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MEETING NO. 650

HYBRID (IN-PERSON & REMOTE PARTICIPATION) *

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Thursday, January 5, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, January 5, 2023
12:00 PM

The Regional Council 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 Jan Harnik, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that is *not* listed on the agenda. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time. Public comment for items listed on the agenda will be taken separately as further described below.

General information for all public comments: Members of the public have the option to participate in the meeting via written or verbal comments. Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments by sending an email to: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov by 5pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Such comments will be transmitted to members of the legislative body and posted on SCAG's website prior to the meeting. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Regional Council regarding any item on this agenda (other than writings legally exempt from public disclosure) are available at the Office of the Clerk, located at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 during normal business hours and/or by contacting the office by phone, (213) 630-1420, or email to aguilarm@scag.ca.gov. Written comments received after 5pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to verbally address the Regional Council in real time during the meeting will be allowed up to a total of 3 minutes to speak on items on the agenda, with the presiding officer retaining discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The presiding officer has the discretion to equally reduce the time limit of all speakers based upon the number of comments received. Members of the public may verbally address the Regional Council during the meeting. If participating in-person, you are invited but not required, to fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Clerk of the Board prior to speaking. It is helpful to indicate whether you wish to speak during the Public Comment Period (Matters Not on the Agenda) and/or on an item listed on the agenda. Limit oral comments to 3 minutes, or as otherwise directed by the presiding officer. If you are attending remotely and desire to speak on an item listed on the agenda, please wait for the chair to call the item and then indicate your interest in offering public comment by either using the "raise hand" function on your computer or pressing *9 on your telephone. For purpose of providing public comment for items listed on the Consent Calendar (if there is a Consent Calendar), please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called; items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon with one motion and there



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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 PPG. 10
(Ruben, Duran, BB&K Board Counsel)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 30, 2022 and January 4, 2023 meetings 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, subcommittees 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 Guidelines and Authorization to Release the Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Call for Applications PPG. 17
(Hannah Brunelle, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council approve the Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CCEEJ) Call for Applications Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications, upon approval of SCAG’s full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners, and to enter into agreements with awarded subregional partners under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – November 3, 2022 PPG. 43
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-016-C01, Strategic Media Relations Services PPG.55



5. Release of Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for Public Review and Comment PPG. 69
6. Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 - Release for Public Review PPG.73
7. 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines PPG.76
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships PPG. 93
9. 2023 State and Federal Legislative Platform PPG. 95

Receive and File

10. January 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 101
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12. Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan PPG. 125
13. REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update PPG.138
14. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 152
15. CFO Monthly Report PPG.163

INFORMATION ITEM

16. Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) PPG. 165

BUSINESS REPORT

(Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Jan Harnik, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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, subcommittees 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).

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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. Notwithstanding this summer's declines in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations, and the relaxing of COVID-19-related requirements, there has been a recent increase in Los Angeles County of both COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday, and the State of Emergency is still in force (although the Governor indicated that he intends to end the state of emergency on February 28, 2023). Additionally, variants such as variant b.a.5 and other omicron variants (such as BQ.1 and BQ.1.1.) have shown continued presence through test results in the region. Public health officials are urging residents to exhibit care as winter months proceed, when more indoor congregation occurs. Public health officials have advised to continue to be vigilant in practicing hygiene and wearing masks in public locations. Recent reports indicate that Los Angeles County may issue an indoor mask order should certain health metrics trigger. Indeed, to continue assisting in managing this ongoing public health situation, local public health officials still recommend social distancing and other measures, as further discussed below, as a means to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Amendments to the Brown Act in Government Code section 54953(e) (hereafter, "Section 54953(e)") allow 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).

This staff report includes findings that the EAC and RC can 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, subcommittees 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. At this time, this proclamation is in force, notwithstanding declines in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations from much higher rates during winter of 2022, and the general relaxing or retiring of COVID-19-related requirements. Thus, the declared state of emergency presently continues with respect to COVID-19. On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom indicated that he intends to end the state of emergency on February 28, 2023.¹

COVID-19 variants, including the b.a.5 variant and sub-variants derived from the omicron variant (such as variants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1), demonstrate that the virus continues to transmit in public places, as evidenced by test results. Further, tracking has shown an increase in regional hospitalization for COVID-19 in recent months, especially in Los Angeles County where the Los Angeles Public Health Officer has reported both COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday.² The Los Angeles County Public Health Officer has stated that Los Angeles County continues to monitor case numbers and the Public Health Officer has not ruled out mandatory masking or other prophylactic measures in the future, should circumstances warrant.³ The public health officer also continues to advocate for social distancing as a prudent and reasonable means to assist in controlling COVID-19.⁴

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which amended the Brown Act's teleconferencing provisions, 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

¹ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/10/17/governor-newsom-to-end-the-covid-19-state-of-emergency/#:~:text=SACRAMENTO%20%E2%80%93%20Today%2C%20Governor%20Gavin%20Newsom,used%20to%20combat%20COVID%2D19> (accessed December 8, 2022). The governor's statement indicated February 28, 2023 was selected to give "the health care system needed flexibility to handle any potential surge that may occur after the holidays in January and February, *in addition to providing state and local partners the time needed to prepare for this phaseout and set themselves up for success afterwards.*"

² <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-12-08/a-january-mask-mandate-looms-if-l-a-covid-19-wave-worsens-but-will-people-mask-up-again> (accessed December 8, 2022).

³ http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_SaferReturnWorkCommunity.pdf (visited December 8, 2022) (noting "Public Health will continue following the County's COVID-19 Response Plan to recommend or require future mitigation measures should the County's designation on the CDC's Community Level framework increase to Medium or High and the County's COVID-19 transmission level substantially increases in the future.")

⁴ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/BestPractices/> (visited December 8, 2022) (noting that in business locations it is recommended to "Limit indoor occupancy to increase the physical space between employees at the worksite, between employees and customers, and between customers.")

management of remote and teleconference public meetings held under this section. Specifically, Section 54953(e) imposes two 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 when congregating indoors and against recent variants (including variants b.a.5) that pose health risks. Providing remote meetings also allows for the fully participation of SCAG’s governing board members and staff who otherwise have tested positive, are mildly ill, and would be unable to personally attend meetings at SCAG’s offices but for the accommodations in Section 54953(e). In the spring and summer of 2022, SCAG meetings have included remote participation of either staff or committee members who have been ill with COVID-19 and, but for remote participation, would not have attended in person due to communicable illness.

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG’s Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have met pursuant to provisions in Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(A) because a declared state of emergency currently exists and County of Los Angeles Public Health Department and the City of Los Angeles currently recommends a variety of social distancing measures (including recommended, but not presently required, masking, recommending avoidance of crowded indoor spaces and social distancing, especially in cases where, as is the case here, the vaccination status of

persons outside your household is unknown).⁵ The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by current local health order recommendations to continue adhering to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated.⁶

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 RC's next regular meeting will not occur until January 5, 2023, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make the findings contained in this staff report to permit legislative bodies to meet on January 5th prior to the RC meeting.

If the findings below are made, all SCAG legislative bodies (i.e., the RC, EAC, Policy Committees and other SCAG committees, subcommittees 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:

⁵ See <https://coronavirus.lacity.org/> (visited December 8, 2022) Los Angeles County Public Health Department notation that social distancing is still a recommended practice.

⁶ See <https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph1781/files/page/file/20220304%20SAFER%20LA%20ORDER%202020.03.19%20%28REV%202022.03.04%29.pdf> (City of Los Angeles Mayoral Order), noting "All persons living and working within the City of Los Angeles should continue to always practice required and recommended COVID-19 infection control measures at all times and when among other persons when in community, work, social, or school settings, especially when multiple unvaccinated persons from different households may be present and in close contact with each other, especially when in indoor or crowded outdoor settings." Also, noting "Consistent and correct mask use (covering nose and mouth) is especially important indoors when in close contact with others (less than six feet from) who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or whose vaccination status is unknown."

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 currently remains in effect. The continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public, consistent with continued social distancing recommendations, 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, 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.⁷ Additionally, continuing virtual meetings allows for the fully participation of SCAG's governing board members and staff who otherwise have tested positive, are mildly ill, and would be unable to personally attend meetings at SCAG's offices but for the accommodations in Section 54953(e). Allowing the continued participation of mildly ill persons by remote means while they isolate promotes the public interest and, in fact, has permitted staff and governing board members to fully participate in prior meetings.
2. The EAC and RC find that state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as exemplified by the discussion and footnoted provisions above. Further the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and City of Los Angeles continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, including recommendations to avoid crowded indoor spaces and to maintain social distancing, especially in cases where the vaccination status of persons outside a person's household is unknown. The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by recent health order recommending the need to continued adherence to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated.

⁷ See

<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph1781/files/page/file/20220304%20SAFER%20LA%20ORDER%202020.03.19%20%28REV%202022.03.04%29.pdf>, noting "People at risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults and unvaccinated individuals with underlying medical conditions associated with higher risk for severe COVID-19—and members of their household, should defer participating in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures, including wearing face masks and social distancing, may not occur or will be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces. For those who are not yet fully vaccinated, staying home or choosing outdoor activities as much as possible with physical distancing from other households whose vaccination status is unknown is the best way to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission."



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.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Hannah Brunelle, Senior Regional Planner
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Subject: Approval of Guidelines and Authorization to Release the Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Call for Applications

RECOMMENDED ACTION EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) Call for Applications Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications, upon approval of SCAG's full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners, and to enter into agreements with awarded subregional partners under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council approve the Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) Call for Applications Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications, upon approval of SCAG's full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners, and to enter into agreements with awarded subregional partners under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

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:

Following the Regional Council's adoption of the 2020 Connect SoCal, SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) released three (3) funding Calls for Applications to provide resources

and direct technical assistance to local agencies across the region to support implementation of Connect SoCal. The previous three Calls focused on active transportation and safety, housing and sustainable development, and smart cities and mobility innovations. Given the availability of additional funding sources, SCAG will release a fourth Call for Applications focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ). SCP CEEEJ is anticipated to include \$5 million, funded by a mix of sources, including \$3 million from REAP 2.0 and \$2 million from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funding. SCP CEEEJ is one of the Early Program Initiatives of SCAG's larger REAP 2.0 Program, which was approved by the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) on behalf of the Regional Council on November 30, 2022. Pending approval and authorization from the Regional Council and the State Partners, SCAG anticipates releasing the SCP CEEEJ Call for Applications in early 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Since its inception, SCAG's SCP has provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts to support implementation of Connect SoCal. The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies that are responsible for land use and transportation decisions and provides local jurisdictions with multiple opportunities to seek funding to meet the needs of their communities, address recovery and resiliency strategies considering COVID-19 and support regional goals.

On July 7, 2022, staff presented the SCP CEEEJ draft guidelines to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) to recommend the Regional Council to approve the Guidelines and authorize the release of the Call for Applications. Since then, the State Partners released the REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines which incorporated significant feedback from entities across the state. Given these changes, staff have revised the SCP CEEEJ Guidelines to align with the revised REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines. Additionally, SCAG posted the draft SCP CEEEJ Guidelines for a 25-day public review period, following the revisions from the REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines. Notable changes to the SCP CEEEJ Guidelines include: (1) the removal of the coronavirus (COVID-19) economic recovery objective due to changes in funding for REAP 2.0, (2) updated CEEEJ project categories to better align with the final REAP 2.0 objectives; (3) the addition of \$2 million in SB1 funds to bolster the program and fund competitive projects that may not meet all REAP 2.0 requirements but allow the program to be responsive to needs identified by disadvantaged and historically underserved communities; and (4) revised evaluation criteria to reflect changes from the REAP 2.0 Final Guidelines.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In response to the social justice uprisings during 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic that further exposed racial and social inequities, the SCAG Regional Council adopted a resolution affirming the agency's commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California. The CEEEJ Call specifically aims to (1) advance the goals in SCAG's Racial Equity Early

Action Plan by prioritizing efforts that directly benefit Communities of Concern (CoCs) and SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) by encouraging racial equity in local planning practices; (2) support a wide range of eligible land use and transportation planning activities including housing supportive infrastructure projects; (3) support the development of plans to close the racial equity gap outlined in SCAG’s Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report; and (4) support and encourage equitable partnerships between community-based organizations (CBOs) and local agencies.

SCP CEEEJ is designed to align with requirements of both its funding sources, REAP 2.0 and SB 1. To align with the REAP 2.0 funding priorities, SCP CEEEJ projects must advance implementation of the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and support transformative planning activities. REAP 2.0 explicitly aims to meet three key objectives – accelerate infill development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and support Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). SB 1 supports the implementation of the RTP/SCS and supports greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. Proposed projects must have a transportation nexus and are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Projects must also include an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning, and further a coordinated approach to planning.

PROGRAM OUTREACH

SCAG has conducted significant outreach to inform and shape program development since July 2021, with a focus on targeting disadvantaged and historically underserved and underrepresented communities. To support program development, SCAG held a series of listening sessions and information sessions, open to interested applicants. SCAG held two listening sessions in July 2021 with 53 attendees combined, two information sessions in June 2022 with 93 attendees combined, and two information sessions in November 2022 with 64 attendees combined. Participants were invited to ask questions, share feedback on the program, and provide input on the Call development to shape the program guidelines. Outreach to promote the listening sessions targeted DACs, COCs, and CBOs working in these communities to reach historically underserved and disadvantaged communities. Following the information sessions, SCAG conducted over 30 one-to-one meetings with CBOs and local agencies across the SCAG region to support project ideation and development. SCAG is continuing one-to-one meetings through the Call opening period to provide direct support to applicants.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITIZATION

SCP CEEEJ prioritizes funding in or providing direct benefit to disadvantaged and historically underserved and underrepresented areas. SCP CEEEJ has identified “Priority Populations” which include the designations below. These designations demonstrate how CEEEJ has a significant geographic or region-wide benefit for disadvantaged and historically underserved communities. Priority Populations include:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities
- SCAG Communities of Concern

- AB 1550 Communities
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; affordable housing production in high resource and highest resource communities will also be prioritized)

This Call is designed to fund a variety of eligible projects focused across two project categories: (1) Housing and Land Use Strategies and (2) Multimodal Communities. To meet the requirements of the program funding, all projects must address at least one of the following five funding objectives:

- Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
- Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) by means of taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, when considering housing
- Reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Support implementation of SCAG's adopted Connect SoCal

SCP CEEJ aims to meet all five objectives across all awarded projects, in sum. Proposed project budgets are anticipated to be a minimum of \$200,000 and up to \$500,000. To strengthen the nexus to the goals and objectives of the Call, SCAG strongly encourages robust engagement strategies as a component of all projects.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

To encourage local partnerships, SCP CEEJ includes a co-applicant partnership structure, inclusive of a primary applicant and a co-applicant. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and non-profits (both of whom must have 501(c)(3) status) are eligible and highly encouraged to apply as co-applicants in partnership with an eligible primary applicant. Under the co-applicant structure multiple co-applicants, up to two (2), may apply alongside an eligible primary applicant. Agencies eligible to serve as a primary applicant may apply as a co-applicant with another eligible primary applicant if appropriate. Under a primary and co-applicant partnership, co-applicants may be compensated to lead key elements of the project. In addition, SCAG will procure a consultant to perform identified work on behalf of the primary applicant and co-applicant partnership.

Eligible primary applicants include local or regional agencies, county public health agencies, county transportation agencies, transit agencies or districts, and Tribal entities. For projects located in infill areas¹, housing authorities, natural resource or public land agencies, public academic institutions,

¹"Infill", for the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply: (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands (2) within existing development patterns or a census designated place with public services such as a post office, sheriff station, fire station, and schools (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:

- a. A community or neighborhood center, corridor with existing development patterns, or area with transit-supportive densities, or
- b. An established community that meets all the following criteria:
 - i. The area consists or previously consisted of or is designated in the General Plan for qualified urban uses

regional housing trust funds, school districts, and special districts are also eligible to apply as primary applicants. CBOs and non-profits are eligible only as co-applicants. Proposed projects not located in an infill area are still eligible for this Call due to the inclusion of SB1 funds. Table 1 summarizes the eligible applicants for this Call.

Table 1: SCP CEEEJ Eligible Applicants

Eligible as a Primary Applicant OR Co-Applicant (regardless of whether the project is in an infill area)	Eligible as a Co-Applicant Only	Eligible as a Primary Applicant ONLY if Proposed Project is located in an infill area	Not Eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local or regional agencies, examples include cities, counties, councils of government, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and County Public Health Departments Transit agencies or districts Tribal entities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-Based Organization (CBO) Non-profit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Authority Natural resource or public land agency Public academic institution Regional housing trust funds School district Special district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant Private Companies

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria will focus on four main categories:

- Project Need and Priority Population Benefits
- Project Design and Outcome
- Inclusive and Equitable Engagement
- Local Partnerships

Each application will be evaluated based on pre-determined criteria and shall demonstrate innovative and impactful approaches that meet the goals and objectives of the Call.

ii. The area is predominantly surrounded (more than 50 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed, were previously developed, or are designated in the General Plan with qualified urban uses, and
 iii. No parcel within is classified as natural and working lands.

TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

Pending approval and authority to release SCP CEEJ, SCAG anticipates opening the Call in early 2023. Staff will return to SCAG’s Policy Committees and Regional Council in July and August 2023 with the list of recommended project awards. Table 2 provides an overview of the program schedule.

Table 2: SCP CEEJ Timeline

Connect SoCal SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Timeline	Date
Call for Applications Opens	Early 2023
Application Workshops	March 2023
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	April 2023
Proposal Review and Scoring	May 2023
Distribution of Conditional Award Letters	June 2023 (or within 60 days of applications deemed complete)
SCAG Policy Committee and Regional Council Approval of the SCP Call 4 Rankings	July and August 2023
All Funds Must Be Committed (I.e., under purchase order/contract, etc.)	June 30, 2024
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	December 30, 2025

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item will be included in the FY22-23 OWP (800.0160.28: REAP 2021 (REAP 2.0) Grant Program Administration).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCP CEEJ Program Guidelines
2. PowerPoint Presentation - SCP CEEJ Call for Applications

Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program Call for Applications: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Program Guidelines

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Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Overview

Since 2005, SCAG’s various sustainability planning grant programs (Compass Blueprint, Sustainability Planning Grants, Sustainable Communities Program) have provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts to enable implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which today is called [Connect SoCal](#).

The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies who are responsible for land use and transportation decisions. The SCP provides local jurisdictions with multiple opportunities to seek funding and resources to meet the needs of their communities, address recovery and resiliency strategies considering COVID-19, and support regional goals. To strengthen the implementation link between this Call for Applications and the adopted Connect SoCal, the name of the program has changed to Connect SoCal SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ).

Connect SoCal SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announces the Connect SoCal SCP Call for Applications focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice.

On July 2, 2020, the SCAG Regional Council adopted [Resolution 20-623-2](#), affirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California and subsequently adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan in May 2021 to guide SCAG’s work in advancing equity. SCAG is committed to work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve historically disinvested communities. The SCP aims to prioritize resources where there is a demonstrated need, guided by the Connect SoCal Goal, “to support healthy and equitable communities.” For more information on SCAG’s equity efforts, please review the [Racial Equity Early Action Plan](#).

SCP CEEEJ has the following goals and objectives:

SCP CEEEJ Program Goals

- Advance the goals in SCAG’s Racial Equity Early Action Plan, by prioritizing efforts that directly benefit **Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)**, and other Priority Populations by encouraging racial equity in local planning practices.
- Support a **wide range of eligible** land use and transportation planning activities including housing supportive infrastructure planning efforts.
- Support the development of plans to close the **racial equity gap**.
- Align with Funding Objectives including infill development, housing for all incomes, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), RTP/SCS implementation, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction.
- Support and encourage equitable partnerships between community-based organizations (CBOs) and local governments.

SCP CEEEJ Program Objectives

- Support local planning efforts, strategically invest in, and provide technical assistance for projects and programs in SCAG’s Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), and other Priority Populations.
- Support local planning efforts focused on eliminating barriers to civic engagement for communities that have experienced historic disinvestment.
- Build community capacity, trust, and sustainable relationships with stakeholders in communities of color, including Communities of Concern, DACs, and other Priority Populations to strategically invest in local community-centered initiatives.
- Prioritize community identified and implemented projects.

Program Funding

CEEEJ is funded by a combination of sources including Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and the State of California (State) Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP 2.0.). CEEEJ anticipates a budget of approximately \$5 million, pending approval.

REAP 2.0 funds Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities that meet housing and equity goals, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and advance implementation of the region’s Sustainable

Communities Strategy (SCS). REAP 2.0 is explicitly intended to meet multiple objectives – Infill development, Housing for all incomes, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) in ways that accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals. Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 1: Definition of Terms.

SB 1 supports the implementation of the RTP/SCS and supports greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. Proposed projects must have a transportation nexus and are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Additionally, proposed projects shall support and advance the following objectives: sustainability, accessibility, safety, preservation, innovation, economic vitality, public health, and social equity, and provide other important community benefits. Projects shall also include an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning, and further a coordinated approach to planning. Given the inclusion of SB 1 funds, any city and county who receives SB 1 funds is required to have a housing element in substantial compliance with the State housing element law and must submit updated housing element Annual Progress Reports at the time of award notice.

Additional information on the program funding sources is provided in the Applicant Toolkit, which will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Local Partnership Structure

This Call for Applications includes a co-applicant partnership structure, inclusive of a primary applicant and a co-applicant. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and non-profits are eligible and highly encouraged to apply as co-applicants in partnership with an eligible primary applicant. To align with funding requirements, co-applicants must have a 501(c)3 status. A CBO that utilizes a fiscal sponsor is eligible to apply. The fiscal sponsor must apply on behalf of the organization, as the CEEEJ program requires 501(c)3 status. Multiple co-applicants, up to two (2), may apply alongside an eligible primary applicant. Agencies eligible to serve as a primary applicant may apply as a co-applicant with another eligible primary applicant if appropriate.

Under a primary and co-applicant partnership, co-applicants may be compensated to lead key elements of the project. In addition, SCAG will procure a consultant to perform identified work on behalf of the primary applicant and co-applicant partnership. Further details on the co-applicant partnership are included in Appendix 2: Partnership Structure.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility Screening Survey (required for all applicants)

To ensure applicant and project eligibility, SCAG requires all applicants, both primary applicants and co-applicants, to complete the **Eligibility Screening Survey** prior to starting the application. The survey will indicate eligibility and provide information to SCAG to better evaluate the application. The survey will be available on the program website once the Call is released

Eligible primary applicants include local or regional agencies, county public health agencies, county transportation agencies, transit agencies or districts, and Tribal entities. For projects located in infill areas, housing authorities, natural resource or public land agencies, public academic institutions, regional housing trust funds, school districts, and special districts are also eligible to apply as primary applicants. CBOs and non-profits are eligible only as co-applicants.

Proposed projects not located in an infill area are still eligible for this Call due to the inclusion of SB1 funds.

Eligible as a Primary Applicant OR Co-Applicant (regardless of whether the project is in an infill area)	Eligible as a Co-Applicant Only	Eligible as a Primary Applicant ONLY if Proposed Project is located in an infill area*	Not Eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local or regional agencies, examples include cities, counties, councils of government, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and County Public Health Departments • Transit agencies or districts • Tribal entities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based Organization (CBO) • Non-profit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Authority • Natural resource or public land agency • Public academic institution • Regional housing trust funds • School district • Special district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant • Private Companies

* Definitions for all terms, including infill areas, are found in Appendix 1: Definition of Terms.

Self-Certification Checklist (for co-applicants only)

After completing the Eligibility Screening Survey, eligible co-applicants are also required to complete a **Self-Certification Checklist**, included as part of the application, which helps SCAG identify areas where co-applicants need additional support for eligibility requirements. SCAG staff are available to discuss project eligibility. Links will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Project Design

Funding Objectives

Proposed projects must address at least one of the five following funding objectives:

- (1) Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
- (2) Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) by means of taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, when considering housing
- (3) Reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- (4) Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- (5) Support implementation of SCAG’s adopted Connect SoCal

Applicants shall strive for innovative and impactful approaches that produce transformative, visible, and measurable projects and results. The program seeks activities that are demonstrably exemplary, and applicants can demonstrate the funds will lead to changes that support program goals and objectives, stated above (e.g., housing production, VMT reduction, AFFH, Advancing/Implementing the SCS). Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 1: Definition of Terms.

Target Outcomes

In alignment with the funding objectives, applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project meets at least one of the following target outcomes:

- **Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability:** Increased number of city codes and/or policies revised and/or adopted to increase infill development or investment.
- **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)**
 - o High-resource areas: Increased number of permit streamlining and/or incentive programs to increase housing affordability.
 - o Disadvantaged community areas: Increased number of anti-displacement strategies adopted and/or completed.
- **Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):** Increased number of multimodal plans completed and/or investments in multimodal transportation.

Note: SCAG's REAP 2.0 funding application is currently pending review and approval from the State. Target outcomes are subject to change. SCAG will work with applicants to modify target outcomes as needed.

Project Categories

Applicants may apply to one or more of the following CEEEJ project categories: (1) Housing and Land Use Strategies, and (2) Multimodal Communities. Examples are included in the bulleted list, by category. A project or plan may qualify under more than one category. Proposed project budgets are anticipated to be a minimum of \$200,000 and up to \$500,000.

1. Housing & Land Use Strategies

Projects must have a direct tie leading to the production of affordable housing and reducing VMT. Eligible activities should result in a change in behavior or a significant improvement to the existing land use pattern or other dynamics that result in accelerating infill housing production and reducing VMT.

