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MEETING OF THE

**EXECUTIVE/  
ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

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***Wednesday, January 31, 2024***

***3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

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## EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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<b>David Shapiro</b> City of Calabasas – City Hall 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302	<b>Jose Luis Solache</b> City of Lynwood - City Hall Annex Conference Room 11330 Bullis Road Lynwood, CA 90262

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- 1. Hon. Art Brown**  
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- 11. Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson**  
LCMC Chair, Riverside, RC District 68
- 12. Hon. Jose Luis Solache**  
LCMC Vice Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26
- 13. Hon. Marshall Goodman**  
La Palma, RC District 18, Pres. Appt.
- 14. Hon. Clint Lorimore**  
Eastvale, RC District 4, Pres. Appt.
- 15. Hon. Larry McCallon**  
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- 16. Hon. Tim McOsker**  
Los Angeles, RC District 62
  
  - 17. Hon. Andrew Masiel**  
Tribal Govt Regl Planning Board Representative
  
  - 18. Ms. Lucy Dunn**  
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## EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**  
**3:00 PM**

The Executive/Administration Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *(The Honorable Art Brown, Chair)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)**

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is *not* listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – January 3, 2024 PPG. 7
2. AB 761 (Friedman) – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts in Los Angeles County PPG. 16
3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-010-C01, SCAG's Regional Household Travel Study PPG. 20

##### Receive and File

4. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 32
5. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 35

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

6. Governor's Budget Update: Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021 (REAP 2.0) PPG. 62  
*(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)*

#### **CFO REPORT**

*(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)*



## EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Art Brown, Chair)*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)*

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**





**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

<b>Hon. Art Brown, President</b>	<i>Buena Park</i>	<b>District 21</b>
<b>Hon. Cindy Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<i>Long Beach</i>	<b>Los Angeles County</b>
<b>Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President</b>	<i>RCTC</i>	<b>Riverside</b>
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

**Members Not Present**

<b>Sup. Curt Hagman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>		<b>San Bernardino County</b>
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Art Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Brown asked LCMC Vice Chair, Jose Luis Solache, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged SCAG received one public comment related to agenda Item No. one, which had been posted and distributed to the members.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. RHNA Reform - Legislative Action
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Adam Wood, with the Building Industry Association, addressed the EAC regarding Item No. 1. He stated they had submitted the letter [that had been posted and transmitted to the members]. He thanked SCAG staff for putting the proposal together. He stated there had been an excellent amount of outreach and they appreciated that. He noted that they did not have any substantive changes to the shortened version of the letter they submitted but rather had a procedural question they wanted to raise. He stated they wanted to see if language could be added to have the [Legislative] Committee review the specifics of the language before the bill is introduced.

There were no additional public comments.

Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, provided background information on how the State Legislature required the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to work with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and local stakeholders to evaluate the RHNA program and recommend improvements to it. He explained this resulted in HCD assembling a "Sounding Board" of interested stakeholders to provide feedback and suggestions on how RHNA could be improved. Furthermore, he explained that in order to provide meaningful feedback to HCD, SCAGs Manager of Housing Department coordinated feedback from the SCAG region's cities, counties, and other housing stakeholders. He explained this resulted in a comment letter which included 14 concepts that could be implemented to improve the RHNA program, six of which would require state legislation to be implemented. He shared the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) had discussed the six concepts at the Committee's August and September meetings with the intention of identifying a path forward for sponsoring a legislative bill or two on this subject. He also explained that SCAG staff had met with housing stakeholders in Southern California to collect their feedback on the six proposals to identify which might have the best opportunity for success in Sacramento. He stated that at the November LCMC meeting, the Committee decided to move forward with sponsoring two legislative proposals and shared with the EAC what the recommendation was. He stated The LCMC recommended that the EAC and RC authorize SCAG staff to work with their lobbyists to sponsor two legislative bills in the 2024 legislative year. The first bill would be to (a) establish procedures for the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology prior to finalizing the regional determination and (b) to require HCD to establish and convene a panel of experts that would advise HCD on its assumptions, data, and analyses prior to making its final determination to a region. The LCMC recommended a second bill that would (c) reinstate "trade and transfer" as an option to distribute RHNA units between two jurisdictions, with limitations, so that it also furthers state housing objectives, including affirmatively furthering fair housing. Mr. Gilhooley then proceeded to walk the EAC members through the six concepts to share how the LCMC landed where it did. Lastly, he walked the members through the next steps which concluded his remarks on the item.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

LCMC Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, RC District 26, thanked Mr. Gilhooley for the report. He shared his thoughts stating he wanted SCAG to continue to push the conversation of housing specifically for RHNA forward.

LCMC Chair Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, RC District 68, thanked former LCMC Chair Solache who introduced this [item] as it came forward. She also thanked the members of the committee who worked hard on this item. She also thanked community partners like the BIA who had been willing to come to the table as this was how good legislation was developed. Lastly, she stated that as Chair of the LCMC she wanted to put her support behind this matter 100%.

Immediate Past President, Jan Harnik, RCTC asked Mr. Gilhooley how he would engage the LCMC on the matter. Mr. Gilhooley addressed Immediate Past President Harnik's question stating there was only one of him but 17 LCMC members and that he would be relying on those members to review the draft proposals, provide feedback and support the proposal.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to:

- (1) Authorize staff to work with SCAG lobbyists to sponsor a state legislative bill that would (a) establish procedures for the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology prior to finalizing the regional determination and (b) require HCD to establish and convene a panel of experts that would advise HCD on its assumptions, data, and analyses prior to making its final determination to a region.
- (2) Authorize staff to work with SCAG lobbyists to sponsor a state legislative bill that would reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions, with limitations so that it also furthers state housing objectives, including affirmatively furthering fair housing.
- (3) Authorize staff to develop draft legislative language, identify and obtain a legislative author, and advocate for the successful passage of the proposed legislative bills.
- (4) Direct staff to pursue coalition building and partnership opportunities to support the successful passage of the SCAG-sponsored legislative bills.
- (5) Direct staff to provide regular updates to the LCMC on the progress of the SCAG-sponsored legislative bills and future advocacy opportunities and efforts.

Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Sandoval, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (14)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting – December 6, 2023
- 3. 2024 State & Federal Legislative Platform

Receive and File

- 4. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 External Financial Audit
- 5. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
- 6. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Lorimore) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 2 through 3; and Receive and File Items 4 through 6. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Sandoval, Shapiro, Solcache and Yokoyama (14)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported SCAG received notice from HCD that the “almost” last and final REAP 1 advance was approved. She stated SCAG currently had about \$11.5 million of REAP 1 funds outstanding from HCD and they would be holding about \$3 million until SCAG’s final report was complete. She stated that with the approval, they were expecting to receive about \$8.5 million within the next couple of weeks. Additionally, Ms. Giraldo reported SCAG had received its first advance payment of \$8.6 million for REAP 2.0, and the funds had been transferred to SCAG’s LAIF investment account. She explained they had incurred over \$7 million in REAP 2 expenses, therefore work had already begun toward completing the second advance payment. She reported that the past month, they had finalized SCAG’s SRP 2 MOU template, and were close to completing the MOU template for the Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Call, and the next MOU template would be for the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Call. Lastly, she reported SCAG had been awarded \$12 million in federal funding under the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. She shared these funds would be used to further three SCAG initiatives, including the Regional Safety Action Plan, the Go Human Safety Program, and Quick-Build Demonstrations.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Brown provided an Economic Summit recap sharing they had more than 500 guests in attendance overall. He shared the event included the publication of the “Regional Briefing Book,” which detailed the current state of the region’s economy, with benchmarks for tracking it over the coming year. Additionally, he provided an update on the Connect SoCal 2024 elected briefings. He shared SCAG had hosted 15 elected official briefings in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. He reported that at these briefings, SCAG leadership shared the details of the draft Connect SoCal 2024, focusing on how to implement the plan’s vision for a more resilient and equitable future. He stated the briefings also included dialogue with questions and feedback on the draft Connect SoCal 2024. Furthermore, President Brown reported that SCAG’s Executive Director, Kome Ajise, was one of 25 members appointed to California State Transportation Agency’s statewide Transit Task Force. He reported the Task Force would be meeting bimonthly to develop policy recommendations for growing transit ridership, improving the transit rider experience and addressing long-term operational needs. He noted that because transit recovery was a priority for the region, they were planning to share regular updates on this Task Force and opportunities to engage. Lastly, he stated the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided an update on the Connect SoCal 2024 comment period deadline. He shared January 12, was the final day to submit comments and that after the end of the comment period, SCAG staff would review and consider all public comments, catalogue them and document any resulting revisions for the final version of Connect SoCal 2024. He shared they anticipated the final Connect SoCal 2024 RTP/SCC would be available for the Regional Council's consideration in April. Executive Director Ajise reported SCAG would begin accepting project nominations for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding on January 4. He stated the combined budget for this solicitation of project nominations was \$278 million across all three funding sources. He stated local agencies should confer with their county transportation commission for county-specific application deadlines and that SCAG would review project nominations against program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council in June. Furthermore, Mr. Ajise reported that at the January 4, 2024 Regional Council meeting, the members would be voting on the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH) for 12 projects totaling \$35 million. He shared SCAG had also received a \$500,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation grant from the California Department of Conservation. He stated this award would allow SCAG to study the economic benefits of natural and working lands in the areas of environment, tourism and recreation. Mr. Ajise also shared that on December 4, he had joined executive directors of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, San Diego Association of Governments, Sacramento Association of Governments and the California Association of Governments in Sacramento for a series of meetings with the California State Transportation Agency, Office of Planning Research and Caltrans to discuss how to better align state and regional planning policies, and leverage funding to meet shared climate, housing, equity and mobility goals. Mr. Ajise also discussed some Presidential priorities stating that last summer, President Art Brown hosted the annual Executive/Administration Committee retreat to discuss priorities for the year. The annual Strategic Work Plan was subsequently adopted by the EAC and Regional Council last fall. He stated the work plan focused on three policy issues for continued leadership and dialogue among the Regional Council: Transit Recovery, Goods Movement, and Clean Transportation Technologies. He then stated that they would be learning about challenges and opportunities around transitioning to Clean Transportation Technologies at the January 4, 2024 Regional Council meeting. He stated they would be joined by several partners from agencies leading the way to meet clean energy and transportation goals. Mr. Ajise also introduced Jeff Elder, who had been appointed new Chief Counsel. Lastly, he provided some personal remarks regarding SCAG staff member Leyton Morgan, who would be retiring after nearly 17 years of service to SCAG.

