

Fresno COG to present sustainable growth plan

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The Fresno Council of Governments will present a draft version of its Sustainable Communities Strategy at a workshop on May 5 showing the public what it has in mind for smarter growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Developed out of the Sustainable Communities Act, or SB 375, the Draft SCS acts as Fresno County's blueprint for transportation and development that will limit vehicle use and greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2035.

Specifically, the plan lays out ways that local leaders can use resources more efficiently while prioritizing growth and transportation investments to result in better neighborhoods, more housing and transportation option, cleaner air and the conservation of farmland and open space.

The Draft SCS has been up for public review since March 21 when it was released as part of the county's 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.

Documents are available for review on the Fresno COG website at www.fresnocog.org or at the Fresno COG office at 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201 in Fresno and the Fresno County Main Library at 2420 Mariposa St. in Fresno.

With the public comment period ending May 15, Fresno County residents have a chance to get their voices heard on the plan during a public hearing hosted by the Fresno Metro Ministry on May 5.

The hearing will last from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, located at 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. in Fresno.

Those who would like to attend the event should reserve space soon by emailing info@fresnometmin.org or call (559) 485-1416.

Additional public comments will be welcome at a second hearing beginning at 6 p.m. on May 7 at Selma City Hall, 1710 Tucker St. in Selma.

