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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Thursday, June 4, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BUSINESS SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Bill Jahn, President)

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule**
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

Recommended Action: As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-21 (FY21) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.).

2. **Ratification of the 2020-21 SCAG Board Officers**
(The Honorable Bill Jahn, President, Regional Council)

Recommended Action: Ratify the Regional Council’s approval of the 2020-2021 SCAG Board Officer positions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

3. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Assembly - May 2, 2019**

Receive and File

4. **COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times**
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RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020 POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Year in Review - SCAG President 2019-2020 Accomplishments
- Recognition of Outgoing President William "Bill" Jahn, Big Bear Lake, RC District 11
- Remarks from Incoming President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, RC District 29

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Regional Conference and General Assembly is scheduled for May 5 – 7, 2021 at the J.W. Marriott Resort & Spa, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, California 92260.



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June 4, 2020

To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, 213-236-1835
ajise@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget and
Membership Assessment Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council. It is adopted annually by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Regional Council. On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council approved the FY21 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule in the amount of \$2,683,973.

The proposed FY21 General Fund budget assumed member dues at \$2,172,297 but in light of the economic difficulties currently being experienced by all of our membership, staff is recommending that the General Assembly approve the assessment with a 20% waiver of dues per member. This will amount to \$434,459 loss to the General Fund. This will be mostly offset by savings in FY20 resulting from the cancellation of the General Assembly meeting whose net cost was budgeted at \$388,423. The remaining \$46,036 of the dues waiver will come out of General Fund reserves. The attached Membership Assessment Schedule has been adjusted to reflect a 20% waiver.

BACKGROUND:

The General Fund supports SCAG activities that are not funded by federal or state grant funds. The General Fund also pays for lobbying costs, legal fees, and other costs that are otherwise not

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allowable charges to the grants. The FY21 General Fund budget is \$2,683,973, or 32% less than the FY20 General Fund budget of \$3,945,334. The FY21 budget is lower because it does not include Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) related expenditures, which are now funded by Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program funds awarded to SCAG in April 2020. The REAP funds will facilitate compliance to implement the 6th cycle of the regional housing needs assessment and to accelerate housing production through regional programs.

The General Fund budget is primarily funded by the annual membership dues assessment for all members of SCAG. Member dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines in Article VIII of the SCAG Bylaws. The proposed FY21 General Fund budget assumed member dues at \$2,172,297, but in light of the economic difficulties currently being experienced by all of our membership, staff is recommending that the General Assembly approve the assessment with a 20% waiver of dues per member. This will amount to \$434,459 loss to the General Fund. This will be mostly offset by savings in FY20 resulting from the cancelation of the General Assembly meeting, whose net cost was budgeted at \$388,423. The remaining \$46,036 of the dues waiver will come out of General Fund reserves. The attached Membership Assessment Schedule has been adjusted to reflect a 20% waiver.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule provides the financial resources for all activities associated with the Regional Council for FY 2020-21.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

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General Fund Budget

Fiscal Year 2020-21

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget

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

		FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	FY20 Adopted To FY21 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	307,523	315,132	256,697	(58,435)
	Cities	1,637,939	1,690,277	1,394,340	(295,937)
	Commissions	88,500	88,500	70,800	(17,700)
	Transportation Corridor Agency	10,000	10,000	8,000	(2,000)
	Air Districts	10,000	10,000	8,000	(2,000)
	Sub-total	2,053,962	\$ 2,113,909	\$ 1,737,837	\$ (376,072)
	Interest	132,565	95,000	130,000	35,000
	Other	138,493	41,800	41,677	(123)
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	380,145	340,000	340,000	-
	Transfer from Fund Balance	-	1,354,625	434,459	(920,166)
	Sub-total	651,203	\$ 1,831,425	\$ 946,136	\$ (885,289)
Total Revenues	2,705,165	\$ 3,945,334	\$ 2,683,973	\$ (1,261,361)	
EXPENDITURES:					
Task .01 Regional Council	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	351	10,102	10,285	183
	Legal Services	139,127	120,000	100,000	(20,000)
	Miscellaneous Other	15,859	-	-	-
	Networking Mtgs/Special Events	-	1,000	-	(1,000)
	Other Meeting Expense	15,497	10,000	20,000	10,000
	RC/Committee Meeting	9,469	25,000	15,000	(10,000)
	RC Retreat	-	10,000	13,000	3,000
	Stipends	194,130	210,485	195,000	(15,485)
	Travel - Outside	48,458	60,000	50,000	(10,000)
	Travel - Local	46,224	35,000	46,000	11,000
	Mileage - Local	26,999	25,000	25,000	-
	Task sub-total	496,114	\$ 506,587	\$ 474,285	\$ (32,302)
Task .02 Legislative	External Legislative:				
	Staff Time	23,465	5,718	26,715	20,997
	Federal Lobbyist	-	115,000	120,000	5,000
	Other Meeting Expense	13,343	40,000	15,000	(25,000)
	Resource Materials / Subscriptions	1,876	2,000	2,000	-
	State Lobbyist	105,519	100,000	120,000	20,000
	Travel - Outside	7,028	-	10,000	10,000
	Travel - Local	17	-	-	-
Mileage	83	-	500	500	
Task sub-total	151,331	\$ 262,718	\$ 294,215	\$ 31,497	
Task .03 RHNA	RHNA:				
	Staff Time	163,222	211,886	-	(211,886)
	Other Meeting Expense	3,000	-	-	-
	RHNA Subregional Delegation	-	500,000	-	(500,000)
	SCAG Consultant	306	-	-	-
Travel - Outside	432	-	-	-	
Task sub-total	166,960	\$ 711,886	\$ -	\$ (711,886)	

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	FY20 Adopted To FY21 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	Bank Fees	15,183	12,500	15,000	2,500
	Contingency	(5,428,815)	-	261	261
	Demographic Workshop	27,423	28,000	28,000	-
	Economic Summit	84,937	100,000	85,000	(15,000)
	Housing Summit	-	20,000	20,000	-
	Legal Services	863	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous Other	12,104	101,966	15,000	(86,966)
	Office Supplies	397	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	61,304	25,000	50,000	25,000
	Professional Memberships	7,256	11,500	11,500	-
	SCAG Consultant	90,722	76,400	-	(76,400)
	SCAG Memberships	83,678	116,000	116,000	-
	Scholarships	32,000	32,000	36,000	4,000
	Software Support	36,647	-	76,400	76,400
	Sponsorships	247,938	200,000	150,000	(50,000)
	Travel	1,089	2,500	2,500	-
Travel - Local	1,263	1,500	1,500	-	
Staff Lodging Expense	12,880	13,500	13,000	(500)	
Mileage - Local	679	500	500	-	
	Task sub-total	(4,712,453)	\$ 741,366	\$ 620,661	\$ (120,705)
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	32,180	28,423	49,562	21,139
	General Assembly	640,155	672,000	611,500	(60,500)
	Miscellaneous Other	530	-	-	-
	Printing	8,056	25,000	10,000	(15,000)
	SCAG Consultant	26,602	-	87,000	87,000
	Travel - Local	490	-	-	-
Mileage	6,333	3,000	5,000	2,000	
	Task sub-total	714,345	\$ 728,423	\$ 763,062	\$ 34,639
Task .07 Leasehold Improvements	Leasehold Improvements:				
	Capital Outlay	5,956	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	5,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	702	21,154	21,611	457
	Task sub-total	702	\$ 21,154	\$ 21,611	\$ 457
Task .13 Sustainability Project	Sustainability Project:				
	SCAG Consultant	50,000	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	9,279	9,959	9,996	37
	Miscellaneous Other	673	-	2,000	2,000
	Other Meeting Expense	1,494	-	1,500	1,500
	Printing	-	5,000	-	(5,000)
	Travel	10,186	30,000	15,000	(15,000)
	Mileage	19	-	500	500
	Task sub-total	21,651	\$ 44,959	\$ 28,996	\$ (15,963)

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	FY20 Adopted To FY21 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Go Human	67,262	-	-	-
	Outreach/Advertisement	5,554	-	-	-
	RC Sponsorships	3,495	-	-	-
	SCAG Consultant	70	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	76,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	80,028	14,072	14,075	3
	Task sub-total	80,028	\$ 14,072	\$ 14,075	\$ 3
Task .24 Randall Lewis Wellness Program	Randall Lewis Wellness Program:				
	Other Meeting Expense	84	-	-	-
	Resource Materials / Subscriptions	37	-	-	-
	Travel - Local	281	-	-	-
	Wellness	120	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .25 Caltrans Audit	Caltrans Audit:				
	Disallowed Grant Costs	4,832,192	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	4,832,192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Randall Lewis Wellness Program:				
	Engagement Committee	-	-	20,000	20,000
	Employee Recognition	-	-	15,000	15,000
	Department Allowance	-	-	15,000	15,000
	Task sub-total	-	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	Total for all tasks	1,883,729	\$ 3,031,165	\$ 2,266,905	\$ (814,260)
	Allocated Fringe Benefits	234,130	239,606	105,521	(134,085)
	Allocated Indirect Costs	508,311	674,563	311,548	(363,015)
	Total	2,626,170	\$ 3,945,334	\$ 2,683,973	\$ (1,261,361)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

Membership Assessment Schedule

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
 Proposed Membership Assessment
 Schedule Fiscal Year 2020-21
 As of May 13, 2020

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (100%)	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (NET 20% WAIVER)
<u>COUNTIES</u>			
IMPERIAL	38,033	7,221	5,777
LOS ANGELES	1,046,858	137,427	109,942
ORANGE	129,128	37,634	30,107
RIVERSIDE	394,200	63,569	50,855
SAN BERNARDINO	312,654	55,591	44,473
VENTURA	96,377	19,430	15,544
SUB-TOTAL	2,017,250	320,872	256,697

<u>CITIES</u>			
ADELANTO	35,136	3,938	3,150
AGOURA HILLS	20,842	2,289	1,831
ALHAMBRA	86,931	9,005	7,204
ALISO VIEJO	51,372	5,526	4,421
ANAHEIM	359,339	35,908	28,726
APPLE VALLEY	73,464	7,688	6,150
ARCADIA	58,891	6,262	5,010
ARTESIA	16,919	1,905	1,524
AVALON	3,845	476	381
AZUSA	51,313	5,521	4,417
BALDWIN PARK	77,286	8,062	6,450
BANNING	31,044	3,537	2,830
BARSTOW	24,150	2,613	2,090
BEAUMONT	48,401	5,236	4,189
BELL	36,556	4,077	3,262
BELLFLOWER	78,308	8,162	6,530
BELL GARDENS	42,972	4,704	3,763
BEVERLY HILLS	34,627	3,888	3,110
BIG BEAR LAKE	5,461	634	507
BLYTHE	19,428	2,151	1,721
BRADBURY	1,077	205	164
BRAWLEY	27,337	3,175	2,540
BREA	45,606	4,962	3,970

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BUENA PARK	83,384	8,658	6,926
BURBANK	105,952	11,117	8,894
CALABASAS	24,239	2,622	2,098
CALEXICO	42,198	4,629	3,703
CALIMESA	9,159	996	797
CALIPATRIA	7,281	812	650
CAMARILLO	69,880	7,337	5,870
CANYON LAKE	11,285	1,354	1,083
CARSON	93,604	9,658	7,726
CATHEDRAL CITY	54,907	5,872	4,698
CERRITOS	50,711	5,462	4,370
CHINO	89,829	9,289	7,431
CHINO HILLS	84,364	8,754	7,003
CLAREMONT	36,511	4,072	3,258
COACHELLA	46,351	5,035	4,028
COLTON	54,391	5,822	4,658
COMMERCE	13,021	1,524	1,219
COMPTON	98,711	10,158	8,126
CORONA	168,101	17,197	13,758
COSTA MESA	115,830	12,083	9,666
COVINA	48,876	5,282	4,226
CUDAHY	24,264	2,624	2,099
CULVER CITY	40,173	4,431	3,545
CYPRESS	49,833	5,376	4,301
DANA POINT	34,249	3,851	3,081
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	29,251	3,362	2,690
DIAMOND BAR	57,495	6,125	4,900
DOWNEY	114,212	11,925	9,540
DUARTE	21,952	2,398	1,918
EASTVALE	66,078	6,965	5,572
EL CENTRO	46,248	5,025	4,020
EL MONTE	117,204	12,217	9,774
EL SEGUNDO	17,066	1,920	1,536
FILLMORE	15,925	1,808	1,446

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FONTANA	212,078	21,500	17,200
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	56,652	6,043	4,834
FULLERTON	142,824	14,724	11,779
GARDEN GROVE	175,155	17,888	14,310
GARDENA	61,042	6,472	5,178
GLENDALE	206,283	20,933	16,746
GLENDORA	52,122	5,600	4,480
GRAND TERRACE	12,654	1,488	1,190
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	14,690	1,687	1,350
HAWTHORNE	87,854	9,096	7,277
HEMET	84,754	8,792	7,034
HERMOSA BEACH	19,847	2,192	1,754
HESPERIA	96,362	9,928	7,942
HIDDEN HILLS	1,885	284	227
HIGHLAND	55,778	5,957	4,766
HOLTVILLE	6,779	763	610
HUNTINGTON BEACH	203,761	20,686	16,549
HUNTINGTON PARK	59,350	6,307	5,046
IMPERIAL	19,929	2,200	1,760
INDIAN WELLS	5,445	633	506
INDIO	89,406	9,248	7,398
INDUSTRY	432	142	114
INGLEWOOD	112,549	11,762	9,410
IRVINE	280,202	28,166	22,533
IRWINDALE	1,506	247	198
JURUPA VALLEY	106,318	11,152	8,922
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,602	2,266	1,813
LA HABRA	63,542	6,717	5,374
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,485	637	510
LA MIRADA	49,558	5,349	4,279
LA PALMA	15,820	1,798	1,438
LA PUENTE	40,795	4,491	3,593
LA QUINTA	42,098	4,619	3,695
LA VERNE	33,201	3,748	2,998

