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**EXECUTIVE/
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COMMITTEE**

In-Person & Remote Participation*
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
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 Clint Lorimore, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361
(Ruben Duran, BB&K Board Counsel)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget
(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council:

- 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$119,579,605;
- 2) Authorize the release of the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and
- 3) Approve the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 2, 2022
4. SB 922 (Wiener) - CEQA Exemption for Transit Projects

Receive and File

5. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 External Audit



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

6. 2022 Outlook for Go Human Active Transportation and Safety Program
7. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
8. CFO Monthly Report

INFORMATION ITEM

9. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Clint Lorimore, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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March 2, 2022

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Michael Houston, Director of Legal Services/Chief Counsel
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee
Meetings Under AB 361

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its March 2, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Urgency legislation was enacted in October amending the Brown Act to add Government Code section 54953(e) (hereafter, "Section 54953(e)"). Section 54953(e) allows legislative bodies to conduct remote/teleconferenced meetings without posting the location of teleconferenced meeting sites or making such sites available to the public (as is required by Section 54953(b)(3)), provided that certain conditions facilitating "real time" public participation and other requirements are satisfied. SCAG's Regional Council Policy Manual permits the holding of remote and teleconferenced meetings in the manner permitted by Section 54953(e). Teleconference meetings include meetings that are held in a "hybrid" manner (that is, with both remote and "in-person" participation, and where the public is not permitted to attend in-person).

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG's Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have been meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e), subdivision (1)(A). SCAG's legislative bodies may continue meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e) provided that certain findings are made to continue doing so. Further, to continue meeting in such manner, the meetings must be held pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 54953.

This staff report includes findings that the EAC and RC can make to continue meeting remotely. Action by the EAC and RC will facilitate and authorize all of SCAG's legislative bodies (the RC, EAC, Policy Committees, other committees and task forces) to continue utilizing teleconference/videoconference meetings for a thirty-day period. Further continuation of this practice would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances and make findings accordingly.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency based on the threat cause by COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. The President of the United States issued a Proclamation Declaring a National State of Emergency Concerning COVID-19 beginning March 1, 2020. Thereafter, the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis on March 4, 2020. This proclamation has not been repealed or rescinded. As a result, a state of emergency continues to be declared in California with respect to COVID-19. In October 2021, the Governor signed urgency legislation, Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), to amend the Brown Act's teleconferencing provisions. AB 361 adds Section 54953(e).

Pursuant to amendments in AB 361, Section 54953(e) allows legislative bodies to meet virtually without posting the remote meeting locations and without providing public access at such locations

(as is generally required by section 54953(b)(3)), provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. Additionally, Section 54953(e) imposes transparency requirements to the management of remote and teleconference public meetings held under this section. Specifically, Section 54953(e) imposes two new requirements for remote public meetings:

1. Public agencies hosting teleconference meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) in lieu of traditional in-person or teleconferenced meetings must permit direct “real time” public comment during the teleconference and must leave open the opportunity for public comment until the comment period is closed during the ordinary course of the meeting. The opportunity to make public comment must be of a sufficient duration to allow actual public participation.
2. Any action by the governing body during a public teleconference meeting held under Section 54953(e) must occur while the agency is actively and successfully broadcasting to members of the public through a call-in option or an internet-based service option. If a technical disruption within the agency’s control prevents members of the public from either viewing the meeting of the public agency or prevents members of the public from offering public comment, the agency must cease all action on the meeting agenda until the disruption ends and the broadcast is restored.

SCAG has implemented the requirements for conducting public meetings in compliance with the prior executive orders and Section 54953(e). Teleconference accessibility via call-in option or an internet-based service option (via the Zoom Webinars platform) is listed on the published agenda for each meeting of SCAG legislative bodies, and on SCAG’s website. Further, SCAG provides access for public comment opportunities in real time at the time noted on the agenda. The holding of remote meetings in compliance with Section 54953(e) promotes the public interests of facilitating robust public participation on a remote platform and, further, protecting the public, SCAG’s members and its employees during the winter season when congregation indoors and newly identified variants (including Omnicron) pose health risk.

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG’s Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have been meeting pursuant to provisions in Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(A) because a declared state of emergency exists and County of Los Angeles Public Health Department currently imposes or recommends a variety of social distancing measures (including the recommendation to avoid crowded indoor spaces and to maintain six feet of social distancing, especially in cases where, as is the case here, the vaccination status of persons outside your household is unknown). The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by recent gubernatorial orders related to state-wide masking indoors and LA County Health

Department orders requiring use of more protective masks (i.e., not just cloth masks) by employees indoors.

SCAG's legislative bodies may continue meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e) if certain findings are periodically made and provided, further, that such meetings continue to be held pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 54953. The required findings include: (1) the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (2) that either (i) state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing or (ii) an in-person meeting would constitute an imminent risk to the safety of attendees.

SCAG's Regional Policy Manual permits holding teleconference/videoconference meetings and permits the President to waive certain requirements in the Policy Manual where state law permits such waiver. Likewise, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make decisions and take actions binding on SCAG if such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council. (Art. V.C(3)(a).) Given the Regional Council's regular meeting on March 3rd will occur following the meetings of the Policy meetings held earlier that day, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make the findings contained in this staff report.

If the findings below are made by the EAC, all SCAG legislative bodies (i.e., the RC, EAC, Policy Committees and other SCAG committees and task forces) are authorized to meet pursuant to Section 54953(e) for thirty days. Further continuation beyond this period would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances.

FINDINGS:

The recommendations in this staff report are based on the following facts and findings, made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), which are incorporated into the recommended action taken by the EAC and RC, as noted above:

1. The EAC and RC have reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency initially declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, relating to the COVID-19 public health crisis and find that the declaration remains in effect. The continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public, while social distancing recommendations remain in effect, and will facilitate the purposes of such social distancing recommendations by preventing large crowds from congregating at in indoor facilities for extended periods of time. Given that the vaccination status of meeting participants (including members of the public) is not known, colder wintertime weather leads to more congregation indoors, and recent variants of concern (including Omnicron and its BA.2 subvariant) have been identified that are being studied, it is prudent to use caution in protecting the health of the

public, SCAG's employees and its membership where, as here, adequate virtual means exist to permit the meeting to occur by teleconference/videoconference with the public being afforded the ability to comment in real time.

2. The EAC and RC find that state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. The Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of COVID-19 Prevention regulations through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3205 *et seq.*, includes informing employees that masking and social distancing in the workplace are most effective when used in combination because particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet. Further the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing, including recommendations to avoid crowded indoor spaces and to maintain six feet of social distancing, especially in cases where the vaccination status of persons outside a person's household is unknown. Because colder weather tends to increase congregating indoors, it is prudent for SCAG to do its part to provide flexibility to meet remotely where possible. The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by recent gubernatorial orders related to state-wide masking indoors and LA County Health Department orders requiring use of more protective masks (i.e., not just cloth masks) by employees indoors. Finally, SCAG's primary offices and its regional offices remain closed to the public in relation to the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the actions described above be taken based on the findings contained in this staff report. Should further remote meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) be warranted, the EAC and/or RC are required to reconsider the circumstances and make findings to continue holding meetings in this manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Kana Sato-Nguyen, Program Manager I
(213) 236-1865, nguyenk@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council:

- 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$119,579,605;
- 2) Authorize the release of the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and
- 3) Approve the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council:

- 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$119,579,605;
- 2) Authorize the release of the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and
- 3) Approve the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's Bylaws require the adoption of an annual comprehensive budget. Additionally, SCAG is required by federal and state law to develop the Overall Work Program (OWP) and the Indirect Cost Budget each year. Staff has developed the FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget that includes: the Draft OWP; the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment; the FTA Grant Budget; the TDA Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; and the Fringe Benefits Budget. After the 30-day public comment period, the Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for final

approval on May 5, 2022. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be forwarded to the General Assembly for approval on May 5, 2022. The proposed FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget is \$119.6 million, which is \$57.2 million or 32.4% less than the FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment 02 of \$176.8 million. The proposed FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget currently does not include the anticipated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grant Program. Staff will return to Regional Council to recommend the programming of REAP 2021 funds through a future budget amendment, upon receipt of the award from the California Housing & Development Department (HCD).

BACKGROUND:

Through SCAG, city and county governments throughout Southern California come together to develop solutions to common problems in transportation, housing, air quality, and other issues. To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

SCAG's primary responsibilities include: the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual OWP; and the transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. Under the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG is responsible for determining if regional transportation plans and programs are in conformity with applicable state air quality plans. SCAG's additional functions include the intergovernmental review of regionally significant development projects, and the periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

The proposed FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget meets SCAG's primary responsibility requirements and furthers the implementation of our long-range RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal. The Connect SoCal outlines longer-term goals, guiding principles, and planning strategies for regional transportation planning activities. The FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget highlights funding support and activities as the agency prepares toward the development of 2024 Connect SoCal, as well as funding to support continued efforts for priority programs including Connect SoCal Implementation, Key Connections, Integrated Equity, Resilience, and Innovations.

The framework for developing the FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations. The FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget supports Strategic Plan Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products. All the work programs funded in the budget support at least one of the seven Strategic Plan Goals.

DISCUSSION:



The proposed FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget is \$119.58 million. **Table 1** provides a summary of revenue sources included in the proposed Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$119.58 million. The proposed draft budget is 32.4% less than FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment 02 and the decrease is primarily due to having less carry over funds as many projects are nearing completion. The changes include reduced carryover for FTA pass-through grants that SCAG administers for local transit operators (under Federal Other); commensurate reduction in local cash commitments (under Cash/Local Other) that matches the FTA grant projects; and less carryover for REAP 2019 Grants, Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities Formula Grants as well as Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding to support various housing and regional transportation planning activities.

The FY 2022-23 revenues also include \$2.23M in over recovered indirect cost from FY 2020-21.

Table 1. FY 2022-23 Revenues		
REVENUES	FY22 Amend 2	FY23 Draft
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	\$ 23,042,594	\$ 28,992,734
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	\$ 18,486,300	\$ 15,351,847
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships Grants	\$ 896,958	\$ 256,027
FTA 5304 - Sustainable Communities Grants	\$ 451,044	\$ -
FEDERAL OTHER	\$ 7,546,671	\$ 2,176,388
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	\$ 10,851,028	\$ 9,005,028
SHA - Sustainable Communities Grants	\$ 855,504	\$ -
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grant Program	\$ 42,608,322	\$ 27,873,842
MSRC Last Mile Freight Grant	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 9,867,900
STATE OTHER	\$ 12,902,428	\$ 9,779,416
TDA	\$ 6,499,324	\$ 3,405,882
IN-KIND COMMITMENTS	\$ 4,804,824	\$ 5,333,817
CASH/LOCAL OTHER	\$ 35,620,525	\$ 1,917,372
GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,213,001	\$ 3,390,152
INDIRECT COST CARRYFORWARD	\$ (1,985,317)	\$ 2,229,200
TOTAL	\$ 176,793,206	\$ 119,579,605

Table 2 provides a summary of the expenditure categories in the proposed Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$119.58 million. The significant changes include reduced activity level for FTA pass-through payments that SCAG will administer for local transit operators (under Pass-Through Payments) and local cash commitments (under Cash/Local Other) for FTA grant projects to purchase buses and related equipment and construct related facilities; less consultant activities as the special grant carryover projects approach their final year, including REAP 2019 and some of the SB 1 programs. Also, capital acquisitions are not anticipated in FY 2022-23, which resulted in a decrease in Capital & Debt Service Expenditures.



EXPENDITURES	FY22 Amend 2	FY23 Draft
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 32,658,444	\$ 36,648,083
CONSULTANTS	\$ 80,405,549	\$ 59,499,857
NON-PROFITS/IHL	\$ 1,176,911	\$ 132,875
PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS	\$ 5,007,208	\$ 1,079,543
IN-KIND COMMITMENTS	\$ 4,804,824	\$ 5,333,817
CASH/LOCAL OTHER	\$ 34,103,562	\$ 762,164
OTHER COSTS	\$ 16,674,960	\$ 15,840,540
CAPITAL & DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,961,748	\$ 282,726
Total	\$ 176,793,206	\$ 119,579,605

Draft Overall Work Program (OWP)

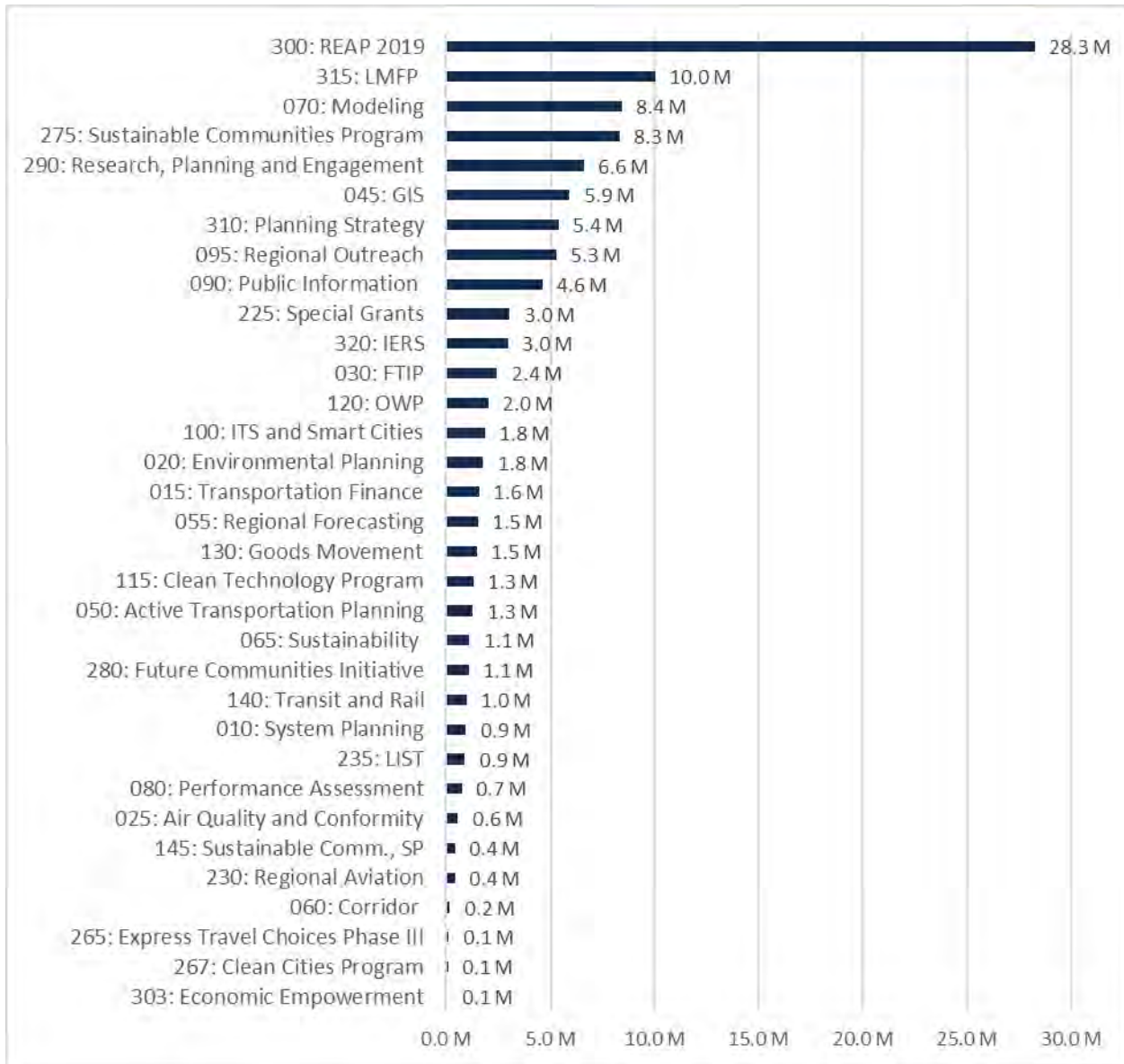
As a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), SCAG is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop an annual work program, or OWP. The OWP identifies the work that will be accomplished during the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (FY 2022-23). It discusses the planning priorities, the needs of the region, and the specific programs to meet those needs.

On January 26, 2022, SCAG held its annual OWP development and coordination meeting with Caltrans, FHWA and FTA representatives. SCAG staff presented the proposed work program for FY 2022-23 and reported accomplishments and progress on major projects in the current fiscal year.

The proposed OWP budget is \$111.84 million and includes: \$44.34 million for FHWA PL and FTA 5303 metropolitan planning formula funds; \$9.01 million for SB 1 Sustainable Communities Grants; \$3.01 million for TDA funds; \$49.66 million for other state and federal grants; and \$5.82 million for third party contributions for transportation planning projects. The OWP expenditures are described beginning on page 19 of the Draft Comprehensive Budget.

The Draft OWP will be released for a 30-day public comment period, from March 3 to April 3, 2022. Staff will receive and address comments in the Final OWP before it is submitted to the Regional Council for final approval on May 5, 2022 and to Caltrans no later than May 13, 2022.

The following chart shows the \$111.8 million OWP budget by program area:



REAP 2019 Grant Program

The proposed budget includes \$27.87 million for the REAP 2019 Grant Program for eligible activities that support housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals as determined by the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment. SCAG programmed the early application grant amount of \$11.87 million in FY 2020-21 OWP, and subsequently executed the grant agreement with HCD and programmed the full grant funds of \$47.47 million in FY 2021-22



OWP. The proposed FY 2022-23 OWP Budget includes \$27.87 million in the REAP 2019 carryover funds to support the remaining grant funded activities in FY 2022-23.

REAP 2021 Grant Program

The Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021) is also being administered by HCD and provides funding to support transformative and innovative projects that implement the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategy and help accelerate infill housing and reduction in per capital Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). SCAG is eligible for advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24.60 million of the REAP 2021. In February 2022, the Regional Council approved and authorized SCAG to apply for the advance funding. The REAP 2021 funds are not currently included in the proposed FY 2022-23 OWP. Staff will return to Regional Council to recommend the programming of REAP 2021 funds through a future budget amendment, upon receipt of the award from HCD and after additional clarification on eligible activities becomes available following issuance of the final REAP 2021 Program Guidelines by HCD.

FTA Grant Budget

The proposed budget includes \$1.84 million for FTA Section 5339 and Section 5312 grant funds awarded to transit operators to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses as well as to construct related facilities and purchase related equipment. As the designated recipient, SCAG is responsible to apply for and pass-through grant funds to the eligible agencies. The proposed budget supports projects with Anaheim Transportation Network, Riverside Transit Agency, Sunline Transit Agency, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Foothill Transit. The budget also includes funding to support staff related costs to administer the FTA pass-through program as well as apportionment and monitoring process for Sections 5337 and 5339 grant funds (page 43 of the Draft Comprehensive Budget).

TDA Budget

The proposed budget includes \$3.13 million for consultant and staff related costs to support regional transportation planning projects and \$0.28 million debt service payments (page 44 of the Draft Comprehensive Budget).

General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment

The proposed General Fund budget is \$3.39 million. The General Fund budget provides funding for the Regional Council and its Subcommittees for the costs of stipends and travel, General Assembly, and other expenditures that may not be eligible for grant reimbursement. The General Fund budget and Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval on May 5, 2022. The Membership Dues Assessment is calculated in accordance with the SCAG’s bylaws and the Membership Dues are adjusted by the recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index, which is 6.569%. The General Fund expenditures are described beginning on

page 45 and the Membership Assessment Schedule is included on page 60 of the Draft Comprehensive Budget.

Indirect Cost Budget

The Indirect Cost budget provides funding for staff salaries, fringe benefits and other non-labor costs that are not attributable to an individual direct program. The proposed Indirect Cost budget is \$28.90 million, which is \$4.4 million more than FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment 02 due to increases in staff costs and Infrastructure Cloud Services to support agency operational activities (page 52 of the Draft Comprehensive Budget).

Staff developed the FY 2022-23 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) based on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidelines. The proposed indirect cost rate is 140.46%. The final ICRP will be submitted to FTA for approval in May after the Regional Council approves the budget. The indirect costs that are allocated to the salaries in the OWP and General Fund are \$26.67 million. The difference between the indirect cost budget and the allocated indirect costs is approximately \$2.23 million, which represents an over recovery of costs from FY 2020-21. The over recovery is carried forward, as an adjustment to the calculation of the indirect cost rate, in the FY 2022-23 ICRP.

Salaries and Benefits Budget

The proposed budget includes salaries and benefits for 208 positions in the amount of \$36.65 million, which represents an increase of \$3.99 million compared to FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment 02. Most of this increase is to account for increases in the required annual CalPERS unfunded liability payment, costs for SCAG's new work model, Work@SCAG, and salaries and commensurate benefits cost increases due to the addition of 11 regular/permanent and 3 limited term positions in the FY 2022-23 budget. With the additional 14 positions, the total number of budgeted positions increased from 194 to 208, compared to FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment 02. Attachment 2 includes a detailed list of the proposed personnel changes.

The salaries and benefit budget includes performance-based merit increases for staff. Also included in the proposed budget is the continuation of the vacation cash-out pilot program. The Regional Council approved the vacation cash-out pilot program in July of 2020. Given the impacts of the on-going pandemic, results on the utilization of the vacation cash-out pilot program have not been reflective of normal usage. As such, the proposed budget includes an extension of the pilot program until such time as a full year of normal operation usage is obtained for final evaluation by the Regional Council. No other changes are proposed to employee benefits. The proposed fringe benefits rate for FY 2022-23 is 76.24% and it is applied to all salaries in the OWP, General Fund and Indirect Cost budget. The employee-associated costs are described beginning on page 49 of the Comprehensive Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:



There is no immediate fiscal impact as a result of the recommended actions. Staff will return to the Regional Council on May 5, 2022 to recommend adoption of the FY 2022-23 Final Comprehensive Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY23 DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET_March 3, 2022 RC Mtg
2. +List of Personnel Changes - FY23 Draft Comprehensive Budget
3. Link to FY 2022-23 Draft OWP and Public Comment Form



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SECTION I
Overview

ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) or Association Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.

The annual budget for consists of:

- The Overall Work Program (OWP)
A federal, state and locally funded budget consisting of projects related to regional planning in the areas of transportation, housing and the environment.
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Discretionary & Formula Grant Budget
A budget for federal grant funds of which SCAG is the designated recipient and must pass through to eligible public agencies for specialized transportation programs and projects.
- Transportation Development Act (TDA) Capital & Debt Service Budget
A budget for the local transportation funds that the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties allocate to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region.
- The General Fund Budget (GF)
A budget that utilizes Association members' dues for activities not eligible for federal and state funding.
- The Indirect Cost Budget (IC)
The budget for the administrative and operations support of the Association.
- The Fringe Benefits Budget (FB)
The budget for the fringe benefits and leave time of Association employees.

