

# 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

## Working Group Meeting #6

NOVEMBER 18, 2025



# Goals for Today's Meeting

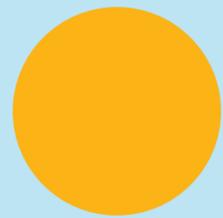
- Share initial feedback on scenarios from public engagement events
- Identify elements of a preferred scenario



# Agenda

- **Presentation (30 min)**
  - Project Progress
    - Recap of Scenarios
    - Engagement Overview
  - What we're hearing
  - How to get to preferred scenario
- **Group Polling & Discussion (10 min)**
- **Break (10 min)**
- **Preferred Scenario (25 min)**
- **Next Steps (5 min)**

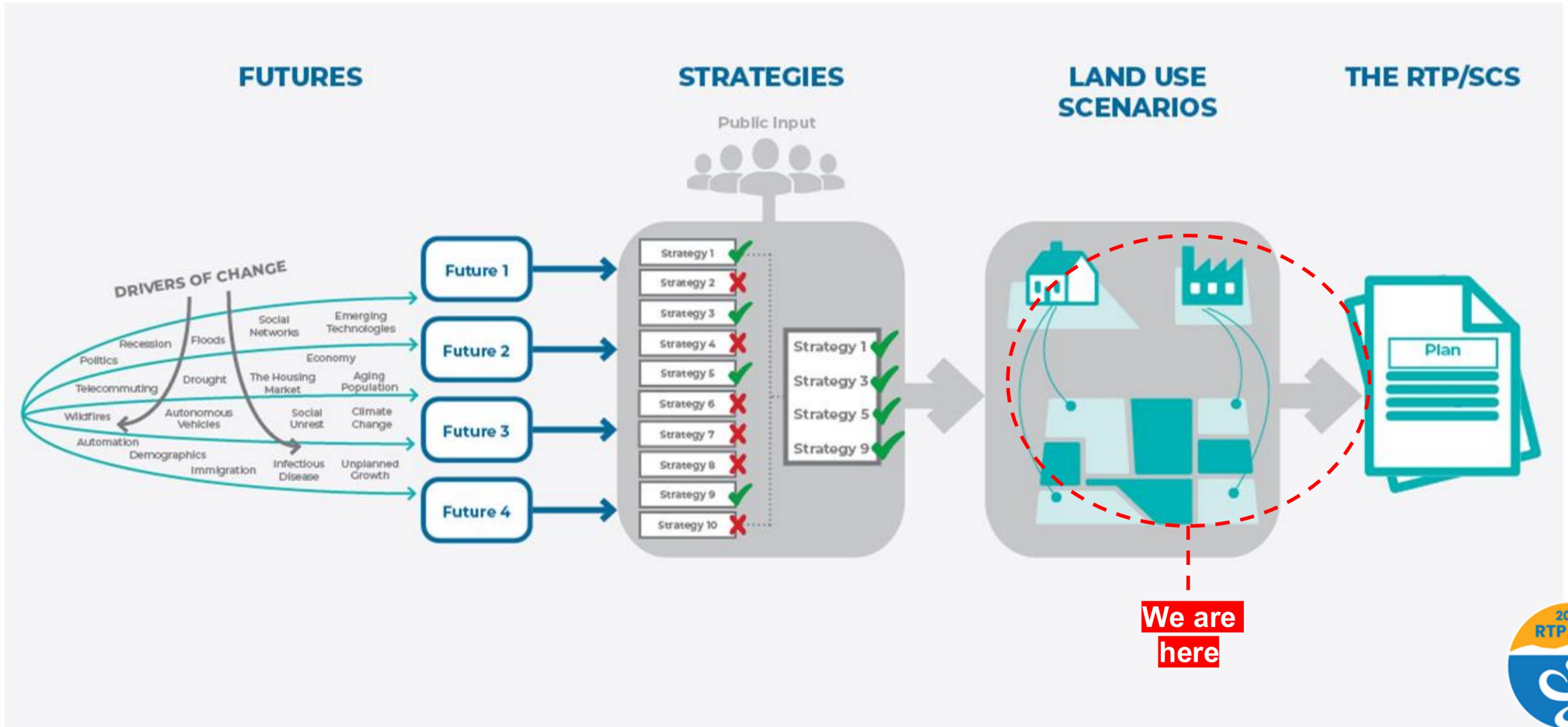




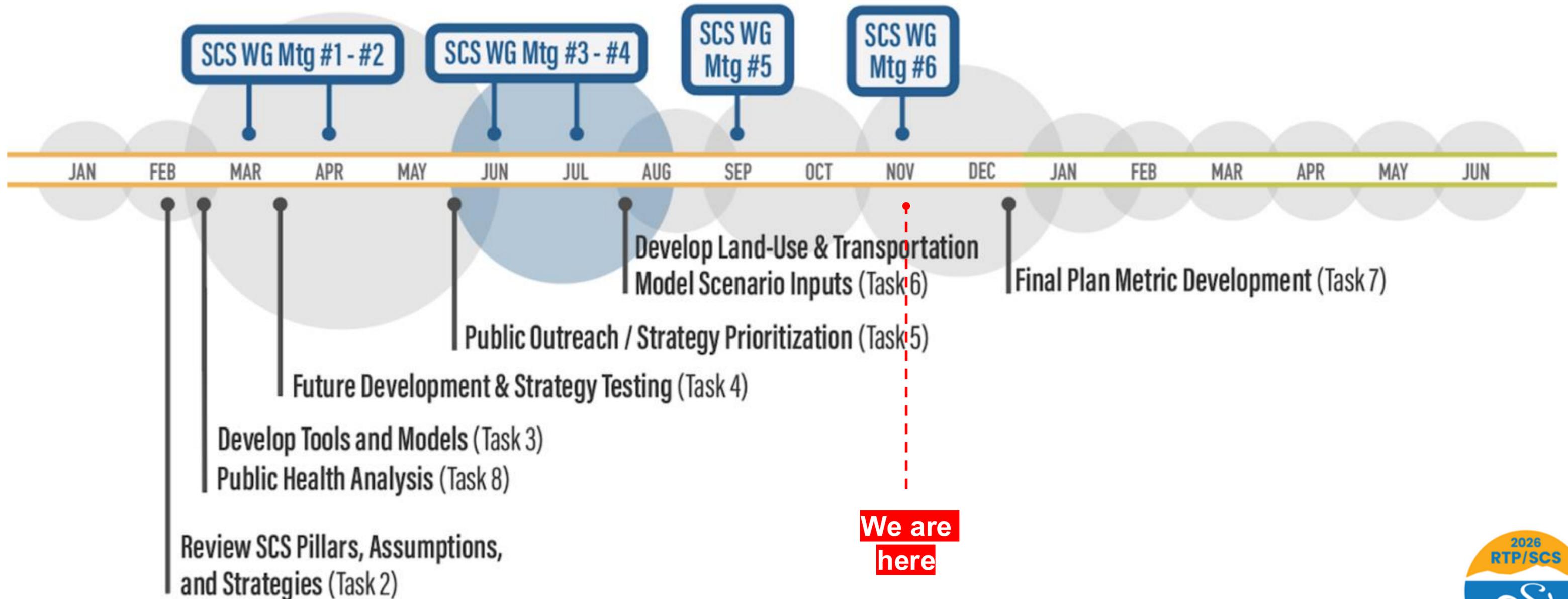
# OVERVIEW OF PROJECT PROGRESS

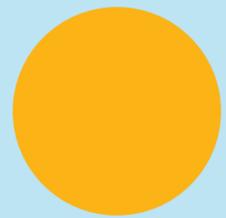


# The SCS Process



# Key Tasks & Engagement Phases





# SCENARIOS RECAP



# The Adopted Plan

The 2022 RTP/SCS is the plan we're currently updating. The 2022 plan set the San Joaquin County region up to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets through 2046. It did so by focusing on smart regional strategies including those listed here:

