliers in grantee</li> </ol>

			<p>progress toward implementation based on specifically defined critical action steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Detail barriers experienced by grantees that delay implementation, providing proposed solutions</li> <li>4. Describe the effects of supportive settings and actions that are moving plans toward implementation and success</li> <li>5. Propose local, regional and state actions to be taken to lower or remove barriers, and;</li> <li>6. Recommend methods for optimizing future planning grant programs to incentivize planning that leads toward near-term implementation.</li> </ol> <p>Work is scheduled to begin in July 2014 and be completed by December 2014.</p>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>Geospatial Data Coordination</b> <i>Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning sustainable communities.</i> PRC 75125 ( c )</p>	<p>STATUS: Ongoing. SGC entered into a contract with UC Davis to support the convening of the GIS Collaborative, which would support statewide coordination of GIS data and policy issues at the federal, state, regional, and local levels. Since then it has been determined that the GIS Collaborative will serve as the basis for reconvening the California GIS Council. The first meeting of the new council took place on May 22, 2014.</p> <p>It is expected that this body will form workgroups consisting of specialists in each of the major fields of spatial data interest to the SGC and that they will be responsive in advising the SGC and the State Geographic Information Officer on matters of technology, policy and priority data development.</p>
<b>Tier 3 Prioritization by Council</b>	<b>11</b>	<p><b>Data Contracts</b> PRC 75125 ( c )</p>	<p><u>Parcel Data Contract</u>: Ongoing. The California Department of Technology and UC Davis with support from the SGC have completed the first seamless, border-to-border parcel data set in California's history. Programming that will enable counties to upload their parcel data sets "as is" in their own unique formats and have them translated into a common format for multi-county and statewide applications is complete.</p> <p>The next step in this process was to have UC Davis conduct a second round of parcel data collection from California counties. Unfortunately the Assessors of several major California Counties have refused to collaborate without the payment of large fees. It is their opinion that California law only requires them to deliver parcel boundary data to the public at the cost of reproduction. The Assessors contend that all other data they collect can be sold for the cost of development, production, storage, retrieval and reproduction resulting in</p>

requested recharges of over \$10,000 in at least 1 county. Council staff is seeking legal guidance on this matter.

Vegetation Mapping Contract: A new Interagency Agreement with California State University, Chico Research Foundation has been executed for mapping high priority areas within the proposed corridor of the California High Speed Rail (HSR) over Tehachapi Pass at the southern end of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Kern County. Work started on this project on February 14, 2014 and will be completed on January 31, 2016. This project is on schedule.

Protected Lands Contract: Ongoing. Work will be completed by Summer 2014. Developing a GIS database of protected lands in California that will be available free of charge along with guidelines for updating, sharing and maintaining this data. This GIS database will include the spatial representation and attribution of fee owned lands (California Protected Areas Database) and privately held conservation easements (California Conservation Easement Database). More information is available at: [www.CALands.org](http://www.CALands.org)

Healthy Community Indicators Contract: Ongoing. CDPH staff are working with UCSF and have identified 56 indicators, which have identified data sources, and attempt to be consistent with indicators proposed by other SGC-funded indicator projects (Regional Progress Report and SANDAG transportation indicators). The project is developing methods to construct indicators, and have built out 20 indicators so far in collaboration with county health departments, MPOs, and other stakeholders. Concurrent documentation is being used to develop educational and training materials for analysts and users; and a web mock-up demonstrating how to display content is also being researched. Excel files of statewide indicator data at census tract, place, county, and MPO regions are posted as they are completed and are currently available to the public at the CDPH website and will be offered via the California GeoPortal.

<b>5</b>	<b>Health in All Policies</b> PRC 75125 ( a )	STATUS: Ongoing. A two-page summary of up-to-date HiAP efforts follows this report. HiAP Staff will provide its annual update of implementation plans at the September 18, 2014 SGC meeting.
<b>6</b>	<b>HSR Community Planning /Sustainability</b> PRC 75125 ( c )	<p>STATUS: Ongoing.</p> <p>SGC has recently hired Suzanne Hague, AICP to serve as Senior Advisor for Community Development and Planning. Suzanne is an urban planner with expertise in community revitalization, housing and real estate development, land use planning, and urban design. She has consulted nationally on complex, high-profile planning and development projects including the post-Katrina New Orleans Master Plan. In 2011, Suzanne joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to serve as the “on-the-ground” coordinator for the White House Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) initiative in Fresno, CA, where she was based in the office of Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin and advised the City and its partners on a broad range of planning and revitalization initiatives, including Fresno’s infill-oriented General Plan Update; downtown and neighborhood revitalization strategies; stakeholder engagement; and early planning for high-speed rail. She also spearheaded a state-wide task force on infill development in Fresno in partnership with the SGC, and led subsequent development of a suite of infill implementation tools for Fresno and other distressed communities nationally.</p> <p>Suzanne will assist communities along the high-speed rail corridor in leveraging the development of high-speed rail to achieve local sustainability, economic, and real estate development objectives and to align local planning with state planning goals; identify gaps in local and regional resources (including information needs, capacity gaps, opportunities for policy change, and funding); and work with State agencies, SGC, and other stakeholders throughout the state and nation to fill these resource gaps and develop new best practices in high-speed rail community planning.</p> <p>The California High Speed Rail Authority is funding this position at the Strategic Growth Council.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Funding Wizard</b> PRC 75125 ( a )	STATUS: Ongoing.

