



## Best Practices Report | federal and state alignment

### Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Sacramento, CA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.sacog.org/>

#### Sacramento receives new funding for Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies (MTP/SCS)

1/31/2014

SACOG was successful in obtaining new grant funding from both the Sierra Health Foundation and The California Endowment to build on the enhanced analysis and engagement for the MTP/SCS made possible by the HUD grant, and foster additional educational efforts, dialogue, and research, analysis, and vetting of potential performance measures around key topics related to public health and economic opportunities as they relate to implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (MTP/SCS) for different segments of the region's population, with a particular focus on the region's low-income and minority communities. Topics include the cause and effects of people living near high volume roadways; linkages between land use patterns and physical activity; and the impacts of property value increases due to TOD or other development on potential displacement of lower income populations. Work from this effort will feed into the 2016 MTP/SCS.

This HUD grant provided support for enhanced analysis for the development and implementation of the Sacramento Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). The MTP/SCS relies on a more compact growth pattern offering more housing and transportation choices to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and congestion, and achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board. By 2035, the MTP/SCS just meets the Sacramento region's GHG target. Therefore, implementation of the MTP/SCS projected growth pattern for housing and employment is key to MTP/SCS outcomes.

During this reporting period, staff nearly completed the draft of a report focused on the MTP/SCS's projected housing and growth patterns, and challenges in the housing market that could impede implementation of the MTP/SCS. SACOG's activities during this period included finalizing an assessment of the housing market from a regional perspective, including recent housing production, housing affordability and subsidized housing programs, fair housing and equity assessment elements, a region-wide review of local housing plans, programs and policies, housing funds received in the region, and challenges for the market's ability to meet projected housing needs.

Additionally, SACOG continued to provide assistance to member jurisdictions with the update of the housing elements of their general plans, as follow-up to the Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) adoption. In January 2013, SACOG obtained formal approval from the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for jurisdictions to be able to use a SACOG-developed dataset for updating demographic, employment, household, income, and housing need information without further HCD review. SACOG also added new data and tools to the housing element web page set up for jurisdictional and public access at <http://www.sacog.org/services/housing-element/>. This included at-risk housing units, regional farmworker data, and resources to help with the lower income housing density analysis, a requirement in housing element updates.

#### Tags

federal and state alignment, housing plan, VMT

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#### SACOG Alignment and Farmland

1/31/2014

SACOG and its subrecipient The McKinley Group also completed work on Activity 3 tasks related to the Six County Aquatic Resources Inventory (SCARI), Placer and Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), and connections with the MTP/SCS. In January 2013, SACOG convened a meeting of federal and state natural resources agencies and stakeholders to discuss potential innovation in the monitoring, not only of the inventory of waters of importance within the HCPs, but of all covered species for the HCPs. This effort, if timely and successful, could result in a valuable framework for integrated monitoring that could be of utility to the regulatory agencies and the regulated community, and help facilitate the creation of the Mitigation and Monitoring chapters of the HCP documents.

#### Tags

farmland protection, federal and state alignment

### Capitol Region Council of Governments

Hartford, CT

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.sustainableknowledgecorridor.org/site/>

## Hartford's Main Street Building to be Largest Apartment Complex in Downtown

11/24/2014

777 Main Street is being redeveloped into the largest downtown Hartford, CT apartment complex and one of the greenest and most innovative HUD 221(d)(4) financed projects in the Northeast. "The glass-covered office building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was designed by Welton Becket, a mid-20th century Los Angeles architect whose

portfolio also includes the Los Angeles Performing Arts Center, Capital Records building in Hollywood and the Beverly Hilton Hotel."

The planned 285-unit high-rise will contain a mix of market and affordable apartments, including 20% of units affordable to households at 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). The 26th floor is designed for a multi-function common use including a club room, large flat screen TV, billiards table, conference table and 24-hour fitness center. The building will include a 250-

car parking garage and six ground floor retail shops.

