



# Caltrans and Imperial County Team Building Forum

2012 RTP/SCS Development

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# Why Develop a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

- Required by Federal and State Laws
  - Without an approved RTP/Air Quality conformity, our Region could lose federal funding
  - Transportation Projects must be included in the RTP before they can be implemented
- Collective long-term vision to address our transportation needs and improve environment/ quality of life
  - Balancing revenues with our investment needs
  - Prioritizing transportation investment decisions for the region

# Key Requirements of the RTP

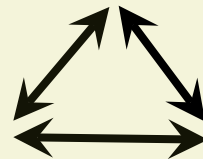
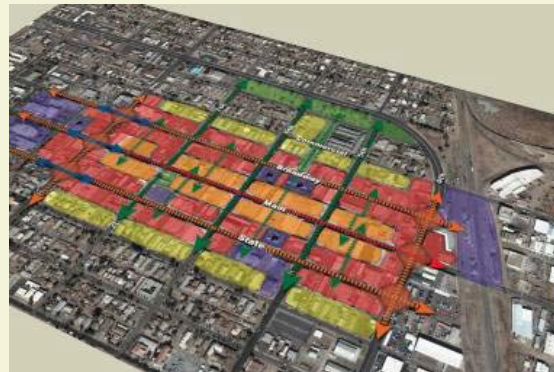
- Developed through a cooperative, collaborative and continuous (3C) process
- Financially constrained
- Transportation conformity (Clean Air Act)
- Comply with SB 375
- 20 year horizon (minimum)

# Key Components of the RTP

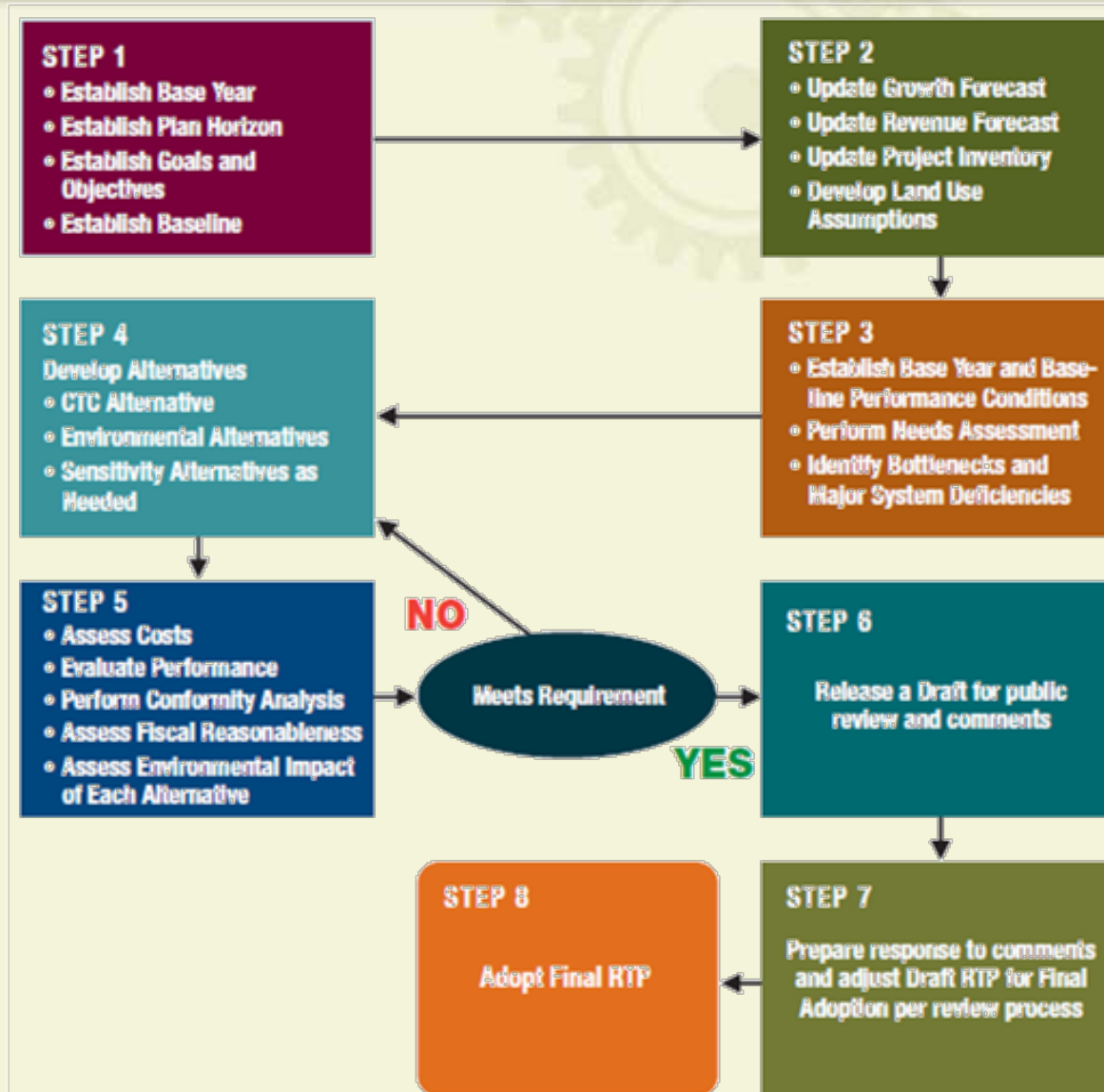
- Existing System Performance/Needs Assessment
- Growth Forecast/Demographic context
- Policy Element (goals and policy objectives)
- Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that achieves the GHG reduction targets
- Action Element (strategies, plans, and projects)
- Financial Element (costs and how do we pay)
- Plan performance (performance objectives, transportation conformity tests)

