Achieving a Lower Carbon and More Sustainable Transportation System

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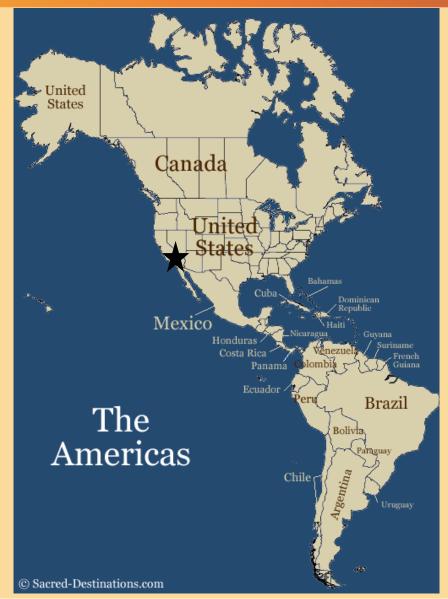
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Los Angeles

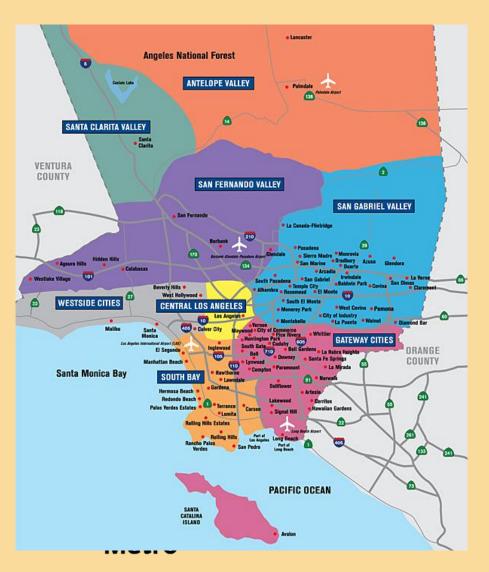






Los Angeles County

County with the largest economy in the United States



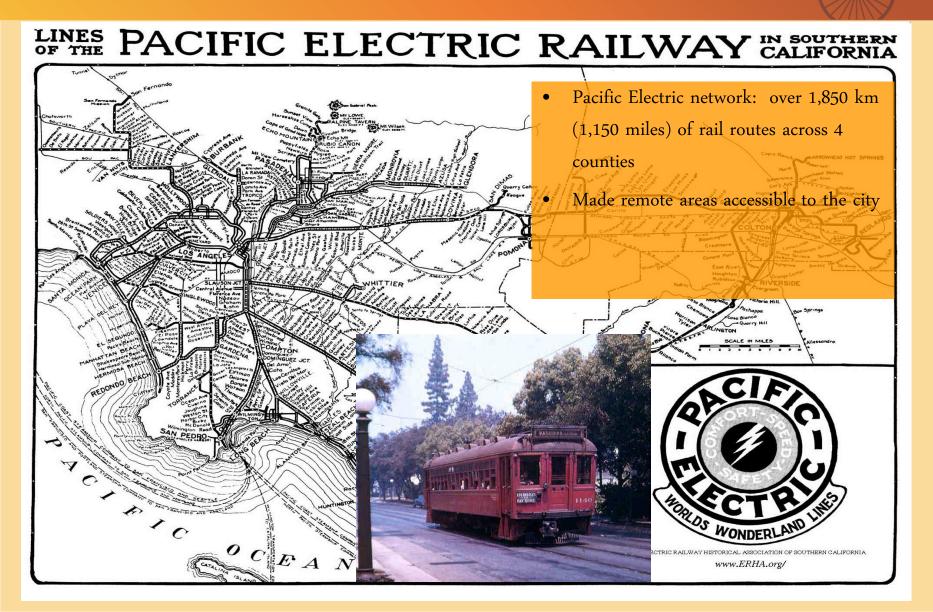
- 88 incorporated cities
- Large area 10,570 km²
 - Larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined
- Large Population
 - Over 10 million people in LA County (4 million in City of LA); 17.6 million in surrounding counties
 - More than 42 states
- Diverse More than 40% born outside of US over 220 languages spoken
- 17th largest economy in the world



