PRIORITY 3:
HOUSING, CLIMATE, AND EQUITY

Progress Report – June 2024

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INTRODUCTION

In December 2022, the Strategic Growth Council passed a resolution calling for a coordinated approach to housing, climate, and equity efforts that support strategic and inclusive growth across California ("Council Priority 3" or "Priority 3"). Council Priority 3 aims to improve access to affordable housing in healthy and amenity-rich communities, provide a variety of mobility options that reduce the need to drive, and preserve and ensure access to natural and working lands.

This report summarizes key achievements, milestones covered, and challenges encountered in implementing the Priority 3 Work Plan submitted to the Council in April 2023. The first section presents a high-level overview of Council Priority 3, including key goals and objectives. The following section presents progress on actions in the Work Plan, including key highlights of complete or in-progress actions. The final section summarizes areas of focus for 2024-25, including additional actions identified since submitting the Draft Work Plan in April 2023.

COUNCIL PRIORITY 3: HOUSING, CLIMATE, AND EQUITY

California is experiencing acute and entwined housing and climate crises, the impacts of which are driving and amplifying widening racial and economic equity gaps across the state. Addressing these challenges requires changing how California builds and connects communities through strategic growth: an inclusive, coordinated, interagency approach to development and conservation that helps protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more resilient, vibrant, and socially diverse.

Coordinating agency activities related to housing, climate, and equity is a core mandate of the Strategic Growth Council authorizing statute. Specifically, the statute directs the Council to identify and review activities of participating agencies that may be coordinated to increase the availability of affordable housing and meet the goals of our state's climate change policies. SGC's Resolution on Housing, Climate, and Equity (Priority 3) creates a framework for elevating and coordinating the growing number of goals, policies, and programs designed to address the state's entwined housing, climate, and equity crises. Leveraging the Council's position as a public interagency body, Priority 3 aims to build awareness of and access to opportunities across the state through a combination of public engagement, technical assistance, and coordination across traditional silos of policy and planning. Priority 3 aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance community resilience while advancing equity and expanding the number of Californians sharing the state's economic and environmental wealth.

To support Council Priority 3 implementation, SGC Staff developed a two-year work plan designed to operationalize the goals of Priority 3. The work plan draws on a review of existing recommendations and input gathered through a [Request for Information released in March 2023](#). The work plan is comprised of short and medium-term actions and objectives and is organized by three goals:

1. Ensure existing opportunities to simultaneously advance the State's housing, climate, and equity objectives are utilized to their full potential.
2. **Identify additional tools and strategies to meet the State's housing, climate, and equity goals in a coordinated** way and at the scale and pace necessary to close existing gaps and meet the urgency of current and projected needs.
3. Improve coordination and information sharing between State, local, federal, and Tribal partners at the nexus of housing, climate, and equity.

The work plan draws on the experience and expertise of three existing interagency groups: 1) The Housing, Transportation, Climate, and Conservation Subcommittee of the Housing and Transportation Working Group; 2) the Conservation and Housing Education Group; 3) the Building Decarbonization Working Group. SGC Staff will coordinate with and across these groups throughout the work plan to identify specific plans, policies, programs, and workstreams to be elevated through the Council Priority.

Progress on each action in the Work Plan is monitored by the Housing, Transportation, Climate, and Conservation (HTC+C) Subcommittee of the interagency Housing and Transportation Work Group. HTC+C meets monthly to evaluate progress and discuss any necessary modifications to the plan. HTC+C submits regular updates to SGC staff, informing progress reports to the Strategic Growth Council.

In addition to progress reports, at least one (1) public Council meeting annually serves as a forum to share measurable actions and best practices implemented, highlight success stories, and discuss remaining barriers. These public Council meetings, combined with additional outreach and engagement strategies in the work plan, foster public engagement throughout the Council Priority while creating a framework for visibly connecting public input to State action.

Additionally, the HTC+C, in coordination with SGC staff, generates an annual progress report, which documents key accomplishments made to implement the actions listed in the plan. This progress report also provides recommendations for new or revised actions that should be undertaken as necessary in response to the state's changing conditions and evolving needs.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION STATUS

One (1) year into Council Priority 3 implementation, lead agencies have made significant progress aligning with Council Priority 3 goals. The Work Plan includes twenty-seven (27) actions. Actions have been classified as:

● Complete — the action has been fulfilled as written;

● In progress —the action has made significant progress toward completion or is an ongoing activity;

● Not started — discussions regarding how to initiate or implement the action are yet to begin.

