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Opportunities for Sustainable Land Use and Transportation

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SCAG Quick Facts



- Nation's largest Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG)
- 6 counties, 191 cities and over 18 million residents
- Governed by a Regional Council of 84 local elected officials
- 15th largest economy in the world
- 9,000 lane miles of freeway
- 4 major airports
- Nation's global gateway for trade

Planning for the Future

SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future.

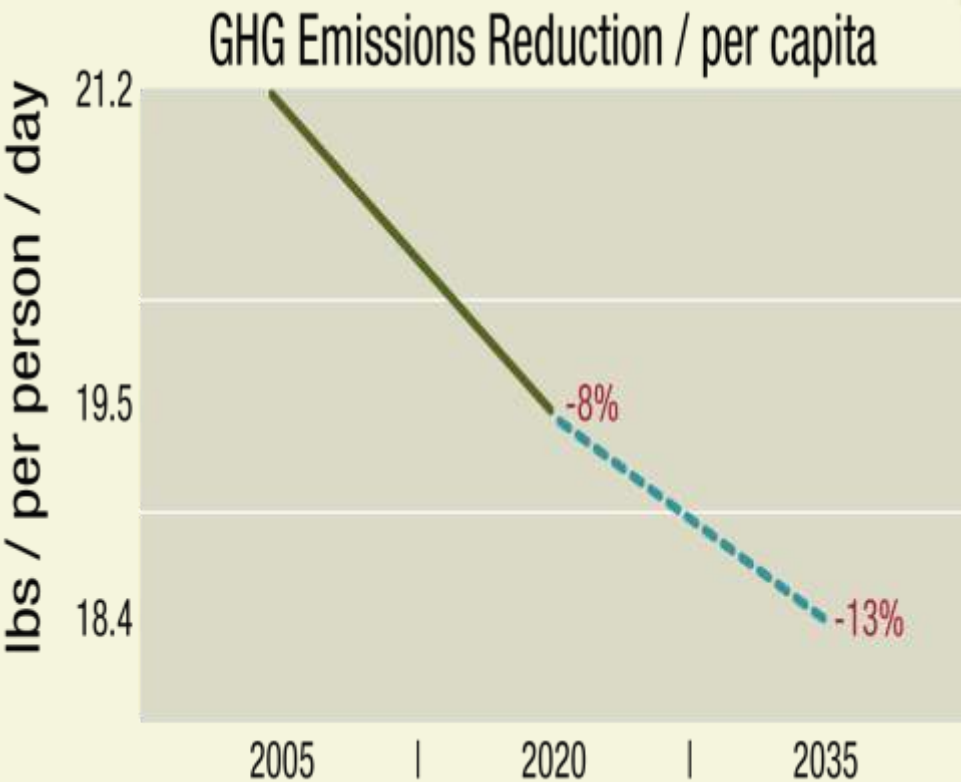


SCAG and the RTP

Required by federal government to develop and update the **Regional Transportation Plan** every four years

- **Must be long-range (20 years)**
- **Must be financially constrained**
- **Must meet air quality conformity**
- **Transportation projects must be included to receive federal & state funds, & federal environmental clearance**

What is a Sustainable Communities Strategy?



- Part of AB 32 and enacted in SB 375
- Requires a plan to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions included in the RTP
- Target
 - 8% per capita by 2020
 - 13% by 2035

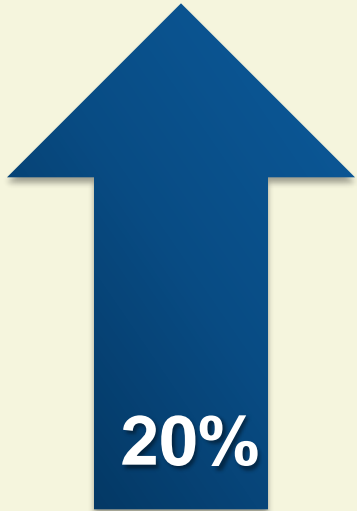
2012 Planning Efforts - Opportunities



- \$40 billion local investment in infrastructure, mostly for transit
- Potential accelerated financing thru America Fast Forward (30/10 Proposal)
- Demographic trends that support changing behavior
- Supportive land uses
 - In process
 - Prompted by SB 375

