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## SPECIAL MEETING

# JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC AND TC)

**PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME**

**Thursday, November 7, 2019  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Southern California Association of Governments  
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**Thursday, November 7, 2019  
9:30AM – 11:30AM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Honorable Bill Jahn, President*  
*The Honorable Peggy Huang, Chair, Community, Economic and Human Development Committee*  
*The Honorable Linda Parks, Chair, Energy and Environment Committee*  
*The Honorable Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, Transportation Committee*

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Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the Special Meeting Agenda must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The President has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Page No.**

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| <p>1. Connect Release of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for Public Review and Comment<br/><i>(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)</i></p> <p><b>Recommended Action:</b> Pending review, policy discussion and direction by the members of the Policy Committees, recommend to the Regional Council to authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for Public Review and Comment.</p> | <b>Attachment</b> | <b>1</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect SoCal Economic and Job Creation Analysis<br/><i>(Wallace Walrod, Ph.D., Economist)</i></li> </ul>  | <b>Attachment</b> | <b>14</b> |

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To: Members of the Joint Policy Committees  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, 213-236-1835  
[Ajise@scag.ca.gov](mailto:Ajise@scag.ca.gov)

Subject: Release of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for Public  
Review and Comments

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES:**

Pending review, policy discussion and direction by the members of the Policy Committees, recommend to the Regional Council to authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for Public Review and Comment.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL:**

Pending review, policy discussion and direction by members of the Regional Council, authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for Public Review and Comment.

**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:**

*Over the past year, the Regional Council and Policy Committees have received reports and discussed key issues, analyses, and policy issues related to the development of the Draft Connect SoCal, the region's next Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (Draft Plan) for the planning period of 2020-2045. Informed by these discussions, staff has drafted the main components of the Draft Plan; assessed the Draft Plan's performance against federal and state requirements and regional planning goals; and completed the technical reports that provide detail on the research, analysis, outreach and planning processes SCAG pursued in preparing the Draft Plan. These materials are available on the Connect SoCal website and subject to the Policy Committees and Regional Council's review, policy discussion and direction, will be formally released for public comment.*

*As required by the state and federal statutes, the Draft Plan must be available for comments for a minimum of 55 calendar days. If authorized to release in November, staff anticipates closing the*

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*comment period on January 24, 2020. It should also be noted that staff is recommending release of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for Draft Connect SoCal in late November so that its comment period also ends on January 24, 2020. Staff will then document comments, prepare responses and finalize the Draft Connect SoCal and PEIR for adoption and certification on April 2, 2020, in advance of the June 1, 2020 air quality conformity expiration date of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Delay in the adoption of the Connect SoCal could potentially trigger one year federal conformity lapse grace period. The region will thereafter be out of conformity or enter into conformity lapse at the end of the one year grace period.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past year, staff has brought forth issues related to the development of the Draft Connect SoCal, the region's next Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (Draft 2020 RTP/SCS), to the Regional Council and Policy Committees. A list of key past discussion items at the RC, CEHD, EEC and TC is provided as an attachment to this staff report for reference. Also, an overview of the key issues and items presented and discussed by the Regional Council and Policy Committees was presented in a staff report for Joint Policy Committee on August 1, 2019: <http://scag.ca.gov/committees/Pages/CommitteeL2/Granicus.aspx?CID=49>. Informed by these discussions, staff has drafted the main components of the Draft Plan; assessed the Draft Plan's performance against federal and state requirements and regional planning goals; and completed the technical reports that provide detail on the research, analysis, outreach and planning processes SCAG pursued in preparing the Draft Plan. These materials are available on the Connect SoCal website and will be the subject of staff's presentation during the November 7, 2019 Joint Policy Committee (JPC) meeting. Based on the Regional Council's direction to staff during the October 3 meeting, the staff presentation to the JPC will be brief to allow policymakers time for discussion and to provide final direction for the preparation of the Draft Connect SoCal for formal public review.

**Draft Connect SoCal: Plan Preview**

The Draft Connect SoCal is an update to the 2016 RTP/SCS. It is a financially constrained multi-modal transportation plan and sustainable communities strategy that looks out to 2045 (at least 20 years into the future) as the horizon year.

As required by law, the Draft Connect SoCal contains a vision/goal/policy statement, current and future population/demographic forecast, current and future land use patterns, analysis of current and future multi-modal transportation system, action element (projects, programs and policies), sustainable communities strategy element, environmental mitigation component, financial element and performance measurement and monitoring element.