As summarized in Figure 1, of the twenty-seven (27) Priority 3 actions, four (4) were reported as complete as of May 2024, seventeen (17) are reported as in progress, and six (6) have not yet started. The following section includes a selection of highlights drawn from completed and in-progress actions. The implementation progress and status of all actions are included in Appendix A.
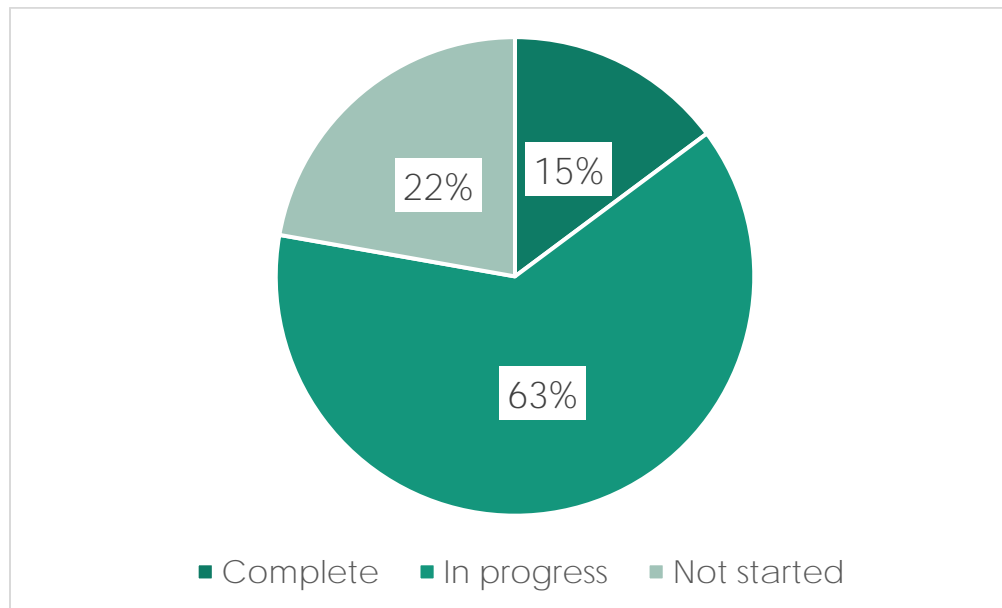

Figure 1 Priority 3 Actions Items by Implementation Status

Key Highlights

A1: Inventory of State policies, programs, and funding opportunities at the nexus of housing, climate, and equity.
The Priority 3 (P3) Inventory, completed in June 2023, includes agency and interagency efforts, third-party involvement, tribal efforts, and legislation related to P3. While not exhaustive, the inventory consists of forty-nine (49) initiatives organized by sector, initiative type, and primary area of focus. The inventory will be used to support future analysis of the existing policy landscape, which will examine (1) opportunities for greater alignment across existing efforts, (2) local government capacity and ability to implement state policy, (3) the current level of coordination on data, legislation, and regulation, and (4) how Tribal efforts are being factored into this conversation.

A3: Develop implementation strategies for selected recommendations contained in the Draft 2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report), the 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix E Sustainable and Equitable Communities, the California Transportation Assessment (AB 285 Report), and other relevant reports
In late 2023 / early 2024, HTC+C members reviewed approximately one hundred (100) recommended actions contained in the SB 150 Report and the Scoping Plan Appendix E. Members were asked to review the recommendations in relation **to their agency's priority actions for 2024, existing activities, and interest in** pursuing the work, focused on those recommendations with a clear alignment with Priority 3. While the exercise was intended to identify gaps to inform HTC+C priorities for 2024-25, the analysis identified numerous instances in which HTC+C-member agencies are already implementing recommended actions. Table 1 summarizes four specific examples identified through this analysis.

2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report)

Recommendation	Existing Action
Action 1.B: State and regional agencies could expand data sharing, such as providing open access to parcel data and priority development area shapefiles.	California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) data is now accessible via the California Open Data Portal and HCD's dedicated Housing Open Data Tools website. HCD also created the first HCD Data Strategy and collaborated with the Department of General Services on a map of 'Housing and Local Land Development Opportunities'.