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SCAG ORGANIZATION

SCAG, founded in 1965, is a Joint Powers Authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and under state law as the Multicounty Designated Transportation Planning Agency for the six (6) county Southern California region. Through SCAG, city and county governments throughout Southern California come together to develop solutions to common problems in transportation, housing, air quality, and other issues. To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

SCAG's primary responsibilities include: the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual OWP; and the transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. Under the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG is responsible for determining if regional transportation plans and programs are in conformity with of applicable state air quality plans. SCAG's additional functions include the intergovernmental review of regionally significant development projects, and the periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

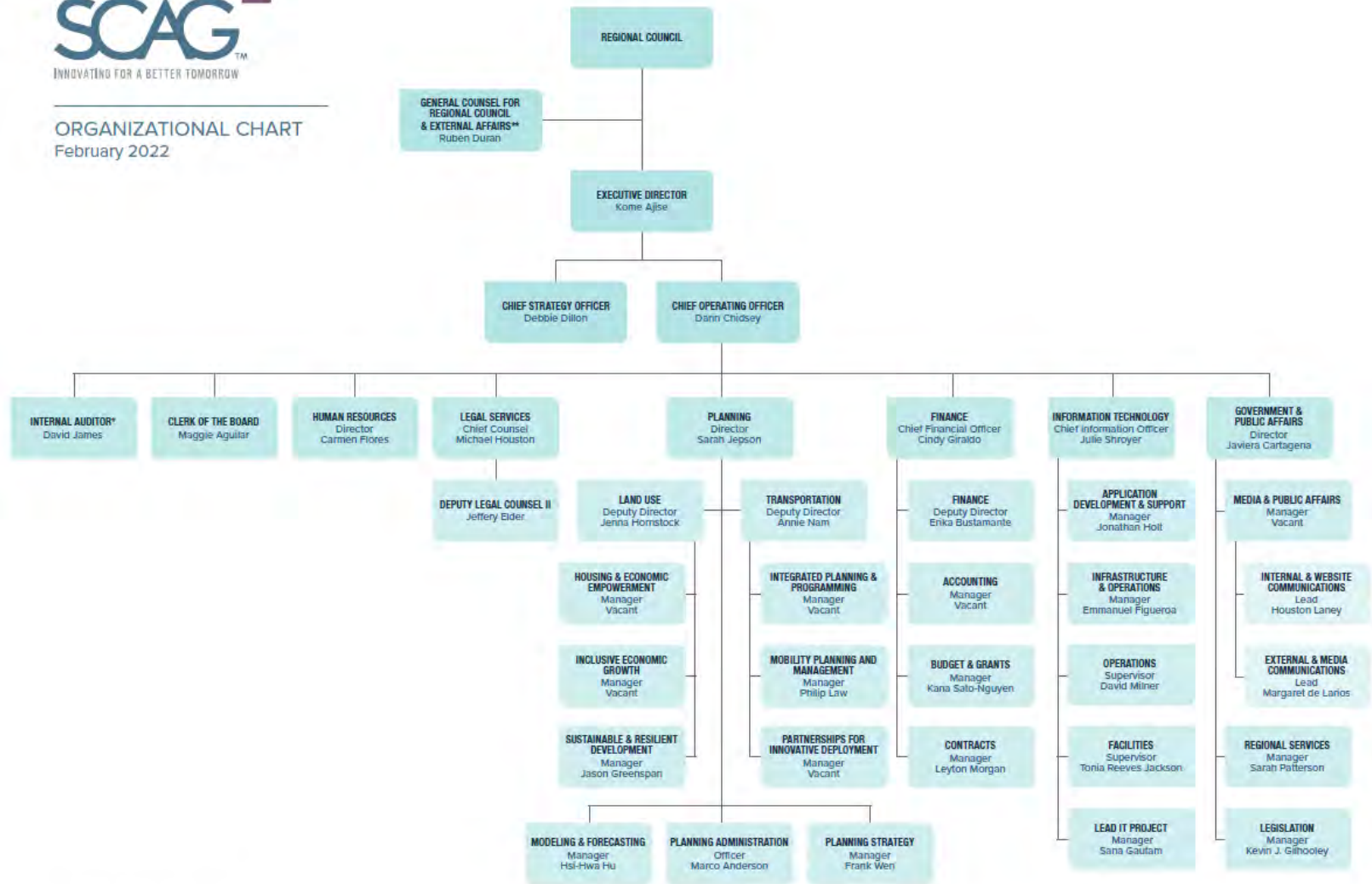
In addition to the six (6) counties and 191 cities that make up SCAG's region, there are six (6) County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) that hold the primary responsibility for programming and implementing transportation projects, programs and services in their respective counties. The agency also operates via a number of critical partnerships at the local, state and federal levels. In addition to its federal and state funding partners (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Aviation Administration, California Transportation Commission, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), etc.), SCAG's planning efforts are closely coordinated with regional transit operators, Tribal Governments and fifteen sub-regional Councils of Governments (COGs) or joint power agencies that represent SCAG's cities and counties.

The framework for developing the FY 2022-23 Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations. The FY 2022-23 Comprehensive Budget supports Strategic Plan Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products. All the work programs funded in the budget support at least one of the seven Strategic Plan Goals.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART February 2022



* Takes direction from the Audit Committee
** Takes direction from the Regional Council

AJZ/SCAG Org Chart 2022.02.22

STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

Vision Statement

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future.

Mission Statement

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

Core Values

Be Open

Be accessible, candid, collaborative and transparent in the work we do.

Lead by Example

Commit to integrity and equity in working to meet the diverse needs of all people and communities in our region.

Make an Impact

In all endeavors, effect positive and sustained outcomes that make our region thrive.

Be Courageous

Have confidence that taking deliberate, bold, and purposeful risks can yield new and valuable benefits.

STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

GOAL #1

Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Objectives

- A. Create plans that enhance the region's strength, economy, resilience and adaptability by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and air pollution.
- B. Be the leading resource for best practices that lead to local implementation of sustainable and innovative projects.
- C. Ensure quality, effectiveness, and implementation of plans through collaboration, pilot testing, and objective, data-driven analysis.
- D. Identify partnership opportunities with the private sector yield public benefits.
- E. Facilitate inclusive and meaningful engagement with diverse stakeholders to produce plans that are effective and responsive to community needs.
- F. Partner with the broader research community to ensure plans are informed by the most recent research and technology.

GOAL #2

Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

Objectives

- A. Cultivate dynamic knowledge of the major challenges and opportunities relevant to sustainability and quality of life in the region.
- B. Develop and implement effective legislative strategies at both the state and federal level.
- C. Advocate for the allocation, distribution, and expenditure of resources to meet the region's needs.
- D. Promote and engage partners in a cooperative regional approach to problem-solving.
- E. Act as the preeminent regional convener to shape regional, state, and national policies.

GOAL #3

Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Objectives

- A. Develop and maintain models, tools, and data sets that support innovative plan development, policy analysis and project implementation.
- B. Become the information hub of Southern California by improving access to current, historical, local, and regional data sets that reduce the costs of planning and increase the efficiency of public services.

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- C. Allocate resources to accelerate public sector innovation related to big data, open data and smart communities with a focus on social equity in the deployment of new technologies across the region.
- D. Develop partnerships and provide guidance by sharing best practices and promoting collaborative research opportunities with universities, local communities and the private sector regionally, nationally, and internationally.
- E. Facilitate regional conversations to ensure data governance structures are in place at the local and regional level to standardize data sets, ensure timely updates of data, and protect the region's data systems and people.
- F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.

GOAL #4

Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Objectives

- A. Promote information-sharing and local cost savings with enhanced services to member agencies through networking events, educational and training opportunities, technical assistance, and funding opportunities.
- B. Provide resources and expertise to support local leaders and agencies in implementing regional plans.
- C. Expand SCAG's ability to address local and regional planning and information needs by prioritizing regular engagement with members to develop innovative, insight-driven, and interactive tools.
- D. Promote data-driven decision making, government transparency, and information as public engagement tools to increase opportunities for the public to inform local and regional policy.
- E. Identify, support, and partner with local champions to foster regional collaboration.

GOAL #5

Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Objectives

- A. Integrate the Strategic Plan into SCAG's day-to-day operations by defining roles and responsibilities across the agency.
- B. Prioritize a diverse and cooperative environment that supports innovation, allows for risk-taking, and provides opportunities for employees to succeed.
- C. Encourage interdepartmental collaboration through the use of formal and informal communication methods.

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- D. Adopt and support enterprise-wide data tools to promote information sharing across the agency.
- E. Anticipate future organizational needs of the agency by developing a systematic approach to succession planning that ensures leadership continuity and cultivates talent.
- F. Invest in employee development by providing resources for training programs, internal mentorship opportunities, and partnerships with universities.
- G. Foster a culture of inclusion, trust, and respect that inspires relationship-building and employee engagement.

GOAL #6

Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long- range regional planning.

Objectives

- A. Leverage cutting-edge communication tools and strategies to maximize connectivity and sustain regional partnerships.
- B. Produce clear and consistent communications, media, and promotional campaigns that exemplify agency values and standards.
- C. Enhance the SCAG brand as a respected and influential voice for the region increasing awareness of agency's work and purpose.
- D. Practice robust public engagement, conducting proactive outreach to traditionally underrepresented communities as well as long-term stakeholders.

GOAL #7

Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

Objectives

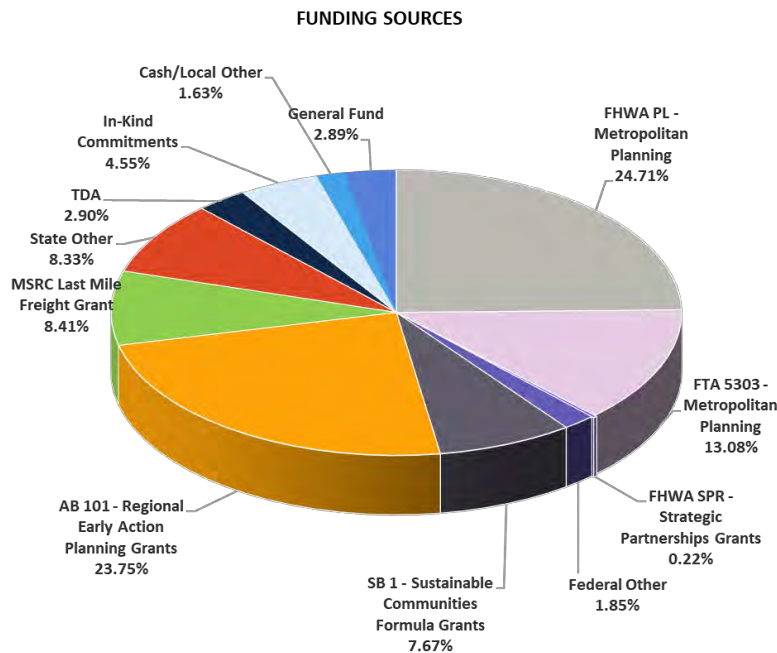
- A. Pursue innovative funding opportunities for planning and infrastructure investments.
- B. Maximize efficiency and effectiveness in resource allocation to maintain adequate working capital, appropriate reserves, and investments, and utilize resources in a timely and responsible fashion.
- C. Pioneer best practices and streamline administrative processes to better support agency activities.
- D. Focus resources to maintain and expand programs that are aligned with agency values.

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

FY 2022-23 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

Budget Funding Sources

SCAG receives most of its funding from the Federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) which consists of Metropolitan Planning Funds from FHWA (FHWA PL) and FTA (FTA Section 5303). More information on CPG is detailed on page 14. The following chart illustrates the source and relative value of SCAG’s funding sources.



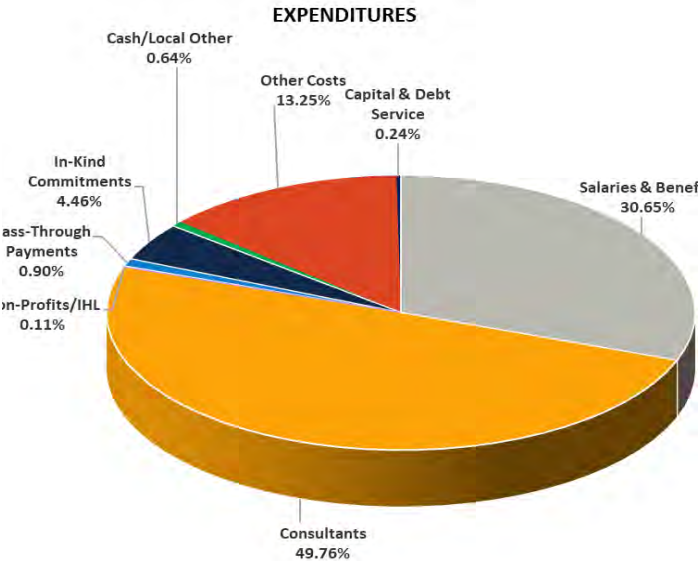
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FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	28,992,734
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	15,351,847
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships Grants	256,027
Federal Other	2,176,388
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	9,005,028
AB 101 - Regional Early Action Planning Grants	27,873,842
MSRC Last Mile Freight Grant	9,867,900
State Other	9,779,416
TDA	3,405,882
In-Kind Commitments	5,333,817
Cash/Local Other	1,917,372
General Fund	3,390,152
SUBTOTAL	117,350,405
Indirect Cost Carryforward	2,229,200
TOTAL REVENUES	119,579,605

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Budget Expenditures

SCAG allocates its budget into four major expenditure categories. The following chart illustrates the relative values of each category.



EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Salaries & Benefits	36,648,083
Consultants	59,499,857
Non-Profits/IHL	132,875
Pass-Through Payments	1,079,543
In-Kind Commitments	5,333,817
Cash/Local Other	762,164
Other Costs	15,840,540
Capital & Debt Service	282,726
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	119,579,605

*Other includes direct and indirect non-labor costs (see pages 12-13)

**Consultants includes the cost categories: Consultant, Consultant TC, and Consultant IC REAP Admin (see page 12)

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Comprehensive Line Item Budget: FY20 through FY23

GL Account	Line Item	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
500XX	Staff	\$ 16,803,175	\$ 18,719,166	\$ 20,888,216	\$ 24,235,154	16%
543XX	Consultant	9,785,468	15,267,391	36,925,095	51,500,914	39%
54302	Non-Profits/IHL	241,527	694,352	933,245	132,875	-86%
54303	Consultant TC	2,946,628	1,779,652	6,352,646	7,998,943	26%
54340	Legal	349,807	669,539	160,000	889,258	456%
54360	Pass-Through Payments	1,139,912	4,184,198	9,191,406	1,079,543	-88%
55201	Network and Communications	-	-	304,000	238,700	-21%
55210	Software Support	624,663	689,402	1,148,900	1,529,900	33%
55220	Hardware Support	628,362	366,013	940,817	503,518	-46%
55240	Repair-Maintenance	54,528	9,196	26,500	56,000	111%
55250	Cloud Services	287,632	580,320	1,635,500	-	-100%
55251	Infrastructure Cloud Services	-	-	623,465	1,966,400	215%
55271	On-Prem Software	-	-	247,690	286,636	16%
55275	Co-location Services	-	-	250,000	168,947	-32%
5528X	3rd Party Contributions	3,811,280	4,147,786	5,230,855	5,818,266	11%
55310	Furniture & Fixture Principal	239,928	251,852	264,368	160,241	-39%
55315	Furniture & Fixture Interest	39,239	27,315	14,799	2,607	-82%
55320	Audio-Visual Equipment Principal	133,702	141,160	149,034	117,206	-21%
55325	Audio-Visual Equipment Interest	26,135	18,677	10,804	2,672	-75%
55400	Office Rent / Operating Expense	1,531,303	2,209,350	2,302,445	2,371,519	3%
55410	Office Rent Satellite	183,093	117,074	278,200	286,546	3%
55415	Off-Site Storage	10,773	10,275	14,124	14,124	0%
55420	Equipment Leases	62,977	60,838	100,000	100,000	0%
55430	Equipment Repair-Maintenance	1,690	1,690	1,000	1,000	0%
55435	Security Services	42,265	3,701	100,000	100,000	0%
55440	Insurance	300,142	368,039	315,000	315,000	0%
55441	Payroll / Bank Fees	25,839	22,274	32,500	32,500	0%
55445	Taxes	901	632	5,000	1,000	-80%
55460	Materials & Equipment < \$5,000	4,401	3,535	54,000	154,000	185%
55510	Office Supplies	47,824	20,181	73,800	73,800	0%
55520	Graphic Supplies	3,648	2,498	9,000	9,000	0%
55530	Telephone	153,719	175,844	-	-	
55540	Postage	288	197	10,000	10,000	0%
55550	Delivery Services	4,116	7,411	5,000	12,000	140%
55580	Outreach/Advertisement	10,642	56,698	64,000	50,000	-22%
55600	SCAG Memberships	201,241	205,465	229,800	231,600	1%
55610	Professional Memberships	8,739	5,865	13,000	13,000	0%
55611	Professional Dues	1,414	879	1,350	1,950	44%
55620	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	333,716	206,032	600,100	432,500	-28%
55630	COVID Facility Expense	-	148,119	-	53,740	
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance	-	-	-	15,000	
55700	Depreciation - Furniture & Fixture	170,183	124,927	250,330	250,000	0%
55710	Depreciation - Computer	-	47,259	-	-	
55720	Amortization - Lease	74,170	75,487	75,000	75,000	0%
55730	Capital Outlay	26,232	100,923	1,512,183	-	-100%
55800	Recruitment - Advertising	12,727	21,509	25,000	25,000	0%
55801	Recruitment - Other	58,690	27,668	45,000	45,000	0%
55810	Public Notices	86,835	25,285	67,500	65,000	-4%
55820	Staff Training	22,427	17,500	30,000	30,000	0%
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events	9,201	663	24,000	24,000	0%
55840	Training Registration	39,739	70,746	65,000	75,000	15%
55860	Scholarships	36,000	92,000	44,000	44,000	0%
55910	RC/Committee Meetings	-	-	15,000	15,000	0%
55912	RC Retreat	12,616	39,939	13,000	40,000	208%
55914	RC General Assembly	59,534	850	611,500	611,500	0%

Attachment: FY23 DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET_March 3, 2022 RC Mtg (Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive

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Comprehensive Line Item Budget: FY20 thru FY23 (continued)

GL Account	Line Item	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
55915	Demographic Workshop	-	1,000	28,000	28,000	0%
55916	Economic Summit	86,957	46,740	85,000	85,000	0%
55918	Housing Summit	-	-	20,000	-	-100%
55920	Other Meeting Expense	74,078	12,398	108,000	141,750	31%
55930	Miscellaneous Other	93,307	37,468	222,227	162,654	-27%
55931	Miscellaneous Labor	-	48	1,204,452	1,349,103	12%
55932	Miscellaneous Labor Future	-	-	1,185,044	1,805,634	52%
55935	Wellness	6,560	-	-	-	-
55936	Engagement Committee	390	4,702	20,000	20,000	0%
55937	Employee Recognition	3,715	2,862	15,000	15,000	0%
55938	Department Allowances	6,055	6,609	15,000	15,000	0%
55940	Stipend-RC Meetings	201,430	244,400	202,000	245,000	21%
55950	Temporary Help	34,036	368,204	108,317	208,261	92%
55980	Contingency - General Fund	3,937,569	445,917	-	-	-
56100	Printing	9,765	9,251	42,000	42,000	0%
58100	Travel	162,118	-	214,300	189,000	-12%
58101	Travel - Local	51,313	1,285	72,500	68,000	-6%
58110	Mileage	38,619	1,300	79,000	71,000	-10%
58150	Staff Lodging Expense	10,114	1	13,000	13,000	0%
58800	RC Sponsorships	105,085	67,713	165,000	165,000	0%
59090	Expense - Local Other	407,898	6,788,021	40,011,607	277,715	-99%
60041	Vacation Cash Out	-	81,957	266,967	274,345	3%
60110	Retirement-PERS	4,912,388	5,616,735	6,631,379	7,402,214	12%
60120	Retirement-PARS	76,851	78,388	78,127	79,690	2%
60200	Health Insurance - Active Employees	1,355,306	1,506,706	1,756,800	1,996,800	14%
60201	Health Insurance - Retirees PAYGO	561,875	557,562	698,772	698,772	0%
60202	Health Insurance - Retirees GASB 45	118,911	141,524	-	-	-
60210	Dental Insurance	198,457	200,569	283,678	308,458	9%
60220	Vision Insurance	54,040	57,849	79,575	93,611	18%
60225	Life Insurance	94,337	100,434	97,689	103,268	6%
60240	Medicare Tax Employers Share	241,991	273,271	297,539	346,765	17%
60250	Medicare Tax ER - Interns	2,597	3,231	4,031	4,495	12%
60255	Social Security ER - Interns	11,104	2,292	21,267	23,715	12%
60300	Tuition Reimbursement	26,573	18,503	43,776	43,776	0%
60310	Transit Passes	106,153	18,233	212,795	264,576	24%
60315	Bus Passes NT - Interns	10,209	-	22,201	24,757	12%
60320	Carpool Reimbursement	280	-	-	-	-
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	55,400	83,160	-	15,000	-
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	2,200	1,690	-	5,167	-
60366	Technology Allowance	-	-	-	297,293	-
60400	Workers Compensation Insurance	184,205	142,380	184,205	142,380	-23%
60405	Unemployment Compensation Insurance	13,464	30,333	35,000	35,000	0%
60410	Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	81,448	81,438	93,654	13,836	-85%
60415	SCAG 457 Match	113,455	113,016	113,000	133,750	18%
60450	Benefits Administrative Fees	3,789	43,775	43,967	84,561	92%
60500	Automobile Allowance	17,565	19,575	18,000	20,700	15%
	Total	54,120,678	69,027,905	147,076,041	119,579,605	-19%

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Budget Components

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OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

THE FLOW OF FUNDS

Traditionally, the majority of OWP funding has come to SCAG via the Federal appropriations process. Some funding has been directly allocated to SCAG, and some has “passed through” via Caltrans.

SUMMARY OF REVENUE SOURCES

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)

In 1997, FHWA/FTA instituted a transportation planning funds process called CPG. In California, the four CPG fund sources are described below.

1. FHWA Metropolitan Planning (FHWA PL)

Metropolitan Planning funds, otherwise known as PL funds, are available for MPOs to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 U.S.C. 134, including development of metropolitan area transportation plans and transportation improvement programs.

The state must make all federally authorized PL funds available to the MPOs in accordance with a formula developed by the state, in consultation with the MPOs and approved by the FHWA.

2. FTA Metropolitan Planning, Section 5303 (FTA §5303)

All MPOs with an urbanized area receive FTA §5303 funds each year to develop transportation plans and programs. The percentage of the California apportionment of FTA §5303 each MPO receives is determined by a formula agreed to by the MPOs, Caltrans and FTA.

The FTA §5303 formula has two components, a base allocation and a population component which distributes funds according to the MPOs percentage of statewide urbanized area population as of the most recent decennial census.

3. FHWA State Planning and Research Part I – Strategic Partnership Grants (SP&R)

Funds transportation planning studies in partnership with Caltrans that address the regional, interregional and statewide need of the State highway system, and assist in achieving other State goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

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4. FTA State Planning and Research, Section 5304 Strategic Partnerships – Transit (FTA §5304)

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP/SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

Sustainable Communities SB 1 Formula Grants

Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, is a transportation funding bill that will provide a reliable source of funds to maintain and integrate the State’s multi-modal transportation system. Beginning in FY 2017-18 approximately \$12.5 million in Sustainable Communities Formula Grants from SB 1 reside under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and are allocated via formula (consistent with the FHWA PL formula) to the 18 MPOs. These funds are for local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP/SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals.

Local Funds

Each of the funding sources described above requires that local cash or in-kind services be provided as match. SCAG uses a combination of the following sources for match:

Transportation Development Act (TDA)

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties to allocate up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region. As the largest source of non-federal funding received by SCAG, TDA is used to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds.

Cash Match/Local Funds

Funding from local agencies is provided to SCAG to serve as matching funds to the CPG and other grants that require local match for consultant expenditures as a condition of receiving grant funds. For example, the CPG requires a match of 11.47%. In addition, local agencies such as Transportation Commissions periodically provide funding for specific projects such as localized modeling work.

In-Kind Match

The CPG and other grants accept in-kind match, as well as cash match, to fulfill the local match requirement for staff costs that is a condition of receiving grant funds. In-kind match

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includes services, such as staff time, provided by a local agency in support of the work funded by a grant.

FTA Pass-Through Funds

As the Designated Recipient of Section 5339 and Section 5312 FTA funds, SCAG is required to pass them through to eligible public agencies. SCAG administers these grant programs which provide capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and fixed guideway, as well as to construct related facilities and to purchase related equipment.

Special Grant Funds

SCAG receives various discretionary grant funds to carry out a wide array of planning programs such as Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Clean Cities Coalition, Future Communities Pilot Program, Last Mile Freight Program, and Caltrans Local Assistance Active Transportation Program.

AB2766/Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Funds

State Health & Safety Code Section 44225 (AB2766) established MSRC to develop a work program to fund projects which help reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District. MSRC provides to SCAG the financial assistance which primarily supports Future Communities Pilot Program, and Last Mile Freight Program.

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Funds

California OTS competitively award to various agencies for projects that increase awareness of traffic rules, rights, and responsibilities among different age groups.

Department of Energy Funds

The Department of Energy provides financial assistance to fund projects which provide technical aid and targeted outreach, within the coalition's territory, to raise awareness and foster a greater understanding of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in order to increase the market and decrease petroleum dependence.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds

ATP was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP program is funded from various federal and state funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act. Caltrans provides the administrative oversight for the Programs and ensures that the terms and conditions of the California Transportation Commission's guidelines.

