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## REGULAR MEETING

# ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*Thursday, February 1, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

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## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Southern California Association of Governments  
Wilshire Grand Center  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700  
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**Thursday, February 1, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

***The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.***

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Chair)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the committee staff prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The Chair has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Page No.**

1. Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption  
*(Kome Ajise, Director of Planning)*

**1**

**Recommended Action:** SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a proposed resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed CEQA filing resolution.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - continued****Page No.**

2. Authorization to Accept Grant for Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan and to Approve Notice of Exemption  
*(Kome Ajise, Director of Planning)*

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**Recommended Action:** SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a proposed resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a proposed resolution authorizing SCAG to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed CEQA filing resolution.

3. Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption  
*(Kome Ajise, Director of Planning)*

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**Recommended Action:** SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) to adopt a Proposed Resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the Proposed CEQA filing Resolution.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - continued**

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- 4. Authorization to Manage Grant for SCAG 2017 Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2), and Approve Notice of Exemption  
*(Kome Ajise, Director of Planning)*

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**Recommended Action:** SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2), subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a Proposed Resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed resolution.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval Item

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Receive and File

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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10. Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines and Technical Advisory <i>(Mike Gainor, SCAG Staff)</i>	<b>20 mins.</b>	<b>69</b>

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Carmen Ramirez)*

**STAFF REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

**ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***The next regular meeting of the EEC is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Wilshire Grand Center, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.***

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**Agenda Item No. 1**  
**February 1, 2018**

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**To:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

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

**Subject:** Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017  
Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative and  
Approve Notice of Exemption

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a proposed resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed CEQA filing resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

***SCAG staff seeks authorization to accept \$1,150,000 in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to develop six (6) active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities. To accept ATP funds, SCAG assessed potential environmental impacts as required under CEQA and determined the Project is exempt from CEQA.***

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaboration and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

In coordination with cities across the region, SCAG plans to implement a local active transportation planning initiative across the region, involving the following activities:

- Six (6) active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities;
- A pilot methodology to deliver low-cost local plans across the region

Prior to Caltrans allocating the awarded funds, SCAG must conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to CEQA in order to determine the type of CEQA

document to prepare or whether the Project is exempt. SCAG staff has reviewed the Project and has determined that it is exempt from CEQA under the exemptions discussed herein.

**BASIS FOR EXEMPTIONS:**

The key considerations for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA are outlined in Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. In general, CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. A project is exempt from CEQA if the project falls within one or more of the 33 classes. Once the lead agency determines that the project falls within any of the 33 classes, the project is exempt from CEQA, and the environmental review process does not need to proceed any farther. The lead agency may prepare and file a NOE Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, the NOE serves as a public notice that the lead agency has determined that a project is exempt from CEQA. The NOE may be filed with the OPR and the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located after approval of the project. Submission of the NOE to the OPR and the county clerks completes the review of exemption process for a lead agency under the provisions of CEQA. The filing and posting of an NOE will begin a 30- day public inspection period.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

SCAG staff has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Based upon its assessment, SCAG staff has determined that the following exemptions apply to the Project:

CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) – Existing Facilities: The Project would involve developing Active Transportation Plans in six cities within the SCAG region, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;

CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land: The Project would involve developing temporary demonstration projects as part of the community outreach process that would exist for a limited duration (less than three months) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection: The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection; and

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CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes: The Project would consist of education and outreach programs involving no physical changes in the area affected, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

**SCHEDULE:**

Upon approval by the Regional Council, SCAG will submit the NOE to be filed with OPR and the County Clerks of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties for a 30-day public inspection period, which will begin on or around March 2, 2018 and end on or around April 2, 2018. It is anticipated that the Project would be implemented beginning in May 2018 and completed by June 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Project funds will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Overall Work Program in the amount of \$1,350,000, with \$1,150,000 coming from California Active Transportation Program funds and \$200,000 of SCAG in-kind (non-federal) match for project management support.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

1. Proposed Resolution approving the filing of Notice of Exemption
2. Proposed Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative
3. Proposed Resolution authorizing SCAG to manage the award

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE SCAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES PLANNING INITIATIVE

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.;