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LAGUNA BEACH	23,358	2,535	2,028
LAGUNA HILLS	31,572	3,589	2,871
LAGUNA NIGUEL	66,748	7,031	5,625
LAGUNA WOODS	16,518	1,866	1,493
LAKE ELSINORE	62,949	6,659	5,327
LAKE FOREST	86,346	8,948	7,158
LAKELWOOD	81,352	8,460	6,768
LANCASTER	161,604	16,562	13,250
LAWNDALE	33,436	3,771	3,017
LOMA LINDA	24,335	2,631	2,105
LOMITA	20,763	2,281	1,825
LONG BEACH	475,013	47,226	37,781
LOS ALAMITOS	11,721	1,397	1,118
LOS ANGELES	4,040,079	396,539	317,231
LYNWOOD	71,343	7,480	5,984
MALIBU	12,046	1,429	1,143
MAYWOOD	27,971	3,237	2,589
MENIFEE	93,452	9,644	7,715
MISSION VIEJO	96,434	9,935	7,948
MONROVIA	38,529	4,270	3,416
MONTCLAIR	39,563	4,371	3,497
MONTEBELLO	64,247	6,786	5,429
MONTEREY PARK	61,828	6,549	5,239
MOORPARK	37,020	4,122	3,298
MORENO VALLEY	208,297	21,130	16,904
MURRIETA	118,125	12,308	9,846
NEEDLES	5,085	598	478
NEWPORT BEACH	87,180	9,030	7,224
NORCO	26,386	3,082	2,466
NORWALK	106,744	11,194	8,955
OJAI	7,769	860	688
ONTARIO	178,268	18,192	14,554
OXNARD	209,879	21,285	17,028
PALM DESERT	53,625	5,747	4,598

Membership Assessment Schedule

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 As of May 13, 2020

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (100%)	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (NET 20% WAIVER)
PALM SPRINGS	48,733	5,268	4,214
PALMDALE	157,854	16,195	12,956
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	13,544	1,575	1,260
PARAMOUNT	55,497	5,930	4,744
PASADENA	146,312	15,065	12,052
PERRIS	76,971	8,031	6,425
PICO RIVERA	64,033	6,765	5,412
PLACENTIA	52,333	5,620	4,496
POMONA	154,310	15,848	12,678
PORT HUENEME	23,526	2,552	2,042
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	179,412	18,304	14,643
RANCHO MIRAGE	18,489	2,059	1,647
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	42,560	4,664	3,731
REDLANDS	71,839	7,529	6,023
REDONDO BEACH	68,473	7,200	5,760
RIALTO	107,271	11,246	8,997
RIVERSIDE	328,101	32,852	26,282
ROLLING HILLS	1,892	285	228
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,247	907	726
ROSEMEAD	55,097	5,891	4,713
SAN BERNARDINO	219,233	22,200	17,760
SAN BUENAVENTURA	108,170	11,334	9,067
SAN CLEMENTE	65,405	6,899	5,519
SAN DIMAS	34,584	3,884	3,107
SAN FERNANDO	24,918	2,688	2,150
SAN GABRIEL	41,178	4,529	3,623
SAN JACINTO	48,878	5,282	4,226
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	36,821	4,103	3,282
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	200	120	96
SAN MARINO	13,352	1,556	1,245
SANTA ANA	337,716	33,793	27,034
SANTA CLARITA	218,103	22,090	17,672
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,261	2,037	1,630
SANTA MONICA	93,593	9,657	7,726

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SANTA PAULA	30,779	3,511	2,809
SEAL BEACH	25,073	2,953	2,362
SIERRA MADRE	11,135	1,339	1,071
SIGNAL HILL	11,795	1,404	1,123
SIMI VALLEY	127,716	13,246	10,597
SOUTH EL MONTE	21,293	2,333	1,866
SOUTH GATE	96,777	9,969	7,975
SOUTH PASADENA	26,245	3,068	2,454
STANTON	39,307	4,346	3,477
TEMECULA	113,826	11,887	9,510
TEMPLE CITY	36,583	4,079	3,263
THOUSAND OAKS	129,557	13,426	10,741
TORRANCE	148,054	15,236	12,189
TUSTIN	81,369	8,461	6,769
TWENTYNINE PALMS	28,958	3,333	2,666
UPLAND	78,481	8,179	6,543
VERNON	301	129	103
VICTORVILLE	126,543	13,131	10,505
VILLA PARK	5,933	680	544
WALNUT	30,551	3,489	2,791
WEST COVINA	108,116	11,328	9,062
WEST HOLLYWOOD	36,660	4,087	3,270
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	8,378	920	736
WESTMINSTER	92,610	9,561	7,649
WESTMORLAND	2,461	341	273
WILDOMAR	36,066	4,029	3,223
WHITTIER	87,526	9,064	7,251
YORBA LINDA	68,706	7,222	5,778
YUCCA VALLEY	22,050	2,407	1,926
YUCAIPA	54,844	5,866	4,693
SUB-TOTAL	16,911,782	1,742,925	1,394,340
GRAND TOTAL-ASSESSMENTS	18,929,032	2,063,797	1,651,037

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (100%)	ASSESSMENTS 2020-21 (NET 20% WAIVER)
<u>COMMISSIONS</u>			
SBCTA	2,192,203	25,000	20,000
RCTC	2,440,124	25,000	20,000
VCTC	856,598	10,000	8,000
ICTC	190,266	3,500	2,800
TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCY		10,000	8,000
OCTA	3,222,498	25,000	20,000
AIR DISTRICTS - SCAQMD		10,000	8,000
SUB-TOTAL	8,901,689	108,500	86,800
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		2,172,297	1,737,837



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To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director
213-236-1835, Ajise@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Ratification of 2020-2021 SCAG Board Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's approval of the 2020-2021 SCAG Board Officer positions.

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 7, 2020, the Regional Council approved the following slate of officers to serve as the 2020-2021 SCAG Board Officers. The General Assembly is asked to ratify the Regional Council's approval of the following individuals:

- For the Position of President: Rex Richardson, Long Beach, RC District 29*
- For the Position of First Vice President: Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, RC District 4*
- For the Position of Second Vice President: Jan Harnik, Riverside County Transp. Commission*

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2020, the Nominating Committee met to review applicants for the 2020-2021 SCAG Board Officer positions of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. While acknowledging that all of the applicants are outstanding, the Nominating Committee nominated the above-named candidates to serve as the SCAG Board Officers for 2020-21.

On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council reviewed the nominated candidates and approved the slate of officers. All candidates satisfy the eligibility requirements for SCAG Officers as set forth in the SCAG Bylaws. The Regional Council, therefore, recommends that the General Assembly ratify the Regional Council's approval of the 2020-21 SCAG Board Officers, whose terms of office shall commence upon the adjournment of today's General Assembly Business Session.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Applications of the Slate of Officers (Richardson, Lorimore and Harnik)

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Tess Rey-Chaput
Subject: Application for 2020-2021 SCAG Officer Position [#9]

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I acknowledge that * I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Rex Richardson

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * City of Long Beach

Phone Number (310) 766-3433

Email * rex.richardson@longbeach.gov

Application for Officer Position * President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two I have completed two terms on the Regional Council.

years on the
Regional
Council at
time of
application) *

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) * Chair, Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee (May 2017–May 2018)
Member of the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) (May 2017–May 2018, Current) Moderator, 2017 Eighth Annual Southern California Economic Summit “Opportunities

When does the term of your local elected position expire? * My current second term as Councilmember expires in 2022, but I have one more 4-year term I can run for.

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? * No.

Positions held at SCAG *

Chair, Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee (May 2017–May 2018)

Member of the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) (May 2017–May 2018, Current)

Moderator, 2017 Eighth Annual Southern California Economic Summit “Opportunities Moving Forward” Panel Discussion

Member of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee (Current)

Member of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Committee (Current)

Member of the Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee (Current)

2nd Vice President of the SCAG Board (May 2019 – Aug. 2019)

1st Vice President of the SCAG Board (Current)

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

I have been fortunate to serve on the SCAG Regional Council for the past five years, diligently working to familiarize myself with the stakeholders of the region, and the needs of the communities and industries they represent. With the planning and implementation of policy initiatives, Connect SoCal and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), underway, it's important we maintain a collaborative approach to the future of how we move, work, and live across the region.

Long Beach is the second-largest city in the six-county SCAG region, the home to the regional economic driver of the Port of Long Beach and has never held an executive position with SCAG. The Los Angeles County remains an important voice at the table, as we continue to engage in discussions and make recommendations on regional housing, economic development, and the goods movement.

As the First Vice President, I have provided perspective on these issues, and I look forward to continuing this effort, by ensuring that SCAG jurisdictions have the resources to support the forthcoming growth and modernization.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

I believe I bring a unique background and point of view that will help to round out the experience and perspectives of the Executive Team.

As experienced government affairs and community development executive with 13 years of experience in the private, public, and labor sectors across Southern California, and a public official with the first-hand experience in community development, I remain passionate about community building and economic justice. As a professional, I pride myself on meeting and exceeding goals by cultivating partnerships, strategic planning, and comprehensive evaluation.

In Long Beach, I serve as the Chair of our Economic Development & Finance Committee and our local Housing Authority, where I maintain a regional voice on community development and economic inclusion.

In 2017, I launched the “Everyone In” initiative, focused on creating a local economy that includes and benefits every Long Beach resident. I have been a national voice on youth opportunity. In 2016, I was invited to speak at the White House My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Summit, discussing the establishment of the LB Office of Equity and the PATH Program, a diversion program aimed at utilizing workforce and education partners as an alternative to prosecution for young adults.

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, I brought a refreshing approach to facilitating committee meetings by engaging committee members with a survey on topics and subjects that are most important to SCAG cities. I reformatted committee presentations into a new panel discussion format which has allowed more time for reflection, discussion and engagement.

Moreover, I have experienced the impact and benefits of regional planning and active transportation has on a community. From the Go Human Campaign in North Long Beach; this event was recognized as amongst the most successful Go Human activities in the entire SCAG region. This Initiative ultimately led to the creation of the Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy (UPLAN), also supported by SCAG, to place a greater focus on mobility in the North Long Beach area.

I plan to help ensure other cities can maximize the benefits of SCAG membership in the way Long Beach has in recent years. Finally, as an owner of a transportation logistics company, I plan to bring on the ground, private sector insight into the ways that policy decisions impact small businesses.

(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG’s Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

Yes. In my first two terms with SCAG, I have joined delegations to Sacramento, Washington, D.C., China, New Zealand, and Australia. In Washington, D.C., I advocated for transportation bills. In China, I presented on the contradiction between the on-demand economy and the needs of environmental justice. In New Zealand and Australia, I learned about the Road Usage Charge Program.

I also serve as the SCAG representative on the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), and I represent the City of Long Beach on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) where we are actively engaged in improving the lives of the residents of our region in four major areas: transportation, air quality, housing, and economic development, all of which align with our work at SCAG.

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? * I am a part-time Councilmember, a small business owner, and a parent of two small children. My full-time position is as the Government Affairs Manager for a communications infrastructure company, Crown Castle.

Despite the numerous positions I hold, I always make time for each commitment I take on.

I maintain a flexible schedule, being present for my SCAG duties, as well as my Council commitments, and job. I drop off my daughters at school on some mornings, but barring an emergency, I am available to serve in this role.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

As a small business owner, millennial, and policymaker, I bring a different perspective and skill set that allows me to connect with diverse groups of stakeholders, inspiring them to work together to achieve good public policy outcomes.

I represent the perspectives of the emerging adults impacted by many of the policies that SCAG engages in, from housing affordability and accessibility to emerging technologies and industries.

In Long Beach, I have successfully advocated for investing in key infrastructure, elevating the discussion on equity, and placing a focus on economic inclusion through my Everyone In Initiative.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

SCAG should be prepared to address the challenges of today and the future. This means engaging in the discussion and being a leader in addressing the challenges of the housing crisis. Secondly, we should continue our focus on poverty and ensuring economic opportunity is extended to all corners of the SCAG region, from the Imperial Valley to Ventura. And finally, we should continue our focus on data-driven solutions and open data.

We need to make certain that SCAG is equipped to address these challenges by:

1. Continuing to advocate for Southern California as it relates to receiving its fair share of cap and trade funds as well as other resources from Sacramento.
2. Ensuring SCAG elevates Southern California's voice in Washington, D.C., as it relates to local control, goods movement, trade, and infrastructure.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? * SCAG has the unique capacity to build consensus and balance diverse points of view, articulating the perspectives of Southern California to Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * SCAG could do more to promote geographic, ethnic, age, and gender diversity in its Regional Council and leadership, ensuring we reflect the points of view of the diverse Southern California population we all serve.

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Print Your Name Rex Richardson

Date Friday, March 20, 2020

I acknowledge that * by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.



March 20, 2020

Nominating Committee
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Esteemed Nominating Committee,

Thank you for volunteering to take up the important task of nominating the next slate of qualified candidates to lead this great organization.

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Board **President** for the Southern California Association of Governments. I have served on the Regional Council over the past 5 years, including Chair of the CEHD Committee, Moderator of the 2017 Southern California Economic Summit Housing Panel Discussion “Opportunities Moving Forward,” representative to the Mobile Source Reduction Committee (MSRC), briefly as 2nd Vice President, and presently, as the 1st Vice President.

Respectfully, I submit this letter to reaffirm my interest and to give you a better understanding of my perspective and intent for this position.

We are designing the future for the next generation. As a father of two small children, small business owner, and first-generation homeowner, I care deeply about the trajectory of our region. The challenges we face in Southern California, from housing affordability and accessibility, to air quality, workforce readiness and equity; each of these priorities are vital determinants of whether the next generation will have the opportunity to thrive.

The role of cities is especially significant, now more than ever before. Our responsibilities have expanded from simply a minister of policies set forth by the state and federal government, to being the leaders and drivers of a broad range of social and economic issues, like homelessness, workforce development, and overall quality of life.

As a Long Beach City Councilmember, the second largest city in the SCAG region, I have been engaged, first-hand, in the complex and shifting legislative and economic landscape impacting California cities. Personally, I have taken on the task of opening Long Beach’s first year-round municipal homeless shelter and have fought to restore basic amenities like paramedic services and access to financial institutions in my district. These were politically-challenging objectives,



but they reflect the issues that many of our cities face. I am also an advocate for **local control, regional cooperation and planning, and inclusive economic development practices.**

As a representative of the Port of Long Beach, our region's economic driver and entry point for 43% of all trade in the United States, I will ensure SCAG maintains a focus on boosting, cleaning, and modernizing the goods movement industry that affects all 6 SCAG counties. And as a small business owner, I understand the intersectionality of public policy and economic prosperity. We should embrace strategies that provide opportunities for families to live healthy and thrive.