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Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program

The California 2019-20 Budget Act, also known as Assembly Bill (AB) 101, appropriated two new one-time programs to provide regions and jurisdictions with grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to increase housing planning and accelerate housing production in order to meet housing needs as determined by the sixth Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Up to \$47.5 million is available for SCAG under the REAP Grants Program for eligible activities. SCAG programmed the early application grant amount of \$11.9 million in FY 2020-21 OWP, and subsequently executed the grant agreement with the California Housing & Development Department (HCD) and programmed the full grant funds of \$47.5 million in FY 2021-22 OWP. The proposed FY 2022-23 OWP Budget includes \$27.9 million in the REAP 2019 carryover funds to support the remaining grant funded activities in FY 2022-23.

California Workforce Development Board Grant Funds

Through the State of California mid-year budget revise process, AB129 allocated one-time funding of \$3.5 million to SCAG, to be administered through the California Workforce Development Board, to implement several core recommendations of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS).

California Energy Commission Grant Funds

The California Energy Commission (CEC) released a solicitation to fund applied research and development (AR&D) and technology demonstration and deployment (TD&D) activities through the creation of a Research Hub for Electric Technologies in Truck Applications (RHETTA). Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) led the application effort and subsequently secured \$13 million in grant funds. Of this, \$0.6 million is being sub-awarded from EPRI to SCAG. The larger study led by EPRI will demonstrate and evaluate corridor based charging strategies for zero emission truck solutions and SCAG's work will focus on the study of supporting infrastructure for medium and heavy duty zero emission trucks.

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OWP BUDGET DOCUMENT

The core regional transportation planning document is the OWP and its core product is completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The OWP is developed by SCAG on an annual basis, and:

- Introduces the agency
- Provides users with an overview of the region
- Focuses on the SCAG regional planning goals and objectives

The OWP serves as the planning structure that SCAG must adhere to for the state fiscal year, which is July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year. The OWP includes three component pieces:

1. Regional Prospectus

The prospectus section provides the context for understanding the work activities proposed and gives information about the region. It includes, but is not limited to:

- The region's regional planning approach
- The agency's organizational structure and interagency arrangements
- An overview of governmental and public involvement
- The progress made towards implementing the RTP/SCS

2. Program/Work Elements

The Program/Work Element identifies specific planning work to be completed during the term of the OWP, as well as a narrative of previous, on-going and future year's work to be completed. It also includes the sources and uses of funds.

3. Budget Revenue & Expenditure Reports

These summary reports are a listing of all the work elements in the OWP by funding sources and expenditure category.

The OWP, in conjunction with the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the regional planning Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA), constitutes the annual funding agreement between the State and SCAG. Although the OWP includes all planning projects to be undertaken by SCAG during the fiscal year, the OWPA and MFTA do not include special federal and state grants.

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OWP LINE ITEM BUDGET

The OWP Budget can be viewed two ways: The first is a line item budget displaying how the OWP budget is allocated. The second is a chart showing the same budget by project and major budget category.

Following the budget tables are brief descriptions of each project in the OWP.

Cost Category	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	9,919,932	10,600,171	\$ 680,239
543XX Consultant	33,704,276	48,488,674	14,784,398
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	933,245	132,875	(800,370)
54303 Consultant TC	6,352,646	7,998,943	1,646,297
55305 Cloud Services	1,635,500	-	(1,635,500)
54340 Legal	-	319,258	319,258
55210 Software support	600,000	700,000	100,000
5528X Third party contribution	5,230,855	5,818,266	587,411
55415 Off-Site Storage	9,124	9,124	-
55520 Graphic supplies	5,000	5,000	-
55580 Outreach/Advertisement	64,000	50,000	(14,000)
55620 Resource materials/subscriptions	540,000	270,000	(270,000)
55810 Public notices	65,000	65,000	-
55830 Networking Meetings/Special Events	4,000	4,000	-
55920 Other meeting expense	19,000	54,000	35,000
55930 Miscellaneous other	95,262	53,754	(41,508)
55931 Miscellaneous labor	1,116,868	1,179,103	62,235
55932 Miscellaneous labor, future	1,185,044	1,805,634	620,590
55950 Temporary Help	-	102,261	102,261
56100 Printing	9,000	9,000	-
58100 Travel	53,500	49,500	(4,000)
58101 Travel-local	5,000	5,000	-
58110 Mileage	24,000	24,000	-
Sub-total	\$ 61,571,252	77,743,563	\$ 16,172,311
51000 Fringe benefits	7,646,041	7,987,965	\$ 341,924
51001 Indirect costs	24,823,207	26,107,994	\$ 1,284,787
Total	\$ 94,040,500	111,839,522	\$ 17,799,022

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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This table shows the same budget by program and major budget category.

Program		FY23 Proposed Budget			
		Total *	Other Costs	Consultant	Consultant TC
010	System Planning	945,962	845,962	-	100,000
015	Transportation Finance	1,596,265	881,506	-	714,759
020	Environmental Planning	1,779,520	1,129,520	-	650,000
025	Air Quality and Conformity	564,163	564,163	-	-
030	Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	2,435,644	2,435,644	-	-
045	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	5,925,256	4,775,080	-	1,150,176
050	Active Transportation Planning	1,278,747	1,128,747	-	150,000
055	Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis	1,538,277	1,241,977	-	296,300
060	Corridor Planning	175,031	175,031	-	-
065	Sustainability Program	1,118,039	1,078,039	40,000	-
070	Modeling	8,441,204	7,573,204	-	868,000
080	Performance Assessment & Monitoring	744,754	544,754	-	200,000
090	Public Information and Communications	4,628,681	4,153,681	-	475,000
095	Regional Outreach and Public Participation	5,282,327	4,866,027	-	416,300
100	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities	1,848,856	1,076,364	250,000	522,492
115	Clean Technology Program	1,326,739	351,739	600,000	375,000
120	OWP Development and Administration	2,009,187	2,009,187	-	-
130	Goods Movement	1,483,220	1,024,220	-	459,000
140	Transit and Rail Planning	977,317	626,589	-	350,728
145	Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnerships Planning Grant Program	421,490	44,560	376,930	-
225	Special Grant Projects	3,040,845	975,337	2,065,508	-
230	Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning	411,667	411,667	-	-
235	Local Information Services Program	898,377	698,377	-	200,000
265	Express Travel Choices Phase III	112,965	16,777	-	96,188
267	Clean Cities Program	88,614	88,614	-	-
275	Sustainable Communities Program	8,335,252	955,252	7,380,000	-
280	Future Communities Initiative	1,078,564	443,564	635,000	-
290	Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities	6,605,603	5,236,497	1,369,106	-
300	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program	28,278,842	3,783,052	24,495,790	-
303	Economic Empowerment	63,883	63,883	-	-
310	Planning Strategy Development and Implementation	5,390,906	4,265,906	150,000	975,000
315	Last Mile Freight Program	10,041,497	73,597	9,967,900	-
320	Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation Grant	2,971,828	1,813,388	1,158,440	-
Total Costs		111,839,522	55,351,905	48,488,674	7,998,943

*Totals may not add due to rounding

*Includes indirect costs, fringe benefits, non-labor, and in-kind match.

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PROGRAM/WORK ELEMENTS

The following section provides a summary of the OWP Programs and the Strategic Plan goal(s) each program supports.

010 System Planning

Manager: Annie Nam

Program Objective:

Transportation System Planning involves long-term planning for system preservation, system maintenance, optimization of system utilization, system safety, and strategic system expansion of all modes of transportation for people and goods in the six-county region, including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. The Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) is the primary vehicle SCAG uses to achieve our transportation system planning goals and objectives. As the MPO for this region, one of SCAG's major responsibilities is to develop, administer, and update the RTP/SCS. The primary objective of this work element is to ensure SCAG is fulfilling its roles and responsibilities in this area as the designated MPO and RTPA for this region. SCAG will ensure that Connect SoCal is consistent with state and federal requirements while addressing the region's transportation needs.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

015 Transportation Finance

Manager: Annie Nam

Program Objective:

This work program is critical to addressing some of SCAG's core activities—specifically, satisfying federal planning requirements on financial constraint; ensuring a reasonably available revenue forecast through the RTP/SCS planning horizon, and addressing system level operation and maintenance cost analyses along with capital cost evaluation of transportation investments. In FY 2022-23, this work program will continue development of the Connect SoCal financial plan and provide support for key financial strategies throughout the region.

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Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to deliver work products effectively and efficiently.

020 Environmental Planning

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SCAG prepares environmental documentation to ensure regulatory compliance with applicable federal and state environmental laws, monitors changes in environmental compliance requirements, and provides tools and services related to CEQA and CEQA streamlining efforts to support local jurisdictions. SCAG serves as the lead agency responsible for preparing the RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and addendums, and ensures completion of environmental documentation, such as Categorical Exemptions, for SCAG's existing programs, as needed. Staff works closely with local and regional agencies and stakeholders and conducts consultation and public outreach during the preparation of environmental documentation.

The Intergovernmental Review (IGR) program provides informational resources to regionally significant projects, plans, and programs to facilitate the consistency of these projects with SCAG's adopted regional plans, to be determined by the lead agencies; functions as a clearinghouse for applications for federal grants and financial assistance programs, federally required state plans, federal development activities, and environmental documents; serves as an internal resource for submitted project information to support the Connect SoCal update and regional performance monitoring and assessment; and coordinates internal input to integrate performance monitoring in the review of environmental documents for regionally significant projects.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

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025 Air Quality and Conformity

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

The Air Quality Planning and Conformity program oversees and performs regional transportation conformity determinations and related air quality planning, analysis, documentation, and policy implementation in SCAG region. This includes preparing transportation conformity analyses for RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments; fulfilling federally required interagency consultation, processing and acting as clearinghouse for particulate matter (PM) hot spot analyses for transportation projects through the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG); monitoring, participating in, and reporting on relevant federal, California, and regional air quality rulemaking; collaborating with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and local air districts on development of air quality management plans/state implementation plans (AQMPs/SIPs); identifying and proactively addressing potential conformity failures and potential highway sanctions; developing SCAG's portion of South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (commonly known as Appendix IV-C); ensuring the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs); and participating in the development and implementation of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) work programs.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

030 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Manager: Annie Nam

Program Objective:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a multimodal list of capital improvement projects programmed over a six-year period. The FTIP is the program that implements the RTP. The currently approved FTIP is the 2021 FTIP and was federally approved and found to conform on April 16, 2021. The program contains approximately \$35.3 billion worth of projects beginning FY 2020-21 to FY 2025-26. The FTIP must include all federally funded transportation projects in the region, as well as all regionally significant transportation projects

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and projects for which approval from a federal agency is required regardless of funding source. The FTIP is developed to incrementally implement the programs and projects in the RTP/SCS in accordance with federal and state requirements. The FTIP is amended on an on-going basis, as necessary, thereby allowing projects consistent with the RTP/SCS to move forward toward implementation. While the 2021 FTIP continues to be amended, SCAG’s Regional Council will be approving the 2023 FTIP in October 2022 and receive federal approval on December 16, 2022. The 2023 FTIP is currently under development. SCAG continues to work with consultant to enhance the functionality of the eFTIP database to ensure requirements to programming and performance monitoring are consistent with federal guidance.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

045 Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu & Jonathan Holt

Program Objective:

The GIS program provides agency-wide GIS support to foster widespread use of geographic data in data-driven planning, geospatial analysis, data visualization, GIS mapping, as well as GIS application development. To enhance efficient GIS workflow, staff applies GIS modeling and analytics techniques to streamline regional geospatial database development and maintenance processes. GIS staff establishes innovative analytical and visualization methodology to facilitate and support policy and planning analysis. In addition, GIS staff provides professional GIS technical support and training to SCAG staff and member jurisdictions. To support SCAG’s ongoing role as a Regional Information Center, the program manages and maintains all kinds of data and information for policy and planning analysis for Southern California, and provides data support and mapping capabilities to better serve the needs of the agency and stakeholders.

Additional goals include developing cutting-edge web-GIS applications and tools for information sharing and innovative planning; developing and managing SCAG’s Enterprise GIS system (including GIS hardware/software, GIS database, GIS analysis, and GIS applications); developing and implementing GIS governance and GIS data management standards, and providing value-added GIS technical services and products to our local jurisdictions.

Strategic Plan:

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Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

Supports Goal #3 – Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Supports Goal #6 – Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

050 Active Transportation Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG will continue to research and explore opportunities and partnerships to implement the core regional active transportation strategies. In addition, SCAG will develop partnerships and strategies that are coordinated with the rapid deployment of micro-mobility services to advance complete streets goals and reduce the use of SOVs for short trips. SCAG will also work with Caltrans, counties, and individual cities to fund local active transportation plans and multi-jurisdictional active transportation projects that are part of Connect SoCal, the 2020 RTP/SCS.

SCAG will also continue to manage the Regional Active Transportation Program, including providing technical assistance to project sponsors, managing planning and program grants, tracking project delivery, and preparing program amendments, as necessary. SCAG will provide leadership and input at the state and regional level to ensure future funding cycles align with regional planning goals. Through continued collaboration with the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans and the Southern California county transportation commissions, SCAG will also work to improve the application and allocation procedures.

Efforts will also be continued to expand regional capability to measure the impact of active transportation investments, including through better data collection, modeling, and co-benefit analysis (focusing on greenhouse gas emissions, public health and the economy).

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern

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Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

055 Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis

Manager: Jason Greenspan

Program Objective:

The key focus of this work element is to collect, compile, assess, analyze, and research socioeconomic, technology advancement, and demographic data and their trends, develop value-added information products, including but not limited to regional and county-level population, household and employment estimates and projections to inform regional planning and policy development.

This program also addresses the following: promote and advance in-house research and capacity with trainings and teaching research methodology, data, analytical tools - GIS, statistics, programming across the agency. Collaboration with universities, research institutes and international planning partners and peer agencies jointly conduct research and data sharing on important and emerging regional challenges and issues. Serve as the regional data and information hub, promote data and information driven decision-making process and outcome. Additional program objectives include actively promote and advocate SCAG’s innovative planning practices and experiences across the nation and internationally by organizing and conducting summits, workshops, symposiums, participation, presentation at key conferences, and publications in the peer-reviewed journals.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of live for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

Supports Goal #3 – Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member

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agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Supports Goal #6 – Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

060 Corridor Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Staff will provide input to the RTP/SCS on the design concept and scope of major transportation corridor investments, as identified upon the completion of corridor planning studies conducted under this work element and in partnership with other agencies. Staff will also initiate and/or support our partners in developing comprehensive, multi-modal and sustainable corridor plans that will meet the needs of the region, including providing a greater diversity of mobility choices and a well maintained, sustainable and safer transportation system. Additionally, staff will ensure that corridor planning studies are completed in accordance with federal transportation planning requirements as identified in 23 CFR 450. Lastly, staff will engage with state and local partners, including Caltrans and local jurisdictions, on efforts to reconnect communities, including planning for highway conversion and/or freeway caps.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Supports Goal #2 – Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

065 Sustainability Program

Manager: Jason Greenspan

Program Objective:

SCAG's Sustainability Program is a core effort for implementing the Connect SoCal, the 2020 RTP/SCS. The program demonstrates that the region can achieve mobility, air quality, and public health goals through local land use and policy changes along with targeted transportation investments. The program also focuses on developing regional resiliency strategies; explores pressing issues and possible challenges Southern California's residents may face in the coming decades, including climate change impacts to public health; furthers the region's ability to model

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the impacts of transportation and land use changes on public health; and considers ways to address potential disruptions to anticipated regional development patterns and transportation investments.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

070 Modeling

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu & Emmanuel Figueroa

Program Objective:

Provide data and modeling services for the development and implementation of the RTP/SCS, FTIP, and other major land use and transportation planning initiatives. Analyze socioeconomic data and build analytical foundations for planning activities. Develop demographic and employment growth forecast through collaborating with local jurisdictions and peer planning agencies and building consensus. Continue to provide small area socioeconomic data for scenario planning and transportation modeling. Provide member agencies tools and data to analyze the impacts of their land use and planning decisions. Develop, maintain, and improve SCAG's modeling tools to more effectively forecast travel demand and estimate resulting air quality. Maintain a leadership role in the Southern California modeling community by coordinating the Region's modeling activities and by providing technical assistance and data services to member agencies and other public institutions. Promote model consistency through an active subregional modeling program. Continue ongoing modeling collaboration with SCAG's partners to advance the region's modeling practices.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #3 – Be the Foremost Data Information Hub for the Region.

080 Performance Assessment & Monitoring

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

Provide performance assessment and monitoring of the SCAG region that is consistent with

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federal performance-based planning, monitoring, and reporting guidance. Ensure the region is on track toward achieving the goals of the 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) and in the implementation of Connect SoCal. Performance Assessment & Monitoring tasks include the collection and analysis of data needed to identify and evaluate regional growth and development trends, transportation system performance, environmental quality, regional sustainability and climate resilience, public health, housing affordability, and the socioeconomic well-being of people in the region. The results of the monitoring and assessment program provide the basis for informed policy making and support plan implementation. The provision of assistance to our local jurisdictions in the implementation of the new CEQA transportation impact assessment requirements per SB 743 is also included in this task item. This program also works with the California Department of Transportation in the coordination and data collection mandated under the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS).

On environmental justice, SCAG staff will monitor potential changes to EJ and equity requirements and related policies (i.e. SB1000, AB617), provide support services to member agencies, as needed, to ensure regulatory compliance, and provide on-going outreach opportunities with local jurisdictions and stakeholders to showcase equity in action best practices and discuss and solicit input on environmental justice and equity concerns relevant to the region by means of the Equity Working Group. SCAG staff will use these outreach opportunities to monitor implementation of EJ policies and assist local jurisdictions that may benefit from SCAG's wide range of EJ analysis and data. Lastly, SCAG staff will continue to conduct outreach with local jurisdictions and stakeholders and consultation with SCAG's Policy Committees to further improve SCAG's 2024 Connect SoCal EJ Analysis.

Strategic Plan:

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090 Public Information & Communications

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Manager: Margaret de Larios

Program Objective:

Develop and execute a comprehensive external communications program that informs the region's diverse audiences about SCAG programs, plans, initiatives, and services. SCAG's communications strategies facilitates the agency's transportation planning activities by helping to inform the general public, media, agency stakeholders and partners about the existence, purpose and potential impact of these activities, and to convey this information in ways that are engaging and easy to understand for general audiences. SCAG communicates through various email and social media channels, engagement with local media, video production, websites, print collateral and workshops/events.

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095 Regional Outreach & Public Participation

Manager: Javiera Cartagena

Program Objective:

Provide support for federal and state mandated public outreach for SCAG's planning activities. Engage regional stakeholders in the SCAG planning and programming process through the support, assessment and enhancement of outreach efforts to local governments, Tribal Governments, and members of the various stakeholder entities, including community, environmental, business, and academic groups, as well as other interested parties. The SCAG Regional Offices are critical components in these efforts, with SCAG staff assigned to an office in each county in the SCAG region.

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100 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Under this program, staff will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support deployment and integration of technologies and Smart Cities strategies, to achieve regional goals including mobility, equity and sustainability. SCAG will plan for and support ubiquitous regional broadband deployment and access, to provide the necessary infrastructure and supporting policies for Smart Cities Strategies and to ensure that the benefits of these strategies are distributed equitably. SCAG will continue engaging with regional stakeholders on ITS and ITS related matters, including use and maintenance of the updated Regional ITS Architecture. Additionally, SCAG will maintain the web-accessible Architecture and provide documentation to maximize its usability and ensure on-going maintenance. SCAG will seek to provide training and educational opportunities to stakeholders on ITS related topics in partnership with FHWA/Caltrans as opportunities become available.

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115 Clean Technology Program

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Through the Clean Technology Program, SCAG will work towards the Connect So Cal long term vision of a zero-emission transportation system, using cleaner mobility options where zero emission options are not feasible. SCAG will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support demonstration, deployment and integration of clean mobility strategies consistent with regional goals including equity and sustainability; to continue engaging with regional stakeholders on clean mobility related matters, develop planning tools, provide technical

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assistance, and prepare the region for funding opportunities to support this objective; and to develop and convey Clean Mobility strategies in the Connect SoCal update and support modeling efforts on clean mobility assumptions and analysis.

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120 OWP Development & Administration

Manager: Kana Sato-Nguyen

Program Objective:

Develop, administer, and monitor the Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP is a required function of SCAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for this region and provides a detailed description of the planning activities that will be completed by the MPO and its partners in the fiscal year.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

130 Goods Movement

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

This work program focuses on integrating freight related transportation initiatives into the regional transportation planning process, including efforts to refine and support the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy. This strategy includes proposals set forth in Connect SoCal, the 2020 RTP/SCS. Under this program, SCAG will work to optimize the goods movement network through increases in economic efficiency, congestion mitigation, safety and air quality improvements, mitigation of

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community impacts, and enhancements to system security.

Strategic Plan:

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140 Transit and Rail Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG supports and engages transit and rail operations in corridor and regional planning efforts and in further refining the transit and rail strategies for inclusion in future updates to Connect SoCal. In FY22-23, SCAG will continue to implement FTA requirements for performance-based planning and coordinate with transit operators to address transit safety and transit asset management (TAM). SCAG will continue to assess and monitor regional transit system performance and work with transit operators through the Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee to ensure stakeholder input and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the SCAG MOUs with the transit operators.

Strategic Plan:

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145 Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnerships Planning Grant Program

Manager: Kana Sato-Nguyen

Program Objective:

To encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals; to identify and address

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statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system; and to support planning actions at the local and regional levels that advance climate change efforts on the transportation system.

Strategic Plan:

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225 Special Grant Projects

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

To fund and participate in environmental and transportation specialized projects with funding from discretionary grants and/or local funds contributed by local jurisdictions. Grants assist the region and local agencies to better integrate land use, technology and transportation planning to develop alternatives for addressing growth, sustainability and to assess efficient infrastructure investments that meet community needs. In addition, staff has secured multiple grants to support Go Human, a Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. The Campaign will be implemented in partnership with the six county health departments and six county transportation commissions and aims to increase levels of active transportation while reducing collisions. The multi-faceted campaign will include partnering with local agencies on demonstration projects, coordinating safety trainings and workshops, and increasing public awareness of the rules of the road through outreach and advertising partnerships,

SCAG will also administer an ATP grant to develop a regional template for active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities. The template will be used to partner with at least six cities to prepare active transportation plans.

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230 Regional Aviation & Airport Ground Access Planning

Manager: Annie Nam

Program Objective:

The Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning (Aviation) program focuses on the region’s airports and aviation system primarily from the perspective of airport ground access and the surface transportation system. Although SCAG does not have regulatory or developmental authority over the airports, it does maintain an updated list of airport ground access projects in the regional transportation plan. It also plays a critical consultative and collaborative role with the airports, federal agencies, Caltrans, the transportation agencies and commissions, academic institutions, industry associations, and other transportation stakeholders. During FY22/23, SCAG will monitor progress in implementing the aviation element of the 2020 Connect SoCal. SCAG staff will continue ongoing work on regional airport and airport ground access planning, and explore new areas of research on aviation systems planning. Staff will also gather and analyze aviation and transportation data, sharing information with stakeholders. There will be considerable collaboration with regional partners through ongoing communication and participation on working groups and committees, including the Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), which SCAG manages and convenes. Finally, staff will begin long-term planning and data collection to update the Aviation Element in the 2024 Connect SoCal .

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agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

235 Local Information Services Program

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

The Local Information Services Program mainly focuses on the Local Information Services Team (LIST) and the Toolbox Tuesday Training Series to build local capacity in innovative and integrated transportation and planning tools and resources. LIST aims to (1) link SCAG's available information products (e.g., data, applications, model policies and best practices, topical white papers, etc.) to help address local needs, (2) provide local jurisdiction staff an opportunity to offer feedback on how SCAG can improve its products to facilitate better collaboration, and (3) coordinate one-on-one technical assistance meetings with local jurisdictions. The Toolbox Tuesdays serve as important opportunities for inter-governmental communication. By bringing together planners from diverse areas of the region, the sessions provide opportunities for local jurisdictions to learn from each other about the successes and failures in new approaches to transportation and land use planning. In a region as vast as SCAG, forums, where staff from dense urban communities can share their concerns and successes with planners from less populated areas, are highly valued. Toolbox Training sessions equip local government planners to think beyond their traditional roles and respond to new mandates that require collaboration and public participation.

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265 Express Travel Choices Phase III

Manager: Annie Nam

Program Objective:

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Update the Regional Express Lanes Concept of Operations and associated research to facilitate the buildout of the planned express lane system. Conduct related managed lanes and value pricing research.

Strategic Plan:

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267 Clean Cities Program

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Administer the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Clean Cities Program for the SCAG Clean Cities Coalition, including performing outreach and marketing in support of expanding alternative fuels in the SCAG region. Partner with public and private entities to displace petroleum gasoline use by encouraging purchase of alternative vehicles, increasing efficiency of existing fleet vehicles, and reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

275 Sustainable Communities Program

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a proven, recognized and effective framework for deploying essential planning resources throughout the SCAG region. This collaborative initiative provides assistance to local jurisdictions to coordinate sustainable transportation, land use and regional policies and issues in local planning. The SCP seeks to provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active transportation and multimodal planning efforts, sustainability, land use and planning for affordable housing; develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal, the 2020 RTP/SCS; and increase the region's

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competitiveness for federal and state funds. The SCP aims to address and ensure health and equity in regional land use and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color. The program seeks planning solutions to local growth challenges and results in strategies that promote local and regional sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use, with particular focus on developing and practical strategies to reduce greenhouse gases. It will continue to be a critical tool in achieving SB 375 targets and other State goals aimed at reducing GHG emissions.

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280 Future Communities Initiative

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu & Philip Law

Program Objective:

The Future Communities Initiative, guided by the Emerging Technologies Committee, includes early action items aimed at harnessing the power of new technologies, big data, open data as well as enhanced analytics to promote innovation in regional and local planning and reduce transportation demand. Tools and resources provided through the initiative will enable more informed regional and local policy making, increase the efficiency of public service delivery, and ensure the financial sustainability of future cities. The Future Communities Initiative will play a key role in reducing VMT and GHG emissions by modernizing regional land-use and transportation planning tools, fostering data-driven collaboration with SCAG’s partner agencies, and providing local agencies with planning resources to pilot new technologies and initiatives to reduce travel demand.

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290 Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities

Manager: Jason Greenspan & Annie Nam

Program Objective:

SCAG staff initiated the implementation of Connect SoCal immediately after its adoption, and has since launched research, planning and studies in preparation for the next plan, Connect SoCal 2024. Much of SCAG’s research and planning is focused on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips and transportation related GHG through advancing mode shift, transportation demand management, operational efficiency, system accessibility, and integration of future transportation, employment and land use.

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300 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – AB 101

Manager: Jenna Hornstock

Program Objective:

To accelerate housing production region-wide, SCAG staff will develop a variety of programs to assist local jurisdictions, subregional partners, and stakeholders. The REAP grants program is intended to promote housing production through planning, strategies, and best practices and SCAG staff will encourage the coordination of REAP funding directed toward jurisdictions with other Statewide funding sources directly provided to jurisdictions. The REAP grants program is focused on implementable solutions across land use, financing, development streamlining and other actions that accelerate housing production.

Strategic Plan:

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303 Economic Empowerment

Manager: Jenna Hornstock (temporary until new Manager of Housing and Economic Empowerment is hired)

Program Objective:

This new Program was developed to implement targeted, place-based programs aimed at achieving economic empowerment, environmental and restorative justice across intersectional policy goals identified in the RTP/SCS and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. Initial projects within the new program include: project delivery of 2021 Call #4; management of the annual public health fellows and the partnership with Planners 4 Better Health; providing technical assistance and promoting ongoing implementation of the Active Transportation program template in disadvantaged communities, and preparation of an investment strategy for Connect SoCal 2024 to meet the goals set out in SCAG’s Racial Equity Action Plan. The staff in this program are also charged with identifying new partnerships, projects and funding sources to develop new programs for implementation of Connect SoCal 2020, the future Connect SoCal 2024, and SCAG’s adopted Racial Equity Action Plan.

Strategic Plan:

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310 Planning Strategy Development and Implementation

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

This project will develop a strategic framework for implementing, monitoring, and conducting performance assessment of the current Connect SoCal (2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) and integrating existing strategies with emerging trends and technologies and coordinating across all SCAG departments to develop of the next Connect SoCal (2024 RTP/SCS). This project will coordinate and advance planning division priorities and

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major work programs, and coordinate projects that fall in different departments. Additionally, this program will foster partnerships with federal, state, regional, and local agencies, and identify, seek, and manage resources to advance portfolio projects. To accomplish above objectives, the Planning Strategy Department will coordinate planning teams in the following program areas: Connect SoCal Strategy Teams, Planning Studios—Equity, Education & Engagement, Resilience, Local Planning and Program Assistance, and Local Jurisdiction Technical and Information Assistance.

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315 Last Mile Freight Program – MSRC

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG has partnered with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to establish the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP). The LMFP is intended to achieve immediate reductions in criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from commercially deployed vehicles/equipment serving the last mile delivery market. The LMFP will inform both industry and the public regarding zero-emissions/near-zero emissions vehicle/equipment and supporting infrastructure performance and how this information can be used to scale emissions reductions to contribute to regional air quality goals.

Strategic Plan:

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320 Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation Grant

Manager: Jenna Hornstock (temporary until new Manager of Inclusive Economic Growth is hired)

Program Objective:

Implement recommendations developed in the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on July 1, 2021, including, but not limited to: supporting expansion of the number of, and access to, middle wage jobs, strengthening supply chains and access to contracting opportunities, construction apprenticeships and training, providing regional data to support both state efforts and broader inclusive economic growth efforts, and addressing human capital needs.

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FTA GRANT BUDGET

FTA DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA GRANT BUDGET

Program Overview

SCAG is the Designated Recipient of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Grants under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for the large urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations of 200,000 or more (according to the latest U.S. Census) in the SCAG region. Under the reauthorization bill that was signed into Law on November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill), funding is authorized for 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants Program and U.S.C. Section 5312 National Research & Technology Program to SCAG due to being the Section 5307 Designated Recipient.

As the Designated Recipient, SCAG is responsible to apply for and pass through Section 5339 and Section 5312 grant funds for specialized transportation programs and projects, which provide capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, fixed guide-way, as well as to construct related facilities and purchase related equipment.

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant line item budget.

Cost Category	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	\$ 36,504	\$ 26,792	\$ (9,712)
54300 SCAG Consultant	\$ 240,000	\$ 200,000	\$ (40,000)
54360 Pass Through Payments			
Riverside Transit Agency	1,492,532	373,133	(1,119,399)
SunLine Transit Agency	1,148,370	430,906	(717,464)
Metro-Foothill	4,550,504	275,504	(4,275,000)
ATNs'	2,000,000	-	(2,000,000)
54360 Total	\$ 9,191,406	\$ 1,079,543	\$ (8,111,863)
55930 Miscellaneous Other	\$ 95,455	\$ 90,000	\$ (5,455)
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	\$ 87,584	\$ 80,000	\$ (7,584)
59090 Exp Local Other			
Riverside Transit Agency	372,901	93,225	(279,676)
SunLine Transit Agency	211,734	81,439	(130,295)
Metro-Foothill	8,120,899	103,051	(8,017,848)
ATNs'	31,306,073	-	(31,306,073)
59090 Total	\$ 40,011,607	\$ 277,715	\$ (39,733,892)
Sub-total	\$ 49,662,556	\$ 1,754,050	\$ (47,908,506)
51000 Fringe Benefits	\$ 28,561	\$ 20,427	\$ (8,134)
51001 Indirect Costs	\$ 91,941	\$ 66,318	\$ (25,623)
Total	\$ 49,783,058	\$ 1,840,795	\$ (47,942,263)

TDA BUDGET

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Program Overview

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties to allocate up to ¾ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region. SCAG uses TDA to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds.

Line Item Budget

In FY 2022-23, the TDA budget includes \$3,125,946 for non-capital (consultants and staff related costs), and \$279,936 for debt service payments for furniture/fixtures and audio-visual equipment for the new SCAG offices.

The following table shows the TDA line item budget.

	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
REVENUES:			
TDA Revenue	\$ 5,087,498	\$ 5,240,123	\$ 152,625
Transfer from Fund Balance	3,134,838	-	(3,134,838)
Total Revenues	8,222,336	5,240,123	(2,982,213)
EXPENDITURES:			
500XX Staff	\$ 1,334,817	\$ 524,672	\$ (810,145)
54300 SCAG consultant	1,664,530	793,177	(871,353)
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	174,630	14,094	(160,536)
54340 Legal	-	20,000	20,000
55210 Software Support	-	5,735	5,735
55250 Cloud Services	276,122	-	(276,122)
55520 Graphic Supplies	5,000	5,000	-
55580 Outreach/Advertisement	4,124	-	(4,124)
55810 Public Notices	4,124	-	(4,124)
55830 Networking Meetings/Special Events	379	-	(379)
55920 Other meeting expense	948	-	(948)
55930 Miscellaneous other	41,971	22,068	(19,903)
55931 Miscellaneous labor	50,726	-	(50,726)
55932 Miscellaneous labor, future	31,174	-	(31,174)
58100 Travel	20,500	5,000	(15,500)
58110 Mileage	1,896	-	(1,896)
Sub-total	3,610,941	1,389,746	(2,221,195)
51000 Fringe benefits - Reg Staff	887,922	400,013	(487,909)
51003 Fringe benefits - Intern	40,839	-	(40,839)
51001 Indirect Cost	3,256,167	1,336,187	(1,919,980)
Non-Capital	\$ 7,795,869	\$ 3,125,946	\$ (4,669,923)
55310 F&F Principal	264,368	160,241	(104,127)
55315 F&F Interest	10,423	1,836	(8,587)
55320 AV Principal	149,034	117,206	(31,828)
55325 AV Interest	2,642	653	(1,989)
Capital & Debt Service	\$ 426,467	\$ 279,936	\$ (146,531)
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,222,336	\$ 3,405,882	\$ (4,816,454)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

GENERAL FUND BUDGET (GF)

Program Overview

The General Fund (GF) has been established to: provide support to the Regional Council (RC) and its Subcommittees for the costs of stipends and travel; fund costs not eligible for grant reimbursement; provide a source of working capital; finance program expenditures, which must be paid prior to sending requisitions to certain federal and state grantors; and authorize establishment of, and borrowing from, a line of credit. The General Fund is not an available resource to fund project costs otherwise chargeable to grants.

The RC is responsible for conducting the affairs of SCAG pursuant to Article V (A) 4 of the By-Laws. Among other duties, the RC reviews and may revise, amend, increase, or decrease the proposed annual GF budget as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer. The RC submits the approved GF budget to members of the General Assembly (GA) at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for review. After adoption of the budget and the annual assessment schedule by the GA, the RC controls all GF expenditures in accordance with the budget.

Membership Dues Assessments

The By-Laws require the Executive Director to annually submit the GF budget to the RC. Upon its adoption, the GA fixes membership assessment for all members of SCAG in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the GF budget. Member dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines of the By-Laws.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund revenues and expenditures by task.

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	280,673	322,491	336,895	14,404
	Cities	1,483,344	1,711,929	1,876,843	164,914
	Commissions	81,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	8,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	8,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	1,861,517	2,142,920	\$ 2,322,238	\$ 179,318
	Interest	45,798	130,000	90,000	(40,000)
	Other	28,834	41,800	41,800	-
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	7,500	340,000	340,000	-
	Transfers In	646,292	-	-	-
	Transfer from Fund Balance	-	1,558,281	596,114	(962,167)
	Sub-total	728,425	2,070,081	\$ 1,067,914	\$ (1,002,167)
	Total Revenues	2,589,941	4,213,001	\$ 3,390,152	\$ (822,849)
	EXPENDITURES:				
Task .01 Regional Council	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	31,746	12,884	48,546	35,662
	Legal Services	95,224	100,000	135,000	35,000
	Miscellaneous Other	3,128	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	770	20,000	20,000	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	-	15,000	15,000	-
	RC Retreat	39,939	13,000	40,000	27,000
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	1,005	-	-	-
	SCAG Consultant	23,330	-	-	-
	Stipends	244,400	202,000	245,000	43,000
	Travel - Outside	-	50,000	50,000	-
	Travel - Local	339	46,000	46,000	-
	Mileage - Local	378	25,000	25,000	-
Task sub-total	440,260	483,884	\$ 624,546	\$ 140,662	
Task .02 Legislative	Legislative:				
	Staff Time	4,213	28,370	29,324	954
	Federal/State Lobbyist	193,000	228,000	228,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	15,000	15,000	-
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Travel - Outside	-	10,000	10,000	-
	Mileage	-	500	500	-
Task sub-total	197,213	283,870	\$ 284,824	\$ 954	

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General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	Bank Fees	10,545	15,000	15,000	-
	Contingency	445,917	-	-	-
	Demographic Workshop	1,000	28,000	28,000	-
	Economic Summit	46,740	85,000	85,000	-
	Housing Summit	-	20,000	-	(20,000)
	Legal Services	17,710	20,000	205,000	185,000
	Miscellaneous Other	31,782	15,000	20,000	5,000
	Other Meeting Expense	2,050	50,000	50,000	-
	Professional Memberships	5,865	11,500	11,500	-
	SCAG Consultant	32,762	-	76,415	76,415
	SCAG Memberships	160,273	127,600	127,600	-
	Scholarships	92,000	44,000	44,000	-
	Software Support	12,502	-	-	-
	Sponsorships	62,713	165,000	165,000	-
	Training Registration	2,282	-	-	-
	Travel	-	2,500	2,500	-
	Travel - Local	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Staff Lodging Expense	-	13,000	13,000	-
Mileage - Local	70	500	500	-	
Task sub-total		924,211	598,600	\$ 845,015	\$ 246,415
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	26,725	53,805	33,082	(20,723)
	General Assembly	850	611,500	611,500	-
	Printing	-	10,000	10,000	-
	SCAG Consultant	3,022	60,000	180,000	120,000
	Travel - Local	46	-	-	-
Mileage	354	5,000	5,000	-	
Task sub-total		30,996	740,305	\$ 839,582	\$ 99,277
Task .10 Capital Outlay >\$5K	Capital Outlay >\$5K				
	Capital Outlay	-	1,512,183	-	(1,512,183)
Task sub-total		-	1,512,183	\$ -	\$ (1,512,183)
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	16,956	25,158	51,524	26,366
Task sub-total		16,956	25,158	\$ 51,524	\$ 26,366
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	203	10,641	6,063	(4,578)
	Miscellaneous Other	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Travel	-	15,000	-	(15,000)
Mileage	-	500	500	-	
Task sub-total		203	29,641	\$ 10,063	\$ (19,578)

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General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Other Meeting Expense	2,000	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	2,000	-	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	2,007	13,336	32,777	19,441
	Severance	2,800	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	4,807	13,336	\$ 32,777	\$ 19,441
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Employee Engagement Program				
	Engagement Committee	4,702	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	2,862	15,000	15,000	-
	Department Allowance	6,609	15,000	15,000	-
	Task sub-total	14,173	50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Task .27 Miscellaneous Sponsorship	Miscellaneous Sponsorship				
	Miscellaneous Other	124	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	124	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total for all tasks		1,630,943	3,736,977	\$ 2,738,331	\$ (998,646)
Allocated Fringe Benefits		61,464	112,822	153,486	40,664
Allocated Indirect Costs		180,488	363,202	498,335	135,133
Total		1,872,896	4,213,001	\$ 3,390,152	\$ (822,849)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET (FB)

Program Overview

Fringe benefits (FB) are employee-associated costs such as leave expenses (vacation, holidays, personal floating holidays, sick leave, etc.), health plan expenses, retirement plan expenses, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, bus/rail/carpool expenses, tuition reimbursement expenses, technology allowance, and deferred compensation expenses. These costs are expressed as a rate for full-time regular staff. The rate is the pooled costs of the fringe benefits divided by the total salaries for full-time regular staff.

To participate in SCAG's fringe benefits program, staff must hold benefits-eligible positions as regular, at-will or limited-term positions. Some of these programs provide staff and their families with financial protection if they become ill or disabled. Others are designed to aid them in preparing for retirement or in meeting educational costs they incur for themselves. Others are designed to allow staff and their family's time to recreate and spend time together.

The employee-associated costs are related to SCAG's full-time staff to generate a fringe benefits burden rate. The fringe benefits burden is applied to all staff charges in OWP, General Fund and Indirect projects.

A rate is applied to all OWP, GF and IC salaries, e.g., for every \$1,000 of salaries, the FB budget is \$762.40 (76.2402%).

Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employees may be eligible for SCAG's limited fringe benefits. Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employee benefits are calculated separately and are not part of the fringe benefits burden rate.

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Fringe Benefits line item budget.

GL Account	Line Item	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
60002	Sick leave	393,591	308,637	(84,954)
60004	PFH	427,861	612,907	185,046
60003	Holiday	997,420	1,127,304	129,884
60001	Vacation	1,053,921	1,299,227	245,306
60032	Sick - Interns	9,267	10,333	1,066
60041	Vacation Cash Out	266,967	274,345	7,378
60110	PERS	6,631,379	7,402,214	770,835
60120	PARS	78,127	79,690	1,563
60200	Health insurance - actives	1,756,800	1,996,800	240,000
60201	Health insurance - retirees PAYGO	698,772	698,772	-
60210	Dental insurance	283,678	308,458	24,780
60220	Vision insurance	79,575	93,611	14,036
60225	Life insurance	97,689	103,268	5,579
60240	Medicare tax employers - regular staff	297,539	346,765	49,226
60250	Medicare tax employers - interns	4,031	4,495	464
60255	Social security tax employers - interns	21,267	23,715	2,448
60300	Tuition reimbursement	43,776	43,776	-
60310	Bus passes - regular staff	212,795	264,576	51,781
60315	Bus passes - interns	22,201	24,757	2,556
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	-	15,000	15,000
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	-	5,167	5,167
60366	Technology Allowance	-	297,293	297,293
60400	Workers compensation	184,205	142,380	(41,825)
60405	Unemployment compensation Insurance	35,000	35,000	-
60410	Miscellaneous employee benefits	93,654	13,836	(79,818)
60415	SCAG 457 match	113,000	133,750	20,750
60450	Benefits administrative fees	43,967	84,561	40,594
60500	Automobile allowance	18,000	20,700	2,700
		13,864,482	15,771,337	1,906,855

*Totals may not add due to rounding

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

INDIRECT COST BUDGET (IC)

Program Overview

The Indirect Cost Budget is established to provide funding for staff salaries, fringe benefits and other non-labor costs that are not attributable to an individual direct program project, except on a pro-rata basis. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) is prepared in accordance with the guidelines of SCAG's federal cognizant agency, FTA, and requires their approval as well as Caltrans approval.

An IC rate, approved by FTA and Caltrans, is applied to all productive staff salaries and fringe costs. For example, for every \$1,000 of direct salaries and fringe, the IC budget is \$1,404.56 (140.4558%). A review of the comprehensive line item budget chart beginning on page 12 shows the impact of this concept. Notice that the budgets for the OWP (pg. 19) and General Fund (pg. 46) include allocated funds for the indirect costs which represents each budget component's share of funding the Indirect Cost program.

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Indirect Cost line item budget.

GL Account	Cost Category	FY22 Adopted	FY23 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
	Staff	\$ 7,905,533	10,048,467	\$ 2,142,934
5430X	SCAG consultant	2,692,819	2,327,825	(364,994)
54340	Legal	40,000	230,000	190,000
55201	Network and Communications	304,000	238,700	(65,300)
55210	Software support	548,900	829,900	281,000
55220	Hardware support	940,817	503,518	(437,299)
55240	Repair- maintenance	26,500	56,000	29,500
55251	Infrastructure Cloud Services	623,465	1,966,400	1,342,935
55271	On-Prem Software	247,690	286,636	38,946
55275	Co-location Services	250,000	168,947	(81,053)
55315	Furniture & Fixture Interest	4,376	771	(3,605)
55325	Audio-visual Equipment Interest	8,162	2,019	(6,143)
55400	Office rent / Operating expense	2,302,445	2,371,519	69,074
55410	Office rent satellite	278,200	286,546	8,346
55415	Off-site Storage	5,000	5,000	-
55420	Equipment leases	100,000	100,000	-
55430	Equip repairs and maintenance	1,000	1,000	-
55435	Security Services	100,000	100,000	-
55440	Insurance	315,000	315,000	-
55441	Payroll / bank fees	17,500	17,500	-
55445	Taxes	5,000	1,000	(4,000)
55460	Materials & equipment <\$5K	54,000	154,000	100,000
55510	Office supplies	73,800	73,800	-
55520	Graphic Supplies	4,000	4,000	-
55540	Postage	10,000	10,000	-
55550	Delivery services	5,000	12,000	7,000
55600	SCAG memberships	102,200	104,000	1,800
55610	Professional memberships	1,500	1,500	-
55611	Professional dues	1,350	1,950	600
55620	Resource materials	58,100	160,500	102,400
55630	COVID Facility Exp	-	53,740	53,740
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance	-	15,000	15,000
55700	Depreciation - furniture & fixture	250,330	250,000	(330)
55720	Amortization - lease	75,000	75,000	-
55800	Recruitment adverting	25,000	25,000	-
55801	Recruitment - other	45,000	45,000	-
55810	Public notices	2,500	-	(2,500)
55820	In House Training	30,000	30,000	-
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events	20,000	20,000	-
55840	Training Registration	65,000	75,000	10,000
55920	Other meeting expense	2,500	1,250	(1,250)
55930	Miscellaneous other	14,500	87,000	72,500
55950	Temporary help	108,316	106,000	(2,316)
56100	Printing	23,000	23,000	-
58100	Travel	83,300	77,000	(6,300)
58101	Travel - local	20,000	15,500	(4,500)
58110	Mileage	23,500	15,500	(8,000)
	Sub-total	\$ 17,814,303	21,292,488	\$ 3,478,185
51000	Fringe benefits - regular staff	6,061,129	7,577,112	1,515,983
51003	Fringe benefits - interns	15,927	32,361	16,434
	Total	\$ 23,891,359	28,901,961	\$ 5,010,602

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Indirect Cost Work Areas

The Indirect Cost budget is spread across several functional work areas within the agency. The following chart describes each work area.

Group	Work Area	Activities
Administration	Finance	Finance is responsible for all financial activities of the agency, including accounting, budget & grants, investment policy, contracts, procurement, internal audits, and directing outside audits.
	Human Resources	Human Resources (HR) is responsible for staff recruitment, employee relations, training, employee benefits, maintaining personnel records, and administration of personnel rules and systems.
	Information Technology	Information Technology (IT) supports IT operations, computers for office staff, modeling and GIS capabilities, phone systems, video conferencing and networks as well as Facilities/property management for all of SCAG offices.
Agency-wide Management		The Agency-wide Management section is responsible for the management of staff, the budget, and day-to-day operations of the departments. The Executive Director is the official representative of the agency and its policies.
Legal Services		Legal Services is responsible for all internal and external legal affairs of SCAG.
Government and Public Affairs	Legislation	This unit is responsible for interfacing with the legislative processes at the federal and state level.
	Regional Services & Media and Public Affairs	The primary responsibility of this unit is to maintain and expand governmental, community and private sector participation in the regional planning work of SCAG. This is done by working with cities and counties, local government officials, community, and business interest groups.



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SECTION III
Appendices

BUDGET LINE ITEMS

DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET LINE ITEM

The following chart provides a description of each budget account/line item.