The complex will be powered and heated by a 400kw fuel cell providing grid-independent operations. The fuel cell installed will increase efficiency in heating/cooling, hot water and electricity usage. This is one of the first FHA-insured projects in the nation to be underwritten with renewable energy credits, specifically, a 15-year Low-Emission Renewal Energy Credit

contract for fuel cell electric output, as well as one of the first Net Zero Energy multifamily housing financed by HUD.

It is also the largest project financed by the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), a new agency established by Governor Malloy to revitalize downtown Hartford. In addition to financing from CRDA and the Connecticut Department of Housing, the project's financing includes state and federal historic tax credits and a \$37 million FHA-insured 40-year first

mortgage. Completion is targeted for July 2015.

### Tags

affordable housing creation, federal and state alignment, green building codes/standards, mixed income housing, mixed-use development

## Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development

Hartford, CT

<http://www.meridentod.com/>

2010 Community Challenge

## Putnam Street Revitalization Project (New Haven, CT) Completes New Construction Phase

9/11/2014

The City of New Haven's Livable City Initiative kicked off the new construction phase of the Putnam Street Revitalization Project at a groundbreaking on April 30, 2014. On September 11, 2014, the City celebrated the completion of the project, a combination of historic rehabilitation and new construction on Putnam Street in the Hill neighborhood. The project includes the historical rehabilitation of three blighted structures—that had been vacant for years—and the new construction of four two-family homes, all of which will be available for sale to homeowners. Additionally, the project includes rehabilitation of eight rental units (owned by Hill Housing Partnership) also located on Putnam Street. In all, this project will create a total of 22 new and rehabilitated housing units over a two-block area.

The Putnam Street Revitalization is the culmination of a tremendous effort to bring the street back to its original housing stock for working families. The historic rehabilitation units completed in September 2013 were sold to homeowner occupants on or before March 2014. All structures—both the historic rehabs and the new construction—are two-family and are restricted to homeowner occupancy and sold to individuals with an income of 120 percent of area median income, which for a household of four is \$99,350.

The new construction homes are all under purchase and sale contracts pending closing. The sale prices range from \$205,000 to \$215,000 with the ability for the end buyer to access down-payment and closing cost assistance through the RE: NEW HAVEN program.

The revitalization project is being funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program III (NSP III) provided by the United States Housing and Urban Development through the HUD Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Act (DFFRA) administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The State of Connecticut allocated \$2.5M to the City of New Haven for the purposes of acquisition, redevelopment, rehabilitation and demolition of foreclosed and/or blighted structures. The City of New Haven leveraged the \$2.5M NSPIII funding and added an additional \$700,000.00 of its own funding.

"We are proud of the city's investment in neighborhoods," said Mayor Toni N. Harp. "We remain committed to creating working family homeownership opportunities." "This is an example of how the City working with residents and other state and federal agencies can make a positive impact" said LCI Executive Director, Erik Johnson.

"The Putnam Street Revitalization Project is a great example of the collaborative work being done by local, state, and federal agencies to bring new life to neighborhoods most in need," said Suzanne Piacentini, HUD Connecticut Field Office Director. "HUD is proud to be a partner in this project; we congratulate everyone for their efforts to improve the lives of New Haven residents."

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/LCI/>

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/LCI/Homebuyers/>

### Tags

affordable housing creation, corridor plan, federal and state alignment, implementation funding, new housing units

## Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Evansville, IN

<http://www.seacplan.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

### Southwest Indiana has an advantage by using their 'Millennial Plan for 2040' when applying for new Indiana Regional Cities Initiative in 2015.

**4/13/2015**

The State of Indiana is promoting a new program called the Regional Cities Initiative to encourage population growth and sustain healthy, vibrant communities in Indiana.

<http://indianaregionalcities.com/about/>

Southwest Indiana, comprised of Warrick, Vanderburgh, Posey and Gibson counties is pursuing the Regional Cities designation and has identified the SCI-funded Millennial Plan for 2040 as a key foundational plan for their pursuit.