**Prioritize expanding the roadway network**

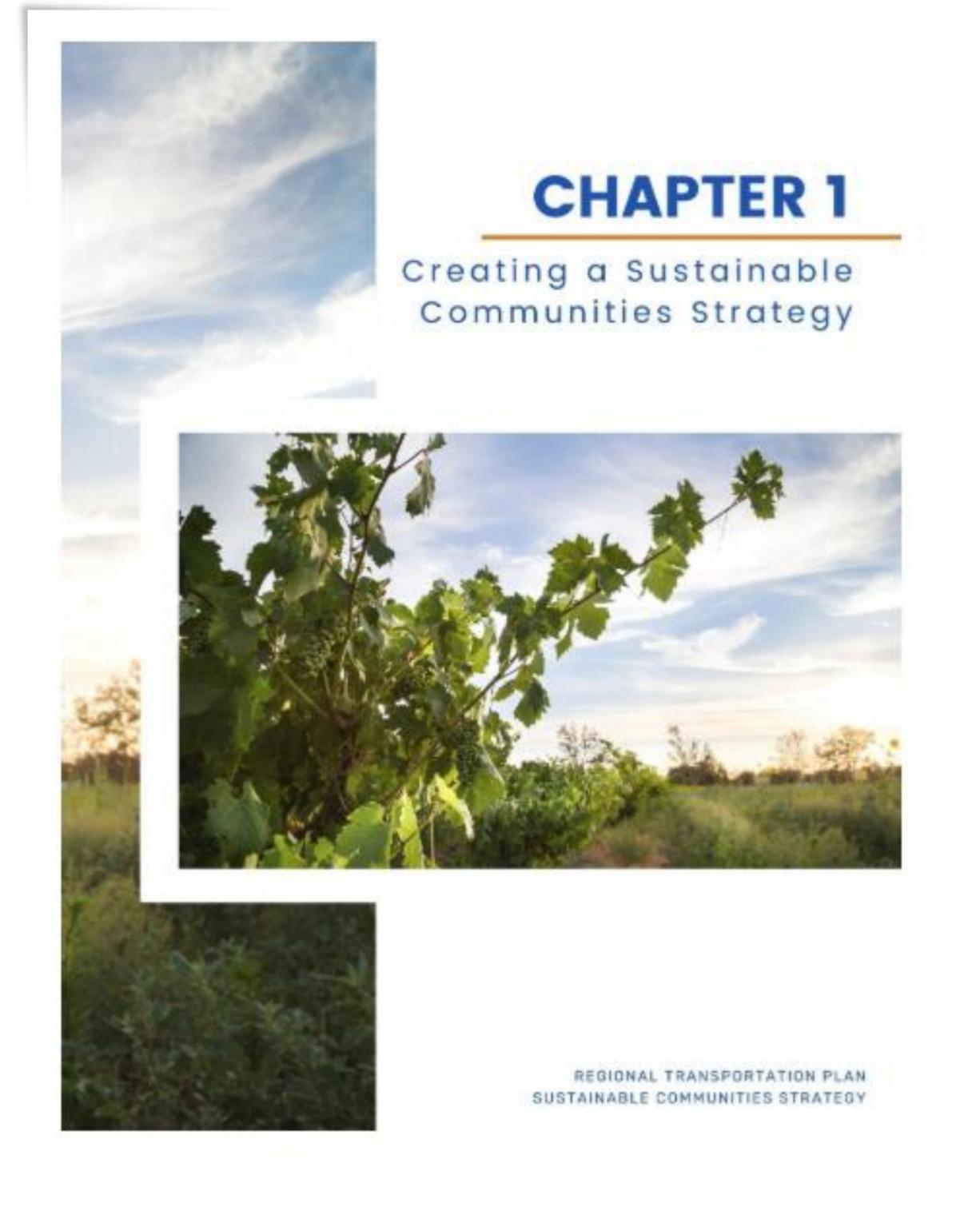
**Prioritize "complete streets" projects throughout the region**

**Promote a broader range of housing types**

**Improve access to safe and convenient walking and biking options**

**Develop a regional trust fund dedicated to addressing housing issues**

**Prioritize projects that make more efficient use of the existing road network**



**Can we make it even better?**

# Three New Ideas for San Joaquin County

The 2022 RTP/SCS was a solid plan. Here are three options for how to make it even better.

## Accelerate Infill

The region invests in Downtowns and major streets.



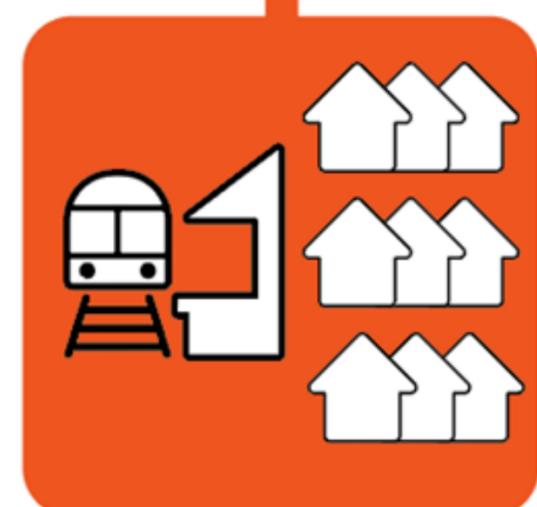
## 15-Minute Communities

New neighborhoods develop with a mix of uses and housing types.



## Regional Connections

Improved commuting options make it easy to live where you want with less driving.



# A: Stay the Course (Adopted Plan)

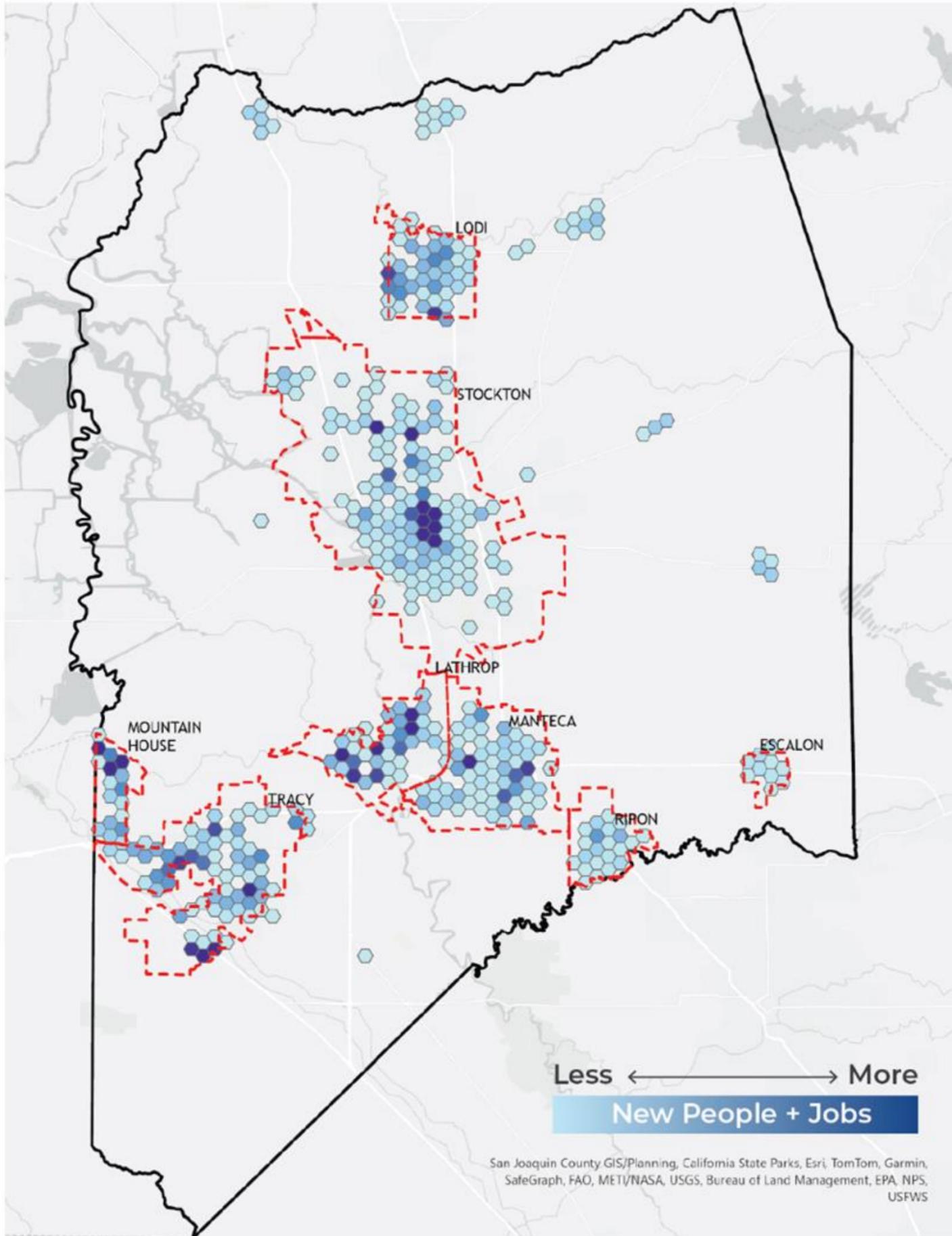
Focus on managing congestion, encourages growth along edges of cities, and revitalizes downtowns and existing corridors.