WHEREAS, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS") which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, and 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies, and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016,, the California Transportation Commission awarded SCAG \$1,150,000 in Active Transportation Program funds to develop active transportation plans for six (6) disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, , the Regional Council will subsequently consider acceptance of Grant Funds for the Project on March 1st, 2018 pursuant to a proposed resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Project is scheduled to be implemented in July 2018 and completed by June 2020; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is required conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prior to receiving allocation of the awarded Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Project would consist of two distinct activities: (1) Develop active transportation plans in six (6) disadvantaged communities; and (2) establish a cost effective model for developing plans in DACs that leverages Go Human resources and SCAG modeling tools

WHEREAS, SCAG has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)- Existing Facilities, Section 15304(h)- Minor Alterations to

Land, Section 15306- Information Collection, and is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262- Feasibility and Planning Studies; and the scope of the Project activities have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to be filed with the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Clerks for the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura, where the Projects will be located for a 30-day public inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section i 5062.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the SCAG Regional Council finds that based upon an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332, SCAG has determined that the following CEQA exemptions apply to the Project:

1. The Project would involve developing active transportation plans for cities within Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c)- Existing Facilities;
2. The Project would involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than three days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;
3. The project would include education, encouragement campaigns, outreach and media strategies involving no physical changes in the areas affected, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15322 - Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes
4. The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a

serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes and feasibility/planning study for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306-Information Collection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Regional Council, that:

1. The Notice of Exemption for the proposed Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and will be filed with OPR and the Clerks for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties for a 30-day public inspection period; and
2. The proposed Project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus additional environmental review by SCAG is not required for the Project and a Notice of Exemption fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
Chief Counsel

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## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

County Clerks of Imperial, Los Angeles,  
Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino  
And Ventura Counties

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**Project Title:** Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative

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**Project Location:** Los Angeles County; Orange County; Riverside County; San Bernardino County, Ventura County

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Project is intended to develop six (6) active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities and “pilot” an innovative planning methodology to help deliver low-cost, local plans across the region by leveraging regional planning tools (health/active transportation models and active transportation database) and SCAG Go Human engagement resources.

Disadvantaged communities in the SCAG region often lack quality active transportation infrastructure and face safety challenges. Without plans, these communities are at a disadvantage when applying for funding to address these deficiencies. In the SCAG region, only 26% of cities have bicycle plans and 11% have pedestrian plans.

Each plan will be developed using a combination of traditional and innovative stakeholder outreach to reach disadvantaged community members. Outreach will involve community meetings and direct engagement with existing forums such as faith-based organizations as well as a tactical urbanism demonstration projects held in conjunction with a community event.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts; CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption; CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (c) and 15301 (f) – Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) and 15304 (e) – Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines §

15311 (a) and 15311 (c) – Accessory Structures; CEQA Guidelines § 15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes

- Statutory Exemptions

**Reasons why project is exempt:** SCAG has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts, and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the scope of the project activities are included in the classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore SCAG has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to following:

- The Project would involve developing active transportation plans in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection
- The project would include education, encouragement campaigns, outreach and media strategies involving no physical changes in the areas affected, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15322 -Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes
- The Project may involve developing temporary demonstration projects within the project cities that would exist for a limited duration (less than seven days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

**Project Approval Date:** SCAG’s Regional Council Approved the project on March 1, 2018  
The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this project on December 8, 2016

<b>CEQA Contact Person:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
Roland Ok	(213) 236-1819	(213) 236-1963	ok@scag.ca.gov
<b>Project Contact Person:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
Alan Thompson	(213) 236-1940	(213) 236-1963	thompson@scag.ca.gov

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SCAG ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES  
PLANNING INITIATIVE**

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**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS") which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, and 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies, and

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2016, SCAG was awarded \$1,150,000 in grant funds from the California Active Transportation program to develop active transportation plans for six disadvantaged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG will be releasing a call for projects in coordination with the Sustainability Planning Grants program to select the six disadvantaged communities to take part in the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Project are to (1) develop active transportation plans for six disadvantaged communities within the SCAG region; and (2) establish a cost effective model for developing plans in DACs that leverages Go Human resources and SCAG modeling tools.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept and administer the Grant Funds in the amount of approximately \$1,150,000 to support the SCAG Active Transportation Disadvantage Communities Planning Initiative; and
2. SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to receipt of the Grant Funds

supporting the Active Transportation Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of March, 2018

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
Chief Counsel

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**Agenda Item No. 2**  
**February 1, 2018**

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**To:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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



