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# 2012 RTP/SCS Development Subregional Planning Session

## North Los Angeles County

March 14, 2011

# Southern California Association of Governments
## Regional Transportation Plan

- Required by federal government to develop and update Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years
- Must be long-range (~20 years)
- Must be financially constrained
- Must meet air quality conformity
- Transportation projects must be included to receive federal & state funds, & federal environmental clearance
- And…

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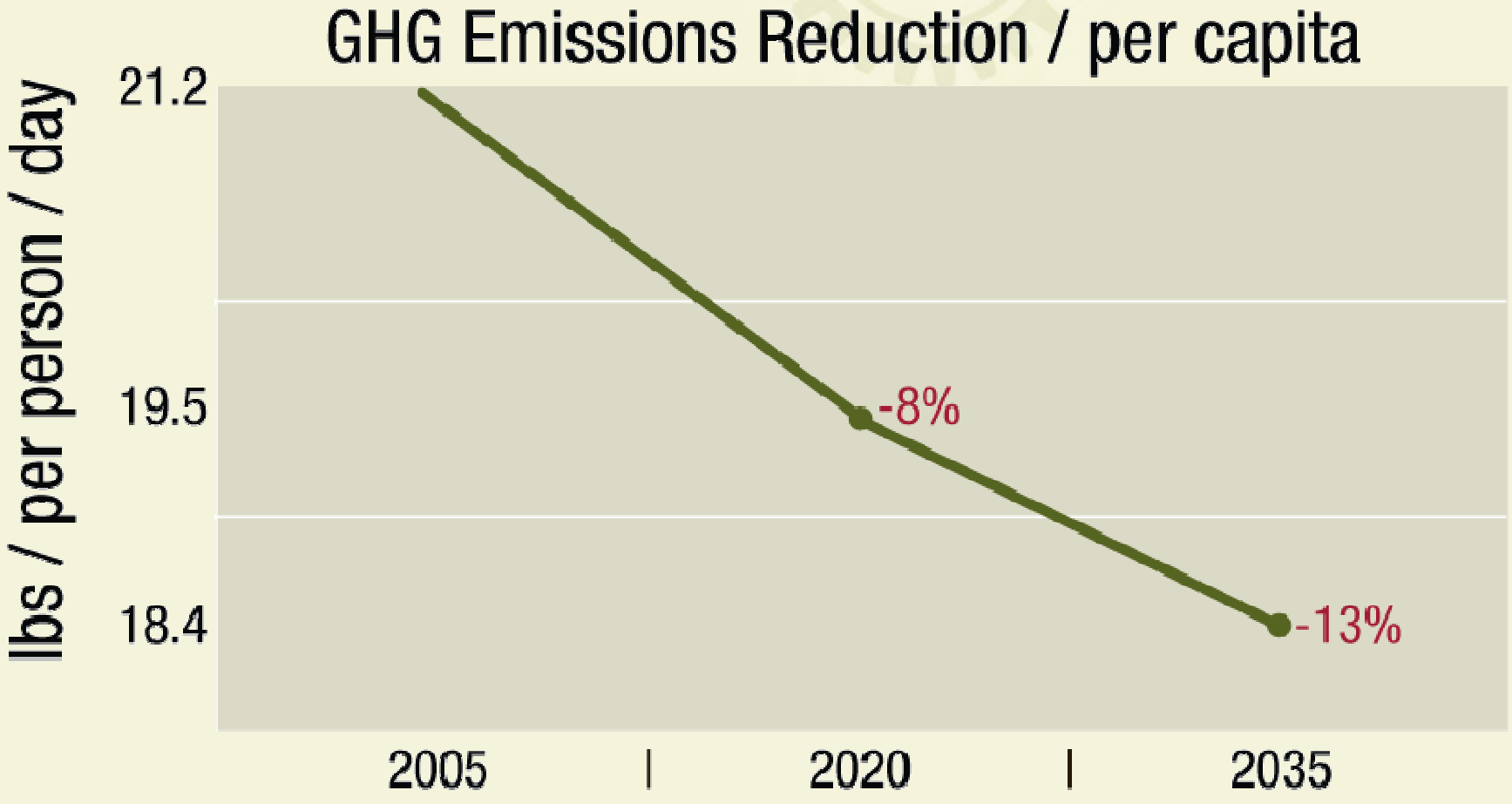
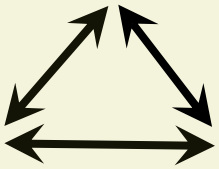
# AB 32 / SB 375 → Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

- RTP must now incorporate a SCS that will meet the regional Greenhouse Gas emission target.



# Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
## Development

- The SCS includes eight required elements aiming to better integrate regional and local land use & housing strategies with transportation investments and transportation policies to achieve the state's Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) reduction targets.



# Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
## Development

Work Collaboratively

**Provide Assistance**

# SCS Development – Bottom Up
## Surveys/Data Collection

- Starting in January 2009, SCAG collected data from local jurisdictions, including existing land use, General Plan land use, zoning, TAZ, etc.  This data collection is on-going.

- E-mailed surveys on December 23, 2010 to City Managers, Planning Directors and Subregional Coordinators to assess current and planned local activities that may lead to reduced GHG emissions to incorporate into our SCS.

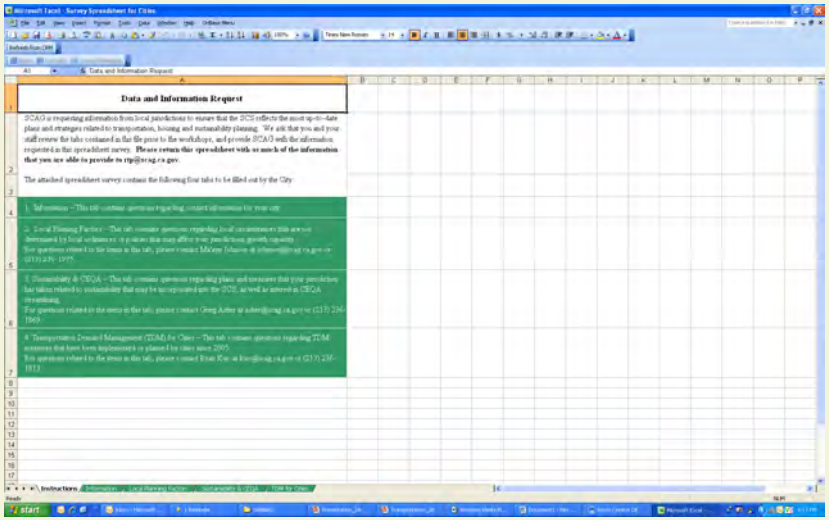
- Mailed Local Sustainability Planning Tool (LSPT) packet on January 20, 2011.

# SCS Development – Bottom Up
## Surveys/Data Collection

### Today

- Providing overview of surveys/information/data that SCAG requested in the mail outs

- Asking local jurisdictions to review and revise, if needed, preliminary scenarios for SCS planning horizon years
  - Scenarios based on existing land use and General Plan data sets collected by SCAG from local jurisdictions



# Here. Now.
## Subregional Planning Session Agenda

- Transportation Strategies
- Land Use and Housing
- Sustainability and CEQA Streamlining
- Next Steps
- Q&A
- Breakout Sessions

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# Transportation Strategies

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# The Transportation Element

## Developing the RTP/SCS Transportation Element

- The RTP must include a list of transportation projects to be implemented in the region to receive federal and state funds, and federal environmental clearance.

- Major capital investments are committed by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