### Metrics



### Growth Location

Percent of New Households and Workers Within Each Growth Area



# B: Accelerated Infill

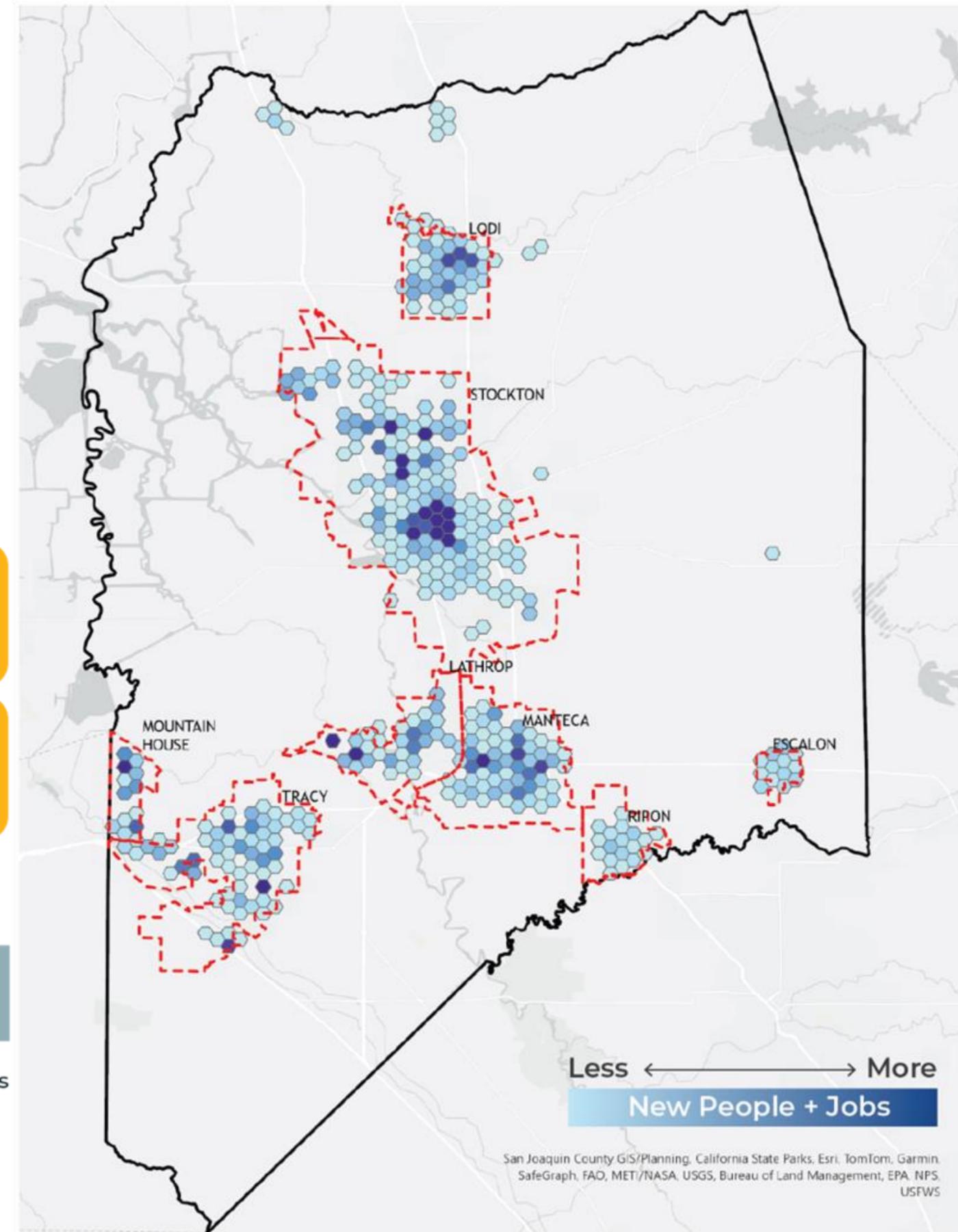
Instead of outward expansion, growth is directed to downtowns making the most of existing infrastructure and creating walkable places where more people can live close to work, transit and daily needs.

## Metrics



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San Joaquin County GIS/Planning, California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, MET/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USFWS

# C: 15-Min Communities

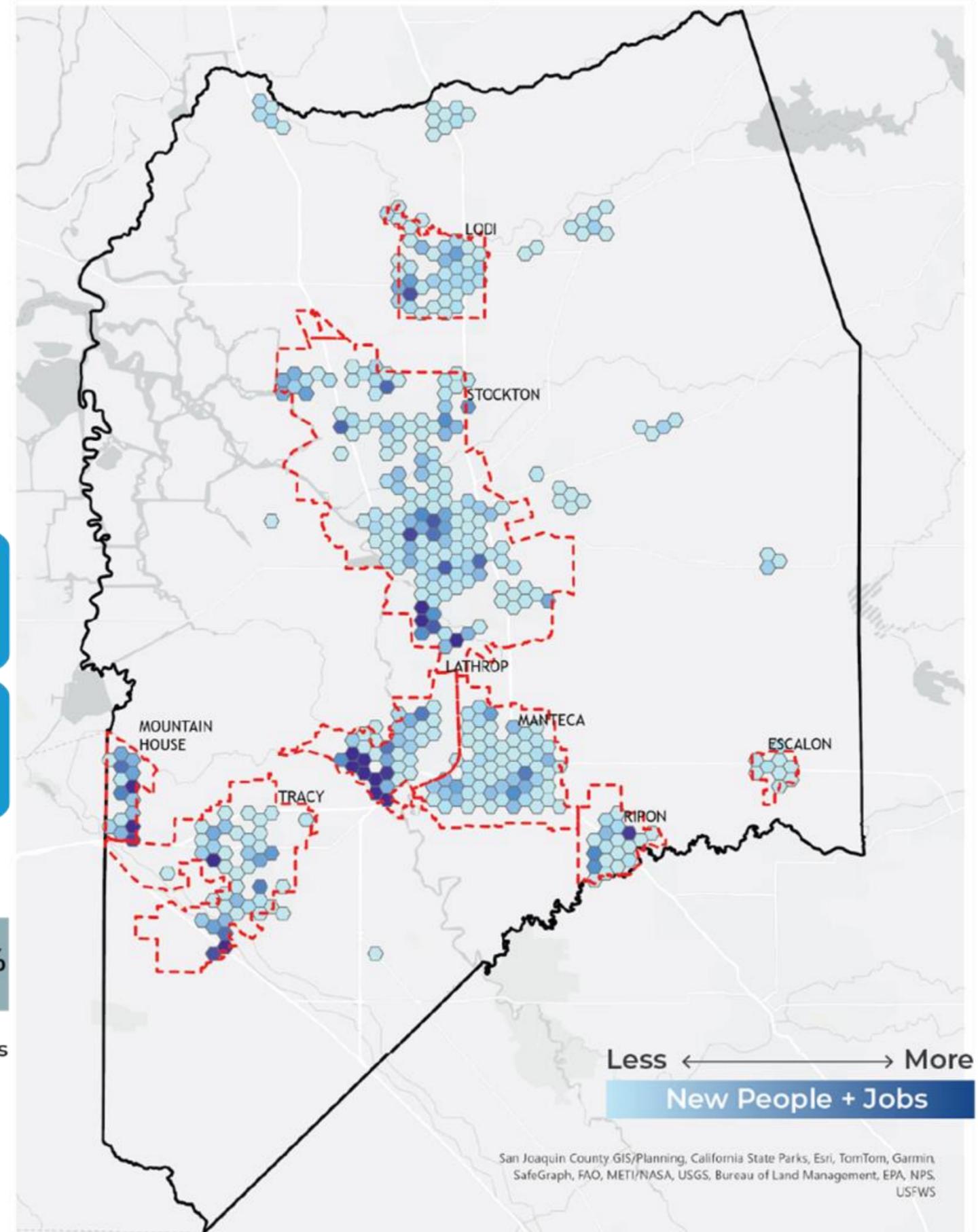
New neighborhoods develop outside of existing city limits where residents can meet most needs within a short walk, bike ride, or quick transit trip. Mix of dense housing and employment uses.