Applicants must describe how plans support accelerated infill development, and as applicable, support AFFH. Plans accelerating infill development near jobs and other key destinations to support increasing housing choices and affordability effectively reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions. Example plans and projects include:

- o Affordable Housing Plans & Ordinances
- o Integrating Infill Housing into General Plan Updates
- o Integration of Environmental Justice Goals and/or Policies into General Plan Updates in support of housing production and AFFH
- o Infrastructure & Utility Financing Plans (*not including fossil fuel and natural gas*)

2. Multimodal Communities

Multimodal Communities projects should increase accessibility, mobility, resiliency, and safety. Projects are eligible when they leverage transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies that increase travel options to homes, jobs, services, and other key destinations that provide, support, or enhance Multimodal Communities. These projects must reduce the number

or length of vehicle trips. Multimodal Communities are defined as those which are served by a variety of travel options that accommodate a variety of transportation modes for the public to access daily destinations. Multimodal options can include, but are not limited to, complete street improvements for active transportation, improving access to transit, and creating high quality transit stops.

Applicants must describe and demonstrate how the plan or project reduces VMT and GHG emissions. For example, in a park and greenway plan, this may include creating safe and accessible routes to parks and green spaces that reduce the number of vehicle trips and support multimodal communities. Additionally, for a Vision Zero Plan, this may include planned street improvements that make it safer to access housing, key destinations and job centers without a car, and educational engagement campaigns that promote safe walking and biking. Example plans and projects include:

- Community E-Bike Rebates and E-Bike Share Plans & Pilots (*e-bike pilots are eligible when done alongside planning activities*)
- Highways to Boulevards and Freeway Cap Plans – Improvements for Non-Motorized Vehicles and Pedestrian Traffic (*Motorized Vehicle Infrastructure improvements are ineligible*)
- Park and Greenway Connectivity Plans
- Multimodal Corridor Studies (*alongside planning activities*)
- Transportation Accessibility and Safety Demonstration Projects (*alongside planning activities*)
- Vision Zero Policy and Programs or Safety Plans

Community Engagement Strategies are a required component of all projects funded through CEEEJ and should be integrated into the proposed project scope. Community engagement strategies may include but are not limited to the following examples:

- Cohort-Based Engagement Programs
- Community Charettes
- Community Storytelling
- Community Resiliency Playbooks & Toolkits
- [Go Human Kit of Parts Activations](#)

For additional guidance on community engagement best practices, please reference available resources on the program website. Links will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Priority Populations

SCAG prioritizes funding in or providing direct benefit historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under resourced areas. CEEEJ has identified “Priority Populations” which include the designations below. These designations allow SCAG to demonstrate how CEEEJ has a significant geographic or region-wide benefit for Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities. Priority Populations include:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0)
- SCAG Communities of Concern

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- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; affordable housing production in high resource and highest resource communities will also be prioritized).
- AB 1550 Communities

Please refer to the REAP 2.0 Priority Population Mapping Tool, which will be available on the program website upon Call release, to identify if the proposed project overlaps with one or more Priority Population areas. Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 1: Definition of Terms.

Evaluation Criteria

All project categories will be evaluated using the following scoring criterion:

- Project Design and Outcomes
- Project Need and Priority Population Benefits
- Inclusive and Equitable Engagement
- Local Partnerships

Further detail regarding how points are determined will be provided in the project application, available on the SCP project website.

Scoring Criteria		Points
General Project Information and Eligibility		Not scored
1	Project Design & Outcomes	20
1.1	Community and Vision Summary	
1.2	Funding Objectives & SCS Implementation	
1.3	Anticipated Project Outcomes	
1.4	Scope of Work & Project Feasibility	
2	Project Need & Priority Population Benefits	10
2.1	Priority Populations	
2.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	
3	Inclusive & Equitable Engagement	10
3.1	Priority Populations Engagement & Letters of Support	
3.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	
4	Local Partnerships	10
4.1	Reciprocal Relationships and Impact	

SCP CEEEJ Program Guidelines

4.2	Governance & Decision-making	
Total Points		50

Schedule

SCP Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice	Date
Call for Applications Opens	Early 2023
Application Workshops	March 2023
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	April 2023
Proposal Review and Scoring	May 2023
Distribution of Conditional Award Letters	June 2023 (or within 60 days of applications deemed complete)
SCAG Policy Committee and Regional Council Approval of the SCP CEEEJ Rankings	July and August 2023
All Funds Must Be Committed (I.e., under purchase order/contract, etc.)	June 30, 2024
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	December 31, 2025

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Appendix 1: Definition of Terms

- **Infill Area:** “Infill”, the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply: *(Note this is a working definition and is subject to change based on State approval).*
 - the area consists of unused or underutilized lands
 - within existing development patterns
 - that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:
 - An urban center, urban corridor, or area with transit-supportive densities, or
 - An established community that meets all the following criteria:
 - The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses
 - The area is predominantly surrounded (approximately 75 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses. In counting this, perimeters bordering navigable bodies of water and improved parks shall not be included, and
 - No parcel within or adjoining the area is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands.
 - Under unique circumstances, applicants may propose an alternative definition of “Infill” subject to approval by the Department and State Collaborative Partners.

- **Priority Populations:** This program prioritizes funding in areas that have been traditionally disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under resourced. These designations include:
 - **SB 535 Disadvantaged Areas** (as designated under CalEnviroScreen Version 4.0-- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1c21c53da8de48f1b946f3402fbae55c/page/SB-535-Disadvantaged-Communities/>) are based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria, and may include, but are not limited to, either of the following:
 - Areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation
 - Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment
 - Inclusive of Tribal Entities and Tribal Government Lands
 - **SCAG Communities of Concern:** Census Designated Places (CDP) and the City of Los Angeles Community Planning Areas (CPA) that fall in the upper one-third of all communities in the SCAG region for having the highest concentration of minority populations and low-income households
 - **TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas:** High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; High and highest resource areas that are located within infill areas shall focus on Affordable Housing production and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing to be considered an eligible area
 - **AB1550 Communities** (See maps applications link below: <https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/>) include “Low-income households” with incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income or with household

incomes at or below the threshold designated as low-income by the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Section 50093 (2) and “Low-income communities” are census tracts with median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income or with median household incomes at or below the threshold designated as low-income by HCD’s State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Section 50093

- **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH):** Pursuant to Government Code section 899.50, AFFH means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.
- **Co-Applicant:** Non-profits and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) with 501(c)3 status. Organizations with fiscal sponsors are eligible. Co-applicants must apply in partnership with primary applicants.
- **Primary Applicant (or Agency Applicant):** Local or regional agencies, including cities, counties, and councils of governments (COGs), transit agencies or districts, county transportation agencies, county public health agencies, and Tribal Entities. If the project is located in an infill area, Housing Authorities, Natural resource or public land agencies, Public academic institutions, School districts, Special districts, and regional housing trust funds are eligible as primary applicants.
- **Special District:** Limited purpose local governments entities, separate from cities and counties, providing focused public services such as fire protection, sewers, water supply, electricity, parks, recreation, etc.
- **Natural Resource or Public Resource Agencies:** Federal, State, or local agency responsible for natural resources or public land administration.

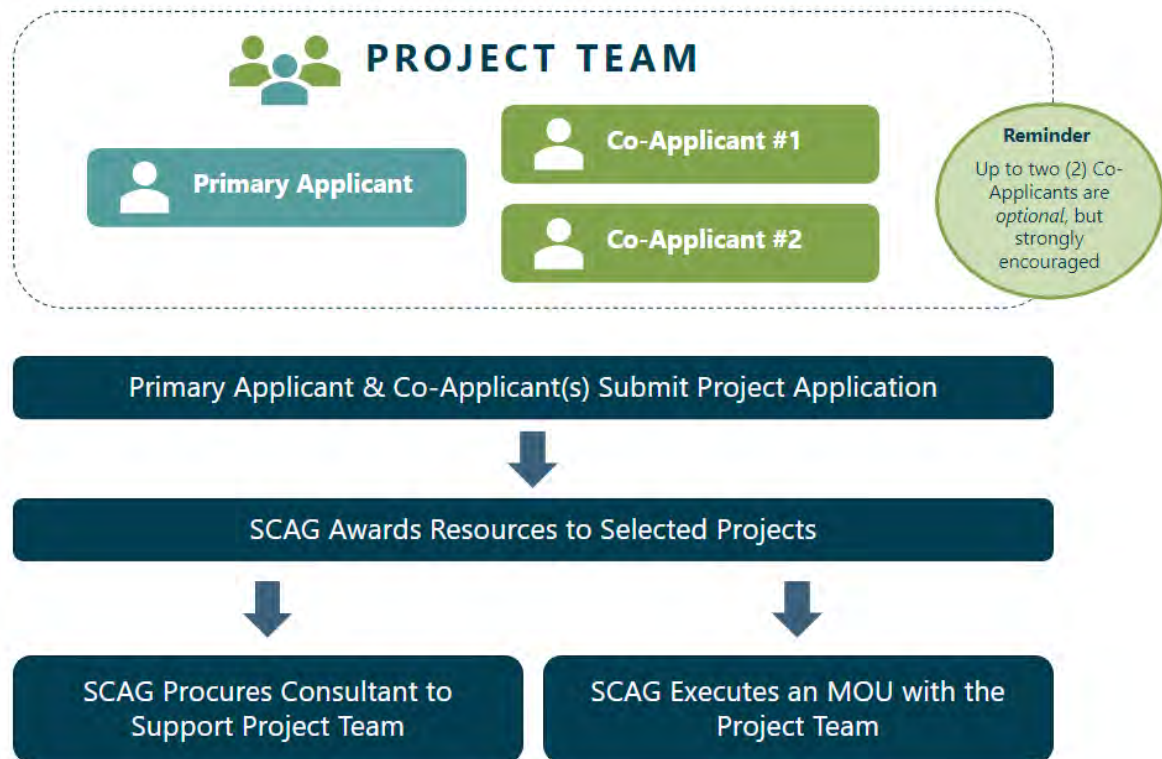
Appendix 2: Partnership Structure

This Call for Applications encourages co-applicant partnerships to support equity, local engagement, and collaboration. Upon award, co-applicants listed on the application will enter a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with SCAG , the primary applicant, and the consultant to outline roles, responsibilities, the scope of work, and payment structure for each co-applicant. SCAG will also procure a consultant on behalf of the primary applicant to support the project and the co-applicant partnership.

Under a primary and co-applicant partnership, co-applicants would be compensated to lead key elements of the project. In addition, a consultant team would be procured to perform identified work on behalf of the primary and co-applicant partnership. A graphic visual of the co-applicant structure is included below.

SCAG may evaluate the risks to the program posed by each co-applicant to assess a co-applicant’s ability to manage award funds pursuant to the requirements prescribed in the applicable funding guidelines. In some circumstances, special grant conditions may be imposed to mitigate anticipated risks. Each co-applicant may be required to furnish documentation to SCAG for this evaluation. The proposed payment method is based on a milestone payment, subject to the approval of the State. SCAG will perform a cost analysis of the proposed budget and will pay the co-applicant based on a milestone payment schedule as outlined in the MOU agreement.

As part of the evaluation process, this program encourages equitable partnerships between local agencies and CBOs. Key elements of equitable partnerships should include reciprocal, mutually beneficial relationships, balanced and clear roles and responsibilities, an equitable decision-making structure where each partner is closely involved in all decisions affecting the project, and power dynamics are recognized and addressed. The budget for the co-applicant(s) should reflect the roles and responsibilities described in the application and outlined in the scope of work. The partnership shall also seek to support long-term collaborative relationship building between partners and with the community.



Appendix 3: Applicant Eligibility

Community-Based Organization (CBO) or Nonprofit

	Infill Area
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		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as co-applicant only	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as co-applicant only	Eligible as co-applicant only

County Public Health Agency, County Transportation Agency, Local or Regional Agency, Transit Agency or District, or Tribal Entity

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Eligible as primary or co-applicant

Housing Authority, Natural Resource or Public Lands Agency, Public Academic Institution, School District, Special District

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Eligible as co-applicant only

Local or Regional Housing Trust Fund

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible



Connect SoCal SCP Call #4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (CEEEJ)

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Agenda

1. **Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) & Call for Applications Overview**
2. **Goals & Objectives**
3. **Applicant & Project Eligibility**
4. **Partnership Opportunities**
5. **Proposed Scoring Criteria**
6. **Timeline**

Sustainable Communities Program Overview

- Since 2005, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has provided resources and direct technical assistance to local jurisdictions via the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP).
- SCAG will release a fourth Call for Applications for programs and projects prioritizing **Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice** in **early 2023**.

SCP CEEEJ Goals & Objectives



Support the development of plans to close the **racial equity gap**.



Support a **range of eligible** land use and transportation activities.



Prioritize efforts that benefit **Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities, and other Priority Populations**.



Encourage **equitable partnerships** between community-based organizations (CBOs) and local governments.

Funding Objectives

- This program is anticipated to include up to \$5M (*pending approval*) through a mix of funding sources.
- Projects must be transformative and meet at least one of the following objectives:



Affirmatively
Furthering Fair
Housing



Accelerate Infill
Housing



Reduce Vehicle
Miles Traveled



Reduce
Greenhouse Gas
Emissions



Support
Implementation
of Connect SoCal

Program Outreach



Priority Populations

Focuses geographic and region-wide benefits for **Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities**

SB535 Disadvantaged Communities
(CalEnviroScreen 4.0)

TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas

SCAG Communities of Concern

AB 1550 Communities

Project Eligibility

Applicants are encouraged to apply to one or more of the following categories:



Housing & Land Use Strategies

Affordable Housing Plans & Ordinances

Integrating Infill Housing into General Plans



Multimodal Communities

Vision Zero Policy and Programs or Transportation Safety Plans

Multimodal Corridor Studies

Proposed Definition of Infill

"Infill", for the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply:

- ✓ (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands, **AND**
- ✓ (2) within existing development patterns, **AND**
- ✓ (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling
AND is located in either (a) or (b):

a. A community or neighborhood center, corridor with existing development patterns, or area with transit-supportive densities.

OR

b. An established community that meets **ALL** the following criteria:

- + The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses
- + The area is predominantly surrounded (approx. 75% of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses, and
- + No parcel within is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands.

Co-Applicant Partnership Structure

Primary Applicants are encouraged to apply in partnership with up to two Co-Applicant(s)



Primary Applicant



Co-Applicant



Co-Applicant

- Co-Applicants would be compensated to lead key elements of the project via an MOU with SCAG
- A Consultant team will be procured to support the work


Applicant Eligibility

Primary Applicant

- Cities and Counties
- County Transportation Agencies
- Transit Agencies
- Tribal Entities
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Public Academic Institutions
- School Districts
- Special Districts
- Regional Housing Trust Funds
- Housing Authorities

Co-Applicant

- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Non-Profits
- All primary applicants are also eligible as co-applicants

-  Eligible as primary applicant for all funding
-  Eligible as a primary applicant for REAP 2 funds only
-  Must be a registered 501c3 or have a Fiscal Sponsor

Proposed Scoring Criteria*



**Pending approval*

CEEEJ Timeline*



*subject to change



THANK YOU!

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**NO. 648
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) 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. Jan Harnik, President

Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice President

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Hilda Solis

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Brian Goodell

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Buena Park

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Colton

Highland

Rialto

RCTC

District 21

District 4

Imperial County

Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County

ICTC

OCTA

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 6

District 7

District 8



Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Denise Diaz	<i>South Gate</i>	District 25
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69

Members Not Present

Members Not Present

Members Not Present



Supervisor Curt Hagman, 2nd Vice President

Supervisor Don Wagner
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Vianey Lopez
Hon. Zak Schwank *Temecula*
Hon. L. Dennis Michael *Rancho Cucamonga*
Hon. Randall Putz *Big Bear Lake*
Hon. Kim Nguyen *Garden Grove*
Hon. Rex Richardson *Long Beach*
Hon. Steve De Ruse *La Mirada*
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler *Alhambra*
Hon. Juan Carrillo *Palmdale*
Hon. Claudia Bill-de la Peña *Thousand Oaks*
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo *Los Angeles*
Hon. Paul Krekorian *Los Angeles*
Hon. Bob Blumenfield *Los Angeles*
Hon. Nithya Raman *Los Angeles*
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Hon. Eric Garcetti *Los Angeles*
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. *Pechanga Dev. Corp.*
Ms. Lucy Dunn

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Member-at-Large
Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd.
Business Representative

Staff Present

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs



James Ramirez, Director of Human Resources (Acting)/Risk Management and Safety Officer
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
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Harnik called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, 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 Harnik announced the meeting was being held both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Board Counsel Duran provided brief comments on continuing to holding virtual Regional Council and Committee meetings.

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

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 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, subcommittees 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 (Marquez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Bacerra, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Goodell, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Hernandez, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Minagar, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, O'Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Solis, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (49)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

PRESENTATION

2. Infrastructure Update - California Infrastructure Advisor Antonio Villaraigosa

President Harnik introduced the Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa.

Mr. Villaraigosa provided an update on infrastructure and funding for transportation, broadband, energy, and water. He expressed the need to streamline the permitting process in the state and focus on accelerating projects. He also emphasized the need to look at other ways of delivering projects, doing more design build projects, and public private partnerships to expand the amount of money for projects.

Regional Council Members engaged in discussion with Mr. Villaraigosa. Comments consisted of requesting additional funding for transportation projects like the Gold Line and the 710 freeway, as well as looking at equity and providing connectivity for disadvantaged communities. Additional discussion focused on finding ways to streamline permitting processes and reforming CEQA to help move projects forward.

INFORMATION ITEM

3. Pedestrian Safety Month: Highlighting Go Human's 2022 Outcomes

President Harnik announced that the Pedestrian Safety Month wrapped up earlier this week – making it timely to receive this report on the work under a \$1.25 million dollar grant that SCAG received from the Office of Traffic Safety. She reported that as the last activity in this grant, the implementation period concluded for the SCAG *Go Human* Mini-Grants Program in September 2022. She noted that this program funded community-based organizations, non-profits, and social enterprises to implement innovative traffic safety and community engagement projects, and that in the last grant period, SCAG awarded over \$350,000 to 26 projects representing all six counties of the region. She stated that projects included demonstrations of safety infrastructure, public art to encourage safe driving, walk audits, community bike rides and other outreach events. A video was shown to highlight some of the important work.

Regional Council Member Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel, District 12, thanked SCAG for their collaboration in receiving funding to make improvements for pedestrian safety in his city. He announced that the American Public Works Association selected them as the best safety project in California.

ACTION ITEM

In the interest of time, action on Items 4, 5, 6 and the Consent Calendar were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

4. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program SCAG Region Project Nominations

Kome Ajise, Executive Director provided a brief report and noted that the objective of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) was to fund freight infrastructure improvements on

federally designated trade corridors, including corridors with a high volume of freight movement, as determined by the California Transportation Commission, including Senate Bill 671 Corridors. He explained that the SCAG region was eligible for TCEP because SCAG had an adopted Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 Connect SoCal) determined by the California State Air Resources Board (CARB) to achieve the region's greenhouse gas reduction targets. He stated that SCAG, as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), was tasked with compiling project nominations from its respective agencies for the California Transportation Commission, this includes a cover letter to be submitted by the MPO with the list of nominations and confirmation of consistency of the project nominations with 2020 Connect SoCal. He stated that as part of this process, SCAG had received 16 project nominations for the SCAG region. He noted that the City of Santa Ana had alerted SCAG of its intention of submitting a TCEP application for the Santa Ana Grade Separation Project, making it 17 projects. He explained that with the 16 projects, the total TCEP funding request for this cycle was \$675.4 million reflecting a total eligible cost of just below \$2.1 billion. Additionally, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) had proposed that SCAG partner on a Caltrans-led TravelCenters of America TCEP application for the state's 40 percent share. He clarified that with the City of Santa Ana's request, it would be \$680 million.

There were no public comments on this item.

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

5. REAP 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program - Guidelines and Call for Projects

There were no public comments on this item.

Mr. Ajise noted that the 2021 County Transportation Commission Partnership Program was one that they had talked to the Regional Council about. He reported that the Partnership Program was an 80 million competitive pass-through program to fund significant countywide transportation projects and pilot programs. He explained that the guidelines were developed with the CTC Partnership Working Group over the last six months and reflect updates based on program outreach. He noted that the scoring rubric reflects the three REAP objectives and SCAG priorities. He stated SCAG was providing ongoing Technical Assistance to CTCs in the development of project concepts that meet these goals. Lastly, he noted that SCAG will open the Call for Projects pending HCD approval of SCAG's final application and will return to the Regional Council with the full project list for approval in Spring 2023.

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

6. REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program

There were no public comments on this item.

Mr. Ajise reported that the PATH Program will allocate \$88 million in REAP 2 funds through three funding areas: 1) A Notice of Funds Available – For Lasting Affordability which will provide \$45 million in grants to create and support existing housing trusts, land trusts, and catalyst funds; 2) the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program which will focus on investments in infill utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements supporting jurisdictions to meet the 6th Cycle housing elements; and 3) the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program which will focus on: scaling up development on public and private lands with affordable and mixed-income housing and neighborhood supporting uses; and supporting agencies with regulatory land use control to implement corridor-wide and area-wide infill housing initiatives to scale housing supply while furthering fair housing and preventing displacement.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on this item.

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 6, 2022
8. 2023 Meeting Schedule of the Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees, and Regional Council
9. Resolution No. 22-648-1 Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, an amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, an amendment to FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget and a New Classification Structure and Salary Schedule
10. Consideration of Increase to Regional Council Contract and Contract Amendments Approval Thresholds



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11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-048-MRFP 12, Connect SoCal 2024 Technical Support
 12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-051-C01, Konica Reprographics & Multi-Function Printer Equipment Lease and Maintenance
 13. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

Receive and File

14. November 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update
15. Status Update on Clean Air Act Highway Sanction Clocks in SCAG Region
16. SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan
17. Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update for Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process
18. 2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report Release
19. Final 2022 Federal Certification Review
20. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
21. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Minagar) that the Regional Council approve **Item 4:** to approve 1) the SCAG region project nominations seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding; and 2) authorize SCAG to proceed with a TCEP grant application in coordination with Caltrans and TravelCenters of America, upon staff determining (in collaboration with Caltrans that risk and liability to SCAG can be appropriately mitigated should the grant be awarded; **Item 5:** that the Regional Council: 1) approve and adopt the REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission Guidelines; 2) authorize SCAG staff to open the CTC Partnership Program Call for Projects, pending HCD approval of SCAG's final REAP 2.0 application; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the REAP 2.0 program team; **Item 6:** that the Regional Council: 1) approve

and adopt the REAP 2021 PATH Program; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the Program including revising the Program as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the state partners; and **Consent Calendar** Items 7 through 13 and Receive and File Items 14 through 21. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Bacerra, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, Boyles, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Diaz, Dixon, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Hernandez, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Minagar, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, O’Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Solache, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (47)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

President Harnik asked if there was any Public Comment on the remaining administrative items.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Lucy Dunn, Business Representative was out of the country and provided her report in advance, which was attached to the Agenda Board Packet.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Harnik reported that SCAG had a presence at the State of the State event, with First Vice President Art Brown attending the event, which was presented by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. She indicated that Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development provided an update on the past legislative year as well as an economic overview and forecast for California. She proceeded to congratulate Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Wapner for a successful State of the Airport event, which showcased Ontario International Airport’s impressive expansion over the past six years. She noted that passenger volumes were up, and Ontario had become one of the top 10 cargo airports in North America, which generates \$3.8 billion dollars a year in activity for our region. She also reported that it was time again for CoMotion LA and this year, the mobility conference was taking place in downtown Los Angeles at the Japanese American National Museum from November 15-17. She stated that this event brings together global policymakers, transportation operators and the tech sector for workshops, demonstrations

and presentations about emerging mobility. She further reported that registration for SCAG's 13th Annual Economic Summit was open until November 28, and this year's event was themed "Resourcing the Region," and would focus on harnessing Southern California's unique resources to power our leading economy. She noted that the keynote speaker for this event was Calvin Gladney, the CEO of Smart Growth America, and that the event was scheduled for December 1 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles. She also reported that many had attended the public memorial celebrating Supervisor Carmen Ramirez last month in Oxnard and that it was another opportunity to celebrate her life and pay our respects as we move forward from this difficult tragedy. She reported that the Ventura County Community Foundation had established the Ramirez Legacy Scholarship Fund for Public Service. She also announced that they had several Councilmembers who had their last meeting this day and would formally recognize them at the General Assembly in the Spring. She took the opportunity to wish them all the best and thank them for their tremendous service to SCAG. She noted the following members: Rey SJ Santos, RC District #3; Megan Beaman-Jacinto, RC District #66; Cheryl Viegas-Walker, RC District #1; Jess Talamantes, RC District #42; Paul Koretz, RC District #52; Mike Bonin, RC District #58; Joe Buscaino, RC District #62; Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Mayor, At-Large Member; Diane Dixon, RC District #15; Mike Posey, RC District #64; Juan Carrillo, RC District #43; Claudia Bill-de la Peña, RC District #45; and Peggy Huang, Transportation Corridor Agencies Representative. She also took a moment to recognize past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker who had been a dedicated public servant for 25 years. She also welcomed the newest member to the Regional Council, Vianey Lopez, who was sworn into office as a Ventura County Supervisor. Lastly, she announced that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled on January 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported on the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PERI)– Notice of Preparation (NOP) and stated that SCAG released the NOP of a Draft PEIR for the proposed Connect SoCal 2024. The NOP was currently under the required 30-day public review and comment period -from October 17 through November 16 and expected they would receive comments from interested parties on the scope and content of the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR. He noted that during the public review SCAG staff would host two virtual public scoping meetings. He also provided an update on the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP)/Greenprint Public Sector Stakeholder Workshop which reviewed our draft policy framework for RAMP. He stated that they met with public sector agencies who lead projects and can use RAMP and the planned Greenprint tool to expedite their projects and bring more certainty to their environmental review process. He stated that the feedback was helpful as they formulate plans for the Technical Advisory Committee. From here, staff will be revising the draft RAMP framework according to this feedback before bringing it back to the RAMP Advisory Task Group and later the Regional Council. He also highlighted two reports that were included in the agenda packet: the Digital Action Plan (Item 16) and Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report (Item 18).