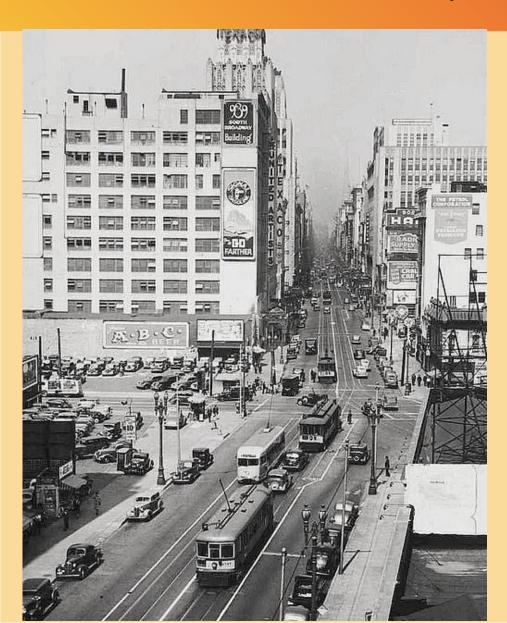
Growth in Los Angeles and Challenges to Sustainability



Historic land development and settlement spread across Southern California around a vast inter-urban rail system



Growth in Los Angeles skyrocketed in the early 20th Century



- Population grew between 1900 and 1950
 from 170,000 to 4,152,000
- Growth originally followed linear transit corridors
- After World War II, Los Angeles led the
 US and the world in developing a spread
 out model of development <u>centered around</u>
 the automobile

Focus on automobiles led to disinvestment in public transit



- By 1963, Los Angeles had completely dismantled its rail transit system
- Replaced by buses
- No longer profitable, the public took ownership of the transit lines



Federal, State and Local Investments in Freeways created the most vast freeway network in the nation





Congestion –

Los Angeles has the worst congestion in the U.S.



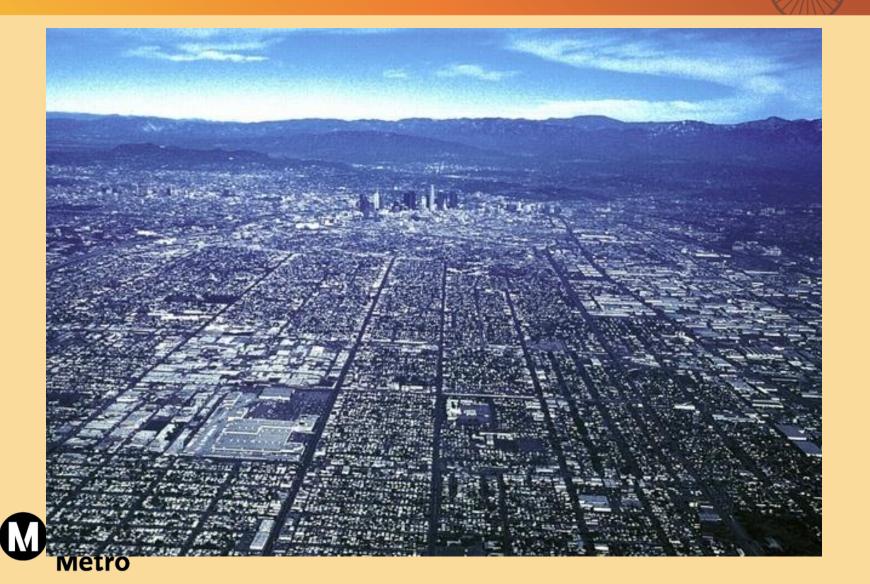




- Los Angeles County residents lose over 61 hours a year due to traffic delay
- Region ranked as the most congested in the nation for almost every year for the last 15 years

