

Behavior, Energy & Climate Change Conference Sacramento, California November 2013

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Background



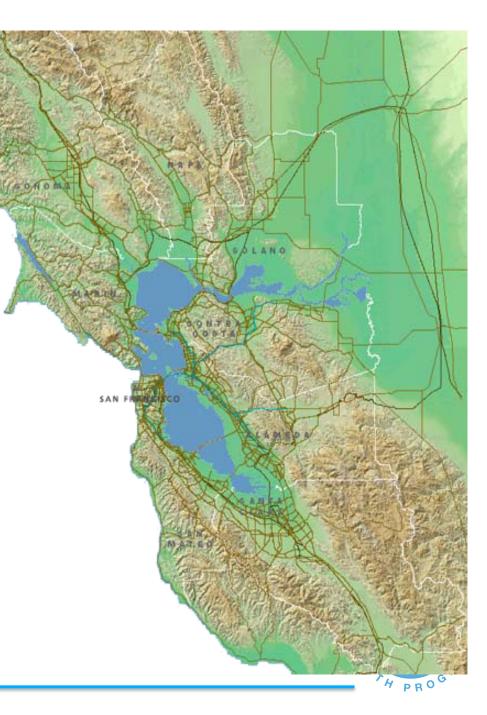
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

 Created by the California Legislature in 1970

 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties

 Governed by 21-member board of primarily local elected officials

- Responsibilities include:
 - Planning
 - Funding
 - Coordination
 - Operations
 - Advocacy



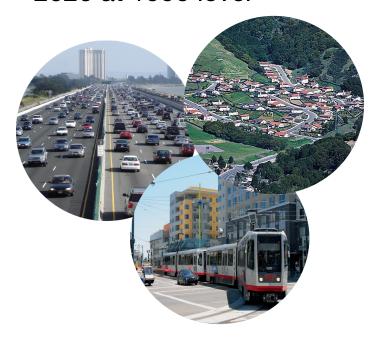
Regional Transportation Plan

- Road map that guides region's transportation development over a 25-year period
- Plan constrained to revenues reasonably available to region
- Updated every four years
- Extensive public outreach and consultation with various stakeholders
- Transportation projects must be consistent with RTP to receive federal, state or regional funding



AB 32

- Establishes regulatory and market mechanisms to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions
- Sets GHG emissions limits for 2020 at 1990 level



SB 375

- Requires the integration of land use and transportation planning in a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to reduce emissions from light duty vehicles
- Directs ARB to develop GHG reduction targets for CA's 18 MPOs for 2020 and 2035 -7% and -15% respectively for the Bay Area



Climate Initiatives Program

- Transportation 2035: first RTP to outline GHG emission reduction strategies to comply with state laws
- 3-year, \$80 million program adopted in December 2009
- Program developed by Commission members, representatives from Bay Area transportation agencies, advocates and staff
- Program makes short-term investments that reduce transportation-related emissions and vehicle miles traveled
- Program focuses on evaluation to inform the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy



Climate Initiatives Program

- Public Outreach and Education Program \$10 million
 - Regional School and Youth Outreach Program
 - Smart Driving Pilots
 - Electric Vehicle Promotion Campaign
- Innovative Grants \$31 million for 13 grants
 - 4 Clean Vehicles
 - 4 Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
 - 4 Showcase
 - 1 Parking Management
- Safe Routes to School (SR2S) County Program & Creative Grants - \$17 million
- Program Evaluation \$2 million





- \$3 million over 4 years
- Program implemented in two phases: testing & implementation
- Phase I: funded 7 pilot projects totaling approximately \$265,000
- Phase II: funded 7 projects totaling \$1.6M
- Program encourages kids and their families to use alternative transportation modes







Educate, inspire and empower youth and their families to make transportation-related behavior changes that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.





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It Starts ...