Lastly, he provided a report on the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant. He stated that as of October 15 many of their cities and a couple of counties did not meet the deadline for housing elements compliance. As a result, they would not be eligible for this program. He stated that staff brought attention to this and reach out to HCD. He reported that on October 7, HCD issued an amendment to the PLHA guidelines that extended the application deadline to November 30 and clarified that a jurisdiction without compliant housing elements may apply if their housing element is compliant by the date of the funding award. He stated that HCD plans to award PLHA funds by February 2023. He also reported that they had had several speaking engagements in the last month and congratulated the Ventura Council of Governments for their annual dinner.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-016-C01, Strategic Media
Relations Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 23-016-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$603,225 with Lambert 20/20 Communications, Inc. DBA The 20/20 Network, to provide strategic media relations services. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The consultant will provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward bettering the quality of life for residents across its region. This will include building the agency's credibility and trust in the eyes of key regional, state and national leaders, as well as the general public.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$200,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
The 20/20 Network/ 23-016-C01	The consultant will provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating pointed coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward	\$603,225



bettering the quality of life for residents across
its region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$100,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, and the remaining \$503,225 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 OWP budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 23-016-C01
2. Contract Summary 23-016-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-016-C01

Recommended Consultant: Lambert 20/20 Communications, DBA The 20/20 Network

Background & Scope of Work: As part of its overall effort to create regional plans and support implementation, SCAG requires a strong and sustained relationship with the media. This includes strategies for creating and leveraging media opportunities to develop a consistent narrative that supports SCAG’s influence and leadership in fostering collaboration among Southern California’s land use and transportation planning community.

The consultant shall provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward bettering the quality of life for residents across its region. Their services will also include building the agency’s credibility and trust in the eyes of key regional, state and national leaders, as well as the general public.

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

- Fostering public understanding of long-range regional planning;
- Showcasing innovative programs, projects and studies led and funded by the agency; and
- Encouraging participation and further reach of information from SCAG events.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$603,225
The 20/20 Network (prime consultant)	\$312,000
Cause Communications (subconsultant)	\$190,700
David Lang & Associates (subconsultant)	\$100,525

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through December 31, 2025

Project Number(s): 090-0148.02 \$100,000
Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303.

Funding of \$150,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, and the remaining \$503,225 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 OWP budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 1,703 firms of the release of RFP 23-016 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 28 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:

The 20/20 Network (2 subconsultants)	\$603,225
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After receiving only one (1) proposal, staff surveyed 27 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Five (5) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reason these firms did not respond were the firms lacked required expertise to perform the scope of work. Further, from this feedback, it suggests that staff could not have done anything differently to get a better response. Note staff advertised the RFP for thirty-eight (38) days via PlanetBids. Staff subsequently requested and received Caltrans concurrence to proceed evaluating the single offer received.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the one (1) proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the one (1) proposal, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Ana Vallianatos, Manager, Media & Public Affairs, SCAG (Project Manager)

Margaret de Larios, Lead External Communications & Media, SCAG

Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager, Housing & Economic Empowerment, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended The 20/20 Network for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated comprehensive and broad range of services and solutions that will meet SCAG's requirements. Specifically, the consultant was able to respond to all tasks adequately, demonstrating expertise in working with the media as needed to perform in many of the areas required in the scope of work. This includes a full range of activity from planning media strategy, developing content, and working with media;
- Demonstrated extensive experience with projects of similar size and scope, specifically, the consultant is the incumbent firm providing similar services to SCAG. Their sub-consultant, Cause Communications also has extensive experience handling challenging issues in the public sector; and

Provided a detailed technical approach describing how they will complete the scope of work deliverables which includes flexible long-term approaches and specific tactical lists.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For January 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
The 20/20 Network (prime consultant)	Yes - form attached
Cause Communications (subconsultant)	No - form attached
David Lang & Associates (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-016

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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

Name of Firm: The 20/20 Network
Name of Preparer: Steve Lambert
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: 23-016 **Date Submitted:** October 19, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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

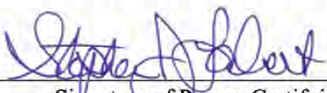
Name	Date	Dollar Value
Alan Wapner	July 21, 2022	\$1,000

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Steve Lambert, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Partner of (firm name) The 20/20 Network, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 19, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
 (original signature required)

 10/19/22
 Date

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Name of Firm: Cause Communications
Name of Preparer: Carrie Spencer
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: 23-016 **Date Submitted:** October 19, 2022

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YES NO

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

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YES NO

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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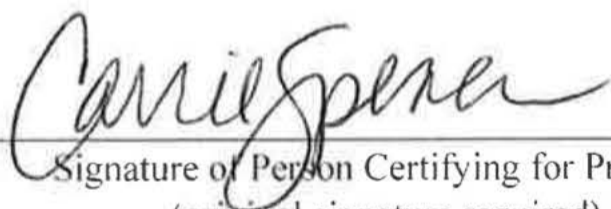
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This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Carrie Spencer, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Operations Director of (firm name) Cause Communications, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 12, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

10/12/2022

Date

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RFP No. 23-016

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Name of Firm: David Lang & Associates
Name of Preparer: David Lang
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: No. 23-016 Date Submitted: Oct. 12, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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

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YES NO

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Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) DAVID C. LANG, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) PRESIDENT of (firm name) DAVID LANG & ASSOCIATES, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated Oct. 12, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

David Lang _____ Oct. 12, 2022 _____
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Lijin Sun, Principal Planner
213-236-1804, sunl@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Release of Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal
2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement
Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for Public Review and
Comment

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to release the transportation conformity analysis of the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for public review and comment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Authorize the Executive Director to release the transportation conformity analysis of the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for public review and comment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR TC:

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:

As previously reported, to reduce impact of the conformity lockdown and in collaboration with the six County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) in the SCAG region, SCAG staff proactively initiated in March 2022 the development of Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. These Connect SoCal and FTIP Amendments are to process additional urgent new transportation projects and changes to existing transportation projects that could not be included in the accelerated 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Consistency Amendment #2.



SCAG staff has completed the development of the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 including the associated transportation conformity analysis. Further, the conformity analysis demonstrates that the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 meet all federal transportation conformity requirements. Staff is seeking recommendation from the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) and approval of the Regional Council (RC) on the same day today to release the conformity analysis as part of the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 for a 30-day public review and comment. Upon completion of public review and comment, the proposed final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 will be scheduled to be presented to the Transportation Committee (TC) and the associated transportation conformity analysis will be scheduled to be presented to the EEC for recommended adoption by the RC, which is anticipated to occur in either April or May 2023, pending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final approval of updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six (6) county region of Southern California and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) per state law. As such, it is responsible for developing and maintaining the RTP/SCS and FTIP in cooperation with the State (Caltrans), the CTCs, and public transit operators.

On May 7, 2020, the RC adopted the Connect SoCal 2020 (2020 RTP/SCS) for federal transportation conformity purposes only. On June 5, 2020, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA), in coordination with U.S. EPA Region 9, approved the final transportation conformity determination required under the federal Clean Air Act for the Connect SoCal 2020. On September 3, 2020, the RC approved and adopted the Connect SoCal 2020 for all purposes.

On November 4, 2021, the RC approved the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #1 and the 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment #21-05 including the associated transportation conformity determinations. On January 4, 2022, FHWA/FTA, in coordination with the US EPA Region 9, approved the final transportation conformity determinations for the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment #21-05.

On October 6, 2022, the RC approved the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP including the associated transportation conformity determinations. On December 16, 2022, SCAG received federal approval of the conformity determinations for the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP.

SCAG staff began the process of developing the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 in March 2022. Over the past eight months, staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with the six CTCs throughout the region to develop the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03.

Specific changes include project modifications amounting to a total of 214 project modifications including 211 financially constrained projects and three strategic plan projects. Majority of the 214 project modifications, 168 out of 214, involve short-term FTIP projects. Of the 214 project modifications, 13 of the projects are within Imperial County, 109 of the projects are within Los Angeles County, 12 of the projects are within Orange County, 50 of the projects are within Riverside County, 23 of the projects are within San Bernardino County, and 7 projects are within Ventura County. Among the 214 project modifications, most of them are modifications to existing projects, including revised project descriptions, schedules, and/or total costs. Of the 21 new projects, 10 of the projects are within Los Angeles County, 2 of the projects are within Orange County, 7 of the projects are with Riverside County, and 2 of the projects are within San Bernadino County.

Under the U.S. Department of Transportation's metropolitan planning regulations and the U.S. EPA's transportation conformity regulations, the draft Connect SoCal Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 need to pass five transportation conformity tests: consistency with the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 as amended, 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 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 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, and the analysis demonstrates conformity.

At its meeting today, the TC is considering whether to recommend the RC approve the release of the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 for public review and comment. On the same day today, the EEC is considering whether to recommend the RC approve the release of the associated transportation conformity analysis for public review and comment.

Upon approval by the RC at its meeting today, the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 including the associated transportation conformity analysis will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on January 6, 2023 and ending on February 5, 2023. One public hearing will be held on January 17, 2023.

Upon completion of the public review and comment period, staff will respond to all comments on the draft amendments and include responses in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2020

Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. The proposed final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 will thereafter be presented to the TC and the RC for approval, anticipated on the same day in the April/May 2023 timeframe, pending U.S. EPA final approval of updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets. The associated transportation conformity determinations will be presented to the EEC and the RC for approval also anticipated on the same day in the same April/May 2023 timeframe. It is important to note that the RC may not adopt the conformity determinations until the U.S. EPA has approved the updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets, currently anticipated in April 2023.

SCAG staff has been and will continue to work closely with staff of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, and U.S. EPA to ensure timely final approval of the updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets around April 2023. In addition, SCAG staff is in close conversation with the FHWA/FTA and plans to request their expedited review and approval of the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 around May 2023.

The draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 is available at:
www.scag.ca.gov/post/amendment-3-0

The draft 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 is accessible at:
<https://scag.ca.gov/2023-proposed-amendments>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (23-025.0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Nancy Lo, Associate Regional Planner
(213) 236-1899, lo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency
Amendment #23-03 - Release for Public Review

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR TC:

Recommend that the Regional Council (RC) authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment #23-03 for public review and comment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 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:

In March 2022, SCAG began the process for Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 in response to project changes prompted by County Transportation Commissions (CTCs). Over the past several months, SCAG staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. Modifications received from the CTCs are broadly categorized as new projects, existing projects that either has a revised description, revised schedule, and/or change in total cost, or projects removed from Connect SoCal 2020. Informed by these changes, SCAG staff has drafted content and assessed that these project modifications will not impact Connect SoCal 2020's ability to meet state and federal requirements.

SCAG staff is seeking a recommendation from the TC and approval by the RC to release the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 for a thirty (30) day public review and comment period beginning on January 6, 2023, and ending on February 5, 2023, at 5 p.m. Upon completion of the public review comments, SCAG staff will report on public

comments received and seek approval of the Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03, which approval is anticipated to be sought in either April or May 2023, pending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) final approval of the updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six (6) county region of Southern California and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) pursuant to state law. As such, it is responsible for developing and maintaining the FTIP and Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal 2020) in cooperation with the State (i.e., Caltrans), CTCs, and public transit operators. Both the FTIP and RTP/SCS are developed through a “bottom-up” approach.

As requested by CTCs in March 2022, SCAG began the process for the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3. Over the past several months, SCAG staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03.

In summary, Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 consists of a total of 214 project modifications, specifically 43 RTP/SCS modifications and 168 FTIP modifications. Despite project modification, additions, and deleted, the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 remains financially constrained, as required by federal fiscal constraint requirements (23 U.S.C. § 134(i) (2)(E)).

After analysis of the modifications, additions, and deleted projects, SCAG staff concludes the following:

1. Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 does not adversely impact the financial constraint of the Connect SoCal 2020. The Connect SoCal 2020 remains financially constrained.
2. Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 passes all five tests of transportation conformity.
3. With the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3, Connect SoCal 2020 remains in compliance with SB 375 and continues to meet and/or exceed the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Upon approval from the RC, the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 including the associated draft transportation conformity analyses will be available for public review and comment for a thirty (30) day public review and comment period beginning on January 6, 2023, and ending on February 5, 2023, at 5 p.m. SCAG will hold one telephonic/videoconference public hearing on January 17, 2023. The Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 including the associated draft

transportation conformity analyses will be posted on SCAG’s website. Notice of availability will be posted in major county newspapers and a link to the documents will be shared with libraries in the region.

Upon completion of the public review period, SCAG staff will provide responses to all comments in the Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. The Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 will thereafter be presented to the TC and RC for approval, which is anticipated to occur in either April or May 2023, pending U.S. EPA final approval of the updated Coachella Valley ozone transportation conformity budgets. The associated proposed final transportation conformity determinations will be presented to the Energy and Environment Committee and RC for approval on the same day. It is important to note that the RC may not adopt the conformity determination until the U.S. EPA has approved the updated Coachella ozone transportation conformity budgets, which is currently anticipated in April 2023. Federal approval of the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 is expected to occur around May 2023.

The Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 is accessible at: www.scag.ca.gov/post/amendment-3-0.

The Draft 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 is accessible at: <https://scag.ca.gov/2023-proposed-amendments>.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Overall Work Program (WBS No. 23-010.0170.01: RTP Amendments, Management, and Coordination and WBS No. 23-030.0146.02: Federal Transportation Improvement Program).



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Alina Borja, Community Engagement Specialist
(213) 630-1449, borja@scag.ca.gov
Subject: 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR TC:

Recommend that the Regional Council: 1) approve the 2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications; 2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into agreements with selected awardees under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into MOUs with awardees and provide a list of awarded projects to the Regional Council as a Receive & File item for informational purposes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council: 1) approve the 2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications; 2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into agreements with selected awardees under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into MOUs with awardees and provide a list of awarded projects to the Regional Council as a Receive & File item for informational purposes.

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 (ATP). To extend campaign efforts, SCAG has secured Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) annually, to date. SCAG secured a grant in the amount of \$1,188,005 to conduct a seventh round of Go Human



safety programming and engagement across the region, approved by the Regional Council on October 6, 2022.

With this funding, SCAG plans to launch the 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program (Community Hubs Program) to provide resources to local community-based organizations to implement traffic safety strategies by leveraging community gathering and resource sites. The Community Hubs Program seeks to award approximately \$400,000 to organizations in the region. SCAG, with input from community stakeholders, has prepared funding guidelines and anticipates opening the Call for Applications upon Regional Council approval, in early 2023. To provide awarded projects the maximum time within the grant period to successfully complete their projects, this report seeks authorization to enter into MOUs with awardees and provide a list of awarded projects to the Regional Council as a Receive & File item for informational purposes.

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG region, like California and the nation, experienced a period of annual declines in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries until 2012 when they began to steadily rise. Each year in Southern California, an average of 1,450 people are killed, 5,500 are seriously injured, and 124,000 are injured in traffic collisions. In the past decade, pedestrians and bicyclists constituted approximately 32 percent of all fatal victims, disproportionate to their mode share of just under three percent of the daily trips.

To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region’s transportation network, SCAG created the *Go Human* campaign, an award-winning community engagement program with the goals of reducing traffic collisions and encouraging people to walk and bike more in the SCAG region. With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SCAG’s *Go Human* program has implemented four rounds of grant funding opportunities since 2018 to local organizations to create and lead traffic safety projects. With more than \$893,000 distributed through grant funds in the SCAG region, *Go Human* funding has supported 106 traffic safety projects reaching more than 981,000 people.

SCAG seeks to offer a fifth round of funding to local communities through the 2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program (Community Hubs Program). The Community Hubs Program will provide grant funding to eligible applicants to implement traffic safety strategies through community gathering and resource sites. In alignment with and furtherance of SCAG’s Racial Equity Early Action Plan, the Community Hubs Program supports projects that facilitate community resiliency, recovery, and resource delivery, prioritizing outcomes for low-income families and communities of color, especially those most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Community Hubs Program aims to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, including without limitation Black, Indigenous and People of Color; people with disabilities; and elders, particularly those walking and biking.

The Community Hubs Program provides eligible applicants with up to \$40,000 in grant funding to support projects that leverage new or existing community gathering and resource sites to implement traffic safety strategies including but not limited to messaging, education, engagement activities, leadership development, community assessment or resource distribution. Hubs may include a physical or digital form, providing accessible spaces to streamline community education and resources. A hub co-locates multiple resources, serving as a convener to respond to multiple community needs.

Rather than focusing on the behavior of people walking and biking, the Community Hubs Program targets structural issues that affect the safety of people walking and biking, such as dangerous driving behavior, high vehicle speeds, street design, and structural racism.

Applicants are encouraged to propose creative, strategic projects that center justice and respond to the program goal and communities' current needs.

The Community Hubs Program aims to:

- Improve traffic safety locally and across the Southern California region
- Leverage and build community leadership committed to traffic safety
- Leverage community venues, from parks to community centers and virtual networks as sites to address immediate and long-term community care and needs
- Support creative and critical placekeeping and placebuilding
- Prioritize projects that center historically excluded or disinvested communities, mobility justice, disability justice, and rural community investment, among others

POTENTIAL PROJECT TYPES

Funded strategies through the Community Hubs Program may include but not be limited to the following example projects:

- Co-location of traffic safety resources for distribution, such as helmets or lawn signs with traffic safety messaging for residents
- Community bicycle rides, walk audits, or open streets events
- Design and development of placekeeping/placebuilding features, such as public art or signage
- Community capacity building projects, such as a Virtual Traffic Safety Ambassador Leadership Development Programs

- Virtual information or media hubs, inclusive of traffic safety information, content or resource distribution
- Storytelling, oral history/oral futures projects or film development, including showcases and screening series
- Safety cohort, conveners or planning teams

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Community-based organizations and 501(c)3 non-profits, and social enterprises are eligible to submit a Community Hubs Program proposal. If awarded, applicants must be able to submit the supporting documentation for eligibility (i.e. a copy of the business license, 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS). Entities with 501(c)4 status are not eligible for this program.

Funding is available to recipients across the SCAG region, inclusive of the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.

Funding will be distributed to prioritize equity, particularly within communities that have been historically disinvested or in disadvantaged communities.

APPLICATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Project proposals will be evaluated based on the following Selection Criteria:

- Impact (30%)
- Engagement (30%)
- Feasibility (20%)
- Cost-effectiveness (20%)

Staff will also consider geographic representation when selecting awards.

TIMELINE

The schedule for the Community Hubs Call is provided below. Timeline subject to change.

Open Call for Applications	February 2023
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	March 2023
Proposal Review and Scoring	March 2023
Notice of Conditional Award	March 2023
Scope Refinement	April 2023
Project Implementation Period	April 2023 – August 30, 2023

FISCAL IMPACT:

All costs associated with this item are included in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) under project number 225.3564E.18 and funded by a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Powerpoint Presentation - 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines Presentation
2. 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines

2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program Guidelines

January 5, 2023



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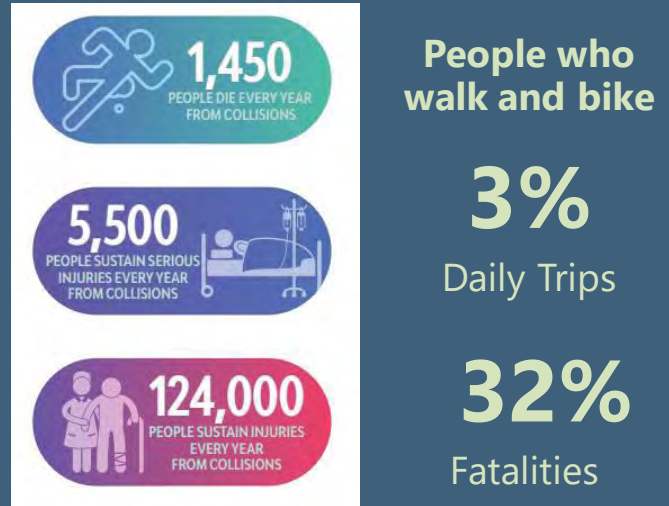
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Program Background

- SCAG launched its community engagement and traffic safety program, *Go Human*, in 2015 to reduce traffic collisions and encourage people to walk and bike more.
- With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SCAG has implemented four (4) rounds of grant funding opportunities since 2018, distributing \$893,000+ to 106 projects.
- SCAG seeks to offer a fifth round of funding to local communities through the 2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program (Community Hubs Program).

Regional Traffic Safety Data Snapshot



*from SCAG's 2021 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report

Program Goals

- 2023 *Go Human* Community Hubs Program is a funding opportunity for community organizations to implement traffic safety strategies through community gathering and resource sites.

Eligible Applicants	Community-based organizations, non-profits, social enterprises
Max. Funding Amount	\$40,000
No. of projects to be awarded	10



Program Goals

- Leverage new or existing community gathering and resource sites to implement traffic safety strategies including but not limited to messaging, education, engagement activities, leadership development, community assessment or resource distribution.
- Hubs may include a physical or digital space or format.
- A hub co-locates multiple resources accessed by community members.



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Potential Project Types



Co-locating traffic safety resources for distribution



Community bicycle rides & walk audits



Design & development of public art or signage



Open streets events & safety demonstrations

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Potential Project Types



Leadership & capacity building



Storytelling, oral history/futures, or film development



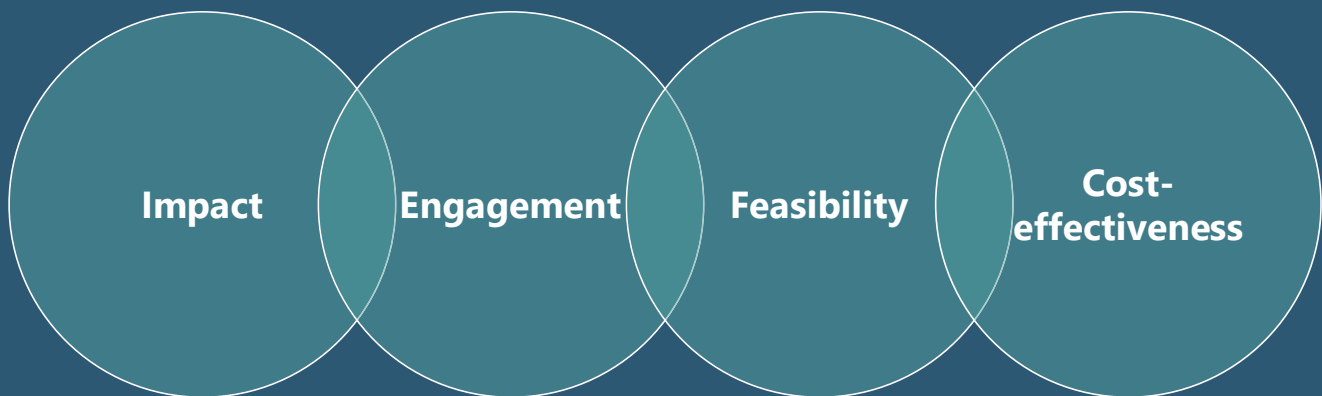
Virtual information or media hubs



Safety cohort or planning teams

Application & Selection Criteria

Project proposals will be evaluated based on the following Selection Criteria



Program Timeline



**Timeline pending approval and consultant NTP.*



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

scag.ca.gov/go-human

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2023 GO HUMAN COMMUNITY HUBS GUIDELINES

Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announces the Call for Projects for the *Go Human* Community Hubs Program (Community Hubs Program). With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the Community Hubs Program provides grant funding to eligible applicants to implement traffic safety strategies through community gathering and resource sites.

In alignment with and furtherance of SCAG's [Racial Equity Early Action Plan](#), the Community Hubs Program supports projects that facilitate community resiliency, recovery, and resource delivery, prioritizing outcomes for low-income families and communities of color, especially those most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities.

Program Goal

The Community Hubs Program aims to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, including without limitation Black, Indigenous and People of Color; people with disabilities; and elders, particularly those walking and biking.

The Community Hubs Program provides a minimum of ten eligible applicants with up to \$40,000 in grant funding to support projects that leverage new or existing community gathering and resource sites to implement traffic safety strategies including but not limited to messaging, education, engagement activities, leadership development, community assessment or resource distribution. Hubs may include a physical or digital form, providing accessible spaces to streamline community education and resources. A hub co-locates multiple resources, serving as a convener to respond to multiple community needs.

Rather than focusing on the behavior of people walking and biking, the Community Hubs Program targets structural issues that affect the safety of people walking and biking, such as dangerous driving behavior, high vehicle speeds, street design, and structural racism.

Applicants are encouraged to propose creative, strategic projects that center justice and respond to the program goal and communities' current needs.

The Community Hubs Program aims to:

- Improve traffic safety locally and across the Southern California region
- Leverage and build community leadership committed to traffic safety
- Leverage community venues, from parks to community centers and virtual networks as sites to address immediate and long-term community care and needs
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Potential Project Types

Funded strategies through the Community Hubs Program may include but not limited to the following example projects:

- Co-location of traffic safety resources for distribution, such as helmets or lawns signs with traffic safety messaging for residents
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- Safety cohort or planning teams

Eligible Applicants

Community-based organizations, non-profits, and social enterprises are eligible to submit a Community Hubs Program proposal. If awarded, applicants must be able to submit the supporting documentation for eligibility (i.e. a copy of the business license, 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS). Entities with 501(c)4 status are not eligible for this program.

Funding is available to recipients across the SCAG region, which encompasses the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.

Funding will be distributed to prioritize equity, particularly within communities that have been historically disinvested or in disadvantaged communities.

Grant Amount & Term

SCAG will award up to \$40,000 to selected projects. Applicants may propose any amount, up to \$40,000, and the proposed project must be deemed feasible to implement within the project period and budget. Applicants may be required to refine their scope of work as a condition of their award and may not be awarded the full amount requested.

All projects shall be implemented between April 2023 and August 31, 2023. The awardees will be responsible for securing any necessary permits or permissions in a timely manner.