Unsustainable Development

Sprawl development resulted in no more room to grow





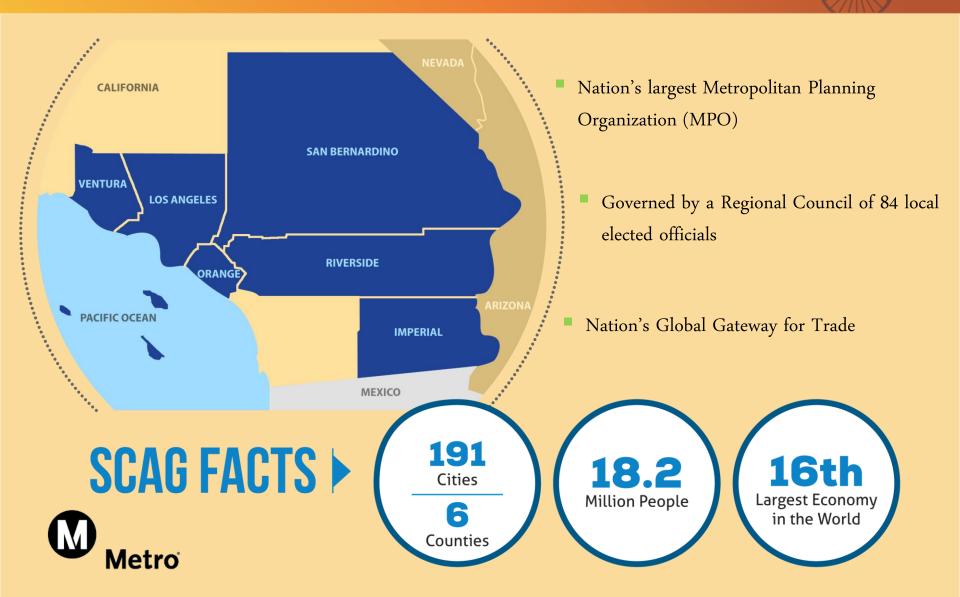
Addressing LA's Challenges

- Enhancing the Regional Transportation System
- Policies/Programs Supporting Sustainability



Southern California

Association of Governments (SCAG)



For Los Angeles County, Metro is...



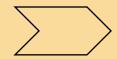
The Regional Planner





The Regional Builder





The Regional Operator



Metro



Urban Rail and Busways





14 Los Angeles County SYLMAR 118 210 WARNER 405 CENTER PASADENA (101) 134 NORTH EL MONTE 210 HOLLYWOOD (10) SANTA MONICA LAX NORWALK 91 LONG

36km (22 route miles) of busway

- 6 urban rail lines, 140 km (87 mi.), 81 stations
- 5 commuter rail lines to 5 surrounding counties

Existing Rail Lines and Busways



Expanding Transit Network



Commuter Rail System



- Started in 1992:
 - 3 Lines
 - 12 stations
 - 5,000 daily riders
- Today:
 - 7 Lines
 - 56 stations
 - 45,000 daily riders
 - 512 route miles
 (824 route km)



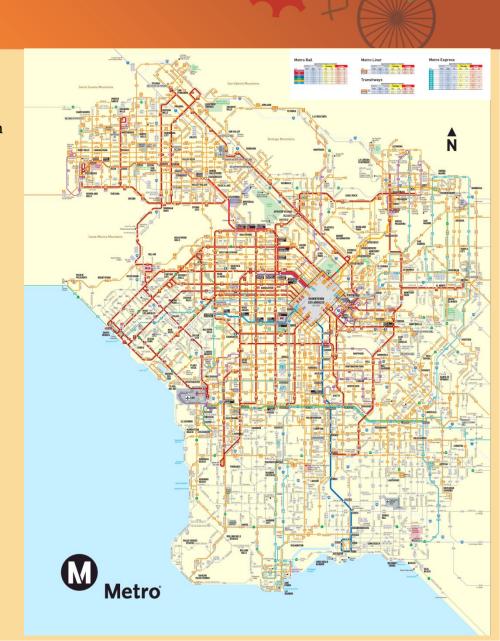


Metro Bus Network

- 3711 km² (1,433 miles²) service area, 183 bus routes,
- Daily Boardings: 1.1 million on buses; 300,000 on rail
- Clean-air fleet of over 2,635 CNG buses (the largest in the US)







Re-envisioning Union Station as a Premier Destination for Travelers, Residents and Visitors



- Opened May 1939
 - Hub for:
 - Light and Heavy Rail (Subway)
 - Commuter Rail (Metrolink)
 - Intercity Rail (Amtrak)
 - High Speed Rail
 - Intercity/Regional/Local Bus Lines