2022 Scoping Plan Appendix E Sustainable and Equitable Communities (Appendix E)

Recommendation	Existing Action
Action 4.3.C: Scale-up factory-built housing production, including investing in workforce development, boosting participation in the construction industry, and establishing labor standards, to reduce the time and cost of delivering multifamily infill housing and accelerate the infill housing pipeline.	SGC's <u>Factory-Built Housing Pre-Development Pilot Program</u> has $12 million available to fund pre-development activities for factory-built housing manufacturers applying to the <u>U.S. Department of Energy's Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program</u>. Pre-development activities include evaluating site feasibility, infrastructure planning, and developing Community Benefits Plans.
Action 4.3.D: Leverage the State's Prohousing designation by expanding incentives in State funding programs – including transportation and other non-housing programs– for local jurisdictions to adopt pro-housing policies, especially in ways that increase infill housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).	California Air Resources Board (CARB) integrated Prohousing principles into the <u>Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)</u>, <u>Clean Mobility in Schools (CMIS)</u>, and <u>Planning and Capacity Building (CPB)</u> funding programs by allowing grantees to use grant funding to adopt plans and policies to accelerate housing production consistent with the Prohousing Designation Program.

*Table 1 Examples of existing actions related to recommendations contained in the **2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report)** and 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix E Sustainable and Equitable Communities (Appendix E)*

A7: Implementation workshops with local and regional planners focused on barriers and opportunities to leverage existing policies and practices

In June 2023, SGC, <u>CivicWell's California Climate & Energy Collaborative</u>, the California Air Resources Board, and the California Energy Commission held the first State/Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) meeting. SLECC meetings serve as a statewide communication and ideation hub to help State and local entities identify priority needs and co-create operational solutions to advance place-based energy and climate action focused on buildings, transportation, and land use. SLECC has hosted three additional virtual meetings and will hold an in-person meeting focused on the role

of State agencies in supporting local government access to federal funding at the 2024 California Climate & Energy Collaborative forum.

On October 26, SLECC hosted a two-hour workshop at the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center in Barrio Logan, CA, focused on strengthening State-local coordination to meet the goals of SGC's Resolution on Housing, Climate, and Equity. Held in conjunction with the SGC Council meeting in Barrio Logan, the workshop was an opportunity to learn about new State tools and opportunities and the experiences of planners and other practitioners seeking to employ State resources to address local housing, climate, and equity objectives.

A 9: Identify opportunities to decrease burdens on individuals and organizations applying for State funds related to housing, climate, and equity.
The Better Funding Report, produced by Prosper Sustainably with support and guidance from several organizations, including SGC, synthesizes and catalogs themes gathered through years of active input generously given by community-serving practitioners, including local and tribal governments and those that work with them. Better Funding explores how State and federal agencies can "better" fund local and tribal climate needs and proposes piloting a new, potentially "ideal" approach to funding deployment, which would incrementally fund climate projects on a rolling basis and provide regional-based project scoping support.

A14: Housing, Climate, and Equity education series for State government.
SGC established the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series in July 2023 with support from HTC+C. Sessions are hosted quarterly and feature interactive discussions led by experts on a specific subject. The four (4) sessions held to date have each attracted 30-40 attendees representing approximately ten (10) agencies and departments. Topics have included data and technical assistance tools to support location-efficient housing, regional coordination for housing and conservation, regenerative design, and strategies for addressing application burdens in State funding programs. The sessions aim to build awareness across State government of current efforts at the housing-climate-equity nexus while highlighting the experiences of those on the frontlines of implementing State policies.

A23: Technical assistance resources catered to the specific needs of California Native American Tribes.
Launched in 2024, SGC's Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American tribes, enhancing their staff capacity to advance tribes' climate-related work. The Pilot Program aims to help tribes develop long-term capacity to secure funding and implement tribal-led climate solutions. In 2024, a total of $1.45 million was awarded to the first six (6) Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program grantees, with each receiving up to

$250,000 to fund staff salaries and activities that advance each tribe's climate-related work over a two-year grant term. These activities may include planning, securing funding for, and implementing climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects.

A26: Evaluate the overlap of health, housing, and climate change, and explore options to leverage Medi-Cal funding/services/providers to address needs of homeless, transitional housing, and those with needs for housing with supportive services.