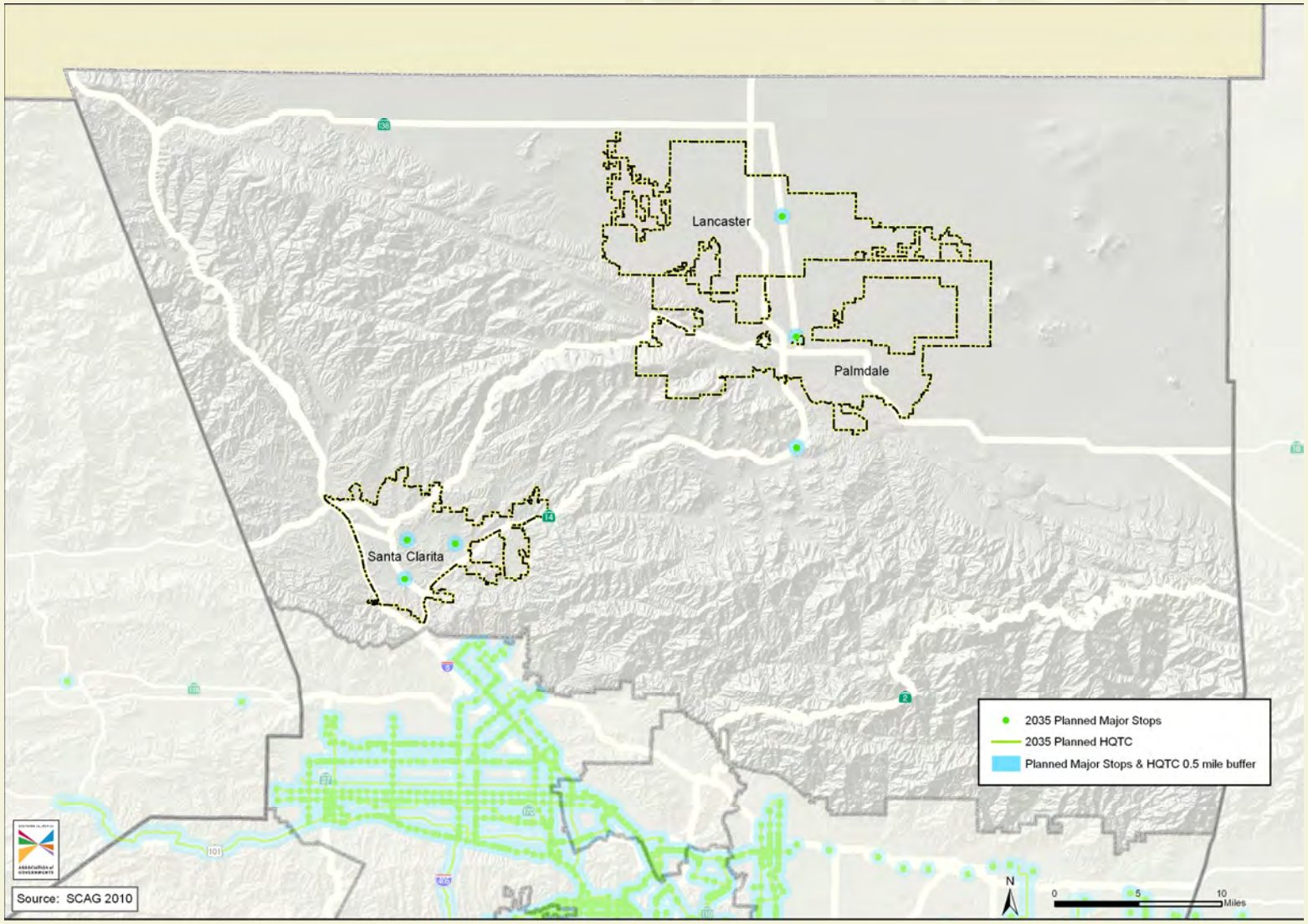
RIVERSIDE COUNTY RTP PROJECTS

| CAT-EGORY | RTP ID | ROUTE # | ROUTE NAME | FROM | TO | DESCRIPTION | PROJECT COMPLE-TION DT* | PROJECT COST ($1,000's) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MIXED FLOW | 3M01RM09 | 71 | SR-71 | SR-91 | SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LINE | WIDEN TO 3 MF LANES EACH DIRECTION | 2035 | $104,908 |
| MIXED FLOW | 3M04MA10 | 91 | SR-91 | PIERCE STREET | ORANGE COUNTY LINE | ADD 1 MF LANES EACH DIRECTION | 2018 | $603,258 |
| MIXED FLOW | 3M07S8 | 215 | I-215 | MORRETA HOT SPRINGS ROAD | I-15/215 INTER-CHANGE | CONSTRUCT A THIRD MIXED FLOW LANE IN EACH DIRECTION | 2014 | $17,226 |
| NON MO-TORIZED | 3NL04 | 0 | NON-MOTORIZED | COUNTYWIDE | | VARIOUS PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY NON-MOTOR-IZED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS | ONGOING | $70,386 |
| OAM | 3OM07D1 | 0 | OPERATIONS & MAINTE-NANCE | COUNTYWIDE | | STATE HIGHWAY, ARTERIAL, AND TRANSIT PRESERVA-TION/MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS | ONGOING | $753,906 |
| OTHER | 3EL04 | 0 | ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT | WESTERN COUNTY | | INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS | ONGOING | $182,513 |
| TDM | 3RL04 | 0 | RIDESHARE | COUNTYWIDE | | INCENTIVES | ONGOING | $188,020 |
| TOLL | 3ML0402 | 15 | I-15 | SR74 | SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LINE | RCTC COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: RIDE-SHARE AND OTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, TDM (TELECOMMUTE, PARK AND RIDE, ETC.) | 2020 | $873,433 |
| TOLL | 3ML0401 | 91 | SR-91 | ORANGE COUNTY LINE | I-15 | BUILD/EXTEND 4 HOT LANES (2 IN EACH DIRECTION) BUILD HOT SB SR91 TO SB I-15 AND NB I-15 TO WB SR91 CONNECTOR LANES | 2020 | $751,118 |
| TRANSIT - BRT | 3TR04A, 3TR04R | 0 | BUS RAPID TRANSIT | MAGNOLIA COR-RIDOR PHASE 1 (CITY OF RIVER-SIDE) | MORENO VAL-LEY CORRIDOR PHASE 1 (CITY OF MORENO VALLEY) | BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT): 65 INTERSECTIONS RE-TROFITTED FOR SIGNAL PRIORITY FOR TRANSIT AND AUTOMATED TRANSIT INFORMATION; 15 BUS STOPS | 2018 | $3,149 |
| TRANSIT - BRT | 3TR04C | 0 | BUS RAPID TRANSIT | COACHELLA VALLEY | | IMPLEMENT BUS RAPID SERVICE/BRT ON HIGHWAY 111 BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COM-PREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN 2005/06. PROJECT WILL ENTAIL COMPLETING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND WORKING WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTION ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING PROJECT. | 2018 | $19,323 |

PROJECT LISTING REPORT 111

# Major Transit Investments and the SCS

## High Quality Transit Corridors and Major Transit Stops



# Local Transportation Strategies
## The Missing Link

### Let's Get Local

- Local transportation investments have traditionally been captured in the RTP Project List as "lump-sum line items" with no detailed sub-list.
- Meanwhile, cities have implemented or planned local transportation strategies that improve mobility and reduce GHG emissions.

# TDM Strategies

Local TDM Strategies can yield regional benefits

**1%**
reduction in vehicle miles traveled

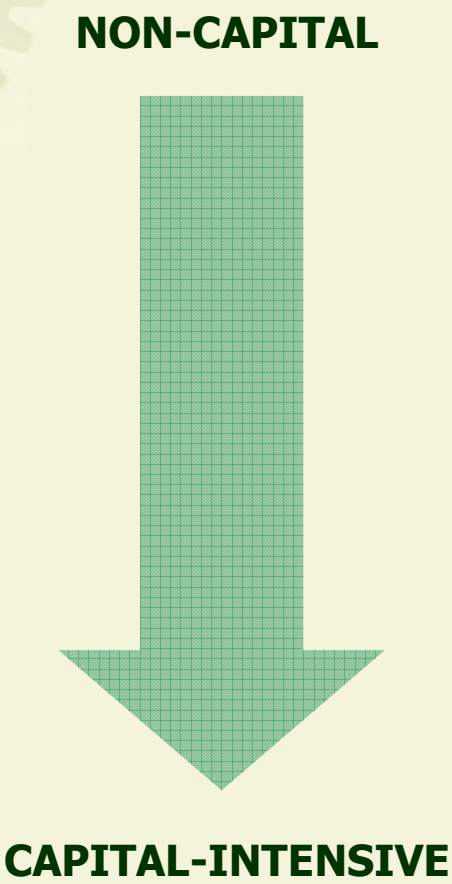
→

**54 million**
fewer gallons of gasoline each year

- We need to demonstrate GHG reduction benefits from current and planned TDM strategies → New TDM Tool
- We need your help in identifying TDM strategies that were in place in 2005 or planned for the future!

# TDM Strategies

- TDM programs (employer and non-employer-based)
- Walking and bicycling
- Parking management
- Public transit improvements
- Carpooling/ridesharing
- Major capital investments



# TDM Strategies

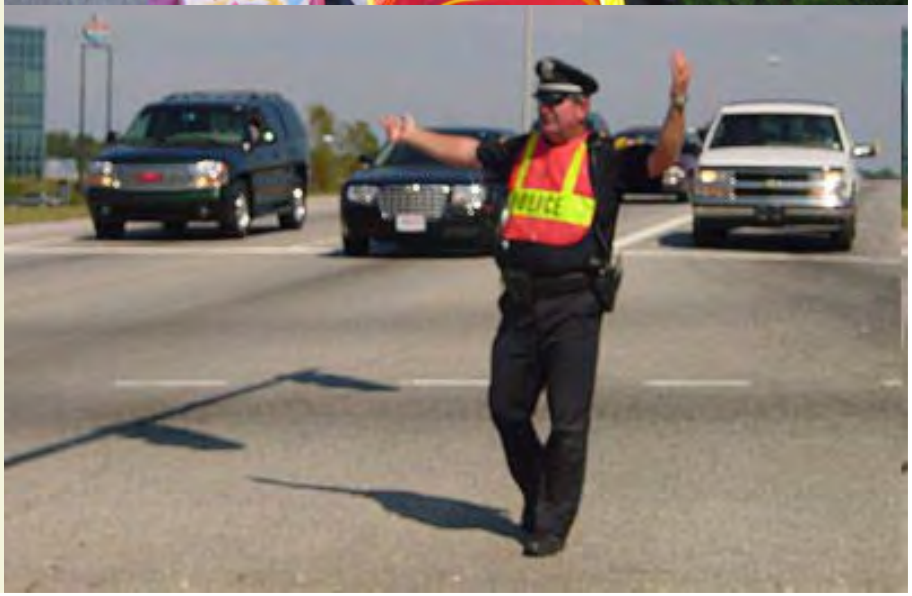
## Employer-Based TDM Programs

- Transportation coordinators
- On-site services
- Guaranteed ride home program
- Parking management
- Carpool/vanpool/transit/bicycling incentives
- Telecommuting
- Compressed work schedule

# TDM Strategies

## Non-Employer-Based TDM Programs

- School-based programs
- Community-based programs
- Development-based Programs
- Special event programs



# TDM Strategies

## Walking and Bicycling

- New bike lanes, paths, routes and cycletracks
- Bicycle parking
- Bicycle share programs
- Bikes on Transit programs
- Folding bicycles
- Sidewalks/ADA compliance
- Enhancing the pedestrian environment

Bicycle Commuters in Portland Oregon represent 6.4% of all commuters (compared to less 0.67% for SCAG region).

# TDM Strategies

## Parking Management

- Congestion boundaries
- Parking cash-out program
- Preferential parking for carpools
- Separating parking from condominiums/apartments
- Reduced parking requirements
- Parking prices/fees
- Smart meters

# TDM Strategies

## Public Transit Improvements

- Expanded or new service
- More frequent service
- Real-time information
- Mobility hubs
  - EV car sharing
  - Bike sharing
  - Bike stations

# TDM Strategies

## Carpooling/Ridesharing

- Park-and-Ride facilities
- Carpool/vanpool incentives
- Two-way taxi rides

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# TDM Strategies

## Major Capital Investments

- HOV/HOT lanes
- Major transit investments
  - Rail
  - Multi-agency transit pass
- Intelligent transportation
  - IT Cloud
  - Signal synchronization
  - Changeable message signs
  - Traffic management centers
  - 5-1-1 System

# Next Steps

## Local Jurisdictions

- Fill out the **TDM Survey for Cities** that was sent to your city manager in December.
- Help distribute the **TDM Survey for Employers** to major employers in your city.

## SCAG

- Analyze survey responses for GHG reduction benefits using TDM Tool.

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# Land Use and Housing

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# Land Use and Housing
## RTP/SCS Goals

- Identify a forecasted development pattern integrated with transportation investment and strategies that will meet the State's GHG emissions reduction targets.
- Produce a RTP that complies with all federal requirements.

# Land Use and Housing
## Local Input

1. Local planning factors

   Requesting input from local jurisdictions on housing, suitable land for urban development, etc.

2. Scenario planning with Local Sustainability Planning Tool

   Requesting local jurisdiction input/review/revision on land use for SCS planning horizon years utilizing the LSPT.

# Local Planning Factors
## Local Factors, Local Input

- Similar to AB 2158 Factors that are used for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process
- Local Planning Factors or AB 2158?
- Ensure integration into growth forecast used for SCS/RTP development
- AB 2158 factor survey
  - send out in mid-April 2011
  - Confirm input
  - Due May 2011

Input Regarding Local Planning Factors

City: _____ Subregion: _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone Number/Email: _____

| Factor | Input |
|---|---|
| 1. Existing and projected job housing balance | |
| 2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to federal and state laws, regulations or regulatory actions, or supply and distribution decisions made by a sewer or water service provider other than the local jurisdiction that preclude the jurisdiction from providing necessary infrastructure for additional development during the planning period. | |
| 3. The availability of land suitable for urban development or for conversion to residential use, the availability of underutilized land, and opportunities for infill development and increased residential densities. | |
| 4. Lands preserved or protected from urban development under existing federal and state programs, or both, designed to protect open space, farmland, environmental habitats, and natural resources on a long-term basis. | |
| 5. County policies to preserve agricultural land within an unincorporated area. | |
| 6. The distribution of household growth assumed for purposes of a comparable period of regional transportation plans and opportunities to maximize the use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure. | |

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|---|---|
| 7. The loss of low-income housing units in assisted housing developments due to contract expirations or termination of use restrictions. | |
| 8. The market demand for housing. | |
| 9. Agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county. | |
| 10. High housing costs burdens. | |
| 11. Housing needs of farm workers. | |
| 12. Housing needs generated by the presence of a private university or a campus of the California State University or the University of California within any member jurisdiction. | |
| 13. Other factors beyond those found in Government Code 65584.04 (d). Suggestions are welcome. | |

# Local Planning Factors

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3. Availability of land suitable for urban development or for conversion to residential use
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6. Opportunities to maximize existing transit infrastructure

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11. Housing needs of farm workers
12. Student housing needs
13. Other factors

# Land Use and Housing
## Local Sustainability Planning Tool (LSPT)

### What is Local Sustainability Planning Tool (LSPT)?

- A GIS-based sketch planning tool that local jurisdictions can use to analyze the impact of different land use scenarios on vehicle ownership, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), mode use, and their associated effects on GHG emissions.

- Requirements driven by SB 375 to assist in the development of SCS through a bottom-up process.

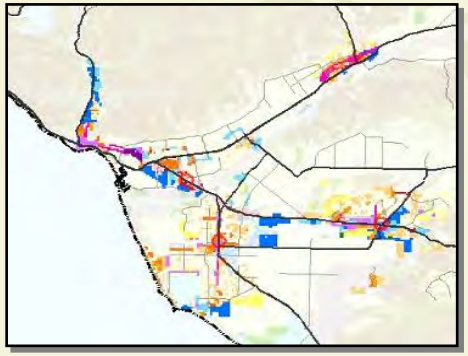
# LSPT
## Characteristics

### What can the LSPT do?

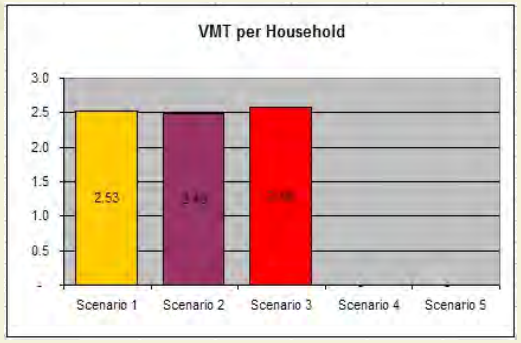
- ArcGIS based scenario development and visualization
- "Instant feedback" on results of scenarios
- Sensitive to key land use strategies
- Geographically scalable
- Easy to customize
- Understandable to non-technical audiences

# 3 Step Process

Development Types



Scenario Development




Evaluation

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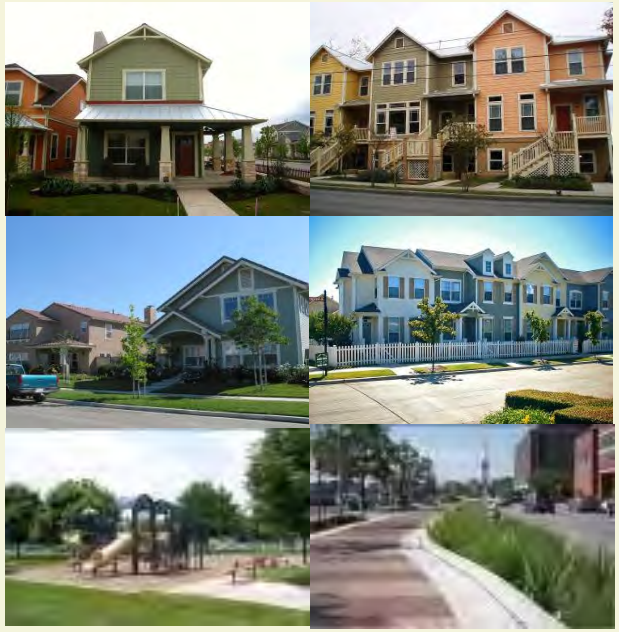
# Select a Development Type
## 24 default types

Variety of buildings, streets, and amenities create a "Place"



→ **"Development Type"**

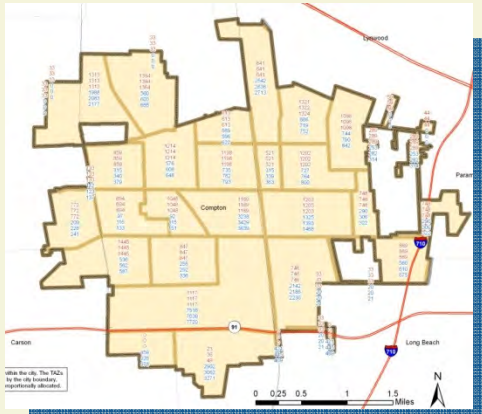
Generic place types for the region that group and categorize land uses for 196 local jurisdictions that have distinct land use designations.

Each development type has a specific land area, housing and employment mix, density (housing and employment) and land mix.