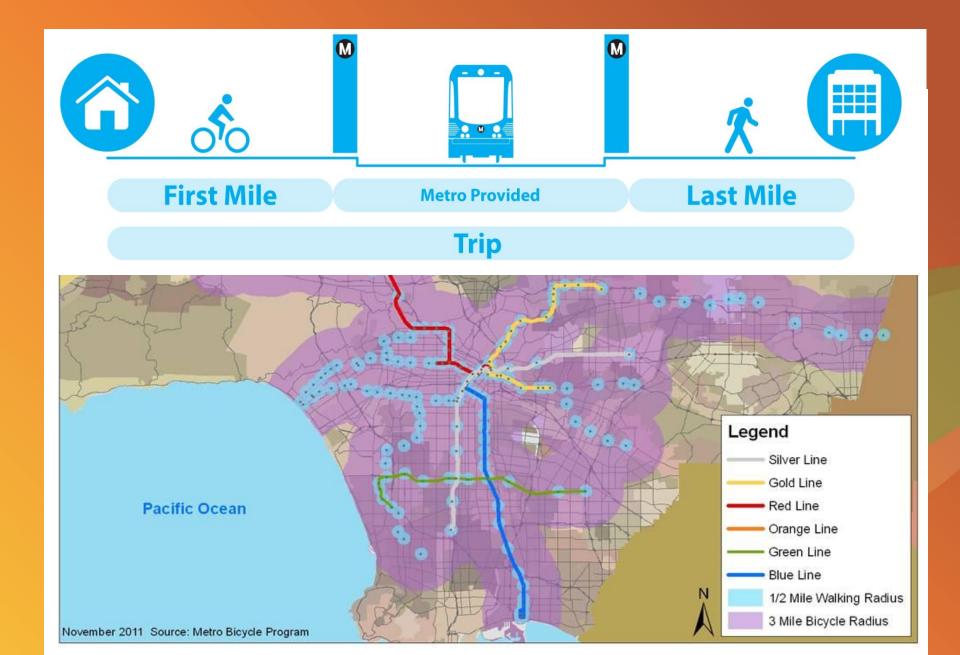


High Speed Rail





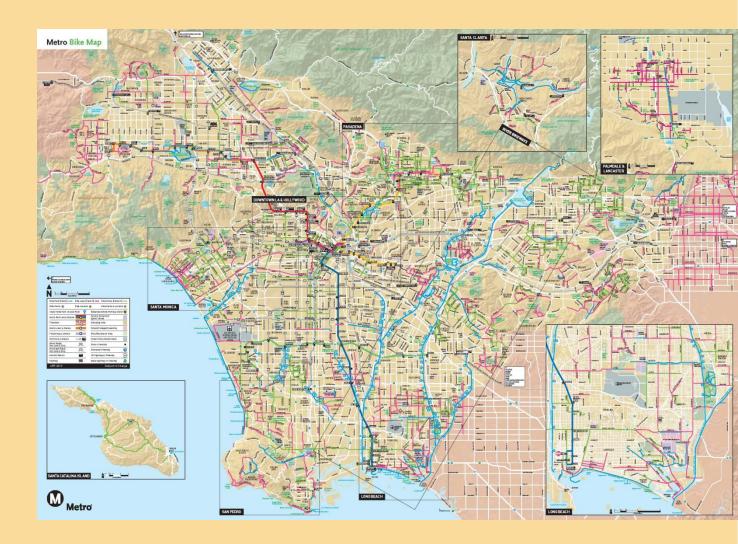
First-Last Mile Network



Bicycle Network



- Paths 403 km
- Lanes 774 km
- Routes 837 km





Transportation Demand Management and Carpooling







Policies & Programs

Supporting Sustainability

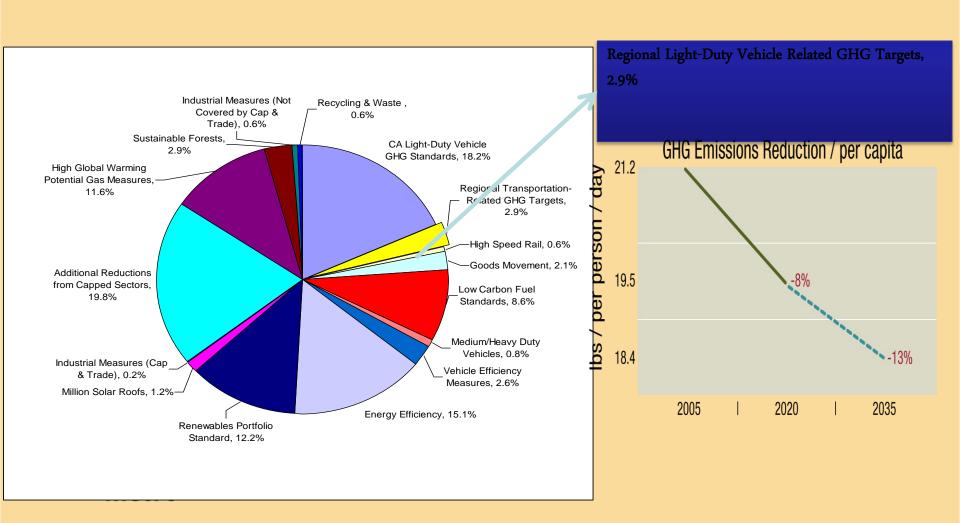
(Statewide/Regional/Local)



State of California Goals



Goal: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) to 1990 levels by 2020, and achieve 80% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050.



