The 2016 update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 MTP/SCS) will focus on implementation challenges and commitments of the current plan (2012 MTP/SCS). The goal of the 2016 MTP/SCS update is to identify opportunities to move the region toward the transportation, air quality and quality of life outcomes set forth in the current plan.

The MTP/SCS is the long-range transportation planning document for the six-county SACOG region. SACOG is required under federal and state law to maintain the plan and update it at least every four years.

In April 2012, the SACOG Board adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2035 (2012 MTP/SCS), a plan that was lauded by Board members and a broad range of local and statewide stakeholders for achieving important performance benefits on a number of travel, environmental, and quality of life measures. Some examples of the plan’s performance benefits include:

- a reduction in the amount of heavy congestion per capita—a first for the region
- significant increases in the number of choice riders on the transit system
- greater levels of investment in a truly multi-modal system, including complete streets, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- progress toward a “state-of-good-repair” for the existing roadway and transit system with increased investment in maintenance and rehabilitation
- reductions in per capita passenger vehicle greenhouse gas emissions consistent with targets established by the California Air Resources Board