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:42 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2023-24													Total M Attend To Da	
			31-May	29-Jun	30-Jun	JULY	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					9
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0					8
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1						7
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0						5
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1						7
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1						7
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1						7
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1						6
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1						7
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0						3
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1						5
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - January 3, 2024)



**AGENDA ITEM 2**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
January 31, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst  
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** AB 761 (Friedman) – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts in Los Angeles County

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a support position for Assembly Bill (AB) 761 (Friedman).

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*At its January 16, 2024, meeting, members of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on four bills related to transportation, Brown Act reform, and housing. After discussion and deliberation, the LCMC voted to forward a recommendation to the Regional Council (RC) to adopt a support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 761.*

**BACKGROUND:**

SCAG is monitoring over 50 legislative bills that relate to active transportation, affordable housing, and housing production, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization, land use, transportation, and more. Since the state legislature started a new session, many bills are still being developed and will be heavily amended through the committee process. At the January 16, 2024 LCMC meeting, staff presented a handful of two-year bills left over from 2023 that align with the State and Federal Legislative Platform. Three of the bills presented at the LCMC meeting were presented for informational purposes, while AB 761 was presented with a staff recommendation to support.

For today’s Regionl Council meeting, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends support for AB 761 (Friedman).

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Staff will continue to monitor additional legislative bills and provide regular updates at future meetings.

**Staff recommends SUPPORT for the following legislative bill:**

**Bill:** AB 761      **Author:** Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale)

**Title:** Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee as a two-year bill.

**Current Update:**

AB 761 was introduced on February 13, 2023 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman. While the bill initially proposed to establish the Transit Transformation Task Force, it was amended to relate to enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFD) since the Task Force was created through the 2023-24 state budget transit funding package. In September 2023, AB 761 was amended and referred to the Senate Rules Committee, where it has been held as a two-year bill since. On Thursday, November 30, Kevin Gilhooley, Department Manager, met with representatives from Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office, where they discussed renewed interest in the gutted-and-amended AB 761 and its potential impact in Los Angeles County. The LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to support AB 761 in its current state at its December 2023 meeting.

AB 761 is pending assignment to a policy committee.

**Background:**

Under existing law, cities have the power to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district (EIFD) to finance capital projects. EIFDs are financed by utilizing a percentage of future and higher tax collections from the growth in property taxes in the designated project area. Currently, such EIFDs have a time limit of 45 years, at which point the city can no longer receive tax revenues to fund the district's project area/project. EIFDs provide value to cities and counties needing financial support for major infrastructural projects that benefit the community. EIFDs are governed by the California Public Financing Authority, which assists local governments in creating an infrastructure financing plan, including details on financing public facilities, limiting allocated taxes, and specifying when the district will cease to exist.

Commonly, EIFDs help cities pay back federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). TIFIA loans can assist local governmental agencies in building large-scale transportation infrastructure projects, including those related to highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access infrastructure. TIFIA credit assistance allows recipients up to a 75-year term to repay the loan, providing a more affordable option. As such, many transportation infrastructure projects are funded by TIFIA loans

nationwide, including several within the SCAG region. Some of these projects within the SCAG region, funded by TIFIA, include:

- The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, including the Metro K Line extension, in Los Angeles, California
- The Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project in Long Beach, California
- The I-10 Corridor Express Lanes Project within San Bernadino County, California
- The I-15 Express Lanes Project within Riverside County, California
- The I-405 Improvement Project within Orange County, California
- The SR 91 Corridor Improvement Project within Riverside County, California
- The LA Metro D-Line Extension, Section 1, within Los Angeles, California
- The LA Metro D-Line Extension, Section 2, within Los Angeles, California
- The LA Metro Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project within Los Angeles, California

The following organizations have issued their support for AB 761:

- County of Los Angeles
- LA Metro
- City of West Hollywood
- CA Contract Cities Association
- Westside Cities Council of Governments
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- Move LA
- Streets for All
- West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition
- City of Los Angeles (Council motion introduced – awaiting final council action and Mayor’s signature)

Analysis:

AB 761 is limited to passenger rail projects in Los Angeles County, including the TIFIA-funded projects like the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project and the LA Metro D-Line Extension. AB 761 would extend the period that an EIFD created after January 1, 2024, in LA County for zero-emission mass transit projects may exist from 45 years to 75 years if at least 75 percent of the EIFD’s revenue is used to service a federal TIFIA loan. This would offer up to an extra 30 years for an EIFD in LA County to pay off its TIFIA loan. AB 761 will allow EIFDs in LA County to match the maximum timeline of repaying TIFIA loans, which is especially important since the LA County Board of Supervisors noted that it can often take up to 55 years for the tax increment revenue to cover the costs of a TIFIA loan. Matching the timelines of EIFDs and TIFIA loans will allow EIFDs to collect more

funding, help reduce the impact of EIFD-funded projects on local budgets, and allow local governments in LA County to compete for and leverage state and federal funds.

LA County has several rail projects on the horizon in preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games and stretching out to 2050, with the goals of Connect SoCal. Some of these projects, many in the very initial stages of planning, include the LAX People Mover (2024), Dodger Stadium Gondola (2028), Metro D-Line extension (2028), Foothill Extension (2028), Inglewood-LAX People Mover (2028), The East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project (2030), C-Line Extension to Torrance (2033), the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor light rail line (2035), Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 extension of the Metro E Line (2035), Metro K Line Northern Extension (2047), conversion of the L and N line busways to light rail transit (2050), and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (TBD), amongst others. Many of these projects do not have concrete funding sources yet and could leverage loans and grants from the DOT, including TIFIA loans.

Recommendation:

With AB 761 extending the term of EIFDs to 75 years, EIFDs can leverage up to 30 more years to collect revenue to pay off TIFIA loans than in the status quo. TIFIA loans are already extremely valuable funding sources for several transportation projects within the SCAG region. This bill will contribute to SCAG's ambitious Connect SoCal and REAP goals. Thus, the LCMC recommends support for AB 761.

**Prior Committee Action**

At the LCMC meeting on January 16, 2024, staff presented AB 761 to the Committee with a recommendation to support and various other bills for informational purposes. Some members of the LCMC expressed support and enthusiasm for AB 761 and requested that staff inquire about expanding the scope of the bill to include all counties in the SCAG region rather than the bill's provisions being limited to Los Angeles County.

After providing brief remarks on AB 761 and remarks on other bills presented for informational purposes only, the LCMC voted unanimously to forward a support position on AB 761 to the Regional Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the staff report on AB 761 (Friedman) - EIFDs in LA County is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
January 31, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-010-C01, SCAG's Regional Household Travel Study

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Contract No. 24-010-C01 an amount not to exceed \$972,677 with Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) to design, implement, and analyze the SCAG regional household travel survey through three (3) annual survey collections. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*This multi-year project aims to improve SCAG's travel demand models through collected multi-day travel behavior surveys with the aid of cutting-edge survey instruments. The survey will enable staff to capture base year information for the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and beyond.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) 24-010-C01	The project is to gather travel behavior data from a large sample of residents in the SCAG region. Staff will use for the data for SCAG's regional travel demand model. This project aims to improve SCAG travel demand models and analysis.	\$972,677



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding of \$670,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 290-4931UC.01, 290-4931E.01, and 290-4931VC.01 and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract Summay 24-010-C01
2. Contract Summary 24-010-C01 COI

## **CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-010-C01**

**Recommended Consultant:**

Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG)

**Background & Scope of Work:**

The consultant shall provide services for conducting three annual rounds of SCAG regional household travel survey collection. A minimum of three thousand and seven hundred and fifty (3,750) complete and valid household level samples are desired by SCAG that represent SCAG regional travel behavior. The data will be suitable for estimation and calibrating SCAG regional travel demand models and support analysis conducted by SCAG planning departments.

LA Metro is partnering with SCAG on this project. P A staff member designated by LA Metro as the other Project Manager will participate in project milestones events (such as consultant interview, project kickoff), bi-weekly project meetings, and review and utilize project deliverables. LA Metro is also expected to provide additional data that can facilitate this project.

Specifically, consultant’s tasks include (1) project management, including designing project work plan; (2) survey methodology and instrument design, including refining survey questionnaire, survey instrument programming, and survey methodology design; (3) survey sampling, survey pretest, pilot survey, including refining sampling methodology, conducting survey pretest, pilot survey, finalizing survey instruments, and procedures, and designing communication and targeted recruitment; (4) main survey implementation, coding, and post-processing, including implementing main study survey, and reviewing and post-processing main survey data; (5) survey analysis, final report, presentations, including weighting and expanding survey data, final reporting and presentation.

**Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:**

The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Finalized survey questionnaire and technical memorandum for survey methodology and instrument design for each survey wave. These deliverables provide SCAG with replicable and customizable survey instrument where SCAG modeling and planning departments can include specific strategies on Vehicle Mile Travelled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction throughout the three waves of survey.
- Finalized technical memorandum for survey sampling design and recruitment strategy for each survey wave. These deliverables provide SCAG with replicable and statistically robust participant recruitment procedure to ensure the collected samples are representative to our region.
- Technical memorandum on data weighting and expansion and related scripts/programs; and weighted and expanded survey data and post-processed main survey dataset, scripts; and supporting documentation. These deliverables support SCAG modeling department for travel demand model development and planning departments for policy analysis.

**Strategic Plan:**

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.



**Contract Amount:** **Total not to exceed** \$972,677

Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) (prime consultant) \$887,635  
WestGroup, LLC (subconsultant) \$85,042

Note: Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG), originally proposed \$1,239,482, but staff negotiated the price down to \$972,676 without reducing the scope of work.

**Contract Period:** Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2026.

**Project Number(s):** 290-4931UC.01 \$150,501  
290-4931E.01 \$19,499  
290-4931VC.01 \$500,000  
Funding source(s): Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Sustainable Communities Formula, Transportation Development Act (TDA), and Los Angeles Metro Transit Authority (LACMTA).

Funding of \$670,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 290-4931UC.01, 290-4931E.01 & 290-4391VC.01, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

**Request for Proposal (RFP):** SCAG staff notified 5,079 firms of the release of RFP 24-010-C01 via SCAG's PlanetBids website. A total of 48 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:

**Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) (one subconsultant)** \$1,239,482

ETC Institute (one subconsultants) \$1,249,561

**Selection Process:** The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed both proposers.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Yang Wang, Senior Modeler, SCAG  
Bayarmaa Aleksandr, Principal Modeler, SCAG  
Anthony Catalina, Senior Director, LA METRO  
Shengyi Gao, Senior Analyst, SACOG  
Jaimee Lederman, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG

**Basis for Selection:**

The PRC recommended Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project: RSG is a national leader in household travel survey in terms of administering, designing, and researching and has demonstrated records of successful projects nationwide and statewide, over-achieving targets set by clients. The PRC noted in RSG’s proposals that they offer all services in-house and clearly understood SCAG’s activity-based travel demand model;
- Provided the best technical approach: RSG proposes concrete and actionable plans for each sub-task and offers options for alternative testing. During the interview RSG presented anticipated project difficulties and topics that are interested by SCAG and LA Metro, such as mixed-mode data collection, adult proxy report for a child, equity inclusion in design, and detailed completion criteria;
- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed: RSG demonstrates records of successful project deliverables across nation and in major metropolitan areas. Recent projects include MTC (Bay Area), SANDAG (San Diego), Central Valley, PSRC (Seattle). The success in delivering hard-to-reach population in Central Valley is valuable to our diverse region. RSG designed the first smartphone-app based household travel survey instrument in the industry and is continuing to improve; and
- Proposed the lowest price.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment  
For February 1, 2024 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-010-C01 an amount not to exceed \$972,677 with Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) to design, implement, and analyze the SCAG regional household travel survey through three (3) annual survey collections. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Resource Systems Group, Inc. (RSG) (prime consultant)	No - form attached
WestGroup Research (subconsultant)	No - form attached

# SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No./Contract No. 24-010

## SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG’s Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG’s Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under “GET INVOLVED”, then “Contract & Vendor Opportunities” and scroll down under the “Vendor Contracts Documents” tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under “ABOUT US” then “OUR TEAM” then “Employee Directory”; and Regional Council members can be found under “MEETINGS”, then scroll down to “LEADERSHIP” then select “REGIONAL COUNCIL” on the left side of the page and click on “Regional Council Officers and Member List.”

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG’s Legal Division, especially if you answer “yes” to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal.

Name of Firm: Resource Systems Group, Inc. dba Resource Systems Group Inc-VT

Name of Preparer: John (Jay) E. Evans

Project Title: 2023 SCAG Regional Travel Survey

RFP Number: 24-010 Date Submitted: November 1, 2023

## SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES  NO

If “yes,” please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES  NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
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**SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT**

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

**DECLARATION**

I, (printed full name) John (Jay) E. Evans, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Operating Officer of (firm name) Resource Systems Group, Inc. dba Resource Systems Group, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 31, 2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

 \_\_\_\_\_ October 31, 2023  
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date  
 (original signature required)

**NOTICE**

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG’s Legal Division, especially if you answer “yes” to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal.

Name of Firm: WestGroup LLC (dba WestGroup Research)

Name of Preparer: Kathryn A. De Boer

Project Title: SCAG Regional Travel Survey

RFP Number: 24-010 Date Submitted: October 13, 2023

## SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES  NO

If “yes,” please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES       NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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**SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT**

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

**DECLARATION**

I, (printed full name) Kathryn A. De Boer, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Senior Vice President of (firm name) WestGroup LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 13, 2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

      October 13, 2023  
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer      Date  
 (original signature required)

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**AGENDA ITEM 4**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
January 31, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's  
Approval Threshold

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only - No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

**BACKGROUND:**

**SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (PO's) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000**

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BMO Cash Management	FY24 Bank Fee	\$35,000
CDW Government, Inc.	FY24 Remote Management Software	\$29,752
Mettrans-USC	FY24 - Metrans Associates Prog	\$25,000
Softwareone Inc	FY25 Adobe Agreement Renewal	\$22,063
CDW Government, Inc.	FY25 - FY27 Remote Management Software	\$17,936

**SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000**

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
BB2 Technology Group Inc. (24-028-C01)	The consultant shall provide network switches, licenses and support.	\$140,375

**SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000**

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
N/A		



**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract Summary 24-028-C01

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-028-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	BB2 Technology Group Inc.				
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	Under this agreement, BB2 Technology group acts as the channel partner and reseller for the purchase of network switches manufactured by Cisco Systems. This also includes the procurement of appropriate licenses and support contracts with Cisco to enable vendor support and timely software updates.				
<b>Project's Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The switches supporting SCAG's corporate network in Wilshire Grand Center are almost six (6) years old and reaching their end-of-life. A refresh of this hardware is necessary to ensure the software on the switches remains up to date and under and active support contract; and</li><li>• Procuring the switches along with appropriate licensing and support contracts to ensure a smooth implementation and high availability of the network.</li></ul>				
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective: a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.				
<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 60%;"><b>Total not to exceed</b></td><td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$140,375</b></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">BB2 Technology Group, Inc (prime consultant)</td></tr></table>	<b>Total not to exceed</b>	<b>\$140,375</b>	BB2 Technology Group, Inc (prime consultant)	
<b>Total not to exceed</b>	<b>\$140,375</b>				
BB2 Technology Group, Inc (prime consultant)					
<b>Contract Period:</b>	December 20, 2023 through June 30, 2024				
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	811-1163.17 \$140,375 Funding sources: Indirect Cost Program Budget  Funding of \$140,375 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811-1163.17.				
<b>Basis for Selection:</b>	In accordance with SCAG's Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially "piggy-backing" on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with BB2 Technology Group Inc. at TD Synnex (NCPA Contract No. #01-97) that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.				



**AGENDA ITEM 5**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
January 31, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** CFO Monthly Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only - No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

**FY24 Q2 Planning Project Highlights**

As part of the CFO's Quarterly Report, SCAG staff will be reporting on a selection of contracts that have closed during the previous quarter to highlight the benefits that SCAG's work brings to local jurisdictions and the region.

**19-058-C01 Future Communities Pilot Program Evaluation STEER DAVIES AND GLEAVE, INC.**

The consultant provided technical assistance for the performance evaluation of the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP), a SCAG grant program supporting eight projects in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. The FCPP is a partnership between SCAG and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to support city and county agencies. The consultant ensured that key performance indicators (KPI) were collected at regular intervals and produced a final evaluation report. These projects informed best practices for reducing vehicle miles traveled using technology. The evaluation will inform the creation of a regionwide Smart Cities Strategic Plan to support jurisdictions in assessing and deploying emerging technologies.

**21-008-C01 Local Demonstration Initiative - Kit of Parts KOA CORPORATION**

The Go Human Kit of Parts, offered as a "lending library," creates opportunities for partners to borrow materials to showcase temporary traffic safety improvements as a community engagement and feedback strategy. The consultant lead *Go Human* activations using SCAGs Kit of Parts in local jurisdictions/agencies across the region, including the Cities of Azusa, Buena Park, Cathedral City, El Monte, Indio, Pasadena, and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) aligned with

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ongoing planning processes funded through separate SCAG contracts. In total, there were 12 temporary demonstrations in 2023 that reached over 2,850 people and secured 121 surveys.

22-058-C01 Industry Forum PLACEWORKS

SCAG hosted the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Industry Forum on April 28, 2023 in partnership with PlaceWorks and the Urban Land Institute of Los Angeles. The RUSH forum brought together thought leaders from Southern California and across the country for recommendations to implement the basic utility infrastructure needed for housing in the region: water, wastewater, stormwater management, and electricity. The forum was designed to intentionally center principles of affirmatively furthering fair housing and racial equity in new programs and projects that align with the REAP 2021 core program objectives. The forum's final report helped guide the delivery of SCAG's RUSH grant program.

23-035-C01 Inclusive Contracting Toolkits HR AND A ADVISORS INC

The Inclusive Contracting Toolkit serves as a roadmap with actionable recommendations for procurement professionals in public agencies and private anchor institutions to support a shift to inclusive contracting policies, programs, and practices. This toolkit's development process was meticulously structured, involving a thorough literature review and close engagement with industry professionals and small business organizations. The Inclusive Contracting Technical Advisory Committee and industry focus groups were instrumental in providing invaluable insights, ensuring the toolkit is firmly rooted in the realities and opportunities faced by procurement professionals within the SCAG region.

23-002-C01 Job Quality Index Consultant BEAR

The SCAG Job Quality Index (JQI) will provide a benchmark for a common understanding of the region's job markets. The JQI analyzes job factors, including compensation, benefits, workplace conditions, and even quality of life effects. This can inform policy discussions and help measure progress toward a more robust, inclusive, and equitable economy. A JQI will facilitate the region to become more competitive in the labor market, better understand quality job characteristics, and improve the working conditions of jobs to create a more equitable and supportive work environment.

21-047-MRFP-36 TCC Pomona Technical Assistance THE LAMAR JOHNSON COLLABORATIVE LLC

The project facilitated the acceleration of Pomona's Transformative Climate Communities site with parking, mobility, and open space infrastructure, as well as housing feasibility analysis for the city's publicly owned parking lots within its downtown area. This project analyzed 21 of the city's 26 parking lots. This analysis and pre-development planning work will support the future release of Requests for Proposals for the re-development. The results add to the growing body of best practices that jurisdictions throughout the region can use to address the housing crisis using under-utilized publicly owned land.

**21-047-MRFP-21 Metro's Joint Development HR AND A ADVISORS INC**

In 2021, Metro's Board of Directors adopted an updated Joint Development Policy, which strengthened the agency's commitment to affordable housing and equity. This funding provided strategic planning and staffing support to accelerate the delivery of up to 10,000 units of housing, at least 5,000 of which will be income-restricted, in the next ten years as sites become available for development. As Metro is a large landholder, facilitating the delivery of affordable housing units for Joint Development will chip away at the region's housing deficit in prime locations that are served by high-quality transit. This will help achieve both SCAG's housing and sustainable transportation goals. The Metro Joint Development project was split into three separate task orders. Part A, the Joint Development Strategy, was completed in December 2023. The remaining joint development work will be completed by April 2024.

**21-047-MRFP-18 Objective Development Standards – LA AECOM**

This project worked with the four local jurisdictions to develop and implement object development standards to streamline housing permitting and production. Objective Development Standards accelerate housing production and reduce housing costs through faster permitting and introducing certainty in local design and development standards.

**21-047-MRFP-09 One San Pedro EIFD Study KOSMONT COMPANIES**

This project was built upon work that had already been completed for the One San Pedro Enhanced Increment Financing District, taking it to the level of tax increment financing selection and implementation. Like other projects in this bundle, this project will accelerate housing production and will serve as another best practice for cities. The project was completed in December 2023, and the One San Pedro EIFD has a target formation date of April 2024.

**ACCOUNTING:****Membership Dues**

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 187 cities, six counties, seven commissions, and seven tribal governments have paid their FY24 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.02M out of \$2.48M billed. This represents 81.48% of the membership assessment.

**Investments & Interest Earnings**

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. During FY 2022-23, SCAG transferred all funds invested in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool to the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account, except for any outstanding interest gains received in July 2023. The Los Angeles County Investment Pool account was closed in August 2023. SCAG has invested \$24.89M in the LAIF account as of December 31, 2023, and has earned \$251,559.66 interest income from LAIF. The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis, with an average interest rate

of 4.00%. Additionally, SCAG has also earned \$59.80 interest from the remaining funds in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool as of December 31, 2023.

#### Grant Billing

During FY 2023-24, staff has prepared and submitted requests for reimbursements of approximately \$24.93 million to the following agencies (\$6.22 million is for work completed in FY 2022-23). Additionally, SCAG received advance funds of \$35.6 million for REAP 1.0 Program and \$8.61 million for REAP 2.0 Program.

- **CPG Billing: \$22.8 million** to Caltrans for work funded with federal and state grants; \$5.07 million was for work completed in June 2023, while \$17.73 million was for work completed in July 2023 to November 2023. Of the \$22.8 million, \$19 million has been received.
- **OTS Billings: \$1 million** to Office of Traffic Safety for work funded with OTS grants; \$70,367 was for work completed from April 2023 to June 2023, while \$0.93 million was for work completed from July 2023 to September 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **ATP Billings: \$0.64 million** to Caltrans District 7, Office of Local Assistance for work funded with Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants that were completed from September 2022 to June 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **EPRI Billings: \$0.20 million** to the Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. for work funded with the California Energy Commission (CEC) grant that was completed from January to June 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **MSRC Billing: \$0.20 million** to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee for work funded with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) grant that was completed from February 2020 to April 2022. The entire amount has been received.
- **DOE-Clean Cities: \$55,000** to the Department of Energy for work funded with DOE-Clean Cities grant; \$27,500 was for work completed from April 2023 to June 2023, while \$27,500 was for work completed from July 2023 to September 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **WSCCOG: \$16,452** to Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) for work performed for the tasks and deliverables in Exhibit A.2 of M-005-19 (Measure M Westside Mobility Study Update) that was completed from January 2023 to June 2023. Of this amount, \$16,452 has been received.
- **LACI Billing: \$7,348** to LA Cleantech Incubator for work funded with the LACI grant that was completed from July 2023 to September 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **City of Burbank: \$4,353** to the City of Burbank for work funded with LEAP funds; \$1,119 was for work completed in May 2023, while \$3,234 was for work completed in November 2023. Of the \$4,353, \$1,119 has been received.
- **ATN: \$1,077** to Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN) for SCAG staff time funded with ATN local funds that were completed from May 2023 to June 2023. The entire amount has been received.



- **DOE-UCI: \$226** to the Regents of the University of California for work funded with the DOE-Clean Cities grant that was completed from July 2023 to September 2023. The entire amount has been received.
- **REAP 1.0: \$35.6 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 1.0 as of December 31, 2023. Each \$11.87 million was received in FY21, FY23, and FY24. Approximately \$37.41 million has been expended to date (\$2.16 million during FY 2023-24).
- **REAP 2.0: \$8.61 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 as of December 31, 2023. Approximately \$10.47 million has been expended to date (\$3.43 million during FY 2023-24).

**BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):**

Staff worked on FY 2023-24 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Overall Work Program (OWP) Progress Report. This mid-year progress report for OWP projects was submitted to Caltrans before its deadline, January 30, 2024.

On January 25, 2024, SCAG had its annual OWP development and coordination meeting with Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA representatives. SCAG staff presented the proposed work program for FY 2024-25 and reported accomplishments and progress on major projects in the current fiscal year. A draft FY 2024-25 OWP budget will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council (RC) in March 2024.

Staff successfully submitted two grant applications for the Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant program, one renewal application for the Department of Energy Clean Cities Program, and two grant applications for the California Office of Traffic Safety Program. The award announcements for these opportunities are anticipated to occur between Spring and Summer of this calendar year.