California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) and its member Departments, including the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), continue to explore, develop, and implement options to leverage Medi-Cal funding/services/providers to address homelessness, including:

- As part of the 5-year transformation of California's Medicaid Program (CalAIM), Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) may offer fourteen (14) **'Community Supports'** to eligible Medi-Cal members, including certain housing-related services (i.e., housing deposits, housing transition and navigation services, and housing tenancy and sustaining services).
- DHCS is also concluding the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP), which provided financial incentives to MCPs to improve their capacity to connect members to housing services.
- DHCS is also allocating $1.5 billion through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program to fund shelter/interim housing, rental assistance, and auxiliary funding in Assisted Living Settings for people experiencing homelessness with serious behavioral health conditions.
- In February 2024, California was selected to participate in the **federal** "Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator" initiative. The California core team is led by CalHHS and DHCS and supported by the Department of Aging, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH), and HCD. The Accelerator will help California, along with seven (7) other states and the District of Columbia, unlock critical resources to reduce homelessness by strengthening partnerships across housing, disability, aging, and health sectors, accessing available federal programs and resources, and maximizing federal flexibilities to help keep people healthy.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

The 2024 Priority 3 Progress Report demonstrates encouraging trends toward a coordinated approach to housing, climate, and equity efforts that support strategic and inclusive growth across California. Throughout 2024-25, HTC+C will continue to monitor those actions that are in progress or have not yet started and provide guidance and support to the lead agencies to accomplish them within this timeframe. Proposals for beginning actions that have not yet started are included in Appendix A.

Council Priority 3's emphasis on interagency and State-local engagement has led to the identification of several opportunities for future action. Looking to 2024, themes and areas of interest to further commit to action within Council Priority 3 could include:

Pathways to Federal Funding

Building on Action 19: *Explore opportunities to position the State to access federal funding opportunities*, HTC+C could work with SGC member agencies to support planning and project implementation that meets the State's housing, climate, and equity goals. Specific actions may include the development of a project inventory of unfunded plans and projects that support the State's housing, climate, and equity goals and identifying opportunities to streamline pathways and match projects to additional resources, including Solar for All, the National Clean Investment Fund ("National Green Bank"), Elective pay / direct pay, SGC's Connecting Communities initiative, Build America Bureau financing, and US Department of Energy rebates and tax credits.

Ensuring projects ultimately receive funding could be supported through the formal coordination between State, local, and tribal governments. HTC+C could support expanding State/Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) meetings to include greater State agency and tribal government participation. Drawing on the REACH concept proposed in Better Funding and the Catalyst Conference Summary Papers, SLECC regional meetings could be used to pilot regional technical assistance hubs to submit local and tribal projects into a project pipeline to match with available financial assistance opportunities.

Administrative and Implementation Actions

Slow and burdensome administrative processes add to housing development costs, which presents additional barriers to infill development. HTC+C can leverage SLECC, the Housing, Climate, and Education series, and continued engagement with SGC-member agencies to explore and report as appropriate on administrative and implementation actions that can be adjusted to lower the cost per unit of housing in infill areas.

Excess Sites/Surplus Lands

In 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-06-19 authorizing HCD and the Department of General Services (DGS) to locate excess state land suitable for affordable housing development. Building on A5 *Understand and develop strategies to address barriers to implementing densification opportunities under existing policies* and A11: *Promote and improve access to resources available via the Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Open Data Tools platform, including the CEQA Site Check Tool and HCD's Excess Sites Tool*, HTC+C could support HCD's work on state excess sites/local surplus lands by sharing data and knowledge with partners across agencies, and supporting expansion of interagency technical assistance for State Excess Sites, Surplus Land Act (SLA) Programs, and housing that reduces vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Where housing is not deemed suitable on these sites, HTC+C could support pathways to meet Council Priority 3 goals related to conservation and agriculture (e.g., green space, urban agriculture, or co-location of land use types).

Continue Coordination on RHNA/SCS Alignment

HTC+C can continue to support Action 7: *Explore measures to provide greater consistency and alignment between Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA), Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs), and regional plans, such as strategic planning that prioritizes green space and conservation and encourages greater integration of state housing and conservation policy priorities.* HTC+C can leverage SLECC and the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series to share opportunities for stakeholder input and collaboration on policy and programmatic feedback. Through collaboration with CARB, HTC+C could leverage the California's Housing Future 2040 Report[1] to evaluate how new housing development and transportation projects advance state equity and climate goals.

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[1] Released in April 2024, California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Report, fulfills HCD's obligation under Health and Safety Code Section 50515.05 to submit a report to the Legislature with HCD's findings and recommendations to improve the RHNA process

Agriculture and Conservation

SGC's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program, administered by the Department of Conservation, allows up to $500,000 for planning projects that integrate development and conservation. HTC+C could work with the SALC program to assess funded planning projects, identify examples that integrate development and conservation in ways that advance the objectives of Council Priority 3, and work with SGC to explore guideline modifications if required. This work could also highlight existing integrated conservation and development projects, such as the City of San Jose's Natural and Working Lands Element of the City's climate action plan. In addition, State or regional agencies could develop a resource for local agencies that further defines and illustrates how infill can be context-sensitive in different parts of California, including in rural areas and small towns, and offers policy templates for local adoption. An example to build on is the AMBAG's infill development toolkit to support local Sustainable Communities Strategy implementation.

Farmworkers play a vital **role in the operation and delivery of the state's food system. Despite this, farmworkers face** several **economic disadvantages compared to California's population as a whole**, resulting in increased vulnerability to climate impacts. Farmworkers tend to have low incomes, a higher risk of living in poverty, and limited access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing choices. HTC+C, in partnership with SGC, CDFA, BCHS, and the California Department of Conservation (DOC), could commit to exploring opportunities for farm and agricultural worker housing in voluntary development easements of SALC grants. This work could also assess the farmworker housing inventory, its spatial relationship to agricultural land, and how to ensure sufficient stock for this population.

Additional Tools and Strategies

Under **Priority 3's goal to "identify additional tools and strategies to meet the State's housing, climate, and equity goals in** a coordinated way and at the scale and pace necessary to close existing gaps and meet the urgency of current and **projected needs," and Action 18 and Action 21 from** the Priority 3 Work Plan (see below), HTC+C can build on existing State and non-state analyses to develop a summary of potential high-impact tools and strategies that are not yet part of **the State's interagency efforts, b**ut that could accelerate progress toward State housing, climate, and equity goals. This summary should include an analysis of resources – e.g., capacity, funding, data, etc. –needed to pursue these additional measures.

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and methodology that promotes and streamlines housing development and substantially addresses California's housing shortage. and outlines the changes HCD believes are necessary to ensure that the RHNA process appropriately plans for the homes that will be needed across the state by the year 2040.

APPENDIX A: GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS

Goal 1: Ensure existing opportunities to simultaneously advance the State's housing, climate, and equity objectives are utilized to their full potential.

Strategy 1.1: Improve internal and external understanding of California's housing and climate policy landscape

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
1	Compile an inventory of State policies, programs, and funding opportunities at the nexus of housing, climate, and equity.	SGC and HTC+C developed a searchable inventory that includes forty-nine (49) initiatives organized by sector, initiative type, and primary area of focus.	Complete
2	Gather and analyze data on the allocation of State funding and other opportunities intended to support strategic growth.	HTC+C will explore opportunities to begin this work in coordination with the SGC's Connecting Communities Initiative	Not started

Strategy 1.2: Evaluate, prioritize, and develop strategies to implement existing non-budgetary and non-legislative recommendations

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
3	Develop implementation strategies for selected recommendations contained in the Draft 2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report), the 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix E Sustainable and Equitable Communities, the California Transportation Assessment (AB 285 Report), and other relevant reports.	HTC+C reviewed and identified existing actions related to recommendations in the SB 150 Report and the 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix E. Additional information is included under 'Key Highlights.'	In progress
4	Develop implementation strategies for selected recommendations on building electrification and reducing embodied carbon in building materials in the 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix F Building Decarbonization and other relevant reports.	The interagency Housing and Building Decarbonization Working Group (H+BD WG) is currently focusing on supporting zero-emission appliances and buildings. Furthermore, pursuant to AB 2446 and AB 43, CARB has begun developing a framework for measuring and reducing embodied carbon from materials used in building construction.	In progress

5	Understand and develop strategies to address barriers to implementing densification opportunities under existing policies.	This topic has been a general area of focus across monthly HTC+C meetings, the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series, and the SLECC convenings. In 2024-25, HTC+C will focus on specific opportunities related to excess state-owned property and surplus local public land that is both available and suitable for housing development and identify ways processes, permits, and other administrative actions can lower the cost per unit of housing in infill areas.	In progress
6	Explore measures to provide greater consistency and alignment between Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA), Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs), and regional plans, such as strategic planning that prioritizes green space and conservation and encourages greater integration of state housing and conservation policy priorities.	California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA, produced by HCD, includes recommendations for the legislature to improve RHNA and RTP/SCS alignment. CARB, CalSTA, Caltrans, and HCD continue to engage in this work.	In progress

Strategy 1.3: Identify and remove barriers to accessing and implementing opportunities

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
7	Convene implementation workshops with local and regional planners, community-based organizations, and stakeholder groups focused on barriers and opportunities to leverage existing policies and practices.	In June 2023, SGC, CivicWell's California Climate & Energy Collaborative, the California Air Resources Board, and the California Energy Commission held the first State/Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) meeting. SLECC meetings serve as a statewide communication and ideation hub to help State and local leaders improve coordinated efforts to more rapidly unlock the unique potential of California regions and communities to address energy and climate goals.	In progress
8	Explore opportunities for more holistic and context-specific accounting of climate and equity benefits of housing development patterns by, for example, assessing benefits and costs at the regional rather than project scale.	SGC is exploring opportunities to develop an online tool to estimate the fiscal, social, economic, and environmental costs of proposed development projects, pending funding.	Not started

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
9	Identify opportunities to decrease burdens on individuals and organizations applying for State funds related to housing, climate, and equity.	SGC and HTC+C have explored the issue of application burden through the Housing, Climate, and Equity Education series and implementation workshops co-convened with SLECC. Prosper **Sustainably's** Better Funding Report, developed with SGC and other organizations, contains specific opportunities to decrease the burden on individuals and organizations applying for State climate, housing, and equity funding.	In progress
10	Evaluate and develop implementation strategies for recommendations in the HCD Data Strategy and the Statewide Data Strategy (ODI/GovOps) to address data gaps and streamline existing data and mapping tools.	The Housing & Transportation Workgroup Data Subcommittee is exploring pathways to enhance cross-departmental data collaboration and opportunities for shared datasets/tools.	In progress
11	Promote and improve access to resources available via the Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Open Data Tools platform, including the CEQA Site Check Tool and HCD's Excess Sites Tool.	The first Housing, Climate, and Equity Education Series session featured an overview and interactive discussion on Housing Open Data Tools, including the CEQA Site Check Tool and HCD's Excess Sites Tool. HTC+C will work with SLECC to promote and improve access to these tools for non-state entities.	In progress

Goal 2: Identify and elevate additional tools and strategies to meet the State's housing, climate, and equity goals in a coordinated way and at the scale and pace necessary to close existing gaps and meet the urgency of current and projected needs.

Strategy 2.1: Provide opportunities for public input on State policies and programs

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
12	Use a minimum of one (1) public Council Meeting annually as a forum to share measurable actions and best practices implemented, highlight success stories, and discuss remaining barriers.	The October 2023 SGC Council meeting featured a panel discussion on how local and regional implementers engage with State housing and climate policies and programs. The June 2024 SGC Council meeting will feature a discussion on Priority 3 progress and remaining barriers.	Complete

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
13	Solicit public input to understand how program criteria and application processes shape project designs and how state funding might influence which types of climate-advantageous projects are pursued and why.	In March 2023, SGC issued a public request for information (RFI) to identify solutions and education opportunities to make State climate, housing, and equity investments and policy solutions more accessible and usable for local, regional, and community implementers. Input gathered through the RFI informed the Draft Priority 3 Work Plan. SGC and HTC+C will continue to solicit public input through SLECC, the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series, and SGC Council meetings.	In progress

Strategy 2.2: Elevate practices that generate the greatest community and individual impacts

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
14	Establish a Housing, Climate, and Equity education series for State government.	In July 2023, SGC and HTC+C established the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series. Sessions are hosted quarterly and feature interactive discussions led by experts on a specific subject. Topics have included data and technical assistance tools, regional coordination for housing and conservation, regenerative design, and strategies for addressing application burdens in State funding programs.	Complete
15	Expand the SGC Model Hub to include examples of implementation strategies that simultaneously meet housing, climate, and equity objectives.	The 2024 updates to the SGC Model Hub included a new model for Multi-benefit Projects. The model provides tools and resources for government funders seeking to pair infrastructure and climate adaptation funding with efforts that further the social determinants of health and economic prosperity.	Complete
16	Develop and implement a communications strategy based on clear, measurable health and community benefits to gain political and community acceptance for climate-aligned and equity-focused housing development.	SGC partnered with Dr. Dave Amos, Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to produce a YouTube video titled Can Infill Development Save Cities? This video, intended for a general audience, highlights the social and environmental benefits of infill development and the policies that can make infill development possible.	In progress