In working with SCAG, I have witnessed our ability to help cities and the region overcome many of these challenges. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue helping to lead our region as President. Enclosed, you will find a biography and some background materials highlighting the work I have engaged in over the past 5 years. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, at (310) 766-3433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rex Richardson
Councilmember
City of Long Beach, 9th District



Councilmember Richardson's Bio

Rex Richardson was elected to the Long Beach City Council in 2014 to represent the neighborhoods of North Long Beach in District 9 and serves as Chair of the Economic Development Committee and the Long Beach Housing Authority.

Councilmember Richardson's history in Long Beach is grounded in advocating for our most vulnerable residents and empowering communities to have a seat at the table and an opportunity to thrive.

City-wide, Councilmember Richardson has worked to shift the culture of City Hall by embracing a systemic and collaborative approach to solving the city's challenges. Richardson championed the creation of the Long Beach Office of Equity, to help address the economic and health disparities affecting Long Beach neighborhoods and spearheaded a number of innovative initiatives that provide more opportunities to close the gap for our vulnerable populations, including the Long Beach My Brother's Keeper Initiative, and the PATH Young Adult Diversion program.

Representing the 9th District, he has led North Long Beach on a "Roadmap to its Renaissance" by placing a focus on economic and community revitalization, with major infrastructure investment, like the new Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, Houghton Park Community Center, new retail development, and the Creative Corridor Mural Arts Project. Most recently, Councilmember Richardson launched #EveryoneIn, an initiative designed to create a local economy that includes and benefits every Long Beach resident.

Rex, his wife Nina, and daughters Alina and Mila are proud residents of the Collins Neighborhood in North Long Beach.

LOCAL NEWS

Four ways a Long Beach City Councilman wants to tackle homelessness



From left, Josh Butler from advocacy group Housing Long Beach chats with residents Angel George and Jerry Alonzo outside of their Chestnut Avenue apartment in Long Beach on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Residents at the 12 unit complex have been getting eviction notices by their new property management company. (Photo by Scott Varley, Press-Telegram/SCNG)

By [HAYLEY MUNGUIA](#) | hmunguia@scng.com | Long Beach

As [pressure builds on Long Beach](#) to address the city's housing crisis, which some say is pushing people out of the city and even forcing them into homelessness, City Councilman Rex Richardson is taking the mantle of finding new solutions.

Richardson, who represents District 9 in North Long Beach, charged city staff on Tuesday, July 24, with four tasks to begin the process of providing more services for the homeless in Long Beach and making the city more affordable. City Council unanimously voted along with Richardson on the issue. The four assignments Richardson gave city staff are:

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- Come to the next meeting with options for “a dedicated local revenue strategy” to fund more housing and services, which would likely mean some type of new bond or tax
- Start the process of buying a building to use as a year-round homeless shelter
- Create a policy addressing source-of-income discrimination, such as landlords illegally refusing to rent to people on Section 8
- Find funding strategies and partners to buy “[nuisance motels](#)” and turn them into affordable housing

Richardson said he realizes the complexity of the issues and assured his fellow council members that he’s not trying to rush and implement quick fixes. He said he merely wants to move forward a process that’s been underway for years.

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“In talking with city staff and preparing this, we knew that there was already a number of things prepared by staff, but this type of report hasn’t been requested to be heard in front of City Council to start a comprehensive discussion,” Richardson said. “So I get it, it seems like we’re asking for a lot. But no, we’re asking them to present what they’ve been working on for years and give them their day for us to talk about.”

That notion — that City Council should discuss staff’s work and move toward decision-making — was one his colleagues at the dais could get behind. But when it came to specifics, some were clear that they don’t completely agree with Richardson’s vision.

Councilwoman Suzie Price, who represents District 3 in the southeastern edge of the city, said she is hesitant to group together problems like affordable housing and homelessness, which she sees as two separate and complex issues.

“Both issues are very important issues, but merging them together, I think, confuses the issue,” Price said. “I think the conversation we should be having really should be about affordable housing and finding an ongoing sustainable local source for local affordable housing. That’s a very separate conversation, in my opinion, than the very complex issue of homelessness.”

Price also said that she hopes city staff will be able to find a funding source that does not require voters to pass another tax measure, a scenario she said she “cannot imagine” supporting.

“On the heels of all the different increases that we have passed and asked voters to support, I personally — I don’t want to be in a position where we’re asking them to pay more into something,” she said, “especially something that is really very preliminary at this juncture.”

For Mayor Robert Garcia’s part, he said he supports Long Beach finding more solutions. But he also bristled at the implication the city hasn’t already been working on the issue.

“There are 7,000 rent-stabilized units in Long Beach, or rent-controlled units, or whatever you want to call those units,” Garcia said. “There’s a wide consensus that we need to have more rent-stabilized apartments in Long Beach. Most people have said that, and we’re working on expanding those types of units across the city. ... There are about 1,000 right now that are under construction.”

Richardson said he brought the matter forward because he believes the city needs to do even more, and the conversation is the first step.

“I know that with sort of this history of nimbysim, council offices haven’t really been willing to step up and say, ‘Hey, I’ll take on this fight, I’ll take on this conversation,’” he said. “With that history, there needs to be a little bit of buy-in before Council — before city staff, really — can really move forward on some of these conversations.”

Shattering Stereotypes: Transforming North Long Beach

By Brandon Richardson, Senior Writer - May 21, 2018

The past several years have seen Long Beach's renaissance begin to touch the city's northernmost neighborhoods. From the openings of the \$10 million Fire Station 12 in 2013 and the 24,655-square-foot Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in 2016, to the current construction on the Houghton Park Community Center, North Long Beach is being revitalized, and there are no signs of momentum slowing down.



As part of the renaissance occurring in North Long Beach, construction is underway on a new community center at Houghton Park. Pictured from left: Shawna Stevens, chief of staff; Jessica Estrada, legislative aid; Brent McCloud, field representative; Vice Mayor and 9th District Councilmember Rex Richardson; Samira Foy, communications specialist; Keyona Montgomery, legislative aid intern; and Alyssa Gutierrez, policy director. (Photograph by the Business Journal's Anne Artley)

"The Atlantic Avenue corridor has been transforming across the city for years and now it's just time for North Long Beach to have its share," Vice Mayor and 9th District Councilmember Rex Richardson said. "We're already seeing North

Long Beach become more and more economically viable and contribute more to the city's bottom line."

Homeownership in the northern part of the city is strong, with a median income of about \$63,000 per year and a poverty rate under 10%, Richardson said. Based upon these figures from the United States Census Bureau, he noted that the demographics and reality of North Long Beach today do not match its long-standing stigma as a poor, crime-ridden and desolate area.

"Part of the stigma with North Long Beach is there is a line of demarcation north of the railroad tracks at Del Amo Boulevard," 8th District Councilmember Al Austin said. "What I have worked to do and continue to work to do is bridge the communities and make them one. Make it so North Long Beach isn't seen as less than Bixby Knolls or any other area."

Planned developments by Frontier Real Estate Investments, LAB Holding LLC and Westland Real Estate Group along the Atlantic Avenue corridor will see millions of dollars invested into the area in the hopes of fulfilling restaurant, retail and service needs long scarce in North Long Beach. Austin said these projects will complement the great community that already exists in the area, while also attracting new residents and visitors.

Providing residents with retail and restaurants near their homes will naturally increase foot traffic and walkability in the area, Austin explained. He noted that some of the properties purchased by the LAB have been vacant for over five years. Filling in these holes will be a catalyst for additional investment and development, he added. The three developments promote community interaction and connection by featuring ample communal space for residents to gather, eat, drink and socialize.

To promote positivity and safety in the area, Richardson said activation and engagement are key, noting the new farmers market at Houghton Park, the Uptown Jazz Festival, the Veterans Day Parade and other large-scale North Long Beach community events.

Richardson said the services and amenities new developments bring will make the community whole and that further enhancements can be made from there to create a safe and thriving North Long Beach. To complement the developments and ensure a common theme along the corridors, the city applied for and was awarded grants for streetscape improvements, including around \$15 million for Artesia Boulevard.

"More than anything we are seeking to get a consistent theme with bulb-outs, street furniture and lighting. Things of that nature," Austin said. "The transformation can't come soon enough. We certainly are not resting on our laurels; we want to make sure we get these projects across the finish line because the North Long Beach community sorely deserves them."

In addition to public and private investments in properties and streetscapes, Uptown Business Improvement District Executive Director Tasha Hunter said there has been a successful push for increased security and improved relations between the community and police. Bixby Knolls-based C.S.I. Patrol Services Inc. patrols North Long Beach regularly, she said. Many of C.S.I.'s employees live in the area, which means they have a better understanding of the issues, which makes them more effective, Hunter explained.

Through city and business improvement district (BID) efforts, North Long Beach is entering a time of transition for the better. Uptown BID Executive Director Tasha Hunter and 8th District Councilmember Al Austin are pictured in front of the 24,655-square-foot Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library on Atlantic Avenue, which is the city's most advanced library branch. (Photograph by the Business Journal's Pat Flynn)

"What will definitely work even better is activating a lot of these empty storefronts. Once these new developments come in, they automatically serve as extra eyes on the streets," Hunter said. "When there is engagement and activity and people eating out, statistics show there tends to be less crime."

The business improvement district (BID) hosts monthly security meetings during which businesses and residents receive updates from C.S.I. and the Long Beach Police Department. The meetings are also an opportunity for people to voice concerns and opinions related to safety in the area.

When looking at the success of the Downtown Long Beach and how far the area has come, Hunter said she is excited to see Uptown moving in the same direction. There has been a steady increase in people's interest to buy property, develop land and open businesses in North Long Beach, she explained, noting that the area is starting to be seen as more of a destination because of its potential.

"All of this together is really a case study of urban revitalization. It's all about economic inclusion, which is making sure every part of our town is economically viable and playing to the strengths of those communities," Richardson said. "There is a certain experience you can get in each of our neighborhoods that is distinct and different, and [these] are strengths we should continue to highlight. There's sort of a movement to activate and engage North Long Beach. If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere."

SCAG Funding Opens Door To 'UPLAN,' A Land-use Document For North Long Beach

By Samantha Mehlinger, Assistant Editor - February 13, 2017

City officials and business interests have hailed Long Beach's Downtown Plan as a major factor in the area's development and success. Now, the city may be able to develop a similar planning document for North Long Beach, thanks to \$250,000 in funding recently approved by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The idea for UPLAN – an acronym for Uptown Planning Land Use And Neighborhood Strategy – was conceived in and championed by the 9th District, according to Vice Mayor/Councilmember Rex Richardson.

"The Downtown Plan was a collection of documents that updated the land use, created some incentives, streamlined environmental impacts and created the stage for development to take place in downtown. We're doing the same thing but differently, because downtown is very different than uptown," Richardson said. "We're going to look at areas where we can modernize and update the land use to set the stage for more investment, just like downtown," he explained.

While there are multiple developments planned in and around North Long Beach, there is no single guiding plan for the area, Richardson explained.

"UPLAN would be one strategy, one community plan for North Long Beach that ties it all together and spurs more economic development," he said.

The plan might address ways to capitalize on North Long Beach's industrial area, which accounts for one-third of the industrial space in the city, according to Richardson. It may also address the area's corridors and creating connectivity between areas of development. "We have to make sure the table is set for better community development," he said.

While the grant application was conceived by and pertains to the 9th District, Richardson said the idea has not been fully scoped. When asked if UPLAN could include the 8th District, he said, "We look at North Long Beach as one community, and just because it starts in District 9 doesn't necessarily mean it stops where the border boundaries stop."

The \$250,000 grant awarded by SCAG will go to Long Beach Development Services, which created the grant application and will spearhead development of the document.

According to a press release from Richardson's office, the funding is awaiting final approval by the California Transportation Commission and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

"Residents will actually be a part of crafting it," Richardson said of UPLAN. "The title is UPLAN, but you can think of it as U-Plan."

Richardson has begun creating a task force to oversee the creation of the document. The chair is Tom Carpenter, whose firm, Frontier Real Estate Investments, is developing a former redevelopment agency property at Atlantic Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. The vice chair is Tasha Hunter, director of the Uptown Business Improvement District. A second vice chair appointment is pending, Richardson said.



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December 17, 2016

Vice Mayor Richardson at White House My Brother's Keeper Summit: 'It Has to Be Personal'

by **Stephanie Rivera** in **News**



Photo courtesy of Vice Mayor Rex Richardson.

Long Beach Vice Mayor Rex Richardson participated in the White House's final My Brother's Keeper National Summit on Wednesday, highlighting the city's efforts in helping its boys and young men of color as part of its answer to President Barack Obama's call to action, which challenged communities across the U.S. to focus resources on that specific portion of the population.

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Richardson, who led the charge in implementing MBK in Long Beach in 2015, discussed the city's Promising Adults Tomorrow's Hope (PATH) young adult diversion program and the creation of the Long Beach Office of Equity.

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"It forced us to, rather than have this as some plan to put in our pocket or sit on a shelf, it forced us to add staff and build capacity and actually implement that plan," Richardson said during a panel discussion with other local leaders who have implemented MBK in their districts.

The vice mayor also pointed to Safe Long Beach, which was created as a direct response to the president's community challenge. It addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence, and violent crime.

Finally, Richardson explained the city's Long Beach College Promise, which drew applause from the audience. Under the program, any Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) student is guaranteed a spot at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB). If they don't qualify at CSULB then they have the opportunity to receive two semesters of tuition free schooling at Long Beach City College (LBCC).

Richardson, who was raised by a single mother and identified himself as a "free lunch kid" who attended 14 public schools before attending college, also noted the importance of making connections.

"It has to be personal," he told the audience. "The moment for me, personally, when I knew I wanted to work on an issue like this and commit to public service, was the moment I received my college acceptance letter. When I was 17 years old and I received that letter that said to me: 'you overcame barriers, you have value and you matter, and since you matter you have a commitment to pay that forward'."

To see the full summit, click here [↗](#).

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LOCAL NEWS

Long Beach OKs \$9.6M property purchase for year-round homeless shelter



Council member Rex Richardson speaks during a press conference announcing agreement to acquire property for future year-round homeless shelter in north Long Beach on Monday, January 28, 2018. (Photo by Ana P. Garcia, Contributing Photographer)

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Long Beach will move forward with the \$9.6 million purchase of more than two acres of property for a year-round homeless shelter, thanks to a unanimous City Council vote on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

[The North Long Beach property](#), located at 6481-6845 Atlantic Ave., is currently home to Eddie's Liquor and the former site of Atlantic Farms. But by next summer, it will be the city's first municipal, year-round homeless shelter.