**CONTRACTS:**

In December 2023, the Contracts Department issued four (4) Requests for Proposals, awarded two (2) contracts, issued twenty-six (26) contract amendments, and processed ten (10) Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 181 consultant contracts. Contract staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. Thus far, for Fiscal Year 2024, staff negotiated a total of \$28,419 in savings.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. CFO Charts



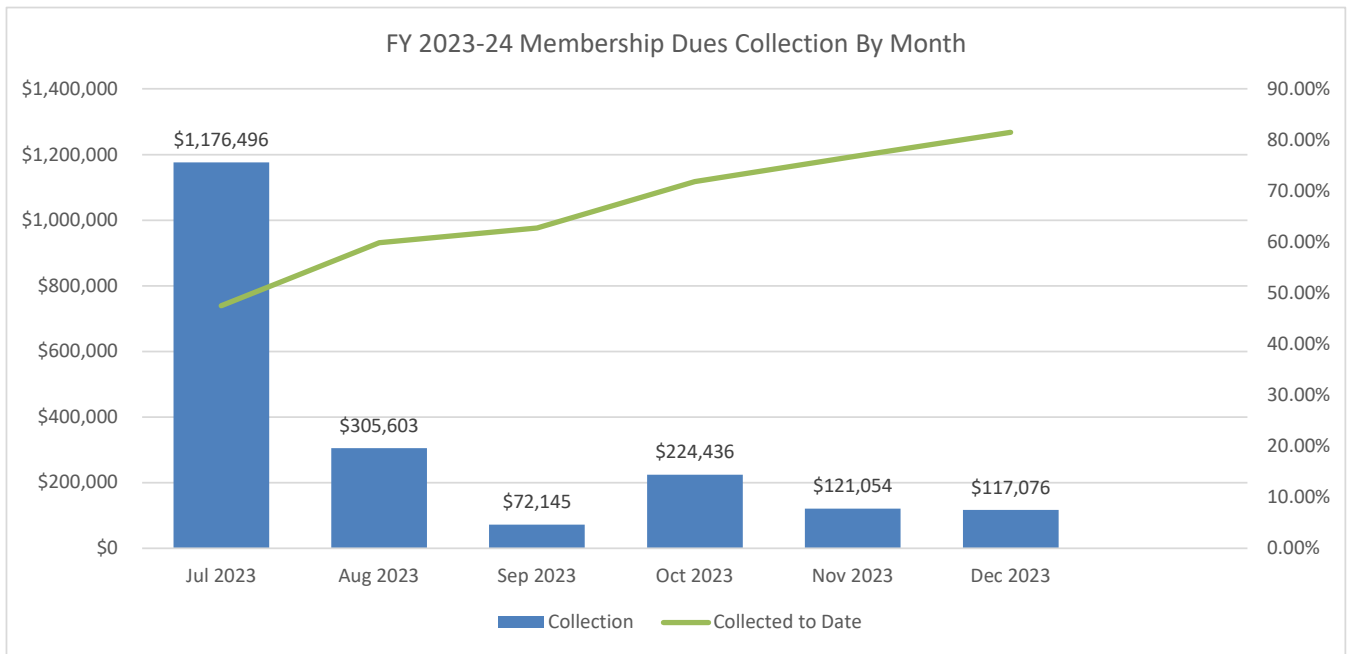
# Office of the Chief Financial Officer

## Quarterly Report

**December 2023**



*Membership Dues & Collections*  
 July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023



**Summary**

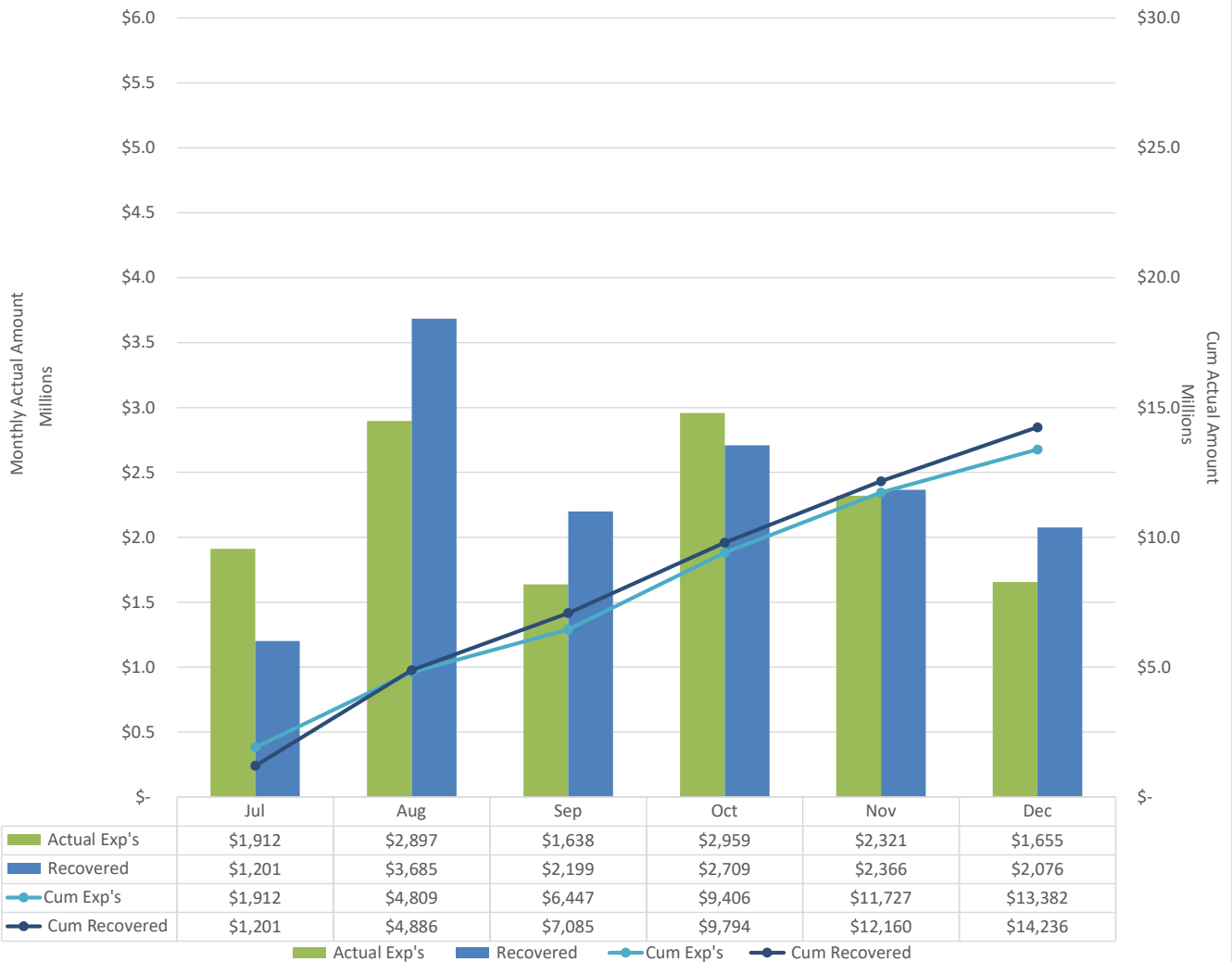
As of December 31, 2023, 187 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions and 7 tribal governments had paid their FY24 dues. This represents 81.48% of the dues assessment.

FY24 Membership Dues	<u><u>\$ 2,475,224</u></u>
Total Collected	<u><u>\$ 2,016,810</u></u>
Percentage Collected	<u><u>81.48%</u></u>

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**Indirect Cost & Recovery**  
**July 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023**



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**Consolidated Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2023**

	<u>Sept 30, 2023</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2023</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Cash & Investment	18,339,349	25,450,529	7,111,179 (1)
Other Assets	17,164,883	17,247,659	82,777 (2)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>35,504,232</b>	<b>42,698,188</b>	<b>7,193,956</b>
	-	-	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,241,703</b>	<b>13,628,229</b>	<b>8,386,526 (3)</b>
	-	27,256,459	
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>30,262,529</b>	<b>29,069,959</b>	<b>(1,192,570)</b>
	-	-	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>35,504,232</b>	<b>42,698,188</b>	<b>7,193,956</b>

(1) The \$7.1 M increase in Cash & Investment is primarily due to transfer in to LAIF investment account from BMO Reap 2.0 advance.

(2) The increase in other assets is due to an increase in Accounts Receivable of \$145k due to billing receipts and decrease in Prepaid Expenses of \$63k.

(3) The increase of 8.4M mainly do to Deferred Revenue from Reap 2.0 advance.



**Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Quarter Ended December 31, 2023**

	July 1, 2023 to Sept 30, 2023	July 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023	Increase / (Decrease)	Dec 2023 Budgetary Comparison Statement	
				FY 2023-24 Budget	Under / (Over) Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>42,396,662</b>	<b>71,759,908</b>	<b>29,363,246</b>	495,642,811	423,882,903
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	21,512,989	42,906,064	21,393,075	96,275,401	53,369,337
Services & Supplies	4,561,125	13,530,200	8,969,075	399,367,410	385,837,210
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>26,074,113</b>	<b>56,436,263</b>	<b>30,362,150</b>	495,642,811	439,206,548 <sup>(1)</sup>
Change in Fund Balance	16,322,549	15,323,645	(998,904)	-	(15,323,645)
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	13,746,314	13,746,314	-		(13,746,314)
<b>Fund Balance at End of the Period</b>	<b>30,068,862</b>	<b>29,069,959</b>	<b>(998,904)</b>		<b>(29,069,959)</b>

(1) Note that multi-year grant revenues and services & supplies expenditures are budgeted in the award year including any beginning Fund Balance. The \$423.88 million revenue variance and the \$439.21 million expenditure variance are predominately related to anticipated implementation timing for various multi-year grants. Any remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to subsequent years of the grant period.



