

Connect SoCal 2024 Outreach: General Feedback Summary

Comment Form	Date	Comment	Name
Email	4/10/2023	<p>Dear SCAG,</p> <p>I wanted to take your survey, but after a review of it, I can't do it, there was no option to write in my "other" answers. For example, I don't think in terms of ESG or whatever acronym you use. I want to see quality of life improvement for all (I live in Ontario) San Bernardino Residents. Your agenda or program does not reflect how most people live or see how the community or state appears. Your agenda reflects the San Bernardino County Plan, you know central planning. I know when people look for purchasing a house, it is almost always for a detached building. In general the California plan is really an intentional master plan to change the state into Sacramento's vision for California's future. That future includes more smaller living spaces, everyone crowded into small blocks of living quarters that includes shopping, apartments, jobs within enclosed areas. You want everyone to depend on public transportation, you want everyone to lose the ability to move around, and no, I don't mean ambulatory/walking.</p> <p>I don't buy your future picture for this state, and a gentle reminder, over 300,000 people have left the state since 2020. Who wants to live in a state that punishes freedom, home choices, public interaction? Who wants to live in a state where the state legislators do everything to make the average citizen to depend on the state? Or make it hard for people to start businesses, make life more expensive and so on and so on.</p> <p>Your survey is very limited and very superficial. I would appreciate a response.</p>	Loree Masonis
		<p>On your main page you ask some important questions: how can we get around, where can we live? I have been contemplating a new type of land use, that would lend itself to strengthen existing business in our communities, while making space for more people to join us. I myself have little resources, so I thought I'd share my thoughts to see if you want any.</p> <p>Ideally this would involve an evolution of our industrial regions, a roofing rather. Warehouses and industry, typically near to highways, would be vaulted over with a new datum, 30-75' up. Open airflow and existing street infrastructures would stay the same, and multi-leveled parking would make up for lost space due to pillars.</p> <p>Inside, not only would temperatures be cheaper to regulate, ventilation can be utilized to extract pollutants for repurposing.</p> <p>Everyone wants to live in the hills, so from this new datum, a level of shopping and commodities can be built, above, mixed-income residential spaces. These can be the hills of the Vally. Covered over by walkable green spaces, you'll only ever need to go up to get to nature: from home or work.</p> <p>My concept for transportation was inspired by The Polar Express. I think the best transit our region with so many hills, is a more modular solution than trains. The pods of the Boring company come to mind, but even those I feel are too big.</p> <p>With only one lane in each direction, I believe we can go directly above existing roadways and curve around our current trees.</p>	

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<p>Email/File Attachment</p>	<p>4/23/2023</p>	<p>At main intersections, we can build mini-mounds, so pedestrians on the street, simply walk over these busy exchanges. This can be the level of the transport system or just below. Ideally these mounds would lend themselves to fully walkable communities—where animals can cross streets safely too.</p> <p>I like small pods so when entering spaces, like the constructed hills, passengers can choose between various levels of exit. AI would integrate “carpooling” naturally, if logical.</p> <p>Above highways these passages can be larger, some exclusively for freight. Existing warehouse owners can be integrated into this system, receiving goods directly from any connected port. This will significantly reduce the need for freight trucks passing through. An inland “port” can be established where truckers can pick up good for transport, hopefully bypassing steep mountains.</p> <p>These elevated structures casting shadows across the valleys, would ideally solve rising temperatures naturally. It will be important to first model the impacts this will have on the local winds first, to integrated new wind extraction infrastructure where needed.</p> <p>Ethical food accessibility is a personal passion of mine. I hope that hydroponic production of tropical crops can be integrated into our infrastructure as well. I imagined this tunneled into the mountain, so we can stop climbing them. Creating new industrial space can ensure that we feel safe in the future digging underground and living there, in SoCal, or on other planets.</p> <p>These are just the ideas I have that are new. I greatly support the expanse of bicycle accessibility as well. I know waterways are one place where you build bike paths. I always like the concept I saw where they built solar panels over their waterways to prevent evaporation. I think if this was expanded to provide shade to pedestrians and bicyclists too, they would be more inclined to rely on these modes.</p> <p>I also know there are people all across my valley, who like to ride horses. While some paths are like “horse trails” they lack other infrastructure that would make them truly utile. It would be cool if there were paths and some venue, where all of these people could come together. I’m sure horses like shade too.</p> <p>Lastly, you want to meet future demand, and recently I’ve learned that this sometime means letting go. By integrating fruit trees into public spaces, we can relieve demand on our transportation systems, our grocery venues, and the financial burdens of healthy living on individuals. This would have a short term cost for many, but in the long run it would allow them to focus on new aspects of their business and contribute in away that is more personal.</p> <p>These are the things I’ve been thinking about since I’ve come home to Rancho Cucamonga. Thank you for providing an outlet for me to express myself. I went to school for engineering, so I would be happy to explore any of these topics for you, in a more data-driven manner, if you have an interest.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	<p>George Slivka</p>
<p>Email</p>	<p>5/9/2023</p>	<p>I was a bit disappointed in the very first question concerning the biggest challenges that our region faces that crime and homelessness was not listed as an option. It is my belief that if that was listed as a response, it would’ve received a very high response.....and no options for write-in responses that were not listed.</p>	<p>Richard and Elba Sandbrook</p>