The Plan and Key Strategies

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy



- Almost \$525 billion in investments to improve the SCAG region's transportation system through 2035
- \$263 billion in capital investments
- \$217 billion in system operations, preservation, and

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ONLY 13%
capital investment
to highways

focus over
50%
growth within
3%
land area

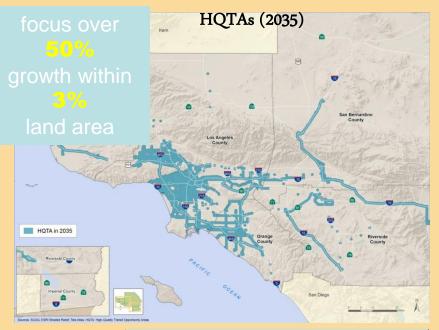
FROM 7:3
single- vs. multifamily units
TO 3:7



Outcomes of the RTP/SCS



A More Sustainable Region



State MandateSB 375 GHG Reduction

	Year	Target	RTP/SCS Results
	2020	8%	9%
le	2035	13%	16%

- Exceeded requirements
- Reduced GHG and VMT
- Improved health outcomes
- Economic growth and jobs
- Fresh outlook on transportation finance
- Many other co-benefits
 - -Energy, water, open space conservation

Joint-Work Program

Sustainable Communities Strategy Implementation

Collaborative work program adopted by regional planning agency and county transportation commission

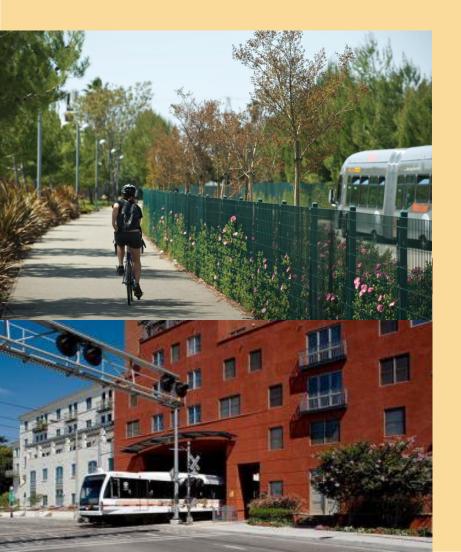
Plan benefits include:

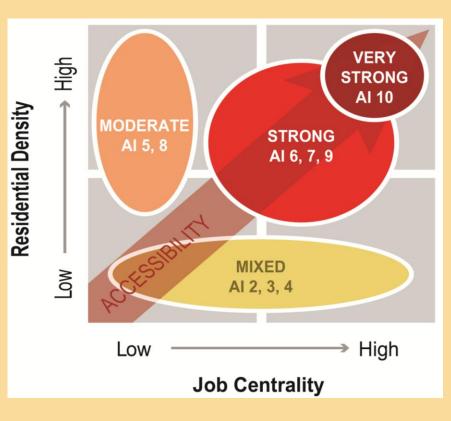
- 500,000 jobs/year
- Preserves 85 sq miles undeveloped land
- \$3,200 annual household savings





Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy





Transit-Oriented Development



Complete Streets Policy (Under Development)



Establishes "Standards of Excellence" for Active Design—address bicycle and pedestrian needs in all projects







Education/Outreach

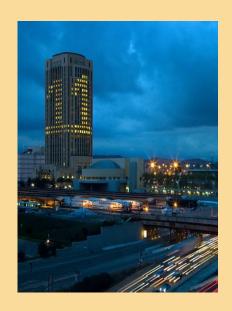




Green Business Practices



TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES











Los Angeles of the Future – More Livable, More Vibrant, More Sustainable





"This is a transformational era for Los
Angeles County...no longer will Los
Angeles be known as the car capital of the
world—it will be the cleanest and greenest
region in the United States of America."

Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor