



**2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLAN & SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

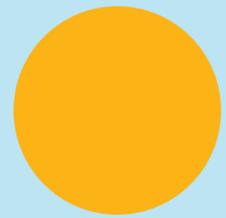
**Working Group
Meeting #4**

JULY 15, 2025

GOALS FOR TODAY'S MEETING

- Present summary of input from SCS Working Group Meeting #3 and Focus Groups
- Present and preliminary scenario concepts
- Review and and discuss priority growth areas and strategies associated with each scenario





INTRODUCTIONS



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1. **Name**
2. **Organization / Background & Role**



AGENDA

- **Overview of Project Progress (15 min)**
 - Project Recap
 - Summary of Input Received
 - Overview of Scenario Concepts
- **Break (5 min)**
- **Small Group Discussion (35 min)**
- **Report-Out (15 min)**
- **Next Steps (5 min)**

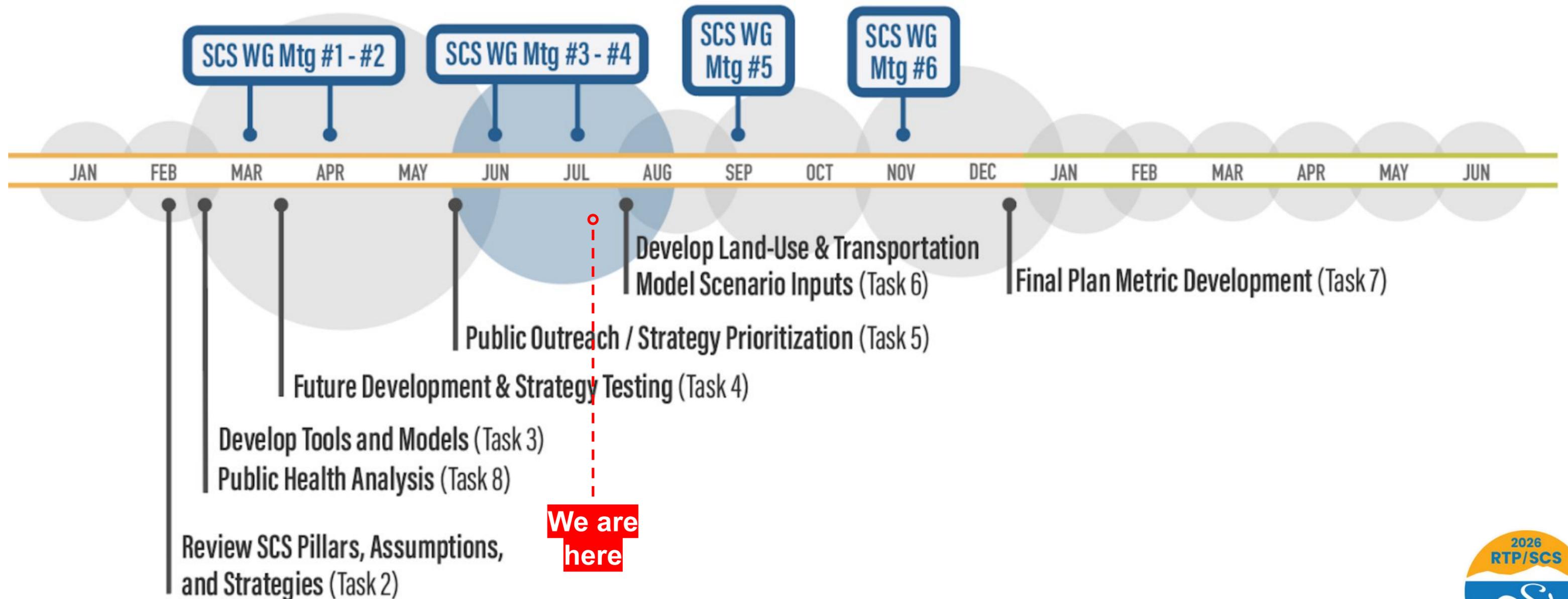


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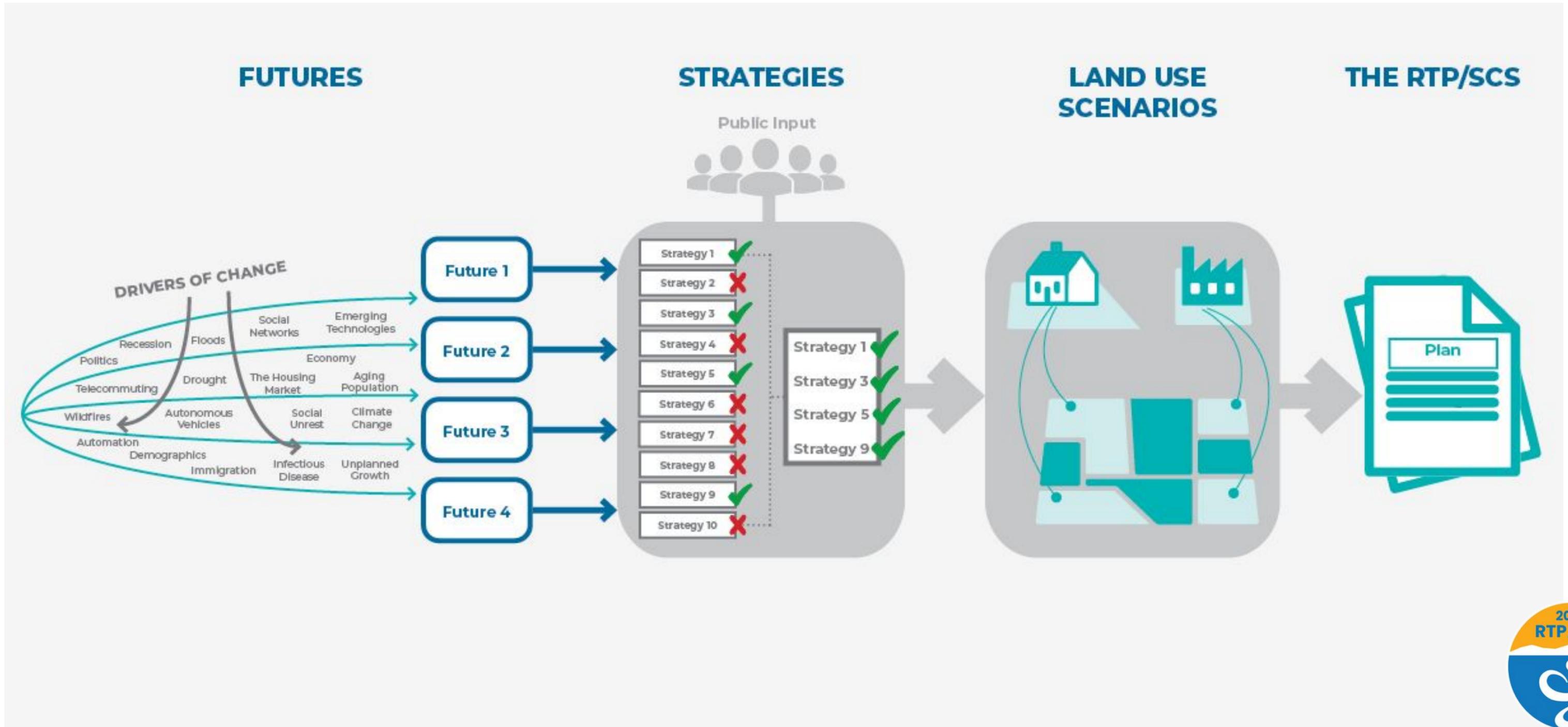
OVERVIEW OF PROJECT PROGRESS



KEY TASKS & ENGAGEMENT PHASES



THE SCS PROCESS



FUTURES

- In Meeting #2, participants refined futures.
- Futures help explore how San Joaquin County might respond to external forces.
- Each future presents unique opportunities and challenges.
- The goal isn't to choose one future, but to test which policies and projects perform well across them for the RTP/SCS.

