

# SBCTA and SBCOG Sustainability Initiatives

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) serve 24 cities and the County of San Bernardino, with a total population of over 2.1 million. SBCTA is responsible for cooperative regional planning and implementation of major transit and highway projects throughout the County. SBCTA also administers Measure I, the County's half-cent sales tax for transportation. In addition to building infrastructure, our ridesharing/vanpooling programs reduce traffic demand, and our Freeway Service Patrols and Valley-wide Signal Synchronization Programs strive to keep traffic flowing, in partnership with the cities, Caltrans, and CHP. SBCOG provides a forum to share information on issues of mutual importance to local jurisdictions, as well as an opportunity to deliver certain local services collaboratively.

## The Countywide Vision: A Foundation of Sustainability

The Countywide Vision Statement, approved in 2011 by SBCTA/SBCOG, its member cities, and the County of San Bernardino, was a bold step toward a sustainable future, setting the County on a sustainable course for nine distinct sectors or elements. The Vision states that:

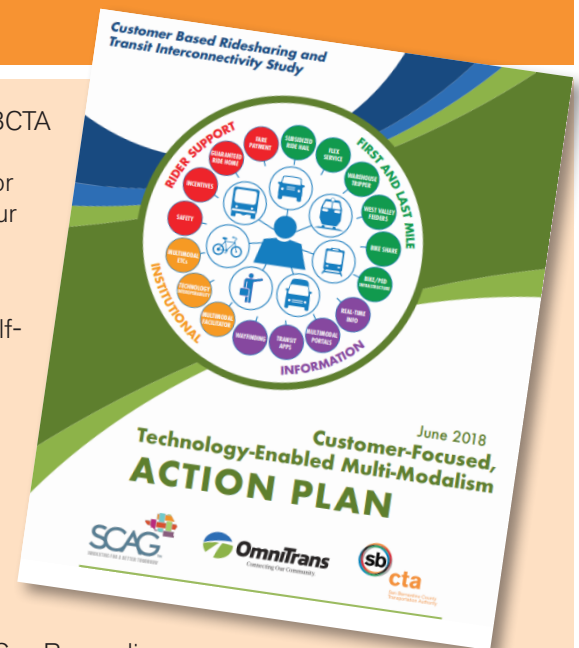
*"We envision a sustainable system of high-quality education, community health, public safety, housing, retail, recreation, arts and culture, and infrastructure, in which development complements our natural resources and environment."*

SBCTA/SBCOG and our partners have been delivering on our sustainability commitment in multiple ways, including:



## Transportation/Land Use Initiatives

- **Transit Investments** – Over \$600 Million is being invested by SBCTA in high-capacity transit over a 10-year period, linking with the growing Southern California transit network. This is an extraordinary commitment for a densifying, suburban county, jointly undertaken by SBCTA and Omnitrans, our largest transit operator.
- **The Redlands Passenger Rail Project** – This is a 9-mile rail line between Redlands and downtown San Bernardino, to be operational in 2021, using self-propelled trainsets. As part of this project, SBCTA has received a \$30 Million grant from the State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to implement a zero-emission passenger rail trainset, a first in North America.  
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- **Customer-Focused, Technology-Enabled Multi-Modalism Action Plan** – The Action Plan specifies 16 targeted initiatives for implementation to make transit, ridesharing, and active transportation easier to use and more efficient.  
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- **ARRIVE Corridor/TOD Planning** – All the jurisdictions along our Metrolink San Bernardino Line and Arrow are engaged in planning and/or building transit oriented development. This ranges from the "Transit Village Plans" in Redlands, to the Empire Yards Development at the Rancho Cucamonga Station, to recent developments constructed under the Montclair Specific Plan adjacent to the city's Metrolink station. [gosebcta.com/arrive](http://gosebcta.com/arrive)
- **Active Transportation Investments Countywide** – Agencies are now engaged in delivering bicycle and pedestrian improvements made possible by over \$50 million in State Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants. SBCTA has recently updated its Active Transportation Plan to include a Safe Routes to School element, a Points of Interest element, and a Complete Streets element. A countywide sidewalk inventory project is underway.





## Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction

- **Zero-Emission Vehicle Readiness and Implementation Plan –**

This is a countywide effort to identify, prioritize, and implement electric vehicle charging stations to facilitate the attainment of the State's vehicle electrification goals in San Bernardino County.

- **Countywide GHG Reduction Plan and EIR –** This effort was completed in 2014 and is now being updated to address the State's 2030 GHG reduction goals under SB 32. The Plan and EIR have facilitated adoption of local Climate Action Plans (CAPs).
- **Regional Energy Partnership –** This is a collaboration between SBCOG, Southern California Edison, and So Cal Gas. The purpose is to form partnerships between energy companies and municipalities to reduce energy consumption through energy efficiency upgrades, rebates, and incentives.
- **Partnerships on Clean Freight –** Using a federal DOE grant and state CEC grant, SBCTA partnered with Ryder to place over 200 natural gas fueled trucks into its leasing fleet in Southern California as well as a maintenance facility and two fueling facilities. We are currently working with the BYD, BNSF railroad, and Daylight Transportation to pilot battery electric drayage trucks at Intermodal Yards in San Bernardino and Los Angeles and a distribution facility in Fontana. This pilot project is made possible by a grant from CARB.



## Climate, Health, and Habitat

- **Climate Adaptation Partnership with Western Riverside COG –**

This plan has been initiated to address the potential effects of climate change in Riverside and San Bernardino counties and identify ways to work together to address the challenges.

- **Healthy Communities Best Practices Toolkit –** The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health created a Strategic Plan for the implementation of Healthy Communities policies. The toolkit, a collaboration between SBCOG and the County, will contain sample policies, resolutions, processes, organizational structure, and lessons learned from agencies that have implemented health-related policies.
- **Habitat Conservation –** San Bernardino County and SBCOG are collaborating on an effort to create a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) through the process established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife under AB 2087. A draft plan is expected by the end of 2018.



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