# Spatial Unit for Scenario Planning
## Utilization of 5.5 acres Grid Cell

### Preparation of growth forecast at the Grid cell level:

SCAG Growth Forecast



Household and Employment estimates and forecasts approved by local jurisdictions

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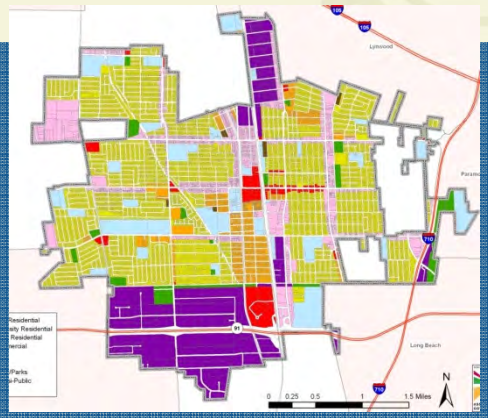
Local Land Use Data



2008 Existing and General Plan land use datasets updated with local input

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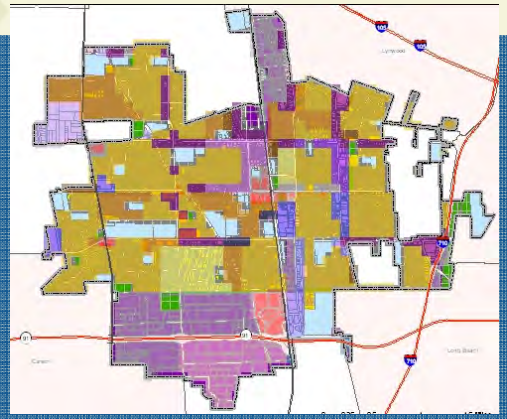
Grid Cell Data



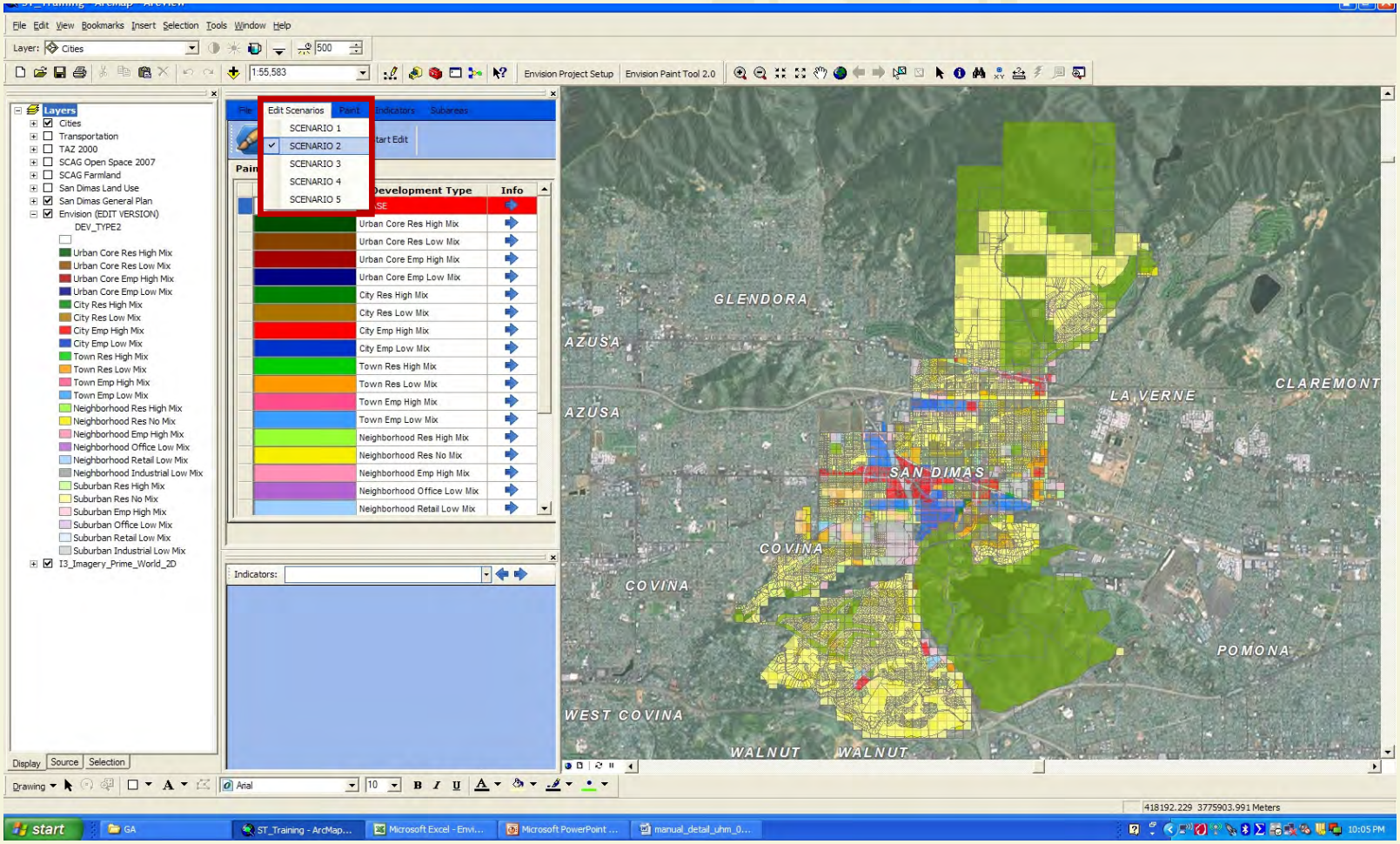
Household and Employment estimates and forecasts represented as Development Types

- Manageable size for capturing local land use benefits on transportation while maintaining instant feedback capability