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
17	Utilize the SGC newsletter and social media channels to highlight success stories.	SGC will coordinate with HTC+C and SGC member agencies to solicit and publish success stories relevant to the goals and objectives of Priority 3.	Not started

Strategy 2.3: Identify and catalog new and additional tools and strategies needed to fully achieve State housing, climate, and equity goals

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
18	Identify additional tools and strategies (which may include budgetary and legislative approaches) that would be needed to fully achieve State housing and climate goals – including those identified in the Scoping Plan, Statewide Housing Plan, and the Priority 3 Request for Information – and identify additional actions needed to implement these (including those that extend beyond the Council Priority 3 implementation phase).	This topic has been a general area of focus across monthly HTC+C meetings, the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series, and the SLECC convenings. HTC+C will continue to engage with CARB to evaluate findings from State-funded research relevant to Priority 3 (see Action 20).	In progress
19	Explore opportunities to position the State to access federal funding opportunities.	In early 2024, SGC and BCSH convened a series of interagency workshops focused on using federal funding to support the decarbonization of affordable housing. HTC+C will continue this work in 2024-25 by matching unfunded but viable Priority 3-related projects to federal funding opportunities.	In progress
20	Conduct a review of the current literature on the housing-climate nexus.	CARB continues to support research on the housing-climate nexus. Active and recently completed projects include Potential State Roles in Expanding Transfer of Development Rights as a Tool for Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Opportunities to Address Past Inequity to Build Healthier, More Sustainable Communities, and Evaluating the Potential for Housing Development in Transportation-Efficient and Healthy, High-Opportunity Areas in California.	In progress

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
21	Develop a repository for new tools and strategies to inform future initiatives.	HTC+C will develop a repository of new tools and strategies, drawing on interagency and public input. Potential sources include the Housing, Climate, and Equity education series, SLECC meetings, CARB-supported research activities, and dedicated SGC Council meeting Priority 3 discussions.	Not started

Goal 3: Improve coordination and information sharing between State, local, federal, and Tribal partners at the nexus of housing, climate, and equity.

Strategy 3.1: Actively engage California Native American tribes and under-resourced communities

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
22	**Coordinate with the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs** and California Tribal Chairpersons Associations to develop a framework for engagement with California Tribes on housing, climate, and equity issues.	HTC+C will explore opportunities to begin this work through the Housing, Climate, and Education Series and seek opportunities under the Governor's Statement of Administration Policy Native American Ancestral Lands to support California tribes' co-management of and access to natural lands that are within a California tribe's ancestral land and under the ownership or control of the State of California.	Not started
23	**Promote the adoption and utilization of SGC's Tribal** Technical Assistance guidelines.	SGC's Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program provides funding and technical assistance to help tribes develop long-term capacity to secure funding and implement tribal-led climate solutions. In 2024, a total of $1.45 million was awarded to the first six Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program grantees, with each receiving up to $250,000 to fund staff salaries and activities that advance each tribe's climate-related work over a two-year grant term.	In progress

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
24	Identify opportunities to expand SGC's BOOST Program to help under-resourced cities and towns advance their housing, climate, and equity objectives.	SGC is working with the **Governor's Office, the** California Energy Commission, the Institute for Local Government, and other partners to develop a BOOST cohort focused on the cities in the Imperial Valley. This effort will support capacity building for these seven cities and the County of Imperial by providing training, planning assistance, grant-writing services, financial/grant management support, and helping to facilitate partnership development with local community-based organizations.	In progress

Strategy 3.2 Support ongoing efforts to match needs to appropriate funding sources

#	Action	Implementation progress	Status
25	Support the development of the Milken Institute 10k Communities Initiative to assist interested applicants in identifying and matching with appropriate funding sources so that small projects and smaller agencies can better pursue infrastructure projects.	**SGC's Connecting Communities** program is coordinating with the Milken Institute 10k Communities Initiative to assist interested applicants in identifying and matching with appropriate funding sources.	In progress
26	Evaluate the overlap of health, housing, and climate change, and explore options to leverage Medi-Cal funding/services/providers to address needs of homeless, transitional housing, and those with needs for housing with supportive services.	CalHHS and its member Departments, including the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), continue to explore, develop, and implement options to leverage Medi-Cal funding/services/providers to address homelessness. BCSH and HCD continue coordinating with HHS and other departments to leverage health funding for housing and homelessness.	In progress
27	Assess how various state agencies could be more aligned in supporting regional and local governments to achieve their housing, climate, and equity goals and implement Sustainable Communities Strategies.	HTC+C will explore opportunities to begin this work in coordination with CARB and SLECC.	Not started