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# D: Regional Connections

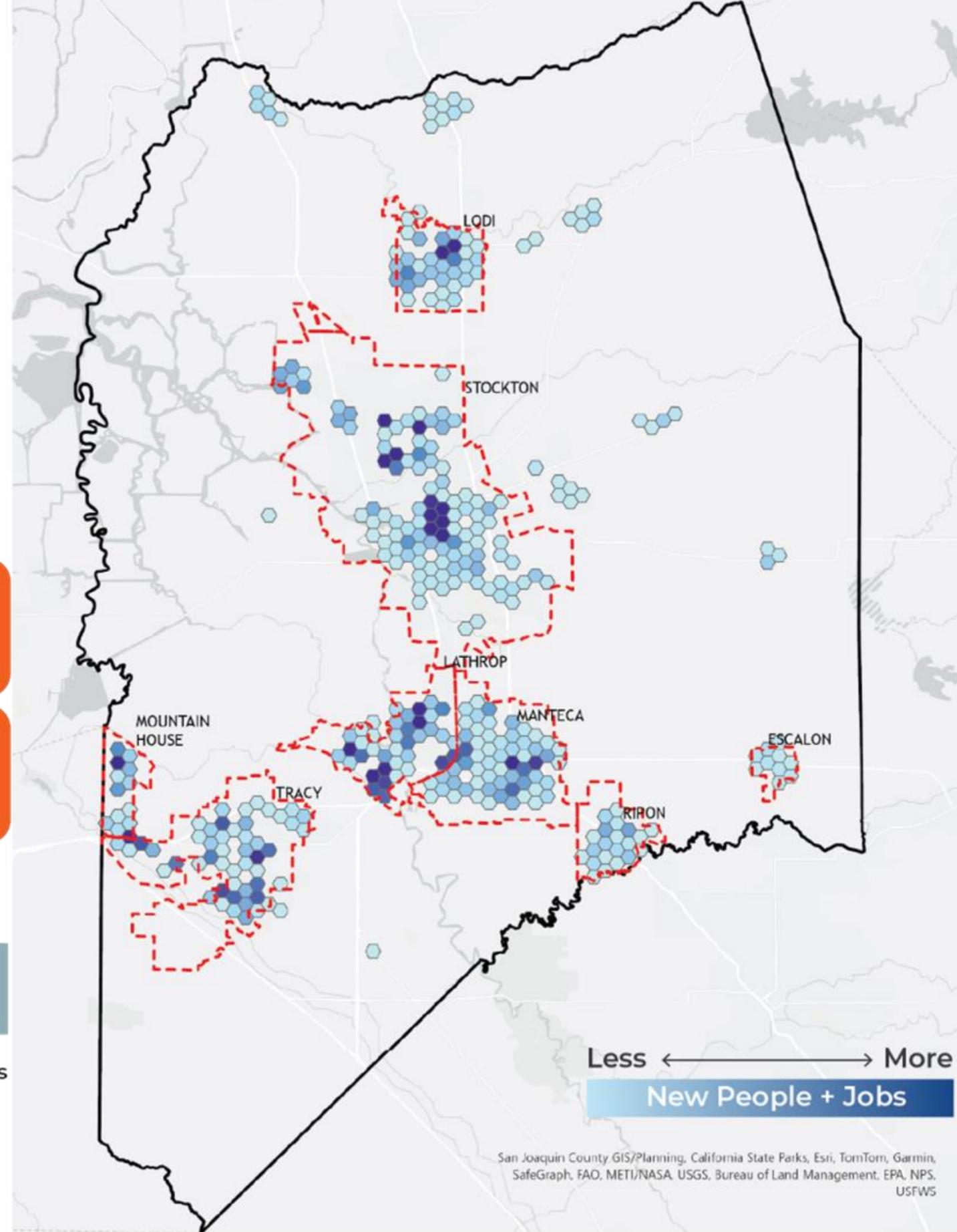
Growth is concentrated around frequently used transit lines (rail station, bus rapid transit corridor, and frequent bus lines). Daily trips can be made easily without relying on a car.

## Metrics



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# Regional Strategies for Each Scenario

Accelerated Infil	15-Minute Communities	Regional Connections
 <p>Support Infill by Investing in Infrastructure Readiness</p>	 <p>Study and Promote 15-Minute Communities</p>	 <p>Reform Local Zoning to Encourage Diverse Housing Options</p>
 <p>Advance Anti-Displacement and Preservation Strategies</p>	 <p>Workforce Training</p>	 <p>Encourage Transit-Oriented Development</p>
 <p>Support Small and Local Businesses</p>	 <p>Active Transportation Network Improvements</p>	 <p>Support Small and Local Businesses</p>
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 <p>Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Bank</p>	 <p>Mobility Hubs</p>	 <p>Mobility Hubs</p>

Each scenario is made possible by a group of regional strategies. These strategies will be carried out by SJCOG, other jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.

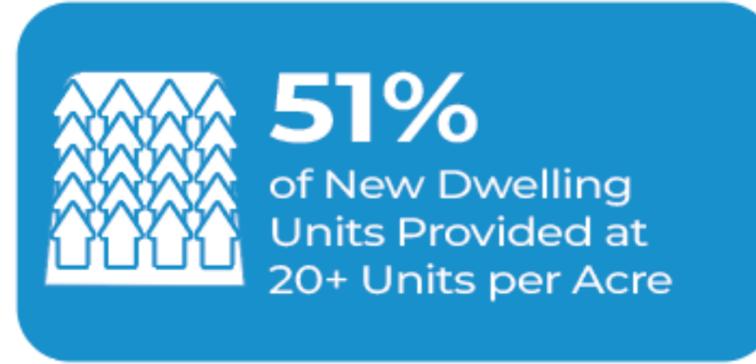
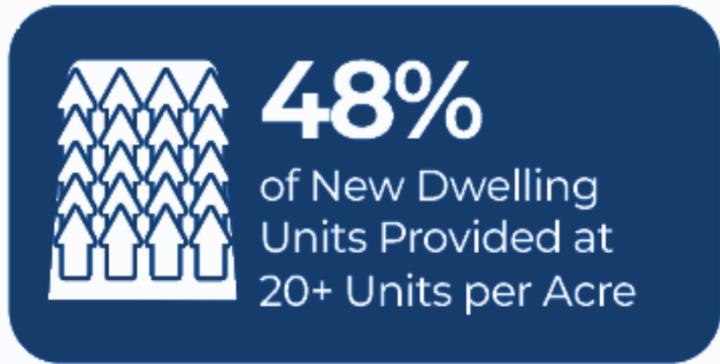
# Performance Metrics