CONTINUATION



Past trends continue, despite near term disruption

PIVOT



We adapt to disruption and find a way to move forward

TRANSFORMATION

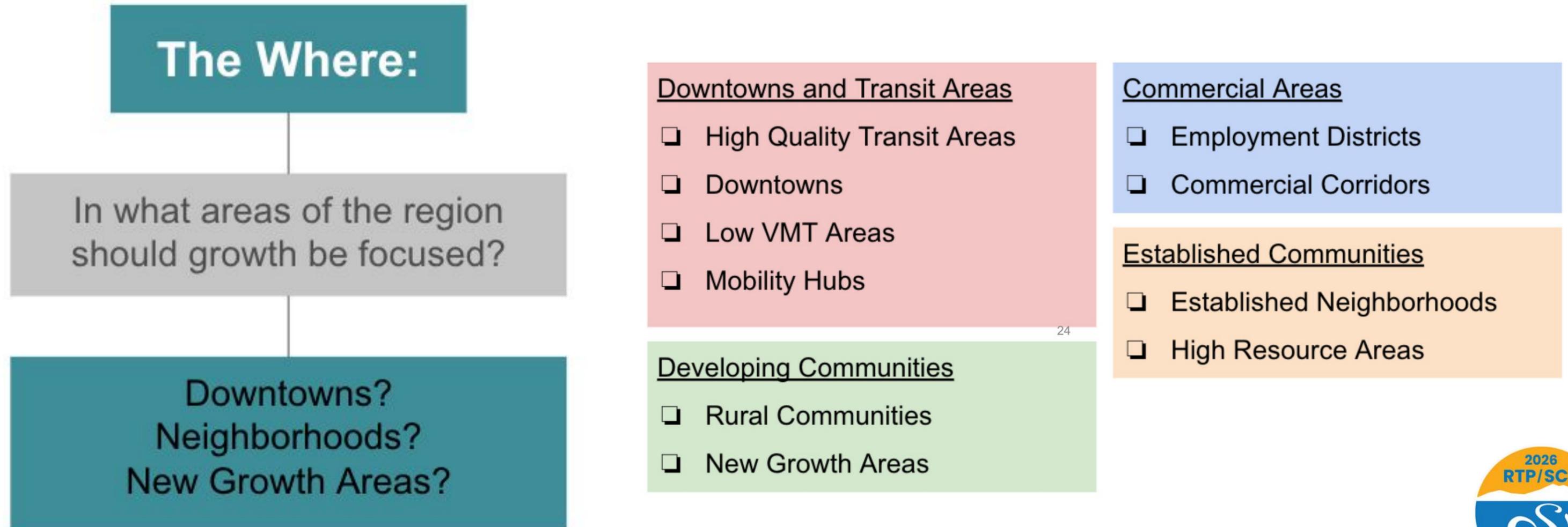


New knowledge leads to accelerated growth

STRATEGIES

Where to Grow:

- In Meeting #3, we identified areas where growth should be prioritized



STRATEGIES

How to Grow:

- We also reviewed a list of strategies that support priority areas



PRIORITIZATION ACTIVITY

- In Meeting #3, participants selected 3 areas of the region where they think growth should happen

LOW VMT AREAS
DOWNTOWNS AND TRANSIT AREAS
Areas where residents drive less than the regional average
Growth Potential: 3 red circles

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS
ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES
Areas inside of 2020 urban areas
Growth Potential: 4 orange circles

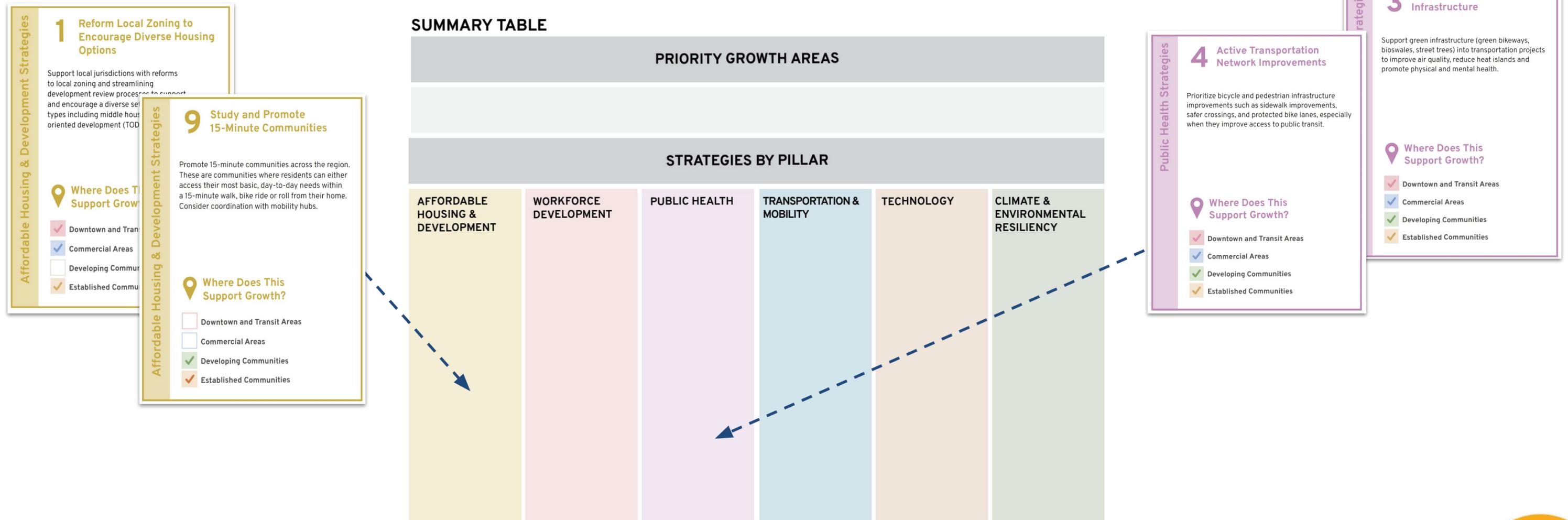
COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS
COMMERCIAL AREAS
500 feet around major arterials as defined by road hierarchy classification.
Growth Potential: 5 blue circles

SUMMARY TABLE

PRIORITY GROWTH AREAS					
STRATEGIES BY PILLAR					
AFFORDABLE HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	PUBLIC HEALTH	TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY	TECHNOLOGY	CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY

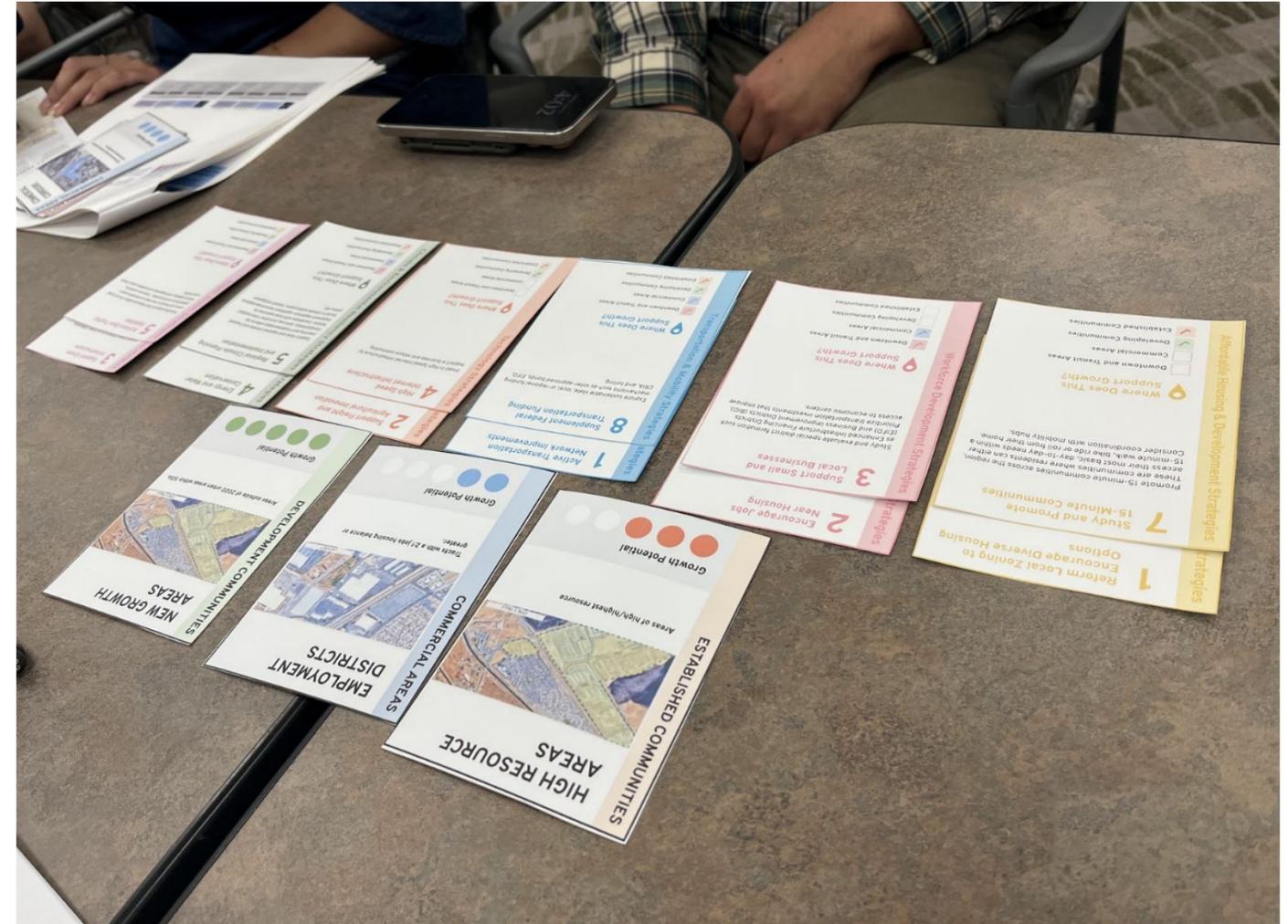
PRIORITIZATION ACTIVITY

- Participants also selected up to 2 strategies from each pillar to support growth



SCENARIO PLANNING - FOCUS GROUPS

- In addition to the SCS Working Group, we are conducting focus groups with individuals who live and work in San Joaquin County
- We still need input from participants of our upcoming focus group