Timeline

- Call for Projects Opens: February 2023
- Application Deadline: March 2023
- Notice of Conditional Award: March 2023
- Scope Refinement: April 2023
- Project Implementation: April 2023 to August 31, 2023

*Specific dates to be updated in February 2023.

Integrating *Go Human* Resources

Go Human has a variety of resources available to partners, at no cost, including:

- *Go Human* Kit of Parts Lending Library: The Kit of Parts includes a set of materials that can be borrowed to temporarily showcase, and collect community feedback on safety treatments and designs, such as artistic crosswalks, parklets, protected bike lanes, pedestrian refuge islands and bulb-outs.
- Co-Branded Safety Advertisements: Safety advertisements include message-tested artwork in multiple languages with driver-focused messaging, that can be revised to resonate with community needs. Advertisements may include digital ads, banners, lawn signs, bus wraps, and more.
- Available resources can be found on the *Go Human* website.

Applicants are encouraged to incorporate *Go Human* resources into their project proposals (if desired and applicable).

Please note, *Go Human* resources are available at no cost to partners regardless of Community Hubs Program award.

Application & Selection Criteria

All applicants must complete a *Go Human* Community Hubs Program Application, available at scag.ca.gov/apply-funding. Project proposals will be evaluated based on the following Selection Criteria:

- Impact (30%)
- Engagement (30%)
- Feasibility (20%)
- Cost-effectiveness (20%)

SCAG is the sole arbiter of any proposal. Staff will also consider geographic representation when selecting awards.

Requirements

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Electronic Application: Submit an electronic application by March 2023 at scag.ca.gov/apply-funding. Specific dates to be updated in February 2023.

Budget: Utilizing a template provided by SCAG, applicants will be required to submit a budget that identifies staff, labor rates, hours, and direct costs associated with the project.

Letter of Support:

- Applicants will be required to submit a Letter of Support from the local jurisdiction in which the project is being implemented.

- Applicants must provide an additional letter of support if proposing activities that utilize the facilities of another agency or organization.

Insurance: Projects must meet SCAG insurance requirements (see pages 6-7). SCAG’s insurance requirements manage the risk of performing work on behalf of SCAG, and they help mitigate any potential financial impact to awardees and to SCAG should an accident occur. Applicants that do not meet these requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The applicant should indicate or affirm its ability to comply with SCAG insurance requirements or identify, specifically which requirements it is unable to comply with.

REPORTING AND INVOICING REQUIREMENTS

Community Hubs awardees shall provide two reports:

- Mid-Project Update: To be provided in June 2023, in the form of an email or phone call.
- Final Report: To include activities performed, project outcomes, and documentation of final deliverables, due on Friday, September 8, 2023. Awardees will be provided with a Final Report template to complete.

Awards are made on a reimbursement basis, based on actual allowable incurred costs. Grant costs will be reimbursed if incurred on or after the grant implementation start date. Payments will be made to Community Hubs Program awardees up to 60 days after successful completion of deliverables and submission of the final invoice. Final invoice shall be submitted by Friday, Sept. 8, 2023.

SOCIAL MEDIA & GRAPHICS REQUIREMENTS

Selected applicants shall work with SCAG staff to highlight projects on social media (either through the selected organization’s channels or *Go Human* channels) during or immediately following project implementation.

Use of *Go Human*, SCAG, and OTS logos is not required for any graphics produced for Community Hubs Program projects (such as flyers, posters, social media or digital graphics). If an awardee wishes to use the *Go Human*, SCAG, and OTS logos, all three logos must be used and in that order. Graphic material that uses these logos must be submitted to Alina Borja (borja@scag.ca.gov) for approval from OTS and SCAG. Please allow two (2) weeks for approval.

If producing any professional video components (not including “live” social media videos), SCAG may requests the opportunity to review an outline or story board. Content shall be submitted to Alina Borja (borja@scag.ca.gov) for prior approval from OTS and SCAG. Please allow two (2) weeks for approval.

All Work Products and Related Work Materials of Community Hubs Program awards shall become property of SCAG, and all publication rights are reserved to SCAG. Awardees shall not copyright Work Products and Related Work Materials. Work Products and Related Work Materials refer to any material produced using Community Hubs Program funding, such as deliverables.

ALLOWED EXPENSES

The Community Hubs Program funds expenses directly related to the proposed project. Eligible expenses include, but are not exclusive to:

- Labor costs, such as coordination, design, facilitation, set-up, training, etc.;
- Printing;
- Permits or fees related to the project;
- Bicycle helmets, if purchased to support bicycle education;
- Supply or equipment rental fees; and
- Virtual platform subscription fees.

Project budgets may include 10% de minimis indirect cost. The 10% de minimis indirect cost rate may be used by any non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate. This rate would be charged against modified total direct costs (MTDC). See 2 CFR 200.414(f).

Applicants may procure services to design projects and increase the impact of the proposed activities. The third-party services may be compensated through the budget, included as an Other Direct Cost (ODC). Each ODC line item shall be limited to no more than \$10,000. In accordance with SCAG's procurement standards, all costs included in the project budget must be fair and reasonable.

Notwithstanding the list above, allowed expenses are subject to the discretion of SCAG and OTS.

UNALLOWED EXPENSES

Funding for *Go Human* is provided by a grant from OTS, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. As a result, certain expenses are ineligible for funding. Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Products or giveaways not tied to a safety educational component (only allowed if they are given away in direct correlation with a safety education component);
- T-shirts;
- Stickers (i.e., bumper stickers, stickers for mass distribution at events);
- Raffle prizes;
- Food or beverages;
- Plants;
- Office furniture, equipment and capital assets;
- Paint;
- Chalk;
- Event entertainment or music;
- Advertising not directly related to proposed project;
- Implementation of a study, plan, or program;
- Habitat conservation plans;
- General liabilities insurance cost;
- Lobbying efforts and/or political contributions; and
- Items that are not indicated in the original project budget.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All proposers should be aware of the Insurance Requirements for contract award. The Certificate of Insurance must be provided by the successful proposer prior to grant award. A grant may not be awarded if insurance requirements are not met.

Endorsements for the following are necessary as a part of meeting the insurance requirements:

- Commercial General Liability
- Business Auto Liability
- Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability

Endorsements shall include:

- Additional Insured
- Primary, Non-Contributory
- Waiver of Subrogation
- Notice of Cancellation

The endorsement to all of the policies must be attached to the certificate of insurance.

1. Insurance

Awardees shall procure and maintain the minimum required insurance, as set forth below, against claims for injuries to persons, or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Awardee, its subcontracts, agents, representatives, or employees.

A. **Minimum Scope of Insurance – Coverage shall be at least as broad as:**

- (1) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (Occurrence form CG0001), or its equivalent.
- (2) Insurance Services Office form number CA0001 (Ed. 1/87) covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto) or its equivalent.
- (3) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

B. **Minimum Limits of Insurance – Awardee shall maintain limits no less than:**

- (1) General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (2) Automobile Liability: Including contractual liability insuring owned, non-owned, hired and all vehicles by awardee with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 applicable to bodily injury, or death, and loss of or damage to property in any one occurrence.
- (3) Workers' Compensation Liability: Including Occupational Diseases in accordance with California Law and Employers' Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident.

C. **Other Insurance Provisions – The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:**

- (1) SCAG, its subsidiaries, officials and employees are to be covered as additional insureds, as respects to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of Awardee, products and completed operations of Awardee; premises owned, occupied or used by Awardee; or automobiles owned leased, hired or borrowed by Awardee. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to SCAG, its members, subsidiaries, officials and employees.
 - (2) For any claims related to this project, Awardee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects SCAG, its members, subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by SCAG shall be excess of Awardee's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
 - (3) Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to SCAG, its members, subsidiaries, officials and employees.
 - (4) Awardee's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
 - (5) Awardee's Employer's Liability policies shall contain the inclusion of SCAG, its members, subsidiaries, officials, and employees. Awardee's Workers' Compensation policies shall submit a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of SCAG, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- D. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions in amounts over \$10,000 must be declared to and approved by SCAG.**
- E. **Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance is to be placed with California admitted or approved insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A, unless otherwise approved by SCAG.**
- F. **Verification of Coverage – Awardee shall furnish SCAG with original endorsements and certificates of insurance evidencing coverage required by this clause. All documents are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All documents are to be received and approved by SCAG before work commences. Upon request of SCAG at any time, Awardee shall provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.**



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$15,000 to sponsor 1) the California Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its December 20, 2022, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$15,000 to sponsor 1) the SGC & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: SGC & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference
Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** Up to \$15,000

The SGC, in partnership with the Milken Institute, will host the inaugural 2023 Catalyst Conference on February 1 and 2, 2023, at the California Natural Resources Headquarters in Sacramento. The SGC is a cabinet level Committee that was statutorily created to coordinate and work collaboratively with public agencies, communities, and stakeholders to achieve sustainability, equity, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all Californians. The SGC supports community design that makes it easier for Californians to walk, bike and use transit through over \$1.5B in investments in various programs and initiatives. The Milken Institute, the conference co-host, is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank focused on accelerating measurable progress, with a focus on financial, physical, mental, and environmental health.



The 2023 Catalyst Conference will bring together community leaders, funders, government policymakers, and academics to explore proven models that build capacity and catalyze infrastructure planning and implementation in frontline communities in California, as well as innovative public-private partnerships that deepen investment and accelerate decarbonization.

During this moment of historic investments totaling over \$54B from state and federal governments, the Catalyst Conference will create space for peer-to-peer learning, partnerships, and the development of new standards and bold ideas that catalyze resilient, healthy, and thriving communities for all. SCAG staff recommends sponsoring the conference at the “Bronze” level, which will cost up to a maximum of \$15,000. However, SCAG staff is still negotiating the commitment and benefits package, so the final sponsorship amount may be lower. Thus, staff recommends the RC approve “up to \$15,000” for this sponsorship.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the sponsorship for up to \$15,000 for 1) the SGC & Milken Institute’s 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on December 20, 2022. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$15,000 to sponsor the SGC and Milken Institute’s 2023 Catalyst Conference is included in the approved FY 22-23 General Fund Budget.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov
Subject: 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

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:

The 2023-2024 California State Legislative Session and the 118th Congress will convene the week of January 1, 2023. In advance of the start of these new sessions, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a comprehensive update to agency's adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform.

At the LCMC, staff recommended removing redundant and outdated points, updating language, and increasing the conciseness of certain points. In addition, staff recommended the inclusion of new sections on Technology & Data, Transit & Rail, and Water. Staff also recommended that the former Economic Development and Economic Opportunity sections be merged into one. Other individual points were recommended for inclusion to respond to emerging issues in Sacramento or Washington, D.C.

The Legislative Platform was discussed at the LCMC's November and December meetings. At the December 20, 2022 LCMC meeting, the Committee unanimously voted to forward a support recommendation on the 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform to the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council (RC). If approved, staff will immediately work to advance these priorities in the coming year.

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, staff recommends a comprehensive update to the agency’s State and Federal Legislative Platform. As part of this update, staff from the Legislation Department leads an outreach effort to all SCAG planning departments to identify opportunities to improve the platform to respond to new and emerging issues in preparation for coming year. Proposed changes include adding new sections, removing outdated sections, adding new priorities, and improving the delivery and conciseness of existing priorities. Staff presented its initial recommendations at the November 15, 2022 LCMC meeting to gather feedback and further direction from the Committee. After the November meeting, staff incorporated the committee’s feedback and conducted targeted engagement with some member jurisdictions, stakeholders, and partner agencies.

At the direction of the Committee, staff drafted a policy statement which expresses the region’s desire to support legislative solutions to regional and statewide issues in collaboration with the State. This policy statement was separately discussed and included as a preface to the Legislative Platform, at the recommendation of the LCMC.

Staff presented a final draft 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform at the LCMC’s December 20, 2022 meeting with a recommendation to approve. After a staff presentation, the LCMC unanimously voted to forward the 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform to the EAC and RC with a recommendation to approve. If approved, staff will immediately work to identify and create opportunities to advance these priorities in the 2023 year.

The recommended updates to the sections of the legislative platform are highlighted in the following tables:

<u>State</u>	
Active Transportation	Affordable Housing & Housing Production
Broadband Access	Building Resilience
Cap & Trade	Congestion Reduction
Economic Development Expanding Economic Opportunity & Economic Development *MERGED*	Expanding Opportunity
Freight & Goods Movement	Government Efficiency
Project Streamlining	Public Health
Racial Justice	Technology & Data
Transit & Rail *NEW*	Transportation Development Act
Transportation Funding	Transportation Safety
Water *NEW*	
<u>Federal</u>	

Affordable Housing, Homelessness & Local Government	Aviation
Broadband Access *EXPANDED*	Environment & Air Quality —Air Quality, Environment, & Water
Freight & Goods Movement	Project Streamlining
Public Health	Public-Private Partnerships
Public Transit & Mobility Transit & Rail	Racial Justice
Surface Transportation Policy & Funding	Technology & Data *NEW*

The proposed changes to the state and federal platforms are summarized below.

STATE

Starting with the State Legislative Platform, the LCMC recommends adding a policy statement on local knowledge and collaboration as a preface to the Legislative Platform. The recommended language for the policy statement is as follows:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) seeks to work in partnership with the State on locally tailored solutions to address issues of regional and statewide concern.

Because of our region’s rich diversity, we recognize that one size rarely fits all. With over 150 city councilmembers, mayors, and county supervisors serving on SCAG’s Regional Council and policy committees, we believe that the 19 million people of the SCAG region deserve to be represented at the local level and that the best solutions to pressing public policy issues are made in collaboration with the elected officials closest to the people.

SCAG supports legislative efforts that provide funding, resources, and tools that help our region’s 191 cities, six counties, six county transportation commissions, and other member and partner organizations implement locally tailored solutions that address our specific needs and meet statewide policy goals. We support efforts that promote the use of our local knowledge from our lived experiences and oppose efforts that would discount or exclude our important contributions.

The guiding ethos of the points below reflect SCAG’s belief that local levels of government need additional tools and resources to achieve the positive outcomes associated with the policy goals we share with the State.

Additionally, staff recommends updating various sections by adding, removing, and editing specified points. First, in the *Active Transportation* Section, staff recommends editing the first point for

conciseness while maintaining support for the Active Transportation program. Staff also recommends the addition of a new point to support legislation for more local control over local streets that cross state rights-of-way.

Staff recommends significant changes to the *Affordable Housing & Housing Production* section. Recommendations include editing points six, seven, and nine for conciseness while improving the delivery of the existing priorities. Staff also recommends the addition of point eight and twelve. Point eight highlights SCAG's involvement in the Department of Housing and Community Development's regional housing need allocation (RHNA) stakeholder engagement process. Point twelve expresses support for programs and legislation that provide more options for different housing types, including emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive, to help address the homelessness crisis. This point also demonstrates our support for supportive housing, which includes services for the homeless population ranging from workforce development to mental health. On the same issue, staff also recommends adding a new point to the *Public Health* section to support more funding for navigation centers, housing options, and outreach efforts to address the needs of the unhoused. These additions are being recommended to address feedback from the LCMC. Lastly, staff recommends that former point eleven be moved to a new section and that former point nine be removed, as we do not expect the State to offer additional COVID-19 rental assistance.

In the *Broadband Access* section, staff recommends edits to points one and three to improve conciseness and the written delivery of the priority. Staff also recommends the addition of point four to support the integration of broadband, land use, and transportation planning as a strategy to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

In the *Building Resilience* section, staff recommends the addition of point one, which came from the *Cap & Trade* Section that is recommended for removal. Staff also recommends removing former point two and merging that priority into the substantially similar new point two to affirm our support for advocating for resources for member jurisdictions to prepare for and deal with the consequences of natural disasters. Lastly, staff recommends the replacement of language in point four, which maintains support for the investment of General Fund and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund resources for specified purposes.

Next, staff recommends the removal of the *Cap & Trade* Section while keeping point one and moving it to the *Building Resilience* section. Many of these points are no longer relevant, and point one captures the most critical priority for Cap & Trade funds moving into 2023. Thus, this recommendation will help make the platform more concise.

Staff recommends minor edits to points in the *Congestion Reduction* Section for conciseness. Further, Staff recommends merging the former *Economic Development* and *Expanding Opportunity*

Sections into the *Expanding Economic Opportunity & Economic Development* Section and merging the points in both sections while adding in point five from the *Housing* section.

Staff recommends significant changes to the wording of priorities in the *Freight & Goods Movement* Section, including improving the delivery and conciseness of point one by merging former points two and four into point one. Staff also recommends the addition of language into point two to improve its delivery. Staff recommends a minor edit to the wording of point two in the *Government Efficiency* section.

Next, Staff recommends adding a new point five in the *Project Streamlining* section to support streamlining and simplifying the regulatory review process and increased coordination among state and federal agencies. This addition is also being recommended to address feedback from the LCMC. Staff also recommends wording improvements to point four in the *Project Streamlining* Section, points one and four in the *Public Health* Section, and point one in the *Racial Justice* Section.

Staff recommends major changes to the *Technology & Data* Section, including adding new priorities in points two, three, four, and five. Point two expresses support for Smart Cities Initiative funding, point three expresses support for energy resilience policies to minimize the impact of electric vehicles on the power grid, and point five reiterates SCAG's neutrality with respect to different alternative fuel and vehicle types. Staff also recommends minor wording improvements to other points in this Section.

One major staff recommendation includes the creation of the new *Transit & Rail* Section, which expresses support for funding for public transit and rail, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), and transit-oriented development. In the *Transportation Funding* Section, staff recommends removing point four, which is outdated, and minor wording improvements in other points.

Lastly, staff recommends the addition of a *Water* Section with four brand new points. Point one expresses support for taking an "all of the above" approach to addressing the State's drought and water crises, outlining five priority strategies. Point two expresses support for allocating more resources to water infrastructure and point three expresses support for programs that assist low-income communities in making water more affordable. Lastly, point four expresses support for additional flexibility in using state water resources to allow for integrated planning efforts with associated infrastructure. Staff implemented minor edits to various points in the newly proposed *Water* section, as recommended by a SCAG partner agency.

FEDERAL

Staff recommends various changes to the federal platform for consistency with the state platform. These include adding points in the *Affordable Housing, Homelessness, & Local Government* and *Public Health* sections to support more funding and to build more housing to address homelessness

and the needs of the unhoused. This also includes a point in the *Project Streamlining* section to support streamlining, simplification, and collaboration amongst state and federal agencies concerning permitting and regulatory oversight. Staff also recommends updating the *Federal Broadband* Section to contain the same staff recommendations as the *State Broadband* Section.

Next, Staff recommends renaming the *Environment & Air Quality* Section as the *Air Quality, Environment, & Water* Section. Staff recommends adding content to the existing point one in this new Section to improve delivery and adding points four, five, and six, which are a copy and paste of points two, three, and four from the State Platform *Water* Section.

Additionally, staff recommends editing point one in the *Aviation* section to clarify support for funding opportunities from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to help Metropolitan Planning Organizations conduct surface transportation studies and planning activities near airports. This point was clarified to reflect the pending FAA reauthorization bill, which is on the agenda for 2023.

Staff recommends minor changes in the *Freight & Goods Movement* and *Public Health* Sections. Staff also recommends renaming the *Public Transit & Mobility* Section to the *Transit & Rail* Section to ensure consistency with the State Platform. Within this Section, staff recommends adding point two, which is copied from point two in the State Section, and point five, which expresses support for funding and planning opportunities for EV infrastructure that focus benefits on the lowest income households.

Lastly, staff recommends minor changes to points in the *Racial Justice* and *Surface Transportation Policy & Funding* Sections, with the removal of former point eight in the latter, as the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program was already expanding in the Investment Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA). The final staff recommendation in the Federal Platform includes the addition of a *Technology & Data* Section, which is a more concise version of the *Technology & Data* Section in the State Platform tailored for the federal context.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented the draft 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform at the November 15, 2022 LCMC as an information item to give the Committee an opportunity to provide feedback and direction. Staff incorporated the Committee's feedback and then presented a final draft to the LCMC at its December 20, 2022 meeting. The Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to forward the 2023 State and Federal Platform for the EAC and RC with a recommendation to approve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the 2023 Legislative Platform Update staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
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Subject: January 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

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.

STATE

Fall Legislative Outreach Meetings

Over the past two months, SCAG hosted a series of virtual legislative outreach meetings with members of our region's legislative delegation to maintain positive working relationships and continue to advocate for SCAG's legislative priorities. Top priorities shared with each of the legislators included requests for continued support for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and Active Transportation Program, requesting additional flexibility for local jurisdictions to meet their RHNA goals, and sharing some of the early achievements from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants program. From the State Senate, SCAG leadership met with Senators Steve Bradford (D-Gardena) and Rosalicie Ochoa-Bogh (R-Rancho Cucamonga) and From the State Assembly, SCAG leadership met with Assemblymembers Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), Mike Fong (D-San Gabriel), Vince Fong (R-Bakersfield), and Freddie Rodriguez (D-Chino).

Regional Council member participation for legislative advocacy meetings is generally determined by which jurisdictions the respective legislator represents. In addition to President Jan Harnik, First Vice President Art Brown, Second Vice President Curt Hagman, and Immediate Past President Clint Lorimore, the following Regional Council members also participated in these meetings: Cindy Allen, Margaret Clark, Margaret Finlay, Jim Gazeley, Mark Henderson, Peggy Huang, Steve Manos, Larry McCallon, Dennis Michael, David Shapiro, and Jose Solache.

2023 Back to Session

The State Legislature gavelled in for the 2023-2023 legislative session on December 5, 2022. The State Assembly welcomed 18 new Assemblymembers and the Senate welcomed nine new Senators. That day, 113 bills were introduced, many of which, but not all, were “spot bills.” Of those, the following four were identified as priority bills for the upcoming legislative session:

- **AB 6 (Friedman)** – Intent Bill. To be amended later with more substantive language. Currently the bill says, it would be the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would require regional transportation agencies to prioritize and fund transportation projects, including those funded by a local sales tax measure, that significantly contribute toward the goals outlined in a region’s sustainable communities strategy and the state’s climate goals. No additional language or information is available on this bill and it currently has no co-authors.
- **AB 7 (Friedman)** – Intent Bill. To be amended later with more substantive language. Currently the bill says, it would be the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would eliminate single occupancy vehicle freeway capacity projects, and allow capacity projects only for bus rapid transit, rail, active transportation purposes, projects that significantly add safety, and projects that significantly reduce congestion, without interfering with existing maintenance and rehabilitation needs. No additional language or information is available on this bill and it currently has no co-authors.
- **AB 9 (Muratsuchi)** – This bill would require CARB to ensure that statewide GHG emissions are reduced to at least 55% below the 1990 level by no later than December 31, 2030, increasing the goal from the current 40% level. This bill is identical to AB 2133 (Quirk, D-Hayward), the only bill in the 2022 “climate package” that failed.
- **SB 4 (Wiener)** – This bill would allow for the by-right development of a housing project on any land owned by an independent institution of higher education or religious institution on or before January 1, 2024. Certain exceptions apply, including: the property cannot be adjoined to any site where more than 1/3 of that site is dedicated to industrial use. The bill would require 100% of the units be affordable, except that up to 20% of the units could be reserved for moderate income households. This bill is being co-authored by Senate Transportation Committee Chair Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), Assembly Housing Committee Chair Buffy Wicks (D-Berkeley), and Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood).

Regarding leadership, Speaker Anthony Rendon was re-elected as Assembly Speaker through June 30, 2023. In the same motion, Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) was elected Speaker Designate. Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins was re-elected as Pro Tem. The Senate

Republican Caucus voted to make Senator Brian Jones (R-Escondido) its leader, replacing Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita). Additionally, Speaker Rendon appointed Assemblymember James Ramos (D-Highland) to be Chair of the Assembly Committee on Rules as the former Chair, Assemblymember Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova), lost re-election.

The table below highlights the most relevant legislative deadlines:

Date	Deadline
January 1, 2023	Non-urgency legislation signed into law in 2022 takes effect.
January 4, 2023	The Legislature reconvenes.
January 10, 2023	Deadline for the Governor to submit the January Budget.
January 20, 2023	Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
February 17, 2023	Bill introduction deadline.

State Budget Shortfall Anticipated

The Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) publishes an annual fiscal outlook report ahead of the state budget process to help the Legislature craft its budget. Per the LAO’s recently released report for the upcoming budget cycle, this year will look very different than previous years as the state is facing an estimated deficit of up to \$24 billion in 2023-24. This is attributed to lower revenue estimates, which are lower than budget act projects from 2021-22 through 2023-24 by \$41 billion. To access the report, visit: lao.ca.gov/reports/2022/4646/CA-Fiscal-Outlook-111622.pdf.

New Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Program

The California Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) new Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Program (IIGC) will provide \$105 million (approximately \$90 million for large jurisdictions, \$15 million for small jurisdictions) to promote infill housing, including adaptive reuse of existing structures and sites, as part of California’s commitment and vision as a climate strategy. Interested cities, counties, and public housing authorities must first submit competitive Concept Proposals for capital improvement projects in Catalytic Qualifying Infill Areas (CQIAs). Metropolitan Planning Organizations may apply as co-applicants. This month, HCD will offer consultations and a webinar to hear and share ideas across jurisdictions.

HCD will launch the IIGC application portal and accept Concept Proposals December 29, 2022, through January 31, 2023. The IIGC NOFA is expected to be released February 2023 with awards planned for the summer. For questions or to schedule a consultation, please email infill@hcd.ca.gov.

New HCD 2022-2023 NOFA Calendar

HCD has released its 2022-2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) calendar. The calendar presents NOFA release dates, application deadlines, and anticipated award dates for all HCD

funding program. The calendar can be accessed by visiting: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/nofa-calendar>.