# Scenario Review/Revision process

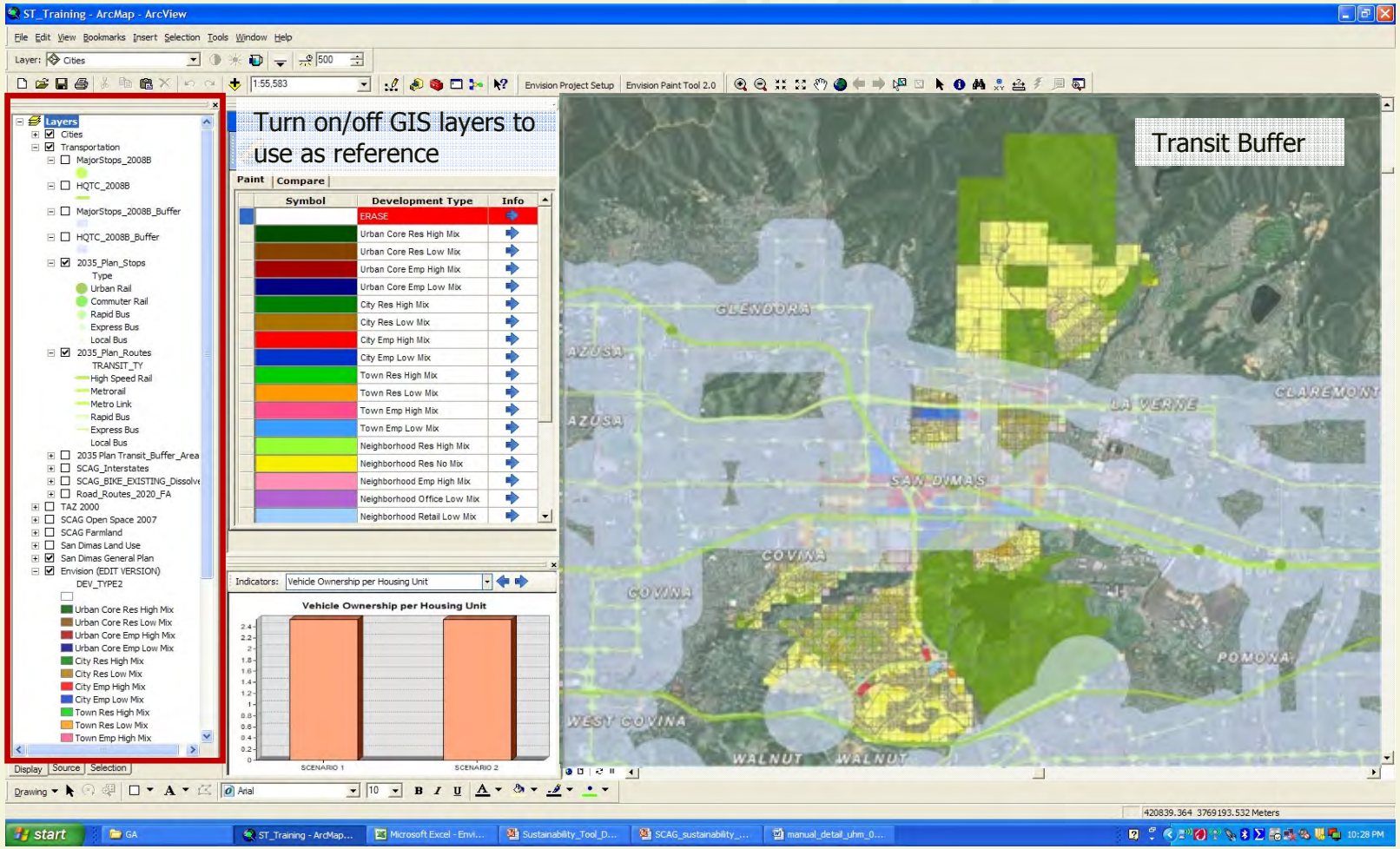
## 1. Select a Scenario to view/edit

Users can work on up to 5 scenarios at a time



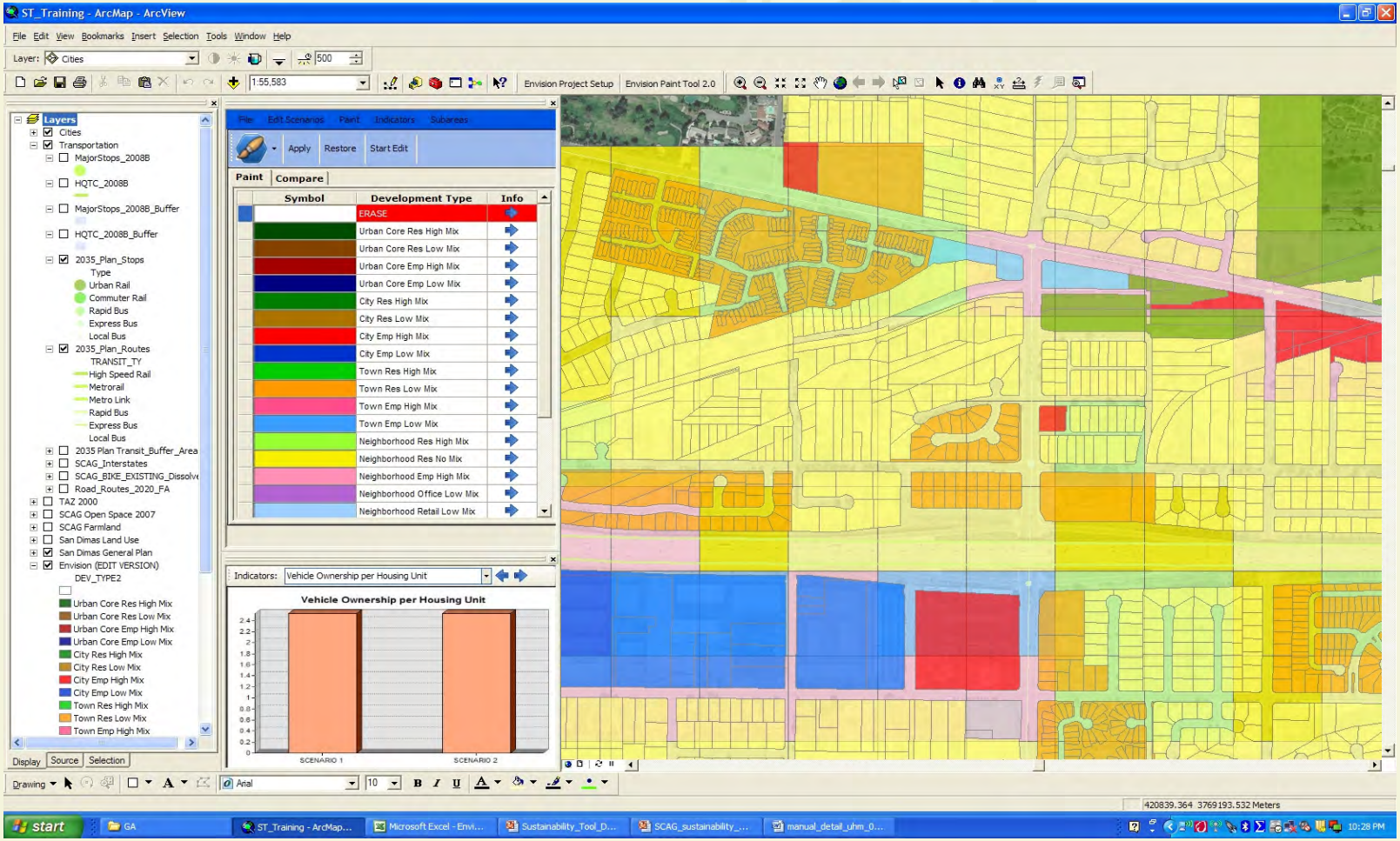
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 2. Use reference layers

Users can turn on/off additional GIS layers to use as reference



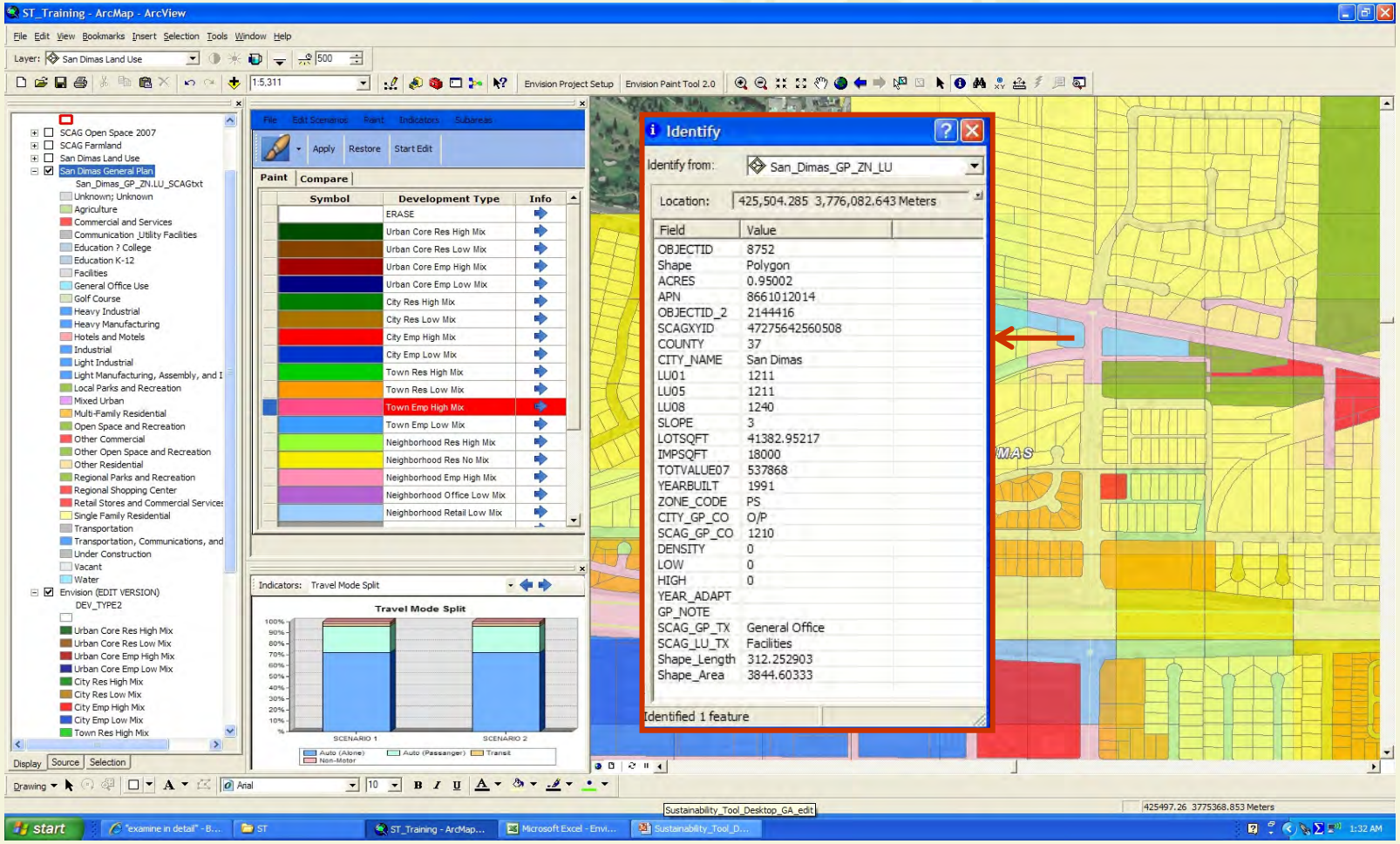
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 3. Zoom into an area