## SCAG FY24 Q2 Planning Division (Contracts Awarded, Contracts Closed, and Contracts Administered)

Total Number of Contracts Awarded, Closed and Administered by Quarter:

	FY23 Q1	FY23 Q2	FY23 Q3	FY23 Q4
Contracts Awarded	4	3		
Contract Ended	12	20		
Contracts Administered	117	99		

Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
1. Regional Planning	SCAG Geographic Information System (GIS) Training Services	SCAG Region	The Consultant shall provide Geographic Information System (GIS) Training courses to local planners in SCAG region. Consultant will include materials for SCAG's Regional Database Platform (RDP) survey and training outreach.	Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc.	23-041-C01	\$60,2
2. Regional Planning	CRE Data Subscription	SCAG Region	The consultant shall provide data for staff to use to conduct analyses for SCAG's Goods Movement Comprehensive Study and also regional commodity flow analysis for rail, maritime, air cargo, and trucking modes. The study is led by SCAG's Transportation Division as part of its planning activities for goods movement planning. SCAG's goods movement planning is a critical component of SCAG's regional transportation planning efforts, and findings from this study will be used	Costar Realty Information Inc.	24-008-C01	\$149,2

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Served	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			as basis for the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy development.			
3. Regional Planning	Highways to Boulevards Regional Study	Entire SCAG Region	<p>The consultant will provide data and analytical services to assist staff with the study which among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies opportunities to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways or railways that create barriers to community connectivity including to mobility, access, or economic development;</li> <li>Offers a path for communities to reknit by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities so that what remains is a better fit for the context of their surroundings and serves all people; and</li> <li>Provides a framework to identify and evaluate potential transportation facilities to reconnect communities for performance improvements to</li> </ul>	Arup US, .Inc	23-042-C01	\$574,5

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			provide more multi-modal travel options.			
					<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$784,0</b>

**SCAG FY24 Q2 Planning Division  
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**Contracts Closed (20)**

Note: ten are related to bench contract 21-047-17, 16, 15, 13, 12, 9, 7, 6, 5 and 1, are counted as one row below

Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
1. Housing	Industry Forum	SCAG Region	SCAG seeks to deliver best practices and actionable workplans to its cities and counties, maximizing the region’s ability to absorb and expend funds at the rapid pace of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditure deadlines, and importantly, to ensure that this one-time substantial investment results in increased and accelerated housing production, innovation and transformative planning. SCAG also seeks to develop Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 programs that align with Connect SoCal, the May 2021 adopted Racial Equity Action Plan, and the SCAG Executive Committee’s Strategic Action Plan adopted in July 2021.	PlaceWorks Inc.	22-058-C01	\$274,10
2. Transportation Planning	Measuring VMT Reduction from Shared Mobility Services Through Real Time Data	City of Los Angeles	The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) introduced the Mobility Data Specification (MDS) in October 2018 to shared mobility services, which allows the City to measure Mobility Service Provider	Toole Design Group, Inc.	20-062-C01	\$312,93

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			company operations on the public right-of-way, ultimately generating verified datasets that will assist LADOT in its stewardship of the public right-of-way. The MDS initially measured electronic scooters, but this project will expand the tool to include all shared mobility devices, including the LADOT electric vehicle carsharing pilot, BlueLA.			
3. Economic Empowerment	Inclusive Contracting Toolkits	SCAG Region	Consistent with the requirements of the IERS Implementation Grant, the consultant shall develop two best practice Inclusive Contracting Toolkits, which will be implementation-oriented “how-to” guides for (1) public sector and (2) anchor institutions (such as universities, hospitals or companies that have deep ties to the regional and local economy), to expand access to their supply chains and contracting opportunities to small, minority-, woman-, and veteran-owned businesses in the SCAG region.	HR and A Advisors Inc.	23-035-C01	\$143,44
4. Economic Empowerment	Job Quality Index Consultant	SCAG Region	SCAG seeks to better understand the economic implications of SCAG’s	David Wells Roland Hoist (dba B.E.A.R)	23-002-C01	\$124,49

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			planning activities. As a core element of the agency's transportation planning efforts, the economic data and analysis contained within the RTP/SCS are important to a multitude of planning and research efforts at SCAG, such as informing the development of annual regional economic outlooks and other analyses at the nexus of transportation, land use, and economic growth.			
5. Housing	Pomona Technical Assistance	City of Pomona	The proposed project consists of parking, mobility and open space infrastructure, and housing feasibility analysis for Pomona's City-owned parking lots within its Downtown area to potentially support housing development and leverage the City's Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) project outcomes. There are currently 26 parking lots owned by the City of Pomona's Vehicle Parking District (VPD) and approximately 21 of those lots would be included in this study. This analysis and pre-development planning work is necessary to support the future release of Requests for Proposals for	The Lamar Johnson Collaborative LLC	21-047-MRFP-36	\$269,05

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			the re-development of one or more of these lots for housing development, and to establish definitive strategies for parking management and allocation within the Downtown Pomona Specific Plan area, and the enhancement of multi-modal and open space amenities for future residents. The proposed project also envisions supporting the City of Pomona’s sustainability goals, including energy and water efficiency.			
6. Housing	Metro's Joint Development	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Commission	<p>The objectives of this project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro will be hiring for two “Fellow” positions who will manage the Consultant, review draft deliverables, and provide information as requested by the Consultant.</li> <li>• Each task description begins with background information relevant to the task and is followed by the specific deliverables to be completed by the Consultant.</li> </ul>	HR and A Advisors Inc.	21-047-MRFP-21	\$350,73
7. Multi-city: Cities of Montebello, Santa Fe Springs,	Objective Development Standards	Multi-city: Cities of Montebello,	The Objective Development Standards (ODS) for Streamlined Housing, Prohousing Designation Program, and Parking Innovation Project bundling	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. California	21-047-MRFP-18	\$583,05

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
Santa Monica and South Pasadena		Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica and South Pasadena	<p>group 3-A.1 consists of four (4) applications from the following cities: Montebello, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, and South Pasadena. This project type provides planning assistance to help jurisdictions revise and adopt Objective Development Standards, implement HCD Prohousing guidelines, policies and programs, revise and adopt housing supportive parking policies and programs.</p> <p>This project will work with the four (4) client cities to develop and implement object development standards to streamline housing permitting and production to take advantage of efficiencies by bundling work for the four (4) cities. Specifically, projects in this bundle call for products or programs that are clearly tied to accelerating housing production and reducing housing costs through faster permitting and introducing certainty in local design and development standards.</p>			
8. Housing	One San Pedro EIFD Study	City of Los Angeles	Consultant shall provide planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement and adopt Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce	Kosmont Companies	21-047-MRFP-09	\$222,83

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts. Specifically, projects in this bundle call for products or programs that are clearly tied to accelerating housing production, community need and implementation, and can serve as best practices for cities in the region. This project will build upon the work that has already been completed for One San Pedro, taking it to the level of Tax Increment Financing selection and implementation.			
9 -18. Housing	REAP Bench (Master Agreement)	SCAG Region	These 10 base contracts are part of SCAG On Call Services contracts to implement REAP 1.0 work program. Ten base contracts, (21-047-17, 16, 15, 13, 12, 9, 7, 6, 5 and 1) closed as either the consultant did not receive a contract award, or received an award and the work under the task order was completed.	21-047-17, 16, 15, 13, 12, 9, 7, 6, 5 and 1	21-047-C17	
19. Housing	Local Demonstration Initiative - Kit of Parts	Multi-City/SCAG Region	Consistent with the requirements of the California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) funding, this project shall plan and	KOA Corporation	21-008-C01	\$390,61

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Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Vendor	Agreement No.	Award Amt
			<p>implement a <i>Go Human</i> resilient streets activation utilizing SCAGs Kit of Parts in the City of Indio.</p> <p>The consultant shall also lead <i>Go Human</i> activations using SCAGs Kit of Parts in six (6) local jurisdictions/agencies across the region, including the Cities of Azusa, Pasadena, El Monte, Buena Park, Cathedral City, and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), aligned with ongoing planning processes funded through separate SCAG contracts.</p>			
20. Transportation Technology	Future Communities Pilot Program Evaluation	SCAG Region	<p>The consultant shall provide technical assistance and coordination for the performance evaluation of the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP), a new SCAG grant program supporting eight projects in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. The FCPP is a partnership between SCAG and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to support city and county agencies in implementing SCAG’s 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and the funding goals of</p>	Steer Davies And Gleave, Inc. (dba Steer Davies Gleave)	19-058-C01	\$148,98

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			Senate Bill 1 (SB1). These innovative pilot projects will reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) from local travel and municipal operations through the use of new technologies and enhanced data analytics. f			

Total Value \$2,820,21

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## SCAG FY24 Forecast For All Planning Procurements

