

Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

March 13, 2026

Agenda Item 3b

**Senate Bill 1087 (Cabaldon): Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities
Strategies**

Subject:

Update on MTC-ABAG's co-sponsored bill to modernize Senate Bill (SB) 375, the 2008 law that added sustainable communities strategies (SCSs) to regional transportation plans.

Background:

On February 13, 2026, Senator Christopher Cabaldon introduced SB 1087, the vehicle for MTC-ABAG's SB 375 modernization effort this year. MTC-ABAG are co-sponsoring the bill in line with the boards' direction in your [Final 2026 Advocacy Program](https://mtc.ca.gov/digital-library/5135348-2026-mtc-and-abag-legislative-advocacy-program) (https://mtc.ca.gov/digital-library/5135348-2026-mtc-and-abag-legislative-advocacy-program). The introduced version of the bill is limited to just two components in order to allow for more time to negotiate and draft more complex provisions. The provisions included are (1) extending the four-year SCS update cycle to eight years and (2) modifying the \$25 million/year Sustainable Communities grants from the current 50/50 split between direct allocation to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and a competitive statewide pot to 100 percent population-based formula allocation to MPOs. SB 1087 is co-sponsored by the "Big 4" MPOs, MTC-ABAG, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

SB 1087's targeted approach was designed to meet the February 20, 2026, bill introduction deadline and ensure the bill is referred to the appropriate policy committees. Staff expects the bill will be amended before the first April Senate policy committee hearing to include a full suite of funding, streamlining, and other provisions to accelerate regional progress on climate, transportation, and housing goals. Discussions with the author on specific policy provisions are ongoing. A draft bill outline with further information will be provided via a handout at your March committee meeting.

Staff will return to the Legislation Committee in April, when we anticipate the bill will include more substantive provisions aligned with the Big 4's goals, so that committee members can provide input to further inform future negotiations.

Recommendation:

Information

Bill Positions:

Support

None on file (other than bill sponsors)

Opposition

None on file

Attachments:

- None



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