Under the U.S. Department of Transportation's metropolitan planning regulations and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's transportation conformity regulations, the Draft Connect SoCal and the Draft 2019 FTIP Amendment need to pass five transportation conformity tests: consistency



between the Draft FTIP Amendment and the Draft Connect SoCal, regional emissions analysis, timely implementation of transportation control measures, financial constraint, and interagency consultation and public involvement. Once approved by the federal agencies, the Connect SoCal and the FTIP Consistency Amendment would allow the regional transportation projects to receive the necessary federal approvals and move forward towards implementation. Staff has performed the required transportation conformity analysis for the Draft Connect SoCal and the Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment and the analysis demonstrates transportation conformity.

The Draft Connect SoCal also meets GHG Reduction Targets established for our region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) pursuant to SB 375. The targets are 8% reduction in 2020 and 19% reduction in 2035 from 2005 level on per capita basis from auto and light duty trucks.

To meet air quality and greenhouse gas targets, while also advancing a broader range of regional planning goals, the Draft Connect SoCal builds upon the Core Vision for mobility and sustainability established in previous planning cycles, promoting the continuation and evolution of strategies to maintain and better manage 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 Draft Plan also reflects the progress and/or resolution of major capital projects discussed over several planning cycles, including:

- **I-710 North** capacity/tunnel project has been replaced by locally preferred alternative, adopted by the Metro board that focusses on TDM/TSM Strategies.
- **I-710 South Improvement** Project will reflect locally preferred alternative adopted by the Metro Board.
- **SR-60 Truck Lanes** are carried forward from the 2016 RTP/SCS as part of the constrained plan.
- **High Desert Corridor (HDC)** project will be moved to Strategic Plan (Unconstrained). However, Measure R committed funds for local improvements as well as planning/engineering work will remain in the FTIP/constrained plan.
- **California High Speed Rail Phase 1** will remain in the constrained plan as per the Southern California HSR MOU, including the \$500 million commitment in Prop. 1A funds towards Link Union Station and the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation projects.
- **Express Lane Network** has been carried forward from the 2016 RTP/SCS as part of the constrained plan.
- **Victorville to Las Vegas High Speed Train** formerly Xpress West, now Virgin Trains USA, is included in the constrained plan and entirely supported by private sources.

To augment the Core Vision and strategies, the Draft Plan proposes new strategies and regional initiatives that aim to coalesce policy discussions and advance promising strategies that leverage new technologies and partnerships to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. These new

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strategies, referred to as Key Connections in the Draft Plan, lie at the intersection of land-use, transportation and innovation and seek to address trends and emerging challenges while also “closing the gap” between what can be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone, and what must be done to meet increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. The proposed Key Connections include: Smart Cities & Job Centers, Housing Supportive Infrastructure, Go Zones, Shared Mobility & Mobility As a Service, and Accelerated Electrification.

### **Preparation and Release of the Connect SoCal Public Review Draft**

Based on the feedback and direction provided by the Policy Committees and Regional Council and authorization to move forward, staff will finalize and release the Draft Connect SoCal and its twenty (20) associated technical reports for formal public comment. The outline of the Draft Plan is described below. These documents were posted online on October 24, 2019, for review and consideration in advance of the Joint Policy Committee meeting. The proposed Draft Connect SoCal document and technical reports may be accessed at:

<https://www.connectsocial.org/Pages/Connect-SoCal-Draft-Plan.aspx>

### Outline of Draft Connect SoCal

**“Making Connections”** provides an overarching vision and direction for the Draft Connect SoCal. To be refined based on feedback and discussions of the policy committee members and Regional Council.

**Chapter 1** provides a broad overview of the purpose and intent, statutory requirements, broad vision, goals and policies that guide the Plan, and a brief description of the transparent and open process utilized to develop the Draft Plan.

**Chapter 2** sets the stage for the Plan by describing the current conditions/setting in terms of demographic makeup, economic activities, affordable housing challenges, land use patterns, multi-modal transportation system components, public health and safety conditions, and natural lands.

**Chapter 3** is the action element of the Plan that describes major projects, programs, and strategies as highlighted above in the description of the Draft Plan’s Core Vision and Key Connections.

**Chapter 4** summarizes our financial plan for Draft Connect SoCal. This chapter includes description of the underlying assumptions, cost of implementing the plan, and the financially constrained revenue sources. The total cost of the plan is \$638.6 billion over the plan period expressed in year of expenditure dollars as required by the federal guidelines.

