

# Low-Carbon Neighborhoods: AB 32, SB 375 and LEED for Neighborhood Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development:  
New Foundations for Community-based Energy Efficiency  
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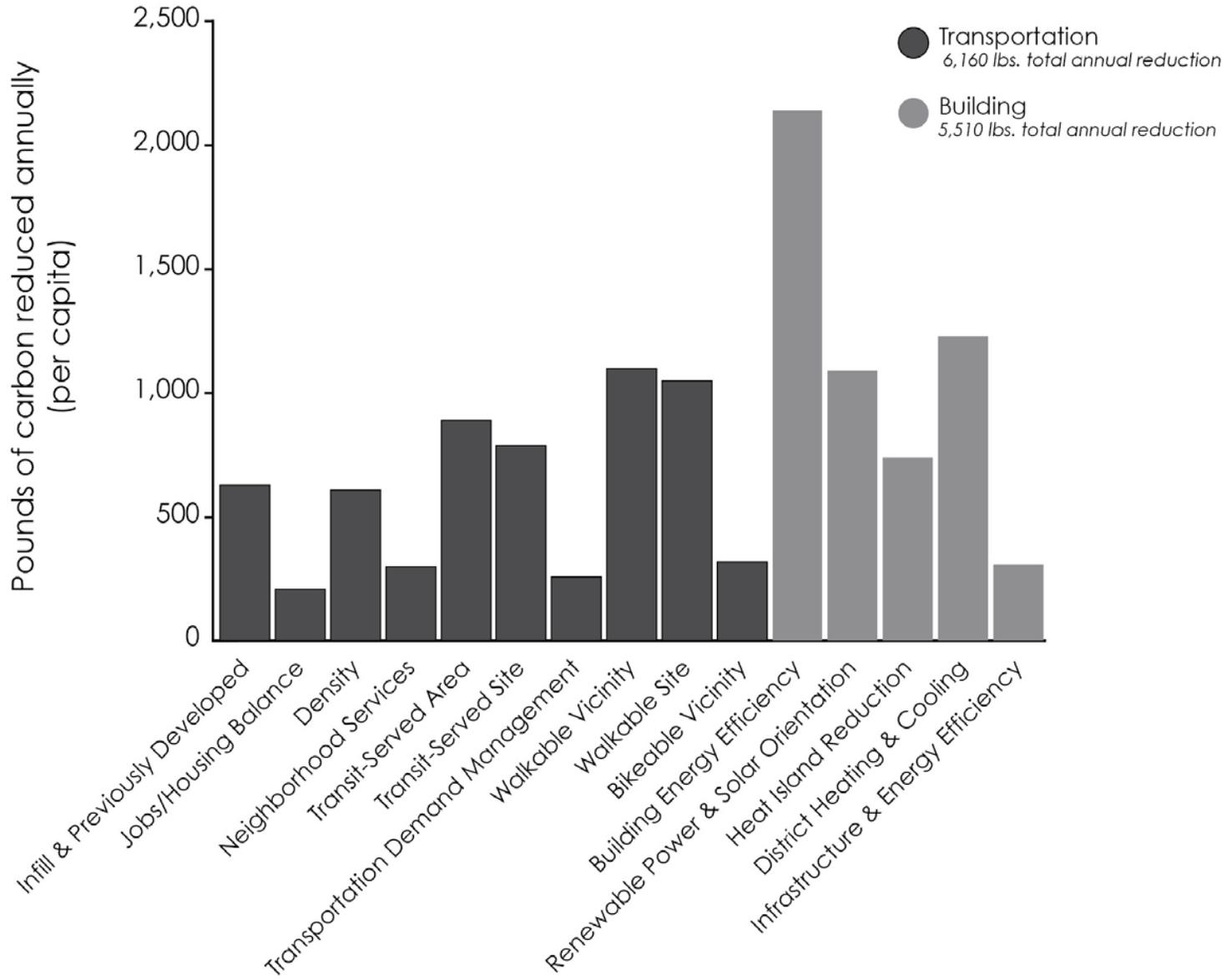
## SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS:

1. Are in the right place
2. Facilitate non-motorized forms of mobility, principally walking and biking
3. Have a dense street grid with multiple connections both within the neighborhood and at its border
4. Have a diversity of uses, enabling daily needs to be met on foot
5. Provide housing types for multiple income levels and stages in life
6. Make provisions for the local production and/or procurement of healthy food
7. Reuse and adapt existing buildings while preserving historic ones
8. Provide opportunities for buildings to share energy and water infrastructure
9. Incentivize or require buildings to consume fewer natural resources

# Regulatory Pushes

AB 32  
&  
SB 375

# Potential Carbon Emission Reduction for Various Project Elements



# SB 375

- Goal: Reduce emissions through land use and transportation planning
- Metric: Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Basic Strategy: Align Housing with Transit
- Responsible Agencies: Regional MPOs get reduction targets and adopt Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS)

# SB 375: SCS

- Part of Regional Transportation Plan
- Plan for meeting emission reduction targets
- Accounts for regions **housing** and transportation needs
- Projects a 20-year growth pattern
- **Housing Element** due within 18 months of SCS

# SB 375: Housing

- Requires schedule for implementing Housing Element
- Rezoning must be complete w/n 3 years of Housing Element (Court Sanctions w/n 60 days)
- Local agency may not disapprove of an affordable housing project identified in the Housing Element
- Developments consistent with SCS and that reduce emissions will have reduced CEQA requirements