The eight-year Regional Cities initiative focuses on quality of place through enhancement of transportation and infrastructure; housing and neighborhoods; economic development; environment and healthy communities; arts and culture; and, land use and building construction. Each potential "Regional City" is encouraged to develop vision and action plans that will shape their communities by leveraging key regional assets with the idea to attract talent, entice new private investment and create new jobs.

Press release: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/SouthwestIndianaPicksWinn/04/prweb12621591.htm>

Millennial plan: <http://www.seacplan.org/>

Millennial plan summary: [http://seacplan.org/Documents/The\\_Millennial\\_Plan\\_for\\_2040\\_Volume\\_Summary.pdf](http://seacplan.org/Documents/The_Millennial_Plan_for_2040_Volume_Summary.pdf)

#### Tags

cost savings, federal and state alignment, implementation strategies, plan adoption, regional plan

## Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Boston, MA

<http://www.mapc.org/metrofuture>

2010 Regional Planning

### Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston, MA Case Study

**8/1/2013**

Equipped with a Regional Planning Grant, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council is implementing their groundbreaking blueprint for regional reinvestment in the cities, towns, and suburbs of Metropolitan Boston. Read their HUD Case Study here:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Bostoncasestudy.pdf>

#### Tags

case studies, federal and state alignment

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### Metro Boston Grantee Elects New Consortium Members with Key-Pad Polling

**5/7/2012**

Metro Boston (MAPC), a HUD Regional Grantee, elected at-large representatives for its consortium, using live, interactive key-pad polling. The agenda also included a discussion of the region's changing housing needs, and how transportation was exacerbating high housing costs in the suburbs. Barbara Fields, HUD Regional Administrator, and Office of Sustainable Housing Director Shelley Poticha joined local representatives at this spring gathering. To learn about the region's vision for the future, see these links:

<http://mapc.org/metrofuture/sustainable-communities>

<http://www.metrofuture.org/>

#### Tags

federal and state alignment, governance structures, public engagement strategies

## Greater Portland Council of Governments

Portland, ME

<http://sustainsouthernmaine.org/>

2010 Regional Planning

## Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities visits City of Portland

**11/24/2014**

Representatives from HUD, EPA, DOT, and FEMA visited Portland's India Street Neighborhood and afterwards sat down for a roundtable discussion with City staff hosted by Mayor Michael Brennan and Acting City Manager Sheila Hill Christian. City staff presented the highlights of the India Street Neighborhood Plan to the PSC, and then the group brainstormed ways the PSC might assist during plan implementation.

The Neighborhood was chosen as a Center of Opportunity Pilot Community by Sustain Southern Maine (SSM). SSM was a Greater Portland Council of Governments project which carried out a 3 year regional planning process funded by the HUD Office of Economic Resilience's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. Alex Jaegerman, Planning

Division Director, expressed his appreciation for SSM's work, saying in his 30 years in planning it was one of the first times a regional approach was taken and disparate planning efforts knitted together.

Portland volunteered the India Street Neighborhood to be examined with the idea of learning how to create vibrant, lively places positioned to attract the next generation of jobs and housing growth. The Sustain Southern Maine effort was catalytic in leveraging outside resources, and in forming a neighborhood association which together with City staff developed the Plan which is now being presented to City Boards.

### Tags

federal and state alignment, neighborhood/downtown plan

## Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (MI)

Lansing, MI

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.tri-co.org/MMPGS.htm>

## Tri-County RPC in MI forged partnerships with both state agencies and local universities, strengthening their project

**1/31/2013**

The Tri-County Regional Planning Council formed partnerships with State of Michigan Departments and local representatives to help leverage existing planning activities and enhance regional integration, particularly with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Tri-County RPC utilized these unique partnerships to access the skills, academic expertise, and undergraduate and graduate students of the Michigan State University community. This collaboration aided in the development of Greening Mid-Michigan video, Audit Tool, and the Student Design studio.