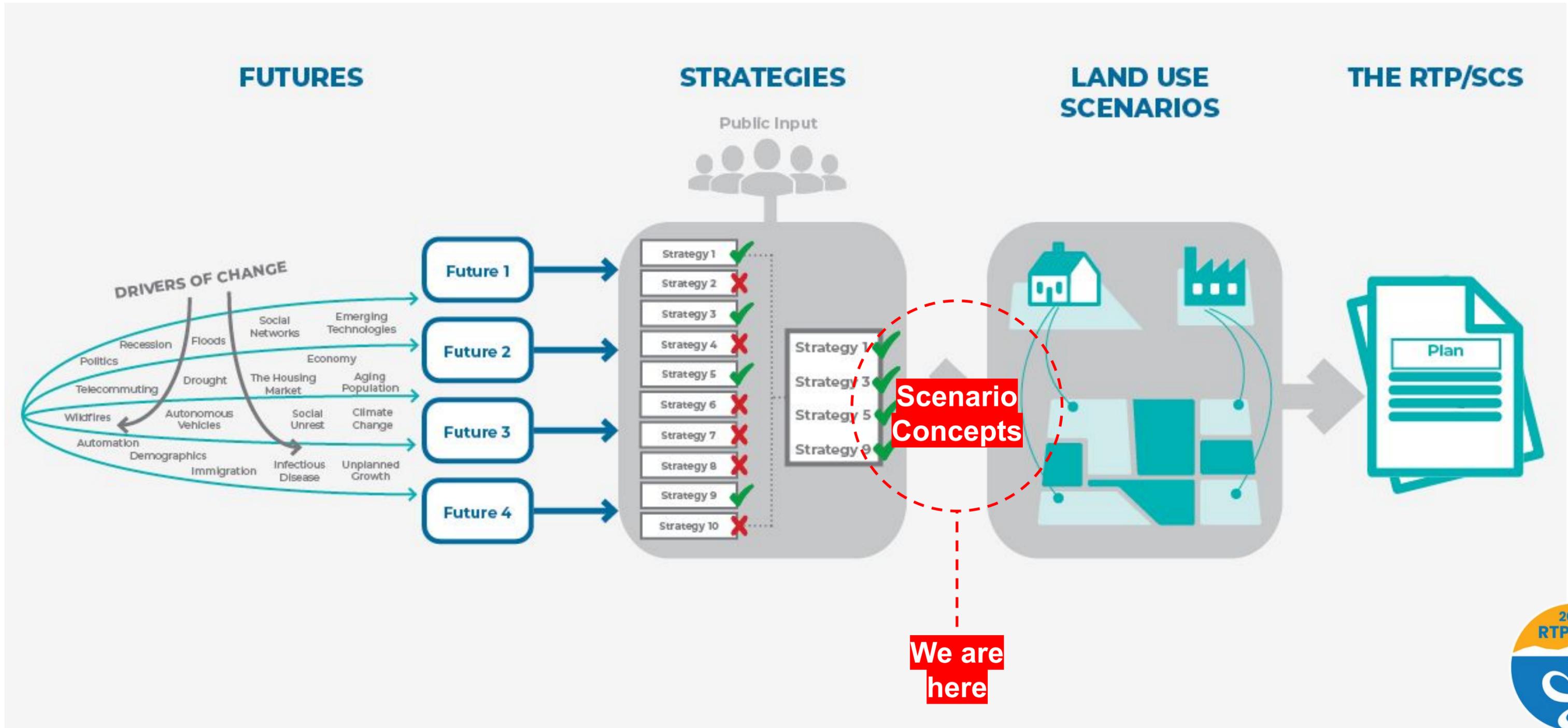
Focus Group #3

July 24, 1pm-2:30pm

Please help us spread the word!



THE SCS PROCESS



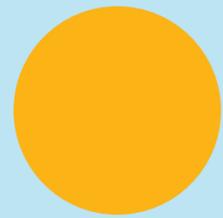
SCENARIO CONCEPTS

Scenario Concept

- “Story” of the scenario
- Narrative, not data
- What are we trying to show?
- What areas will be prioritized, what strategies will be used to encourage growth?

Land Use Scenario

- Modeled land use scenario
- Uses GIS planning tools (envision tomorrow)
- Produces performance metrics (housing density, public health metrics, VMT)



SUMMARY OF INPUT RECEIVED



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

Theme #1: Reimagine “Bedroom Communities”

- Strong market potential
- Housing costs increasing - need for range of housing types
- Desire for more commercial destinations and services
- 15-minute neighborhood concept



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

Theme #2: Level the Playing Field for Infill

- Lots of capacity for growth in Downtowns / Commercial corridors
- Areas lack adequate infrastructure
- Developers hesitant to invest
- Public investments to “prime the pump”



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

Theme #3: Prepare for the Economy of the Future

- Automation, AI, alternative fuels
- Position employment lands for future industries
- Workforce training to position SJ County as a leader in new industries



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

Theme #4: Enable “Gentle Density”

- Potentially large capacity for growth
- Also potential for existing resident resistance to change
- Areas where people already drive less than the regional average
- Range of housing types - duplexes, small apartment buildings, ADUs



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

Theme #5: Double Down on Inter-Regional Transit

- In a future with more electric and autonomous vehicles, even more commuting than today
- Provide alternatives to driving
- Invest in transit-oriented development around high quality transit areas

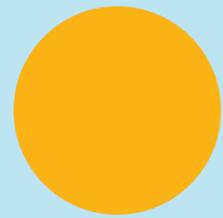


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Theme #6: Opportunities for All Future Residents

- More public funding needed for affordable housing construction
- Enable more higher density multifamily housing
- Encourage these developments in “high opportunity” areas





OVERVIEW OF SCENARIO CONCEPTS

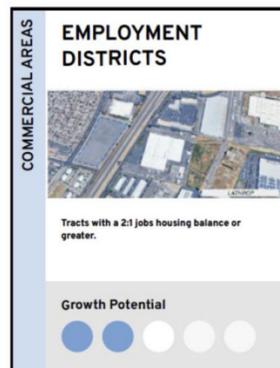
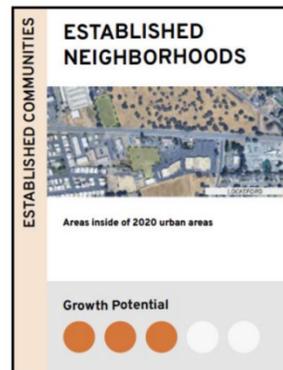
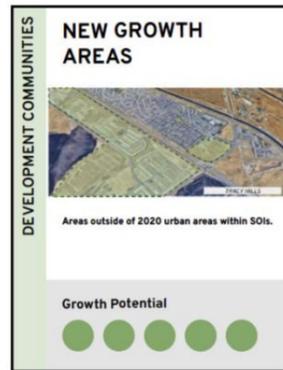