Account/Line Item	Description
500XX Staff	Staff wages including non-worktime.
54300 Consultant	Outside experts retained to provide special expertise.
54301 Consultant – Other	Same as 54300 above. Outside experts retained to provide special expertise, specifically for IT services.
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	Partnerships with non-profit organizations and institutes of higher learning (IHL).
54303 Consultant TC	Same as 54300 above. Toll credits are used in lieu of local matching funds, which allows for work to be 100% funded with federal funds.
54315 Consultant IC – REAP Admin	Same as 54300 above. 5% administration costs that are incurred by outside experts.
54340 Legal	Outside legal experts retained to provide special expertise.
54360 Pass-Through Payments	Payments received by SCAG but passed through to other agencies.
55201 Network and Communications	Fees paid for any network infrastructure including network circuits, internet, and VoIP systems and calling plans.
55210 Software Support	Fees paid for telephone support and updates of SCAG’s high-end desktop and network software.
55220 Hardware Support	Fees paid for maintenance and repair contracts on SCAG’s computer servers.
55240 Repair - Maintenance	Processes that do not enhance function or extend the useful life of an asset are expensed as repairs.
55250 Cloud Services	Monthly recurring costs for cloud compute and storage capacity.
55251 Infrastructure Cloud Services	Fees paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is managed in the cloud by a 3rd party provider or is related to cloud provided software or services.
55271 On-Prem Software	Fee paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is installed to or used for SCAG owned servers in our datacenters or private cloud infrastructure.
55275 Co-location Services	Fee paid for any services, products, features, or support that are provided by an IT co-location or datacenter provider.
5528X 3rd Party Contribution	Like-kind contribution from other agencies that are match for SCAG’s grants.
55310 Furniture & Fixtures Principal	Principal portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55315 Furniture & Fixtures Interest	Interest portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.
55320 Audio-visual Equipment Principal	Principal portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55325 Audio-visual Equipment Interest	Interest portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55400 Office Rent / Operating Expense	Rent and operating expense paid for SCAG's main office.
55410 Office Rent Satellite	Rent paid for SCAG's satellite offices.
55415 Off-site Storage	Fees paid for off-site storage.
55420 Equipment Leases	Fees paid for copier, telephone, postage, equipment, etc.
55430 Equipment Repairs - Maintenance	Fees paid to outside vendors to repair SCAG owned equipment.
55435 Security Services	The cost of physical security services at SCAG's locations.
55440 Insurance	SCAG's liability insurance premiums.
55441 Payroll / Bank Fees	Fees paid for payroll processing & bank services.
55445 Taxes	Personal property taxes levied on SCAG's assets.
55460 Materials & Equipment <\$5,000	Used to buy capital equipment with unit costs under \$5,000 (it's not necessary to capitalize and depreciate).
55510 Office Supplies	Routine office supplies and paper for copy machines.
55520 Graphic Supplies	Materials used in the production of documents for agency communications, presentations, etc.
55530 Telephone	SCAG's monthly telephone fees paid for both voice and data lines.
55540 Postage	Postage and delivery fees.
55550 Delivery Services	Cost of outside courier delivery and other non-USPS services.
55580 Outreach/Advertisement	Cost of advertising and public outreach for SCAG programs and services.
55600 SCAG Memberships	Pays for SCAG to belong to various organizations.
55610 Professional Memberships	Fees paid on behalf of SCAG employees to belong to certain professional organizations.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55611 Professional Dues	Dues paid on behalf of SCAG employees for professional licenses (Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor or State Bar).
55620 Resource Materials / Subscriptions	Fees for book purchases, subscriptions and data acquisition.
55630 COVID Facility Expense	Pays for facility expenses related to COVID 19.
55631 ADA & Safety Compliance	Pays for ADA and safety compliance expenses.
55700 Depreciation - Furniture & Fixtures	The general fund buys assets that have a cost greater than \$5,000 using account 55730, Capital Outlay. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to a grant using this account.
55710 Depreciation - Computer	Same as above
55720 Amortization – Lease	To account for amortization of leasehold improvements.
55730 Capital Outlay	Fixed asset purchases greater than \$5,000. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to a grant.
55800 Recruitment - Advertising	Advertising in certain journals and publications regarding job opportunities at SCAG.
55801 Recruitment – Other	Moving expenses and cost of sponsoring foreign employees (visas).
55810 Public Notices	Legal advertising that SCAG must undertake to support certain programs or grants.
55820 Staff Training	Used to provide access to outside training opportunities or to bring experts for in-house training.
55830 Networking Meetings / Special Events	Cost of informational events attended by SCAG staff and elected officials.
55840 Training Registration	Training registration cost for staff.
55860 Scholarships	Contributions by SCAG to offset the educational expense of selected students.
55910 RC/Committee Meetings	Pays for the food and other expenses associated with hosting RC and committee meetings.
55912 RC Retreat	The RC holds an annual off-site retreat. This budget pays for the actual meeting expenses such as meals and conference facilities.
55914 RC General Assembly	The by-laws require an annual meeting of the membership. This budget pays for the actual meeting expenses such as meals and conference facilities.
55915 Demographic Workshop	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual workshop that addresses demographic issues.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55916 Economic Summit	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual summit that addresses economic issues.
55918 Housing Summit	Pays for the expenses of the annual summit that addresses housing issues.
55920 Other Meeting Expense	Pays for other, non-food expenses related to meeting support.
55930 Miscellaneous Other	Pays for other, minor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55932 Miscellaneous Labor, Future	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere for the future budget.
55935 Wellness	Pays for Randall Lewis Wellness Program activities
55936 Engagement Committee	Pays for employee engagement committee activities and projects.
55937 Employee Recognition	Pays for employee recognition activities.
55938 Department Allowances	Pays for employee recognition activities by department managers.
55940 Stipend-RC Meeting	Stipends paid to RC Members for attending meetings.
55950 Temporary Help	SCAG occasionally uses employment agencies to provide short term staffing.
55980 Contingency – General Fund	Funds available for unforeseen spending.
56100 Printing	Pays for outside printing costs of SCAG publications and brochures.
58100 Travel	Pays for staff and RC travel on behalf of SCAG projects.
58101 Travel – Local	Travel inside the SCAG region.
58110 Mileage	Cost of automobile travel at the IRS rate per mile.
58150 Staff Lodging Expense	General funds used to pay for staff lodging expenses, under certain conditions, greater than state or federal guidelines.
58800 RC Sponsorships	General funds allocated to events supported by RC actions.
59090 Expense-Local Other	Cash contributions from local agencies for projects funded with federal pass-through funds from SCAG.
60041 Vacation Cash Out	Vacation cash-out program for staff and management.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60110 Retirement-PERS	Pays for employee share of contributions to PERS.
60120 Retirement-PARS	SCAG contribution to the supplemental defined benefit retirement plan.
60200 Health Insurance – Active Employees	SCAG contribution for employee health insurance
60201 Health Insurance – Retirees PAYGO	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to CalPERS.
60202 Health Insurance – Retirees GASB 45	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust, as computed by an actuary.
60210 Dental Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee dental insurance
60220 Vision Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee vision insurance
60225 Life Insurance	SCAG cost of life insurance for each benefit-eligible employee.
60240 Medicare Tax Employer Share	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60250 Medicare Tax ER – Interns	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60255 Social Security ER – Interns	Employer's share of social security on wages paid.
60300 Tuition Reimbursement	All employees can participate in a tuition reimbursement program for work related classes.
60310 Transit Passes	All employees who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60315 Bus Passes NT – Interns	Interns who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60320 Carpool Reimbursement	Eligible employees who are members of a carpool receive a specified monthly allowance.
60360 De Minimis Employee Exp	Stipends paid to employees related to COVID-19
60365 De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	Stipends paid to interns related to COVID-19
60366 Technology Allowance	The allowance covers phone usage, offset employees' cost of burden utilizing internet and electricity/water while working remotely.
60400 Workers Compensation Insurance	This is mandated insurance for employees that provides a benefit for work-related injuries.
60405 Unemployment Comp Insurance	Payments for unemployment insurance claims filed by former employees.
60410 Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	The cost of SCAG's Employee Assistance Program.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60415 SCAG 457 Match	SCAG managers and directors receive matching funds for 457 Plan deferred compensation contributions.
60450 Benefits Administrative Fees	These fees pay for third parties who administer SCAG's cafeteria plan.
60500 Automobile Allowance	Allowances payable to executives in accordance with employment contracts.

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	2022-23
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	37,887	7,592
LOS ANGELES	1,024,204	145,611
ORANGE	127,787	38,801
RIVERSIDE	389,905	67,109
SAN BERNARDINO	303,912	57,822
VENTURA	92,242	19,962
SUB-TOTAL	1,975,937	336,897

CITIES (191) & TRIBE (5)

ADELANTO	35,147	4,296
AGOURA HILLS	20,457	2,459
ALHAMBRA	86,258	9,816
ALISO VIEJO	49,813	5,880
ANAHEIM	353,468	38,923
APPLE VALLEY	74,350	8,530
ARCADIA	57,660	6,727
ARTESIA	16,484	2,030
AVALON	3,973	529
AZUSA	49,587	5,855
BALDWIN PARK	75,935	8,701
BANNING	32,233	3,981
BARSTOW	24,205	2,864
BEAUMONT	52,686	6,190
BELL	36,319	4,422
BELLFLOWER	77,458	8,865
BELL GARDENS	42,233	5,061
BEVERLY HILLS	33,399	4,107
BIG BEAR LAKE	5,189	660
BLYTHE	18,556	2,254
BRADBURY	1,045	213
BRAWLEY	27,326	3,451
BREA	45,137	5,375
BUENA PARK	81,626	9,315
BURBANK	103,969	11,978
CALABASAS	24,341	2,879

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	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
CALEXICO	40,485	4,872
CALIMESA	10,236	1,355
CALIPATRIA	6,509	803
CAMARILLO	69,708	8,028
CANYON LAKE	11,025	1,441
CARSON	91,668	10,400
CATHEDRAL CITY	53,973	6,329
CERRITOS	50,048	5,905
CHINO	88,184	10,024
CHINO HILLS	82,661	9,427
CLAREMONT	35,707	4,356
COACHELLA	47,825	5,665
COLTON	54,198	6,353
COMMERCE	12,792	1,631
COMPTON	97,775	11,059
CORONA	169,454	19,051
COSTA MESA	112,780	12,930
COVINA	48,833	5,774
CUDAHY	23,750	2,815
CULVER CITY	39,805	4,799
CYPRESS	48,531	5,741
DANA POINT	33,189	4,084
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	30,086	3,749
DIAMOND BAR	56,717	6,625
DOWNEY	111,425	12,784
DUARTE	21,457	2,567
EASTVALE	67,626	7,803
EL CENTRO	44,997	5,360
EL MONTE	116,465	13,328
EL SEGUNDO	16,660	2,049
FILLMORE	15,807	1,957
FONTANA	213,944	23,855
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	54,953	6,435
FULLERTON	139,431	15,808
GARDEN GROVE	172,476	19,377
GARDENA	60,344	7,017
GLENDALE	203,834	22,763
GLENDORA	51,540	6,066
GRAND TERRACE	12,399	1,589
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	14,467	1,812

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
HAWTHORNE	86,999	9,896
HEMET	84,525	9,628
HERMOSA BEACH	19,451	2,351
HESPERIA	96,053	10,873
HIDDEN HILLS	1,913	307
HIGHLAND	55,060	6,446
HOLTVILLE	6,236	773
HUNTINGTON BEACH	196,874	22,012
HUNTINGTON PARK	58,937	6,865
IMPERIAL	20,289	2,441
INDIAN WELLS	5,428	686
INDIO	91,621	10,395
INDUSTRY	427	146
INGLEWOOD	110,159	12,647
IRVINE	271,564	30,078
IRWINDALE	1,441	256
JURAPA VALLEY	108,097	12,424
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,194	2,431
LA HABRA	62,808	7,283
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,451	689
LA MIRADA	48,631	5,752
LA PALMA	15,442	1,918
LA PUENTE	40,087	4,829
LA QUINTA	41,247	4,955
LA VERNE	33,084	4,073
LAGUNA BEACH	22,495	2,679
LAGUNA HILLS	31,073	3,856
LAGUNA NIGUEL	65,168	7,538
LAGUNA WOODS	16,036	1,982
LAKE ELSINORE	64,762	7,494
LAKE FOREST	84,538	9,630
LAKESWOOD	80,218	9,163
LANCASTER	161,372	18,178
LAWNSDALE	32,710	4,033
LOMA LINDA	24,895	2,939
LOMITA	20,431	2,456
LONG BEACH	467,730	51,263
LOS ALAMITOS	11,538	1,496
LOS ANGELES	3,923,341	424,959
LYNWOOD	69,880	8,047
MALIBU	11,537	1,496

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
MANHATTAN BEACH	35,058	4,286
MAYWOOD	27,670	3,488
MENIFEE	99,686	11,266
MISSION VIEJO	94,119	10,665
MONROVIA	38,479	4,656
MONTCLAIR	39,598	4,776
MONTEBELLO	62,914	7,295
MONTEREY PARK	60,380	7,021
MOORPARK	35,981	4,386
MORENO VALLEY	209,426	23,367
MORONGO-MISSION INDIANS	1,243	234
MURRIETA	115,172	13,188
NEEDLES	5,353	678
NEWPORT BEACH	85,865	9,773
NORCO	26,107	3,319
NORWALK	105,393	12,132
OJAI	7,436	903
ONTARIO	182,004	20,406
ORANGE	137,366	15,585
OXNARD	204,675	22,854
PALM DESERT	53,892	6,320
PALM SPRINGS	47,754	5,657
PALMDALE	156,074	17,606
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	13,286	1,685
PARAMOUNT	55,200	6,461
PASADENA	145,306	16,443
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	582	163
PERRIS	78,977	9,029
PICO RIVERA	63,157	7,321
PLACENTIA	51,173	6,027
POMONA	151,319	17,092
PORT HUENEME	23,374	2,774
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	175,131	19,664
RANCHO MIRAGE	18,799	2,280
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	41,541	4,986
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	48,183	5,704
REDLANDS	71,154	8,184
REDONDO BEACH	66,484	7,680
RIALTO	102,567	11,827
RIVERSIDE	324,302	35,774

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	POP CITIES	2022-23
ROLLING HILLS	1,866	302
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,098	975
ROSEMEAD	54,229	6,357
SAN BERNARDINO	216,291	24,109
SAN BUENAVENTURA	105,415	12,135
SAN CLEMENTE	64,065	7,419
SAN DIMAS	34,003	4,172
SAN FERNANDO	24,754	2,923
SAN GABRIEL	39,945	4,814
SAN JACINTO	51,269	6,037
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	35,801	4,366
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	137	115
SAN MARINO	12,961	1,650
SANTA ANA	331,369	36,537
SANTA CLARITA	221,572	24,679
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,129	2,208
SANTA MONICA	92,968	10,540
SANTA PAULA	30,691	3,815
SEAL BEACH	24,443	2,890
SIERRA MADRE	10,655	1,401
SIGNAL HILL	11,617	1,505
SIMI VALLEY	124,468	14,192
SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	567	161
SOUTH EL MONTE	21,296	2,550
SOUTH GATE	96,553	10,927
SOUTH PASADENA	25,668	3,272
STANTON	39,573	4,774
TEMECULA	112,771	12,929
TEMPLE CITY	36,225	4,412
THOUSAND OAKS	125,426	14,296
TORRANCE	144,832	16,391
TORRES MARTINEZ BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	3,335	460
TUSTIN	80,009	9,141
TWENTYNINE PALMS	29,967	3,736
UPLAND	78,513	8,979
VERNON	295	132
VICTORVILLE	127,170	14,484
VILLA PARK	5,759	722
WALNUT	29,835	3,722
WEST COVINA	105,593	12,154

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	POP CITIES	2022-23
WEST HOLLYWOOD	36,125	4,401
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	8,180	983
WESTMINSTER	91,466	10,378
WESTMORLAND	2,305	349
WILDOMAR	37,013	4,497
WHITTIER	86,196	9,809
YORBA LINDA	67,846	7,827
YUCCA VALLEY	22,330	2,662
YUCAIPA	55,634	6,508
SUB-TOTAL	16,879,768	1,913,262
GRAND TOTAL-ASSESSMENTS	18,855,705	2,250,159
<u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,175,909	25,000
RCTC	2,454,453	25,000
VCTC	835,223	10,000
ICTC	186,034	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,153,764	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	8,805,383	108,500
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		2,358,659

SCAG SALARY SCHEDULE

	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum Hourly	Midpoint	Midpoint Hourly	Maximum	Maximum Hourly	
1	Accountant I	\$62,836.80	\$30.21	\$72,259.20	\$34.74	\$81,660.80	\$39.26	Monthly
2	Accountant II	\$68,473.60	\$32.92	\$78,748.80	\$37.86	\$89,024.00	\$42.80	Monthly
3	Accountant III	\$76,024.00	\$36.55	\$87,422.40	\$42.03	\$98,820.80	\$47.51	Monthly
4	Accounting Systems Analyst	\$84,219.20	\$40.49	\$96,865.60	\$46.57	\$109,512.00	\$52.65	Monthly
5	Accounting Technician	\$49,171.20	\$23.64	\$56,555.20	\$27.19	\$63,939.20	\$30.74	Monthly
6	Administrative Assistant	\$54,184.00	\$26.05	\$62,296.00	\$29.95	\$70,408.00	\$33.85	Hourly
7	Application Developer	\$99,985.60	\$48.07	\$114,982.40	\$55.28	\$129,958.40	\$62.48	Monthly
8	Assistant Analyst to the Ex Director	\$74,796.80	\$35.96	\$86,008.00	\$41.35	\$97,219.20	\$46.74	Monthly
9	Assistant Internal Auditor	\$84,156.80	\$40.46	\$96,782.40	\$46.53	\$109,387.20	\$52.59	Monthly
10	Assistant Regional Planner	\$71,198.40	\$34.23	\$81,910.40	\$39.38	\$92,601.60	\$44.52	Monthly
11	Assistant to the Executive Director	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
12	Associate Accountant	\$55,723.20	\$26.79	\$64,074.40	\$30.81	\$72,425.60	\$34.82	Monthly
13	Associate Analyst to the Ex Director	\$88,836.80	\$42.71	\$102,169.60	\$49.12	\$115,481.60	\$55.52	Monthly
14	Associate Human Resources Analyst	\$62,067.20	\$29.84	\$71,385.60	\$34.32	\$80,683.20	\$38.79	Hourly
15	Associate IT Projects Manager	\$83,033.60	\$39.92	\$95,492.80	\$45.91	\$107,931.20	\$51.89	Monthly
16	Associate Regional Planner	\$83,033.60	\$39.92	\$95,492.80	\$45.91	\$107,931.20	\$51.89	Monthly
17	Budget and Grants Analyst I	\$68,619.20	\$32.99	\$78,936.00	\$37.95	\$89,232.00	\$42.90	Monthly
18	Budget and Grants Analyst II	\$80,496.00	\$38.70	\$92,580.80	\$44.51	\$104,665.60	\$50.32	Monthly
19	Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services	\$224,744.00	\$108.05	\$258,460.80	\$124.26	\$292,177.60	\$140.47	Monthly
20	Chief Financial Officer	\$213,886.40	\$102.83	\$245,980.80	\$118.26	\$278,054.40	\$133.68	Monthly
21	Chief Information Officer	\$203,590.40	\$97.88	\$234,145.60	\$112.57	\$264,680.00	\$127.25	Monthly
22	Chief Operating Officer	\$245,627.20	\$118.09	\$282,484.80	\$135.81	\$319,321.60	\$153.52	Monthly
23	Clerk of the Board	\$102,481.60	\$49.27	\$117,852.80	\$56.66	\$133,203.20	\$64.04	Monthly
24	Community Engagement Specialist	\$67,641.60	\$32.52	\$77,792.00	\$37.40	\$87,921.60	\$42.27	Monthly
25	Contracts Administrator I	\$68,619.20	\$32.99	\$78,936.00	\$37.95	\$89,232.00	\$42.90	Monthly
26	Contracts Administrator II	\$80,496.00	\$38.70	\$92,580.80	\$44.51	\$104,665.60	\$50.32	Monthly
27	Contracts and Purchasing Assistant	\$55,681.60	\$26.77	\$64,064.00	\$30.80	\$72,425.60	\$34.82	Hourly
28	Database Administrator	\$95,222.40	\$45.78	\$109,512.00	\$52.65	\$123,780.80	\$59.51	Monthly
29	Department Manager	\$141,772.80	\$68.16	\$163,030.40	\$78.38	\$184,288.00	\$88.60	Monthly
30	Deputy Clerk of the Board	\$81,952.00	\$39.40	\$94,307.20	\$45.34	\$106,641.60	\$51.27	Monthly
31	Deputy Director (Division)	\$187,054.40	\$89.93	\$215,113.60	\$103.42	\$243,152.00	\$116.90	Monthly
32	Deputy Executive Director	\$233,729.60	\$112.37	\$268,798.40	\$129.23	\$303,846.40	\$146.08	Monthly
33	Deputy Legal Counsel I	\$122,304.00	\$58.80	\$140,670.40	\$67.63	\$159,036.80	\$76.46	Monthly
34	Deputy Legal Counsel II	\$146,764.80	\$70.56	\$168,792.00	\$81.15	\$190,819.20	\$91.74	Monthly
35	Division Director	\$203,590.40	\$97.88	\$234,145.60	\$112.57	\$264,680.00	\$127.25	Monthly
36	Executive Assistant	\$79,851.20	\$38.39	\$93,953.60	\$45.17	\$108,056.00	\$51.95	Monthly
37	Facilities Supervisor	\$88,691.20	\$42.64	\$98,966.40	\$47.58	\$109,241.60	\$52.52	Monthly
38	GIS Analyst	\$82,264.00	\$39.55	\$94,598.40	\$45.48	\$106,932.80	\$51.41	Monthly
39	GIS Application Developer	\$99,985.60	\$48.07	\$114,982.40	\$55.28	\$129,958.40	\$62.48	Monthly
40	Grants Administrator	\$97,406.40	\$46.83	\$112,008.00	\$53.85	\$126,609.60	\$60.87	Monthly
41	Graphics Designer	\$66,747.20	\$32.09	\$76,752.00	\$36.90	\$86,756.80	\$41.71	Monthly
42	Human Resources Analyst I	\$72,384.00	\$34.80	\$83,241.60	\$40.02	\$94,078.40	\$45.23	Monthly
43	Human Resources Analyst II	\$76,044.80	\$36.56	\$92,684.80	\$44.56	\$109,324.80	\$52.56	Monthly
44	Internal Auditor	\$141,772.80	\$68.16	\$163,030.40	\$78.38	\$184,288.00	\$88.60	Monthly
45	IT Projects Assistant	\$56,763.20	\$27.29	\$65,270.40	\$31.38	\$73,756.80	\$35.46	Hourly
46	Junior Planner	\$58,240.00	\$28.00	\$67,600.00	\$32.50	\$76,960.00	\$37.00	Hourly
47	Lead Accountant	\$106,246.40	\$51.08	\$122,200.00	\$58.75	\$138,132.80	\$66.41	Monthly
48	Lead Applications Administrator	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
49	Lead Budget and Grants Analyst	\$97,406.40	\$46.83	\$112,008.00	\$53.85	\$126,609.60	\$60.87	Monthly
50	Lead Graphics Designer	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$91,312.00	\$43.90	\$103,209.60	\$49.62	Monthly
51	Lead GIS Applications Administrator	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
52	Lead IT Help Desk	\$72,800.00	\$35.00	\$83,200.00	\$40.00	\$93,600.00	\$45.00	Monthly
53	Lead IT Projects Manager	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
54	Lead Projects Manager	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly

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	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum Hourly	Midpoint	Midpoint Hourly	Maximum	Maximum Hourly	
55	Lead Operations Technician	\$75,171.20	\$36.14	\$86,465.60	\$41.57	\$97,739.20	\$46.99	Monthly
56	Lead Programmer Analyst	\$110,344.00	\$53.05	\$126,900.80	\$61.01	\$143,457.60	\$68.97	Monthly
57	Legislative Aide	\$53,664.00	\$25.80	\$61,713.60	\$29.67	\$69,742.40	\$33.53	Hourly
58	Legislative Analyst I	\$61,630.40	\$29.63	\$70,865.60	\$34.07	\$80,100.80	\$38.51	Monthly
59	Legislative Analyst II	\$73,840.00	\$35.50	\$84,905.60	\$40.82	\$95,971.20	\$46.14	Monthly
60	Legislative Analyst III	\$85,404.80	\$41.06	\$98,217.60	\$47.22	\$111,009.60	\$53.37	Monthly
61	Legislative Analyst IV	\$96,844.80	\$46.56	\$111,384.00	\$53.55	\$125,923.20	\$60.54	Monthly
62	Management Analyst	\$79,081.60	\$38.02	\$90,958.40	\$43.73	\$102,814.40	\$49.43	Monthly
63	Office Assistant	\$46,716.80	\$22.46	\$53,726.40	\$25.83	\$60,736.00	\$29.20	Hourly
64	Office Services Specialist	\$46,716.80	\$22.46	\$53,726.40	\$25.83	\$60,736.00	\$29.20	Hourly
65	Operations Supervisor	\$88,691.20	\$42.64	\$98,966.40	\$47.58	\$109,241.60	\$52.52	Monthly
66	Operations Technician	\$46,716.80	\$22.46	\$53,726.40	\$25.83	\$60,736.00	\$29.20	Hourly
67	Operations Technician II	\$56,076.80	\$26.96	\$64,500.80	\$31.01	\$72,904.00	\$35.05	Hourly
68	Operations Technician III	\$62,649.60	\$30.12	\$72,072.00	\$34.65	\$81,473.60	\$39.17	Hourly
69	Planning Administration Officer	\$141,772.80	\$68.16	\$163,030.40	\$78.38	\$184,288.00	\$88.60	Monthly
70	Planning Technician	\$66,830.40	\$32.13	\$76,876.80	\$36.96	\$86,902.40	\$41.78	Hourly
71	Principal Management Analyst	\$105,976.00	\$50.95	\$119,995.20	\$57.69	\$134,014.40	\$64.43	Monthly
72	Program Manager I	\$112,278.40	\$53.98	\$129,126.40	\$62.08	\$145,953.60	\$70.17	Monthly
73	Program Manager II	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
74	Programmer Analyst	\$82,056.00	\$39.45	\$94,369.60	\$45.37	\$106,662.40	\$51.28	Monthly
75	Public Affairs Specialist I	\$68,868.80	\$33.11	\$79,206.40	\$38.08	\$89,523.20	\$43.04	Monthly
76	Public Affairs Specialist II	\$82,513.60	\$39.67	\$94,910.40	\$45.63	\$107,286.40	\$51.58	Monthly
77	Public Affairs Specialist III	\$95,451.20	\$45.89	\$109,761.60	\$52.77	\$124,072.00	\$59.65	Monthly
78	Public Affairs Specialist IV	\$108,243.20	\$52.04	\$124,488.00	\$59.85	\$140,712.00	\$67.65	Monthly
79	Receptionist	\$46,716.80	\$22.46	\$53,726.40	\$25.83	\$60,736.00	\$29.20	Hourly
80	Records Analyst	\$79,081.60	\$38.02	\$90,958.40	\$43.73	\$102,814.40	\$49.43	Monthly
81	Regional Affairs Officer I	\$68,868.80	\$33.11	\$79,206.40	\$38.08	\$89,523.20	\$43.04	Monthly
82	Regional Affairs Officer II	\$82,513.60	\$39.67	\$94,910.40	\$45.63	\$107,286.40	\$51.58	Monthly
83	Regional Affairs Officer III	\$95,451.20	\$45.89	\$109,761.60	\$52.77	\$124,072.00	\$59.65	Monthly
84	Regional Affairs Officer IV	\$108,243.20	\$52.04	\$124,488.00	\$59.85	\$140,712.00	\$67.65	Monthly
85	Regional Planner Specialist	\$104,936.00	\$50.45	\$120,681.60	\$58.02	\$136,406.40	\$65.58	Monthly
86	Senior Accountant	\$84,156.80	\$40.46	\$96,782.40	\$46.53	\$109,387.20	\$52.59	Monthly
87	Senior Administrative Assistant	\$62,649.60	\$30.12	\$72,072.00	\$34.65	\$81,473.60	\$39.17	Hourly
88	Senior Analyst to the Ex Director	\$100,464.00	\$48.30	\$115,544.00	\$55.55	\$130,624.00	\$62.80	Monthly
89	Senior Application Developer	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
90	Senior Budget and Grants Analyst	\$88,545.60	\$42.57	\$101,836.80	\$48.96	\$115,107.20	\$55.34	Monthly
91	Senior Contracts Administrator	\$88,545.60	\$42.57	\$101,836.80	\$48.96	\$115,107.20	\$55.34	Monthly
92	Senior Database Administrator	\$103,525.76	\$49.77	\$119,061.28	\$57.24	\$134,596.80	\$64.71	Monthly
93	Senior Economist	\$102,710.40	\$49.38	\$118,123.20	\$56.79	\$133,536.00	\$64.20	Monthly
94	Senior Graphic Designer	\$75,275.20	\$36.19	\$86,569.60	\$41.62	\$97,843.20	\$47.04	Monthly
95	Senior Human Resources Analyst	\$88,171.20	\$42.39	\$101,420.80	\$48.76	\$114,649.60	\$55.12	Monthly
96	Senior Management Analyst	\$86,985.60	\$41.82	\$100,048.00	\$48.10	\$113,089.60	\$54.37	Monthly
97	Senior Network Engineer	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
98	Senior Operations Technician	\$68,931.20	\$33.14	\$79,268.80	\$38.11	\$89,585.60	\$43.07	Monthly
99	Senior Programmer Analyst	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
100	Senior Regional Planner	\$91,332.80	\$43.91	\$105,040.00	\$50.50	\$118,747.20	\$57.09	Monthly
101	Senior Regional Planner Specialist	\$112,278.40	\$53.98	\$129,126.40	\$62.08	\$145,953.60	\$70.17	Monthly
102	Senior Systems Engineer	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
103	Transportation Modeler I	\$70,220.80	\$33.76	\$80,745.60	\$38.82	\$91,270.40	\$43.88	Monthly
104	Transportation Modeler II	\$83,033.60	\$39.92	\$95,492.80	\$45.91	\$107,931.20	\$51.89	Monthly
105	Transportation Modeler III	\$97,968.00	\$47.10	\$112,673.60	\$54.17	\$127,379.20	\$61.24	Monthly
106	Transportation Modeler IV	\$112,278.40	\$53.98	\$129,126.40	\$62.08	\$145,953.60	\$70.17	Monthly
107	Transportation Modeling Prog Mgr	\$120,120.00	\$57.75	\$138,153.60	\$66.42	\$156,187.20	\$75.09	Monthly
108	Web/Graphic Designer	\$73,424.00	\$35.30	\$84,448.00	\$40.60	\$95,451.20	\$45.89	Monthly



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FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget
List of Personnel Changes

No.	Current Position	FTE	Work-Time (WT) Budget	Allocated Fringe Benefits (FB)	Total (WT+FB)	Division	Proposed Position	FTE	Work-Time (WT) Budget	Allocated Fringe Benefits (FB)	Total (WT+FB)	FY23 Draft Budget Impact	Annual Budget Impact
New Permanent Positions (n=11)													
1	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	IT	Associate IT Projects Manager	1.0	79,331.60	60,482.57	139,814.17	139,814.17	139,814.17
2	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	HR	Human Resource Analyst I	1.0	69,153.79	52,722.99	121,876.78	121,876.78	121,876.78
3	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	HR	Human Resource Analyst II	1.0	76,998.82	58,704.06	135,702.88	135,702.88	135,702.88
4	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	HR	Principal Management Analyst	1.0	99,687.21	76,001.73	175,688.94	175,688.94	175,688.94
5	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Finance	Accountant III	1.0	72,627.03	55,371.00	127,998.03	127,998.03	127,998.03
6	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Finance	Senior Accountant	1.0	80,402.95	61,299.37	141,702.31	141,702.31	141,702.31
7	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Assistant Regional Planner	1.0	68,047.88	51,879.84	119,927.73	119,927.73	119,927.73
8	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Associate Regional Planner	1.0	79,331.60	60,482.57	139,814.17	139,814.17	139,814.17
9	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Associate Regional Planner	1.0	79,331.60	60,482.57	139,814.17	139,814.17	139,814.17
10	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Public Affairs Specialist III	1.0	91,185.55	69,520.04	160,705.59	160,705.59	160,705.59
11	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	GPA	Community Engagement Specialist	1.0	64,626.48	49,271.36	113,897.84	113,897.84	113,897.84
New Limited-Term Positions (n=3)													
12	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Junior Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	56,159.38	42,816.02	98,975.40	98,975.40	98,975.40
13	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Junior Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	56,159.38	42,816.02	98,975.40	98,975.40	98,975.40
14	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	Planning	Junior Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	56,159.38	42,816.02	98,975.40	98,975.40	98,975.40
Limited Term Converted to Permanent Positions (n=6)													
15	Senior Budget & Grants Analyst (Limited Term)	1.0	95,626.46	72,905.80	168,532.26	Finance	Senior Budget & Grants Analyst	1.0	95,626.46	72,905.80	168,532.26	-	168,532.26
16	Assistant Regional Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	72,436.96	55,226.08	127,663.03	Planning	Assistant Regional Planner	1.0	72,436.96	55,226.08	127,663.03	-	127,663.03
17	Associate Regional Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	71,866.72	54,791.33	126,658.05	Planning	Associate Regional Planner	1.0	71,866.72	54,791.33	126,658.05	-	126,658.05
18	Assistant Regional Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	62,691.14	47,795.85	110,487.00	Planning	Assistant Regional Planner	1.0	62,691.14	47,795.85	110,487.00	-	110,487.00
19	Assistant Regional Planner (Limited Term)	1.0	65,214.00	49,719.28	114,933.28	Planning	Assistant Regional Planner	1.0	65,214.00	49,719.28	114,933.28	-	114,933.28
20	Regional Affairs Officer I (Limited Term)	1.0	65,801.51	50,167.20	115,968.71	GPA	Regional Affairs Officer I	1.0	65,801.51	50,167.20	115,968.71	-	115,968.71
Position Upgrade (n=1)													
21	Associate Regional Planner	1.0	76,791.47	58,545.97	135,337.43	Planning	Senior Regional Planner	1.0	80,627.58	61,470.63	142,098.22	6,760.78	6,760.78
Total												1,820,629.58	2,584,871.91

Attachment: +List of Personnel Changes - FY23 Draft Comprehensive Budget (Approval of the Fiscal Year



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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
March 2, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). A VIDEO AND 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), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Clint Lorimore, President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President		RCTC
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President		Ventura County
Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Sean Ashton, Chair, TC	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Kathryn Barger, President’s Appt.		Los Angeles County
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Chair, LCMC		SBCTA
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President’s Appt.	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Donald P. Wagner, President’s Appt.		Orange County
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair CEHD	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Vice Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Carmen Fujimori, Human Resources Director
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Clint Lorimore called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. President Lorimore asked Regional Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), President Lorimore announced the meeting was being held both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore 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. The Clerk acknowledged there no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM**1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings under AB 361**

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Board Counsel Ruben Duran reported that they were still in a declared state of emergency as ordered by the Governor and noted that AB 361 provides that every 30 days public agencies must make findings as set forth in the staff report in order to continue to be able to meet remotely.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet. A recording of the meeting, including the presentations, can be found on SCAG's website.

A MOTION was made (Ramirez) that the Executive Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Barger) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Barger, Brown, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, McCallon, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. REAP 2.0

The Clerk noted for the record that one public comment was received after the 5 p.m. deadline of Tuesday, February 1, from Heather Vaikona and Agustin Arreola Leon from Life to Rise regarding agenda Item Number 2.

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Ian Gabriel from Life to Rise, stated that the roughly \$25 million REAP award that SCAG was requesting financing for would only be duplicative of efforts carried out by the region and instead urged SCAG to move towards implementation and simply use the \$25 million that was awarded under REAP 1.0 to move the projects and initiatives funded to implementation. He noted that many of the groups that were funded out of REAP were doing the community outreach and engagement already, with a clear plan on how to move forward. He stated that the eight staffers to be hired under this program takes needed funding away from jurisdictions and nonprofits that will carry the needed work of implementation. He indicated that jurisdictions across Southern California were struggling to fill existing staffing shortages, and this move would make it harder for these jurisdictions to fill these positions. He recommended that SCAG first look to the work that was already being done across jurisdictions and find ways to minimize the number of positions held at SCAG.

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

Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, provided an overview of the REAP 2.0 Application for advance funding process. She reported they were asking that the EAC recommend to the Regional Council authorization for SCAG to apply for advanced funding of up to 10% of the total funding to be allocated to SCAG under their REAP grant program for 2021 and to authorize the hiring of limited term staff to support program development activities, and early implementation activities, if they are allowed by HCD. She noted that they had anxiously been awaiting the release of the advanced application so that they can begin the work of developing a comprehensive funding program to support local plans and programs that will both accelerate housing production and provide transportation options that reduce vehicle miles traveled. She emphasized that these resources were intended for program development and the outreach work associated with that and noted they had an opportunity to apply for the full application. She provided a brief presentation on the background of this funding program, the draft program development framework that they had shared with the three policy committees back in October for feedback, and an overview of some of the activities that they would anticipate including in the early application to flesh out the fuller details of the draft program framework and support the development of the full application, which would be due by the end of the calendar year.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet. A recording of the meeting, including the presentations, can be found on SCAG's website.

Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner, SBCTA, stated he supported the application for the REAP funds but was having an extremely hard time supporting the staffing of 10 new staff positions before they know what the distribution formula is going to be to the Council of Governments (COG)

throughout the region. He expressed that he thought it was really important that they figure out what they were going to get at the local level before they start appropriating money, pretty much establishing a whole new department.

Darrin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officers, stated that the staffing they were requesting now was to develop the program and as they could see from the amount of the grant of almost \$215 million over several years, this early application of \$25 million was a whole new portion of work. He stated they still did not have the full guidelines from the state but the new individuals that they were looking to hire, just under \$2 million, would help them develop the program, to understand what the state requirements will be, and to better articulate the three different areas Ms. Jepson had described. He stated there was a desire, as they had done with REAP 1, to make sure that these resources got out to the member jurisdictions, County Transportation Commissions (CTC), and the COG's. He noted that without them taking the time and having the resources to fully develop the program to get a full application into the state, they wouldn't be able to do that. He stated the staffing was critical in order to expedite those resources out to the region as soon as possible.

Regional Councilmember Wapner stated that in reading the backup it said 10 positions initially, which meant they were planning on doing more with that. He indicated he was not sure what limited time meant and asked if it meant they hire them subject to the grant funds. He asked wouldn't they usually use consultants to do the application and do the initial work on it.

Mr. Chidsey acknowledged the questions and stated yes with respect to the staffing request. He noted that as they developed the program, they might come back with more requests, but they did not know this right now and could not answer that yet. He noted that with the previous REAP program, which was a much smaller dollar amount, they were able to manage that program with about the same number of individuals but noted this was four times as many. He clarified these were all direct positions for program development activities that will happen. In terms of hiring consultants, he stated they saw this as integrated to the work that they were doing now in building on that, including the regional partnership portion of it. He stated that they thought it was best suited as staff. He indicated that if they hired consultants, they still needed staff to manage those consultants to oversee those projects. He explained that without having those internal resources available, they just did not see how they could deliver this program under the timelines that are currently given under state law.

Regional Councilmember Wapner stated that they were proposing 10 positions initially, which meant they were planning on adding more and asked if they were planning on adding more after the grant was awarded or prior to the award being granted.

Mr. Chidsey stated that at this point they were not planning on adding more, but wanted to be transparent, that as they developed the full application, that certainly was a possibility that they

would need additional staff. Again, he noted this was early development that covers about \$2 million for staffing, the vast majority of which would be going to other places besides staffing. He noted that the total grant award was nearly \$250 million, and the goal was to get that out to the region. He stated they could not answer whether there would be a need for other staffing until they got the full program development guidelines.

Regional Councilmember Wapner asked if they had even started discussions and given thought to if they get the initial grant or the full grant can it be distributed to the subregions.

Executive Director Kome Ajise reemphasized that they were still waiting for the actual guidelines. He stated they were also having conversations at the state level, to make sure that they influence how those guidelines are shaped so that it serves the needs that they want to further on the ground here. He indicated that once they see program guidelines, they will develop the right programs and anticipate that the resources that they pass through to sub regions, cities, and CTC's will then be shaped by what those program guidelines say. He stated they could not be in a position to apply for a full grant if they did not have the capacity yet. He explained that SCAG was fully funded to do transportation planning and so all staff they have on board were here to do that work. He indicated this was a lot of money that was being put into the region and SCAG did not have the capacity to just shift staff. He stated that a lot of this money would also go to consultants because there were just not enough people to spend \$250 million in three years. He informed the EAC that they also had to obligate all the funds, which meant they had to attach projects and intended charges to the funds by 2024 and had to expend the funds by 2026. He stated that temporary staffing was really intended for this.

Second Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, stated that she was sensing that the concern that Regional Councilmember Wapner was raising was that perhaps there might be an inequitable distribution of resources, and if this was accurate, asked what they could include in this resolution or what assurances could be put in.

Ms. Jepson pointed out that the state requires, in developing this program, that they do significant outreach across the region as they are developing the program. She stated they were really not in a place to be able to say exactly how the funds will be allocated until they do that outreach and engagement. She explained that this was the reason why they set up this program where the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) can apply for an initial 10% before they develop the full allocation of how the resources are going to be distributed. She stated they anticipated engaging further both with the board and stakeholders to figure out exactly how these resources should be allocated throughout the region. She clarified that the three main program areas they were looking were:

1. the expansion of existing programs, which were things like the Sustainable Communities Program, where there was an opportunity for all the 191 cities and six counties to partner

with SCAG on those resources. She stated that they usually put a consultant in place that supports that work, and SCAG awards the resources to the cities based on the kind of the needs and the goals of the program area;

2. CTC partnership program, where they would be working with the CTC's to sub allocate resources directly to the counties because counties are the main implementers of our SCS. She stated they would work through a guideline development process with the board to determine how those resources should be allocated within each of the counties and the set of projects that really would qualify in order to be best aligned with the goals of our plan and with the guidelines; and
3. to develop a set of funding guidelines for the housing supportive infrastructure program. She stated they would be looking at how to get those resources to the areas where there is the highest need and where it complements existing activities that are already ongoing. She noted that the board would be involved with them in engaging in those guidelines for the housing supportive infrastructure program.

Ms. Jepson further stated there could be more conversations to make sure that the resources are directed appropriately. She indicated that this was the initial stage of them figuring out and giving them the resources so they can start the outreach with the communities, with the board, with other stakeholders, and to figure out how to design the programs that best meet the outcomes that they are expected to achieve. She stated that this provided a little bit more clarity in terms of what they were thinking for how the resources might be allocated.

Second Vice President Ramirez stated in her experience there could be a grant available and the response from a city or county was that they did not have the capacity to apply for the grant and implement it. She asked Ms. Jepson if she had ever heard this. She stated they did not want to leave anybody out because they had staffing or capacity issues. She noted this would be a concern and asked if SCAG could handle this.

Ms. Jepson stated that they had heard this concern and had talked a lot with the sub regional COG's and the roles that they might be able to play in helping make sure that the resources can get to the cities where there was not as much capacity. She indicated that they were trying to figure out how to design the program in a way that will provide that capacity building so that those with the highest needs are able to fully participate in the program.

Regional Councilmember Wapner made the motion to support the first item on the resolution to authorize the application for advanced funding and on the second portion dealing with staffing come back to them after they start looking at some type of distribution for the subregions. The motion was seconded by First Vice President Jan Harnik, RCTC.

Second Vice President Ramirez asked staff if what Regional Councilmember Wapner was suggesting would cause a complication. She also asked what the timing would be to come back.

Executive Director Ajise stated that the reason they were bringing this to them was because of lessons learned from REAP, where there was a delay in getting things going. He indicated that they were hoping to be ahead of that curve. He clarified that what they were asking for was authorization to hire but would not be hiring until they knew they had the grant. He stated this was so that they could do all the prep work to get to that point. He noted that this would delay it and how they distribute the funds will still not happen until they have staffing in place to do the work that they are supposed to do ahead of time, like the outreach. He emphasized they were looking for staffing to help them develop the program because they did not have the capacity on staff to do that right now. He stated that if they delay the time they bring the staff on, that's how much more they were going to delay implementation. He expressed concern about the short fees they had on the entire state program.

Immediate Past President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, stated he would have loved to see more money go out to the community or go out to programs, but these were the requirements that had been placed on them. He stated he understood the concerns about completely not knowing what they were going to be spending the money on. He noted these were fair questions but stated he would have concerns about not putting their own apparatus in place to be able to have clear eyes and work through some of this. He stated he would be hesitant to move forward with a program of this magnitude, without doing what staff suggests in terms of putting people in place to be able to manage the program. He asked Regional Councilmember Wapner is there was some way of letting staff move forward to lay the groundwork for what they need to do with staff but require them to come back at some periodic time and update the EAC on the issues related to the disbursement and the plan. He asked if this would help satisfy some of the concerns he had as he wanted to fully acknowledge and respect the concerns he had raised. He wondered if there was a way to just require some additional eyes on the EAC with the spending plan without delaying their ability to set up this temporary staff that is needed to really run a thorough program. He stated there was a lot of discussion about these funds and thought it was fair to say move forward with the staff but as you get the staff you want some elevated level of transparency and want to be able to look at the plan on a periodic level at the EAC level. He asked Regional Councilmember Wapner if they did this if it would satisfy some of the concerns he had.

Regional Councilmember Wapner expressed appreciation for what Immediate Past President Richardson stated. He asked staff what other options they could make available to the EAC other than hiring 10 new people. He asked if there were any other options available, whether it's hiring a consultant or maybe using some of the sub region staff, something else instead of committing funding to staff (the recording as not clear).

Immediate Past President Rex Richardson asked Executive Director Ajise if there was a way that they can come back on a periodic basis and provide the level of clarity that folks want while still moving forward with the staff and what additional measures could they put in place.

Mr. Ajise indicated they tried to ensure some transparency. He stated that what they were asking for was about 1% of the program annually, to stand up the program itself that will then yield the resources going to other jurisdictions under the programs that they hope will be adopted by the state. He noted the intent of this 10% that the state had given them was to give them advance funding to stand up a program. He stated that if there was an alternative they would taken it, but frankly, this was not the first option, for them to bring staff on and then have to let them go at the end because this was temporary staffing. He noted they really couldn't bring in consultants without additional capacity to manage the consultants and that's part of what the staffing is on. He further noted that they were going to have resources going out to the jurisdictions, because that's where the work is going to get done for the most part. He indicated SCAG had to be responsible as the entity that was collecting the funds on behalf of the state and had to have a structure in place that was going to be audit proof, because they knew there would be an audit at the end and wanted to make sure they were standing up the program right.

Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, stated she had four points to make: 1) that this was very time sensitive, and they had a very short window of opportunity to get these funds expended wisely, and they needed to get a team assembled; 2) that staff does not have the capacity; 3) that the proof was in their CFO report which was telling them that they currently had 14 vacant positions in their planning and program staffing needs; and 4) that they needed to get moving on this staffing as soon as possible because they knew it was difficult to find qualified, competent staff to hire. She expressed that they really needed to move forward with staff's recommendation, with the additional information to be made available as they are moving this forward.

Regional Councilmember Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County, stated she was leaning toward what Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker was saying. She expressed concern for the timeframe and the turnaround being tight. She stated that as compliment if they could have report back in terms of where it stands, and not just get blanket approval, but have more dialogue in terms of where they are because she thought that they did not have a lot of time to lose. She indicated she wanted to better understand the term limited term staffing. She reiterated that she agreed with Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker on moving forward with the staff recommendation with the understanding that staff come back and give them [the EAC] full reports.

Mr. Chidsey clarified that limited term staffing was regular staff, however they were under a contract period that is tied directly to the grant funds and so there's no long-term relationship that is established with the organization. He further clarified it was tied to the funding so they got the

full benefits as staff, but they were on a contract that was tied to their grant period which they would be working on.

Regional Councilmember Barger asked why this was better than going with a consulting firm where you get a consultant that has all the infrastructure built around them.

Mr. Chidsey noted that this program, given the size of it, was going to need a lot of consulting help but they needed staffing to help manage the consultants to ensure their tasks are in order, to develop scopes, and working with our sub regional partners, will be part of those responsibilities. He stated it was not an either or, it was an everything approach in order to get these resources out into the region as fast as possible under the timelines.