## Stay the Course

## Accelerated Infill

## 15-Minute Communities

## Regional Connections



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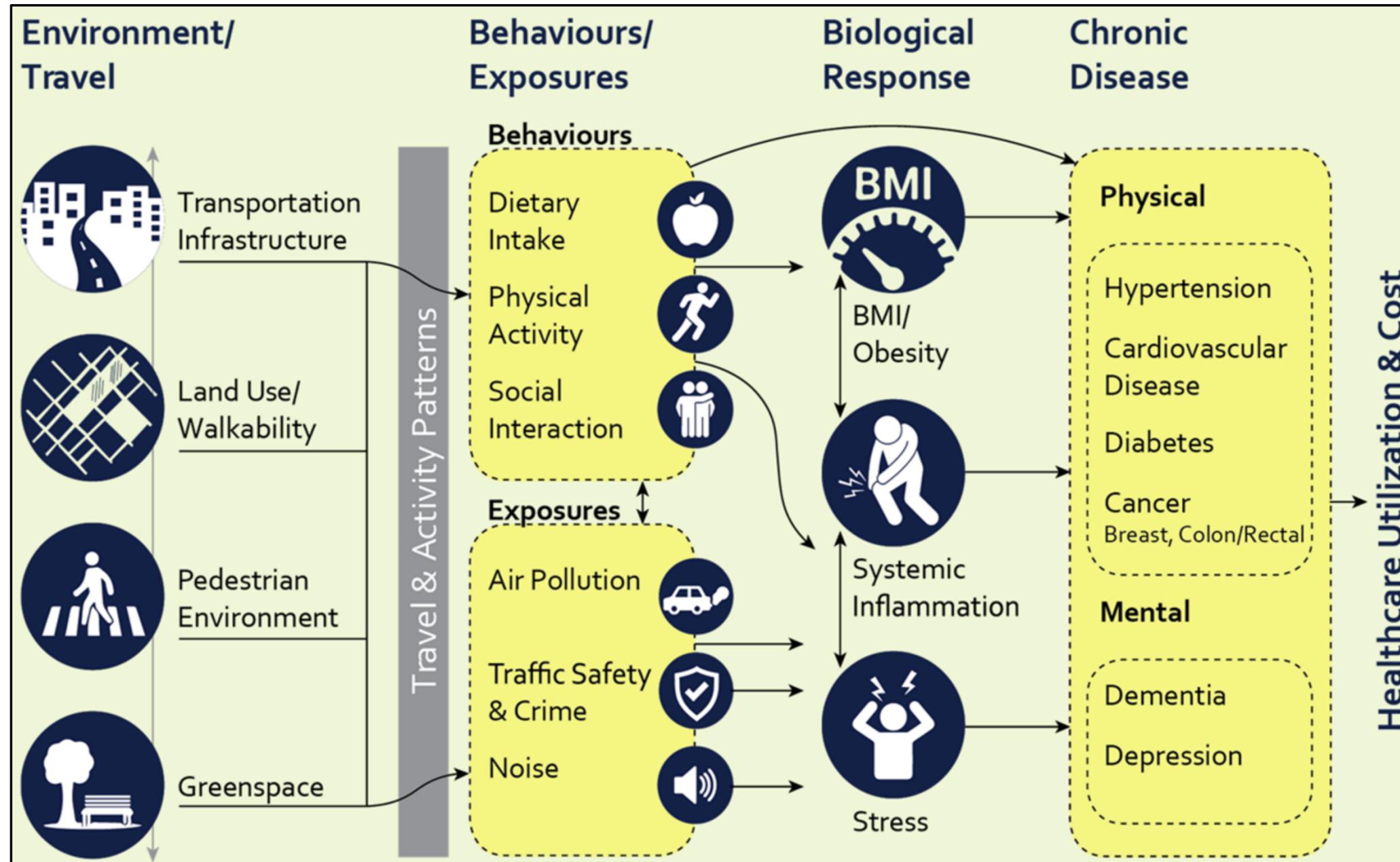
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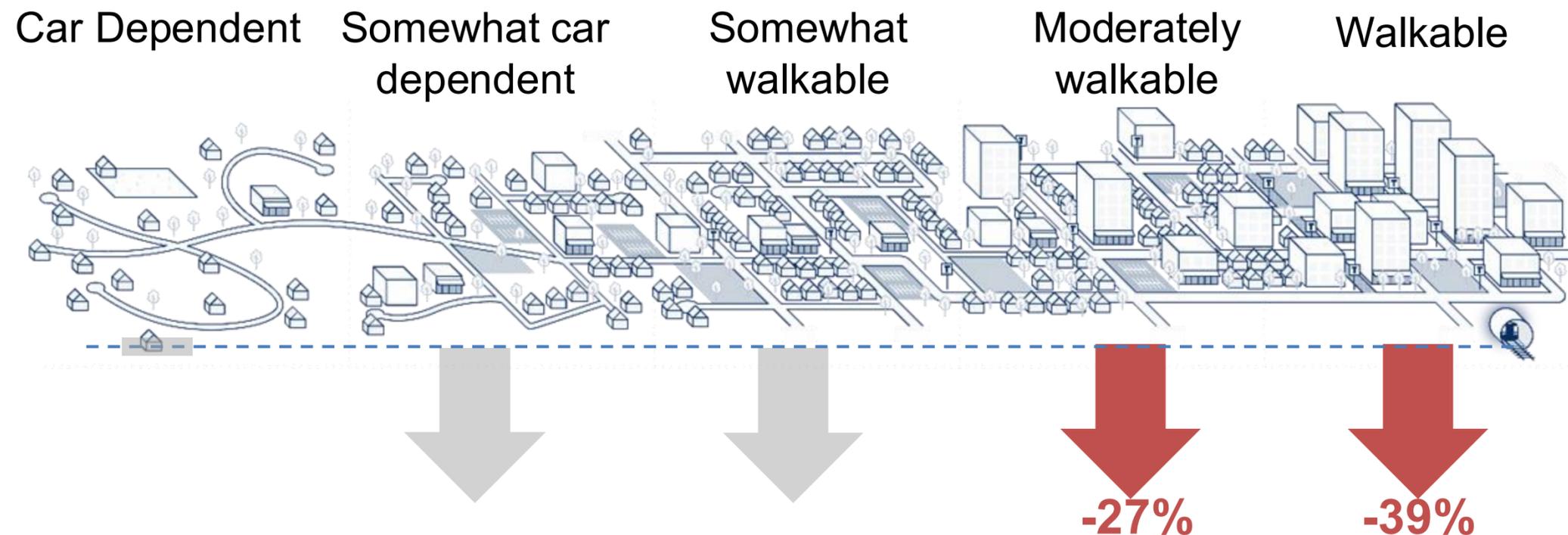


# Pathways From Land Use Planning to Community Health



Frank et al, 2019 Journal of Transport and Health

# Walkability and Diabetes



People living in a moderately walkable area are 27% less likely to have diabetes and people in a walkable area are 39% less likely to have diabetes compared to those living in a car dependent area.



Frank, L.D., Adhikari, B., White, K.R., Dummer, T., Sandhu, J., Demlow, E., Hu, Y., Hong, A., Van Den Bosch, M. (2022). Chronic Disease and Where You Live: Built and Natural Environment Relationships with Physical Activity, Obesity, And Diabetes. Environment International.

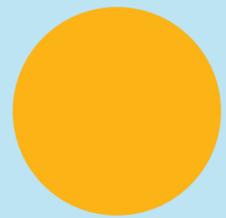
## Isolated Built Environment (Areas with new housing units only)

Demographic variables are held constant to isolate scenarios that have the built environments conducive to healthier outcomes.

The “Accelerate Infill” scenario is estimated to have a future built environment that is most conducive to healthier outcomes.

Difference from Baseline (2023) conditions

Scenario	BMI>30 Prevalence (Obesity)	Coronary Heart Disease Prevalence	Hypertension Prevalence	Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence	Cost of Illness
Reference Case	4.1%	-2.6%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-1.6%
Accelerate Infill	-10.1%	-4.8%	-1.4%	-6.8%	-5.0%
15 Minute Communities	2.8%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.2%
Regional Connections	-6.6%	-3.8%	-1.2%	-4.2%	-3.5%



# ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW



# Engagement Activities

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events

1. Lodi Street Fair
2. Tracy Farmers Market
3. Weberstown Farmers Market
4. South Stockton Resident Summit
5. Open House (in-person & virtual)

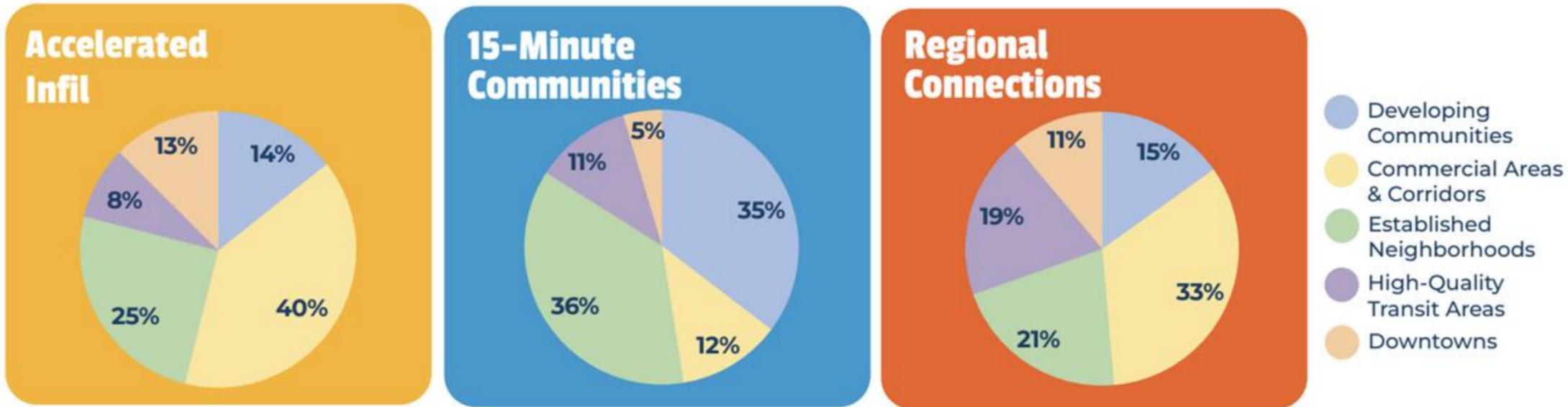
~170  
people engaged

# What we asked: Growth Locations



## Growth Locations

Percent of new households and workers within each growth area



### Where should growth happen in the region?

Put a dot where you think growth should happen.

