

CALIFORNIA MPO RTP/SCS SELF ASSESSMENT

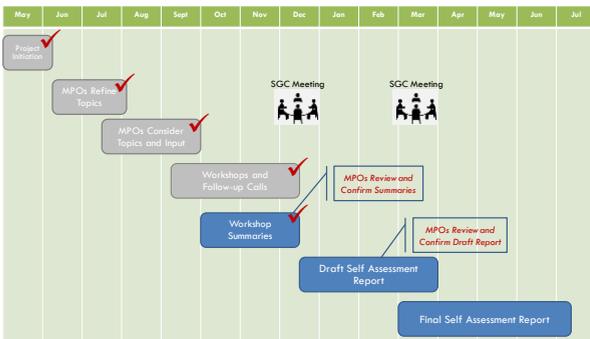
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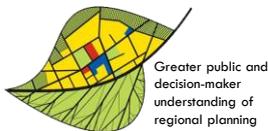
Self-Assessment Project Schedule



Self-Assessment Purpose

- Evaluate MPOs experiences from the first round of RTPs/SCSs/RHNAs
- Document successes from the RTP/SCS/RHNA process
- Recommend improvements for future rounds of RTPs/SCSs/RHNAs
 - How can State agencies and others provide better direction and assistance in future rounds of RTP/SCSs?

Observation: Positive Outcomes of SB 375



Greater public and decision-maker understanding of regional planning



Greater emphasis on alternative transportation modes



Greater cooperation and more partnerships locally, regionally, and statewide

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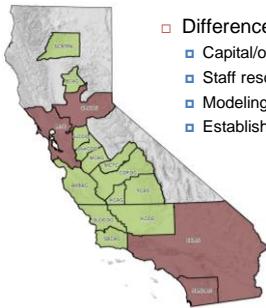
Improved performance tracking and implementation monitoring



Higher public and local agency participation and involvement

Observation: Regional Characteristics

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- Differences between Large and Small MPOs
 - ▣ Capital/operating budgets
 - ▣ Staff resources
 - ▣ Modeling requirements/capabilities
 - ▣ Established transit systems

Observation: Regional Characteristics

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Rural Communities



- Outlying, isolated cities and communities
- Low densities and limited employment
- Limited transportation infrastructure
- Limited or no transit service
- Longer commutes by automobile
- Little support for higher densities

Urban Areas



- Multiple, well connected cities
- High densities and employment
- Extensive transportation infrastructure
- Well-connected transit systems

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Observation: Obstacles to Implementation

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- For MPOs
 - ▣ Competing Federal and State objectives
 - ▣ Conflicting stakeholder expectations
 - ▣ Greater resource and funding demands
 - ▣ Limited infrastructure and transit funding



Observation: Obstacles to Implementation

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- For Local Governments
 - ▣ Lack of tools for infill (i.e., no Redevelopment)
 - ▣ Aging water/sewer infrastructure to support infill and higher-intensity development



Observation: Obstacles to Implementation

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- For Developers and Stakeholders
 - ▣ High design, environmental analysis, and construction cost of infill and mixed-use
 - ▣ Public opposition to higher densities and intensification of uses



Topical Issues and Challenges Addressed

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- RTP/SCS Update Timing and Resources
- GHG Target Setting Process* – *not the targets*
- Public Outreach and Education
- Models and Data
- Performance Measures
- RHNA Process and Determination*
- CEQA Review and Streamlining
- Other Issues and Challenges

*Topic addressed only as an issue area. MPOs and State agencies are currently exploring ways to improve these topics under separate, parallel efforts.

Recommendations

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1. Changes to State statutes and administrative actions that improve process and outcomes
2. Assistance and resources for RTP/SCS updates, program implementations, and performance monitoring
 - Assistance with specific RTP/SCS tasks (e.g., data gathering)
 - Funding to prepare, update, and implement RTP/SCSs
3. Funding for regions to allocate to local agencies for transportation infrastructure and transit service
 - Resources and funding for local agencies to build, operate, and maintain transportation systems
4. Identify issues for further dialogue among agencies

Next Steps

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1. MPO review and refinement of issues and recommendations
2. State agency consultation on preliminary issues and recommendations
3. Draft Self-Assessment Report
4. SGC Hearing on Draft Self-Assessment Report
5. Final Report

Discussion

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- Questions and discussion