According to city staff, the shelter will serve homeless adults, with 125 beds and services like job training. It will also have temporary space for homeless families, along with the support to help them find long-term housing.

Councilman Rex Richardson, who represents the ninth district where the property is located, kicked off the discussion during Tuesday's meeting by emphasizing that the purchase is just the beginning of the process.

"This is a test. Everyone's watching," he said. "We're going to need 75, 100 more shelter beds in the city to make this work. This isn't the end-all, be-all solution for homelessness in the city."

He was referring to a [report released last year](#) by the Everyone Home Long Beach task force, which found the city needs to add 200 emergency homeless shelter beds by the end of 2020.

Regardless, Richardson said the purchase is an important step, and he thanked his council colleagues for their support in making it a reality.

The vote followed a lengthy public comment period, in which dozens of people gave varying thoughts on the deal. While nearly everyone who spoke agreed that Long Beach needs a shelter, some questioned whether the city is getting the best deal possible.

"I worry that the value of the property has been inflated by a marijuana gold rush that is over," said Long Beach resident Lauren Boland, referring to the fact that an appraisal of the property attached some of its value to the revenue it could potentially generate in the cannabis business.

"I ask the city to get another appraisal. ... Do the due diligence. The homeless people out there need every dollar spent appropriately," she added.

Boland was not the only community member to raise that concern. The Long Beach Reform Coalition was also [skeptical about the price tag](#), citing the fact that the property last sold in December 2013 for \$2 million.

But John Keisler, the city’s economic development director, said that sale figure was below market value due to an arrangement between the buyer and seller at that time. He said the appraisal that Long Beach commissioned, which pinned the property’s value at about \$7.5 million, reflected growing property values for industrial real estate in the area overall.

Regardless of those concerns, most of the residents who spoke simply expressed their full-throated support.

Maricela de Rivera, a ninth district resident who lives within walking distance of the site, was one of them.

“I’ve seen people in District Nine — my neighborhood — say, ‘Yes in my backyard,’ because we are going to help people,” she said. “I’m incredibly proud of Rex Richardson and the city of Long Beach for taking this measure.”

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Application for Officer Position *	1st Vice President
Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) *	2
Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) *	5
When does the term of your local elected position expire? *	December 2022
Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? *	No
Positions held at SCAG *	2nd Vice President Chair - Audit Committee Co-Chair of the 2020 General Assembly Committee

Executive Administration Committee
Legislative Communications and Membership Committee
Transportation Committee
District 4 Representative to the Regional Council
Scholarship Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

I maintain a strong commitment to SCAG and wish to continuing serving in a larger role within the organization.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

As an Officer of SCAG, I will continue to contribute my time and efforts in support of the organization's mandate and policy priorities.

(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

Yes

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *

I maintain a full time job. While I do have flexibility in my work schedule as a salaried employee, there are at times availability constraints. This being said, I take my elected responsibilities seriously and adjust my calendar accordingly.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

I bring a commitment of service, dedication to the task at hand and the ability to work collaboratively through contentious issues.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

My vision for the future of SCAG is that the organization take a larger role in influencing the discussions and outcomes surrounding its policy priorities and areas of expertise. SCAG should be the indispensable tool that policy makers come to when searching for solutions to problems facing the state and the region. We get to such a place by improving upon our advocacy efforts and leveraging and promoting the expertise of staff already employed at the organization.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *

SCAG has many strengths. The two that I would like to highlight are SCAG's Staff and SCAG's Board Members. The professionalism and competence of SCAG's staff is second to none. Staff's expertise, combined with the policy and decision making acumen of the Board make for a powerful organization.

7. What could SCAG improve on? *

One area that the organization can improve is in the area of advocacy. A deeper pursuit of SCAG's policy priorities at the State and Federal level would pay huge dividends for the region we serve. Too often SCAG is forced to play defense as opposed to providing innovative policy solutions for the problems facing our region.

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Date

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Name * Jan Harnik

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * Riverside County Transportation Commission

Phone Number (760) 285-7531

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Application for Officer Position * 2nd Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two 3 terms

years on the
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Total length of 7 years
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When does the December of 2022
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position
expire? *

Would term No
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your local
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position? *

Positions held Regional Council, Transportation Committee, General Assembly Host Committee, Executive
at SCAG * Administration Committee, Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (Chair), Scholarship
Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

In my years with Southern California Association of Governments, I have learned that the communities represented by SCAG, though each is unique with many diverse challenges and strengths, also share many of the same issues. With direct, honest and respectful conversation, we can focus on developing goals and solutions. Our current public health issue is an unfortunate and clear example of the need to work together for the best outcome; understanding how we impact, complement and depend on each other to achieve the best result.

I believe my willingness to tackle difficult subjects and communicate and work with others, will be an asset in this position. The need to raise awareness of SCAG and the region represented by SCAG, is critical. Our State, nation, and our representatives, must understand the SCAG region's impact on the economy and quality of life for everyone so that necessary resources will be appropriately allocated. The opportunity to continue this effort is something I welcome and am highly motivated to do.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

The perspective I bring as a Southern Californian native – from Pacoima to Palm Desert, with numerous stops along the way – is valuable. Today as a representative from Riverside county and the Coachella Valley, I am aware of the difficulties of transportation, housing and education in urban, suburban, rural and low-density areas. I recognize the issues presented by our agricultural communities and their importance to our economy and health. Additionally, I will continue to shed light and stress the impending health and economic concerns developing from the degradation of the Salton Sea that will impact the SCAG region, California and beyond.

Observing and learning from the members and staff of SCAG, most recently in the RHNA process, has been a great opportunity. The give and take, debate, and critical and deliberate thinking, has been an opportunity for me to grow as a representative and public servant. My creativity, tenacity and strong emphasis on respectful dialogue will hopefully lead to realistic solutions. I would like to bring those qualities to SCAG in an even greater volume than I am currently able.

(A) In addition Yes
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Council, will
you be able to
attend other
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SCAG, if
requested? *

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *

I am a councilmember for the City of Palm Desert and am active at RCTC. Occasionally there may be a scheduling conflict.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

I am open-minded and serve with enthusiasm and respect for the process and my colleagues. Integrity and inclusiveness are invaluable when developing and implementing solutions. Public service has been my greatest teacher and listening with objectivity is a valuable skill that I continue to hone.

My belief that the greatest investment that America has made is education for everyone underscores my belief that the answers to our issues of today and tomorrow lie in high quality, accessible and relevant education. There is no question that we must invest in our youth by providing the education that will insure a brilliant future for us all. The skills that I have learned, and continue to work on, to be an effective and loving parent, apply in all areas of life – patience, listening, acceptance and so many more ... as my children do not hesitate to remind me.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

My vision for SCAG is that we understand that the desire to "win" does not mean anyone must "lose". Our cities, counties and agencies must work together to manage our resources, promote health and lift our neighbors. We must continue to listen, learn and include. To effectuate the vision, we need to recognize that the great potential of our young people, coupled with the wisdom and experience of others will help us achieve our goals. Our community's young people are our early adopters and quite often, our disrupters. With knowledge and understanding, they will promote and implement the improvement to our physical environment, inclusiveness and healthy lifestyles, We must embrace, include and inspire our youth.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *

SCAG's strength lies in participation by diverse representatives and staff and the willingness to tackle difficult issues. When identifying issues, we also work to identify plausible solutions and present both. We recognize and respect change while working to bring the answers that will work for the greater good and for the future. Additionally, remaining agile to respond to fluctuations and the inevitable change that time brings, is difficult, nonetheless the effort to do so is encouraging. Quite often the issues that we tackle exemplify the differences of the region. The differences

are sometimes significant enough to be jarring, but assists in opening our minds to how we can and must work together.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * Over the years, we have been told that we must have our voices heard in Sacramento and Washington DC. Our recent trip to Sacramento made that abundantly clear. An annual visit will not get the job done. Developing a plan to be a powerful "squeaky wheel" when appropriate is vital. Our region must respond immediately and with a strong presence in Sacramento when needed. SCAG's message must be strong, consistent and clear. SCAG represents southern California and our needs and contributions to California and the nation are important. We make a difference for the good.

Print Your Name Jan C Harnik

Date Sunday, March 15, 2020

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019**

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

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session at The JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Desert Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties, and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

Imperial County: Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial

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Riverside County: Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Perris, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar and the County of Riverside

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Ventura County: Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, San Buenaventura, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village and County of Ventura

County Transportation Commissions: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBTCA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director, Legal Services
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Art Yoon, Director, Policy and Public Affairs
- Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCAG President Alan D. Wapner, representing SBCTA, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. President Wapner welcomed attendees, including a record number of delegates, to the meeting.

President Wapner introduced Susan Marie Weber, Mayor of Palm Desert. Mayor Weber provided brief remarks to the General Assembly, welcoming all to the City of Palm Desert.

President Wapner recognized Darin Chidsey for his work as Interim Executive Director and provided background on SCAG’s search for a new Executive Director. He announced that Kome Ajise has been selected following an extensive process. Incoming Executive Director Kome Ajise addressed the General Assembly, speaking to the assembly’s theme of “Beyond Boundaries” and the importance of regional collaboration in addressing challenges facing Southern California.

President Wapner acknowledged sponsors of the conference, including SMG and representative Lorraine Chapman, Director of Strategic Alliances for Greater Ontario Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Chapman shared brief remarks on SMG’s role in the community and the impact of conventions and tourism on the Southern California economy.

President Wapner offered a moment of silence for the passing of the Honorable Ron Roberts, Past President of SCAG and former Mayor of Temecula.

President Wapner introduced the Palm Desert California Cadet Corps for the presentation of colors and asked the assembly to join him as he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Wapner announced there were no public comment speakers.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

A MOTION was made (Richardson, Long Beach) adopting the FY 2019-20 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, Authorizing the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.). Motion was SECONDED (Benoit, Wildomar) and approved by the following votes.

FOR: Reyes, Adelanto; O'Neil, Anaheim; Silva, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Rodriguez, Blythe; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hodge, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Parks, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Reed, Indian Wells; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; DeRuse, La Mirada; Patel, La Palma; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Osborne, Lawndale; Gazeley,

Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Simons, Moorpark; Lane, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Ramirez, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Guillen, Paramount; Magana, Perris; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Swartz, San Clemente; Pacheco, San Fernando; Pu, San Gabriel; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Woods, Signal Hill; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Davila, South Gate; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Sternquist, Temple City; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths, Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Beltran, Westmorland; Benoit, Wildomar; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; Avila, Yucaipa (121)

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Wheeler, Laguna Hills (1)

2. Ratification of 2019-20 SCAG Board Officers

President Wapner called upon Immediate Past President Margaret Finlay, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to share the slate as recommend.

A MOTION was made (Ashton, Downey) ratifying the Regional Council's approval of the 2019-20 SCAG Board Officer positions. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman, County of San Bernardino) and approved by the following votes:

FOR: Reyes, Adelanto; O'Neil, Anaheim; Marshall, Avalon; Silva, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Rodriguez, Blythe; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hodge, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Parks, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Devine, Glendale; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington

Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Reed, Indian Wells; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; DeRuse, La Mirada; Patel, La Palma; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Osborne, Lawndale; Gazeley, Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Simons, Moorpark; Lane, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Ayala, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Ramirez, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Guillen, Paramount; Magana, Perris; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Swartz, San Clemente; Pu, San Gabriel; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Woods, Signal Hill; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Davila, South Gate; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Sternquist, Temple City; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths, Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Beltran, Westmorland; Benoit, Wildomar; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; Avila, Yucaipa (123).

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Wheeler, Laguna Hills; Pacheco, San Fernando (2)

3. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

President Wapner explained that there were two proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws, which would be considered individually. He outlined the purpose of the first amendment, which he proposed. This amendment would establish the “Emerging Technology Committee” (ETC) as a permanent advisory committee, serving to advise standing committees on technologies requiring research and to proactively initiate searches of technology for the benefit of the region.

A MOTION was made (Manos, Lake Elsinore) ratifying the Regional Council’s recommendation for approval to establish the “Emerging Technology Committee” (ETC) as a permanent advisory committee. Motion was SECONDED (Lane, Murrieta) and approved by the following votes:

FOR: Reyes, Adelanto; O’Neil, Anaheim; Marshall, Avalon; Silva, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Rodriguez, Blythe; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hodge, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella;

Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Parks, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Devine, Glendale; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Reed, Indian Wells; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; DeRuse, La Mirada; Patel, La Palma; Wheeler, Laguna Hills; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Osborne, Lawndale; Gazeley, Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Simons, Moorpark; Lane, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Ayala, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Guillen, Paramount; Magana, Perris; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Swartz, San Clemente; Pacheco, San Fernando; Pu, San Gabriel; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Woods, Signal Hill; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Sternquist, Temple City; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths, Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Beltran, Westmorland; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; Avila, Yucaipa (120).

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

President Wapner introduced Chief Counsel Joann Africa to explain the second proposed amendment. This amendment would limit cities that are part of multiple subregions to represent only one subregion on the SCAG Policy Committees. Chief Counsel Africa read into record six (6) letters received in opposition to the proposal, including that of Councilmember Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale, who initially proposed the amendment. Councilmember Hofbauer elaborated on feedback received and the need for further study before taking action.

A MOTION was made (Hofbauer, Palmdale) to table the Regional Council's recommendation for approval by the Regional Council. Motion was SECONDED (Lane, Murrieta) and approved by the following votes:

President Wapner clarified for the General Assembly that a vote “For” will discontinue any further discussion on this item. The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: O’Neil, Anaheim; Silva, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Rodriguez, Blythe; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Springer, Burbank; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Parks, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Devine, Glendale; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Reed, Indian Wells; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Patel, La Palma; Wheeler, Laguna Hills; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Simons, Moorpark; Lane, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Ayala, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Guillen, Paramount; Magana, Perris; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Swartz, San Clemente; Pu, San Gabriel; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Davila*, South Gate; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Sternquist, Temple City; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths, Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Beltran, Westmorland; Benoit, Wildomar; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda (96).

AGAINST: Reyes, Adelanto; Marshall, Avalon; Hodge, Calexico; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Lorimore, Eastvale; Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; DeRuse, La Mirada; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Osborne, Lawndale; Gazeley, Lomita; Ramirez, Oxnard; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Judge, VCTC; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Avila, Yucaipa (22).