Rail Investments

Build 2035 Fixed-Guideway Transit Network (2008 RTP)



20%

Regional transit ridership growth since 2000



LOS ANGELES 30/10



Existing	Under Construction
Metro Rail	Expo Line Light Rail Phase 1
Light Rail	Orange Line Busway Canoga Extension
Streetcar	
Metrolink	
Busway	

Proposed 30/10 Projects

METRO RAIL	Purple Line Westside Extension
LIGHT RAIL	Regional Connector
	Crenshaw Corridor
	Gold Line: Foothill Extension, Eastside Extension Phase 2
	Expo Line Phase 2
	Green Line: LAX Connection, South Bay Extension
	I-405 Corridor

COMMUTER RAIL

West Santa Ana Branch Corridor

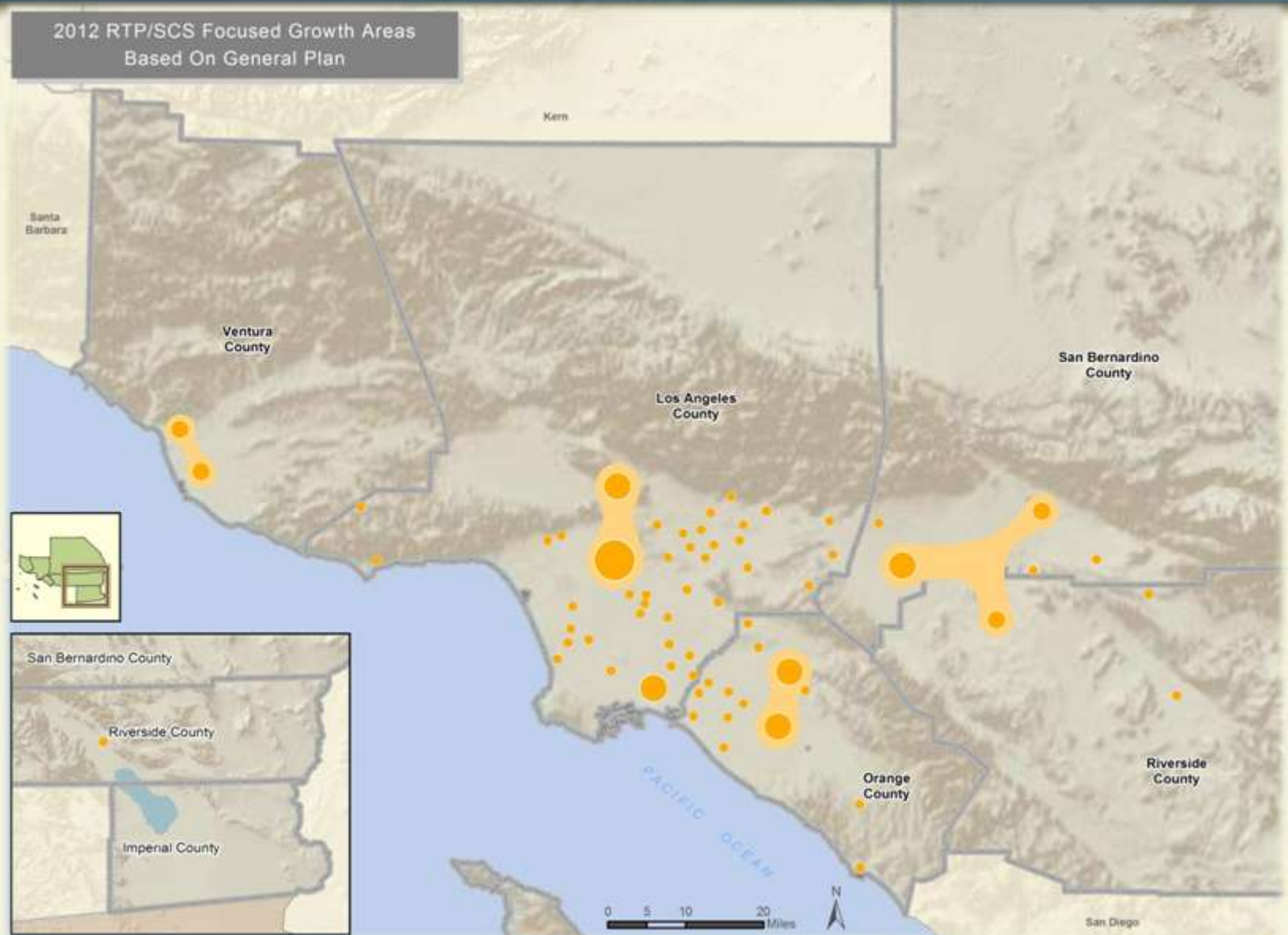
BUSWAYS

East San Fernando Valley Rapidway

Other Proposed Projects

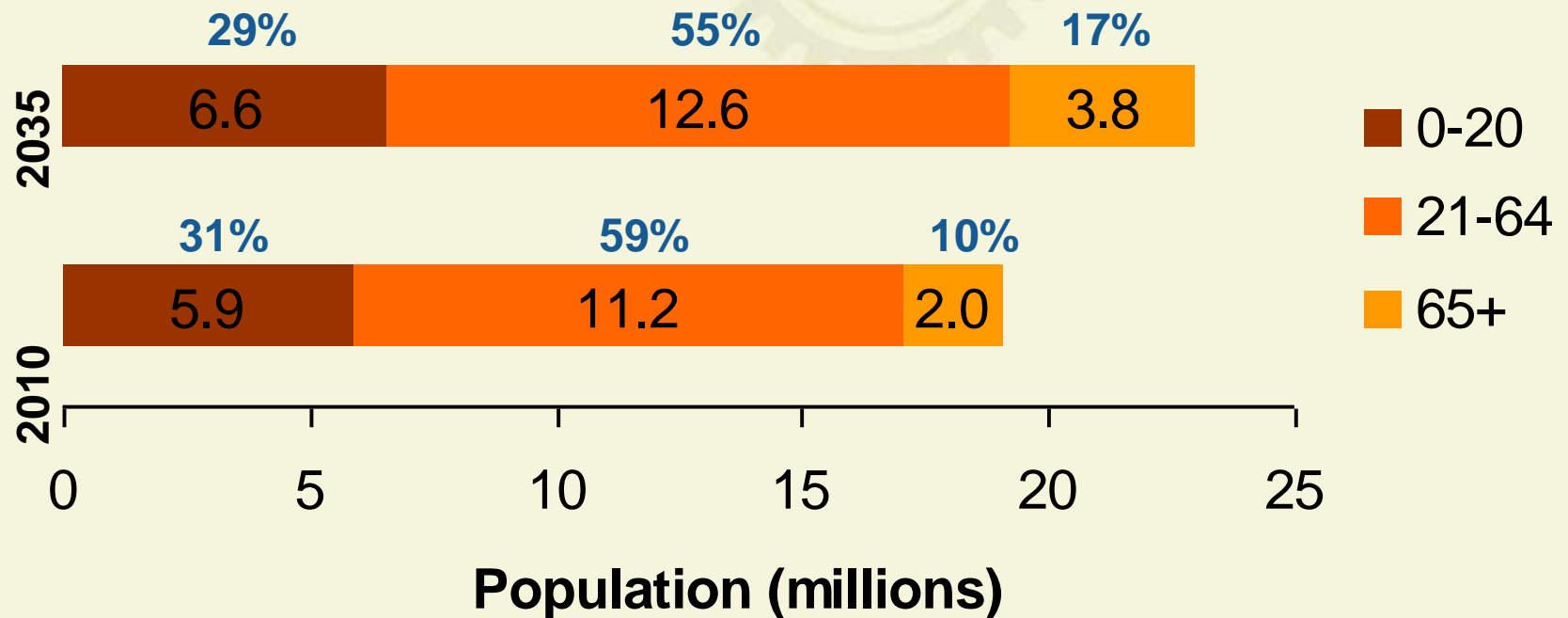
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Light Rail	Busway