# Why Develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)?

- Per SB 375, RTP must now incorporate a SCS that will meet the regional Greenhouse Gas emission targets
- SCS to include eight required elements that integrate regional and local land use & housing strategies with transportation investments and transportation policies

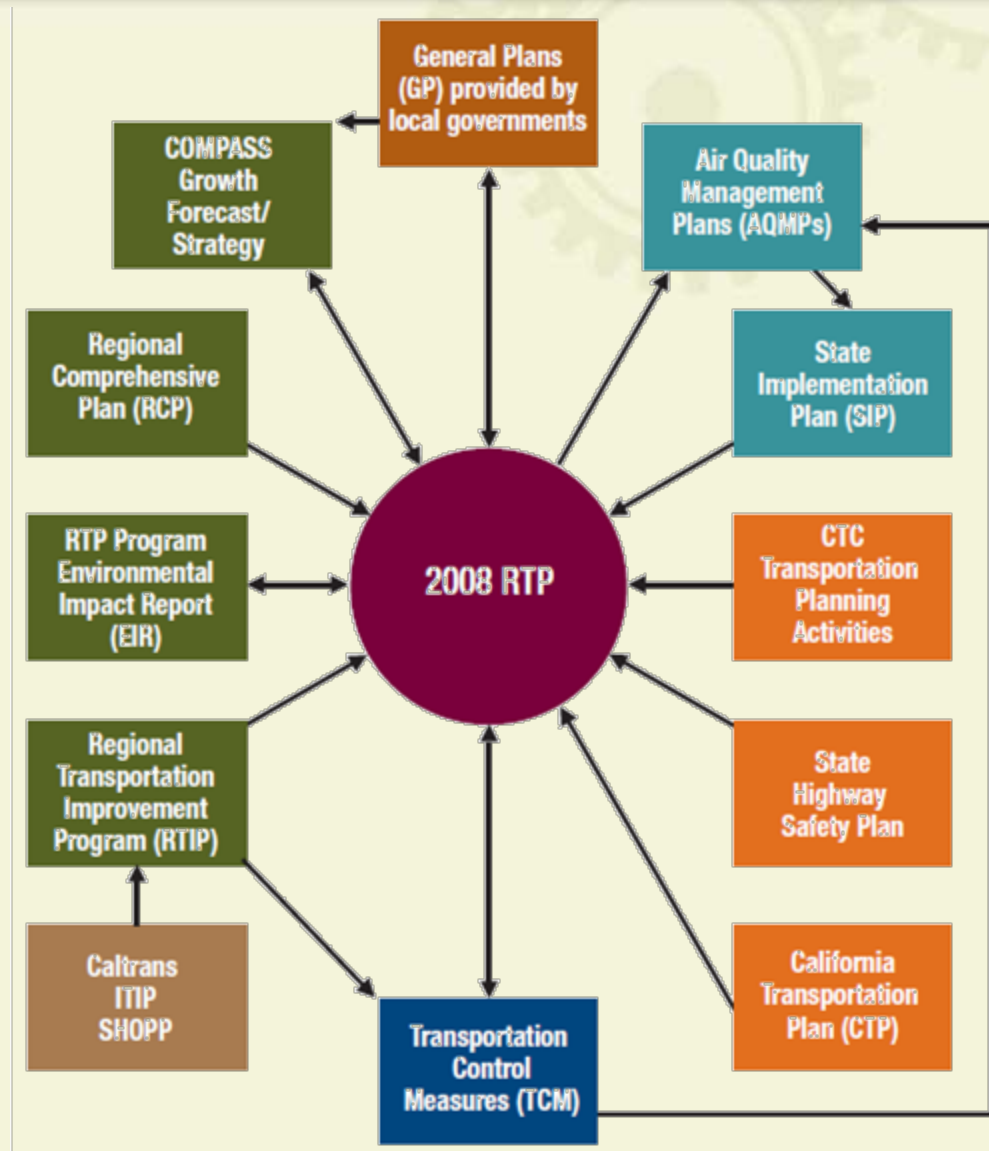


# RTP Update Process

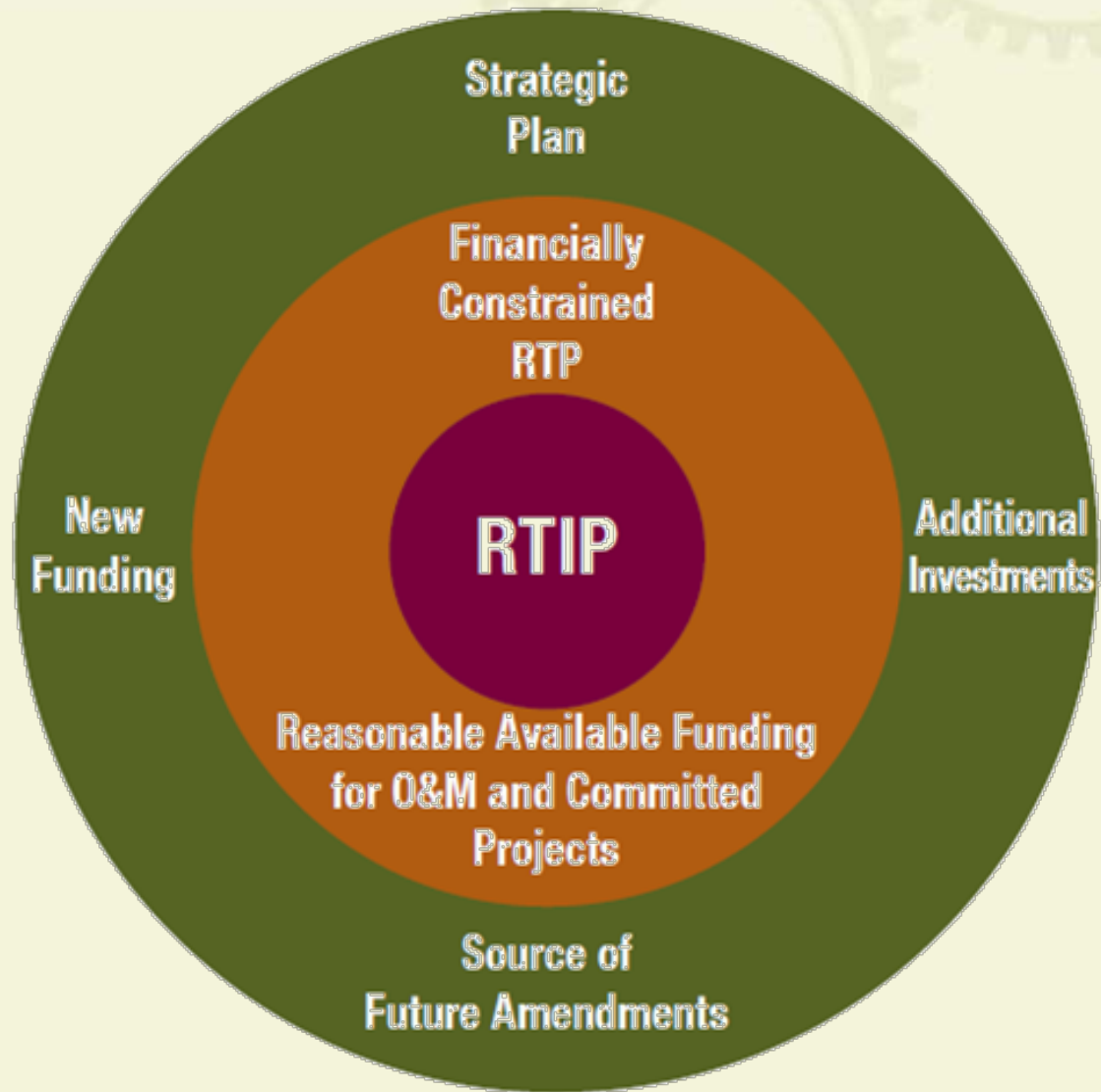




# Relationship of Other Planning Activities to the RTP



# RTP Framework





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	<b>Enjoys Regional Consensus?</b>	<b>Fiscally Constrained?</b>	<b>Must Be Completed By 2035 Horizon Year?</b>	<b>Modeled for Mobility Benefits?</b>	<b>Modeled for Conformity?</b>