ABSTAIN: Brown, Buena Park; Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Pacheco, San Fernando; Woods, Signal Hill (4).

While the voting results were being reviewed, Councilmember Maria Davila, South Gate, stated she inadvertently voted “Against” and indicated that she intended to vote “For.” President Wapner directed staff to correct the vote for Councilmember Davila* and is annotated above.

4. Consideration of Proposed General Assembly Resolution

A MOTION was made (Parks, County of Ventura) ratifying the Regional Council’s recommendation for approval of RESOLUTION NO. GA 2019-1, in support of Community Choice Aggregation programs. Motion was SECONDED (Sahli-Wells, Culver City) and approved by the following votes:

FOR: Reyes, Adelanto; O’Neil, Anaheim; Marshall, Avalon; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hodge, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Parks, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; DeRuse, La Mirada; Patel, La Palma; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Osborne, Lawndale; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Simons, Moorpark; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Ayala, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Ramirez, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Swartz, San Clemente; Pu, San Gabriel; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Woods, Signal Hill; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Sternquist, Temple City; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths, Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Beltran, Westmorland; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; Avila, Yucaipa (106).

AGAINST: Silva, Barstow; Lane, Murrieta (2)

ABSTAIN: Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Wheeler, Laguna Hills (2)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

5. Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting, May 2018

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6. 2019 Local Profiles

President Wapner noted that there was a minor adjustment to the minutes to reflect attendance of the cities. A MOTION was made (Ashton, Downey) approving the Consent Calendar, Items 5 and 6. Motion was SECONDED (Hodge, Calexico) and approved by the following votes:

FOR: Reyes, Adelanto; O'Neil, Anaheim; Marshall, Avalon; Silva, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Rodriguez, Blythe; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hodge, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Hilton, Carson; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Rodriguez, Chino; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Marquez, Covina; Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Berry, Cypress; Federico, Dana Point; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Pirsztuk, El Segundo; Holmgren, Fillmore; Brothers, Fountain Valley; Devine, Glendale; Allawaos, Glendora; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Talleda, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Ward, Holtville; Macias, Huntington Park; Predmore, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Amith, Indio; Shea, Irvine; Ortiz, Irwindale; Barajas, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Canada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; DeRuse, La Mirada; Patel, La Palma; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Moatazedi, Lake Forest; Osborne, Lawndale; Gazeley, Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Montgomery, Manhattan Beach; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Simons, Moorpark; Lane, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Bash, Norco; Ayala, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Ramirez, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Magana, Perris; Tercero, Pico Rivera; Smith, Placentia; Berg, Port Hueneme; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Mulvihill, San Bernardino; Weir, San Buenaventura; Swartz, San Clemente; Pu, San Gabriel; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Woods, Signal Hill; Mashburn, Simi Valley; Davila, South Gate; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Adams, Thousand Oaks; Griffiths,

Torrance; Denison, Town of Yucca Valley; Puckett, Tustin; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Elliott, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Pitts, Villa Park; Wu, Walnut; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; Avila, Yucaipa (114).

AGAINST: Sternquist, Temple City (1).

ABSTAIN: Tye, Diamond Bar; Wheeler, Laguna Hills; Guillen, Paramount (3).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wapner announced that the President's Report was included as part of the agenda packet. He introduced the year-in-review video and Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide further remarks.

Executive Director Kome Ajise recognized Former Executive Director Hasan Ikhata and Interim Executive Director Darin Chidsey, and he expressed his appreciation of the work accomplished in the past year by President Wapner. A video highlighting SCAG's year-in-review, featuring commentary by Regional Councilmembers, an overview of current initiatives and an outline of future goals, was shared with the General Assembly. Executive Director Ajise presented a resolution to President Wapner from the Honorable Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez, California Assembly District 52

President Wapner then thanked the General Assembly for the opportunity to serve as SCAG President during the past year. President Wapner acknowledged his family, his assistants, his colleagues and SCAG staff. In closing, he underscored accomplishments, noting his respect for the Board Officers and all SCAG Past Presidents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Immediate Past President Wapner adjourned the General Assembly meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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June 4, 2020

To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director
213-236-1835, Ajise@scag.ca.gov

Subject: COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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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:

Southern California, like other regions across the globe, is experiencing severe and devastating impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Saving lives and addressing the immediate public health crisis continues to be the top priority of federal, state, regional and local agencies. While public servants, medical professionals and essential workers lead on the frontlines, a crisis of this magnitude calls on all institutions, businesses and society-at-large to come together to preserve and restore lives and livelihoods. Examples abound of individuals and organizations who are leading and learning during this unprecedented time.

This staff report provides an initial broad assessment of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Southern California in the context of transportation, planning, and the economy, highlights a few of the many ways the transportation and planning community is responding, and lays out a series of early actions being pursued by staff to support our partner agencies, gather insights and prepare the region for policy discussions and actions on economic recovery. SCAG has prepared a more detailed white paper on the Potential Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in the SCAG Region, which is available on SCAG's website (http://www.scag.ca.gov/Documents/scag-COVID-19-White-Paper_FINAL_2020-0514.pdf).

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous

BACKGROUND:**COVID-19 Preliminary Assessment**

The COVID-19 pandemic is having severe and unprecedented implications on a wide range of areas within SCAG's planning areas, including public health, transportation, housing, public finance, and the economy generally. This may take the form of an acceleration of trends that were already taking shape prior to the onset of the pandemic, such as teleworking, telemedicine, and the decline in brick-and-mortar retail. But similar to the way a major recession's impacts can linger (for example, the generational impacts of delayed fertility and household formation), it is reasonable to expect the pandemic to engender some structural economic changes as well as more far-reaching changes to, for example, some social habits or expectations for government service.

The forecast toolkit of an economist is challenged because, in the words of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, "the virus makes the timeline." Most directly, there is uncertainty about testing availability, vaccine development, and the prospect of herd immunity. Secondly, economic impacts depend on the ability to rapidly, clearly, and consistently resume normal activities with public health measures in place. Finally, the future of consumer behavior and willingness to resume activity is unclear and necessitates monitoring.

Employment

Rapid increases in unemployment claims immediately followed stay-at-home orders in many industries. During a key six-week period from March 14 to April 25, national unemployment claims totaled 30,307,000, which corresponds to roughly 21 percent of the nation's nonfarm employment.¹ Put differently, about one in four Americans are effectively unemployed.

In California, 3.1 million workers were laid off during March alone, but not equally. 2.4 million layoffs were of jobs with salaries below \$50,000 but only 70,000 with salaries above \$100,000.² Southern California's reliance on tourism, hospitality, entertainment, trade, and earlier stay-at-home orders may yield disproportionate impacts in our region overall, and within local jurisdictions as well (see table below).

¹ <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>

² <https://californiaforecast.com/covid-19-economic-analysis/>

2019 Industry Share Comparison

Category	US	SCAG
Health Care and Social Assistance	13.9%	15.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1.7%	2.0%
<i>Combined</i>	<i>15.6%</i>	<i>17.6%</i>

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, provided some support to employers and through additional unemployment insurance, but it is widely believed that this is insufficient in scope and duration. As far as large service employment categories are concerned, job recovery will depend on whether safe protocols for reopening can be developed and deployed, whether consumer behavior will return to normal, and the additional challenge of rehiring or restarting entire businesses.

Supply Chains and Global Demand

Southern California is a global center for trade and logistics, with a disproportionate responsibility for, and impact from, disruptions in global trade. As of mid-April, the Port of Los Angeles reports operations at 80 percent of capacity. In an early March survey conducted by the Institute for Supply Chain Management, nearly 75 per cent of companies reported supply chain disruptions in one form or another due to Coronavirus-related transportation restrictions³. Several factors contribute to greater possible impacts including COVID-19’s origination in China, China’s role and importance in global trade, and this region’s role as North America’s largest gateway to Asia. Long lead times and undiversified supply chains could result in cascading impacts in the coming months. At the same time, e-commerce and digital delivery-based orders for a wide variety of goods are experiencing extreme surges that are concurrently pushing supply chain limits. Additionally, as the COVID pandemic takes root in other countries as seasons change, global supply linkages could be further impacted.

Health Care

Growth in Health Care and Social Assistance employment is already expected to outpace growth in any other industry in our region (a 58.4% increase from 2016 to 2045). While this is in part due to an ageing population and shifts toward services more generally, the Affordable Care Act has increased healthcare coverage substantially. For example, in the Inland Empire, the share of uninsured residents dropped from 20.5 percent in 2012 to 8.4 percent in 2018.

³ https://weareism.org/docs/Coronavirus%20Outbreak%20in%20China%20Impact%20to%20Supply%20Chain_v3.pdf

As the pandemic highlights the societal importance of the field alongside its growth potential, it's possible that younger generations will be even further motivated to pursue healthcare careers and that additional investment in workforce training and development may ensue. While the federal CARES act and other emergency measures have attempted to plug coverage gaps and incentivize more proactive health behaviors, the pandemic response and employment losses both illustrate how coverage gaps can be a substantial vulnerability during a crisis.

Economic Vulnerability and Resiliency

Many consumers and businesses who walked into the COVID-19 pandemic already highly leveraged and with heavy debt burdens are at risk of devastating impacts, including bankruptcy, unemployment, eviction, and foreclosure. Federal aid includes funding for more unemployment insurance, employee retention, cash payments, and loans to businesses; however, even this historic amount of funding is widely thought to be insufficient to blunt the impact of extended work stoppages. Interestingly, this aid included provisions for gig workers and one-time cash payments resembling a form of universal basic income—arguably some of the first large-scale policy responses recognizing the increased precariousness experienced by some of today's workers. Nonetheless, a protracted economic downturn does not bode well for the reduction of poverty rates which are still elevated in the region following the Great Recession—especially the higher rates typically seen in households with children.

Retail businesses are especially impacted as the pandemic's closure of storefronts has accelerated the shift toward online shopping. Malls and landlords hopeful that hospitality and leisure uses would keep them afloat may experience further pressure while extended periods of telework may impact future office leases—both impacts which are accelerating discussions about the repurposing of commercial land use.

Vulnerability and resiliency are not uniform across our expansive region, and the pandemic highlights many challenges latent amongst the region's households and businesses. SCAG is developing a set of indicators on select economic, social, health, and housing factors to assess local vulnerabilities and support resiliency planning.

Housing

Despite approaching all-time low mortgage rates, the National Association of Realtors states that six in ten buyers and sellers are stalling their transaction for a couple of months, but only one in ten are deciding not to buy or sell indefinitely.⁴ This suggests only a delay of otherwise strong demand indicators with which supply has not kept up lately—prices may not drop precipitously as in past recessions. While some disruptions are unavoidable, construction, maintenance, and operations

⁴ <https://www.nar.realtor/research-and-statistics/research-reports/weekly-housing-market-monitor>

are considered essential services and these activities have continued. Despite targeted state and local efforts in the near-term, as the ripple effect passes through landlords and lenders it is likely that evictions and foreclosures will impact many who've experienced financial strain from the pandemic. The region's large population experiencing homelessness presents an additional public health challenge while extended stay-at-home orders are an added challenge for those living in substandard or overcrowded conditions—and no doubt one linked to increases in domestic disturbances.

Public Finance

All levels of government are being tested in their ability to respond to this crisis in one way or another. Federal emergency funding in the trillions has never before been seen, state tax receipts on sales and gasoline are already impacted, while decreases in economic activity in 2020-2021 will impact income tax receipts and revenue writ large. Local governments which must provide much of the pandemic response are beginning to feel tremendous budgetary stresses, while promises of federal assistance are still in early stages at the time of this writing.

Based on SCAG's calculations of 2018 state Comptroller data, 25 of the 197 local jurisdictions in the region received more than 50 percent of their total revenue from sales and use or transient occupancy (hotel) taxes with a median of 32 percent and a high of 79 percent. Unfortunately longstanding retail declines have placed a higher priority on revenue from tourism, dining, and hotels in many places—activities put on hold during the pandemic and with more complicated recovery trajectories.

Given the immediate need to stabilize local job markets for the benefit of residents and small businesses alike, recovering from budget deficit shocks may necessitate substantial belt-tightening and place strain on nonessential services for some time absent state or federal financial support.

Environment and Sustainability

The immediate decrease in transportation and overall activity following the pandemic and stay-at-home orders has resulted in temporary improvements in air quality and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, providing a glimpse of future potential despite the unfortunate context. Telecommuting and other trip substitutions have contributed to this and may continue to do so, though the speed and nature of the subsequent economic recovery will go a long way in determining whether some changes are lasting. Additionally, this pandemic has exposed key vulnerabilities in the region's social, economic, and environmental systems' ability to respond to future emergencies or disasters.

Scenarios and Pace of Recovery

Most experts now believe that a return to pre-pandemic lifestyles and economic activity will be punctuated or come in stages rather than a “V-shaped” recovery, i.e. a quick return to a previous normal. SCAG will continue to monitor the pace of recovery and studies by experts in order to assess the potential impacts on the region’s economy and employment. SCAG is currently monitoring the possible impacts of mandatory closures and a lengthy recovery over 2020 and 2021 in terms of taxable sales and employment. Due to the rapidly unfolding nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, any estimates generated at this early stage of the crisis should be considered very preliminary, would include a very high level of uncertainty, and would not yet be able to assess long-range impacts. A preliminary assessment will be presented in future RC and policy committee meetings.

Continuity of Service

Despite significant disruptions, SCAG’s transportation and municipal partners are working tirelessly to address the most critical needs of our communities while continuing to provide services, as able, to support the health, safety and economic well-being of the region in the wake of the pandemic and stay-at-home orders.

Public transportation operators continue to provide a mobility lifeline for essential workers to access their jobs, while implementing new measures to keep bus operators safe and reduce the spread of the virus⁵. The federal CARES Act provides \$25 billion in federal funding allocations to support the nation’s public transportation systems in providing this critical service. SCAG is collaborating with the FTA and county transportation commissions (CTCs) to help transit operators access these funds, which total \$1.4 billion regionwide⁶. SCAG collaborated with the CTCs to further apportion resources to each of the CTCs based on a set formula, and then the CTCs apportioned these funds further to eligible transit operators within their counties. In addition to helping the region’s transit operators access emergency funds, SCAG has assembled an on-line platform for transit operators to share COVID-19 actions, including allowing each operator to update the data for their own agency in real time. The intent is to facilitate inter-agency coordination and information sharing as the situation evolves.