Zoom into an area of interest to examine in detail



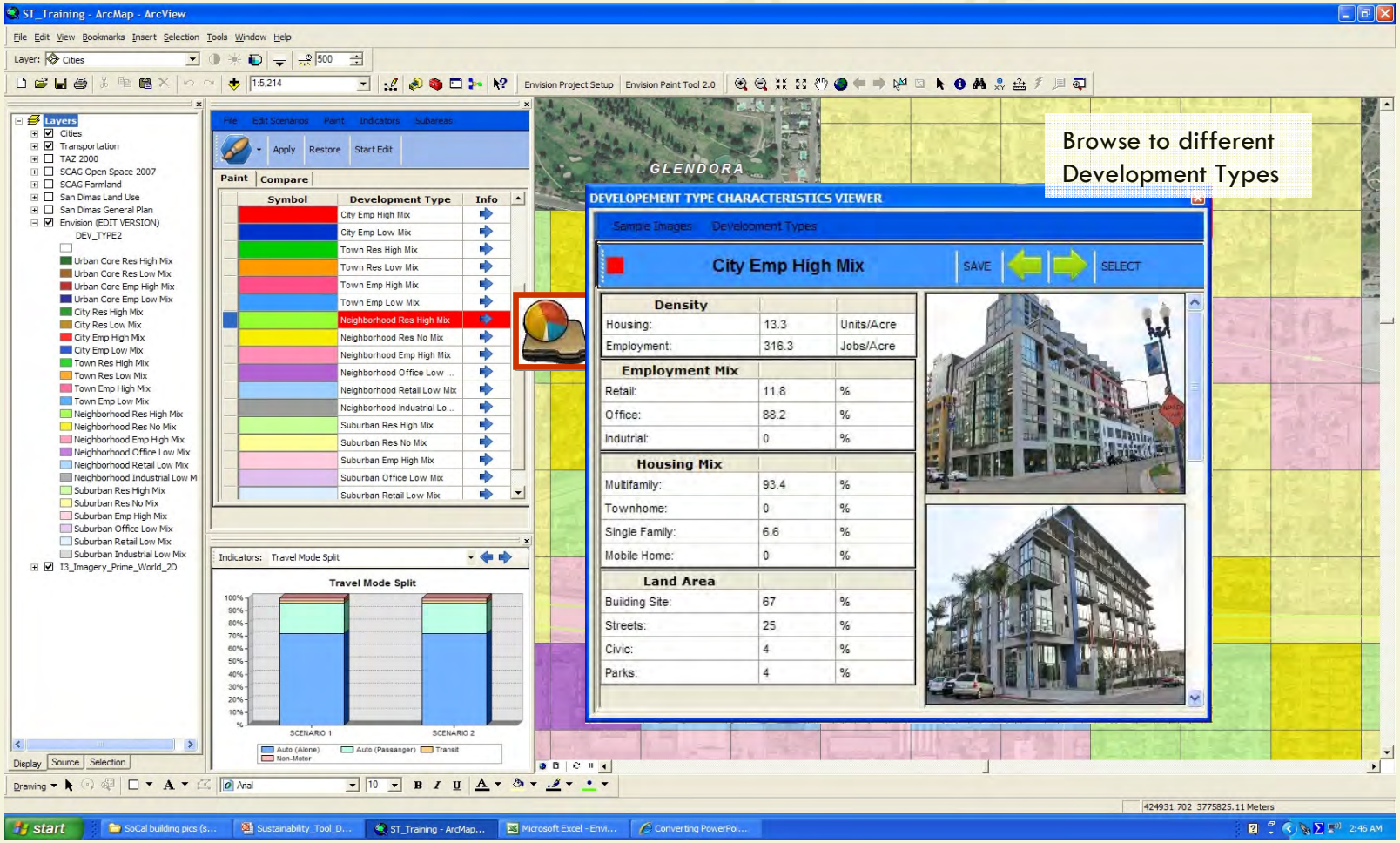
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 4. Examine parcel level information

### Click on a parcel to get detailed information



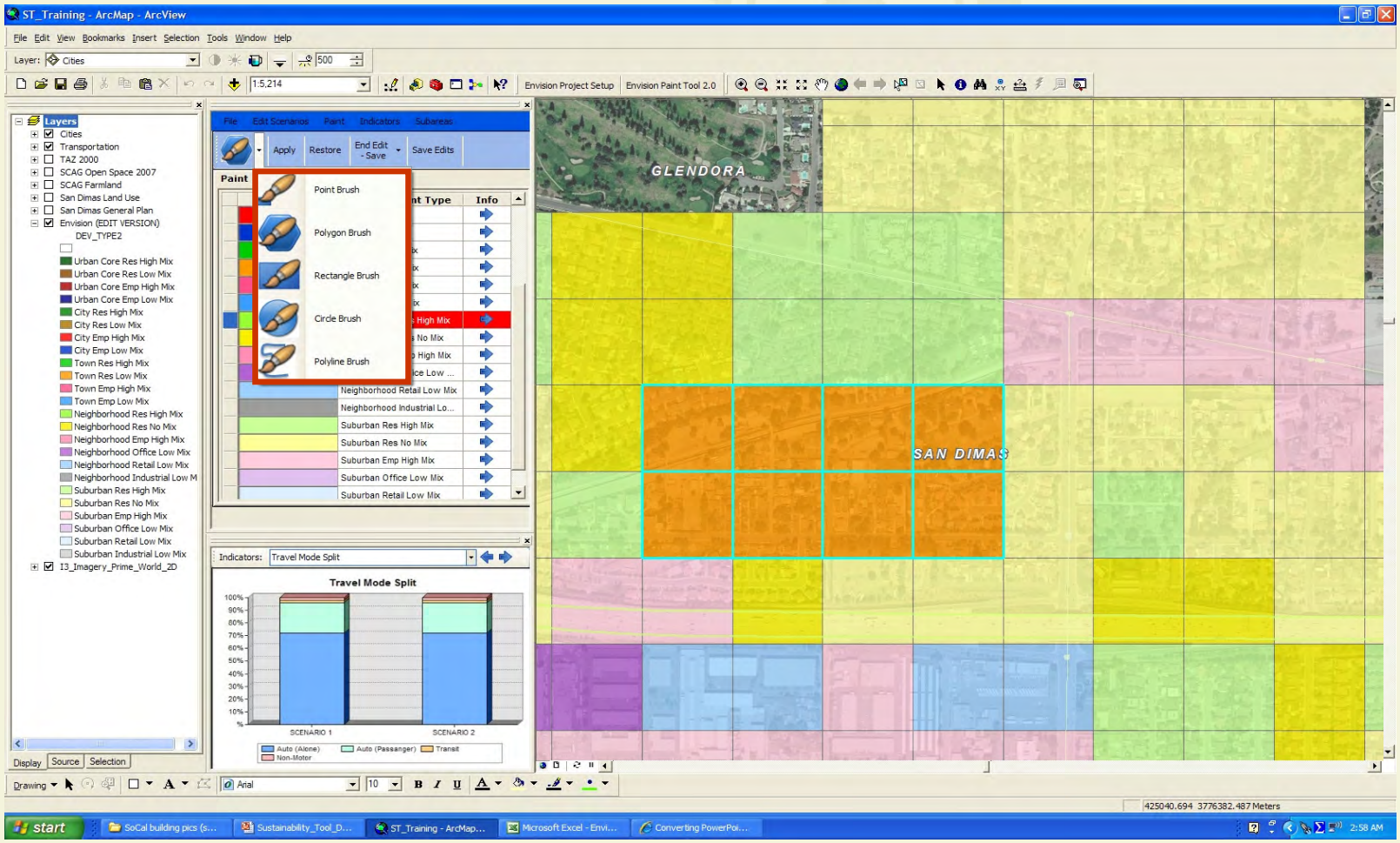
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 5. Examine Development Type characteristics and select

Enable Development Type Characteristics Viewer to examine and select a Development Type to apply



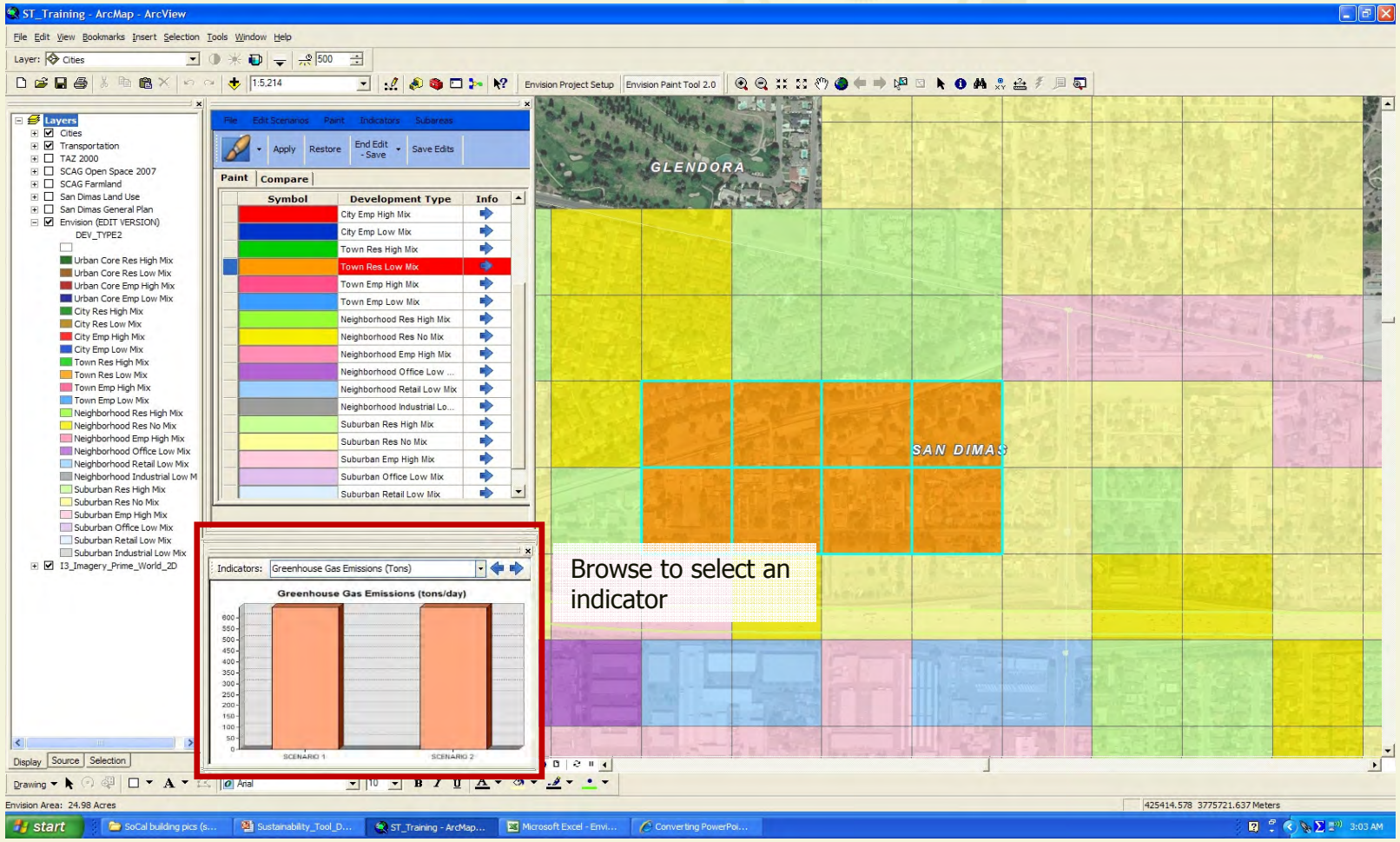
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 6. Select a paint brush and an area to paint