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<p>Email</p>	<p>5/17/2023</p>	<p>To whom it may concern: I just got done taking the SCAG survey, and I wanted to comment on a couple of things. The survey had some important aspects however in the reality of things it didn't show are were the final plans if all questions could be answered? Like how do you plan on solving them? I didn't see any hope for the future...again it appears to be smoke and mirrors for the people by the people and down with the people. You didn't ask pertinent questions about the healthy up keep of children in our society, mentally disabled, major racism, the no trust don't talk to Cops hate mongers. The lack of dignified medical treatment running rampant. If you were to take a census of the I'll gotten mistreated people and patients the results would be staggering. And miss use and abuse of medical records by physicians. The medical profession has reached an all time low, it's damages could even equate to that of the Papal Catholic churches, too much money too much time too much power too much privilege too much privacy too much protection.</p>	<p>Jennifer Mendoza</p>
<p>Email</p>	<p>5/22/2023</p>	<p>Hello</p> <p>I took the survey online.</p> <p>It was disappointing as it had a point of view it was trying to affirm or confirm, rather than trying to ascertain what county residents think is important or think is important for the future.</p> <p>There wasn't even a place for comments.</p> <p>Even most of the individual choices assumed the survey taker agreed with the starting question or statement.</p> <p>The result of the survey is preordained except by degree.</p>	<p>Stephen B</p>

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Email	5/23/2023	<p>Mr. Ajise:</p> <p>I recently attended two online meetings regarding the Connect SoCal 2024 draft document. The presentation was mostly "spin" promoting the plan. Regional issues and needs were not objectively or honestly portrayed. Others at the meeting were also candid about the lack of integrity in the process. The structure of the meeting seemed to be to "sell" the plan rather than to encourage public participation to get critical feedback. During the meeting I and others submitted written comments critical of the discussion. Can we be certain that these comments are included in the public comment portion of the document?</p> <p>I would like to directly submit written commentary on the plan. As well I want to suggest strategies to improve our regional mobility. After searching through several web pages, I cannot find the place to do this. Please direct me to where online I can submit direct comments for the CONNECT SOCAL 2024 draft document.</p> <p>Finally, I have concerns that four million residents of Los Angeles County maintain vehicles, car insurance, fuel costs, parking costs, car loans, that they cannot afford. These residents are "car poor". Many of these residents have no access to vehicles at all. Housing, healthcare, education, grocery, childcare, savings resources, etc. are diverted to pay the costs of these vehicles. A public transit system that provides high quality mobility to housing, employment, healthcare, and education does not exist although the resources are there. The strain on the local economy is billions of dollars.</p> <p>Attached is a map of a model LA County standard bus rapid system plan and photos of BRT stations. This model is comparable to World Resource Institute Embarq bronze, silver, and gold standard systems around the world. LA Metro Tier One bus routes can be converted to a comparable BRT system. This solution provides an adequate option of high quality mobility for these four million Los Angeles County residents. Please include this email with attachments as public comment on the draft document.</p> <p>Thank you for providing your email online. This is a positive step in facilitating communication between SCAG and the public.</p>	Mark Jolles
Email	5/26/2023	<p>I'm a pedestrian and walk most of the time to/from work a mile and a half from where I live. I was hit by a car in a crosswalk back in 2021. I wish that there more available items for pedestrians to be safe. There are specifically 2 crosswalks I use daily that gives me major anxiety and have to watch drivers to make sure I'm safe to walk. I know of crosswalks not at a signal that have the blinking lights on the ground to signal drivers to watch for a pedestrian and I think they should be hooked up to busy intersections also. Some drivers don't see the pedestrian and go tearing through and I've had to stop and let them pass.</p>	Mariah S
Email	6/2/2023	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I've lived in the El Paseo Neighborhood for over 21 years now and have experienced many safety issues because of bad planning the Planning Commission of the time approved. The streets are super narrow and so are driveways and garages. There's not enough lighting and no park in the neighborhood for the young kids who run around the streets unsupervised. There are too many reckless speeders, and nobody does anything about it. There are thieves and vandals stealing items from porches and messing around with mailboxes, and, again, nobody responds.</p> <p>Concerned Citizen</p>	Martina Gallegos