Transportation planning funding programs, including those administered by SCAG, have also been impacted by the pandemic as project sponsors have been limited in their ability to conduct

⁵ See, for example, LA Metro’s commitment to continue service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzat1PzUr28&feature=youtu.be>

⁶ These funds are being distributed via 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds (Approx. \$13.7 B nationwide) and 5337 State of Good Repair (Approx. \$7.5 B nationwide)

outreach and collect representative data on transportation system operations. In addition to reaching out to funding partners to request extensions, staff is adjusting outreach approaches in certain programs to ensure engagement with the public continues leveraging new technologies and tactics to educate and solicit feedback from constituents. As an example, SCAG worked closely with the California Office of Traffic Safety to refine the project eligibility criteria for this year's *Go Human* Call for Projects for the Local Community Engagement and Traffic Safety Mini-Grant Program. The program will award mini grants up to \$10,000 for nonprofits across the region for efforts that approach safety engagement, education and documentation through online platforms and virtual strategies, among others, to ensure inclusive participation. The Call opened in April and can be accessed at <http://gohumansocal.org/Pages/Mini-Grants.aspx>. Awards will be announced in May 2020.

E-government and on-line services have become essential to keeping local governments in operation during the shut-down. Local planning departments with this capacity continue to issue permits. SCAG is conducting additional research to assess e-government and e-permitting capacity across the region and aims to continue to provide resources to local jurisdictions to support this work. As part of the Future Communities Pilot Program, SCAG is currently funding efforts in the cities of Riverside and Cerritos to develop online permitting and licensing systems to replace vehicle trips to City Hall with an efficient, integrated digital experience for residents and developers. Also, SCAG, the California Emerging Technology Fund and the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium are spearheading a study to facilitate broadband planning and deployment as part of transportation projects in the region. Improved broadband deployment, particularly in disadvantaged communities and unserved/underserved rural and urban areas, will support increased use of online learning, telehealth/telemedicine, telecommuting, e-commerce, and e-government, reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

The planning community at-large continues to find meaningful ways to contribute to COVID-19 response, including through the geographic representation of data through maps and interactive tools that help decision-makers and the public better understand the extent, impacts and local resources available during the crisis. The public-private collaboration between Esri and federal and state agencies has helped organizations to provide clear and accurate information relevant to COVID-19 in their communities promptly. Local jurisdictions interested in developing COVID-19 sites may use the free Coronavirus Response template from Esri's ArcGIS Hub, providing an intuitive approach for users to connect and organize live information from authoritative sources such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as localized data like the number of hospital beds and provider practice locations.

SCAG's initial inclination was to develop a COVID-19 site for the region; however, we decided that it may be more meaningful to instead support local jurisdictions' ability to provide their citizens with more close-to-home information. SCAG sees the forthcoming Regional Data Platform as an even

more relevant tool to bring the region's capacity to further assist local data-driven decision making, effective, and efficient government operations.

Planning for the Recovery

Staff has also identified a series of actions to support our partner agencies, gather insights and lay the groundwork for a more comprehensive Economic Recovery Strategy. Central to this work is obtaining approval of the Proposed Final *Connect SoCal* and securing a conformity determination from the federal government to ensure funds continue to flow to critical transportation projects in the region. The policy framework and performance outcomes of the plan also serve as the basis, and funding justification, for most of the regional studies and local funding programs SCAG provides. *Connect SoCal's* planning horizon (2016-2045) will include economic cycles and presents a long-range vision for the region's future. While there will be more significant challenges to overcome, striving for a healthy, prosperous future for the region could not be more important. Our region's long-range vision, *Connect SoCal*—strengthened by the lengthy and public process it has already undergone--can also provide a strong basis for the recovery from COVID-19.

Connect SoCal includes over 4,000 individual capital projects and programs across the region and across all modes of transportation over the next 25 years. Its implementation is anticipated to generate 168,400 annual jobs stemming from transportation investments and 264,500 jobs from the enhanced economic competitiveness that infrastructural improvements will provide. Staff is reaching out to partners to ensure funding is stabilized and assessing opportunities to accelerate the delivery of transportation projects in the plan as well as to stimulate the development of housing envisioned in priority growth areas. A plan acceleration strategy, leveraging anticipated federal and state stimulus programs as well as funding programs, would provide a direct benefit to the economy and strengthen the construction industry as it still works to reach its employment peak from prior to the Great Recession.⁷ SCAG will be hosting focus groups with up to ten nonprofit community based organizations that had participated in *Connect SoCal* outreach in 2019. This additional outreach will also allow SCAG to better understand the impact to the communities these organizations represent. SCAG will also be seeking feedback on *Connect SoCal* implementation in light of COVID-19, such as how to best move forward with the Key Connections.

Work to advance *Connect SoCal's* housing production strategies and goals has already begun and will continue to evolve to align with the comprehensive Economic Recovery Strategy. Under President Bill Jahn's leadership, housing production has become a primary component of SCAG's legislative strategy and the basis for a series of new planning programs supported by AB 101

⁷ *Connect SoCal* ranks Construction #4 out of 20 industries for employment growth over 2016-2045 (30.6% growth). With a present-day average wage of \$64,674, construction jobs are 8 percent above regional industry averages. Importantly, amongst the nine industries expected to grow by over 15 percent over the Plan horizon, Construction trails only two in average wages.

resources. SCAG's Regional Early Action (Housing) Program will provide resources to local jurisdictions for housing plans and programs. Staff is evaluating opportunities to target these resources to meet both the short- and longer-term needs given the changing dynamics of the housing market as well to provide direct support to local jurisdictions who may have to make difficult cuts due to COVID-related budget shortfalls. SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) can provide much-needed planning support for housing, and supply resources for other critical planning initiatives that advance integrated land use/transportation decision making.

An Economic Recovery Strategy must also advance strategies to better prepare the region for the future disruptions, particularly in vulnerable communities where disruption has the greatest impact. In its concluding chapter, Connect SoCal acknowledges the inevitable disruption to our systems and the critical need for planning to become a more resilient region. To better anticipate a wide range of potential futures, Connect SoCal calls for and positions the region to pursue a collaborative "exploratory" scenario planning process to augment the traditional Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) planning process. This process, which will not be focused on achieving predetermined outcomes or targets, will explore pressing issues and possible near- and long-term disruptions Southern California may face. This exploration will be an expansive, comprehensive initiative that will inform amendments and future updates of the regional plan.

Beyond activities aimed at stimulating the broader regional economy, the Economic Recovery Strategy could explore avenues to restore the financial capacity of cities and counties while also reducing costs. SCAG will continue to provide technical assistance--in the form of toolkits, webinars, and programs—to save cost and advocate on behalf of local jurisdictions to promote economic recovery. We anticipate being a leader as well as a resource, building upon the Future Communities Framework and supported in part by SCAG's forthcoming Regional Data Platform, in providing local governments and partner agencies with data tools and information to make planning and policy decisions based on a strong understanding of current conditions and likely future outcomes. SCAG also foresees being an advocate of moving services online and helping local jurisdictions be effective in this manner.

Finally, this crisis presents a clear opportunity to accelerate broadband expansion programs not only to close the 'digital divide' (a significant equity issue), but also as a mobility initiative and an economic recovery imperative. Before the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated telecommuting for workers and students, working from home was the fastest growing commute mode in the region. SCAG is involved in a critical broadband study with the California Emerging Technology Fund and regional broadband consortia, and we expect to identify all gaps in broadband infrastructure to prioritize early action broadband projects to include capacity for not only telework in residential units, but also enable more commercial, medical, judicial and other municipal activities online.

Next Steps

While the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on the region and regional planning will continue to unfold over the next months and years, there are immediate actions SCAG can take through the adoption and implementation of Connect SoCal and its associated funding programs to support our local agencies and position the region for economic recovery and greater resiliency. Staff seeks the Regional Council's immediate input and will report back with additional analysis and recommendations for developing a Regional Economic Recovery Strategy focused on SCAG's mission and role as a regional planning agency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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DATE: June 4, 2020
TO: General Assembly
FROM: Bill Jahn, SCAG President
SUBJECT: Year in Review

In accordance with SCAG’s Bylaws, and on behalf of the Regional Council, I am submitting to the General Assembly a written summary of the agency’s activities and achievements since the General Assembly last convened in Palm Desert on May 2, 2019.

I am pleased to share with the General Assembly the attached report of SCAG’s Annual Accomplishments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The featured accomplishments highlight our work to identify and address the needs of the region, and promote sustainability, prosperity, and quality of life for all Southern Californians. As detailed in my report, SCAG has had many successes and new developments this past year. The agency convened hundreds of regional leaders at well-regarded conferences, workshops, and webinars, led innovative new planning initiatives, and conducted valuable research and analysis for members and partners.

When I commenced my term as President of this great agency, I had two primary goals: 1) Work with our cities, counties, partners, stakeholders, and staff to finalize development of Connect SoCal – the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy; and 2) Provide a substantive contribution towards the effort to resolve the region’s and state’s housing crisis. I believe the agency’s work on Connect SoCal and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment have achieved both of these goals.

Over the past 12 months, I have seen first-hand that SCAG’s legacy of collaboration and innovation has continually been present in all that work that we do, and despite the trials and tribulations that have come with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the agency has continued to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. We have worked collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders to achieve consensus. Last month, the Regional Council voted to submit Connect SoCal for federal review, capping off more than three years of development and extensive coordination with SCAG’s local jurisdictions, county transportation commission, and partner agencies. We also undertook the monumental task of concurrently developing the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation plan. While the RHNA allocation plan will not be finalized until next year (as the 6th Cycle RHNA covers the planning period from October 2021 through October 2029) we made significant headway by adopting a Final RHNA Methodology (which will determine each jurisdiction’s draft RHNA allocation as a share of the regional determination) and appeals procedures. With the passage of AB 101, there will also be additional funding for our cities and counties to support planning activities that lead to the increase in housing production.

As a long-range planning organization, it is important to remember that we each play a role—no matter how long we serve—in the long-term success of the region. Our accomplishments this past year build upon a history of achievement, and I have no doubt that those that will serve after me will continue to build upon the great work that this agency is known for. Thanks to the support and partnership of our member cities and counties, partners, and stakeholders, SCAG is able, and will continue, to produce effective, influential plans that facilitate a brighter future for the region.

On behalf of the Regional Council and agency staff, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all SCAG members for their contributions and collaboration in making the region a better place for all.



2019-2020 Accomplishments

Planning for the Future of Our Region

CONNECT SOCAL AND THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The plan embodies a collective vision for the region's future and is developed with input from local governments, county transportation commissions (CTC), tribal governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, and local stakeholders throughout the six-county SCAG region. At the heart of Connect SoCal are thousands of transportation projects—ranging from highway improvements, railroad grade separations, bicycle lanes, new transit hubs, and replacement bridges. These future investments were included in county plans developed by the six CTCs and seek to reduce traffic bottlenecks, improve the efficiency of the region's network, and expand mobility choices for everyone.

A hallmark of this particular plan is the robust and extensive engagement with both the public and stakeholders. The agency's engagement efforts included more than three years of development and extensive coordination with SCAG's local jurisdictions, CTCs, and partner agencies. During the development phase of the plan, SCAG held a series of 29 public outreach events, drawing more than 550 attendees across the region to share information and get input on how residents travel and their preferences. As an agency first, a telephone town hall was held, drawing approximately 700 callers stay on the line for the full hour to learn more about Connect SoCal and get answers to a wide range of questions from SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise. Input through an online survey was solicited as well as Connect SoCal was promoted across multiple channels including social media and radio ads, street teams, and partnerships with community-based organizations in each county in the region. The survey was answered by approximately 4,000 people, giving SCAG a substantial pool of data that planning staff worked hard to analyze.

Following the release of the Draft Connect SoCal plan and Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), SCAG held three public hearings, which served as an opportunity for any member of the public to learn more and provide comments regarding the draft plan. SCAG also hosted a series of 21 briefings for local elected officials throughout the region. In addition, SCAG hosted a public workshop to receive comments on the Draft PEIR. These meetings were intended to inform elected officials, stakeholders, and interested citizens on the key investments and strategies in the draft plan and solicit feedback. The public review and comment periods capped off more than three years of dialogue and consultation with residents and stakeholders from throughout all six counties of the SCAG region. SCAG received 107 separate communications (both oral and written) containing over 1,800 comments on the draft Connect SoCal Plan.

In May 2020, the Regional Council adopted a resolution on the Proposed Final Connect SoCal plan that approves the submittal of the plan to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) so they may complete their review of the plan for transportation conformity purposes by June 1, 2020. The resolution also calls for a 120-day delay in submitting Connect SoCal to the California Air Resources Board. SCAG staff sought more time to continue to address concerns raised by local stakeholders such as the restoration of entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions and examining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the plan. SCAG will continue outreach to stakeholders to better address new regional issues and build greater consensus on the region's vision for a brighter future. The Final Connect SoCal plan outlines more than \$638 billion in transportation system investments through more than 4,000 projects over a 25-year period, helping enhance the overall quality of life in our region by creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars of economic activity, as well as contributing meaningfully toward achieving our regional goals for sustainability, transportation equity, and improved public health and safety.



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REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the periodic process of updating local housing elements of the General Plan and quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. SCAG is in the process of developing the 6th cycle RHNA allocation plan, which will cover the planning period from October 2021 through October 2029. Communities use the RHNA in land use planning, prioritizing local resource allocation, and in deciding how to address identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment, and household growth. The RHNA allows communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region and subregion can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promotes transportation mobility, and addresses social equity, fair share housing needs.

In early August 2019, SCAG opened the public comment period for its draft RHNA methodology. With the housing crisis impacting both the region and state, it was important that member cities and stakeholders have the ability to provide input. Through the number of SCAG-hosted public hearings and workshops, member cities and major stakeholders had the opportunity to weigh in on how best to allocate local housing need as part of the RHNA. Throughout the process, staff also provided tools, webinars, and answered questions so cities could better understand the various draft methodologies and factors that went into each option. After further consultation and discussion, the Regional Council approved a draft RHNA allocation methodology in November 2019, which was submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review. HCD followed two months later with their finding that the allocation methodology was in compliance with state law as it furthered the five statutory objectives of RHNA.

