

## MEMO

Date: December 6, 2012  
To: ABAG Executive Board  
From: Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director  
Subject: Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

ABAG staff is currently working on the development of the SCS Preferred Scenario based on the SCS Alternative Scenarios and local input. This Preferred Scenario is developed in coordination with the Regional Housing Need Allocation and the OneBayArea Grant.

### **SCS Alternative Scenarios**

ABAG and MTC staff have released five SCS Land Use Scenarios. The land use scenarios proposed criteria for a pattern of sustainable growth and a distribution of housing and jobs by Priority Development Area, city, and county. Four land use scenarios were released at the end of August 2011 and one scenario in December 2011. The transportation network scenarios and performance targets were release December 2011. We have had a continuous dialogue with planning staff and elected officials since the release of the first Initial Vision Scenario March 2011. During January 2012 we are conducting public workshops and community workshops that will provide additional input for the development of the SCS Scenario.

### **Preferred Scenario**

The Preferred Scenarios will include a proposal of policies and strategies to implement the SCS, a definition of reasonable regional housing and job growth by 2040, and the distribution of growth by Priority Development Area and city. This Preferred Scenario will be developed based on discussion and input on the Alternative Scenarios.

Local jurisdictions and stakeholders have identified key issues to inform the Preferred Scenario that staff is currently analyzing:

- Economic growth in light of current recession and changes in the regional economy.
- Housing and neighborhood needs for a large older population and increasing ethnic diversity
- Link between jobs, housing and income distribution
- Housing production cost, strategies and policies
- Development of complete communities

### **OneBayArea Grant**

Based on local input, MTC and ABAG staff have revised the OneBayArea Grant proposal to address the implementation of the SCS and local plans. Staff will present an overview of the proposed changes at the meeting.

**Recommended Action:** None