<b>Constrained Plan</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Further Discussion Required</b>	<b>Further Analysis Required</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Unconstrained Plan</b>	<b>Further Discussion Required</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

# Critical Issues to Consider for RTP/SCS

- **Transportation Funding**
  - Single most funding challenge we face is our declining revenues while our needs are growing. How do we close the gap?
- **Pricing Strategies**
  - How can we reach consensus on implementing pricing strategies that help maximize the performance of the transportation system in an equitable manner?
- **Goods Movement**
  - How can we continue to maintain our region's economic competitiveness and ensure quality of life?

# Critical Issues to Consider for RTP/SCS

- High Speed Rail
  - How can we balance local concerns with potential benefits of HSR System?
  - No consensus has been reached on the state HSRT System - What system should we support and include in the RTP?
- Transportation Conformity
  - 14 non-attainment areas in 4 air basins administered by 5 air districts
  - Ever changing air quality requirements
  - Litigation
- Meeting GHG Targets
  - What are the best combination of strategies to meet the adopted 2020 and 2035 targets for the SCAG region

# Key 2012 RTP/SCS Milestones

- Develop, evaluate and discuss alternative scenarios  
thru September 2011
- Release Draft 2012 RTP/SCS for Public Comments  
November 2011
- Regional Council to adopt 2012 RTP/SCS  
April 2012
- Transportation Conformity acceptance by the federal agencies  
June 2012



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