[http://www.spdc.msu.edu/about\\_us/mid\\_mi\\_program\\_for\\_greater\\_sustainability](http://www.spdc.msu.edu/about_us/mid_mi_program_for_greater_sustainability)

### Tags

education/schools, federal and state alignment

## Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (MI)

Lansing, MI

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.tri-co.org/MMPGS.htm>

## MI Governor Rick Snyder called on his Cabinet Offices to form a partnership similar to the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities

**3/21/2011**

In the State of Michigan, Governor Rick Snyder wrote a directive calling on the Michigan Departments of Housing, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Agriculture—analogueous to HUD, DOT, EPA, and USDA in the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities—to join together in prioritizing economic development and placemaking activities. His vision has led the Michigan departments to better align their regional boundaries to accept and implement funding opportunities.

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/2011Special\\_Message-1\\_348148\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/2011Special_Message-1_348148_7.pdf)

<http://miplace.org/>

### Tags

federal and state alignment

## Regional Plan Association, Inc.

New York, NY

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.sustainablenyct.org/>

## NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Climate Resilience Deliverables Lay the foundation for Hurricane Sandy Recovery

**6/6/2014**

A key partner in the NY-CT SCC, New York City executed a series of climate resiliency studies for the region, which were finalized and presented on at a Principal's meeting on September 30, 2012, just 28 days before Superstorm Sandy made landfall. These studies strongly shaped the SIRR report and informed the work of the Sandy Recovery Task Force, resulting directly in ground-breaking zoning changes to promote flood-resistant construction and

retrofitting. These reports then provided information and guidance on achieving resiliency to other communities beyond NYC. The full Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the region, including these reports, was adopted in June 2014.

### Tags

climate, federal and state alignment, implementation funding, ongoing partnerships, plan adoption, resilience

## Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Cleveland, OH

2010 Regional Planning

<http://vibrantneo.org/>

### NOACA creates the "Northeast Ohio Atlas," a valuable compilation of different regional maps

7/20/2012

The Northeast Ohio Atlas includes a wealth of maps that give key insights into key regional trends, challenges, and opportunities. The maps feature data demographics, public health (including asthma rates and blood lead levels), land use, transportation, recreational and ecological amenities, infrastructure, and the economy. See the Atlas at <http://cat.neoscc.org/neosccs-northeast-ohio-atlas/>

### Tags

federal and state alignment, performance metrics, public engagement strategies, scenario planning

## Salt Lake County

Salt Lake City, UT

2010 Regional Planning

<http://envisionutah.org/wasatch-choice-2040>

### Wasatch Front created an incredible GIS overlay of all transportation in their district

7/20/2012

To support the planning and other processes that the Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for, they maintain a number of data sets. The data produced by WFRC is used as inputs to the planning process or is generated by it. These data may be accessed in the sections below. GIS data are also available in shapefile format. If the data you desire are not listed below, contact the WFRC staff.

[http://www.wfrc.org/new\\_wfrc/index.php/resources/data](http://www.wfrc.org/new_wfrc/index.php/resources/data)

<http://www.arcgis.com/explorer/?open=e96a4910e6ef49a2a5515b1c21f7ea31&extent=-12571026.8715768,4929071.5,-12347495.3284232,5063413.4>

### Tags

federal and state alignment, performance metrics, public engagement strategies, public transit, transportation choice, VMT

## Thurston Regional Planning Council (CCP)

Olympia, WA

2011 Community Challenge

<http://www.trpc.org/regionalplanning/sustainability/Pages/default.aspx>

### Led by the Thurston Regional Planning Council, Thurston, WA created a model partnership of all their local mayors and County Commissioners to discuss regional planning efforts.

1/31/2013

Urban Corridor Communities Partnership was formed with the mayors of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners as charter members. Combining all of these parties greatly assisted in regional planning efforts.

<http://olympiawa.gov/city-government/city-council-and-mayor/Intergovernmental%20Committees#TRPC>

### Tags

federal and state alignment, governance structures