In March 2020, the Regional Council adopted the Final RHNA Methodology, which will determine each jurisdiction's draft RHNA allocation as a share of the regional determination of 1,341,827 housing units need as provided by HCD. The board-approved allocation methodology places greater importance on both jobs and transit accessibility when determining a jurisdiction's existing housing need. The framework incorporates feedback received from the over 250 people that participated at the public hearings and over 300 comments received during the comment period and furthers the objectives of both SCAG's regional planning efforts and State housing law. The Regional Council followed this action by approving the 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures in May 2020, which outlines the appeals process and includes information on bases for appeals, the public hearings on appeals, and the reallocation of housing need from successful appeals. Once Connect SoCal is adopted in its entirety, staff will be able to develop Draft RHNA Allocations for each local jurisdiction and commence the appeals period.

OTHER PLANNING & RESEARCH EFFORTS

RELEASE OF I-105 CORRIDOR SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

In June 2019, SCAG finalized the I-105 Corridor Sustainability Study. The goal of the study was to identify a comprehensive set of multi-modal solutions to reduce congestion and improve safety and mobility along the I-105 Corridor. The results of this study, which was a collaborative effort with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Metro, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and cities along the I-105 Corridor, included a detailed assessment of the corridor's conditions, a list of projects to improve future corridor conditions, and a framework for evaluating potential improvements.

TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT DATABASE

To fulfill its federal requirement for establishing regional transit asset management (TAM) targets as part of Connect SoCal and future RTP/SCS updates, SCAG implemented its first online TAM database with the assistance of over 30 transit operators, which submitted their asset inventory data during the summer of 2019. In addition to supporting the federal target-setting requirements, the web-based TAM application can also assist with operators' planning, forecasting, asset funding and reporting activities. SCAG is evaluating options to continue providing this application to the region's operators on an ongoing basis.



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TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

SCAG completed the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan in September 2019, identifying policies and programs that increase the efficiency of the transportation system and reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions through alternative modes of travel. The Plan helps guide short-, medium-, and long-term initiatives, assesses the challenges and opportunities that technology and innovation bring to TDM, and develops specific performance measures to evaluate the cost effectiveness and benefits of TDM strategies. The Plan also updates the toolbox of TDM strategies that provides guidance and resources for TDM implementers. The Plan was developed through a region-wide collaborative effort involving diverse stakeholders from the public, non-profit, and private sectors, and is an important element of Connect SoCal. SCAG is currently in the process of implementing several priority recommendations.

SCAG COMPLETES REGION-WIDE INVENTORY OF PUBLIC-OWNED LANDS

In January 2020, SCAG staff completed a region-wide inventory of public-owned lands and produced the preliminary regional geospatial dataset of public-owned lands information at parcel-level. The public-owned lands database provides the public with information that could help put public properties to better use and spur innovative ideas that create new economic development, affordable and homeless housing, revenue generation and other opportunities to improve communities. The product of this project will help to identify potentially developable lands in the SCAG region, focusing on lands and properties owned by public entities, such as federal, state, county, city, and other public agencies. The product will be useful sources for our elected leaders, local planners, community developers and those who are interested in opportunities for future land transformation, infill, and redevelopment.

SCAG REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM

SCAG is working with the consultant Esri to upgrade infrastructure to support its geospatial data sets, workflows, and systems. These efforts serve as a precursor to the building of the Regional Data Platform, which will become a critical component of SCAG's regional planning tools. The Regional Data Platform will support regional and local planning for implementation of the SCS by: 1) Enhancing SCAG's existing data system capability to meet local needs for data-driven decision-making, government transparency, and collaborative regional and community planning; 2) Expanding SCAG's data infrastructure system, enhancing regional data standardization, and utilizing best practices for improvements on data updates; and 3) Improving system management, maintenance, and security in order to fully implement and facilitate the region's needs for open data, big data, and new technology utilization for data sharing and data visualization in innovative planning. This will result in an integrated data platform that supports the update of local general plans, including interactive dashboards that help local jurisdictions make decisions according to sustainability metrics included in SCAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SCAG REGION AERIAL IMAGERY INITIATIVE

The SCAG Region Aerial Imagery Initiative is a project to acquire aerial imagery and related products for the vast majority of the SCAG region (approximately 24,000 square miles of the six-county area). The Initiative will be a collaborative effort with the six counties and 191 cities to collectively purchase orthogonal (with infrared) aerial imagery and building outlines. The objective of the project is to save money (through economies of scale), get better products, set data standards, and establish frequency of aerial imagery captures. SCAG and local jurisdictions will be able to utilize the data to monitor land use, assets, and their changes over time. In addition, these data resources will give agencies the ability to overlay other geospatial data with the imagery products, aiding in local service delivery. These uses are helpful for planning (short- and long-range), compliance, engineering, emergency response, and communication efforts with the public. Various forms of analyses will also be possible, including tree canopy coverage, potential burn areas, solar insulation, surface permeability, slope analysis, flood models, and more. This fiscal year, SCAG is signing agreements with Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties to obtain the data and is working with Imperial, San Bernardino, and Ventura to do the same next fiscal year.



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REGIONAL GREENPRINT TOOL IN DEVELOPMENT

In January 2020, SCAG held kick-off meetings to develop the Regional Greenprint, which is a planned strategic conservation tool and website to help users make better land use and transportation infrastructure decisions and support conservation investments based on the best available scientific data. The Greenprint development process is expected to last two years. The first year will entail extensive, targeted outreach to stakeholders to gain insight on the tool's uses, main themes, and the best datasets to include. The second year will focus on developing and testing the tool, and a launch campaign. Additionally, the Nature Conservancy will create a white paper advising SCAG on developing a Regional Advance Mitigation Program, which is envisioned by the Connect SoCal plan as establishing and/or supplementing regional conservation and mitigation banks and/or programs to address impacts for projects that support reduction of per-capita vehicle miles traveled.

POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19 IN THE SCAG REGION

SCAG staff published a white paper in May 2020 that examines the potential economic impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and local jurisdiction vulnerability indicators. This white paper provides an initial assessment of potential employment and taxable sales implications of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region as of the end of April 2020. A discussion of data and information used in their development is also provided. The analysis assumes a low-point occurring around June 1, 2020 with a resumption of some economic activity thereafter, but a long and slow recovery extending through the end of 2021. Additionally, numerous assumptions are made about the decline and potential recovery trajectory in individual industry sectors. Future taxable sales in the SCAG region are compared to a baseline and assume a linear growth trajectory between June 2020 and December 2021. Employment and economic output are modeled separately using a structural economic forecasting model. Analyses of the pandemic's impact at this stage are subject to an extremely high level of uncertainty; importantly this analysis does not assume a second wave of the pandemic or specifically model the impact of additional federal action. As the pandemic unfolds and additional data become available, these assumptions, modeling strategies, and outputs can be revised.

A Voice for the Region

REGIONAL ADVOCACY

SCAG DELEGATION ADVOCATES FOR THE REGION IN SACRAMENTO AT ANNUAL SCAG LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

A delegation of Southern California leaders from the city, county, and regional levels traveled to the state Capitol in February 2020 for the annual SCAG Legislative Summit to advocate on behalf of the region. The SCAG delegation, joined by leaders from the Southern California Leadership Council and other regional partners traveled to Sacramento to meet with a bipartisan group of state lawmakers. This year's advocacy trip focused on providing updates on the progress of Connect SoCal, as well as addressing key issue areas related to alleviating the state's severe housing shortage, advocating for modernization of the California Environmental Quality Act, and increasing funding for housing programs in the region (achieved by the passage of AB 101).

The delegation was also present for Governor Gavin Newsom's State of the State Address, which shared several of SCAG's core priorities. Following the address, the delegation met with members of both chambers to stress the need for policies that incentivize local governments to build an adequate, affordable supply of housing. An additional highlight of the Summit included a program with special guest speaker David Kim, Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency.

MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL & STATE REPRESENTATIVES

SCAG has numerous legislative priorities that promote solutions for regional planning priorities and obtaining funding for transportation projects. Apart from the annual Sacramento advocacy trip, SCAG leadership and staff have attended numerous hearings and meetings with legislators and agency staff to ensure that Southern California's voice is heard. Between August and October 2019, SCAG held meetings with numerous representatives



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such as Congressman Ted Lieu (D-Los Angeles County), Congressman Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach), Congressman Mark Takano (D-Riverside), and Congressman Mike Levin (D-Dana Point) to discuss issues of importance such as transportation and air quality, federal surface transportation reauthorization, and other SCAG planning activities.

Meetings were also held with California legislators such as State Senator Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), and Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) to help promote a number of SCAG's state priorities, including those related to transportation and infrastructure investments, affordable housing, and traffic safety.

Providing Resources and Tools for Member Jurisdictions

PROMOTING TRAFFIC SAFETY IN THE REGION

SCAG's *Go Human* campaign has partnered with community members, nonprofit organizations, cities, and local agencies throughout the region to create safer and healthier places through education, advocacy, resource sharing, and events. Thanks to a \$1,000,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety in October 2019, as well as funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, SCAG will be able to continue the *Go Human* campaign through September 2020. Highlights from the past year include:

LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SAFETY MINI-GRANTS TO FUND SAFETY STRATEGIES

In May 2020, SCAG received 46 Mini-Grant applications in response to the *Go Human* Call for Projects for the Local Community Engagement and Safety Mini-Grants, a program that aims to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of vulnerable street users. SCAG will award up to \$10,000 for projects with an implementation period planned to take place between May and July 2020. Eligible applicants are community-based organizations, non-profits, artists, students and creators. With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety, the Mini-Grants expand the concept of traffic safety amid the efforts to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. In light of the pandemic, SCAG encouraged submissions for creative and virtual engagement activities.

CO-BRANDING PARTNERSHIPS

Go Human co-branding partnerships supported traffic safety messaging, education and encouragement across the SCAG region by engaging with over 50 partners, printing more than 20,000 materials in both English and Spanish (including lawn signs, banners, flyers, posters, postcards, and bus shelters), and achieving almost a million impressions from co-branded partner campaigns.

SAFETY SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOPS

To build greater regional leadership and awareness around traffic collisions and the need for traffic safety improvements, *Go Human* rolled out a number of traffic safety resources including a regional safety symposium (attended by more than 140 local leaders and elected officials), four regional traffic safety workshops (attended by more than 188 traffic safety practitioners, who left with Safety Work Plans to implement in their jurisdictions), four traffic safety webinars and follow-up safety resources (attended by 96 attendees), and the *Go Human* Safety Pledge commitment to improve safety, which was signed by over 40 elected officials and local agencies.

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE *GO HUMAN* CHALLENGE AND KIT OF PARTS

Based on its successful temporary demonstration projects, *Go Human* developed and deployed a portable Kit of Parts, or lending library of safety design modules, available to jurisdictions to borrow and test street infrastructure improvements with the public. In addition, SCAG created the *Go Human* Challenge, a set of educational modules, to enhance community engagement through interactive games related to active transportation, safety, and sustainability. With the Kit of Parts and *Go Human* Challenge, *Go Human* co-hosted six temporary demonstration events this year (with the cities of Baldwin Park, El Monte, South El Monte, Buena Park, Anaheim, and Glendora),



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partnered with over 26 cities, agencies, and community-based organizations to support over 38 events in throughout the region, and reached tens of thousands of people who engaged with and experienced temporary street designs that improved traffic safety.

To date, more than 30 percent of safety demonstration projects have been funded, slated for implementation, or permanently installed. Many of our partners are now moving towards implementation on their projects, including: City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Safe Routes to School Little Street Redesign at Esperanza Elementary School; Downtown Riverside first/last mile and lighting improvements; the Culver City La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School project; La Quinta Village pedestrian safety improvements; and the Palm Desert Vision San Pablo Corridor Improvements project.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION GRANTS WORKSHOP

In June 2019 SCAG held a workshop and webinar to provide information and guidance about grant funding opportunities for agricultural conservation planning. This training was a partnership with the California Department of Conservation, which had announced new grants for local and regional planning through its Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program, funded by Proposition 68. The funding was provided to support the integration of agricultural lands into local and regional plans such as climate action plans, sustainable communities strategies, and general plans.

PROMOTING SCAG'S OPEN DATA PROGRAMS AT ESRI CONFERENCE

SCAG held a data projects workshop at the Esri User Conference at the San Diego Convention Center in July 2019. Drawing around 120 attendees from 30 jurisdictions, the event was well received. Those in attendance came from various levels across the fields of planning and governance, including: planning directors, economic development directors, military officers that specialize in GIS and geospatial analysis, water districts, representatives for indigenous groups and more. Attendees joined SCAG to learn about data resources available to their communities, including SCAG's Regional Data Platform, and the Aerial Imagery Consortium. SCAG also used this as an opportunity to seek feedback on agencies' data needs that has helped inform work.

WORKSHOPS TO BUILD SEISMIC RESILIENCY IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

SCAG partnered with the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) in September 2019 on a series of earthquake preparedness seminars focused on creating a safer Los Angeles County. In the aftermath of the 7.1 earthquake in Ridgecrest on July 4, 2019 and widespread destruction caused by wildfires in surrounding areas, SCAG, BizFed, Optimum Seismic, and other partners curated an educational series to help local business leaders prepare for imminent natural disaster in Los Angeles County. Presentations examined steps that can be taken now to create more resilient businesses before disasters strike.

REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS WORKSHOPS

SCAG updated its regional intelligent transportation systems (ITS) architecture in December 2019, marking the final stage of a years-long project to modernize and reintroduce this valuable planning tool. The multi-county architecture, which had not been updated since 2011, provides a framework or blueprint for cross-county transportation technology elements in Southern California, and is used by municipalities and counties to ensure that their transportation projects are adequately connected to each other so as to produce a cohesive experience for road, transit, and active transportation users. SCAG has been holding workshops around the region to familiarize ITS stakeholders and users with the update, and provide a refresher on the basics of ITS.

LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS NOFA WORKSHOP

In February 2020, SCAG held an in-person and online workshop about the Local Early Action Planning Grants (LEAP) Program, which can help funding to update planning documents and implement process improvements that result



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from the 6th Cycle RHNA. The workshop provided an overview of the Notice of Funding Availability for the LEAP program, application process, and best practices. All city and county managers and planning directors or anyone that is interested in learning more about the LEAP program are welcome to attend. The workshop was presented HCD and hosted by SCAG.