**Accelerated Infil**

**15-Minute Communities**

**Regional Connections**

**Stay the Course**

Participants were asked which scenario and growth locations to prioritize.



# What we asked: Strategies



## Regional Strategies

What would it take to achieve the outcomes in these three futures?

Accelerated Infil	15-Minute Communities	Regional Connections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Infill by Investing in Infrastructure Readiness</li> <li>Support Small and Local Businesses</li> <li>Expand and Enhance the Transit Network</li> <li>Advance Anti-Displacement and Preservation Strategies</li> <li>Active Transportation Network Improvements</li> <li>Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study and Promote 15-Minute Communities</li> <li>Active Transportation Network Improvements</li> <li>High Speed Internet Infrastructure</li> <li>Workforce Training</li> <li>Expand and Enhance the Transit Network</li> <li>Mobility Hubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reform Local Zoning to Encourage Diverse Housing Options</li> <li>Support Small and Local Businesses</li> <li>Supplement Federal Transportation Funding</li> <li>Encourage Transit-Oriented Development</li> <li>Expand and Enhance Passenger Rail</li> <li>Mobility Hubs</li> </ul>

### Which strategies do you think would be most effective?

Put a dot on the box that corresponds to your preference.

<p><b>Accelerated Infil</b></p>	<p><b>15-Minute Communities</b></p>	<p><b>Regional Connections</b></p>	<p><b>Stay the Course</b></p>
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As well as which strategies (grouped by scenario) should be prioritized.



# What we asked: Daily Life Snapshot

## 15-Min Communities Futures

### River Islands, Lathrop, 2049

Hi! I'm Anna! My daughter and I live in San Joaquin County in the year 2049. Since you're from the past and I'm from the future, I thought I'd show you how my life could change based on the decisions you make today!



## Daily Life Snapshot



-  **Live**

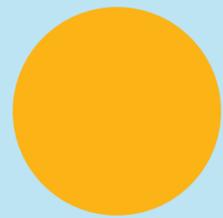
We moved to the River Islands neighborhood a few years ago to be closer to my job. Our neighborhood is great and I love that my daughter can **safely ride her bike** to school. While the buildings are taller than we're used to and we no longer have a backyard, we're glad to have nearby community parks, recreation centers, and an affordable, spacious home with **most of what we need close at hand.**
-  **Work**

When I lost my job at a distribution center, I was worried I wasn't going to be able to provide for my family. I was able to go through a **workforce training program** at my local civic center and now have a new job at a local solar company. The best part is, I can **take the bus to work!**
-  **Play**

We love all the fun things we can do close to home —our favorites are playing soccer at the park or paddleboarding on sunset lake. On the weekends we love driving around and stopping at **local farmstands** for fresh produce.



Participants were asked which scenario they would want to **live, work, and play in.**



# WHAT WE'RE HEARING

Virtual Open House is live until the end of the month...



# Tracy & Lodi Farmer's Market



Lodi Street Fair

Tracy participants viewed growth through a regional lens emphasizing the importance of:

- Mobility
- Access to jobs
- Interconnected transit
- Housing options

Lodi participants favored **local, community-centered growth** that invests in **Downtowns and existing neighborhoods** rather than outward expansion.

Most people identified need for **balanced growth** – combining **infill and connectivity strategies** while **protecting open space and farmland**.



Tracy Farmers Market

# Weberstown Farmers Market

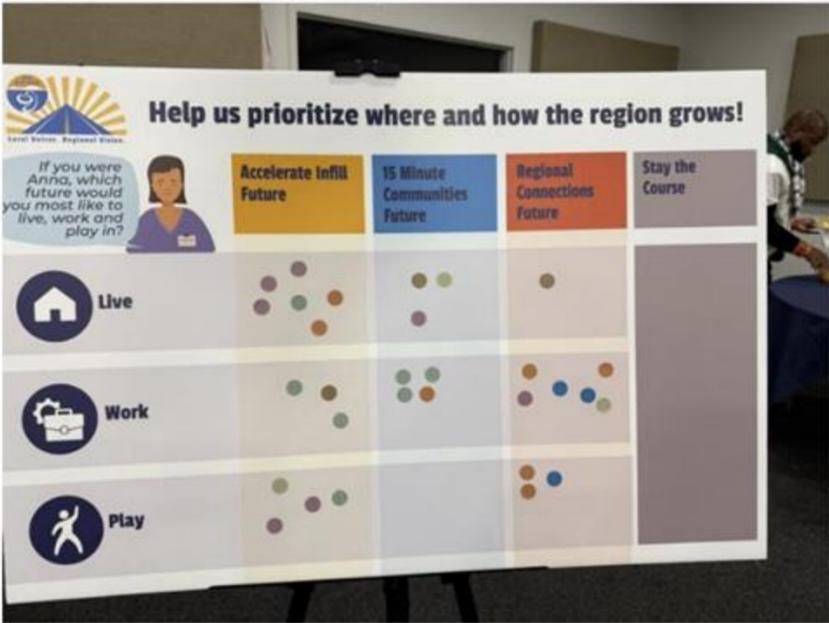


Weberstown Farmers Market

Favored **localized growth** that prioritizes investment in the **downtown core and existing neighborhoods**.

- Most participants focused their priorities on **Accelerated Infill** and the **15-minute community** scenarios.
- Some emphasized the importance of maintaining strong connections to major metropolitan areas (such as the Bay Area).

# Community Open House



Varying opinions based on stage of life:

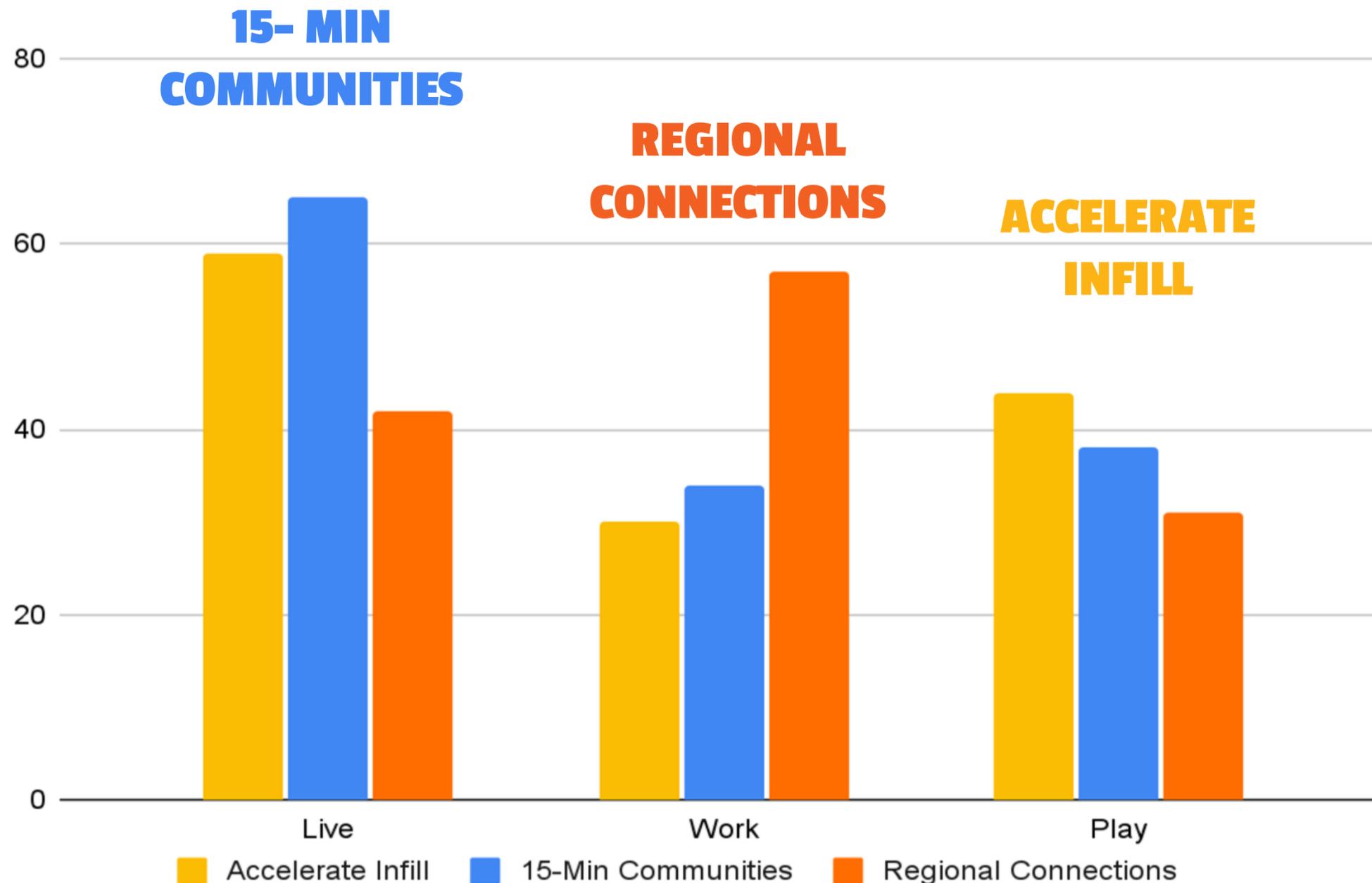
- Importance of continued investment in downtown corridors.
- Need to expand ACE Rail to improve connections across regions, particularly those commuting to employment in larger metro areas.

