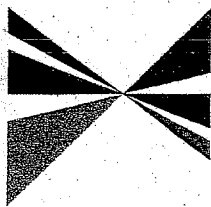


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RE: City of Carson Sustainable City Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Application Consistency with Regional Goals

Dear Mr. Gwynne,

The City of Carson has submitted its Sustainable Communities Planning Grant application summary to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for review regarding consistency with regional goals. SCAG is officially designated by the Federal and State governments as a Council of Governments (COG), a Multi-County Transportation Planning Agency, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Southern California region. As such, SCAG has a number of formal authorities and responsibilities, including:

- Preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- Preparation of Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocations for cities and counties
- Developing the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the 2012 RTP

The City of Carson proposes to use grant funds to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP has three main objectives. The first is to address green house gas emissions through more responsible development patterns. Second, the City intends to develop a model to help the community realize energy saving costs. By conducting an energy audit and quantifying the difference between more energy-efficient alternatives, residents can gain a better understanding of costs savings. And finally, the City would like to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by integrating more bicycle friendly streets via the Carson Street Master Plan update and Master Plan of Bikeways, analyzing travel patterns and improving network efficiency, as well as exploring alternative modes of transportation.

SCAG finds that the City of Carson's application would be consistent with Regional Transportation Plan goals and Compass Growth Visioning principles, as well as implement SB 375. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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