Core revenues (\$499 B) represent currently known and available revenue sources projected out to 2045. New revenues (\$139 B) are those that are expected to be reasonably available within the time frame of the Connect SoCal with additional new measures and actions at the local, state or federal level.

**Chapter 5** summarizes the key benefits and outcomes of Connect SoCal once implemented. Outcomes and performance include specifically mandated target achievements such as the GHG and emission reductions, core performance measures that are directly tied to the broader goals of the plan, co-benefits that can be characterized as side benefits of the plan, and finally equity analysis or environmental justice impacts associated with the plan implementation.

**Chapter 6** describes new challenges and opportunities beyond what is covered by the constrained plan within the 2045 time horizon and outlines several steps to be taken to address areas of challenge and uncertainty in the region including: regional resilience in the face climate change and natural disasters, identifying and fulfilling housing needs, and the adaptation of new and emerging technologies to make all modes of transportation more accessible, efficient and reliable in a rapidly changing environment.

As required by the state and federal statutes, the Draft Plan must be available for comments for a minimum of 55 calendar days. If authorized to release in November, staff anticipates closing the comment period on January 24, 2020. Staff is also recommending release of the PEIR for Draft Connect SoCal in late November so that its comment period ends on January 24, 2020. Staff will then document comments, prepare responses and finalize the Draft Connect SoCal and PEIR for adoption and certification on April 2, 2020, in advance of the June 1, 2020 expiration date of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Delay in the adoption of the Connect SoCal could potentially result in federal conformity lapse and trigger one year grace period.

### Next Steps

- **Nov. 7, 2019** – As part of the JPC and RC meetings, members will review, engage in policy discussion and provide final direction to staff for preparation of the Draft Connect SoCal and the RC will consider authorizing its official release for the required public review and comment. Similarly, the EEC and RC will review and consider authorizing the official release of the PEIR for Draft Connect SoCal in late November 2019.

##### **January 24, 2020** - Close of comment period for Draft Connect SoCal and PEIR.



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- **March 2020** – Staff to report back to Policy Committees and RC on comments and responses and final adjustments to Draft Connect SoCal and PEIR.
  - **April 2, 2020** – Staff recommends certification of Final PEIR and adoption of Final Connect SoCal to Policy Committee and RC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The budget for this work is primarily included in the WBS 010.0170.01 RTP Support, Development and Policy Implementation.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Policy Committee Items Discussed

## Policy Committee Items Discussed

### Transportation Committee

#### Sept. 6, 2018

2019 FTIP Adoption	Action
PM2 and 3 Targets	Action
Connect SoCal Goals and Policies	Information
Regional Aviation Program	Information
Goods Movement Grant Projects	Information
Connect SoCal PEIR Initiation	Receive & File
SCS Framework	Receive & File

#### Oct. 4, 2018

LA-SB Rail/Transit Study	Action
I-105 Corridor Study	Information
Rideshare & Transit Study	Information
Future Communities Pilot	Receive & File
HQTA Pilot Program	Receive & File

#### Nov. 1, 2018

Last Mile Freight Study	Information
Virgin Hyperloop One	Information
Transportation Electrification	Information
Sustainable Transportation Solutions	Information
Renewable Natural Gas	Information
Local Input Process Update	Receive & File

#### Feb. 2, 2019

PM1-Safety Targets	Action
Planning for Millennials	Information
TDM Strategic Plan update	Information
SCS Evaluation Draft Guidelines	Receive & File
ARB SB 150 Report	Receive & File
PEIR NOP and Scoping	Receive & File
Connect SoCal EJ Outreach	Receive & File

#### March 3, 2019

Where Will We Grow?	Information
Regional Aviation Update	Information
SCS Framework Update	Receive & File
Local Input process update	Receive & File

## Transportation Committee (continued)

### Apr. 4, 2019

How Will We Connect?	Information
Go Zone and Pricing Feasibility	Information
SCAG Active Transportation Program	Information
RHNA Methodology Survey	Receive & File
SCS Framework Update	Receive & File

### June 6, 2019

I-105 Corridor Study	Action
Connect SoCal Finance Plan	Information
TDM Strategic Plan update	Information
Future of Workplace	Information
Safety Symposium	Receive & File
ADA Paratransit Forecast	Receive & File
Transit Asset Management	Receive & File
SCS Tech Methodology to ARB	Receive & File
Local Input Survey Results	Receive & File

