

2025 Blueprint Policy and Strategy Issue Areas

The 2025 Blueprint will require collective action from the region to implement the final board adopted plan. Between August 2024, and April 2025, the SACOG board will deliberate on the policies and strategies needed for plan implementation and to address the issues relevant to **meeting state and federal requirements** and **achieving the board adopted Triple Bottom Line goals**, included as Attachment E, of the 2025 Blueprint. Attachment F is an excerpt from the 2020 plan *Policies and Implementation Actions* chapter as an example from a previous plan. This conversation will start in August 2024, when staff will bring a full list of issues to the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee for discussion. A preliminary list of these policy and strategy issues is included below.

Notes:

1-“Regional partners” means public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

2-A note on the format: **Bolded text is a policy topic**; nonbolded text is about implementation strategies)

- **Low-VMT infill development:** Policies and strategies to build off of initial Green Means Go success so that SACOG and regional partners can fully deploy Green Means Go to catalyze housing and employment development in Center and Corridor Communities.
- **Low-VMT greenfield development:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and the region to consider to support the planning and buildout of Developing Communities so those communities can help the region achieve its vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas reduction (GHG) goals.
- **Regional development trends monitoring and reporting:** Policies and strategies for SACOG to engage regional partners in tracking and monitoring of housing and employment development and transportation system performance in the region to inform local, regional, state, and federal policy.
- **Increased housing affordability with reduced VMT per capita:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and regional partners to incentivize and facilitate more housing development near job centers, including more affordable housing products.
- **Increased housing options with reduced VMT per capita:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and regional partners to catalyze the more diverse housing types and densities identified in local land use plans, especially housing affordable to lower-income families, young people, service workers, and others who can't afford current market rate housing.
- **Increased access to jobs with reduced VMT per capita:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and regional partners to incentivize and facilitate jobs

development, in particular job growth in tradeable sectors that support the Regional Prosperity Strategy, in housing-rich communities.

- **Planned and developed Regional Express Lane network:** Policies and strategies for planning and building out the regional toll network, building off of the establishment of Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA).
- **Fixing and maintaining the existing transportation system:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and government partners to most effectively prioritize and fund the maintenance and improvement of the existing transportation system.
- **Regional Trails Low/no-GHG, Low/no-air pollution mobility options:** Policies and strategies for SACOG and regional partners to accelerate implementation of the Regional Trails Plan.
- **Transit Low/no-GHG, Low/no-air pollution mobility options:** Prioritization of Next Generation Transit strategies to build out the 2025 Blueprint transit system to both increase mobility and reduce GHG emissions and air pollution.
- **Other Low/no-GHG, Low/no-air pollution mobility options:** Policies and strategies to help SACOG and regional partners deploy mobility options, including but not limited to transportation demand management, school buses, bike share, and telework programs, in an equitable manner that will both increase mobility options and reduce GHG emissions and air pollution.