		<p><u>Funding Wizard</u>: This project creates a unified site for institutions seeking grant awards to get information on state granting programs. At its March 2014 meeting, the Council authorized the SGC to issue an interagency agreement with the ARB for phase three of development in the amount of \$50,000 to partner in their efforts to deliver: 1) Engagement, training, and outreach; 2) Tool development to enhance the user experience; and 3) Expand analytics and metrics to track overall success. Work will begin in July 2014 and end in December 2015.</p> <p>This program has become the second most popular place on the “Cool California” website. The Funding Wizard received over 18,000 unique page views constituting almost 19% of all site traffic. It does not contain an exhaustive inventory of such programs but it is working its way in that direction.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Regional Progress Report</b>                  PRC 75125 ( c )</p>	<p><u>STATUS</u>: Pending Identification of resources.</p> <p><u>Regional Progress Report</u> : SCG staff received draft recommendations for the 2013 Regional Progress Report update from consultants in May 2013. Ongoing efforts to produce the report are pending additional funding.</p> <p><u>Indicator Coordination</u>: SGC is working with OPR, CDPH, and others to coordinate data and indicator projects throughout the State. Current efforts focus on recommending indicators for the State’s Environmental Goals and Policies.</p>

## **Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council March 2014 - May 2014**

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 different State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. The mandate that created the Office of Health Equity (OHE), housed within CDPH, requires the office and Task Force to work collaboratively to advance health equity in California. This update report shares highlights of Task Force work for the period of activity from March through May of this year. Progress continues on eight implementation plans endorsed by the SGC.

### **Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:**

- A productive and well-attended Task Force meeting was held in May 2014 to review progress and new opportunities for cross-sectorial collaboration to advance healthy and sustainable communities, with a particular focus on active transportation (e.g. walking, biking, and public transit), prioritizing and renewing implementation plans, and strengthening partnership with OHE.
- The Task Force continues to prioritize **Active Transportation** as a key indicator of healthy and sustainable communities. Task Force members have held a series of meetings with State partners and non-government stakeholders to document progress in this area and agree upon new goals, objectives, and action steps for the Task Force's 2014 Active Transportation Renewal Implementation Plan.
- Promoting **Access to Healthy Food** remains a growing area of interest for the Task Force.
  - The Task Force's State Food Procurement Work Group, a multi-agency partnership of nine government entities, collaborated to create nutrition guidelines for healthy food procurement and food service in California's state adult correctional facilities. By applying these voluntary guidelines to specific food purchasing contracts, the Department of General Services (DGS) is supporting healthy food purchasing and menu planning by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the general adult prison population. Since many institutions use DGS food purchasing contracts, this presents opportunities for a variety of entities, including local jails, to purchase healthier foods.
  - Demonstrating the importance of cross-agency staffing, HiAP staff placed a graduate intern within the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Farm to Fork Office. The office is a product of collaboration between CDPH and the Department of Education. The intern will specifically work with Farm to Fork staff and the Pittsburg (California) Unified School District to increase the amount of locally produced food served by the Contra Costa County School Food Service Buyer's Collaborative.
- At the request of Task Force members, staff are working with the Task Force to organize a series of topic-specific "HiAP Academy" educational events for deepening understanding on important topics related to advancing health, equity, and sustainability. The first of this series took place on March 17<sup>th</sup> and explored the legal basis for health as a human right. A number of colleagues from state agencies engaged in a robust discussion about how a legal right to health is and could be integrated into policy and decision making.

- At the request of the Task Force, staff partnered with the Office of Planning and Research to facilitate an opportunity for members to provide input to the Governor's **Environmental Goals and Policy Report**. Six departments and agencies participated, and the discussion focused on the proposed vision, goals, and indicators for the report.

**Highlights of infrastructure and capacity development for the Task Force:**

- The Task Force has expanded its membership to include the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the California Government Operations Agency, and the Department of General Services. Each of these organizations brings the potential to pursue new opportunities to promote health, equity, and sustainability.
- The Governor's proposed budget for FY 2014-15 includes four positions at CDPH with funding from CDPH that are needed in order for CDPH to facilitate and provide technical assistance to the Task Force. There has been strong testimony in favor of the proposal at both Assembly and Senate health committee hearings.
- The Office of Health Equity strategic planning process continues to gather stakeholder expertise across diverse policy areas. The Task Force has been engaged in providing input on the strategic priorities of the plan as per authorizing statutes of the Office of Health Equity. In order to achieve greater health equity, high-level policy change regarding the social determinants of health (environment, housing, food, transportation, employment, etc.) are necessary, which is why the legislation describes an important link between the Task Force and the Office of Health Equity. A Task Force representative is a member of the Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.

**Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:**

- In April, HiAP staff at both CDPH and PHI provided a day-long Health in All Policies workshop to public health leaders in several counties in the San Joaquin Valley including Merced, Tulare, Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera, and Kern.
- The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for Health in All Policies work outside of the State of California. In recent months, HiAP staff have engaged in conversations with stakeholders across the country, including with leadership in Virginia and New Hampshire, as well as the World Health Organization.
- The chair of the HiAP Housing Siting and Air Quality work group participated on an interagency panel on the housing, health, planning and mitigation near roadway issues on March 25th at the Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference in Huntington Beach.
- Participating as members of the Advisory Committee of the pending California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP), HiAP Housing Siting and Air Quality work group representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development and CDPH are providing input intended to facilitate mitigation of near roadway impacts on sensitive populations. The Draft CFMP, drafted by Caltrans, includes a chapter on "Community and Environmental Context," along with recommendation strategies to advance a goal to "Avoid and reduce adverse environmental and community impacts of the freight transportation system." The California Air Resources Board is working on a Freight Strategy in coordination with development of the CFMP.

For further information please see [www.sgc.ca.gov/hiap](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/hiap) or contact [hiap@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@cdph.ca.gov).