Project Name	Description	Project Range Small: \$199K or less Medium: \$200K - \$499K Large: \$500K or greater	Projected Quarter
Connect SoCal - Development of Land Use Strategies (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Land Use Strategies from Connect SoCal- 15 minute communities study/best practices to inform Call.	Medium	FY24 Q3
HIPP Pilot Program - consultant procurements		Large	FY24 Q3
NOFA for Lasting Affordability - consultant procurements		Large	FY24 Q3
Regional Housing Program	Housing element review and reform	Small	FY24 Q3
SRP2.0 Consultant Procurements	Procure on behalf of 5 Participants - WSCCOG (2); ICTC (1); NCTC - City of Lancaster (1); SFVCOG - City of Santa Clarita (1), City of San Fernando (1)	Large	FY24 Q3
GIS Modeling and Analytics	Develop regional land use dataset and enhance the automated GIS workflow of big data analysis and visualization by leveraging with GIS programming and analytics. The products of this project includes:(1) regional land use dataset (+5MM parcel data), (2) value-added GIS dataset of land use, transportation, resource areas, priority growth, geographic boundaries, etc., (3) Data/Map Books, (4) GIS-based transportation network data (pilot), and (5) GIS automation tools and scripts for advanced spatial and statistical analysis and data visualization.	Small	FY24 Q3
Regional Data Platform Management and Enhancement	Regional Data Platform (RDP) coordination on existing tool & data enhancements and new tool development/integration by collaborating with RDP tool owners/PMs as well as IT & GPA staff.	Small	FY24 Q3
Scenario Planning and Modeling	SPM system enhancement and maintenance, including the update of SPM analytic capabilities, user interface and output delivery.	Small	FY24 Q3

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## SCAG FY24 Forecast For All Planning Procurements

Project Name	Description	Project Range Small: \$199K or less Medium: \$200K - \$499K Large: \$500K or greater	Projected Quarter
Transportation Safety	Provide leadership and strategic policy formulation for transportation safety in the SCAG region. Develop annual transportation safety targets. Provide a forum for information sharing and identify best practices employed at the local level. Support adoption of local practices that implement the RTP/SCS and SHSP safety strategies via SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Program.	Small	FY24 Q4
Complete Streets Plan	Develop Complete Streets Prioritization Plan (this would allow SCAG to be exempt from IJIA requirement that we expend 2.5% of PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities). TBD how long plan would permit exemption for as it is not specified in IJIA (based on other experiences, could be 5-10 years, or unspecified).	Large	FY24 Q4
Goods Movement Planning	Facilitate implementation of goods movement recommendations in Connect SoCal. Work with stakeholders on federal and state program efforts related to technical input and analyses associated with goods movement.	Large	FY24 Q4
Natural & Agricultural Lands Policy Development & Implementation	Implement natural and agricultural policies, strategies, and PEIR mitigation measures from CSC 2024	Medium	FY24 Q4
Priority Agricultural Lands	Implement CSC 2024 green region resource area strategies that can reduce VMT, Implement CSC 2024 mitigation measures, and provide technical assistance to future SALC grant applicants	Medium	FY24 Q4
Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Development of a voluntary pilot demonstration to assess the effectiveness of different user charges and travel rewards together with mobility services. NEED TO UPDATE; FUNDING ANTICIPATED MOSTLY FROM REAP/FED COMPETITIVE GRANTS	Medium	FY24 Q4

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SB743 Mitigation Support	This task will explore and identify potential programmatic VMT mitigation approaches and framework in coordination with Caltrans and regional partners, and support best practice approaches to VMT analyses for transportation projects under SB 743.	Medium	FY24 Q4
FY22 OTS - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program	In collaboration with local jurisdictions and community organizations, develop and implement strategies to improve traffic safety. This includes the Go Human suite of programs, which include the safety advertisement campaign, temporary safety demonstrations, and capacity building strategies.	Large	FY24 Q4
Future SCP Call (SB 1 Formula)	SB1 funded Call projects (tied to ATP Cycle 7)	Medium	FY24 Q4
SCP Call 4 Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (SB1)	SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Projects to implement Connect SoCal (Multimodal Communities)	Large	FY24 Q4
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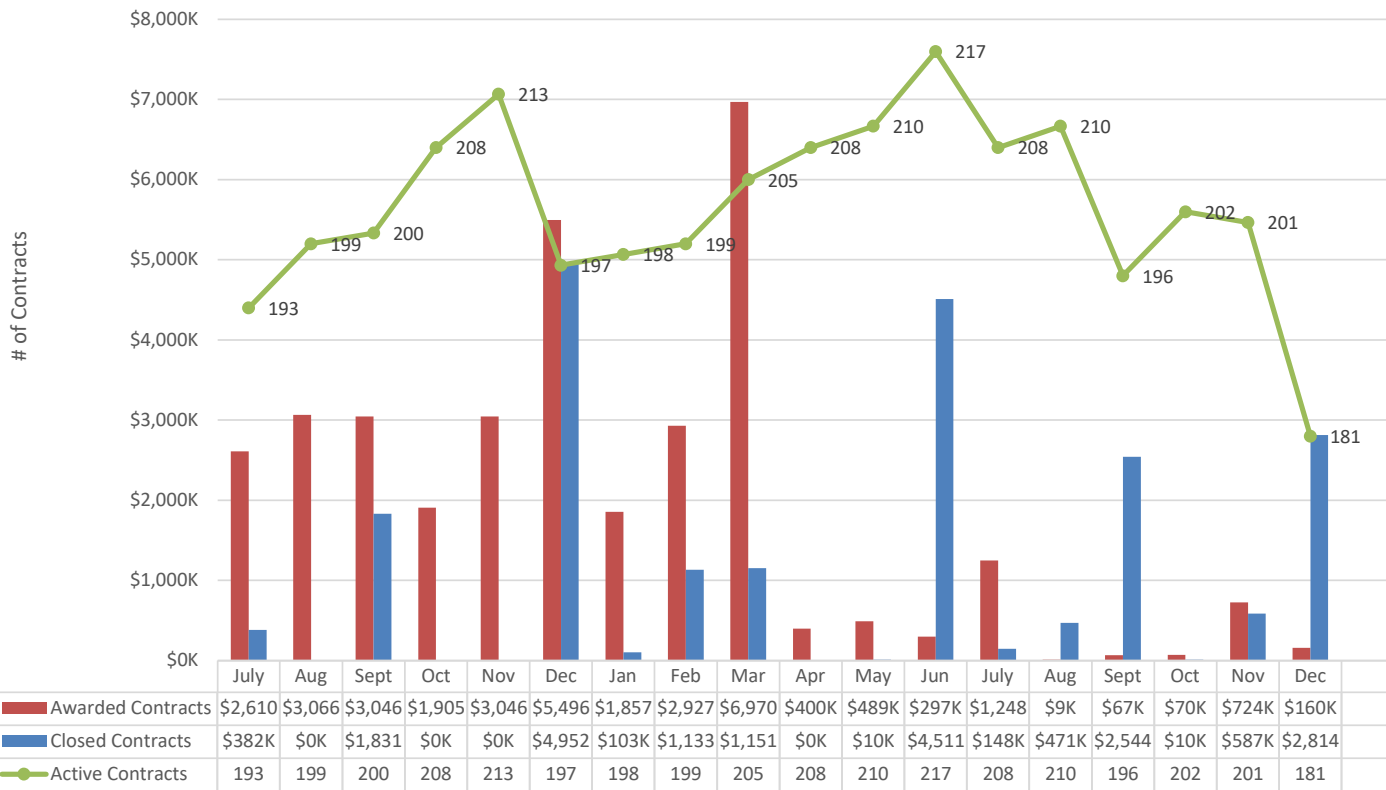
## How to Register in SCAG’s Vendor Database to be Notified About SCAG’s Contracting Opportunities

1. Go to [scag.ca.gov](http://scag.ca.gov).
2. Under “Get Involved” (the top middle of the page), click “Contracting & Vendor Opportunities”
3. Scroll down to and click “SCAG Vendor Portal”
4. Scroll down to and click “Go To SCAG Vendor Portal”
5. Click “New Vendor Registration” (top left of the page) and follow the prompts

You can contact any of the Procurement staff listed below to assist you.

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### SCAG Contracts FY2023-24



**Overview**  
This chart shows the number of contracts administered by the Contracts Department, by month, from July 2022 thru Dec 2023



■ Awarded Contracts   
 ■ Closed Contracts   
 ● Active Contracts

**Summary**

As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Department is currently managing a total of 181 contracts. Twenty-two (22) are Cost Plus Fee contracts; seventy-nine (79) are Lump Sum (formerly Fixed Price) contracts, and the remaining eighty (80) are Time and Materials (T&M) contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer contracts). Note, due to the nature of SCAG's work, the majority of SCAG contracts have a one year term and end on June 30th each year.