**Subject:** Authorization to Accept Grant for Exposition Park Active  
Transportation Plan and to Approve Notice of Exemption

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a proposed resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a proposed resolution authorizing SCAG to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed CEQA filing resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG seeks to accept and manage \$200,000 in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds ("Grant Funds") to manage the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan ("Project"), awarded originally to the Office of Exposition Park Management on March 16, 2017 through the ATP Metropolitan Planning Organization Component, but the Office relinquished to SCAG in January 2019. As part of acceptance of the Grant Funds, SCAG assessed potential environmental impacts as required under CEQA and determined the Project is exempt from CEQA.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaboration and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

In coordination with the Office of Exposition Park Management, SCAG will be developing an active transportation plan for the Exposition Park area of Los Angeles. Specifically, the Project aims to:

- a) Develop an existing conditions report
- b) Perform a local survey
- c) Conduct public outreach and community planning
- d) Develop a final active transportation plan

Prior to Caltrans allocating the awarded Grant Funds, SCAG must conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to CEQA in order to determine the type of CEQA document to prepare or whether the Project is exempt. SCAG staff has reviewed the Project and has determined that it is exempt from CEQA under the exemptions discussed herein.

#### **BASIS FOR EXEMPTIONS:**

The key considerations for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA are outlined in Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. In general, CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. A project is exempt from CEQA if the project falls within one or more of the 33 classes. Once the lead agency determines that the project falls within any of the 33 classes, the project is exempt from CEQA, and the environmental review process does not need to proceed any farther. The lead agency may prepare and file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, the NOE serves as a public notice that the lead agency has determined that a project is exempt from CEQA. The NOE may be filed with the OPR and the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located after approval of the project. Submission of the NOE to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the county clerks completes the review of exemption process for a lead agency under the provisions of CEQA. The filing and posting of an NOE will begin a 30- day public inspection period.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

SCAG staff has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Based upon its assessment, SCAG staff has determined that the following exemptions apply to the Project:

- **CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) – Existing Facilities:** The Project would involve developing an active transportation plan for the Exposition Park area of the City of Los Angeles, within Los Angeles County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- **CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land:** The Project would involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than three months) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

- **CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection:** The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection; and
- **CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes:** The Project would consist of education and outreach programs involving no physical changes in the area affected, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

**SCHEDULE:**

Upon approval by the Regional Council, SCAG will submit the NOE to be filed with OPR and Los Angeles County Clerk for a 30-day public inspection period, which will begin on or around March 5, 2018 and end on or around April 5, 2018. It is anticipated that the Project would be implemented beginning in July 2018 and completed by June 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item will be included in Fiscal Year 2018 Overall Work Program. The project is fully funded, totaling \$240,000, with \$200,000 coming from California Active Transportation Program funds, and \$40,000 in in-kind local match.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

1. Proposed Resolution approving the filing of Notice of Exemption
2. Proposed Notice of Exemption for the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan
3. Proposed Resolution authorizing SCAG to manage the award
4. Relinquishment letter from Office of Exposition Park Management

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE EXPOSITION PARK ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.;

WHEREAS, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, the Office of Exposition Park Management was awarded \$200,000 in State Active Transportation Program funds (Grant Funds) to develop the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan (Project);

WHEREAS, the Office of Exposition Park Management requested that SCAG assume responsibility for managing the Grant Funds and associated Project, and submitted its letter of relinquishment of the Grant Funds to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on January 9, 2018, a copy of which is attached to this Proposed Resolution as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the Regional Council will subsequently consider acceptance of Grant Funds for the Project on March 1, 2018 pursuant to a proposed resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Project is scheduled to be implemented in July 2018 and completed by June 2020; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is required conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prior to receiving allocation of the awarded Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Project would consist of two distinct activities: (1) Develop an active transportation plans within and in the vicinity of Exposition Park in the City of Los Angeles; and (2) seek resident and stakeholder engagement through a community planning process.