### Aug. 1, 2019

Regional Aviation Update	Information
New Mobility Framework	Information
Green Region Initiative	Receive & File
Caltrans Vulnerability Assessment	Receive & File

### Sept. 5, 2019

Connect SoCal Report	Information
a. System Preservation, Management, Resilience	"
b. TDM Strategic Plan	"
c. Active Transportation	"
d. Regional Aviation	"
TAM Targets	Receive & File

### Oct. 3, 2019

Connect SoCal Update	Information
a. Finance Plan	"
b. Transit and Rail	"
c. Highway and Arterials	"
d. Goods Movement	"
e. Transportation Safety	"
Connect SoCal EJ report	Receive & File

## Community, Economic & Human Development

### Sept. 6, 2018

Connect SoCal Goals and Policies	Information
Local Input Update	Information
Tax Increment Finance Pilot	Information
SCS Framework	Receive & File
PM2 and 3 Targets	Receive & File
GHG 2050 Pathways	Receive & File

### Oct. 4, 2018

HQTA Pilot Program	Information
Go Human Campaign	Information
Future Communities Pilot	Receive & File

### Nov. 1, 2018

Local Input Process Update	Information
Transportation Electrification	Information
California Climate Change	Receive & File
Connect SoCAL PEIR	Receive & File
Future Communities Guidelines	Receive & File

### Feb. 7, 2019

Planning for Older Adults	Information
ARB SB 150 Report	Information
Future Communities Pilot	Receive & File
Connect SoCal EJ Outreach	Receive & File
PEIR NOP and Scoping	Receive & File
SCS Evaluation Draft Guidelines	Receive & File
Active Transportation Program Cycle 4	Receive & File

### March, 7, 2019

RHNA Delegation Guidelines	Action
Where will we grow?	Information
Growth Forecast	Information
Local Input process update	Receive & File
SCS Framework Update	Receive & File

## Community, Economic & Human Development (continued)

### Apr. 4, 2019

How Will We Connect?	Information
RHNA Methodology Survey	Information
SCS Framework Update	Information
Economic Development Tool	Information
SCAG 2019 Active Transportation Program	Receive & File

### June 6, 2019

RHNA Consultation Package	Action
Affordable Housing and Tax Increment Fin.	Information
SCS Tech Methodology to ARB	Receive & File
Economic Development Tool	Receive & File
Connect SoCal Scenarios	Receive & File
Local Input Survey Results	Receive & File

### Aug. 1, 2019

RHNA Methodology	Action
Green Region Initiative	Receive & File

### Sept. 5, 2019

RHNA Determination	Action
Connect SoCal Job Centers	Information

### Oct. 3, 2019

Connect SoCal SCS Strategy	Information
Connect SoCal EJ report	Receive & File



## Energy & Environment Committee

### Sept. 6, 2018

SCS Framework	Action
Connect SoCal Goals and Policies	Information
GHG 2050 Pathways	Information
Connect SoCal PEIR Initiation	Information
SC Prog. Guidelines	Receive & File
Green Region Initiative	Receive & File
PM2 and 3 Targets	Receive & File

### Oct. 4, 2018

Future Communities Pilot	Information
Go Human Campaign	Information
2018 Green Innovation Index	Information
HQTA Pilot Program	Receive & File

### Nov. 1, 2018

California Climate Change	Information
AB 617 Implementation	Information
Transportation Electrification	Information
Connect SoCal PEIR	Receive & File
Local Input process update	Receive & File
Transportation Electrification	Receive & File

### Feb. 7, 2019

Planning for Children and Family	Information
ARB SB 150 Report	Information
SCS Evaluation Draft Guidelines	Information
Connect SoCal EJ Outreach	Information
Public Health Framework	Information
ATP Cycle 4	Receive & File
Future Communities Pilot	Receive & File

### March, 7, 2019

Where will we grow?	Information
ARB SB 150 Report	Information
SCS Evaluation Draft Guidelines	Information
SCS Framework update	Information
Local Input and RHNA Update	Receive & File
SC Program update	Receive & File

## Energy & Environment Committee (continued)

### Apr. 4, 2019

SCAG 2019 ATP	Information
How will we connect?	Information
SCS Framework update	Information
PEIR Update	Information
RHNA Methodology Survey	Receive & File

### June 6, 2019

Local Input Survey Results	Information
Environmental Plan	Information
Safety Symposium	Information
Future of Workplace	Information
SCS Tech Methodology to ARB	Information
TDM Strategic Plan update	Information