2012 RTP/SCS Focused Growth Areas Based on General Plan



Shift in Ages of the Population: SCAG Region

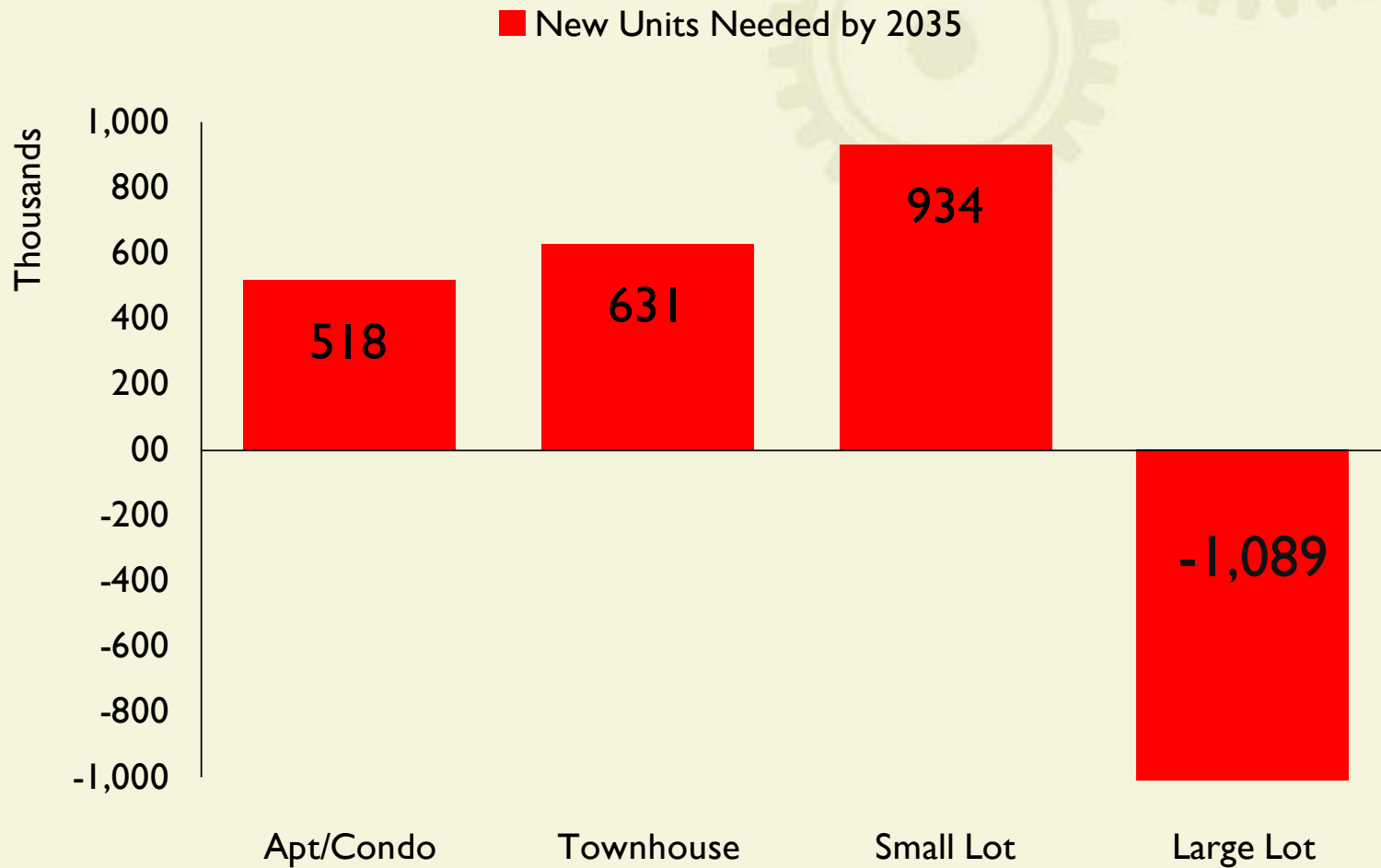
Population By Age Group



Note: Percentages do not add to 100% due to rounding

Source: SCAG, Local Input/General Plan Growth Forecast, March 2010

SCAG Housing Demand 2035



Source: AC Nelson. Development Trends of California's Largest MPOs Outlook to 2020 and 2035

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Compass Blueprint

Growth forecast reflects the innovative planning our cities are *already doing* with assistance from Compass Blueprint.

- \$10.5 million in planning assistance to local governments since 2005
- 139 total number of projects
 - 89 completed projects
 - 20 projects currently in progress
 - 30 projects in waiting
- 77 jurisdictions in all 6 SCAG counties have participated
 - 38% of SCAG member jurisdictions

Demonstration Project: Transferring Development from Greenfields to Infill

Partners: City of Redlands & San Bernardino County

- Transfer of Development Rights concept to protect outlying open space
- Incentivize TOD downtown and at planned light rail station areas