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)- Existing Facilities, Section 15304(h)- Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15306- Information Collection, and is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262- Feasibility and Planning Studies; and the scope of the Project activities have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to be filed with the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Clerk for the County of Los Angeles, where the Projects will be located for a 30-day public inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the SCAG Regional Council finds that based upon an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332, SCAG has determined that the following CEQA exemptions apply to the Project:

1. The Project would involve developing an active transportation plan for Exposition Park, within the City of Los Angeles, within Los Angeles County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c)- Existing Facilities;
2. The Project could involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than three days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;
3. The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes and feasibility/planning study for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Regional Council, that:

1. The Notice of Exemption for the proposed Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and will be filed with OPR and the Los Angeles County Clerk for a 30-day public inspection period; and
2. The proposed Project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus additional environmental review by SCAG is not required for the Project and a Notice of Exemption fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
Chief Counsel

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## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Los Angeles County Clerk

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**Project Title:** Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan Development

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**Project Location:** Los Angeles County

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Project is intended to develop an active transportation plan for Exposition Park, within the City of Los Angeles. Exposition Park does not have a current Active Transportation Plan, and the 1993 Expo Master Plan does not include an active transportation plan, and does not sufficiently address residential and commercial growth. There is a need to promote multi-modal travel with a clear system of walkways, links to bikeways and transit, as well as improved wayfinding, safe linkages to parks, schools and other safe havens such as community clinics, wellness centers and Exposition Park itself.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts; CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption; CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (c) and 15301 (f) – Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e)– Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines §15306 – Information Collection; and CEQA Guidelines § 15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.
- Statutory Exemptions

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** SCAG has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts, and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the scope of the project activities are included in the classes of projects which have been determined not to have a

significant effect on the environment. Therefore SCAG has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to following:

- The Project would involve developing active transportation plan for Exposition Park and vicinity, within the City of Los Angeles, within Los Angeles County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- The Project may involve developing temporary demonstration projects within the project cities that would exist for a limited duration (less than 30 days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;
- The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection; and
- The Project would consist of educational and outreach programs involving no physical changes in the area affected, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322- Educational and Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

**Proposed Project Approval Date:** SCAG’s Regional Council Approved the Project on March 1, 2018. The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this Project on March 16, 2017.

<b>CEQA Contact Person:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
Roland Ok	(213) 236-1819	(213) 236-1963	ok@scag.ca.gov
<b>Project Contact Person:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
Alan Thompson	(213) 236-1940	(213) 236-1963	thompson@scag.ca.gov

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Ping Chang, Acting Manager  
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**A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE EXPOSITION PARK  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS") which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2017, the Office of Exposition Park Management was awarded \$200,000 in State Active Transportation Program funds (Grant Funds) to develop the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan (Project);

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Exposition Park Management requested SCAG assume responsibility for managing the Grant Funds and associated Project, and submitted its letter of relinquishment of the Grant Funds to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on January 9, 2018, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Projects are to (1) Develop an active transportation plans within and in the vicinity of Exposition Park located in the City of Los Angeles; and (2) seek resident and stakeholder engagement through a community planning process.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that

1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept and administer the Grant Funds in the amount of approximately \$200,000 to support the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan development; and
2. SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to receipt of the Grant Funds supporting the development of the Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
Chief Counsel





January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Office of Exposition Park Management  
700 Exposition Park Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213)744-7458

Dale Benson  
District 7 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator  
ATP, SRTS, SR2S, HSIP, EEM, BTA Coordinator  
Senior Transportation Engineer  
Office of Local Assistance  
California Department of Transportation  
100 S. Main Street  
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Project ID:  
CTC ID:  
Exposition Park  
Active Transportation  
Plan

**RE: Strategic ATP 360: Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan for Exposition Park**

Dear Mr. Benson:

We are writing to you regarding Cycle 3 ATP, Project ID EXPOP\_ATP17-01, CalTrans District 7. The Office of Exposition Park Management (OEPM) relinquishes this project to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

This project includes four components:

1. Developing an Active Transportation Plan for Exposition Park
2. Generating an existing conditions report, collecting bicycle, pedestrian and public health data for the project area.
3. The launch of a community engagement process including a survey project, outreach to local community institutions, community tours and a charrette process.
4. Finalizing and approving Active Transportation Plan for Exposition Park

We appreciate your assistance on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Esparza on my staff at [Vanessa.Esparza@expositionpark.ca.gov](mailto:Vanessa.Esparza@expositionpark.ca.gov) or at 213.744.2450.