FEDERAL

Congress – Appropriations

President Biden signed a continuing resolution bill on Friday, December 16, that would keep the government funded for an additional week, through December 23. This was the second continuing resolution for Fiscal Year 2023. Under a continuing resolution, funding is restricted to the prior year’s levels. In anticipation of the looming deadline, Congress released the text of a \$1.7 trillion year-end spending bill on Tuesday, December 20, in hopes of getting it passed and signed into law by the expiration of the current continuing resolution. Included in the measure is \$40 billion in disaster assistance for storm and wildfire recovery, \$58.7 billion for programs authorized by the IIJA, \$3.6 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, \$1.5 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, \$1.435 billion for the Housing for the Elderly and Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, and new incremental Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to support over 11,700 additional low-income households.

Money Mondays Session

SCAG was pleased to provide a presentation on securing federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as part of our ongoing Toolbox Tuesday series. With the one-year anniversary of the passage of the historic IIJA and IRA, there is unprecedented opportunity for local governments to secure critical federal funding to invest in infrastructure and to mitigate the impacts of climate change. The presentation, provided by SCAG’s federal lobbyists at Holland & Knight, included an overview of the IIJA funding that has been released thus far, key criteria used by the Biden Administration in evaluating funding proposals, advice for successful applications, as well as upcoming funding opportunities from the two bills. The presentation was attended by over 50 people and is now available on SCAG’s YouTube channel.

Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update

Last year, President Joe Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. This bipartisan infrastructure law (BIL) provides \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years. Over the last six months, federal agencies have been working to implement the IIJA. These historic levels of investment in transportation grant programs have given jurisdictions in the SCAG region the opportunity to apply for funding for critical infrastructure improvement projects.

Below is a current list of open NOFOs issued for transportation, housing, and broadband-related competitive programs:

Program	Deadline	Agency
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Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)	February 28, 2023	DOT Office of the Secretary
National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grants	February 6, 2023	DOT Office of the Secretary
Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	January 5, 2023	Federal Transit Administration
Federal-State Partnership Program	March 7, 2023	Federal Railroad Administration
Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstration Initiative and Joint Program	March 3, 2023	Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs	April 7, 2023	Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Brownfields, training, research, and technical assistance	February 14, 2023	Environmental Protection Agency
Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities	February 14, 2023	Environmental Protection Agency
Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program	January 16, 2023	Environmental Protection Agency

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories	January 16, 2023	Environmental Protection Agency
Affordable Connectivity Program	January 9, 2023	Wireline Competition Bureau
Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program – Pilot Program Grants	January 9, 2023	Federal Communications Commission
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	January 27, 2023	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants	January 27, 2023	Federal Emergency Management Agency

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the January 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update is contained in the Indirect Cost Budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 11
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
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Subject: 2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan:
Progress Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:
Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR 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. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
From June 30 to July 1, 2022, President Jan Harnik convened a retreat for the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of the 2021-2022 EAC Strategic Priorities established during President Lorimore’s term and a discussion of accomplishments, new opportunities for policy leadership, and objectives for the upcoming year. The 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan was subsequently adopted by the EAC in September 2022 and Regional Council (RC) in October 2022.

The staff report and attachments provide an update on progress made toward implementing the 2022-2023 Objectives approved in the EAC Strategic Plan and include updated committee outlooks. The updated outlooks reflect work completed by each committee to-date and items scheduled for deliberation and action through the end of the Fiscal Year.

During the EAC retreat, staff also provided briefings on two federal compliance issues impacting transportation conformity and transportation funding in the region. Staff will briefly provide an update on the steps taken to bring the region back into compliance with federal requirements.

BACKGROUND:

From June 30 to July 1, 2022, President Jan Harnik convened a retreat for the EAC to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of the 2021-2022 EAC Strategic Priorities established during President Lorimore's term and a discussion of accomplishments, areas for improvement and new opportunities for policy leadership in the upcoming year. Based on board's feedback, staff prepared the 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan with a set of new 2022-2023 Objectives that were subsequently approved by the EAC and RC in the fall. The 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Plan includes outlooks for the regular Policy Committees, the Emerging Technology Committee (ETC), the Connect SoCal Special Committees, and the Regional Council.

Under President Harnik's leadership, the agency has made significant progress toward achieving the EAC's 2022-2023 Objectives across four main priority areas: 1. Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update, 2. Leadership in Resource Deployment, 3. Legislative Action and 4. Technology/Innovation Leadership. The Mid-Year Status Update (see Attachment 1) provides a comprehensive status update related to each objective. In addition, staff has worked with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each policy committee to review and update the regular Policy Committee, the Emerging Technology Committee (ETC), and Regional Council Outlooks to reflect work completed by each committee to-date and identify items to be scheduled for deliberation and action through the end of the Fiscal Year (see Attachment 2). A high-level outlook is also included in Attachment 2 for each of the Connect SoCal Special Committees. The Subcommittees are on track to wrap up in early 2023, followed in March 2023 by a Joint Policy Committee meeting to review the committees' findings and recommendations.

SCAG is also able to report significant progress on addressing the Transportation Conformity lockdown, enabling release of the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03. This is possible due to approval of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB's) new emissions model (EMFAC2021) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and pending mid-April EPA approval of a new air plan with updated transportation conformity budget jointly developed and adopted ARB and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Working collaboratively with our County Transportation Commission partners, SCAG is also addressing the corrective action identified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop a process to ensure compliance with Federal program guidelines and regulations for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. SCAG, in collaboration with the county transportation commissions, have drafted a compliance action plan that will be considered by the Regional Council (RC) in February 2023 for submittal to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA for approval. In Spring 2023, the RC



will consider program guidelines for the administration of CMAQ and STBG funds in the SCAG region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None identified at this time. The work included in the 2022-2023 work plan is budgeted, however, during the year staff may bring back necessary amendments to the budget to address the needs related to the Priority Areas.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Progress Report: 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan
2. EAC Strategic Work Plan Committee Outlooks--January 2023 Update

Progress Report: 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan

Priority Area 1: Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update

Actions:

1. Elevate & Expand Policy Leadership
2. Strengthen Stakeholder Engagement

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update:

1. Provide leadership and direction for update of Agency-wide Strategic Plan.
The SCAG Consultant team has been in the data collection phase for updating the Strategic Plan and that will continue through January 31, 2023, including gathering direct feedback from all Regional Council members during December 2022.
2. Guide “Return to Office” policy to ensure committee meeting format supports rich engagement and dialogue among the Regional Council.
Increased time for Regional Council to discuss/act on issues of region-wide importance by extending Regional Council meetings by ½ hour and re-opening meetings to in person public participation, starting in January 2023.
3. Continue to develop the leadership role of Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs in prioritization of policy issues addressed by the committee through guiding preparation of an annual outlook and regular briefings with SCAG Executive staff to align agendas with priorities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented and discussed Committee Outlooks with each Policy Committee in September. • Held monthly briefings with Chairs and Co-Chairs to review and prioritize items based on the outlooks. • Conducted a mid-year review and revised the Committee Outlooks as part of the EAC Strategic Work Plan update (See Attachment 2)
4. Work with the President and Executive Officers to prepare an annual outlook for the Regional Council to expand and bridge conversations across Policy Committees to provide regional leadership and direction on intersectional issues including water resilience, digital equity, the clean energy economy and workforce development, and supply chain issues, among others.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared annual outlook for the Regional Council and revised through mid-year review to ensure future agenda items address priorities (see Attachment 2) • Agendized focused conversations at RC meetings on regional priorities to provide policy direction and regional leadership. Key actions included the adoption of: 1.) Digital Equity Call for Action to Increase Access to Affordable Broadband (Resolution No. 22-646-2) 2.) Water Resilience 3.) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Regional Project List. • Aligned the program and materials prepared for the 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit with EAC policy priorities. The Summit featured conversations among leading voices in business industry, planning, public policy on strategies to resource the region, including through workforce development, to thrive in the clean energy economy.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging stakeholders to plan for a policy conversation on the challenges facing the logistics sector at the Regional Council in March. Developed Digital Action Plan to be released for public comment and planned for consideration by the Transportation Committee and Regional Council in April.
<p>5. Foster policy leadership on emerging issues by establishing Special Committees for Connect SoCal 2024 to bring forward recommendations to advance equity, resilience and economic goals as directed by the Regional Council</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established three subcommittees to address key emerging issues for Connect SoCal 2024: Next Generation Infrastructure, Resilience and Conservation, and Racial Equity and Regional Planning. Each subcommittee met three times between September 2022 and November 2022, to identify recommendations that will inform how these emerging issues are addressed in Connect SoCal 2024. The final meeting will occur in January (18, 19 and 23) when subcommittee members will review draft White Papers and recommendations. The recommendations are intended to inform the on-going development and policy discussions related to Connect SoCal 2024 and will be taken to the Regional Council in March 2023 for further deliberation.
<p>6. Continue SCAG’s leadership and advancement of an Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy working in partnership with Economic Development Corporations and High Road Transition Collaboratives formed by the State’s Community Economic Resilience Fund program to build more inclusive and resilient economies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with the California Community College Centers of Excellence for Labor Market Research to identify living wage jobs in each county and conduct educational pathway analyses to expand access to these jobs. The county-level reports will focus on jobs that do not require a four-year degree. Hired a consultant to develop an analytical and statistical framework for a Southern California Job Quality Index (JQI). The JQI will identify the characteristics of a high-quality job and measure progress toward equitable access to high-quality jobs in the region. Provided Partnership Agreement Letters for various organizations applying to the State’s Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) program. Continue to attend and participate in CERF meetings throughout the region.
<p>7. Continue to bring elected leaders and community partners together to develop a shared understanding and explore solutions to regional challenges through site visits, mobile workshops and trainings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 12th 2022, SCAG hosted a mobile workshop for members of the RC and staff in Ventura County to discuss freight and goods movement at the Port of Hueneme. In December, mobile workshops and tours were held in Imperial County focused on new geothermal and lithium technologies and transportation improvements. There was also a presentation to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors on SCAG’s programs and services. Next quarter, mobile workshops will be held in the remainder SCAG counties with a focus on air mobility, housing, air quality, goods movement, and other regional planning priorities.

Priority Area #2: Leadership in Resource Deployment—Connect SoCal Implementation

Actions:

1. Pursue REAP 2021 Resources
2. Accelerate deployment of general plan development tools
3. Expand communication strategies and outreach

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update:

<p>1. Review and approve guidelines for formula-based and competitive programs and projects to be included in SCAG’s application for REAP 2021 resources.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 7, 2022: RC approval of the REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework establishing the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones and schedule for allocating funds available to SCAG through REAP 2021. • July 7, 2022: EEC Approval of Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call #4 Guidelines for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Projects • September 1, 2022: RC Approval of Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Guidelines • October 6, 2022: EAC Review of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program Development and Budget • November 3, 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TC and RC Approval of Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP) Guidelines ○ CEHD and RC Approval of Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Guidelines • November 30, 2022: EAC Approval of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Full Application and Program Budget • January 5, 2023: RC to consider approval of the SCP Call #4 Guidelines for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Projects
<p>2. Provide direction to staff on continued refinement and enhancement of Regional Data Platform (RDP) to serve local and regional planning needs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST) outreached and conducted one-on-one sessions with local jurisdictions, COGs, and stakeholders in the region to demo RDP tools/resources and gather feedback on how to improve SCAG’s existing tools. Trainings scheduled to align with local priorities and have included: Housing Element Technical Assistance (February – March 2021), Safety Element Technical Assistance (August – December 2021), and Local Data Exchange Process Technical Assistance (February – December 2022). • SCAG LIST continues working with local jurisdictions and SCAG subject matter experts to refine and enhance RDP for the purpose of elevating local and regional planning. New applications and functionalities to be pursued in REAP 2 funding application.
<p>3. Serve as ambassadors and champions of SCAG’s local planning programs to increase awareness, reach and impact of SCAG services to advance regional plans and policies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council leadership and staff held multiple meetings with state and federal representatives during the legislature session and during recess periods.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Council members served as media spokespersons for SCAG sponsored events. SCAG’s Economic Summit garnered a digital outreach of 40 million.
<p>4. Complete RAMP Policy Framework to ensure the Greenprint Tool is aligned with policy objectives</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per the Regional Council’s October 7, 2021 direction, SCAG convened the RAMP Advisory Task Group (RAMP-ATG) on January 28, 2022 and held five meetings culminating in the November 16, 2022 meeting During the course of the RAMP-ATG, members heard presentations from established Regional Advance Mitigation programs in the SCAG region, including the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan as well as the Orange County Transportation Authority’s Measure M advance mitigation program. SCAG staff also shared feedback received from interviews on advanced mitigation efforts and needs with each County Transportation Commission To develop SCAG’s RAMP Policy Framework, consistent with Regional Council direction, SCAG staff conducted multiple feedback sessions and workshops with stakeholders from the public sector, environmental, and business communities. The final draft RAMP Policy Framework was unanimously accepted by the RAMP-ATG on November 16, 2022 and the body voted to forward the framework to the Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee with recommendation for approval In January 2023, SCAG staff will present the final draft RAMP Policy Framework to the Energy & Environment Committee for potential recommendation to Regional Council in February 2023. If adopted, SCAG staff will convene a Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee with membership of local jurisdictions, county transportation commissions, and Caltrans to complete the development of the SoCal Greenprint Tool and present the draft tool for Regional Council’s evaluation and potential public release.

Priority #3: Legislative Action

Actions:

1. Conduct targeted legislative advocacy with members of the State Assembly and State Senate in support of the Regional Council’s and SCAG region’s housing and transportation priorities.
2. Assume regional leadership by advocating for the Infill Infrastructure Grant program.
3. Support regional partners to identify and pursue federal funding opportunities for regionally significant infrastructure projects.

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update

<p>1. Identify, develop, and execute advocacy opportunities to advance the Regional Council’s legislative and budgetary priorities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAG took a formal position on 24 bills during the 2022 legislative year, including 13 support, 11 oppose, and 3 oppose unless amended positions. Of the 24 bills, SCAG accomplished our advocacy goals on 14, equating to a 64-percent rate of success.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since July, SCAG conducted five meetings of the LCMC, including one featuring Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-Pomona) a key member of the House Appropriations Committee. • SCAG was granted a special outreach meeting in support of the agency’s budgetary and legislative priorities with Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Anthony Portantino (D-La Canada Flintridge). • SCAG conducted “Fall Outreach,” a series of targeted meetings with SCAG region legislators who SCAG had not met with during the previous legislative session. President Harnik and the Board Officers met with State Senators Rosalicie Ochoa-Bogh (R-Rancho Cucamonga) and Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), and with Assemblymembers Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), Mike Fong (D-San Gabriel), Vince Fong (R-Bakersfield), and Freddie Rodriguez (D-Chino).
<p>2. Continue to support SCAG region members and partners in funding opportunities that support the implementation of the Connect SoCal.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last summer, SCAG staff launched the “Money Monday” email newsletter, with information on funding and grant opportunities. Complementary to this email newsletter, staff also reinstated the funding and grant opportunities webpage on scag.ca.gov so this information is also available on an ongoing basis. • Staff organized and hosted a special workshop about federal funding resources and application processes on November 21, 2022.
<p>3. Provide leadership on RHNA reform.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per AB 101 (2019), the California Department of HCD is required to conduct statewide outreach to reform RHNA. Per SB 197 (2022), this report is due to the State legislature by December 31, 2023. • To coincide with the State’s efforts, SCAG staff held an outreach process in Summer 2022 to collect public input on RHNA reform. Staff is currently reviewing the input and will be putting together draft recommendations. • Another public input process will be held in early Summer 2023 on the draft recommendations, and SCAG staff will present the final recommendations to CEHD and Regional Council by early Fall. • The approved recommendations will be included in a comment letter to HCD as part of their statewide efforts, though the Department’s schedule has yet to be published.

Priority #4: Technology/Innovation Leadership

Actions:

1. Implement and continue to refine the Broadband Work Plan
2. Launch Regional Data Platform
3. Share best practices form the Future Communities Pilot Program
4. Advance innovations and adoption of Agile IT

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update

<p>1. Advance broadband planning, clean technology and smart cities work initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology & Innovation Business Unit (newly formed upon approval by Regional Council through FY22 OWP Amendment 2) made progress on major work initiatives as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Addressing the digital divide by drafting a Digital Action Plan, initiating a broadband permit streamlining study, applying for grant funds to support broadband infrastructure, and initiating an outreach process for broadband adoption ▫ Supporting the transition to zero and near-zero emission transportation technologies through the ongoing Passenger Electric Vehicle Charging Station Study, the Clean Cities Coalition, and the forthcoming Supporting Infrastructure for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emissions Trucks Study ▫ Promoting smart cities strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions through the ongoing Future Communities Pilot Program and Sustainable Communities Program Call 3 – Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations.
<p>2. Continue to support and bolster SCAG’s Regional Data Platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the launch of SCAG’s RDP in February 2022, SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST) has been conducting outreach, engaging, providing technical assistance, and responding to inquiries from local jurisdictions and stakeholders. • SCAG is pursuing resources to develop new value-added tools including: a Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Tool, Regional Performance Monitoring Dashboard, Transportation Safety Dashboard, and Big Data Platform.
<p>3. Continue to promote innovation in regional planning and policy guided by the work of the Emerging Technology Committee and through technical assistance programs such as the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Emerging Technology Committee Agenda Outlook, see Attachment 1, has been updated to reflect the work completed and planned to be brought forward to the committee through the end of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Major discussion areas have included: Broadband, Clean Transportation Technology, and opportunities to advance clean energy through opportunities for Lithium extraction at the Salton Sea. • As staff continues work on Connect SoCal 2024, the committee will discuss and provide policy guidance related to Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) and data privacy, technology equity, Clean Transportation Policy and Emerging Technology Guiding Principles. • Using the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP) as a guide, the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI) Call for Projects made significant progress on a variety of tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finished procurement for all awarded projects, which includes five (5) separate contracts ○ Completed kickoff meetings for all eight (8) projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Rialto: Smart Cities Plan for Warehousing and Logistics • LADOT: Curb Zone Data Inventory for Digital Curb Management • City of Long Beach: Curb Space Management Study • City of Stanton: Citywide Curb Management Plan • San Gabriel Valley COG: GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Hot Springs: Downtown and Light Industrial Parking Plan • City of Garden Grove: Curb Data Study • City of Laguna Woods: Mobility Technology Plan ○ Began outreach on several projects, coordinating with regional partners, agencies, community-based organizations, local stakeholders, and special interest groups ○ Initiated critical curb and parking data collection to inform planning and implementation efforts, while also seeking opportunities to integrate any preliminary findings into the draft Connect SoCal 2024.
<p>4. Strengthen SCAG’s leadership in addressing the digital divide through research, partnerships, and advocacy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted a Digital Action Plan • Established a pool of partners through the Request of Qualifications for Prospective Partnerships (RFQPP) Process, for broadband strategic and implementation plans • Took ownership of SoCal Transformation Working Group and participated in several broadband policy and technical working groups • Initiated a Permit Streamlining Project • Initiating a campaign with our partners to promote the Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP) • Integrating or developing broadband related regional policy to support Connect SoCal • Applied to various grant opportunities for broadband last mile implementation and digital equity outreach • Conducted data and mapping analysis to determine areas of greatest need
<p>5. Conduct modeling, outreach, and policy analysis to determine a regional road map for medium and heavy-duty zero emission infrastructure planning.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized agreement with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) as subrecipient to their California Energy Commission (CEC) Research Hub for Electric Technologies in Truck Applications (RHETTA) grant; the Regional Council authorized acceptance of this grant in January 2022. • The grant in part supports SCAG’s forthcoming Supporting Infrastructure for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Trucks study; consultant selection was approved by the EAC on November 30, 2022. • Coordinating with California Freight Advisory Committee on an assessment of key corridors (AB 671) which will be informed by this study.
<p>6. Evaluate and promote emerging technologies which may be beneficial to the SCAG region.</p>
<p>SCAG continues to evaluate and promote emerging technologies through the “smart cities” lens, and both through long-range planning efforts and short-term implementation pilots and studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP) has completed the first half of pilots, with the other half to conclude by June 2023 • Replicable best practices, critical findings, and scalable policies to be promoted through the SCAG region via the Transportation Committee and dissemination of program results

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) and the Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI) program build upon the findings and efforts of the FCPP • The SCMI supports the administration and implementation of transportation dollars utilizing emerging and innovative technologies at the local level • Staff efforts underway to inventory and update “smart cities” policies through a Vision Plan and as a part of the Connect SoCal planning timeline.- • SCAG and its partners completed the Broadband VMT study that will help communities better plan for the transportation impacts of increased prevalence of remote work. • SCAG and UC Davis completed a study of the indirect effects of remote work, including the effects on origin-destinations and when/how “rush hour” occurs differently since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. • Staff have presented the above topics to SCAG’s committees on a regular basis, facilitating conversations and proposals regarding the findings and ramifications of the various projects.
<p>7. Continued evolution of SCAG’s hybrid cloud strategy in support of regional data sharing, Connect SoCal modeling efforts, and enterprise business systems.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling for Connect SoCal 2024 supported with expanded cloud infrastructure and computing resources to achieve efficiency. • Regional Data Platform launched and enhancements currently being developed on SCAG GIS cloud infrastructure.

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Draft 2023 FTIP/Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to Connect SoCal 2020 ✓ Connect SoCal 2024 Project List Solicitation Process ✓ NHS Infrastructure/System Performance Report Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Final Report CHSRA Status Update on Los Angeles-Anaheim Corridor ✓ Southern California Goods Movement Communities Opportunity Assessment: Findings and Tools ✓ Curb Space Management Study Final Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go Human Mini-Grants Award Announcement ✓ REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Final Guidelines and Call for Projects ✓ Future Communities Pilot Program Update: Pilot Progress and Completed Pilot Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TC 12-month lookahead
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Proposed Final 2023 FTIP and Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to Connect SoCal 2020 TDM Data Standards Final Report ✓ Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core (Baseline) Revenues Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core (Baseline) Costs Moving toward Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) Final Performance Measures and Monitoring Core Strategies: System Preservation/Management Exploring Transportation Pricing & Incentives Via Mobility Wallet: MPO/Caltrans Study Overview ✓ Replacing California's Gas Tax: Road Charge Research Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Office of Traffic Safety Acceptance of Funds (upon award) ✓ Go Human Program Overview ✓ Go Human Mini-Grants Outcomes and Program Recap and New Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Project Nominations for SCAG Region for Submittal to the California Transportation Commission

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan Costs • Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 • Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Final Report • Core Strategies: Transit Focus on Transit & Emerging Shared Mobility Ecosystems (merged with transit item above) • California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) Overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Project Selection • SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan (Release for Public Comment) 	
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core Revenues & Costs • Exploring Transportation Pricing and Incentives Via Mobility Wallet • Core Strategies: Complete Streets/AT; Complete Streets Policy • TDM Data Standards Final Report 		
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations 		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 New Funding Strategies • Core Strategies: Goods Movement • Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 CTC Program Project Selection & RPI Program Framework • STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines • SCAG's Digital Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATP Cycle 6 Regional Program Adoption
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Framework • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan 		

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Local Data Exchange (LDX) and Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 1.0 Program Bi-Annual Status report ✓ REAP 2.0 Draft Subregional Partnership Guidelines ✓ REAP 2.0 Draft PATH Program ✓ Panel on HQTAs Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SCAG's Role in Economic Development • RHNA Reform Draft Recommendations to HCD (process delayed by HCD) ✓ CEHD 12-Month Lookahead
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Final Performance Measures and Monitoring ✓ LDX and LIST Status Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Call for Collaboration Panel • Housing Trust Fund Panel (REAP 2 Development) ✓ REAP 2.0 – Adoption of PATH Program ✓ Vienna Social Housing Field Study – Summary Report • REAP 1.0 HSD Program Summary Report (projects have not progressed enough for a meaningful report) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHNA Reform Final Recommendations to HCD (process delayed by HCD) ✓ Neighborhood Mobility Areas

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDX Update – First Look at Results • Land Use Strategies Overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 - Bi-Annual Progress Report • EFD Program – Summary Panel (moved to June – financing strategies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final RHNA Reform Recommendations timeline pushed by the State
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use Strategy Panels #2-3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-Minute Communities • HPLA Presentations on Surplus and Underutilized Lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 - HPLA Participants Panel • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Applications/Release NOFA and HIPP Pilot 	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations 		
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Strategy Panel #3: Anti-displacement Strategies • Forecasted Regional Development Pattern – Update 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Economic Growth - Progress Update • SoCal Economic Trends Tool
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Strategy Panel #4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Centers, Open Space, Mobility • Financing Strategies • Forecasted Regional Development Pattern – Input Assessment and Recs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 Panel on Financing Strategies (also for land use strategies) 	
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility Investments to Support Housing (Industry Forum findings) • Approval of Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (SB375) • Connect SoCal Policy Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0: Final Application and Release Pilot #2 – RUSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Economic Growth Progress Report

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Equity Analysis Update—Performance Measures ✓ Transportation Conformity Challenges ✓ Planning Context: Water Resilience ✓ Green Region Resource Areas ✗ Regional Resilience Framework (Moved to Subcommittee) ✓ Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR: CEQA Documentation Initiation • Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures (Moved to January: Receive and File) ✓ Transportation Conformity Analyses of Proposed Final 2023 FTIP, Proposed Final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and EJ Projects: Approve Final Guidelines (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Scoping Plan (Moved to February) ✗ SB 150 Report (Moved to February) ✓ Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update ✓ Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report: 2022 ✓ EEC 12-month lookahead
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Planning Context: Energy ✓ Planning Context: Natural & Working Lands ✓ Li Battery Recycling Group Report Overview ✗ Planning Context: Brownfields (Moved to February) ✓ Request to Release Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR Notice of Preparation ✓ Local Data Exchange (LDX) Update ✗ Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 FTIP Modeling Amendment and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #3 (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook* for FY 2023

**Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.*

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 FTIP Modeling Amendment and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #3 ✗ Planning Context: Climate Adaptation & Resilience (Moved to Subcommittee report back March JPC) ✗ Strategies for Clean Transportation Technologies (Policy to be recommended by ETC report back April) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework • Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Projects: Approve Final Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update • Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures (Presentation at RC) • Scoping Plan
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Context: Brownfields • Sustainable Communities Strategy Technical Methodology Submittal to CARB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report 	
March (JPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations (Action) 		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Analysis Update • PEIR Mitigation Measures • PEIR Alternatives Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report • Electric Vehicle Planning Study: Final Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resolution Update • Sustainable Development and Water--Drought Tolerant Landscaping; Ground Water Infiltration
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasted Development Pattern-Input Assessment and Recommendations • Strategies for Land-Use: Natural and Farmland Conservation (Carbon Sequestration Speaker) • Strategies Climate Adaptation and Resilience 		
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for Land-Use: Housing Support Infrastructure (Water & Energy) • Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Framework 		

Other Items To Be Scheduled:

- Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and EJ Projects: Approve Projects

Emerging Tech Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Broadband and Smart Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Permit Streamlining ✓ Smart Cities ✓ Broadband and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction 		
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SCAG Studies - Supporting Infrastructure for Medium/Heavy Duty Vehicles, Passenger Electric Vehicle (PEV) Charging Stations ✓ Future Demand for Critical Materials for Zero Emissions Transportation ✓ Lithium and the Salton Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Electric Vehicle Battery Supply Chain and Lithium Supply ✓ Potential for Salton Sea to Provide a Third of the World's Lithium ✓ Regional Economic Resiliency and Equitable Recovery Goals 		

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Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan to March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected/Automated Vehicles (CAVs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Cities, Transportation Infrastructure and CAVs • Industry Outlook • Caltrans and State Regulation • Data and Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Policy Interest in Collecting and Using Data • Data sharing among public and private sector agencies • Legislative Safeguards to Protect Access and Privacy • Clean Transportation Technology Policy (Action) 		
April to June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology and Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to New Technologies • Role of Technology in Addressing Disparity • Emerging Technology Guiding Principles for Connect SoCal (Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for Assessment and Policy Decisions • Local Government and Transportation Agencies Emerging Technology Policy Matrix (Recap of 2020 Connect SoCal) 		

Regional Council Agenda Policy Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Regional Policy/Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Business/ Regional Update
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Digital Equity—Affordable Connectivity Program Call for Action (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 2.0: Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines (Action) 	
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ EAC Strategic Plan (Action) ✓ Water Resilience (Action) ✓ Proposed Final 2023 FTIP and Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 Connect SoCal (Action/Consent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ATP Augmentation (Action) 	
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ← Supply Chain—Call to Action ✓ TCEP Regional Project List (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 2.0: Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 Guidelines (Action) ✓ REAP 2.0: CTC Partnership Program & Call for Projects (Action) 	
Dec (EAC on behalf of RC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 2.0: Authorization to Apply for Full Funding (Action) 	

Regional Council Agenda Policy Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Business/Regional Updates
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ← Lithium/Salton Sea (Information Item) Moved to Emerging Technology Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Projects: Approve Final Guidelines (Action) • 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines: Approve Guidelines (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality Management Plan • Release of the Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 (Action)
Feb		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STBG/CMAQ Compliance Action Plan (Action)
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply Chain Panel & Call to Action Resolution 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 23-24 Overall Work Plan & Budget
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect SoCal Subcommittee Recommendations (Action) • Emerging Technology Committee Recommendation—Clean Transportation Technology (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCAG's Digital Action Plan (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines (Action) • Consideration of Proposed Amendments to SCAG's Bylaws (and possibly amendments to the Regional Council Policy Manual) • Nominations and Elections of 2023-23 SCAG Officers

Other Items To Be Scheduled Pending Committee Action:

- Connect SoCal Policy Framework
- REAP 2.0 CTC Program Project Selection (May/June)
- REAP 2.0 Regional Pilot Initiative Framework (May/June)

NextGen Infrastructure Special Committee



GOAL

Build on Connect SoCal 2020 and provide guidance on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024, reflecting the rapidly evolving developments across the region specific to the future of mobility and associated implications for public policy. The need for more comprehensive understanding of these developments and consensus building on key regional strategies and policies is even more evident today in preparation for Connect SoCal 2024 as we continue to grapple with the pandemic, a more challenging economic environment, and shifting state and federal priorities with increasing uncertainties across the planning horizon.

MEETING TOPICS

- How has travel changed with COVID and what will this mean for long-range transportation planning?
- (How) should our highway policies and investment strategies evolve to address shifting priorities?
- How do we ensure transit recovery?
- (How) should we better align the way we pay for transportation with equity and resiliency goals?

Resilience & Resource Conservation Special Committee



GOAL

By 2050 the region will add 1.7 million people, with a 15 percent increase in employment. Increased wildfire, extreme heat, drought, and rising sea levels – as well as seismic events – threaten our region's growth and resources. Vulnerable communities will experience particularly acute and disproportionate impacts. Prioritizing strategies and investments now to address future impacts can result in significant health and economic benefits. The Committee will explore how to maximize Connect SoCal's regional strategies and investments to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate and seismic-related hazards on our built and natural systems and increase our region's resilience.

MEETING TOPICS

- How resilience and resource conservation show up today in regional planning, policy, and the preliminary growth forecast?
- Identifying acute shocks and stressors to a sustainable, thriving and equitable future, and creating opportunities to strengthen resilience.
- Tools/best practices that can support climate adaptation, resilient systems and resource conservation
- Reducing impacts on vulnerable communities.
- How Connect SoCal can reinforce resilience and resource conservation centered policies and programs?



Racial Equity Special Committee

GOAL

Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's Environmental Justice communities.

MEETING TOPICS

- How has systemic racism shaped the built environment?
- What are the outcomes of systemic racism in our region?
Where are we today?
- How can public policy dismantle systemic racism and advance racial equity?
What is the current federal, state, and local landscape?
- How is SCAG tackling systemic racism today?
Are there gaps?
How can we leverage Connect SoCal to fill those gaps?
- Final Racial Equity in Regional Planning Subcommittee Recommendations



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
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Subject: Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR 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. 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In July 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution NO. 20-623-2, affirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California. The resolution called for the formation of an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to further develop SCAG's response to advancing equity. The Committee met on a quarterly basis starting in September 2020 and concluding in March 2021, culminating in the development of an early action plan. On May 6, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan (Plan), which SCAG has used to guide and sustain SCAG's regional and organizational leadership in service of equity and social justice since its adoption. This report provides a summary of Plan progress to date.

Additionally, the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has convened and met over the past several months to build upon SCAG's equity work to date, as highlighted in this report, and to advance racial equity through Connect SoCal. The November Subcommittee meeting highlighted some of SCAG's equity efforts to date and included presentations from external speakers that were intended to uplift equity-centered best practices and strategies.

BACKGROUND:

The Racial Equity Framework adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in May of 2021 established overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices, and activities. This ensures that SCAG's equity-related work is aligned toward common goals and continues through actions pursued across the agency.

The Framework includes four overarching goals:

1. **Shift Organizational Culture:** Focus SCAG's internal work and practices on inclusion, diversity, equity, and awareness.
2. **Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning:** Bring equity into SCAG's regional planning functions.
3. **Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning Practices:** Promote racial equity in efforts involving local elected officials and planning professionals.
4. **Activate & Amplify:** Communicate broadly SCAG's commitment to racial equity and join others in different fields and sectors to amplify impact.

Each of these goals is advanced through a focus on the following three strategies:

1. **Listen & Learn:** Develop a shared understanding of our history of discrimination and the structural barriers that continues to perpetuate the inequities experienced today.
2. **Engage & Co-Power:** Create an environment where everyone is included, able to share their experiences, and equipped to talk about racial equity and inequities.
3. **Integrate & Institutionalize:** Focus on systems change to improve racial equity. Center racial equity in all aspects of work. This involves internal and external systems change.

The Plan was and is intended to be a living document with opportunities to identify new actions and commitments over time. SCAG understands that the work of advancing equity requires continual listening and learning, and SCAG will utilize input received from the Subcommittee, the strategic plan update process underway and other resources to update the plan.

Attached to this report is a table that provides the Goal, Action, Status and Notes about each element in the current Plan.

In addition, the Subcommittee work presents an opportunity for SCAG to build on equity work to date and identify opportunities to advance racial equity in the region. More specifically, the Subcommittee charge is to identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in the SCAG region. The November Subcommittee meeting was grounded in content and discussion of best practices and equity centered strategies.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development) and in the FY 22-23 Indirect Budget 810-1020.02.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan Fiscal Year 2022-23 Progress Report



SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan Fiscal Year 2022-23 Progress Report

Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Shift Organizational Culture	Develop an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Education and Training Program.	In-Progress	Launched Mental Health Matters program, centering key elements of inclusion and belonging. The first quarterly session launched, September 2022 with three remaining sessions to follow. Executive Team members completed Leading with Equity training facilitated by external Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) consultant. Learning modules identified within the Learning Center titled "A Seat at the Table" centering critical dialogue related to DEIB related topics. Further training curriculum is in development.
Shift Organizational Culture	Conduct an externally led racial equity audit to further inform equity actions.	Planned	This action will be included as part of the update to SCAG's strategic plan which is currently underway.
Shift Organizational Culture	Establish an IDEA Team to oversee and update EAP.	Completed	The IDEA team, consisting of 17 cross-functional SCAG team members, underwent a foundational knowledge workshop series titled "IDEA Foundations," where a shared language of DEI principles was established. With both the addition of a DEIB Principal Management Analyst position in HR, and the execution of a contract between a DEIB consultant firm in Spring, the IDEA team reconvened in July 2022 to continue working toward shifting the organizational culture.
Shift Organizational Culture	Assess and align procurement policies with diversity goals.	In-Progress	A service provider will be procured to facilitate the rewrite of the Procurement manual. An Internal Review Committee has been established to evaluate and inform the rewrite. A member of the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access) Strategies, Policies, and Procedures subcommittee has been included on the Internal Procurement Review committee to ensure the integration of DEIB opportunities to the extent possible.
Shift Organizational Culture	Create an Equity Planning Resource Group to share best practices.	Completed	SCAG has established an Equity Planning Resource Group that is currently focused on developing an equity toolkit to help institutionalize equity in the Planning Division, and the group has also developed an equity resource guide to support local jurisdictions as they take on advancing equity.
Shift Organizational Culture	Develop a Diversity Style Guide on standards for communication.	In-Progress	Media and Public Affairs will partner with the IDEA subcommittee to develop a style guide with DEIB integration.



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Shift Organizational Culture	Update SCAG's Strategic Plan to incorporate an equity vision and goals to guide agency work plans.	In-Progress	Consultant is in the data collection phase of the project and this will be incorporated into the implementation phase expected completion in calendar year 2023.
Shift Organizational Culture	Prepare an Inclusive and Equitable Talent Management Strategy.	In-Progress	SCAG Human Resources is currently developing a hiring toolkit to inform the early stages of the employee journey from recruitment to onboarding. The outreach guide will include an outreach guide informing outlets to reach highly diverse candidate pools. Training will be deployed to support the launch and utilization of the toolkit in early 2023. An improved onboarding program is in-development with inclusion of a buddy program to increase belonging within the agency. NEOGOV, the agency's applicant tracking system, is being expanded to support talent management functions including pre-boarding and offboarding. Offboarding will improve data collection as individuals depart the agency through intentional exit surveys. Clarity related to internal mobility is underway through the development of a succession planning framework and defined career mapping. The Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion benchmarks are serving as a framework to inform best practices and measure maturity of DEIB integration.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Offer equity training for Board members, including as part of Board Orientation.	In-Progress	SCAG's equity efforts are incorporated into New Member Orientation presentations and onboarding materials. Resources from GARE and other publications will be shared with members. A formal training program will be proposed to Human Resources as part of their DEI Consultant initiatives.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Include Equity Assessment section in Staff Reports.	Planned	This action will follow the update of SCAG's Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with equity vision and goals and may include the addition of an equity section to the staff report template in MinuteTraq. Evaluating a date when it will become effective (requires advance staff training).
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Prepare Annual Racial Equity Indicators Report.	In-Progress	On November 3, 2022, SCAG released an update of the baseline assessment of racial equity in Southern California. The report highlights past transportation and housing policies and practices that yielded the inequitable conditions that exist today and provided an assessment of existing disparities and inequities. SCAG staff anticipates updating the report annually.



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Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Increase opportunity for participation in Policy Committees; Formalize Committee equity roles.	Completed	Coinciding with the adoption of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan, last May SCAG's Bylaws were amended to expand Policy Committee membership to include Communities of Concern representatives to create a more inclusive governance structure.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Update Public Participation Plan.	Completed	SCAG updated the Public Participation Plan to include several goals and strategies to ensure SCAG's communications are looked at through an equity framework whenever possible. The Regional Council will consider approving the document at its April meeting.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form Regional Policy Working Group dedicated to Equity.	Completed	Quarterly, SCAG staff convenes a Regional Equity Working Group to engage stakeholders on SCAG's equity-focused regional and local planning activities as well as uplift efforts across the region to advance equity in land-use and transportation planning.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Develop equity goals, policies, and metrics as part of Connect SoCal update.	In-Progress	SCAG staff are currently developing Connect SoCal equity-oriented goals and performance measures, and reevaluating the plan's environmental justice analysis by shifting to an equity analysis to further align with SCAG's equity efforts.



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Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Explore developing Research Program with University Partners.	Planned	SCAG staff are developing the scope of work for this effort. Although further work is needed on a holistic scope for the program, specific work elements are being developed. For example, staff is seeking to update its understanding of the travel behavior and travel challenges of low-income residents to improve future planning and support equitable travel initiatives throughout the region. Staff hopes to work with university partners to understand the travel behavior and transportation needs of low-income drivers across the region, examining the relationship between access to reliable transportation and employment status, including consideration of non-commute travel needs including childcare and access to health care and public services. The scope of work would also include strategies specifically to address challenges for unbanked populations and those who do not own smart phones. This effort is intended to serve as a foundation for understanding how to design innovative mobility pilots to increase participation of and benefits to low-income populations. This is particularly critical for understanding the potential of universal basic mobility programs.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form a Restorative Justice Subcommittee to inform work on Connect SoCal (new).	In-Progress	The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee was established to identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's communities. The subcommittee has held two of the four required meetings that will culminate in a White Paper with recommendations for infusing racial equity in Connect SoCal.



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Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form Economic Empowerment Program (new).	In-Progress	SCAG hired a new Department Manager and staff to lead this work program. The team will oversee the Sustainable Communities Program Call 4 efforts (projects focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice), the Public Health Fellows program, the Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Tool, and leads the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee effort.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Support data requests, create tools for information sharing.	In-Progress	SCAG staff are currently conducting outreach to local jurisdictions in the region, including those that are low-resourced and located in Disadvantaged Communities, to introduce the available tools and resources in the Regional Data Platform (RDP). The Local Information Services Team (LIST) at SCAG are ready to provide technical assistance upon request.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Expand Toolbox Tuesday trainings to include sessions on racial equity.	Completed	On a quarterly basis, SCAG hosts equity-focused Toolbox Tuesday trainings for practitioners. To-date, SCAG has held five trainings on the following topics: developing equity baseline conditions reports, conducting equitable engagement, developing and utilizing equity tools developing equity action plans and frameworks, and a demonstration of the recently released Healthy Places Index, Extreme Heat Edition.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide elected officials with fact sheets and tools to promote racial equity.	In-Progress	SCAG's equity efforts are incorporated into New Member Orientation presentations and onboarding materials. Resources from GARE and other publications will be shared with members.



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Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide resources for CBO engagement in Local Planning - e.g., Call for Collaboration, Go Human Mini-Grants.	In-Progress	<p>SCAG has continued to support CBOs through the Call for Collaboration in partnership with three foundations. SCAG provided \$1 million of its REAP 1.0 funding to develop a program that provided capacity-building technical assistance and grants to non-profits and CBOs. Fifteen organizations were invited to engage in land use planning efforts that support the acceleration of housing production, with an emphasis on ensuring principles of equity are included in planning processes, new funding programs, and policies.</p> <p>In September 2022, Go Human completed its Mini Grant Program, which aimed to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, prioritizing Black, Indigenous and People of Color; people with disabilities; and frontline workers, particularly those walking and biking. The program emphasized community-driven co-creation and community engagement. Go Human awarded more than \$350,000 to 26 CBO-identified and led projects, directly engagement more than 300,000 people. Go Human also provided direct resources through the distribution of its Kit of Parts to more than 13 partners and provided robust safety messaging materials and campaigns to more than 25 partners.</p> <p>The 2023 Go Human Safety Strategies contract is anticipated to kickoff in early 2023. The contract includes resources for CBO engagement to</p>
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Build planning capacity in low-resourced jurisdictions by providing staff support - e.g., Civic Sparks, Public Health Fellows.	In-Progress	<p>SCAG staff proposes to leverage the REAP 2021 funding program to utilize fellows in support of REAP 2.0 implementation and capacity building in under resourced jurisdictions. SCAG staff will use the REAP 2021 funding program to provide a Big Data Consulting Practice to provide consulting services to under resourced jurisdictions who may not have capacity to use big data to advance racial equity in local transportation planning.</p>



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Refine equity goals and evaluation criteria used in Sustainable Communities Program (SCP).	In-Progress	Throughout three Calls for Applications completed in 2020/2021, SCAG prioritized equity criteria in the project evaluation and program goals. Specifically, the evaluation criteria required applicants to address anti-displacement strategies and discuss how projects will engage community-based partners and the most impacted communities, including non-English speaking populations. The program goals point to prioritizing disadvantaged communities in alignment with SCAG's resolution on race and equity. Additionally, staff developed an Equity Tool to prioritize outreach to high need areas based on a series of data-driven equity indicators and past funding SCP, to target communities with the highest need and those who historically have not received SCP funding. Finally, SCP piloted opportunities to compensate CBO partners committed to equity to serve as evaluators to ensure projects were assessed with intentional attention to equity.



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Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide resources through the Sustainable Communities Program to promote Environmental Justice.	Planned	Developing SCP Call 4, Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice, to support the goals and implementation of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan. Through strategic funding set-asides, this program, SCAG will prioritize resources in historically disinvested areas and communities most impacted by adverse public health outcomes and air quality impacts. This program will catalyze planning activities to support GHG and VMT reduction, advance equity and environmental justice, and provide needed funding to communities with the highest need.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Identify opportunities to incorporate equity analysis in development of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).	Completed	Based on the adopted FTIP Guidelines, County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) were encouraged to consider equity in developing their respective County TIPs. In future FTIPs, more advanced database analytics combined with spatial analysis may be utilized to evaluate investments across the region and consider whether they are addressing under resourced or underserved areas. In the near term, SCAG has initiated an FTIP mapping tool through the updated eFTIP database to capture the location and extent of all projects including non-modeled (exempt) projects. Any changes to the FTIP process involving equity will be done in collaboration with the CTCs.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Activate & Amplify	Collaborate on a public information campaign to promote fair housing, reduce segregation.	Planned	SCAG designated funding for the development of a community outreach and advertising campaign with the goals of creating positive associations with housing development and housing-supportive land use policies. This effort will be modeled on the success of SCAG's Go Human campaign. Staff began to research several similar, active efforts, and found that the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) had been working with a marketing and branding firm on a market segmentation analysis, identifying core values associated with housing development. CZI has finalized their report and is coordinating with three foundations across CA to develop implementation toolkits. The United Way of Greater LA is the lead for the SCAG region and SCAG is working to dedicate REAP2 funding to support development of the toolkits. Kick off is expected in early 2023.
Activate & Amplify	Strengthen relationships with other MPOs.	In-Progress	On a bimonthly basis, SCAG works with others to convene an MPO Equity Working Group to discuss current equity efforts, challenges, and best practices. The past year's meetings have focused on performance measures, partnering with community-based organizations, environmental justice analysis, and equity tools. SCAG also participates in the California Association of Councils of Governments Big MPO + Caltrans meetings to discuss experiences advancing equity and share
Activate & Amplify	Explore opportunities to partner to establish a "Planning University" for Community-Based Organizations & Stakeholders.	Planned	SCAG staff are developing the scope of work for this effort.
Activate & Amplify	Develop an Excellence in Equity Annual Award Program.	Completed	SCAG's Sustainability Awards Program now includes an equity category to highlight projects that advance equity and facilitate the growth of healthy, livable, sustainable, and economically resilient communities.
Activate & Amplify	Develop Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.	Completed	The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) was developed through a rigorous public outreach and engagement process, including 20 convenings with stakeholders from the private, public, and government sectors. The resulting Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Report and recommendations were adopted by the Regional Council on July 1,



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Activate & Amplify	Inclusive Economic Growth Implementation Program (new).	In-Progress	Following adoption of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy in July 2021, SCAG was awarded \$3.5 million in State funding to implement IERS core recommendations. SCAG has hired two full time staff and an intern to lead this work, which kicked off Summer 2022. There are 5 deliverables in development for this program with a completion date of



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Regional Council (RC)
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Subject: REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:
Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMEND ACTION FOR EAC AND RC:
Receive and File

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:
Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The REAP 1.0 funding is a one-time planning program that authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing production. SCAG is administering the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance (including housing element data components and policy assessments), subregional partnerships with councils of government, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and planning support offered through the Sustainable Communities Program to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions.

Staff is providing a bi-annual program status and update on the REAP 1.0 programs.

BACKGROUND:

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was eligible for \$47 million in REAP funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle RHNA.

SCAG has framed the REAP funding into three umbrella categories:

1. Partnerships and Outreach
2. Regional Housing Policy Solutions
3. Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration

This report provides an update on the current and future REAP program implementation activities, organized by each umbrella category, with an additional update on administrative actions related to program implementation.

The last update was presented to the CEHD Committee at its July 7, 2022 meeting and SCAG staff intends to continue providing program updates on a bi-annual basis. In addition, as the REAP funded programs begin to produce results and deliverables, staff will coordinate presentations to the CEHD committee on the impacts and lessons learned in the program.

REAP Program Administration

AB 101 originally required that all REAP 1.0 funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. SB 197, which was enacted on June 30, 2022 and immediately took effect, extended the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline to December 31, 2024. To receive full reimbursement of REAP activities, SCAG must submit all of its processed invoices to HCD by June 30, 2024.

REAP Program Updates

1. Partnerships and Outreach

There are three programs within the Partnerships and Outreach category of SCAG's REAP funding.

1) Subregional Partnership Program

SCAG set aside approximately \$24 million of its REAP housing funding for the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) to fund subregional partnership planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA. The program is intended to augment resources available through locally received SB 2 and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants and foster subregional collaborations to take advantage of economies of scale in meeting housing goals. The funding amount available for each subregional partner is based on the final RHNA allocation.

Over 70 SRP projects have kicked off and are well underway. Because completion timelines vary, SCAG staff will prepare a closeout report for each individual project. All SRP projects are projected to finish by early 2024 to meet the reimbursement deadlines for the REAP program.

A number of projects have already reached completion. Several have made significant impacts on housing element preparation and have resulted in successful compliant housing elements:

- City of Los Angeles: The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and Assessment of Fair Housing Assessment and Safety Element Update
- The County of Los Angeles: Housing Element Outreach
- San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG): Site Inventory and Site Analysis Tool

Other completed SRP projects include:

- South Bay Cities Council of Governments' SB 330 Supplemental Pre-application Form to Facilitate Replacement Housing – a project that will help produce affordable housing units and prevent displacement of residents
- Ventura County Council of Governments (VCOG) Regional Model Inclusionary Ordinance -- a template for inclusionary housing ordinances for optional implementation by jurisdictions
- SBCOG, Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit -- a toolkit to provide a utility growth capacity plan for certain unincorporated areas to address housing element capacity issues

Over the next year, SCAG anticipates a large number of transformative projects to reach milestones and completion. Highlighted projects include:

- Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)/Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)/VCOG Cross-regional Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Communication Toolkit -- a multi-regional collaborative project to enable jurisdictions to educate the public about opportunities for ADU production and meet common goals
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, GCCOG, OCCOG -- Housing Trust Fund supportive activities
- City of Palmdale (North Los Angeles County) Digital Utility Data Inventory Tool -- a comprehensive utility data inventory and interactive online viewing tool to support the development of housing
- San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Regional Housing Analysis Tool -- a multi-jurisdictional tool to identify areas with low vehicle miles traveled conditions as most suitable for the siting of affordable housing

SCAG will continue to update the CEHD Committee on various SRP projects in upcoming biannual reports and publicize highlighted deliverables as they become available.

2) Call for Collaboration

In partnership with the California Community Foundation (CCF) and other philanthropic organizations, the Call for Collaboration program was designed to fund community-based organizations and non-profit led activities that result in action-oriented planning policies and programs demonstrating a nexus to accelerating housing production. This collaboration fosters diverse community-driven approaches and strategic coalitions to shape and execute a vision for more housing in every community while addressing historic racial inequities.

The Call for Collaboration grantee projects are currently in their final month of the performance period. A technical assistance provider procured by CCF has hosted seven 90-minute trainings on special topics. The technical assistance provider, along with SCAG and CCF staff, hosts a monthly check-in with grantees. CCF and SCAG are collectively conducting a thorough review of grantee progress and identifying additional technical assistance needed. Several projects will conclude in December 2022 and the remaining projects will be completed by March 2023. A presentation on the program was given to CEHD at their October 6, 2022 meeting.

3) Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA)

SCAG procured a consultant team to develop and lead a housing leadership academy that aims to convene, educate, and engage elected officials, local leaders and influential stakeholders on housing issues related to production and preservation of housing. The objectives of this program are to educate and elevate local leadership to proactively contribute to accelerate housing production, develop regional pro-housing coalitions, better utilize housing funding opportunities, implement housing elements, and collaborate with SCAG's emerging housing program. Two subregional partners, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, opted to use a portion of their SRP funds to sponsor their own HPLA cohort as part of their Subregional Partnership Program grant funding, for a total of 8 subregional cohorts.

The first HPLA session kicked off in February 2022. Almost 200 individuals representing a variety of stakeholders from planning commissioners, elected officials, non-profit leaders and service providers completed the program in November and December 2022. The series concluded with a culminating group research project and policy proposal. Some members indicated voluntarily continuing on to work on the initiatives begun in class and will be seeking stakeholder support, local approvals, and funding to execute on the policy recommendations researched.

