

Regional Blueprint Plan Definition

"Regional blueprint plan," as defined in the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program, implements statutory requirements intended to foster comprehensive planning as defined in part by Government Code 65041.1 and Government Code 65080 et seq, and Government Code Section 65584 et seq. The Regional Blueprint Plan articulates regional consensus and performance outcomes on a more efficient land use pattern that supports improved mobility and reduces dependency on single-occupant vehicle trips; accommodates an adequate supply of housing for all income levels; reduces impacts on valuable farmland, natural resources and air quality; includes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increases water and energy conservation and efficiency; and promotes a prosperous economy and safe, healthy, sustainable and vibrant neighborhoods.

Regional Blueprint Plan Outcomes

Foster more efficient land use patterns that (a) support improved mobility and reduced dependency on single-occupant vehicle trips, (b) accommodate an adequate supply of housing for all incomes, (c) reduce impacts on valuable habitat, productive farmland, and air quality, (d) increase resource use efficiency, (e) promote a prosperous economy, and (f) result in safe, healthy and vibrant neighborhoods.

Regional Blueprint Planning Program Goals

Improve multimodal mobility through a combination of strategies and investments to accommodate growth in transportation demand and reduce congestion that will contribute to a strong economy;

Reduce dependency on auto trips by fostering a more efficient regional land use pattern that enables more walking, bicycling and transit use to meet State congestion reduction goals which also support State health and obesity prevention goals;

Work with stakeholders to adopt land use plans and regulations to make available an adequate supply of housing over at least the next 20-plus years, including new residential opportunities proximate to transit and other transportation facilities, jobs, health facilities, convenience retail uses, and support services;

Increase transportation choices by adopting plan(s) that increase housing affordability and choices, including a variety of housing types and densities;

Avoid and minimize impacts to natural resources, productive farmland and water and air quality while also promoting a vibrant economy;

Increase conservation and efficient use of resources including energy and water;

Improve the region's transportation infrastructure to promote California's economic competitiveness and quality of life;

Reduce costs and time needed to deliver transportation and other infrastructure projects through informed early public and resource agency involvement;

Engage in scenario planning to improve coordination and collaboration among all local and regional agencies;

Reduce the region's greenhouse gas emissions and plan for climate change impacts including sea level rise. Describe measures to adapt to climate change, reduce flooding and mitigate impacts;

Secure local government and community support, including that of under-represented groups to achieve the resulting comprehensive vision through use of visualization tools (computer models and GIS maps) and enhanced public engagement activities; and

Build awareness of and support for critical infrastructure such as transportation facilities, housing, energy, health care, and water facilities.