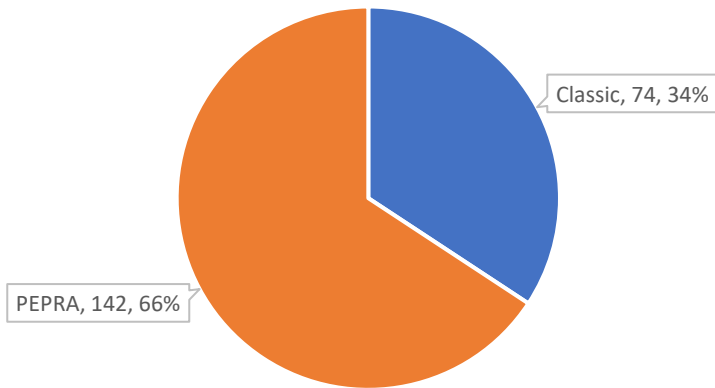
# CFO Report

As of January 1, 2024

## Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Fellows	Total
<b>Executive Office</b>	9	8	1	0	0	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>	13	11	2	1	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Legal Services</b>	3	2	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Finance</b>	37	34	3	1	0	0	<b>35</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>	30	26	4	1	0	0	<b>27</b>
<b>Gov. &amp; Public Affairs</b>	26	24	2	3	0	0	<b>27</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Programs</b>	119	111	8	10	0	9	<b>130</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>241</b>

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**AGENDA ITEM 6**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
January 31, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
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**Subject:** Governor's Budget Update: Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021  
(REAP 2.0)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Resolution 22-649-1 authorizes SCAG to receive and administer \$246,024,084.00 in Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. REAP 2.0 is managed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). REAP 2.0 supports Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities and accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), support Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and advance implementation of the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). SCAG's REAP 2.0 program is designed to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals.*

*In July 2023, SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application was approved by HCD, formally awarding \$246 million to SCAG. SCAG is sub-allocating 80 percent of the \$246 million grant award for partner-led projects. To date, SCAG has awarded more than \$192 million to planning and capital improvements projects across the region.*

*The recent proposed budget announced by Governor Gavin Newsom would cut \$300 million from the State's REAP 2.0 program. HCD has informed SCAG and other MPOs that reductions would be*



*shared evenly across the program, meaning SCAG's award would be cut in half to approximately \$123 million. SCAG urges the Governor to reconsider these funding cuts, which would severely impact cities' and counties' ability to address the housing crisis and adversely affect the funding dedicated to projects throughout the SCAG region. While SCAG assesses the impacts and until there is greater certainty, SCAG will administer a hold on sub-allocation programs. This report addresses the impacts of the proposed cut, advocacy efforts, and next steps.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The REAP 2.0 program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2019 (REAP 1.0) and expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allows for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting infill development to facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability.

Major investments in program development and prioritization of projects have resulted in SCAG's development of a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program that combines coordinated and transformative actions aligning transportation and housing development by investing in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies.

On January 10, 2024 Governor Gavin Newsom announced a proposed budget that would cut \$1.2 billion in funding for housing programs, including \$300 million for the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) program. SCAG is issuing a hold on suballocation programs, while working to assess the impacts of the proposed cut and partnering with key stakeholders to use the state's budget approval process to advocate for the protection of critical housing programs funded by REAP 2.0.

Governor Newsom's January 10, 2024, budget proposal served as the first step of a lengthy budget process that can last through September 30, 2024. There are many more steps that the Governor and the Legislature must take before finalizing the fiscal year 2024-25 budget. The Senate and Assembly Budget Committees had their first budget hearings on January 23, 2024. Senators and Assembly members had their first opportunity to question the California Department of Finance on the proposed cuts and other strategies to balance the budget. These legislative budget hearings will continue through the May 14 deadline, mandated by state law, for the Governor to issue an updated budget proposal, known as the "May Revision." Before the State Legislature reaches a deal with the Governor, both chambers must work together to reach a budget agreement and pass a balanced budget bill by midnight on June 15, 2024, as mandated by the state constitution. The Governor will then have a June 27, 2024, deadline to sign into law, veto, or line-item veto the budget bill. However, the budget process is usually far from over at this point. The Legislature will be able to pass budget bill juniors and budget trailer bills until August 31, 2024, the last day on which any bill may be passed. Then, the Governor will have until September 30, 2024, to sign or veto any remaining bills, including budget-related bills, on his desk.

## **ADVOCACY**

Immediately following the release of the Governor's January Budget, SCAG's advocacy team sprung into action. SCAG wrote an official budget letter responding to the Governor's January Budget that was delivered to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister), Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Assembly Budget Committee Chair Jesse Gabriel (D-Van Nuys), and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley). The letter outlines SCAG's concerns with the devastating cuts proposed to the REAP 2.0 program. The letter asks Legislative leaders to reject this proposal, as well as proposals to cut \$200 million from the State's Active Transportation Program and cut \$200 million from the Infill Infrastructure Grant program. The letter was further shared with every member of the Southern California Legislative Delegation and SCAG partner organizations, including the California Association of Councils of Governments, California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and our sister Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

SCAG lobbyists, Cruz Strategies, provided public comment in support of the REAP 2.0 program at Assembly and Senate budget committee hearings on January 23, 2024. During the Assembly Budget Committee hearing, Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura), who is also Chair of the Sub-Committee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation spoke in defense of the REAP 2.0 program, noting the significant benefits the program provides, especially for the communities in his district.

SCAG will continue to engage our member and partner organizations to grow the coalition supporting the REAP 2.0 program. SCAG, with the help of this coalition, will continue to advocate to protect these funds at the Sacramento Summit and going into the May Budget Revision.

## **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & DELIVERY**

SCAG staff, under the direction of the policy committees, the EAC, and the RC, has had an extensive engagement process to develop a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program based on stakeholder input. Our funding is targeted to address key issues contributing to the housing crisis: scarcity of developable land, insufficient and costly utility and transportation public infrastructure, and lack of capacity building financing tools. Ultimately, SCAG is piloting solutions locally that can be scaled across the region.

SCAG has committed the entire \$246 million award from the State. Advanced funding of \$24.6 million was authorized to support outreach and program development, including hiring required limited-term staff and consultants. To date, SCAG has granted \$192.7M to 118 projects. The remaining funding is allocated to regional technical assistance and program administration.

A fifty percent reduction to the program would compromise the ability of SCAG and its partners to implement many of the projects sub-allocated funding to the standards required by the State. Therefore, should these reductions materialize, SCAG will need to restructure the full program, potentially eliminating some sub-allocation programs in their entirety.

Given this uncertainty, the Executive Director has paused all significant REAP 2.0 activities, including holding on further MOU development and instructing grantees with executed agreements to hold on all work. These holds will result in delays that present risks to the program, which already faces a tight timeline for implementation, further presenting risks in delivery. There are also uncertainties remaining around REAP 2.0 deadline extensions with the State Legislature.

Listed below is a summary of SCAG's impacted suballocation programs that support eligible entities in the SCAG region:

- The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEJ) grant prioritizes housing planning that aims to close the racial equity gap and include partnerships with community-based organizations. On October 5, 2023, the Regional Council approved funding awards for six Housing and Land Use Strategies projects totaling \$2.3 million. SCAG staff will not proceed with further MOU development until there is greater certainty on the State budget.
- The Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Program makes \$23 million available to sub-regional partners for eligible activities supporting member jurisdictions with implementing housing element work plans and strategies for increasing affordable housing. SCAG has received applications from 14 of its subregional partners. SCAG staff will not proceed with further MOU development until there is greater certainty on the State budget.
- The County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program connects infill housing to daily services and increases travel options that support multimodal communities to shift travel modes. On July 6, 2023, the Regional Council approved staff recommendations to fund 33 transformative planning and implementation projects that expand access, increase mobility, and bring jobs and housing closer together to achieve a more sustainable growth pattern across the region. SCAG has executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with some of the CTCs. SCAG staff will inform all partners with an executed agreement to pause work and will not proceed with all other MOU executions until there is greater certainty on the State budget.
- The Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program makes \$8 million available to support eligible applicants in scaling up development of available land and implementing large corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives. In

October, the Regional Council approved funding recommendations to award 11 projects including site assessments, site inventories, inclusionary housing programs and specific plans that unlock lands for housing with diverse housing types. SCAG staff will not proceed with further MOU development until there is greater certainty on the State budget.

- The Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) provides \$45 million to support innovative housing finance, trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources. On November 2, 2023, the Regional Council approved funding recommendations for 14 projects. SCAG staff will not proceed with further MOU development until there is greater certainty on the State budget.
- The Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) program provides \$35 million to focus on investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that will support jurisdictions in basic utility infrastructure needed for housing: water, wastewater, stormwater management and electricity. On January 4, 2024 the Regional Council awarded funding for 12 projects for a total of \$35 million. SCAG staff will not proceed with further MOU development until there is greater certainty on the State budget.

SCAG staff recognizes this disruption in project delivery may have devastating impacts on projects and is assessing opportunities to help awardees further define projects scopes and repackage projects for alternative funding programs. More information on these opportunities and any updates SCAG receives from HCD on the program will be promptly shared with partners.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will return to the Regional Council with an update on the state budget process and revised budget by June.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (305.4928.01 – REAP 2.0 – Program Development and Outreach).