Regional Councilmember Wapner stated that as far as managing consultants, they didn't need 10 people to manage a consultant team and if they did have 14 open positions, wasn't it better to fill those position first before they start authorizing more positions. He stated he would much rather improve the actual infrastructure of the organization than create a new department.

Executive Director Ajise stated that the 14 positions were already assigned roles and those resources could not be used for this program because they came from a different funding source and a different program. He indicated that these were their main line positions that they already had in place and were permanent and so they couldn't really use these to stand up another program. He noted this was a whole new program and thought they would be having to come back for a budget amendment on the resources. He stated that they felt that they needed to be able to do this ahead of time otherwise they would be behind. He noted that this was really the point of the ask.

Ms. Jepson noted that they had some real lessons learned from their REAP 1 program which was \$15 million that they received from HCD and similarly, were required to allocate and expend those resources in a very short period of time. She stated that at that point they tried to manage this with their existing staff, and they quickly found that this was a whole new body of work with an expertise that they didn't necessarily have within the agency. She indicated that they did long range transportation planning, and now they were being asked to support direct implementation, a lot of which were housing resources, and that certainly was not an area where they had a lot of capacity in the past. She stated that they really felt like they got behind in the delivery of the REAP 1 program, which was \$50 million, and this new program was \$250 million, so they were really trying to be more proactive this time. She noted that another thing that they had been thinking about was that this was the kickoff of their Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy update, and so they were being asked to update their plan during a very challenging time with a lot of new issues at the same time as they were trying to roll out this new \$250 million grant program, which was far and beyond the size of any program that they had ever delivered. She expressed that

they were really just trying to get a little bit ahead and be prepared, because they knew that the existing staff can't do the work that they need to do on their core work, while also managing \$250 million, either pass through dollars or grants to local jurisdictions. She stated it was just far too much to handle and just wanted to make sure they were developing the program based off their REAP 1 experience.

First Vice President Harnik stated that after listening to all this she was withdrawing her second and offered a substitute motion that supports the recommendation as presented but adds the language they heard from both Immediate Past President Richardson and Regional Councilmember Barger, that they [the EAC] be kept fully informed and apprised along the way so that they have the comfort level that they all need and for very good reasons. Second Vice President Ramirez seconded the substitute motion.

Regional Councilmember Huang, TCA, stated that what Ms. Jepson had stated was her feeling about the structure of the agency, which was that they were very transportation heavy, but they had always been tasked with dealing with housing. She indicated that the housing side of their structure had never been fully looked at and thought this was a great opportunity for them to really look at, their personnel and agency as a whole. She noted that they were being asked to do a lot to the region and if they were having to be the ones handling these programs at the massive scales, she thought they really need to look wholesale as to where they were heavier and where they were shorthanded. She stated that she fully supported the substitute motion. She suggested a check in session at the next EAC meeting.

Regional Councilmember Wapner called for a point of order. He stated that he heard the second to his motion had been removed and asked if there was a second second or if his motion was dead.

Mr. Michael Houston, Director of Legal Services/Chief Counsel, stated that he believed that by withdrawing the second of First Vice President Harnik there was no main motion on the floor. He noted that First Vice President Harnik had made a motion that had been seconded by Second Vice President Ramirez which would now be the only motion on the floor without a second on Regional Councilmember Wapner's previous motion.

Board Counsel Duran clarified that the motion on the floor was to approve the staff's recommendation with the additional requirements that staff report back to the EAC periodically as the funds are expended and the program stood up.

A MOTION was made (Harnik) that the Regional Council approve: 1) Resolution No. 22-640-1 and authorize SCAG to apply for advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24,602,408, the maximum eligible early funding allowed under the REAP 2021 Program; 2) Authorize SCAG to use available fund balances to commence the REAP 2021 allowable pre-award activities, including hiring required

program limited-term staff, in advance of formal budget amendment; and 3) direct staff to periodically apprise the EAC of the REAP 2 program progress, including how funds are to be allocated across the region. Motion was SECONDED (Ramirez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Barger, Brown, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, McCallon, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, and Wapner, Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 5, 2022
4. Proposed Amendments to Regional Council Policy Manual Relating to Lodging Reimbursements
5. Resolution No. 22-640-2 Authorizing Acceptance of One-Time Funds from the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Vehicle Technologies Office to Support Testing and Evaluation of Curb Management and Integrated Strategies to Catalyze Market Adoption of Electric Vehicles
6. Resolution No. 22-640-3 Authorizing Acceptance of One-Time Funds from University of California, Irvine (UCI) on Behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the Amount of \$30,000 to provide outreach support on the AI-Based Mobility Monitoring System and Analytics Demonstration Pilot
7. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract’s Original Value: Contract No. 22-018-C01, Legal Services
8. Legislative Platform Mid-Cycle Update
9. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

10. Connect SoCal 2024 Preliminary Regional and County Growth Projections

11. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

12. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 3 through 9; Receive and File Item 10 through 12. Motion was SECONDED (Pollock) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Ashton, Barger, Brown, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore, McCallon, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Viegas-Walker, Wagner and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

13. Update on 2022 RC/EAC/Committee Meeting Options

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Mr. Houston provided an update on staffs intended plan to implement a hybrid format, meaning remote and in person participation options, for the Regional Council, the EAC and Policy Committee meetings in March. He noted that staff had been reviewing both the timing of implementing in person meeting opportunities for those desiring to do so in a safe manner, as well as looking for more significant meetings structural options, such as, for example, combining meetings into one day, or separating policy committee meetings from the Regional Council day to enhance member involvement and experience as well for the public. He reported that staff felt a two-phase approach made sense. He explained Phase 1 would start in March and provide for in person meeting options for the Regional Council, the EAC and the Policy Committee meetings, with EAC meeting the day before the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings through July. He noted that during this time, staff would also continue to analyze other structural possibilities, such as having policy committee meetings being held on a different day and conducting member outreach on this and other issues. He further reported that staff would return to the EAC with recommendations on

these additional structural changes as well as do a review of how the hybrid meeting structure has worked for the Policy Committees and the Regional Council meetings. He stated that Phase 2 would follow in July, essentially August and beyond to implement these further structural considerations, with a reevaluation of the hybrid structure. He emphasized it was critical to get input from those who plan to attend these meetings in person and reported that the clerk would be soliciting attendance in the near future. He reported that public participation during this time would continue to be made only remotely as is permitted by the Brown Act and the findings being made on a monthly basis. He also clarified that other bodies of SCAG such as LCMC and the Audit Committee would continue to meet remotely during this Phase 1 process. He noted that the President and staff would retain some authority to be flexible in responding to public health and safety considerations as they evolve should facts or circumstances warrant a modification and change of course, or consideration of how to implement health and safety measures to adequately ensure both the health and safety of the membership as well as the employees who are present.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet. A recording of the meeting, including the presentations, can be found on SCAG's website.

Regional Councilmember Wapner asked if they were still going to have AB 361 findings to offer the opportunity for members to come in person rather than posting their locations.

Mr. Houston stated they would continue with the findings as they had been doing for hybrid meetings.

Second Vice President Ramirez asked about capacity and what the limit would be for people to come in, in terms of numbers.

Mr. Houston stated they were continuing to assess this issue to some degree with six-foot distancing and noted that the attachment in the staff report provided some information. He emphasized it was important for members who were interested to be in person to respond with their interest so staff can try to accommodate with distancing guidelines in place.

Mr. Chidsey reported that staff planned to do some surveying starting next week and would be better equipped to answer that as it's moving forward. He stated that staff did not anticipate being in a position where they would be at a capacity level just given the interest from members over the last several months when they were asked, but this was something that would be monitored moving forward.

Mr. Houston stated that if part of the interest was knowing how many folks were going to be showing up, then staff could periodically provide an update.

President Lorimore expressed that it was important that they get together to meet in person to be able to see reactions as it was helpful when making decisions. He stated he was excited about March coming up and the opportunity to meet in person.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer reported significant work continued toward the preparation of the fiscal year 2023 budget and overall work program. She noted SCAG met with Caltrans for the annual overall work program development and coordination meeting. She noted that Ms. Jepson did an outstanding job presenting the proposed work program, the accomplishments, and the progress that SCAG made on some of the major projects. She indicated that Caltrans was supportive of the work presented and that staff was on schedule to bring the proposed budget and overall work program for approval next month. She also reported that the financial charts in the monthly CFO report would be brought quarterly instead of monthly, but there would still be a monthly report. Lastly, she reported SCAG membership was now 100% collected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore reported that the next EAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise thanked the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) Review Committee and members Larry McCallon, Jed Leano, Mark Henderson, Ben Benoit, and Ray Marquez for their leadership on the Last Mile Freight Program. He also reported on the housing element compliance situation in the SCAG region and noted that of the 197 jurisdictions in the SCAG region, only two had adopted a compliant housing element. He indicated there was concern about new legislation, AB 1398, that requires cities to have an adopted compliant housing element by February 11, 2022, and if they don't have it, then they are forced to rezone by October 15, 2022. He stated that this law basically accelerated the rezoning requirement. He indicated that if they were not complying with this, then it puts a city in a cycle where they are shut out of some very lucrative grant opportunities at the state level. He stated that SCAG continues to push in Sacramento for a hearing on this.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 4:17 p.m.

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March 2, 2022

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

From: Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SB 922 (Wiener) - CEQA Exemption for Transit Projects

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support

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:

Senate Bill (SB) 288 (Wiener, D-San Francisco) was signed into law on September 29, 2020 and exempts certain transportation projects from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through January 1, 2023. On February 3, 2022, Senator Scott Wiener introduced SB 922, which would permanently extend these CEQA exemptions for transportation projects as provided under SB 288.

Staff presented SB 922 to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) at its meeting on February 15, 2022, after which the LCMC unanimously voted to forward a “support” position to the Regional Council. The Committee also recommended that staff work with the author to modify the “skilled and trained workforce” provision that requires projects to be completed by union laborers due to a shortage in some parts of the region.

BACKGROUND:

SB 288 (Wiener, Chapter 200, Statutes of 2020) exempts certain transportation projects from the requirements of CEQA through January 1, 2023. Adding projects to the list of CEQA statutory exemptions streamlines the approval and construction processes, thereby reducing associated cost and time burdens.

Exempted projects under SB 288 include pedestrian and bicycle facilities like lanes and sidewalks, customer information and wayfinding projects (for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians), and

transit prioritization projects. They also apply to converting existing highway lanes or shoulders to bus-only lanes, creating bus rapid transit (BRT) and light-rail projects including stations, zero-emission charging infrastructure for buses, and utility relocation associated with these project categories. Also, projects that reduce minimum parking requirements are exempt. SB 288 extends an existing exemption for bicycle transportation plans until 2030 and removes the requirement that those plans have to mitigate the impact they have on car traffic. Lastly, projects that cost over \$100 million have to comply with rules requiring transparency and racial equity.

To earn the exemption, projects must be in urbanized areas, within existing rights-of-way, use a skilled and trained workforce or have a project labor agreement, cannot add infrastructure that increases the capacity of automobiles, and cannot demolish any affordable housing units.

With bipartisan support, SB 288 was approved by a vote of 65-3-11 in the Assembly and 32-5-3 in the Senate. It also received support from several stakeholders in the SCAG region including the City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, Southern California Contractors Association, Southern California Leadership Council, and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC).

Since the implementation of SB 288 a little over a year ago, 10 projects in various parts of the state have benefited from the law and another 20 projects are expected to be streamlined under SB 288. In the SCAG region, the construction of dedicated bus and bike lanes throughout Culver City and electric bus charging infrastructure installed by the Los Angeles City Transportation Department (LADOT) are cited as successful uses of SB 288.

SB 922

On February 3, 2022, Senator Wiener introduced SB 922. This bill would permanently extend CEQA exemptions for transportation projects as provided under SB 288 (2020). SB 922 mostly mirrors SB 288, but it adds new project categories that qualify for CEQA exemptions. This includes broadening the scope of transit prioritization projects to apply to signal and stop sign changes, wayside and onboard technology, ramp meters, dedicated transit lanes, transit queue jump or bypass lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, turning lanes, turn restrictions, narrowing or widening of transit travel lanes, transit stop changes like transit bulbs or boarding islands, and pedestrian improvements like refuge islands or widening sidewalks.

Other new project categories that would be exempt from CEQA under SB 922 include the conversion of highway or shoulder lanes for part-time transit lanes, infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission vehicles as opposed to just transit buses under SB 288, and charging infrastructure on the right-of-way or property owned by a public or private utility. Furthermore, projects that not only reduce but eliminate minimum parking requirements or implement

transportation demand management requirements are exempt. Aside from bicycle transportation plans, active transportation and pedestrian plans and related feasibility and planning studies are added as new exemption categories. Lastly, the bill would revise the requirements for projects that cost over \$100 million and would additionally require the completion of a residential displacement analysis. It should be noted that this bill does not apply to the California High-Speed Rail Program.

Except for new bus rapid transit, bus, or light-rail service and corresponding stations, this bill would repeal the requirement that transportation projects must be in an urbanized areas and within existing rights-of-way. Like SB 288, to qualify for CEQA exemption under SB 922 projects cannot demolish affordable housing units, add infrastructure that increases the capacity of automobiles, and must use a skilled and trained workforce or have a project labor agreement.

SB 922 is awaiting referral to a policy committee by the Senate Rules Committee. Once SB 922 is assigned, a hearing date is expected to be scheduled sometime this spring. The bill is cosponsored with the Bay Area Council, California Transit Association, and Silicon Valley Leadership Group. SCAG is an active member of the California Transit Association and sits on the association's state and federal legislative committees.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented SB 922 to the LCMC at its meeting on February 15, 2022, with a recommended support position. SB 922 is consistent with Regional Council-adopted policy and legislative priorities that support CEQA reform to expedite and streamline both project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and/or housing projects.

Following a period of discussion, the LCMC unanimously voted to forward a support recommendation to the Regional Council. Furthermore, staff was instructed to work with the author to modify the "skilled and trained workforce" provision that requires projects to be completed by unionized construction workers. Under SB 922, all project categories are subject to this provision except for those carried out by a local agency to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements or institute parking maximums, remove or restrict parking, or implement transportation demand management requirements. Due shortages of union laborers in parts of the region, the Committee would like to see language that makes exceptions in certain cases where union laborers are unavailable, but workers can be paid a prevailing wage. It should be noted that the skilled and trained workforce provision is existing law. Securing any changes to it will be a challenge and will likely meet strong opposition from the State Building and Construction Trades Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the staff report on SB 922 is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

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March 2, 2022

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: Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 External Audit

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's external independent auditor, Eide Bailly, LLP, has completed their audit which included the following:

- *Audit of the FY 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)*
- *Report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance in accordance with Government Auditing Standards*
- *Audit report on compliance over major federal programs, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and internal control in accordance with 2 CFR 200 (Single Audit)*

SCAG received an unmodified audit opinion (the best possible). Further, based on the results of their audit, Eide Bailly, LLP has reported no material weaknesses or instances of non-compliance.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG's external independent auditors, Eide Bailly, LLP, have completed their audit of SCAG's FY 2020-21 financial statements and it was presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting on February 23, 2022. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Single Audit Report are available at: <https://scag.ca.gov/financial-reports>

Attached is the 2021 SCAG Governance Letter (The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance) from Eide Bailly, LLP. The purpose of the letter is to communicate to those



charged with governance, the scope of audit procedures performed, significant findings, and other information, such as disagreements with management, audit adjustments and significant estimates, that are not communicated in the audited financial statements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2021 SCAG Governance Letter, dated February 15, 2022



February 15, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments

We have audited the financial statements of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards* and our Compliance Audit under the Uniform Guidance

As communicated in our letter dated April 13, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and to express an opinion on whether SCAG complied with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on SCAG's major federal program. Our audit of the financial statements and major program compliance does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of SCAG solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards as it relates to the audit of SCAG's major federal program compliance, is to express an opinion on the compliance for SCAG's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. An audit of major program compliance includes consideration of internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, as a part of our major program compliance audit, we considered internal control over compliance for these purposes and not to provide any assurance on the effectiveness of the SCAG's internal control over compliance.

Attachment: 2021 SCAG Governance Letter, dated February 15, 2022 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 External Audit)

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding internal controls during our audit in our Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* dated February 15, 2022. We have also provided our comments regarding compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above and internal controls over compliance during our audit in our Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance with Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance dated February 15, 2022.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity’s Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by SCAG is included in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management’s current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are management’s estimates of:

- Amounts related to the net pension liability, related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, pension expense, and disclosures, are based on actuarial valuations for the CalPERS and PARS plans.
- Amounts related to the net other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability, related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, OPEB expense, and disclosures, are based on an actuarial valuation.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates and determined that they were reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting SCAG's financial statements relate to:

The disclosures of SCAG's agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan and PARS supplementary retirement plan, net pension liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense in Note 12 to the financial statements. The valuations of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions used, including but not limited to, the discount rate. As disclosed in Note 12, a 1% increase or decrease in the discount rate has a significant effect on SCAG's net pension liabilities.

The disclosures related to SCAG's retiree health program OPEB plan, net OPEB liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and OPEB expense, in Note 14 to the financial statements. The valuations of the net OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions used including, but not limited to, the discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates. As disclosed in Note 14, a 1% increase or decrease in the discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates has a significant effect on SCAG's net OPEB liability.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. There were no uncorrected or corrected misstatements identified as a result of our audit procedures.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated February 15, 2022.

Management’s Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with SCAG, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating conditions affecting the entity, and operating plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as SCAG’s auditors.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing SCAG’s audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information.

However, in accordance with such standards, we will review the information inputted into the data collection form and will consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially consistent with the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members of the Regional Council, and management of SCAG and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Rancho Cucamonga, California



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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March 2, 2022

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Andres Carrasquillo, Community Engagement Specialist
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Subject: 2022 Outlook for Go Human Active Transportation and Safety Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative." To pursue this effort, SCAG launched Go Human, a Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, with funding from the Active Transportation Program. To extend campaign efforts, SCAG secured Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$1,250,000 to conduct a sixth round of Go Human safety programming and engagement across the region, which funds were accepted and approved by the Regional Council on October 7, 2021. SCAG, in coordination with its local and regional partners, will relaunch the Go Human active transportation and encouragement program and implement strategies to distribute resources in support of bicycle and pedestrian safety.

BACKGROUND:

The six-county SCAG region has some of the highest rates of collisions involving people walking and biking in the nation. On average per year, 1,500 people are killed, 5,500 people are seriously injured, and 124,000 people sustain injuries.

To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region's transportation network, the SCAG General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2, "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative", on May 1, 2014. To implement this resolution, SCAG launched *Go Human*,

a Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, with a \$2.3 million grant from the 2014 Active Transportation Program. SCAG has since expanded this campaign into a robust program, with support from funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

SCAG’s *Go Human* program addresses the current safety conditions in the region:

- Between 2009 and 2020, the number of pedestrians killed has increased slightly, while the number of pedestrians who have sustained serious injuries has steadily climbed at an average growth rate of 3% a year.
- Over the same time, pedestrians and bicyclists constituted approximately 32% of all fatal victims, disproportionate to their mode share of just under 3% of daily trips.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has led to increased rates of traffic injuries and fatalities even while traffic volumes decreased, exacerbating the challenges of traffic safety strategies.

2022 Outlook: SCAG’s *Go Human* Safety Strategies

SCAG will implement four (4) strategies in 2022 to improve the safety of people walking and biking in the region.

Strategy	Description
<i>Communications Campaign & Storytelling Strategies</i>	Development and implementation of creative, dynamic campaign to promote and amplify <i>Go Human</i> safety strategies throughout the contract period.
<i>Community Funding Opportunities: Go Human Mini-Grants</i>	Distribution of funding to community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, and social enterprises to identify and perform work that advances traffic safety.
<i>Kit of Parts: Engagement and Deployment</i>	Coordination and deployment of <i>Go Human’s</i> Kit of Parts for temporary safety demonstration projects.
<i>Co-Branded Advertisement and Media Coordination</i>	Production and distribution of <i>Go Human</i> safety advertisements and coordination of media buys.

Communications Campaign & Storytelling Strategies

SCAG will develop and implement a communication campaign plan that prioritizes three strategies to promote *Go Human* activities through September 2022.

- *Storytelling Strategy.* This strategy centers and compensates the voices and experiences of people who are leaders in traffic safety efforts. This includes the organizations that partner with SCAG on *Go Human* safety efforts.
- *Multimedia Strategy.* In this strategy, SCAG will incorporate images, video, and graphics to increase engagement.
- *Paid media Strategy.* SCAG will expand the reach of its communication efforts with paid media, such as social media ads and out-of-home ads.

The communication tactics will connect stakeholders to *Go Human* resources, celebrate project outcomes, and leverage multiple communications channels.

Community Funding Opportunities

SCAG will administer its *Go Human* Mini-Grants program to distribute resources to local community organizations throughout the region to advance traffic safety. This program will award small grants of up to \$10,000 to community-based organizations, non-profits, and social enterprises to implement projects that address traffic safety. Applicants may propose their own unique project and lead its implementation. SCAG will fund up to 25 projects.

Kit of Parts: Engagement and Deployment

SCAG will deploy the *Go Human* Kit of Parts to demonstrate Complete Streets safety improvements. SCAG anticipates supporting local partners with technical assistance. In addition, SCAG will produce summary reports of each deployment to document key feedback, findings, and recommendations.

Co-Branded Advertisement and Media Coordination

SCAG will provide co-branded *Go Human* safety advertisements to local partners at no cost. These advertisements encourage drivers to slow down and look for people walking and biking, and they appear in English, Spanish, and additional languages, as requested. This year, SCAG will work with 25 partners to co-brand multilingual advertisements in print and digital media.

Additionally, SCAG will provide media planning services for six (6) local jurisdictions that allocated a portion of Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program funding for *Go Human* advertisements. A media consultant will develop unique advertisement plans per partner, coordinate with media vendors to secure ad space, and support with any other logistics to place ads.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

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March 2, 2022

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and
Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For 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 \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mobility 21	FY22 Mobility21 Membership	\$25,000
Cornerstone OnDemand Inc.	FY22 Cornerstone Software Renewal	\$23,552
Southern California Leadership Council	FY22 SCLC Membership	\$20,000
Mettrans-USC	FY22 Membership	\$12,500
VCCF Non Profit Center LLC	FY22 Ventura Office Rent	\$11,000
Level 33 Media LLC	FY22 Supergraphics	\$8,999
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	FY22 Zoom Video Conference License Renewal	\$8,923
ASSI Security Inc	FY22 Surveillance Camera Server	\$7,200
Law Offices of Jim Kahng	FY22 Attorney Filing Fees	\$5,476

SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Various (21-047-C01 through 21-047-C19)	Monthly report on Regional Early Action Plan Program (REAP) on-call services.	Various (as identified)



SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u> the attachment)
Dell Technologies (22-031-C01)	Under this agreement, Dell Technologies is the seller of Dell laptop systems to be purchased. This is a one-time supplemental purchase that includes Dell Latitude 7420 and Precision 5560 laptops, power adapters and laptop locking kit.	\$169,857
StreetLight Data, Inc. (22-039-C01)	The consultant shall customize and provide cloud-based analytic platform services that uses big data sources including, but not limited to, geographic data from location-based services of mobile devices or smartphones to provide insights into historical and current travel behavior of residents. The consultant shall also provide training, technical support and maintenance.	\$100,000

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$75,000 and less than 30% of the original contract value

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-047-C01 through C19
2. Contract Summary 22-031-C01
3. Contract Summary 22-039-C01

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NOS. 21-047-C01 THROUGH 21-047-C19
MONTHLY REAP FOLLOW UP

**Selected
Consultants:**

1. AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
2. Arup North America, Ltd.
3. Ascent Environmental, Inc.
4. BAE Urban Economics, Inc.
5. CTY Housing, Inc.
6. ECONorthwest
7. Estolano Advisors
8. HR&A Advisors Inc.
9. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
10. Kosmont & Associates, Inc.
11. LeSar Development Consultants
12. National Community Renaissance of California
13. Opticos Design, Inc.
14. Raimi + Associates
15. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
16. RDC-S111 (dba Studio One Eleven)
17. Turner Housing Innovation Labs, Inc.
18. Woodsong Associates, LLC
19. WSP USA Inc.