Open House



# Best Scenarios to Live, Work, and Play

Pop-ups & Open Houses (~170 respondents)



## Key takeaways:

### People want to...

1. Live in a neighborhood with diverse housing options and some things to walk to.
1. Invest in regional connections (transit & ACE Rail) to access work
1. Have access to downtown amenities, preserve farmland and open space

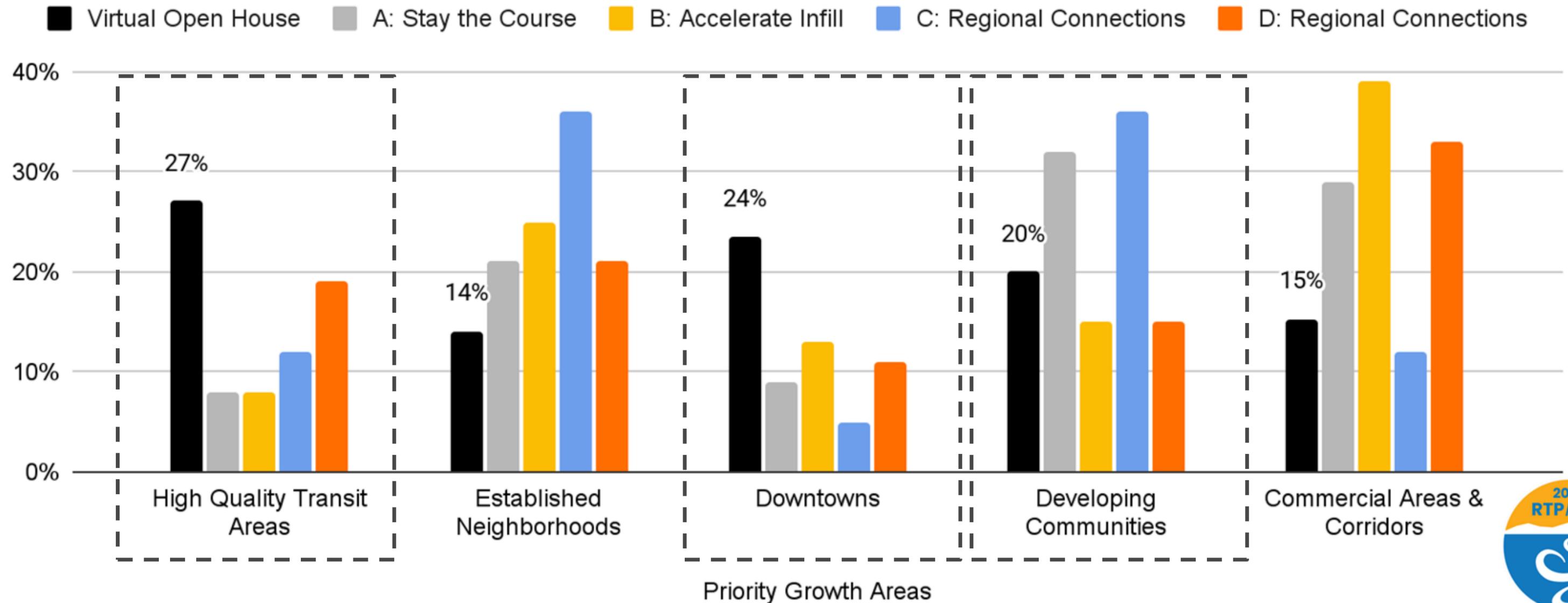
# Growth Areas

Virtual Open House Feedback Only (39 respondents)

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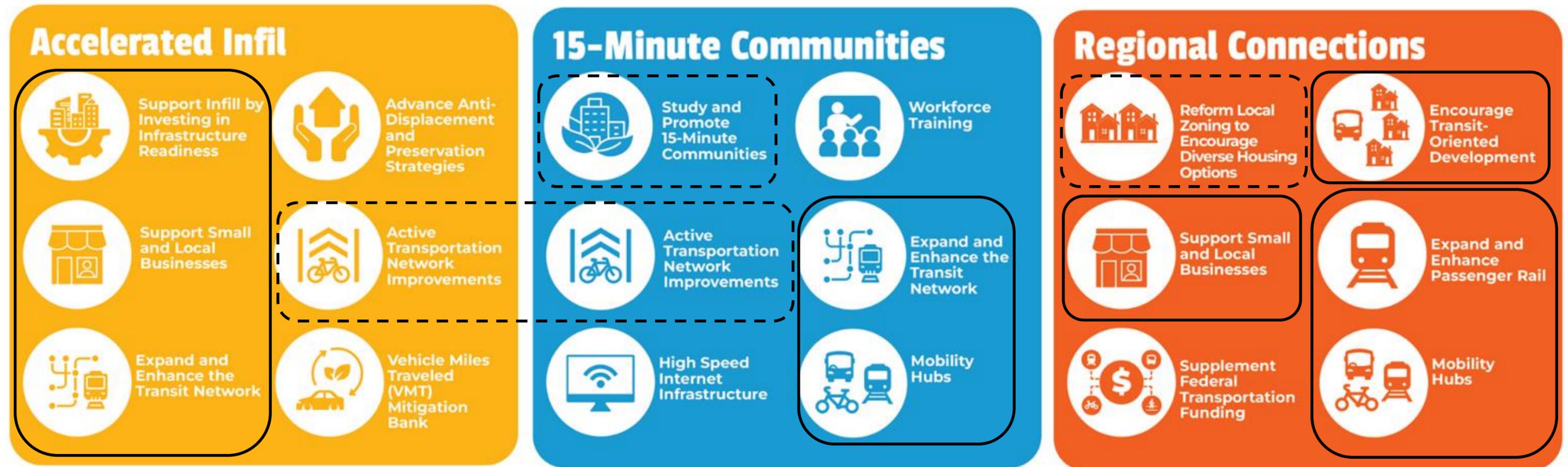
High Quality Transit Areas & Downtowns were the most preferred growth locations. Followed closely by Developing Communities.

## Where Growth is Prioritized: Virtual Open House vs Scenarios



# Strategies

Strategies that received the most interest in engagement activities.



## Key takeaways:

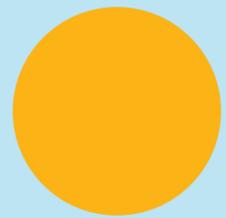
Strategies that expand and enhance transit and rail capacity as well as those that support infrastructure readiness and businesses were most supported. Strategies that supported community & neighborhood investments were also of interest.



