



What Are Futures?

- Futures are sets of assumptions about possible growth conditions in Fresno County
- Include characteristics such as population and employment growth, demographics, transportation funding, etc.
- Futures are <u>not</u> Scenarios, but rather frameworks within which the Scenarios will be tested.

Analyzing Futures





Fresno COG will develop a base Future that represents forecasted growth projections and demographic conditions

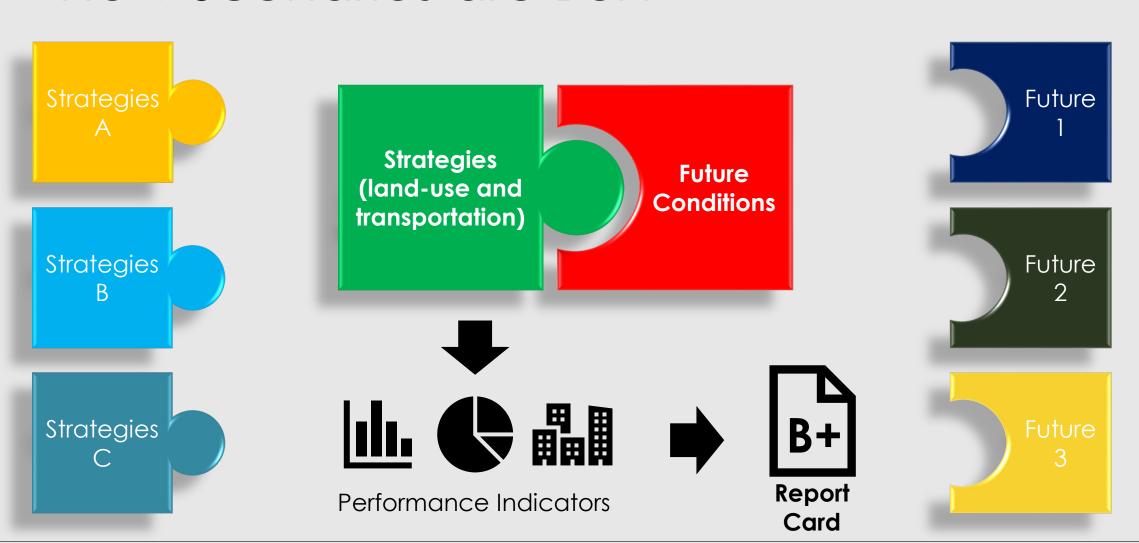
In addition, COG will analyze an additional 3 Futures that represent more extreme conditions to test the resiliency of the scenario strategies



What Is a Scenario?

- A specific vision of the future of Fresno County
- Represents a "snapshot in time" for a particular future horizon year (e.g. 2035)
- Includes the implementation of strategies, tested against assumptions about the future

How Scenarios are Built



Futures • Scenario A A Scenario A₂ Scenario A₃ Scenario A₁ Scenario B B Scenario B₁ Scenario B₂ Scenario B₃ Scenario C Scenario C₂ Scenario C₁ Scenario C₃

Strategies

Assessing Scenario Performance

The **best**strategies are
those that show **resiliency** across
multiple possible
futures.



Fresno Futures Focus Groups

Fresno COG hosted two Fresno Futures workshops in February where stakeholders split into focus groups to discuss three proposed futures.

Each focus group brainstormed potential impacts of each Future, as well as possible strategies to mitigate those impacts.

We will present and discuss these Futures next month.



Questions?

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