- TOD developers may also receive density bonuses for providing public amenities



See www.compassblueprint.org for details

Demonstration Project: Complete Streets

Partner: City of Long Beach

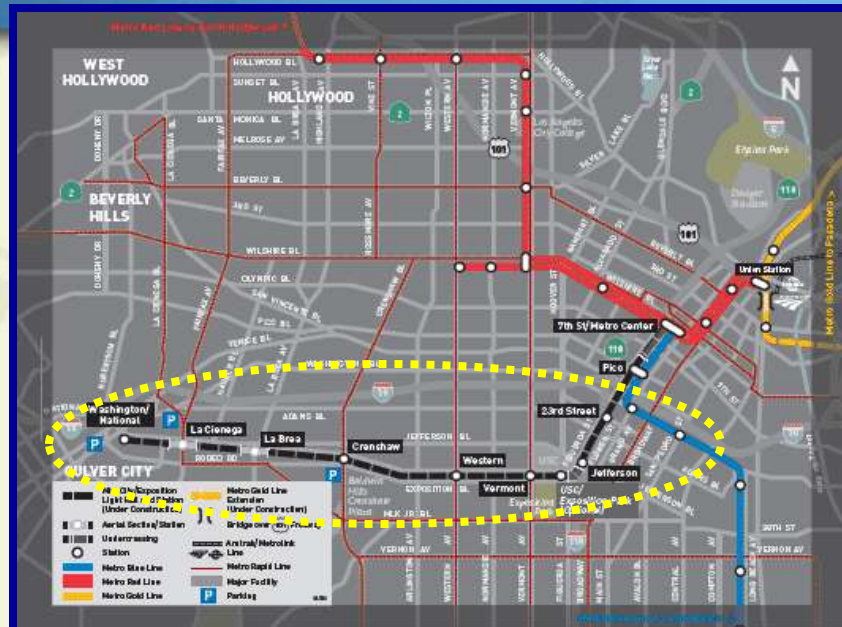
- Complete Streets: Integrate walking, biking, and transit
- Development around transit station
- Review regulations affecting streetscape
- Review parking requirements



Demonstration Project: Exposition Light Rail Line Corridor

Partner: City of Los Angeles

- Create walkable, vibrant neighborhoods around new station areas, increase ridership
- Identify development opportunity sites and market-feasible building prototypes
- Recommend new development codes to support investment
- Visualization tools



Other Issues to Consider



- What will transportation finance consist of in the future (Whither the gas tax?)
- What about energy and fuel prices?
- Equity of costs and benefits
- What about vehicle technology
 - SCAG and subregions looking at range-limited/non-polluting electric vehicles

Thank You

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