Strategies with the most interest



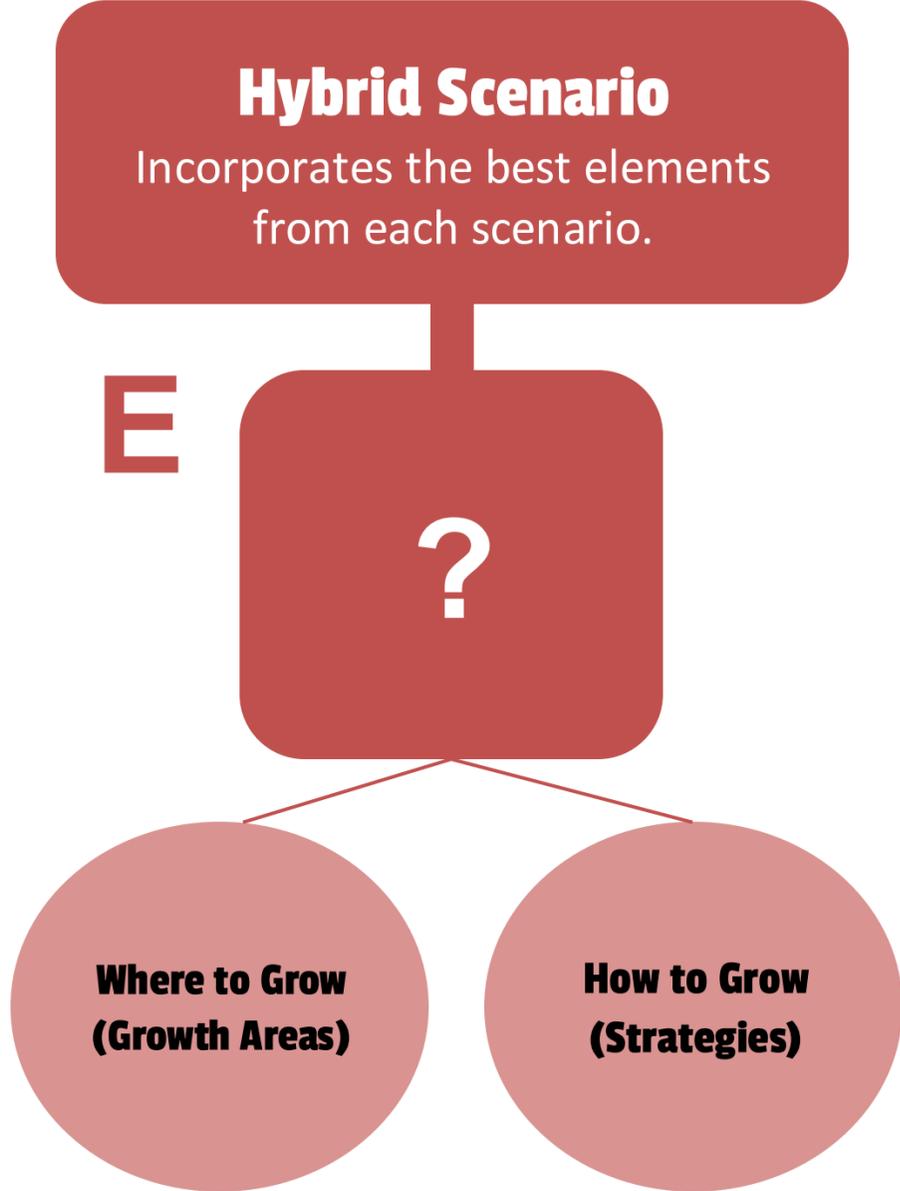
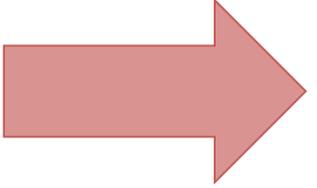
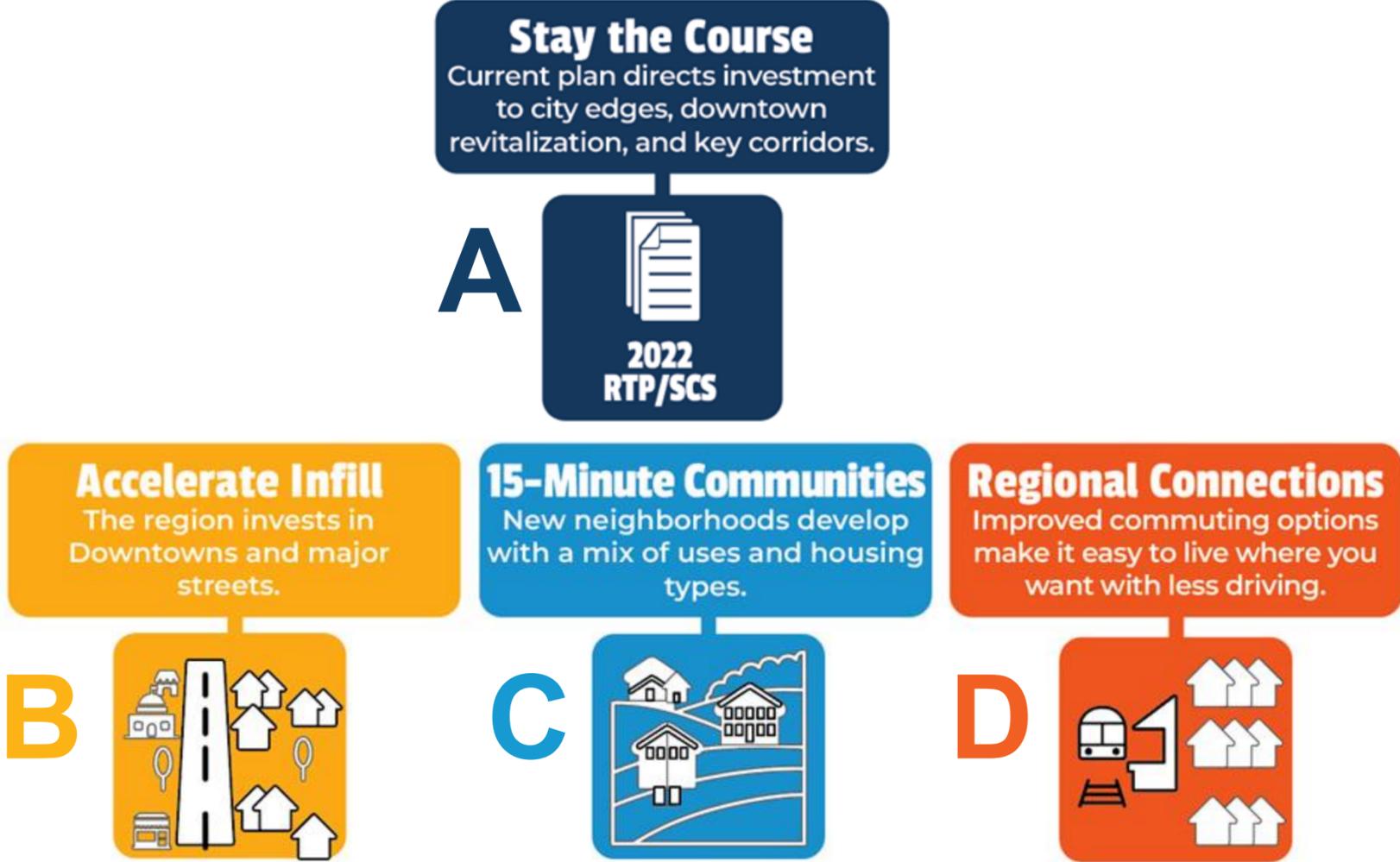
Strategies with moderate interest



# HOW TO GET TO A PREFERRED SCENARIO



# Preferred Scenario Process



# Scenario Recap

**Accelerate Infill**  
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**15-Minute Communities**  
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**C**

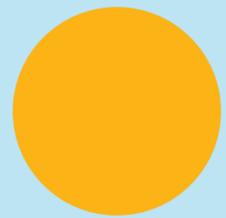


**Regional Connections**  
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**D**



Public Opinion: Daily Life Preferences <i>(Open House and Pop-Ups)</i>	<b>PLAY</b>	<b>LIVE</b>	<b>WORK</b>
Public Opinion: Preferred Strategies <i>(Open House Only)</i>	<p>Support Small and Local Businesses</p> <p>Expand &amp; Enhance the Transit Network</p> <p>Support Infill by Investing in Infrastructure Readiness</p>	<p>Expand &amp; Enhance the Transit Network</p> <p>Mobility Hubs</p>	<p>Expand &amp; Enhance Passenger Rail</p> <p>Mobility Hubs</p> <p>Support Small and Local Businesses</p> <p>Encourage TOD Development</p>
Public Opinion: Preferred Growth Area(s) <i>(Open House Only)</i>	<p><b>Downtown-Focused</b> 24% of respondents favored</p>	<p><b>New Growth Area-Focused</b> 20% of respondents favored</p>	<p><b>Transit Areas-Focused</b> 27% of respondents favored</p>
Public Health Outcomes:	<b>BEST</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>BETTER</b>



# NEXT STEPS



# Next Steps

- Modeling, plan-writing, reporting
- Upcoming working group meetings in 2026



# Thank you for your participation!

For more information about the 2026 RTP/SCS,  
you can visit :

<https://www.sjcog.org/710/2026-Draft-RTPSCS-Update>



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