APPENDIX B: RELEVANT ENTITIES

California Strategic Growth Council (SGC)

Council Agencies

Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH)

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

California Health and Human Services (CalHHS)

California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

Interagency Working Groups

Housing and Building Decarbonization Working Group (H+BD WG)

Housing and Transportation Working Group (H+T WG)

Housing and Transportation Working Group | Housing, Transportation, Climate, and Conservation Subcommittee (HTC+C)

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APPENDIX C: RELEVANT RESOURCES

- [2024 SGC Catalyst Conference Summary Papers](#)
- [Administration for Community Living (ACL) Housing and Services Resource Center Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator](#)
- [Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) Infill Development Toolkit](#)
- [Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program](#)
- [California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2022 Progress Report: California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report)](#)
- [California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC) 2024 Forum](#)
- [California Department of General Services (CDGS) Housing and Local Land Development Opportunities](#)
- [California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) - Organizations - California Open Data](#)
- [California Governor's Statement of Administration Policy Native American Ancestral Lands - September 2020](#)
- [California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)](#)
- [California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Authorizing Statute (CHAPTER 13. Strategic Growth Council and Climate Change Reduction [75120 - 75130])](#)
- [CARB 2022 Scoping Plan Appendix F Building Decarbonization](#)
- [CARB 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality, Appendix E](#)
- [CARB Clean Mobility in Schools (CMIS)](#)
- [CARB Draft 2022 Progress Report on California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 150 Report)](#)
- [CARB Evaluating the Potential for Housing Development in Transportation-Efficient and Healthy, High-Opportunity Areas in California - February 2024](#)
- [CARB Opportunities to Address Past Inequity to Build Healthier, More Sustainable Communities](#)
- [CARB Planning and Capacity Building](#)
- [CARB Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCSs)](#)
- [CARB Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)](#)
- [CARB, Potential State Roles in Expanding Transfer of Development Rights as a Tool for Greenhouse Gas Reduction](#)
- [City Beautiful YouTube Channel - Can Infill Development Save Cities? - August 2023](#)
- [City of San Jose's Natural and Working Lands Element](#)

- [CivicWell's California Climate & Energy Collaborative](#)
- [Department of Health Care Services (HCS) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM))](#)
- [Executive Order N-06-19](#)
- [Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) CEQA Site Check Tool](#)
- [HCD California Open Data Portal](#)
- [HCD California's Housing Future 2040 Report](#)
- [HCD Data Strategy](#)
- [HCD Excess Sites Local Government Matching Grants Program (LGMG)](#)
- [HCD Excess Sites Tool](#)
- [HCD Housing Open Data Tools](#)
- [HCD Housing Open Data Tools Platform](#)
- [HCD Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA)](#)
- [HCD Statewide Housing Plan](#)
- [HCD Surplus Land Act (SLA) Programs](#)
- [Office of Data and Innovation (ODI) and California Government Operations Agency (GovOps) Statewide Data Strategy](#)
- [OPR Developers' Guide to State Resources For Transportation-Efficient Housing](#)
- [Prosper Sustainably](#)
- [Prosper Sustainably's Better Funding Report June 2024](#)
- [SGC BOOST Program](#)
- [SGC California Transportation Assessment (AB 285 Report) - August 2022](#)
- [SGC Catalyst Model: Multi-benefit projects - Strategic Growth Council](#)
- [SGC Connecting Communities Initiative](#)
- [SGC Council Meeting in Barrio Logan](#)
- [SGC Factory-Built Housing Pre-Development Pilot Program](#)
- [SGC Model Hub](#)
- [SGC Multi-benefit Projects](#)
- [SGC Priority 3: Housing, Climate, And Equity Draft Work Plan – April 2023](#)
- [SGC Priority 3: Resolution on Housing, Climate, and Equity - December 2022](#)
- [SGC Public Request for Information (RFI) March 2023](#)
- [SGC Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program](#)

- [SGC Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy's Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program](#)
- [US Department of Health and Human Service Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator](#)
- [US Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Investment Fund](#)
- [US Environmental Protection Agency Solar for All](#)