Concept 1: 15-Minute Communities

Priority Areas

Supporting Strategies

Themes Concept 1 supports



7 Study and Promote 15-Minute Communities

Promote 15-minute communities across the region. These are communities where residents can either access their most basic, day-to-day needs within a 15-minute walk, bike ride or roll from their home. Consider coordination with mobility hubs.

Where Does This Support Growth?

- Downtown and Transit Areas
- Commercial Areas
- Developing Communities
- Established Communities

1 Workforce Training

Support workforce training across industries, particularly transportation-related industries and those impacted by emerging technologies.

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4 High Speed Internet Infrastructure

Invest in High Speed Internet Infrastructure to support e-business and reduce commuting.

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1 Active Transportation Network Improvements

Prioritize bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk improvements, safer crossings, and protected bike lanes, especially when they improve access to public transit.

Where Does This Support Growth?

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5 Expand and Enhance the Bus Network

Apply for federal and state grants and develop new sources of regional funding to expand and improve the region's bus network and implement the Regional Transit Systems Plan (RTSP).

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3 Farmland Preservation and Productivity

Encourage the conservation and viability of agricultural lands to protect the regional and local food supply and ensure the sustainability of local agriculture as a vital part of the region's economy.

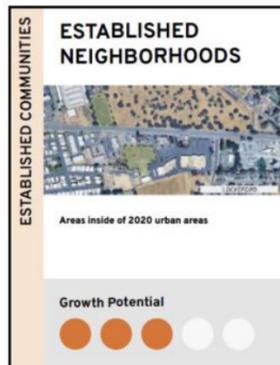
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Reimagine “Bedroom Communities”	✓
Level the Playing Field for Infill	
Prepare for the Economy of the Future	✓
Enable “Gentle Density”	✓
Double Down on Inter-Regional Transit	
Opportunities for All Future Residents	✓

Concept 3: Accelerate Infill

Priority Areas



Supporting Strategies

3 Support Infill by Investing in Infrastructure Readiness

Identify opportunities to accelerate infill development by facilitating technical assistance, offering policy guidance, and prioritizing and pursuing infrastructure funding that advance affordable, workforce, and other housing solutions.

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3 Support Small and Local Businesses

Study and evaluate special district formation such as Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD) and Business Improvement Districts (BID). Prioritize transportation investments that improve access to economic centers.

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10 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Bank

Create a regional mitigation "bank" whereby individual projects can purchase VMT reduction credits to allow their projects to meet CEQA requirements.

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6 Advance Anti-Displacement and Preservation Strategies

Build on S.J.COG's 2022 Displacement Risk Study by supporting local jurisdictions with data tools, policy guidance, and funding coordination to implement anti-displacement strategies, including those for vulnerable populations and those experiencing homelessness. Prioritize the preservation of existing affordable housing and promote regionally aligned efforts to increase long-term housing stability and equitable access to homeownership.

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Themes Concept 3 supports

Reimagine "Bedroom Communities"	
Level the Playing Field for Infill	✓
Prepare for the Economy of the Future	
Enable "Gentle Density"	✓
Double Down on Inter-Regional Transit	
Opportunities for All Future Residents	✓

2 BREAK





SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



After the break...

- 1. We'll split into two small groups, with a facilitator sharing a Miro Board.**
- 2. Each group will discuss the themes and scenario concepts**
 - Prompt questions:
 - Priority growth areas: what are the pros and cons of these areas in each scenario concept?
 - Strategies: are there some other strategies that could support these scenario concepts?
 - Identify places where the scenario might touch down
 - For example, where? Which downtown? Or established neighborhood?
- 3. Each group will identify a person to report out key takeaways from the discussion to the larger group**

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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