



## The Cleaner Air Partnership

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The Cleaner Air Partnership is a joint project of the Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, the Sacramento Metro Chamber and Valley Vision to help the Sacramento Region meet clean air standards that protect health and promote economic growth.

Board of Directors  
Sacramento Area Council of Governments  
1415 L Street Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy 2035 (MTP/SCS 2035)

Dear Executive Director Mike McKeever and SACOG Board of Directors:

On behalf of The Cleaner Air Partnership, a unique collaboration of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, the Sacramento Metro Chamber and Valley Vision, we would like to express our support of the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy 2035 (MTP/SCS 2035).

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For over 25 years the Cleaner Air Partnership (CAP) has provided collaborative-based leadership in constructive dialogue and mutual action in order to meet clean air standards that protect health and promote economic growth. Historically our work has focused on our primary sources of emissions, stationary and mobile sources, and now has engaged in a third area – supporting “smart growth” principles which favor sustainable communities where air pollution and carbon waste can be reduced.

The MTP/SCS 2035 focuses on integrating transportation and land use strategies. The Cleaner Air Partnership is supportive of this strategy as we have found that air-friendly growth and maximization of efficient transit and road use will enable a decrease in vehicle miles traveled resulting in an overall reduction in air quality implications. Better air quality helps improve public health and our region’s overall quality of life, which is important to the business community’s focus on improved workforce productivity and new business attraction and retention. Clean air is a critical component to our economic growth strategy.

We are appreciative of the leadership from the SACOG staff to create a robust MTP/SCS 2035 to advance regional planning such that the Sacramento region has a more integrated and performance-based transportation land use plan. We strongly encourage the SACOG Board of Directors to continue to support smart growth strategies which improve air quality, and adopt the MTP/SCS 2035 by April 2012 to meet conformity requirements and avoid unnecessary risks to the region’s transportation funds. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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