SCAG HOLDS WORKSHOP ON PERMIT STREAMLINING AND FUNDING FOR ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND EV RIDE-AND-DRIVE DEMONSTRATION

In partnership with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), SCAG hosted a workshop in March 2020 to inform jurisdictions about how they can promote zero-emission infrastructure for passenger vehicles. The workshop covered funding, regulations, local examples, as well as permit streamlining. Although the State of California requires (under AB 1236) all jurisdictions to streamline permitting for public electric vehicle chargers, a recent analysis by SCAG and GO-Biz found that only 12 percent of SCAG jurisdictions have achieved consistency with statewide permitting requirements three years after they were established. Permitting has proven to be a costly barrier to building public electric vehicle charging stations. In California, permitting often takes significantly longer and costs more than the national average, meaning less supportive infrastructure for battery electric vehicles in our region. The workshop also included a ride-and-drive component, providing an opportunity for attendees to interact with an electric vehicle charging station and test drive a zero-emission car.

SCAG GATHERS COVID-19 WEB-BASED RESOURCES FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, SCAG has provided many different resources for stakeholders and the general public. Several different webinars were offered. SCAG also provided information about how the public can get assistance through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and utilize resources specific to California. Resources specific to each of the six counties in the SCAG region also helped citizens in the region understand what was going on in their area as well as resources available in their respective communities.

Major Convenings

10TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT OFFERS OUTLOOK FOR THE REGION

In December 2019, approximately 400 civic and business leaders attended the 10th Annual Southern California Economic Summit, which was co-hosted by SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council. The event provided a status report on the state of Southern California’s economy, with news that Southern California continues to outperform the nation in employment growth but is threatened by the housing crisis and growing income gap.

The program opened with remarks from Senator Toni Atkins, President pro Tem of California’s upper legislative chamber. A morning session on the region’s housing challenge featured a lively discussion on what elected leaders, local governments, and developers need to do to get more shovels in the ground and produce more housing. Moderated by Los Angeles Times reporter Liam Dillon, the panel featured California Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, Redfin Chief Economist Daryl Fairweather, Jennifer Hernandez of Holland & Knight, and Olson Company CEO Scott Laurie.

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise gave a special presentation making the case for a new vision for the region – SCAG’s Draft Connect SoCal plan, which seeks to meet our state’s clean air goals while balancing future housing needs and transportation investments. From generating hundreds of thousands of new jobs to creating efficiency gains for shipping and travel, realizing the goal of a strong regional transportation system has economic benefits for all of the region’s 19 million residents.



A keynote address from Noel Perry, founder of Next 10, focused on California’s “green economy,” making an urgent case for the work we need to do in order to meet state climate targets. Afterwards, an afternoon panel explored the competitive advantage offered by regional investment in transportation infrastructure in a discussion that featured Metrolink CEO Stephanie Wiggins, California Forward CEO Micah Weinberg, Judy Kruger of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, and Tiffany Chu, CEO and Co-Founder of Remix.

DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP ADDRESSES CHALLENGES FOR CENSUS 2020 AND PLANNING

In June 2019, more than 200 people from 80 organizations joined SCAG for the 30th annual Demographic Workshop at the University of Southern California (USC). Held with the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, the theme for this workshop was “Make it Count: The Impact of Census 2020 and Connect SoCal on Our Future.” The event encompassed a range of discussions that provided new research findings and expert insights on the region’s slowing population growth, increasingly dire housing shortage, and long-range planning efforts to address such challenges.

The Demographic Workshop was highlighted by a keynote address by James T. Christy, Assistant Director for Field Operations at the United States Census Bureau, whose address illuminated the tremendous effort going into the upcoming 2020 Census, and how they’ve prepared to tackle its unique challenges. The event also featured a roundtable discussion session that fostered substantive conversations on topics including the 2020 Census, RHNA, trends in population growth and more.

A Spirit of Collaboration

JOINT SCAG/ICTC TRAFFIC ANALYSIS PROJECT COMPLETED

SCAG and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) completed the Calexico West Port-of-Entry Traffic Circulation Plan in June 2019. Working closely with regional, state, national, and international (i.e., Mexico) partners and stakeholders, SCAG and ICTC conducted a study to assist the City of Calexico with daily traffic management as a result of the Phase 1 expansion and reconfiguration of the Calexico West Port-of-Entry. With SCAG as the lead applicant, ICTC was awarded a Caltrans State Planning and Research grant to analyze traffic conditions related to the opening of the border crossing. The goal of the project was to provide traffic circulation strategies to promote more efficient mobility for border travel. The study also focused on appropriate and feasible reductions in traffic delay and the need for traffic control staff.

UNIVERSITY OF SEOUL PARTNERSHIP

On August 15, 2019, SCAG established a new partnership with the University of Seoul in South Korea for future collaboration. A six-member delegation including the university president, Dr. Soon-Tak Suh, visited SCAG to learn more about our planning process and sign a memorandum of understanding. After the ceremony, SCAG staff gave an overview of the agency and various programs including data and GIS initiatives, modeling programs, and the *Go Human* campaign. The Korean delegation in turn shared highlights from their work at the university and their experiences in regional planning.

As part its partnership with the University of Seoul, SCAG hosted two volunteer interns from December 2019 to February 2020. By the end of their internships, the interns had learned about how SCAG collaborates with key stakeholders to develop regional plans and policy options to address diverse urban and regional planning issues. Additionally, the students learned insightful regional planning knowledge through field study and guided research on a topic area of their interest such as local park efficiency and a housing affordability comparison between the SCAG region and Seoul.



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SCAG AND KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOLD JOINT MEETING

SCAG and the Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) together held their annual joint meeting in October 2019 at Tejon Ranch as part of an ongoing partnership to discuss areas of cooperation and planning activities that impact both regions. SCAG provided updates on the development of the Connect SoCal plan and the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation plan. Other discussion items included the development of California's high-speed rail system, the importance of freight and ports in the region, energy efficient vehicles, legislative matters such as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Rule, and the exchange of information on development patterns.

MAJOR SOUTH COAST OZONE AIR PLANS RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL BY U.S. EPA

In October 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the Federal Register a final rule approving several ozone air quality implementation plans in the 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), a portion of which was prepared by SCAG. With the final approval effective October 31, 2019, the applicable federal air quality planning requirements have been fulfilled to maintain regional transportation conformity in the SCAG region. In addition, the new and more stringent ozone transportation conformity budgets in these ozone plans now apply to SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (Connect SoCal), Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and their amendments.

SCAG SHARES KNOWLEDGE AT 2020 TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

Early in January 2020, SCAG presented at the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) 99th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. SCAG staff presented and exchanged knowledge on a poster presentation about transit usage analysis in the region titled, "What Happened to Our Transit Usage? (Part 2) — An Exploratory Investigation on the Impacts on Commuting Pattern, Built Environments, and Neighborhood Change on Transit Usage." This project continues to build upon the analysis done in 2019 by further investigating the factors influencing transit usage for those who live near transit stations; the second part of the project examines the commuting patterns and distance of these residents by different transportation modes and socioeconomic groups. The overall theme of this year's meeting was "A Century of Progress: Foundation for the Future."

SCAG DELEGATION STUDIES ROAD USER CHARGING IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

SCAG collaborated in January 2020 with the Ministry of Transport in New Zealand and the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities in Australia on a study tour focused on sharing information about the use of road user charges (RUC) to fund system development and operational performance. New Zealand has over 40 years of experience with road user charging systems and is recognized internationally as a successful test case in road funding. The Australian Government is embarking on a large scale pilot that models and analyzes the impact of alternative charging approaches for heavy vehicles. The study tour, which I led along with participation from First Vice President Rex Richardson and Transportation Committee Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, yielded important insights related to privacy, equity, operational efficiency, enforcement, and public support. The replacement of the fuel excise tax with a mileage-based user fee is a key policy objective of Connect SoCal and has been an essential component of the financial plan for SCAG's regional transportation plans since 2012.

SOUTH KOREA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF COEXISTENCE AND COLLABORATION

In January 2020, SCAG hosted a delegation from the Research Institute of Coexistence and Collaboration in South Korea. The nine-member delegation, led by the director of the institute, visited SCAG to learn more about public participation and conflict resolution in Southern California. SCAG staff introduced SCAG's primary roles and responsibilities, programs, Connect SoCal outreach and public participation. The delegation shared some of their policy tools to prevent conflicts on the policy-making process in the Seoul Metropolitan area.



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SCAG PRESENTS AT GEODESIGN SUMMIT

SCAG staff attended Esri's GeoDesign Summit in February 2020 and presented a study, along with the University of Southern California partners on 3D Procedural Modeling in Sustainable and Active Transportation for City Sustainable Development. The study applies SCAG modeling trips data by mode to explore ridership predictions of public transit in various urban allocation scenarios (such as land use, demographic change, and urban density). Utilizing the new CityEngine and ArcGIS Urban technologies, staff were able to visualize 3D urban allocation scenarios and generate reports showing ridership predictions on the fly. Esri's GeoDesign Summit is an annual event, which convenes thoughtful leaders, innovators, and other visionaries to see first-hand how they are leveraging advanced GIS technology to plan for our future.

VOLCKER ALLIANCE EXPANDS GOVERNMENT-TO-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In February 2020, SCAG hosted the launch of the Steering Committee for a Los Angeles County Pilot for the Volcker Alliances' Government to University (G2U) Initiative. G2U is an innovative approach to address critical governance challenges by building structured regional networks of governments and universities. The initiative aims to catalyze a robust local marketplace that can sustainably connect governments' hiring and research needs with local university capacity. The steering committee will focus on connecting local, state, and federal government leaders in a region with key faculty and administrators from surrounding colleges and universities. They will identify and pursue opportunities to better strengthen the pipeline of talent from local universities into government and explore approaches to systematizing research exchanges focused on solving pressing government problems. With support from the Volcker Alliance, the effort will provide a regional platform to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones among government practitioners and university leaders.

IMPERIAL COUNTY OZONE AIR PLANS APPROVED BY U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA in February 2020 published in the Federal Register a final rule to approve Imperial County's 2017 ozone state implementation plan (SIP) and subsequent 2018 SIP update to address the federal 2008 8-hour ozone ambient air quality standards. SCAG staff worked with the staff of the Imperial County Air District and CARB in developing the air plans, especially the new ozone transportation conformity budgets in the air plans.

SCAG CONTINUES TO PROVIDE INPUT ON STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION ACTIVITIES

SCAG staff continues to serve on the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) for the State's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, which brings together local government, practitioners, scientists, and community leaders to help coordinate activities that better prepare California for the impacts of a changing climate. The TAC supports the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in its goal to facilitate coordination among state, regional, and local adaptation and resiliency efforts, with a focus on opportunities to support local implementation actions that improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

Administration

SCAG COMPLETES CALTRANS CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

In 2018, Caltrans conducted an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan Audit and an Incurred Cost Audit to determine whether costs claimed by and reimbursed to SCAG were allowable, adequately supported, and in compliance with the Caltrans agreement provisions and federal and State regulations. The audit found some deficiencies in specific areas pertaining to labor charges, consultant procurements, contract management, billing and reporting, and event sponsorship practices. Following a collaborative and consultative process with Caltrans, SCAG has succeeded in both meeting and fulfilling all of its requirements to correct the agency's deficiencies as outlined in Caltrans' corrective action plan with respect to the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan Audit. This includes not having to repay any funds. SCAG completed the Corrective Actions for the Incurred Cost Audit in January 2020 and is awaiting confirmation of certified completion by Caltrans.



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SCAG PASSES AUDIT WITH FLYING COLORS

Following an audit of the agency's FY2019-20 financial statements and Single Audit Report, the team of external independent auditors reported that there were no findings in their review.

ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE BRINGS NEW ENERGY TO AGENCY

In 2019, SCAG assembled the Engagement Committee, whose purpose it is to provide wellness, social and professional development opportunities to all staff members that encourage them to promote a sense of community and build relationships across departments, divisions, and ranks. Some of the activities the Engagement Committee has organized so far include a breast cancer awareness campaign, a 2019 Thanksgiving celebration and baking competition, and the 2019 Holiday Giving Drive, which consisted of collecting donated toys, household goods and food for a local non-profit organization. Prior to the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, the Engagement Committee assembled flu wellness packs for staff. While COVID-19 has postponed planned activities, the Engagement Committee has continued to coordinate home-based activities and challenges.

Awards and Recognition

SCAG RECEIVES AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Following a long history of transparency and best practices in financial reporting, SCAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report earned the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting.

SCAG PLANNING EFFORTS FEATURED IN APA REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES

Every two years, the American Planning Association's Transportation Planning Division releases a State of Transportation Planning report, which highlights best planning practices and use cases from around the country. Seeking to diversify transportation planning past the typical car-centric efforts of prior years, this year's report places a greater emphasis on people- and health-focused transportation planning. As a recognized leader in transportation planning, a number of SCAG's planning efforts are featured in the report with articles about the *Go Human* campaign and the Kit of Parts, Mobility Go Zone and Pricing Feasibility Study, Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Initiative, and Active Transportation Database. This year's report consists of 35 articles, which are written by more than 60 authors from 15 states as well as from outside the country.

SCAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DATABASE WINS APA-LA PLANNING AWARD

The agency's Active Transportation Database (ATDB) was selected to receive the Award of Excellence in the Innovative Use of Technology category by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association. The award category recognizes a program or process that features an innovative use of technology to further the goals for the planning process with a particular focus on impact and results. The ATDB currently has nearly 70 registered agencies (includes cities, counties, state agencies, CBOs, and consulting firms working on behalf of jurisdictions) and more than 700 locations with available count data. This wealth of active transportation data will only continue to grow through our partnership with Caltrans and will be of use to planners and researchers for years to come.

GO-BIZ HONORS SCAG'S CIVIC SPARKS WITH ZEVe AWARDS

In January 2020, SCAG's CivicSpark Climate Fellows were honored with ZEVe awards by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) for their leadership and dedication to improving the zero emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure approval process. In their work, they evaluated the electric vehicle charging station permitting status of every jurisdiction in the SCAG region, successfully tracking down the ordinances, checklists and all relevant information about charging station permitting. They directly contacted planners and building officials from throughout the region, leading to many enlightening conversations and sharing of resources including the GO-Biz Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Guidebook. Their work will go a long way in ensuring Southern California is ready for the millions of ZEVs that are anticipated to be on the road in the coming years.