- Identify stakeholders
- Outreach
 - Regional Practitioner
 Workshops (Fall 2011)
 - Technical AdvisoryCommittee
- Identify programs, needs & gaps
- Implementation
 - Phase I
 - Phase II



North Bay Workshop Petaluma

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Petaluma Community Center Conference Room 2 320 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

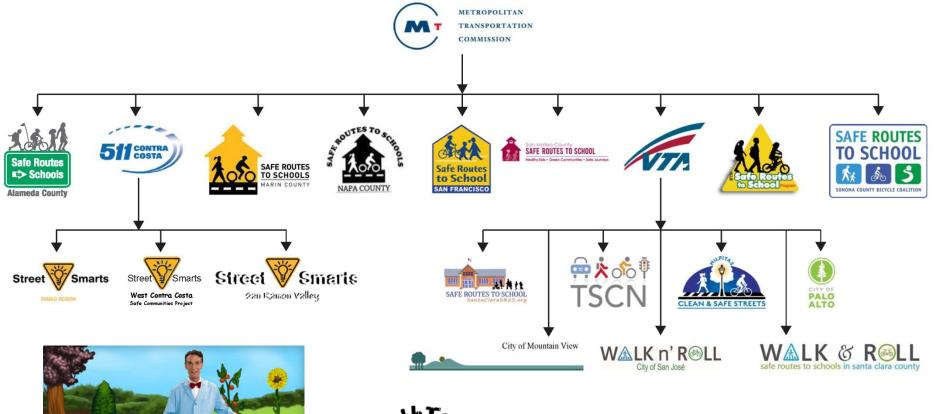


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VTA River Oaks Campus Auditorium 3331 North First Street, San Jose



Program Inventory ...











Filling the gap ...

- Regional Assistance
 - Spare the Air Youth
 Incentive Program
 - Translation Services
 - sparetheairyouth.org
 - Youth for the Environment
 & Sustainability (YES)
 Conference





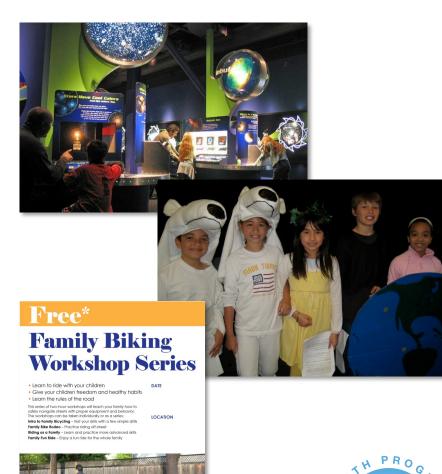
About

Spare the Air Youth is a new regional program that aims to educate, inspire and empower youth and families in the San Francisco
Bay Area to walk, bicycle, carpool, and take transit. A part of the Metropolitian Transportation Commission & (MTC)'s Climate
Initiatives Program. If in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Spare the Air Youth seeks to find
effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation while also providing a regional resource for students,
parents, teachers and program providers. The program also supports Bay Area Safe Routes to School outreach and
encouragement efforts.



Implementation — Phase I

- Climb-It-Challenge (Climate Education)
- SchoolPool Promotion
- Youth Ambassador Program
- Peer-to-Peer Bicycle Program
- Transit & Trails (Transit Education)
- Family Bicycling Workshop
- "This is How We Roll"
 Video Contest



Phase I Evaluation



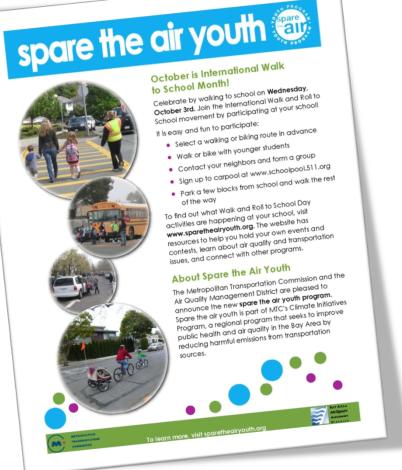
- Evaluation
 - GHG emissions
 - Vehicle miles traveled
 - Travel patterns & transportation behavior change
 - Regional
 implementation
 potential (replicable,
 scalable, geographic
 diversity)

Phase II

- Continue Regional **Assistance**
- Annual YES Conference
- Outreach & Marketing Campaign
- Develop Educational Videos & Handbooks
- Phase II Program **Grants**



Youth for the Environment and Sustainability





Phase II Program Grants

- Traveling Climate Change Exhibit (Aquarium of the Bay)
- Bay Area BikeMobile (Local Motion)
- Go Green Fridays (City of Morgan Hill)
- Transit Education: Urban (POWER & PODER)
- Family Bicycling Program (SFBC)
- Transit Education: Suburban (TAM)
- Youth Ambassador Program (YBike)



Phase II



Thank You!

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