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

On April 1, 2021, the Regional Council approved a procurement program to accelerate project delivery for the Regional Early Action Plan Program (REAP) and requested staff to report back monthly on procurement activities related to the On Call Services for the REAP Program. This report is to inform the RC of those activities. This report is to inform the Regional Council of procurement activities, contracts and amendments related to the On-call Services for the REAP Program.

In summary, the REAP Program provides a new model for timely implementation of SCAG's local assistance programs and the Regional Council has approved the following:

- (1) Authorized staff to enter into up to a total of \$10,000,000 in On Call Services contracts to implement the Regional Council's approved REAP work program, upon completion of competitive procurement and selection of consultants for the On Call Services;
- (2) Waived SCAG's procurement requirement to first obtain the Executive/Administration Committee's and Regional Council's approval for contracts at or above \$200,000 prior to execution, for any individual contract up to \$500,000 awarded to complete work that is part of the Regional Council's approved REAP grant funded program and authorization for the Executive Director or his/her designee to execute such contracts upon consultation with legal counsel;
- (3) Waived SCAG's procurement requirement necessitating Executive/Administration Committee's and Regional Council approval prior to entering any contract amendment exceeding \$75,000 or 30% (whichever is less) and, instead, requiring amendments of 30% or more to be first approved by the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council, and authorizing the Executive Director or his/her designed to execute such amendments upon

consultation with legal counsel; and (4) directing staff to make monthly informational reports to the Regional Council of procurement activities, contracts and amendments related to REAP made pursuant to this action.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting local jurisdictions in the update of their Housing Elements;
- Assistance with integrated land use planning, urban design and land use policy;
- Assistance with community development finance;
- Assistance with racial equity analysis and training; and
- Assistance with Grant Writing and Grant Program Administration.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$10,000,000**

Note: This is for on-call, or as needed services with consultants to be paid upon a Task Order award. As such, there is no specific award amount to each consultant, nor does SCAG guarantee any specific amount of work to a consultant. Therefore, the amount that may be funded to each consultant is not yet determined

Contract Period: June 2021 through December 31, 2023

Project Number(s): 300.4887.01 – 300.4887.04
 300.4888.01
 300.4889.01 – 300.4889.04
 300.4890.01 – 300.4890.02
 300.4891.01 – 300.4891.02

Funding source(s): REAP Program Grant

Update Below is a table showing the on-call services procurements, and their status at present. Any future dates are subject to change, and procurements may be added or removed to this list.

Project #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
1	Housing Policy Leadership Academy (P&O-1 Leadership Academy)	05/03/21	Agreement Executed	LeSar Development Consultants	\$815,823
2	SCAG Development Streamlining (HPS-1 CEQA)	05/25/21	Agreement Executed	Ascent Environmental, Inc.	\$337,738
3	Advanced Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bundle (HSD 1-A - Advanced ADU Bundle)	06/30/21	Agreement Executed	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	\$546,676

Project #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
4	Westside Cities COG (WSCCOG) Partnership (Project 1)	07/16/21	Agreement Executed	ARUP US, Inc.	\$148,513
5	Other -To Residential Tool Kit	07/30/21	Agreement Executed	Studio One Eleven	\$579,462
6	1-B HSD Preliminary ADU Bundle (HSD 1-B Preliminary ADU Bundle)	08/04/21	Agreement Executed	Woodsong Associates	\$534,765
7	2-A HSD EIFD Bundle	07/30/21	Agreement Executed	Kosmont	\$582,638
8	3-A HSD Objective Development Standards		Cancelled	N/A	N/A
9	2-D HSD One San Pedro EIFD Study	08/11/21	Agreement Executed	Kosmont	\$222,834
10	Digitize Utilities Inventory For Housing Tool		Cancelled	N/A	N/A
11	2-C (HSD) – Heart of Hollywood TIF Study	08/19/21	Agreement Executed	HR&A Advisors	\$240,804
12	Digitize Utilities Inventory For Housing Tool Rerelease of MRFP-10		Consultant Selected/Agreement Routing	Black & Veatch	TBD
13	2-B HSD Palmdale Housing Project		Cancelled	N/A	N/A
14	Regional Resilience Framework (RRF)	01/13/22	RFP Released		TBD
15	3-E HSD South El Monte Zoning Update	10/01/21	Agreement Executed	WSP USA, Inc.	\$239,394
16	3-C HSD Rialto Specific Plan Update	10/14/21	Agreement Executed	WSP USA, Inc.	\$467,604
17	San Fernando Valley COG (SFVCOG) Partnership Program	11/29/21	Evaluating/Negotiating	TBD	TBD
18	3-A1 HSD Objective Development Standards LA Rerelease of MRFP-8	10/27/21	Agreement Executed	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	583,957
19	3-A2 HSD Objective Development Standards Bundle		Cancelled	N/A	TBD
20	HSD 3-D Burbank Media Specific Plan Update	02/08/22	RFP Released		TBD
21	Metro's Joint Development	12/01/21	Evaluating/Negotiating		TBD
22	SRP-1A Westside Cities COG (WSCCOG) REAP Subregional Partnership (Project #2 and #4 - re-release)	12/21/21	RFP Released		TBD
23	Metro's Equitable Housing	12/23/21	RFP Released		TBD

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-047-C01 through C19 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments

Project #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
24	2-B HSD Palmdale Housing Project	01/07/22	Evaluating/Negotiating		TBD
25	HPS-1 Grant Application Technical Assistance		Pre-release/RFP Routing		TBD
26	HSD 1-C - Compton ADU Project	01/21/22	RFP Released		TBD
27	HPS-3 TIF EIFD Projects (Barstow, County of Imperial)		Pre-release/RFP Routing		TBD
28	SRP-4 Riverside County Thermal Community Plan	01/31/22	RFP Released		TBD
29	3-A2 HSD Objective Development Standards Bundle Rerelease of MRFP-19	01/26/22	Pre-release/RFP Routing		TBD
30	TOD 2- Metrolink Area Station Analysis	02/15/22	RFP Released		TBD
31	Los Angeles Metro's Joint Development Housing Accelerator Part C		Pre-release/RFP Routing		TBD
32	TCC Pomona Technical Assistance	02/14/22	RFP Released		TBD
33	TCC Riverside Technical Assistance		Pre-release/RFP Routing		TBD
Total:					\$4,716,251

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-031-C01

Recommended Consultant: Dell Technologies

Background & Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Dell Technologies is the seller of Dell laptop systems to be purchased. This is a one-time supplemental purchase that includes Dell Latitude 7420 and Precision 5560 laptops, power adapters and laptop locking kit.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Increased staff productivity through the acquisition of higher performance systems; and
- The ability to efficiently complete work and utilize SCAG software applications directly on end user systems.

The purchase also enables SCAG to remain on current, industry supported hardware and software.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 5: Optimize Organizational Efficiency and Cultivate an Engaged Workforce; Objective: d) Integrate advanced information and communication technologies.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$169,857**

Contract Period: November 18, 2021 through January 30, 2022

Project Number(s): 811-1163.19 \$169,857

Funding source(s): Indirect Cost
Funding of \$169,857 is available in the FY2021-2022 Indirect Cost budget.

Basis for Selection: 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 the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Value Point Contract # MNWNC-108, that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing for computer equipment purchases.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-039-C01

Recommended Consultant:	StreetLight Data, Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The SCAG region also faces enormous responsibility to identify and promote effective and pragmatic policies and planning strategies that improve regional transportation policy and planning efforts to mitigate regional challenges such as, air quality degradation, harmful emissions and their impacts, as well as, the overall quality of life for residents.</p> <p>SCAG staff requires a web-based transportation analytics platform that can display and analyze locational travel patterns and trip characteristics from Location-Based Services (LBS), Global Positioning System (GPS), and other sources to promote SCAG’s data-driven planning process.</p> <p>The consultant shall customize and provide cloud-based analytic platform services that uses big data sources including, but not limited to, geographic data from location-based services of mobile devices or smartphones to provide insights into historical and current travel behavior of residents. The consultant shall also provide training, technical support and maintenance.</p>
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to accumulated big data collected from a local sample population within the region which is representing travel behaviors with anonymized data privacy;• Key metrics for use in planning and evaluating transportation projects and identifying travel behavior to and from specific transportation analysis zone (TAZ) system in the region;• Historical data for a minimum of 12 months; and• Calibration/validation reports and statistics such as confidence level for all estimates.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy; and Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$100,000 StreetLight Data, Inc. (prime consultant)
Contract Period:	January 31, 2022 through April 30, 2022
Project Number(s):	070-0130B.12 \$100,000 Funding source(s): FTA 5303
Request for Proposal (RFP):	N/A – Sole Source Contract

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Attachment: Contract Summary 22-039-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for offer. Staff also conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations for the sole source procurement including receiving Caltrans District 7's approval of the sole source, given they are responsible for administer the funding for this project.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Mana Sangkapichai, Transportation Modeler IV, SCAG
John Cho, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
Stephen Sungsu Yoon, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
Ellen Jisu Lee, Transportation Modeler II, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Streetlight Data, Inc. for the sole source contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated excellent experience delivering ready-to-use transportation analytics platform, demonstrating strong ability to provide key transportation metric analysis features; and
- Has a database with robust capabilities to query data using designated and customized geography boundaries such as U.S. Census tract, Block Group, ZIP codes, and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ), as well as by user defined geographic boundaries with query data saving feature for duplicated uses by uploading shapefile zones.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
March 2, 2022

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:

For 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.

ACCOUNTING:

As of January 31, 2022, 185 cities and 6 counties had paid their FY22 dues. This represents 100% of the dues assessment.

In January 2022, staff completed the preparation, mailing and reporting of required forms for the 2021 tax year, including the 1099 Form to report payments made to individuals or businesses and the W-2 Form to report wage and salary information for employees.

In this fiscal year, staff has prepared and submitted requests for reimbursements of approximately \$20 million to Caltrans for work funded with federal and state grants that was completed from July to December 2021. Of this amount, \$13.7 million has been received and \$6.3 million is pending approval by Caltrans.

SCAG's external independent auditors, Eide Bailly, LLP, have completed their audit of SCAG's FY 2020-21 financial statements. The results were presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting on February 23, 2022, and an information item is included in this month's EAC and RC agenda. SCAG received an unmodified audit opinion and Eide Bailly has reported no material weaknesses or instances of non-compliance. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Single Audit Report are available at: <https://scag.ca.gov/financial-reports>

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On January 28, 2022, staff submitted the FY 2021-22 2nd Quarter Overall Work Program (OWP) Progress Report to Caltrans. The expenditures reported for the period of July to December 2021 are approximately \$27.9 million or 21% of the OWP budget.

On January 28, 2022, staff submitted a grant application requesting funding in the amount of \$1.2 million to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. The funding will expand and evolve the Go Human resource package available for jurisdictions to create a more holistic program to guide work with local partners. The components of the grant application include:

1. Safety Pledge Cohort
2. Kit of Parts Deployments and Activations & Safety Countermeasures Toolkit
3. Go Human Community Hubs
4. Safety Storytelling

On January 31, 2022, staff in partnership with UC Santa Barbara submitted a grant application for the Innovation Project opportunity solicited by the People Lab at UC Berkeley in partnership with California 100 Initiative. The project will evaluate a new method for soliciting informed public opinion on the housing issues in the SCAG region. If awarded, the grant funding will go directly to UC Santa Barbara and SCAG will leverage its REAP funding to support the staff related efforts.

On February 1, 2022, staff submitted a grant renewal application for the Year 2 of Clean Cities Network Outreach, Education and Performance Tracking Program to the Department of Energy. SCAG has been the host organization to the Southern California Clean Cities Coalition and the funding, in the amount of \$107,500, will support data collection and reporting on the state of alternative fuels in the region as well as outreach and technical assistance to the stakeholders on clean fuel initiatives.

On February 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved and authorized SCAG to apply for the advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24.6 million, the maximum eligible early funding allowed under the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021). Staff continues to work on developing the grant application for the early funding and preparing for the submittal to the California Housing & Development Department (HCD).

During the month of February, staff also focused on refining and finalizing the FY 2022-23 Draft Comprehensive Budget. The draft budget is being presented to the EAC and RC in March 2022.

CONTRACTS:

In January 2022, the Contracts Department issued five (5) Request for Proposals; awarded thirteen (13) contracts; issued twelve (12) contract amendments; and processed 27 Purchase Orders to



support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 161 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month Contracts' staff negotiated \$1,000 in budget savings, bringing the Fiscal Year total \$392,403 in savings.



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To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager II
(213) 236-1918, dominguezs@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, EEC, TC AND RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In July 2021, the Executive Administration Committee convened for a strategic planning session. One action identified during that session was to create a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. SCAG will build from the strategies and policies established in Connect SoCal 2020, such as the Core Vision and Key Connections. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region’s evolving needs, challenges and opportunities. The attached draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 outlines the approach for policy development with the existing Policy Committees and three new sub-committees.

BACKGROUND:

What is Connect SoCal 2024?

SCAG prepares a long-range RTP/SCS every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable growth.

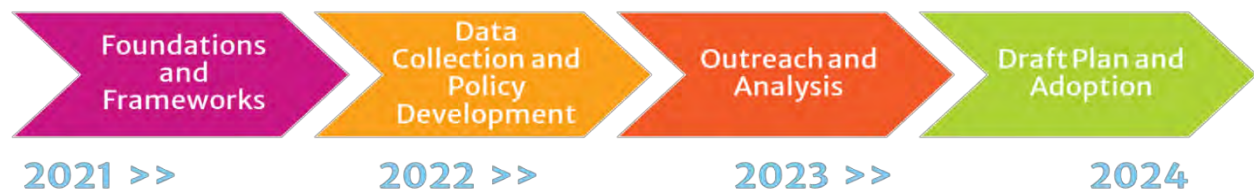
SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. The pillars of the Connect SoCal—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are anticipated to continue into the next plan. The *Core Vision* centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets. The *Key Connections* augment the *Core Vision* of the plan to address trends and emerging challenges. These *Key Connections* lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. For this plan development cycle, SCAG staff will focus on process improvements and data updates and refinements. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region’s evolving needs, challenges and opportunities.

Connect SoCal 2024: Status Update

As described at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, SCAG is now entering into the “Data Collection and Policy Development” phase of plan development.

Throughout 2022, staff will be continuing with research to better understand the trends and existing conditions in the region. This phase also includes steps to understand the existing conditions and planning occurring at the local jurisdiction level through the Local Data Exchange process and engagement with County Transportation Commissions on the Project List later this year. Over the course of the next year and in the first half of 2023, SCAG staff will be seeking direction from our policy makers, through the relevant Policy Committees, on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 to augment and help better align plans and investments across the region.

Phases of Connect SoCal 2024 Development



Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

In July 2021, President Lorimore convened a strategic planning session for the Executive Administration Committee and executive staff to establish high-level work goals and priorities for work planning for the year. The resulting EAC Strategic Work Plan identified elevating and expanding policy leadership as a central measure to advancing the EAC's goals and priorities. Among the tasks assigned to staff to expand policy leadership was the development of a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Per the EAC Strategic Work Plan:

“Working with the Executive Officers and the Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs to develop a Policy Development Framework for 2024 Connect SoCal that identifies priority policy issues for deeper discussion and establishes a sub-committee structure for policy education, engagement, and consensus building to guide visionary policy development (March 2022)”

The attached draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 includes the preliminary plan vision and goals, key policy priorities, and an outline for the focus and responsibility of each Policy Subcommittee and three new sub-committees to consider opportunities to incorporate new policy direction and priorities identified by the board since 2020 into the regional plan.

Next Steps

In April 2022, SCAG staff will share this draft Policy Development Framework with each Policy Committee to solicit feedback and input before seeking a recommendation for adoption by the EAC and RC in June 2022.

Following adoption, SCAG will circulate a survey to all members, anticipated in June of this year, to assess interest in policy issues and in serving on one of the sub-committees. Following the results of this survey, SCAG will work with the President and Executive Officers establish the sub-committees and prepare a more detailed policy committee agenda outlook for each of the Committees to illustrate the progression of policy discussions leading up to plan analysis and production in Summer 2023.

Later this year, SCAG will be onboarding a consultant to assist with Public and Stakeholder Engagement for the plan. Early deliverables from that work will include educational materials to help stakeholders better understand the regional planning process as well as issue papers to inform the policy development process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024
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Draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. Prepared in response to direction by the Regional Council, the Draft Policy Development Framework presents the Draft Plan Vision and Goals, Policy Priorities to be expanded and refined through the planning process to advance the vision and goals, and a policy development leadership structure and outlook to foster policy education, engagement, consensus building and decision-making.

DRAFT PLAN VISION AND GOALS

In January 2022, staff began engaging with stakeholders through the Regional Planning Working Groups on the draft Goals & Vision for Connect SoCal 2024.

The draft Vision is meant to capture what we want the region to be by 2050 and is supported by four draft Goals, each centered around a key theme (Mobility, Communities, the Environment, and the Economy). These goals will each be further defined by supporting sub-Goals. In addition, staff aim to integrate overarching through lines of Equity and Resilience across the goals.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

Option 1: A healthy, equitable and resilient region that works together to plan effectively for the challenges of tomorrow.

Option 2: A healthy, accessible and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future.

DRAFT GOALS

Mobility: Build and maintain a robust transportation network.

- Support investments that are well-maintained and operated, coordinated, and resilient, and result in improved safety and air quality and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ensure reliable, accessible, affordable, and appealing travel options are readily available, while striving to enhance equity in the offerings in high need communities.
- Support planning for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Communities: Develop, connect and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.

- Create human-centered communities in urban, suburban, and rural settings to increase mobility options and reduce travel distances.
- Produce and preserve diverse housing types in an effort to improve affordability, accessibility, and opportunities for all households.

Environment: Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow.

- Develop communities that are resilient and can mitigate, adapt to, and respond to chronic and acute stresses and disruptions, such as climate change.
- Integrate the region's development pattern and transportation network to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Conserve the region's resources.

Economy: Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all residents.

- Improve access to jobs and educational resources.
- Advance a resilient and efficient goods movement system that supports the economic vitality of the region, attainment of clean air, and quality of life for our communities.

After engaging with stakeholders to add to, edit, and modify the above draft statements, staff will bring these draft Vision and Goals concurrently to each Policy Committees in June 2022 alongside draft plan Performance Measures.

POLICY PRIORITIES

The Draft Policy Priorities are based upon policy direction established in Connect SoCal 2020 and recent Regional Council actions to address three of the emerging issues facing the region. The pillars of Connect SoCal 2020—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are outlined below followed by a summary of the emerging issues and related actions.

CORE VISION

Rooted in the 2008 and 2012 RTP/SCS plans, Connect SoCal's *Core Vision* centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets.

- Sustainable Development
- System Preservation & Resilience
- Demand & System Management
- Transit Backbone
- Complete Streets
- Goods Movement

Many of the policies and strategies summarized as the *Core Vision* of the plan are reflective of the policies and projects developed at the local level and gathered by SCAG through the plan development process (through the Local Data Exchange with Local Jurisdictions and Project List submissions from County Transportation Commissions). The Core Vision strategies will be discussed during plan development to identify barriers to implementation and opportunities for enhancement.

KEY CONNECTIONS

Connect SoCal 2020 introduced *Key Connections* that build on the *Core Vision* to leverage technology or advance policy needed to accelerate reaching plan goals. Key Connections identify critical regional strategies to “close the gap” between what could be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone, and what must be done to meet increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. The Key Connections lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation, aiming to coalesce policy discussions and advance promising strategies for leveraging new technologies and partnerships to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. The policies and strategies identified as *Key Connections* became the focal point for SCAG implementation efforts in directing research priorities and local technical assistance.

- Smart Cities & Job Centers
- Housing Supportive Infrastructure
- Go Zones
- Accelerated Electrification
- Shared Mobility & Mobility as A Service (MaaS)

In developing both the Core Vision and Key Connections, SCAG works with stakeholders, identifies trends and data in the region, assesses local best practices and researches the efficacy of different strategies. SCAG also needs strategic input and direction from Policy Committee members and the Regional Council.

EMERGING ISSUES

There are three salient and interconnected challenges facing our region: equity, resilience, and the economy. Actions by SCAG's Regional Council over the past year and a half provide a policy foundation for work on the next plan development and expanded policy focus on these emerging issue areas.

Equity

On July 2, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2¹ on Racial and Social Justice, affirming SCAG's commitment to meaningfully advance justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and establishing the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to advance social justice throughout the agency.

On May 6, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan², the purpose of which is to guide and sustain SCAG's regional leadership in service of equity and social justice. It reflects discussions and feedback provided to the Special Committee on the definition of equity and overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices and activities.

Resilience

On January 7, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-628-1³ on Climate Change Action that affirms a climate change crisis in Southern California and identifies actions for SCAG to undertake, including: developing a regional resilience framework, initiating a regional climate planning network, and developing a regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP).

Economy

On July 1, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Final Report and Recommendations⁴, which identifies five core principles to drive SCAG's work and to act as a lens for identifying recommendations:

1. Center the economic recovery strategy on racial and gender equity; focusing in reducing the racial wealth gap;
2. Focus on rebuilding the middle class with high road employment;
3. Ensure that all strategies contribute to a climate ready region;
4. Tailor strategies to the needs of both industry sectors and geographic subregions; and
5. Bring new and diverse voices to the table.

On February 4, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-629-2⁵ to establish a Broadband Action Plan to assist in bridging the digital divide. The Broadband Action Plan includes incorporating

¹ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070220agn01.pdf?1602368143>

² <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc050621fullpacket.pdf#page=91>

³ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc010721fullpacket.pdf#page=12>

⁴ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070121fullpacket.pdf#page=13>

⁵ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc020421fullpacket.pdf#page=13>

broadband planning, data and research findings, and strategies, as appropriate, into existing SCAG programs and future Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT: LEADERSHIP & OUTLOOK

Policy discussions that occur during SCAG’s Policy Committee meetings provide valuable direction to staff on areas for further research, potential strategies to address regional challenges, and priorities for what to include in the proposed plan.

Staff will bring forward informational and discussion items related to the relevant *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*; highlighting context and data from staff research; perspectives from academics, researchers or policy experts; and insights from local practitioners. Presentations may also focus on current subregional efforts and best practices to address the Connect SoCal 2020 Key Connections, as well as emerging trends and new issues related to each *Core Vision* or *Key Connection*. The plan issue areas organized by Policy Committee are outlined in the table below.

MAIN POLICY COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
<i>Core Vision</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Preservation & Resilience • Demand & System Management • Transit Backbone • Complete Streets • Goods Movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development
<i>Key Connections</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Zones • Shared Mobility & MaaS • Smart Cities & Job Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Cities & Job Centers • Housing Supportive Infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Electrification
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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

The issues facing the region are intersectional and often do not neatly fit within one committee. For that reason, it is occasionally necessary to hold a Joint Policy Committee meeting of members from all three Policy Committees (Transportation; Community, Economic, Human Development; and Energy and

Environment) to share pertinent information, discuss key plan development issues or seek coordinated actions or recommendations.

SPECIAL CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 SUB-COMMITTEES

As discussed at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, there are a number of trends disrupted by the pandemic and emerging issues setting the context for the next Connect SoCal. To help dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal, SCAG will establish three new sub-committees.

These three sub-committees will be comprised of members from each county as well as select non-voting members representing business or civic leaders with unique and valuable perspective on the given sub-committee focus area.

These sub-committees will prepare and make recommendations to SCAG Policy Committees on how to address these emerging issues within Connect SoCal 2024.

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE	RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
<p><i>Purpose:</i> Build on the recommendations for the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy to identify ways Connect SoCal can ensure opportunities for all; and explore solutions for making the most of existing infrastructure to maintain and improve levels of service such as through innovations in Broadband and System Demand Management.</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Advance the direction set in the SCAG Regional Council Resolution on Climate Change Action to consider opportunities for enhanced conservation and how can Connect SoCal support our communities in adapting to changing conditions or mitigating risks to become more resilient.</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how our planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG’s environmental justice communities.</p>