In addition to the trainings, the leadership academy program included four (4) region-wide convenings on core housing topics that started in November 2021 and concluded in November 2022. Each Forum had approximately 300 participants and the last two Forums were held in partnership with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). National- and local-level speakers were featured and provided an overview of recent Federal and State housing legislation,

along with other important housing topics such as homeownership. Staff will invite some of the HPLA participants to present their policy proposals to the CEHD committee in 2023.

2. *Regional Housing Policy Solutions*

There are three programs in the Regional Housing Policy Solutions category.

1) RHNA Methodology/Allocation

In Summer 2022, SCAG launched an effort to collect public input and develop recommendations to the State as part of the RHNA reform process required under AB101. While HCD has not yet made available its schedule or process for statewide RHNA reform, AB101 and the extension granted by SB 197 require that HCD make recommendations by December 31, 2023. Due to restrictions from HCD on using REAP 1.0 funding for RHNA reform, SCAG will limit its remaining RHNA work under REAP to creating a lessons learned and best practices document on the 6th cycle RHNA.

Using other funding sources, SCAG staff is currently reviewing the collected input on RHNA reform and will develop draft recommendations. Staff will share the draft recommendations as part of another public outreach process in late Spring 2023, after which final recommendations will be proposed to the CEHD and Regional Council for approval. Subsequent to Regional Council approval, staff will prepare a comment letter based on the recommendations and submit it to HCD as part of their Statewide outreach process.

2) Data Tools and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates

In June 2022, SCAG launched a new program offering grant writing assistance for housing-supportive opportunities for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments. In Summer 2022 SCAG procured a consultant to assist jurisdictions in determining candidate projects and provide technical assistance to ensure that the jurisdiction or Tribal Government meets application evaluation criteria for various grants offered by public agencies such as HCD. A call for applications was open between June 6 and July 1, 2022 and shared with subregions, jurisdictions, and Tribal Governments. Four jurisdictions and two Tribal Governments have begun receiving technical assistance, and space is still available for additional recipients. SCAG will continue to reach out to potential recipients until program funds are expended.

3) Housing Policy Solutions Research

Building upon prior internal research efforts which focus on housing policies and fiscal innovations, this work item was established to develop collaboratively funded university studies (“university partnerships”) or other partnerships and engagements that provide research and recommendations on best practices that accelerate housing production. The key deliverables will consist of policy

briefs and periodic white papers on timely topics and best practices. Five efforts are underway or completed for this program:

1. *Other to Residential*: The Other-to-Residential project considers the opportunities and barriers for conversion of underutilized non-residential sites to much-needed residential use in the SCAG region. The underutilized non-residential land uses include retail commercial uses, gas stations, brownfields, and golf courses. The project included a collaboration with students at the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy to expand opportunities for students to engage with planning practitioners and real-world examples. The final product, an Other-to-Residential Toolkit that showcases case studies and best practices in the conversion of non-residential land uses, was presented to the CEHD Committee in June 2022 and released to the public in August 2022. The full Toolkit is downloadable on the SCAG REAP 1.0 website and a full ArcGIS StoryMap will be available in early 2023.
2. *Housing Development Streamlining*: The Housing Development Streamlining Project will offer guidance documents, best practices, workshops, and other materials and resources to support local jurisdictions' efforts to streamline their CEQA and general administrative review processes. Earlier this year the consultant prepared a Recommendation Report based on responses to a questionnaire. Per the feedback received on the Questionnaire, in November 2022 the consultant prepared guidance documents that were published on SCAG's website: <https://scag.ca.gov/development-streamlining-efforts>. A total of 14 guidance documents were published covering a range of topics, including CEQA streamlining, exemptions, and other State laws. Workshop preparation is ongoing and workshops will be scheduled for Spring 2023.
3. *Smart Permitting*: The City of Cerritos pilot program, as a part of the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP), continues making progress on their online permitting platform to accelerate housing production. The consultant team and City staff are working closely together to migrate content, install critical modules, design functional systems, and build the new platform. Several critical "Go Live" launch dates have occurred and allow the project team to process permits in the new environment, in turn expediting processing times, collecting data, tracking progress, and reducing in-person trips to City Hall, usually taken by single-occupancy vehicles. The project timeline was extended, and data findings, best practices, and regional replicability will be the focus of Winter 2023 with a final report anticipated by May 2023. Early results are promising, and the community has positively embraced the new platform and improved permitting workflows.
4. *Tax Increment Financing (TIF)*: An expansion of SCAG's TIF pilot program, this project will provide technical assistance to advance establishment of innovative self-help financing

districts for local jurisdictions that can accelerate housing production, including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs), Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvements Districts (NIFTIs/NIFTI-2s), and Affordable Housing Authorities (AHAs). The project will complete studies for the County of Imperial and City of Barstow incorporating best practices for district establishment and infrastructure financing, and will have a specific focus on implementing housing supportive infrastructure and expanding housing supply. Work kicked off in Fall 2022 and both the County and City have participated in the technical discussions. The project's next steps will be to define the EIFD boundaries and hold public workshops in early 2023.

5. *Preservation Strategy*: The purpose of this program is to develop a series of recommendations for a comprehensive preservation program, focused on both current affordable housing with expiring covenants as well as naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) at risk of converting to market rate. Preservation of expiring covenants and NOAH is a critical component of a robust Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing program as it is a powerful anti-displacement strategy. The project kicked off in September 2022 and work is currently underway, including the finalization of a literature review. As part of the project, a preservation advisory committee made up of professionals in housing development and tenant's rights will be established and hold its first convening in early 2023.

3. ***Sustainable Communities Strategies Integration***

There are three programs in the SCS Strategies Integration category.

1) 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)

This program (<https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program>) was designed to provide resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete local planning efforts that both accelerate housing production as well as enable implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) of Connect SoCal. There are three eligible categories for this program including: (1) implementing ADU programs; (2) Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts; and (3) streamlining housing permitting, parking reduction strategies, housing-related specific plans and other pro-housing policies. Staff assembled the 26 applications received into 12 project bundles based on similar project outcomes and deliverables.

One of the ADU bundles is scheduled to reach completion at the end of December 2022. Deliverables will include an updated ADU ordinance template and an online calculator tool, which will estimate development fees and the overall cost of ADU development for participating

jurisdictions. Additionally, the bundle will produce an ADU development handbook, plans, and a financial assistance report.

Another highlight of the HSD program was the vote on the resolution of intent to establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) by the City of Yucaipa and the City of Covina in December 2022. EIFDs are a type of tax increment financing district that can be used to fund certain public needs, which in this project is to fund infrastructure improvements to support infill housing. The next step of the project scope is to establish a public financing authority, which will oversee the creation of the EIFD.

2) Transit Oriented Development Work Program

LA Metro Partnership: SCAG and Metro are pursuing a Transit Oriented Development/Transit Oriented Communities (TOD/TOC) partnership via an MOU to fund a three-part program that promotes housing production near transit stations. Each part aims to accelerate the delivery of housing and will include evaluating station access, parking strategies, joint development strategies, housing supportive community outreach and a housing innovation “lab.” The goal of the partnership is to plan for nearly 10,000 units of housing on transit-adjacent properties. Currently, SCAG staff is working closely with Metro to develop station site analyses and a framework for the housing innovation lab. A community-based organization (CBO) and community-based developer organization (CBDO) database for site development preparation will be finalized in early 2023.

Metrolink TOD Study: SCAG and SCRRA are partnering through an MOU to identify and encourage transit-oriented housing and redevelopment opportunities throughout Metrolink’s network and around its stations. Particular emphasis is being made to support and add value to the Metrolink Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) capital improvement and service enhancement program. Local cities and county transportation commissions are being included to maximize coordination on issues such as alignment of land development policies and regulations, land ownership and site control opportunities of transit station areas and supporting facilities. This effort includes preparing a station area land-use analysis for the Metrolink station areas that will be included in the 2024 Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

A list of sixteen (16) potential stations based on development opportunities and equity and displacement has been developed and will be narrowed down to eight (8) stations by the end of January 2023. A real estate analysis and strategy on how to incorporate TOD will be conducted on the selected station areas. A stakeholder engagement plan will also be developed in early 2023. The station analysis and strategy will only be conducted for station areas where jurisdictions have expressed interest in participation.

Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC):

The ITC is proposed as a 1.8-mile free-standing, open air, elevated fixed guideway transit system with three stations. Initially, SCAG intended to partner with the City of Inglewood to examine and identify the opportunities for transit-oriented development, including affordable housing, along the ITC Project alignment, and potentially at the ITC maintenance service facility site. The study would have resulted in a toolkit that includes a check list that other parties (transit agencies, municipalities, and development authorities, etc.) may use when considering the proactive preservation and/or integration of transit-oriented or joint-development opportunities into a fixed guideway transit system. However due to administrative issues with the procurement process that may result in missing the REAP expenditure deadline, SCAG has elected to remove this project from the REAP program. Funds will be reallocated to other projects and to cover extended staff time needed to extend the REAP program past its original closeout date.

3) Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis

SCAG has pursued partnerships to further next steps on housing supportive land use analyses and strategy development in PGAs. Staff have focused on partnerships that leverage existing programs and efforts, with an emphasis on the State-funded Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) areas. SCAG has selected two cities, Pomona and Riverside, to partner with in pursuing additional analysis and feasibility studies in connection with their existing TCC grant funds.

The partnership with the City of Pomona will develop a housing land use suitability and infrastructure study to analyze the potential for development of affordable housing on City-owned parcels in the downtown area. The project kicked off in July 2022. The consultant has completed significant public outreach and site visits and is conducting technical studies and analysis. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2023.

The partnership with the City of Riverside originally focused on an infrastructure plan in its identified TCC area. However, after two unsuccessful procurements, SCAG and city staff modified the scope to provide contracted planners to review and expedite housing applications within the original plan area. SCAG staff expects the RFP release for this work in mid-December 2022 and is aiming for kickoff in early 2023. The contract is scheduled for completion in early 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (22-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SR REAP Update Jan 2023



SCAG's Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) *Biannual Program Update*

Ma'Ayn Johnson, AICP
Housing Program Manager
January 5, 2023

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Grant Administration

- Total award amount: \$47M
- Goal and purpose: To increase housing supply and accelerate housing production
- REAP 1.0 Deadline Extension SB 197, July 2022
 - HCD expenditure due date December 2024
 - SCAG invoices must be submitted to HCD by June 30, 2024

REAP Program Areas

Partnerships & Outreach



- Subregional Partnership Program
- Call for Collaboration
- Housing Leadership Academy

Regional Housing Policy Solutions



- Data and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates
- Grant writing technical assistance
- Housing Policy Solutions Research

Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration



- Sustainable Communities Program
- Transit Oriented Development Work Program
- Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

Other



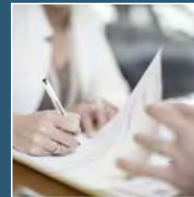
- RHNA Methodology/ Allocation
- Administration

Subregional Partnership Program

\$24.7M Program
 15 subregional partners
 Over 70 individual projects across the region

Activities across the region include:

- Housing element technical assistance
- CBO outreach for housing planning
- Model ordinance development
- Infrastructure capacity analysis
- AFFH toolkit and strategies
- Housing trust strategy development
- Surplus land inventories
- ADU capacity analysis and strategies



Completed housing element-related projects:
 -City of Los Angeles
 -County of Los Angeles
 -SBCTA/SBCOG

Other completed SRP projects:
 -SBCCOG: SB 330 pre-application form to facilitate replacement housing
 -VCOG Regional model inclusionary ordinance
 -SBCTA/SBCOG: Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit



Upcoming projects:
 -OCCOG/GCCOG/VCOG Cross-regional ADU communication toolkit
 -SGVCOG, GCCOG, OCCOG housing trust fund activities
 -City of Palmdale Digital utility data inventory tool
 -SFVCOG Regional housing analysis tool

REAP Partnership & Outreach Programs

Call for Collaboration

- 15 awards to non-profit and community-based organizations, totaling \$1.25 million
- Several projects will conclude in December 2022
- All projects will be completed by March 2023

Leadership Academy

- Last of 10 sessions held in November 2022
- Almost 200 individuals completed the program and presented on a policy proposal
- Forum #3 and #4 held in August and November 2022
- Staff will invite some HPLA participants to present their policy proposals to CEHD in 2023

Regional Housing Policy Solutions

RHNA Methodology/Allocation

- RHNA reform will continue under a different funding source in 2023

Housing Element Update Data & Technical Assistance

- Online permitting portal platform with the City of Cerritos: Regional replicability and best practices, Winter 2023
- Grant writing technical assistance: Four jurisdictions and 2 Tribal Governments are receiving TA, spots still open

Housing Policy Research

- Other to residential project: Published in August 2022 and online download available, full StoryMap coming in early 2023
- Development streamlining resources and training: Fourteen guidance documents published, workshops scheduled for Spring 2023
- Tax Increment Financing strategies: Kicked off Fall 2022, public workshops in early 2023
- Housing Preservation Strategy: Kicked off September 2022, first convening will be held in early 2023

2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)

\$5M in funding approved for 26 projects

Staff developed “bundles” of scopes of work, to procure consultant teams that will work with cities across similar project types.

As of January 2023

- One ADU bundle has been completed
 - Updated ADU ordinance template
 - Online calculator tool
 - ADU development handbook and plans
- Two cities approved a resolution of intent to establish an EIFD (City of Yucaipa and City of Covina)

Program/Bundle Types

Advancing accessory dwelling unit (ADU) implementation

Housing sustainability districts, workforce housing opportunity zones, and housing supportive tax increment financing districts

Objective development standards for streamlined housing, pro-housing designation program, and parking innovation

Transit Oriented Development Work Program

Partnership with LA Metro

- Station site analyses
- Framework of housing innovation lab
- CBO and CBDO database in early 2023

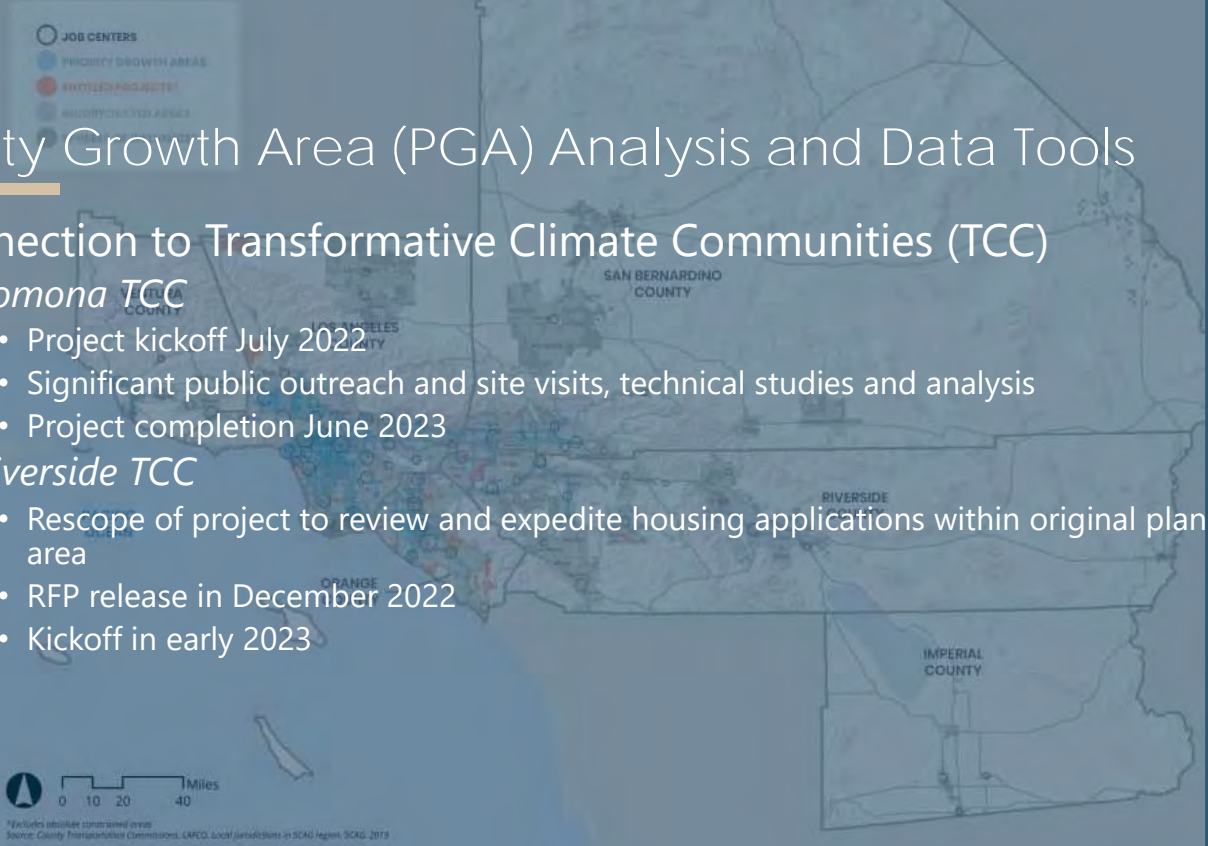
Housing production near transit stations

Partnership with SCRRRA (Metrolink)

- List of potential stations developed and will be narrowed down to 8 in January 2023
- Stakeholder engagement early 2023
- Completely optional participation

Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

- Connection to Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)
 - *Pomona TCC*
 - Project kickoff July 2022
 - Significant public outreach and site visits, technical studies and analysis
 - Project completion June 2023
 - *Riverside TCC*
 - Rescope of project to review and expedite housing applications within original plan area
 - RFP release in December 2022
 - Kickoff in early 2023



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

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Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

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

From: Leyton Morgan, Department Manager
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Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council
Approval Threshold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only - No Action Required

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

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Softwareone Inc.	FY23 Adobe Renewal	\$19,887
Saba Software Canada Inc.	FY23 82 Additional Saba License	\$9,310

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
1. KOA Corporation (21-048-MRFP-08)	The Consultant shall develop a Safe Routes to School Plan (Plan) for the City of Duarte to guide the development of a comprehensive network of safe streets surrounding schools. They will assess existing infrastructure and provide recommendations for safety improvements from a multimodal	\$169,951



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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
2. The Pinnacle Group (23-010-C01)	standpoint. They will develop a plan that will provide a vision for improving conditions for non-motorized forms of travel to schools, with the goal of improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity. Under this agreement, The Pinnacle Group acts as the channel partner and reseller for the purchase of server hardware and support provided by HP Inc. This contract is for a one-time purchase of server hardware and support that SCAG will implement as dedicated backup servers to the IT infrastructure.	\$101,928
3. Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (23-002-C01)	The consultant shall develop and document a conceptual and statistical framework for SCAG's subregional (county-level) job quality index (JQI). The framework will guide SCAG staff's calculation of a county-level job quality index. The framework shall specify the concepts, statistical methods, data resources, and a bibliography to guide the construction of a county-level job quality index. It must also include recommendations for aggregation strategies for a SCAG-region level JQI. The JQI developed by following this framework should be able to withstand the close scrutiny of business leaders, labor leaders, academic experts, and policymakers.	\$75,000
4. Mark Thomas and Company	The consultant shall provide services	\$49,643



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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
(21-048-MRFP-10)	for the Sustainability Communities Program for the City of Santa Ana. Specifically, the consultant shall develop planning level, conceptual plans and estimates for a minimum of 5 priority projects that the City shall specify. The plans and estimates package will outline the safety improvement countermeasures that will be recommended by the Safe Mobility Santa Ana plan update for the various roadway corridors and intersections as identified therein.	

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 or 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 21-048-MRFP-08
2. Contract Summary 23-010-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-002-C01
4. Contract Summary 21-048-MRFP-10

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-MRFP-08

Recommended Consultant:

KOA Corporation

Background & Scope of Work:

The Consultant shall develop a Safe Routes to School Plan (Plan) for the City of Duarte to guide the development of a comprehensive network of safe streets surrounding schools. They will assess existing infrastructure and provide recommendations for safety improvements from a multimodal standpoint. They will develop a plan that will provide a vision for improving conditions for non-motorized forms of travel to schools, with the goal of improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Developing a Safe Routes to School Plan for the City of Duarte that includes priority projects that can effectively compete for regional, state, and federal funding;
- Improving transportation safety, accessibility, and connectivity for Duarte's most vulnerable community members, children, and by extension, improving conditions for older adults; and
- Contributing to the region's efforts to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. Create plans that enhance the region's strength, economy, resilience and adaptability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$169,951
KOA Corporation (prime consultant)	\$130,766
Safe Routes to School National Partnership (subconsultant)	\$4,342
Safe Moves (subconsultant)	\$34,843

Note: KOA Corporation originally proposed \$277,646, but staff negotiated the price down to \$169,951 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period:

October 1, 2022 through October 1, 2023

Project Number(s):

275-4892UA.01 \$150,458

275-4892E.01 \$19,493

Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Funding of \$169,951 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 (\$150,458) and 275-4892E.01 (\$19,493). Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 and 275-4892E.01, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 20 firms of the release of RFP 21-048 MRFP 08 via emails sent to the Transportation Mobility Planning and Analysis Bench Consultants listed for Discipline 2. A total of 20 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:

KOA Corporation (2 subconsultants)

\$277,646

After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed 19 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Five (5) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reasons these firms did not respond was that they lacked the qualification and/or experience to meet the scope of work requirements while other firms had other pursuits and time did not allow them to propose. Staff advertised the RFP the normal four (4) week period and an additional two weeks. Staff subsequently requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed evaluating the single offer received.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC did not conduct an interview because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Stephanie Sandoval, Public Works Manager, City of Duarte
Courtney Aguirre, Program Manager, SCAG
Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended KOA for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated a solid understanding of the project, specifically the importance of creating a pedestrian and bicycle network that is well connected with the City of Duarte's 10 school sites and the surrounding community;
- Demonstrated a solid understanding of the local context, including the community's existing demographics and transportation safety hotspots;
- Detailed how they will prepare conceptual designs for three (3) priority projects, which will support the City of Duarte in its efforts to secure external funding for projects;
- Provided specific examples of how they will deploy innovative multilingual outreach and engagement efforts, including 10 interactive bike and walk audits (five of which will be student-led), five community workshops, five community leader and organization meetings, and a tactical urbanism demonstration project using SCAG's Kit of Parts; and
- Demonstrated their experience developing active transportation plans in Southern California, conducting bilingual outreach, and using Go Human's Kit of Parts. KOA has experience with similar projects and have developed Safe Routes to School Plans for Rancho Palos Verdes, Burbank, and Santa Clarita.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-010-C01

Recommended Consultant:	The Pinnacle Group
Background & Scope of Work:	Under this agreement, The Pinnacle Group acts as the channel partner and reseller for the purchase of server hardware and support provided by HP Inc. This contract is for a one-time purchase of server hardware and support that SCAG will implement as dedicated backup servers to the IT infrastructure.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical separation of SCAG's data backup platform from production systems to increase the security of data backups and;• Providing the ability to store all backups offsite.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective: 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.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$101,928
Contract Period:	August 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Project Number(s):	811.1163.17 \$101,928 Funding source(s): Indirect Funding
	Funding of \$101,928 is available in the FY 2022-23 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811.1163.17.
Basis for Selection:	<p>It is of critical importance to SCAG operations that backup systems are in place and properly secured should SCAG experience an unforeseen event that causes data loss. SCAG's IT infrastructure supports all of SCAG's business applications daily. This includes Finance Division applications, Microsoft Dynamics GP, Microsoft Customer Relationship Management (CRM), SQL Server databases.</p> <p>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 National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA Contract 01-137, a competitively bid Master Services Agreement, with The Pinnacle Group.</p>

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-002-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.)

Background & Scope of Work:

SCAG seeks to better understand the economic implications of SCAG’s planning activities. As a core element of the agency’s transportation planning efforts, the economic data and analysis contained within the RTP/SCS are important to a multitude of planning and research efforts at SCAG, such as informing the development of annual regional economic outlooks and other analyses at the nexus of transportation, land use, and economic growth.

The consultant shall develop and document a conceptual and statistical framework for SCAG’s subregional (county-level) job quality index (JQI). The framework will guide SCAG staff’s calculation of a county-level job quality index. The framework shall specify the concepts, statistical methods, data resources, and a bibliography to guide the construction of a county-level job quality index. It must also include recommendations for aggregation strategies for a SCAG-region level JQI. The JQI developed by following this framework should be able to withstand the close scrutiny of business leaders, labor leaders, academic experts, and policymakers.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The key deliverables for this project are a conceptual and statistical framework (model) for computing a county-level job quality index and the documentation to accompany this framework. The project’s benefits include, but are not limited to:

- A job quality index is a beneficial tool for measuring the growth potential for job markets and provides a means of tracking progress in the development of jobs;
- A county-level job quality index captures the specific labor market conditions in the SCAG region and is, therefore, more informative for local policy-making and economic development;
- A region-specific job quality index reveals a qualitative dimension of jobs beyond the unemployment rate, wages, and benefits, thus providing regional policymakers a tool for measuring and addressing inequities in regional labor markets, and helps regional employers better compete for workers; and
- Building a well-grounded framework unique to the SCAG region allows SCAG to update the job quality index as new data becomes available.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goals 3-5:

- Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.
- Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.
- Goal 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed

\$75,000

Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (prime consultant)

Note: B.E.A.R. originally proposed \$78,900, but staff negotiated the price down to \$75,000 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period:

November 1, 2022 through August 30, 2023

Project Number(s): 320-4902Y2.01 \$75,000

Funding source(s): Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Implementation (CWDB-IERS)

Funding of \$75,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 320-4902Y2.01. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 320-4902Y2.01, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 4,581 firms of the release of RFP 23-023-C01 via SCAG’s PlanetBids website. A total of 16 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.) (no subconsultants) \$75,000

Fourth Economy (no subconsultants)	\$37,515
University of Buffalo (no subconsultants)	\$54,614
Inland Empire Economic Partnership (no subconsultants)	\$54,687
Oxford Economics (no subconsultants)	\$98,893

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Gigi Moreno, Senior Economist, SCAG
- Kevin Kane, Program Manager I, SCAG
- Victor Negrete, IERS Department Manager, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended B.E.A.R. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, proposed a specific and reasonable methodological approach for quantifying the unique features of SCAG-region labor markets;
- Provided the best technical approach, for example proposed a spatially detailed approach to capture the diversity in skills and industries in the region; and
- The methods proposed by B.E.A.R allow the consultant to develop a Job Quality Index that accounts for the specific labor markets in the region that may not fit a textbook perspective of what is a “high quality” job. For example, the film industry relies on part-time and/or contract labor. While this might be considered a low-quality job in theory, it is an economically important industry in the region. B.E.A.R’s model can capture unique features of the regional economy. Other proposers did not show this level of detail or nuance in understanding the local labor markets in the SCAG region.