### Aug. 1, 2019

Climate Adaptation Framework	Information
Caltrans Vulnerability Assessment	Information
PEIR Update	Information
Green Region Initiative	Receive & File

### Sept. 5, 2019

EV Strategy	Information
Transportation Safety	Information
Goods Movement Environmental. Strategy	Information
Connect SoCal Job Centers	Information

### Oct. 3, 2019

Connect SoCal EJ report	Information
Public Health Strategy	Information
Natural and Farmland	Information
SAFE Vehicle Rule	Information

## Joint Policy Committees Meetings

**Feb 7, 2019**

Who are we planning for? - Info

**March 7, 2019**

Where will we grow? - Info

**April 4, 2019**

How will we connect? – Info

**Aug. 1, 2019**

Connect SoCal Outreach - Info	Information
Connect SoCal Development - Info	“
Performance Measures - Info	“
Growth Forecast - Info	“

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November 7, 2019

To: Members of the Joint Policy Committees  
(CEHD, EEC, TC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, (213) 236-1835,  
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Subject: Connect SoCal Economic and Job Creation Analysis

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only – No Action Required

**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. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*For the past two cycles in 2012 and 2016, SCAG had developed economic impact assessments of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). It is becoming increasingly clear that transportation investments – particularly programs as ambitious and bold as the SCAG region’s – contribute importantly to the competitiveness of regional economy, economic and job growth.*

*Over the twenty-five year period, the Plan will generate an annual average of 167,100 jobs in the SCAG region. In addition, the network benefits from efficiency improvement and congestion reduction would result in an estimated annual average of 195,500 jobs. In total, the Plan will generate an annual average of 362,700 job during the 2021-2045 time period in the SCAG region. SCAG’s Chief Economic Advisor, Dr. Wallace Walrod, will present the economic and job impact from the investment proposed by Connect SoCal. In addition, there will be further discussion about Connect SoCal’s strategies, initiatives and the economic impacts through a panel at SCAG’s 10<sup>th</sup> Economic Summit scheduled on Dec. 5, 2019 at The L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Connect SoCal, or the 2020 RTP/SCS will employ people to build, operate and maintain transportation projects as a result of the regional infrastructure investment outlined in the 2020 RTP/SCS Financial Plan. In addition, a well-planned, well-functioning transportation system, with land use strategies that complement transportation investments, can improve the economy of a

**OUR MISSION**

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metropolitan area through network efficiency, productivity and competitiveness enhancement.

The Connect SoCal impacts our economy in following ways: 1) by creating jobs through transportation expenditure of direct investment in construction, maintenance and operation and 2) by making our region a more attractive place to live and to do business through enhancing network efficiency.

A mix and balanced of transportation projects and land use strategies, amount exceeding \$600 billion dollars are planned across the six counties in the region over the twenty-five year span of the plan.

SCAG' economic team used a model from REMI to estimate the economic impact of the Connect SoCal. The REMI TranSight model is an advanced economic analysis model that combines input-output approaches coupled with a model of resident and firm migration into and out of the SCAG region to model the direct, indirect and induced effects of the Connect SoCal spending. REMI also includes a general equilibrium model combined with New Economic Geography approaches to model changes in economic competitiveness. REMI TranSight is the most advanced tool commercially available for analysis that forecasts the total economic effects of changes to transportation systems. All of the economic analysis of the plan was conducted using REMI models.

Over the twenty-five year period, the plan will generate an annual average of 167,100 jobs in the SCAG region. More than 45 percent of these will fall in Los Angeles County, with 21 percent in Orange County and 19 percent in Riverside County.

The preliminary REMI model results showed that the network benefits from efficiency improvement and congestion reduction would result in an estimated annual average of 195,500 jobs in the SCAG region during the 2021-2045 time period. Note that those jobs are in addition to construction jobs, and the jobs are economic opportunities available to SCAG region residents as a result of increased competitiveness that would flow from full implementation of the Connect SoCal. The economic competitiveness will facilitate job growth over time, as the effect of the RTP/SCS plan relative to baseline—without plan condition—results in cumulative network efficiencies, increasing over the course of the Plan.

The total preliminary combined jobs from the two effects, plan investment (construction, operations and maintenance spending) and network efficiency/economic competitiveness will be an average of 362,700 jobs a year over the 2021-2045 period.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Overall Work Program (055.1531.02 Economic Analysis of Transportation Planning Activities & Investments).