Each brush offers different capabilities to select areas



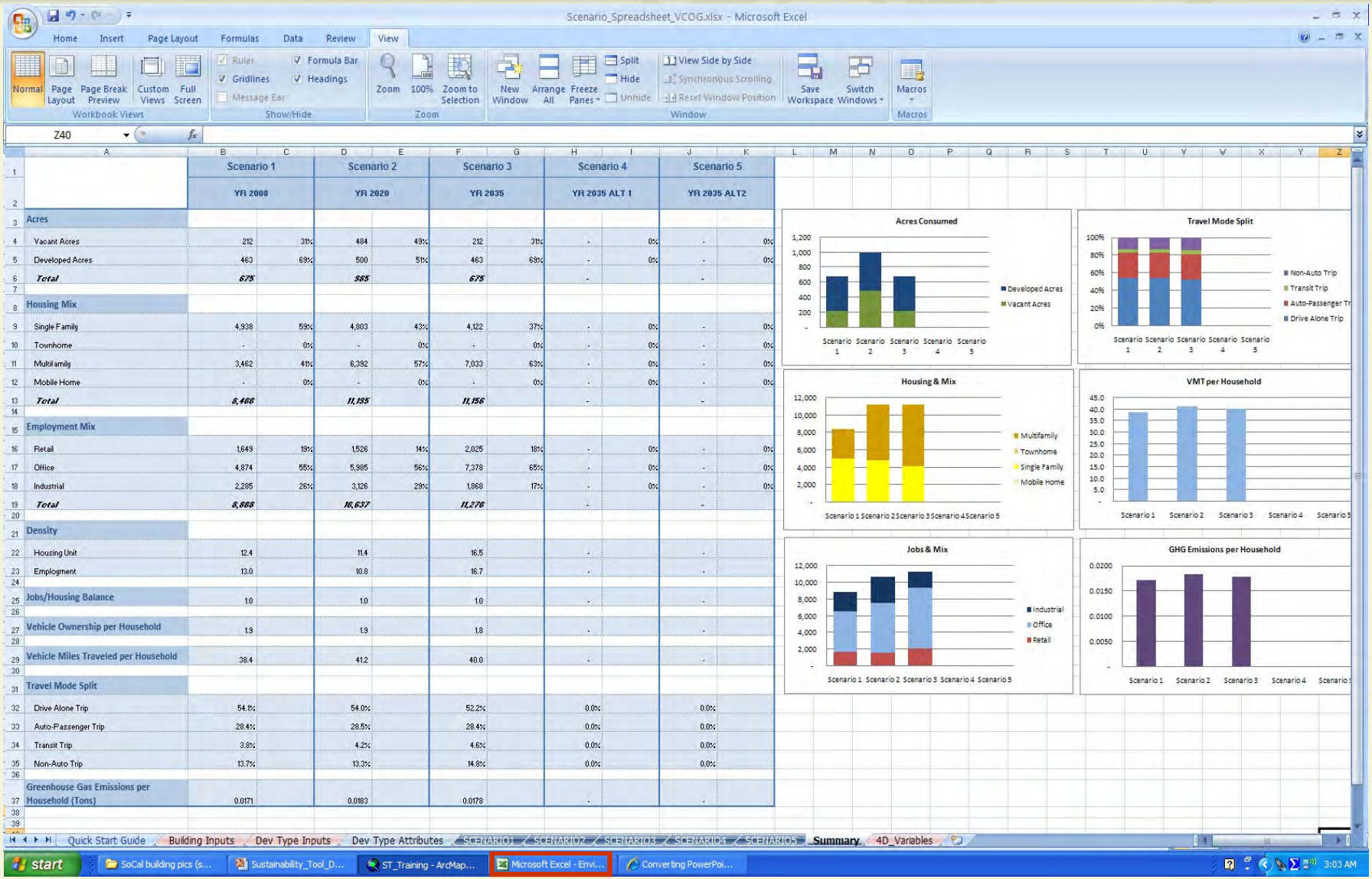
# Scenario Review/Revision process
## 7. Monitor progress

Available indicators include: Housing & Job Mix, Job Housing Balance, Vehicle Ownership, VMT, Travel Mode, and GHG



# Scenario Review/Revise process

## 8. Evaluate scenarios in Excel spreadsheet




| | Scenario 1 | | Scenario 2 | | Scenario 3 | | Scenario 4 | | Scenario 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | YR 2008 | | YR 2020 | | YR 2035 | | YR 2035 ALT 1 | | YR 2035 ALT2 | |
| **Acres** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vacant Acres | 212 | 31% | 484 | 49% | 212 | 31% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Developed Acres | 463 | 69% | 500 | 51% | 463 | 69% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| *Total* | *675* | | *985* | | *675* | | - | | - | |
| **Housing Mix** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single Family | 4,938 | 59% | 4,803 | 43% | 4,122 | 37% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Townhome | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Multifamily | 3,462 | 41% | 6,392 | 57% | 7,033 | 63% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Mobile Home | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| *Total* | *8,400* | | *11,195* | | *11,156* | | - | | - | |
| **Employment Mix** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail | 1,649 | 19% | 1,526 | 14% | 2,025 | 18% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Office | 4,874 | 55% | 5,985 | 56% | 7,378 | 65% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| Industrial | 2,285 | 26% | 3,126 | 29% | 1,868 | 17% | - | 0% | - | 0% |
| *Total* | *8,808* | | *10,637* | | *11,276* | | - | | - | |
| **Density** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing Unit | 12.4 | | 11.4 | | 16.5 | | - | | - | |
| Employment | 13.0 | | 10.8 | | 16.7 | | - | | - | |
| **Jobs/Housing Balance** | 1.0 | | 1.0 | | 1.0 | | - | | - | |
| **Vehicle Ownership per Household** | 1.9 | | 1.9 | | 1.8 | | - | | - | |
| **Vehicle Miles Traveled per Household** | 38.4 | | 41.2 | | 40.0 | | - | | - | |
| **Travel Mode Split** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drive Alone Trip | 54.1% | | 54.0% | | 52.2% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Auto-Passenger Trip | 28.4% | | 28.5% | | 28.4% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Transit Trip | 3.8% | | 4.2% | | 4.6% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Non-Auto Trip | 13.7% | | 13.3% | | 14.8% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| **Greenhouse Gas Emissions per Household (Tons)** | 0.0171 | | 0.0183 | | 0.0178 | | - | | - | |

# Past Efforts and Moving Forward

- Offered training sessions throughout the SCAG subregions
  - SCAG LA Office (nine participants)
- Tool made available to all local jurisdictions in Jan. 2011
  - If you do not have ArcGIS 9.3x, you can access the tool on SCAG server remotely from your workstation
- On-site help available after the planning session
- Additional tool training forthcoming
- Possible one-on-one meeting at your request

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# Environmental Planning

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# Environmental Planning
## Survey Topics

### What we need from you

- Identify your jurisdiction's sustainability planning efforts
  - Greenhouse gas inventories
  - Climate Action Plans
  - Resource Plans and Policies (energy, water, solid waste)
- Your interest level in CEQA Streamlining under SB 375

# CEQA Streamlining
## SB 375

### Overview

- Types of SB 375 CEQA streamlining
- Does a project qualify?
- Determining consistency
- Your City's role
- SCAG's role

# CEQA Streamlining
## Opportunities

### Full CEQA Exemption

- For a special class of TPP declared a Sustainable Communities Project (SCP)

### Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment

- For Transit Priority Projects (TPP) only

### Streamlined EIR/Reduced CEQA Analysis

- For TPPs and residential/mixed use projects

### Traffic Mitigation Measures

- For TPPs only

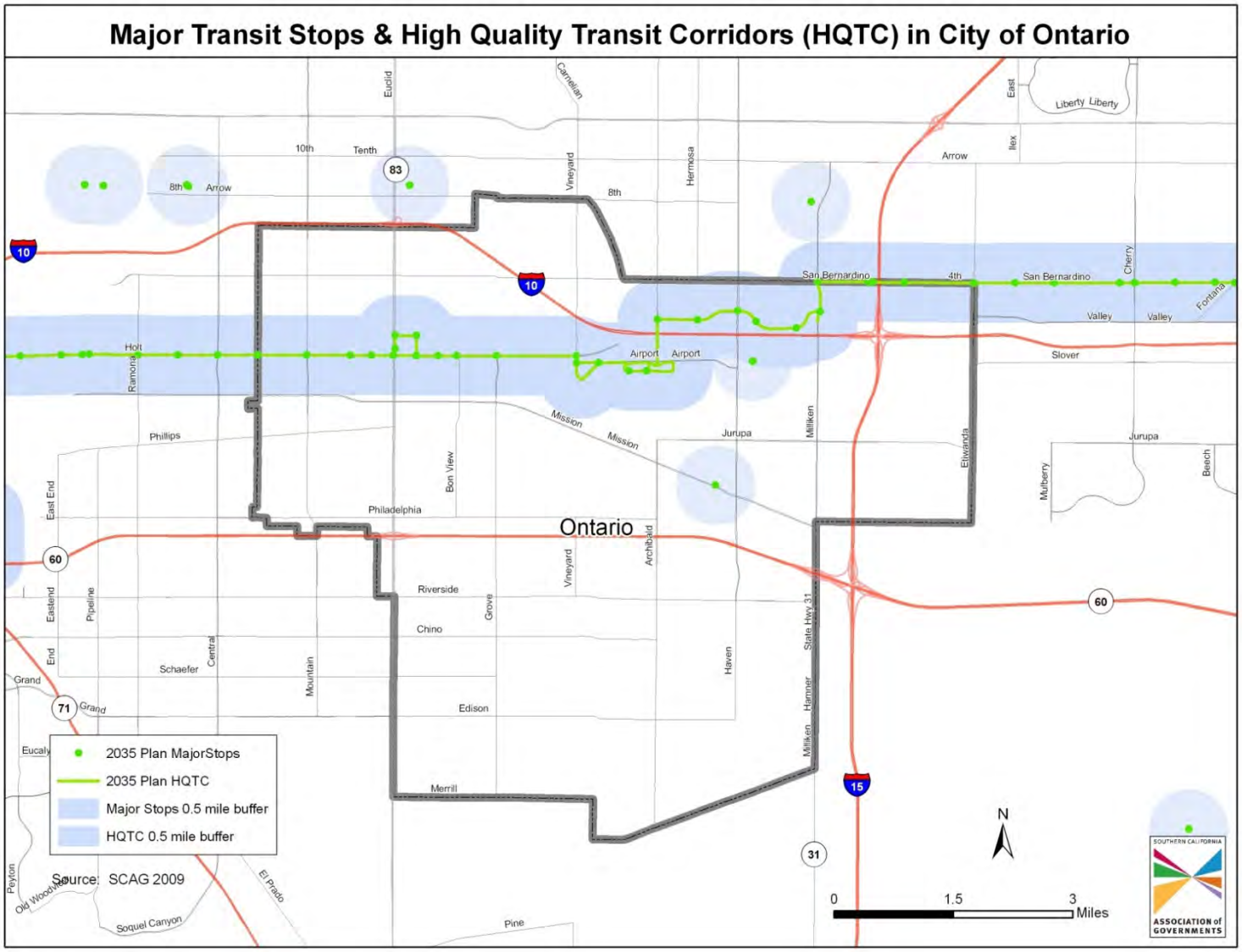
# CEQA Streamlining
## How does a project qualify

1. Consistent with an approved SCS or APS
2. Be one of the following:
   - Transit Priority Project
     - At least 50% residential use (≥ 0.75 FAR if 26-50% non-residential use)
     - Minimum 20 dwelling units/acre
     - Within ½ mile of a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor

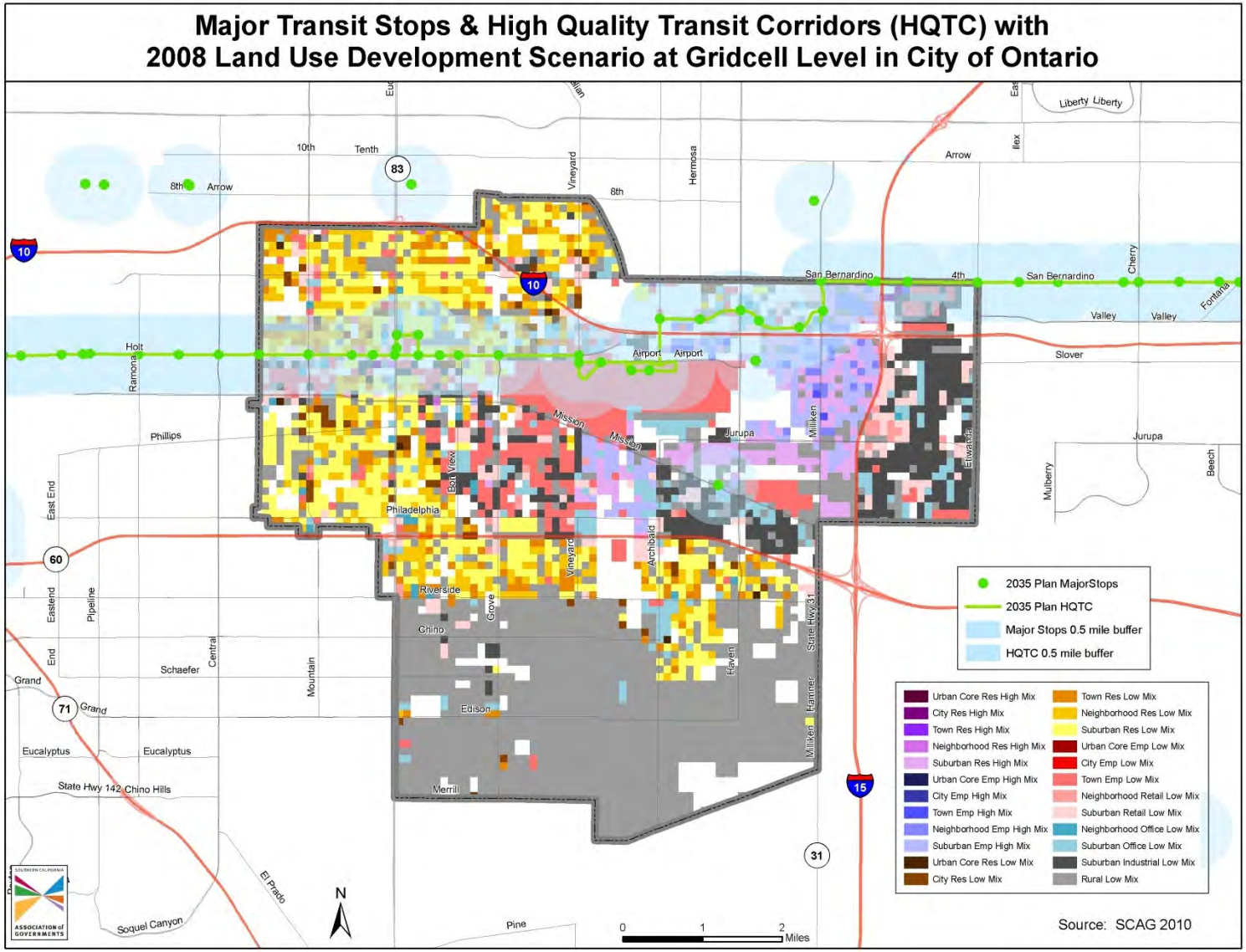
   OR

   - Residential or Mixed Use Residential Project
     - ≥ 75% of total building square footage is residential use

# Example of TPP Area
## City of Ontario



# Determining Consistency



# CEQA Streamlining
## Your City's Role

### City Role

- Identify potential projects within your jurisdiction that might qualify
- Take an active role in SCS development
- Provide detailed land use information, if interested
- Make a consistency finding for projects that potentially qualify for SB 375 streamlining (after SCS adoption)

# CEQA Streamlining
## SCAG's Role

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- Collect data
- Prepare SCS
- Incorporate data into SCS to facilitate consistency findings by local jurisdictions

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# Next Steps

# 2012 RTP/SCS Development
## Next Steps for Local Jurisdictions

### Survey Input

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Local Planning Factors
- CEQA Streamlining and Sustainability

### Review of preliminary land-use scenarios

- Review/revise preliminary land-use scenarios provided on Local Sustainability Planning Tool
- Approve or submit revisions to SCAG

### Input is requested by March 25, 2011

# 2012 RTP/SCS Development
## Draft SCS

After planning sessions and follow-up, SCAG will:

- Revise preliminary scenarios to reflect input provided
- Measure GHG emissions reductions for preliminary land use scenarios
- Develop policy-based, alternative land use scenarios

SCAG will hold workshops in subregions in Spring/Summer introducing a draft SCS

# 2012 RTP/SCS Development
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# Thank you

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