Although the price proposed was not the lowest, it was within the cost range of what the PRC determined it would take to meet the required deliverables. Further,

the PRC did not recommend these firm(s) for contract award because these firms either:

- Did not describe the methods they would apply in developing a Job Quality Index, whereas B.E.A.R provided a detailed description of the methods they would apply and proposes to build the model from Census tract level data; or
- Appeared to be formed specifically for this project and did not demonstrate a history of working together or a history of working on this type of work on behalf of a public agency, where the real-world application of the work product is much more important than in an academic environment.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-MRFP-10

Recommended Consultant: Mark Thomas and Company

Background & Scope of Work: The consultant shall provide services for the Sustainability Communities Program for the City of Santa Ana. Specifically, the consultant shall develop planning level, conceptual plans and estimates for a minimum of 5 priority projects that the City shall specify. The plans and estimates package will outline the safety improvement countermeasures that will be recommended by the Safe Mobility Santa Ana plan update for the various roadway corridors and intersections as identified therein.

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

- Helping to further SCAG's regional transportation goals and strategies, including those outlined in the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal) in the Transportation Safety & Security Transportation Technical Report. The City's safety efforts align with the Connect SoCal regional goal of improving mobility, accessibility, reliability, and travel safety for people and goods, and the recommendations that local jurisdictions develop pedestrian safety action plans and consider pedestrian needs in all roadway and transit projects.

Key Deliverables:

- Preliminary Design Plans (up to five (5) project concepts, two (2) rounds of reviews);
- Project Cross-Sections (up to three (3) per project concept);
- Project Renderings (up to five (5) renderings);
- Cost Estimates (one (1) per project concept, draft and final); and
- Summary Memorandum (draft and final).

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		\$49,643
	Mark Thomas & Company (prime consultant)	\$43,949
	KTU&A (subconsultant)	\$5,694

Contract Period: October 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Project Number(s):

275-4892UA.01	\$43,949.00	
275-4892E.01	\$5,694.00	

Funding source(s): FY22 SB1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and TDA.

Funding of \$49,643 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 (\$43,949.00) and 275-4892E.01 (\$5,694). Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 and 275-4892E.01, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff directly e-mailed RFP 21-048-MRFP-10 to 18 firms that are on the Transportation Planning Bench. A total of two (2) firms responded with proposals to the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Mark Thomas and Company (1 subconsultants)	\$49,643
IBI Group (No subconsultants)	\$ (N/A)

This being an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement, proposers were asked to not include their cost proposals with the proposal submissions. The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposals on the basis of qualification only and selected Mark Thomas and Company as the winner.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Cory Wilkerson, Program Manager II, SCAG
- Mauricio Castaneda, Assistant Engineer City of Santa Ana
- Ruben Castaneda, Assistant Engineer City of Santa Ana

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Mark Thomas and Company for the contract award because the consultant:

- Is responsive to the solicitation
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, by providing the best technical approach. For example, the proposal significantly exceeds the scope of work and represents a clearly superior and desirable approach with a high probability of success. The consultant understands the challenges that concept plans have incorporating improvements within the existing right-of-way.
- Cost was not a factor in evaluation of the proposals since this is an A&E procurement. PRC selected the consultant that provided the best technical approach to the project and was best qualified overall based on number of years of experience the firm has delivering on similar projects and projects with higher complexities as well as their qualifications.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov
Subject: CFO Monthly Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

ACCOUNTING:

As of November 30, 2022, 156 cities and 4 counties had paid their FY23 membership dues. This represents 65.30% of the membership assessment. Another round of reminder letters to collect unpaid dues will be mailed in January 2023.

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of interest earnings. As of November 30, 2022, SCAG has earned \$5,714.35 interest from funds invested in the LAC Investment Pool and \$13,910.37 from funds invested in the LAIF account.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

The divisional budget meetings were held to discuss the budget requests for FY 2023-24 (FY24) Comprehensive Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP). The updated budget requests were presented to the Executive Team; the Executive Office is currently evaluating divisional budget requests for inclusion in the draft comprehensive budget. Staff will continue to work on finalizing the FY24 Comprehensive Budget and OWP in the next few months. A draft budget will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) in March 2023.

Staff also continued to seek additional resources by applying for three grant opportunities in December. Staff, in partnership with Metrolink, submitted a grant application to the California Transportation Commission for Metrolink Sustainable Locomotives Project. The project will replace eight (8) aging and polluting Tier 2 diesel locomotives for Metrolink. Staff also submitted a grant



application to the California Public Utilities Commission for Last Mile Project Assessment for SCAG Region. The project will provide critical broadband planning and implementation efforts for the region by developing a methodology to conduct regional analysis and identifying, preparing, and developing preliminary specifications for three shovel-ready last-mile projects. Lastly, a grant application for the REAP 2.0 Full Application was submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as authorized by the EAC on November 30, 2022.

CONTRACTS

In November 2022, the Contracts Department issued four (4) Request for Proposal; awarded five (5) contracts; issued two (2) contract amendments; and processed nineteen (19) Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 216 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month Contracts' staff negotiated \$148,472 in budget savings, bringing the cumulative FY23 savings to \$724,745.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 5, 2023

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
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Subject: Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, EEC, AND TC:

Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to federal and state law, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the lead agency responsible for developing the air quality management plan (AQMP) to attain federal and state ambient air quality standards within its jurisdiction. On December 2, 2022, the Governing Board of the South Coast AQMD adopted its Final 2022 AQMP. Dr. Sarah Rees, South Coast AQMD Deputy Executive Officer, will present an overview of the 2022 AQMP to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), the South Coast AQMD's 2022 AQMP has been prepared primarily to attain the federal 2015 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard in the South Coast Air Basin which includes Orange County and non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, as well as in the Coachella Valley. As required by state law, the 2022 AQMP was jointly prepared by three responsible agencies to integrate their respective comprehensive control strategies and measures: the South Coast AQMD, the lead agency, the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and SCAG.

The 2022 AQMP is a regional blueprint for achieving the federal air quality standards and healthful air in the South Coast region. It contains multiple goals promoting reduction of criteria air pollutants as well as co-benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and toxic air contaminants. To maximize air quality benefits and co-benefits of greenhouse gas emissions reductions, the 2022 AQMP incorporates an aggressive and broad-based zero-emissions control strategy and necessary infrastructure, where technologically and economically feasible, and promotes accelerated deployment of cleanest possible technologies, best management practices, co-benefits from existing programs, incentives, and other CAA Section 182(e)(5) “black box” measures to include the development and deployment of future technologies.

The 2022 AQMP includes nearly 50 stationary, area source, and mobile source control measures. The control strategies reflect an integrated approach and include fair-share emission reductions at the federal, state, and local levels. Notably, the 2022 AQMP identifies the critical need for federal actions over sources that only the federal government has regulatory purview over (i.e., aircraft, locomotives, ocean-going vessels, international and out-of-state trucks, and pre-empted off-road equipment).

The 2022 AQMP demonstrates attainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone standard by the federal attainment deadline (2037) in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley through adoption of all feasible measures. The annual average cost of implementing the 2022 AQMP is estimated to be about \$2.85 billion with a job impact ranging from 17,000 to 29,000 jobs forgone in an economy with more than 10 million jobs. However, the implementation of the 2022 AQMP is expected to yield much greater public health benefits, estimated to be about \$19.4 billion annually by 2037 by avoiding an annual average of 1,500 premature deaths, as well as 8,700 fewer hospitalizations, 1,450 fewer emergency room visits, and nearly 163,000 fewer days of absences from work and school.

The 2022 AQMP includes an important component relevant to regional transportation planning and federal transportation conformity requirements, the motor vehicle emissions budgets, which set an upper limit for emissions from on-road transportation activities. Upon approval by the U.S. EPA, the emissions budgets established as part of the 2022 AQMP process and adopted in the final State Implementation Plan (SIP) will become the functioning emissions budgets for transportation conformity for the South Coast region for future regional transportation plans, federal transportation improvement programs, and amendments or updates to such plans/programs.

The development of the 2022 AQMP is a result of three-year public process by multi-agencies with extensive stakeholder outreach and participation. The extensive public process included the preparation of five policy briefs, a control measure workshop, and over 200 meetings. SCAG’s role in the 2022 AQMP development process includes providing the socio-economic growth forecast and regional transportation demand model output data to the South Coast AQMD for use in estimating

and forecasting emission inventories and air emission modeling; and providing vehicle activity data to the ARB for use in developing on-road emissions. SCAG has provided the data to the respective agencies.

In addition to the technical data, SCAG is also responsible for writing a portion of the 2022 AQMP on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) as they relate to the region's air quality. The document, commonly referred to as "Appendix IV-C," primarily includes an overview of the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 (2020 RTP/SCS); a list of committed TCMs in the South Coast Air Basin that are federally enforceable and subject to timely implementation; and pursuant to the federal CAA requirements, an analysis of reasonably available TCMs.

At its meeting on February 3, 2022, the Regional Council (RC) approved transmittal of the Draft Appendix IV-C to the South Coast AQMD for inclusion in the Draft 2022 AQMP, as recommended by the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) at its meeting on January 6, 2022. The Draft Appendix IV-C was subsequently released for public review and comment as part of the Draft 2022 AQMP from May 6 through July 22, 2022. The Appendix IV-C was then released for a second round of public review and comment as part of the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP on September 2 through October 18, 2022. The South Coast AQMD also held five regional workshops from October 12 through October 20, 2022 to discuss and solicit public input on the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP, including the Appendix IV-C. No public comments were received on the Appendix IV-C during both rounds of public review.

At its meeting on November 3, 2022, the RC approved transmittal of the Final Appendix IV-C to the South Coast AQMD, subject to final public comments on the Appendix IV-C, as recommended by the EEC on the same day. Subsequently, the Final Appendix IV-C was forwarded to the South Coast AQMD for inclusion in the Final 2022 AQMP. The Final 2022 AQMP, including the Appendix IV-C, was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on December 2, 2022. No public comments were received on the Final Appendix IV-C during the adoption public hearing.

The Final 2022 AQMP, including the Appendix IV-C, will be submitted to ARB for approval into the SIP and subsequently submitted to EPA in early 2023. EPA must act on the 2022 AQMP within 18 months of the submission.

For more information about the 2022 AQMP, visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan>.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Overall Work Program (23-025.0164.01: Air Quality and Conformity).

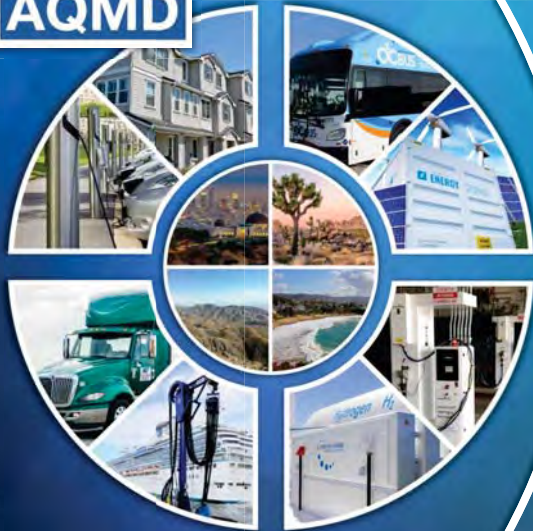


ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - 2022 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)



2022 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN



Southern California Association of Governments
Regional Council Meeting

January 5, 2023

2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

- South Coast AQMD is required by federal law to develop an AQMP to meet federal air quality standards
- In 2015, U.S. EPA tightened the ozone standard, triggering the need to develop a new AQMP
 - South Coast Air Basin: "Extreme" nonattainment
 - Coachella Valley: "Severe" nonattainment
- 2022 AQMP provides the blueprint of how the region will meet the 2015 ozone standard by 2037
- 2022 AQMP and all supporting documents are available online at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/2022aqmp>
 - Includes CARB State SIP Strategy and SCAG Transportation Control Measures



Key Components of the 2022 AQMP

South Coast AQMD's stationary and mobile source measures

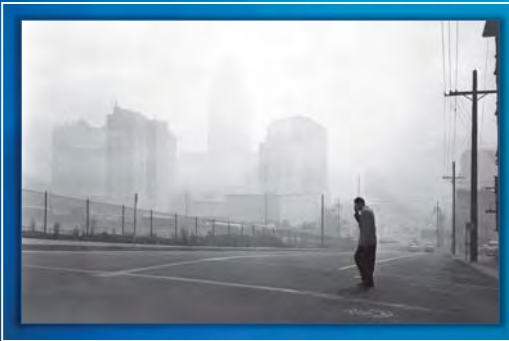
CARB's mobile source measures

SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS and transportation control measures

Over 3-year Process with Public Participation



Our Challenge



Los Angeles c. 1950

Our region has historically suffered from some of the worst air quality in the United States

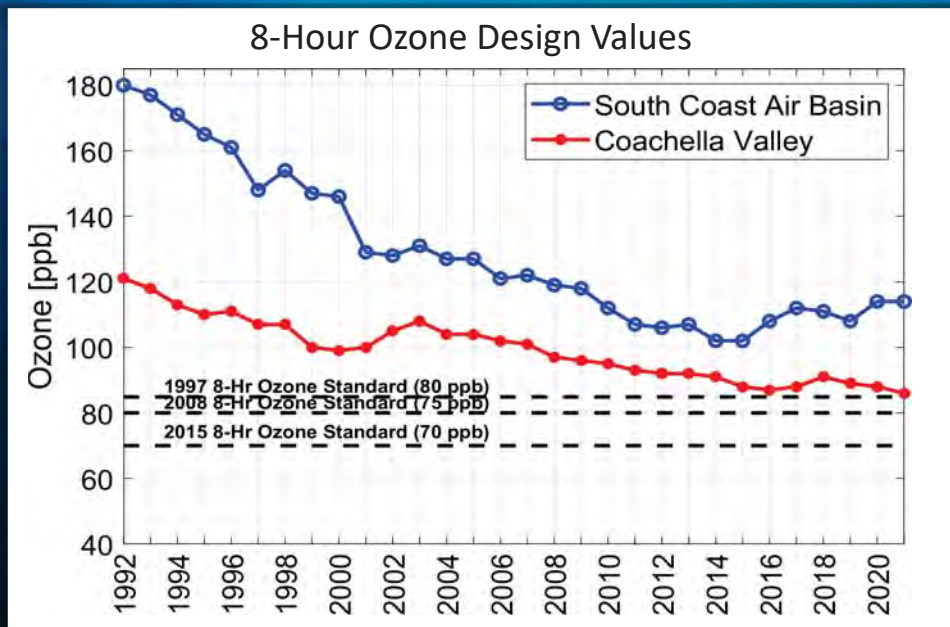


Los Angeles Recent Condition (2018)

We have made significant progress, but still suffer from poor air quality

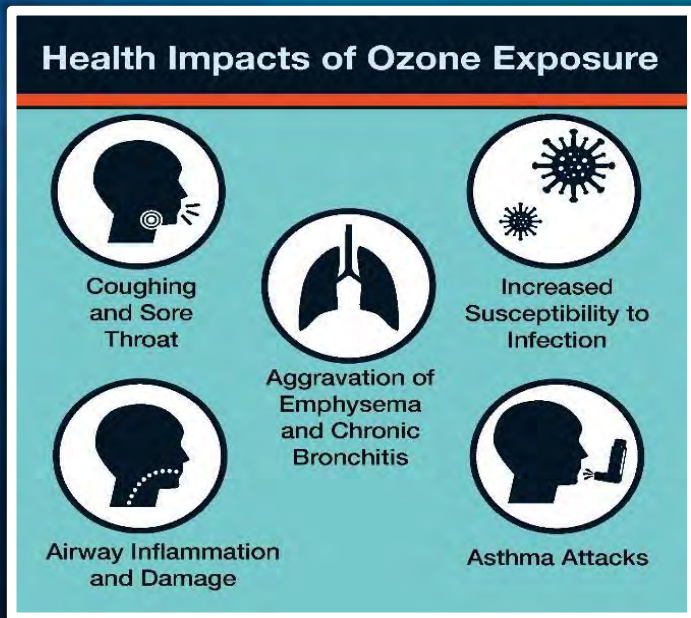
- Worst ozone (smog) in the nation
- Among the worst fine particulate matter (PM2.5)

Ozone Trends in the South Coast Air Basin



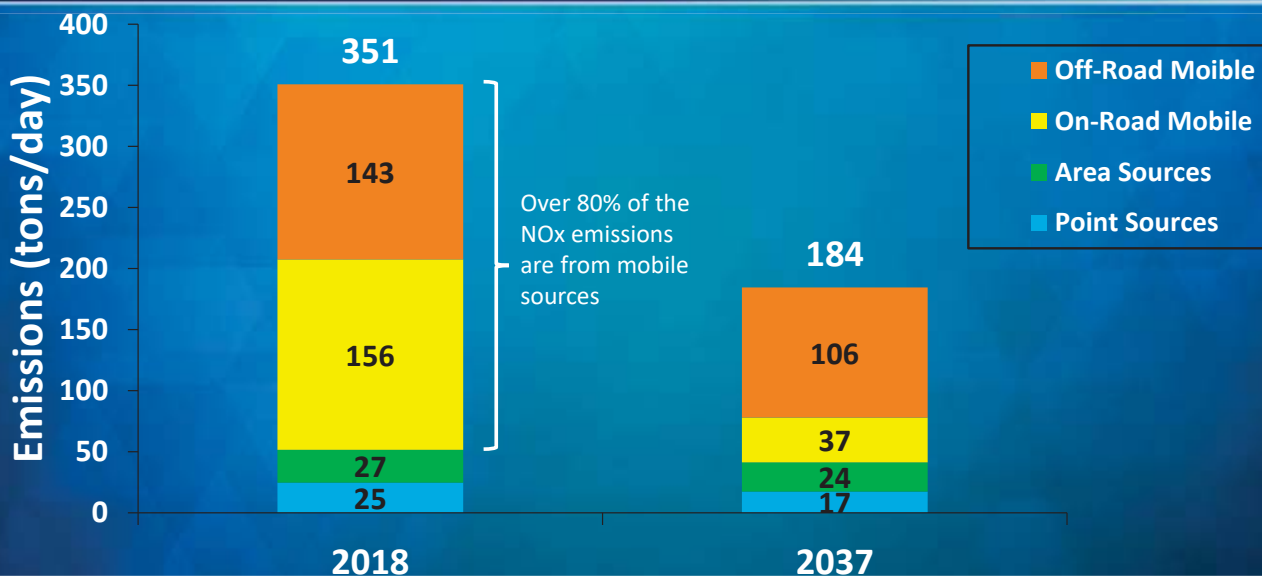
- Overall air quality has dramatically improved
- High ozone in recent years were due to adverse meteorology. Continued emission reductions will improve ozone

Health Impacts of Ozone



- Ozone precursor pollutants also increase fine particulate (PM2.5) pollution
- PM2.5 can cause **premature death** in addition to other serious health effects

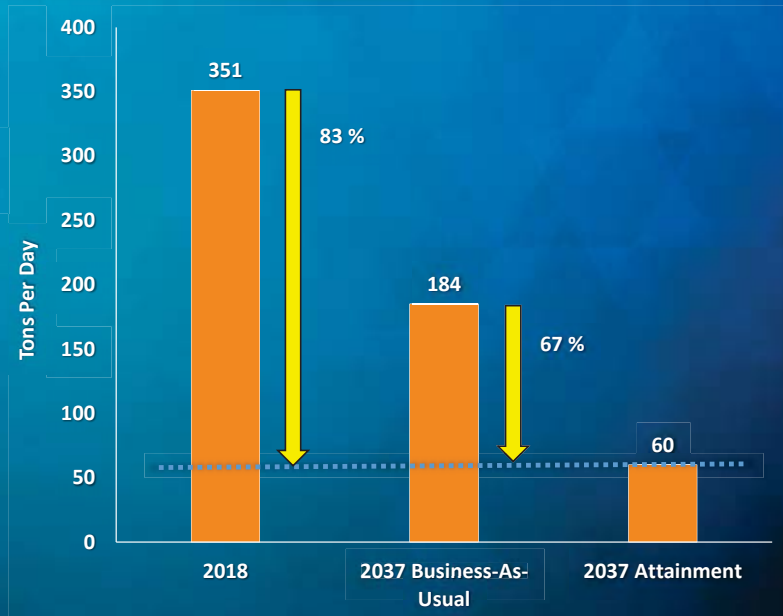
NOx Baseline* Emissions by Source Category



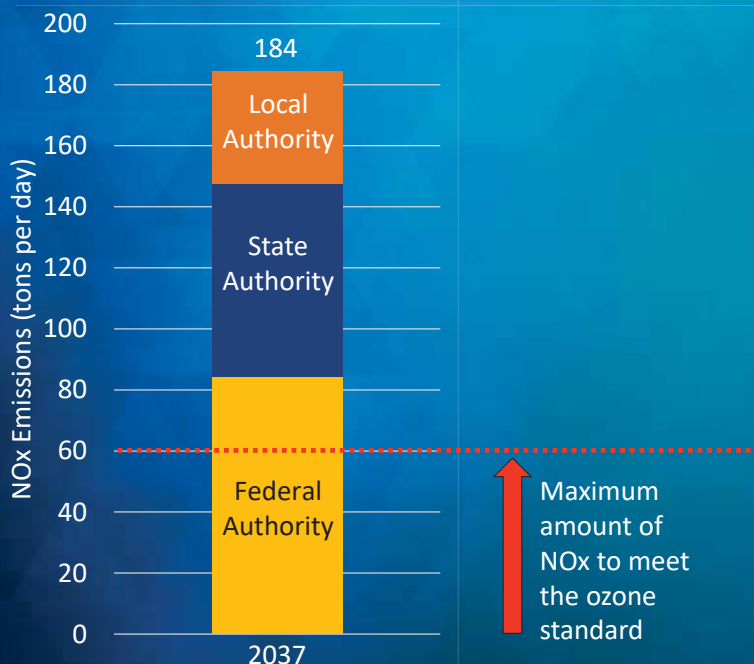
*Baseline emissions reflect growth and control from existing rules and regulations

Need to Reduce NOx Emissions

- The primary pollutant that must be controlled to reduce ozone in our region is nitrogen oxides (NOx)
- NOx is formed during processes that burn fuels
- NOx must be reduced to 60 tons per day to meet the ozone standard
 - 83% below current conditions
 - 67% below Business-As-Usual conditions in 2037



Need to Address Federal Sources



- More than 1/3 of the 2037 baseline emissions inventory is regulated primarily under federal and international jurisdiction, with limited authority for CARB/South Coast AQMD
 - Ships, aircraft, locomotives, etc.
- Attainment is not possible without significant reductions from these sources

Innovative Approaches Needed

- Traditional approach relies on additional tailpipe/exhaust stack controls, new engines technology, or fuel improvements tailored to individual use cases
- These traditional approaches will not reduce emissions by the amount needed
- We must turn to zero emission and advanced technologies wherever possible



Overview of South Coast AQMD Mobile Source Controls



Overview of CARB's Mobile Source Controls



On-Road

- Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation
- Zero-Emission Trucks

Off-Road

- Tier 5 Off-Road Engine Standard
- Amend In-Use Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation

Primarily Federally-Regulated

- Future Measures for OGV Emissions Reductions

Public Health Benefits

Annual Public Health Benefits (examples of avoided outcomes)



Annual Monetized Public Health Benefit (2025-2037)

\$19.4 Billion

- 74% of benefit from avoided premature death due to reduced PM2.5

Next Steps

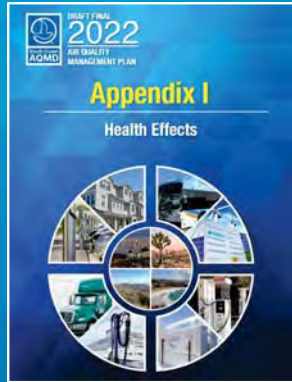
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U.S. EPA Review
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Implementation
with Stakeholder
Participation

Backup Slides

2022 AQMP and Supplemental Documents



Appendices I-VII

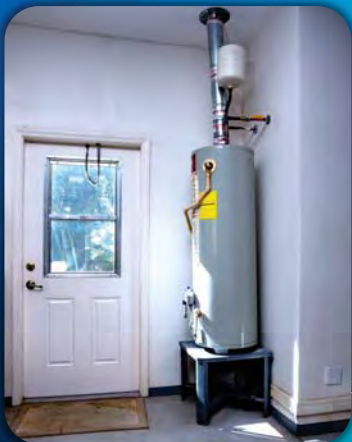


Program Environmental Impact Report



Policy Briefing Papers

Stationary and Area Sources NOx Control Measures



Residential Combustion
Water/Space/Heating/
Cooking/Others



Commercial Combustion
Water/Space/Heating/
Cooking/Others



Industrial Combustion
Boilers/Process Heaters/
Refineries/EGUs/Etc.

Federal Action is the Only Way to Attain

It is infeasible for the region to meet the standard even if South Coast sources are eliminated without additional federal action



Emissions from federal sources are growing – from 28% of 2018 emissions to 46% of 2037 emissions



Partner with White House, Congress, and multiple federal agencies to reduce emissions

