



June 4, 2024

The Honorable David Cortese
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 405
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 6 (Friedman) Regional Transportation Planning: Greenhouse Gas Reductions - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Cortese:

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development, I am writing to support AB 6.

The Council of Infill Builders is dedicated to championing policies that make high-quality, transit-oriented infill development easier, cheaper and faster to build. AB 6 boosts this kind of development in order to reduce transportation emissions. It extends the Air Resources Board's oversight of regional transportation plans and sustainable community strategies (RTP/SCS) beyond 2035 and closes loopholes in the regional planning process. Moreover, it authorizes the Board to reject an RTP/SCS if it determines that the plan is unlikely to be implemented.

In 2008, SB 375 (Steinberg) was signed into law, requiring RTPs to include a SCS to achieve targets set by the Air Resources Board for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles. Despite these plans and targets, vehicle emissions per capita have continued to rise, even as zero emission vehicles sales increase. This outcome is largely due to the fact that SCSs are not being fully implemented.

California's transportation and housing planning status quo has instead resulted in some of the longest commutes, worst air pollution in the country and devastating increases in the cost of housing, leading to homelessness and worsening inequality. By closing long-standing loopholes in the planning process and establishing sustainability strategies with clear paths to implementation, AB 6 will help California start to reverse these trends.

For these reasons, the Council of Infill Builders supports AB 6 and requests your "aye" vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mott Smith, Chair, Board of Directors
Council of infill Builders