Sincerely,

Ana M. Lasso,  
General Manager,  
Office of Exposition Park Management

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**Agenda Item No. 3**  
**February 1, 2018**

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**To:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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



**Subject:** Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative, subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) to adopt a Proposed Resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the Proposed CEQA filing Resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG seeks authorization to accept \$1,289,000 in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds ("Grant Funds") for a local active transportation planning initiative to manage seven projects competitively selected by SCAG through the Sustainability Planning Grant Program: 2017 Active Transportation Call for Proposals (hereinafter the "Project"). To accept the Grant funds, SCAG assessed potential environmental impacts as required under CEQA and determined the Project is exempt from CEQA.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaboration and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

In coordination with cities across the region, SCAG will be implementing a local active transportation planning initiative across the region. Specifically, the Grant aims to perform:

- a) A Complete Streets Plan for the City of Fullerton
- b) A Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan for the City of La Puente
- c) A Citywide Pedestrian Safety Plan and SRTS Plan for the City of Palm Springs
- d) An Active Transportation Plan for the City of San Bernardino

- e) An Active Transportation Plan for the City of Montclair
- f) A SRTS Plan for the City of San Gabriel
- g) An Active Transportation Plan for the Soboba Band of Indians in the San Jacinto vicinity

Prior to Caltrans allocating the awarded funds, SCAG must conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to CEQA in order to determine the type of CEQA document to prepare or whether the Project is exempt. SCAG staff has reviewed the Project and has determined that it is exempt from CEQA under the exemptions discussed herein.

#### **BASIS FOR EXEMPTIONS:**

The key considerations for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA are outlined in Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. In general, CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. A project is exempt from CEQA if the project falls within one or more of the 33 classes. Once the lead agency determines that the project falls within any of the 33 classes, the project is exempt from CEQA, and the environmental review process does not need to proceed any farther. The lead agency may prepare and file a Notice of Exemption or “NOE” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, to which the NOE serves as a public notice that the lead agency has determined that a project is exempt from CEQA. The NOE may be filed with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located after approval of the project. Submission of the NOE to the OPR and the county clerks completes the review of exemption process for a lead agency under the provisions of CEQA. The filing and posting of an NOE will begin a 30- day public inspection period.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

SCAG staff has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Based upon its assessment, SCAG staff has determined that the following exemptions apply to the Project:

- **CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) – Existing Facilities:** The Project would involve implementing Safe Routes to School programs in the Cities of La Puente, Palm Springs and San Gabriel, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;

- **CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land:** The Project would involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than three months) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;
- **CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) – Existing Facilities:** The Project would involve developing Active Transportation Plans in the Cities of Montclair, San Bernardino, San Jacinto and a Complete Streets Plan for the City of Fullerton, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
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#### **SCHEDULE:**

Upon approval by the Regional Council, SCAG will submit the NOE to be filed with OPR and the County Clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for a 30-day public inspection period, which will begin on or around March 2, 2018 and end on or around April 2, 2018. It is anticipated that the Project would be implemented beginning in July 2018 and completed by June 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Project funds will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Overall Work Program in the amount of \$1,529,000, with \$1,289,000 coming from California Active Transportation Program funds and \$240,000 of SCAG in-kind (non-federal) match for project management support.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

1. Proposed Resolution approving the filing of Notice of Exemption
2. Proposed Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiatives
3. Proposed Resolution No. 18-XXX-XX authorizing SCAG to manage the award



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**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG released a call for applications in coordination with the Agency's Sustainability Planning Grant program;

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Fullerton, La Puente, Montclair, Palm Springs, San Bernardino, San Gabriel and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (San Jacinto) applied for grants totaling \$1,289,000 in the Active Transportation Program through SCAG's Sustainable Planning Grant program;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, SCAG was awarded \$1,289,000 in grant funds (Grant Funds) from the California Active Transportation program to develop an Active Transportation Local Planning Initiative (Project) based upon proposals submitted by the Cities of Fullerton, La Puente, Montclair, Palm Springs, San Bernardino, San Gabriel and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (San Jacinto);

**WHEREAS**, the Cities La Puente, San Jacinto (Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians), Palm Springs, Fullerton, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, and Montclair requested that SCAG assume responsibility for managing the Grant Funds, the Project and their respective city projects;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Council will subsequently consider acceptance of Grant Funds for the Project on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 pursuant to a Proposed Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Project is scheduled to be implemented in July 2018 and completed by June 2020;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG is required to conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prior to receiving allocation of the awarded Grant Funds;

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Projects are to (1) Develop active transportation plans for the cities of San Bernardino, Montclair, and San Jacinto; (2) develop a complete streets plan for the city of Fullerton; and (3) develop Safe Routes to School plans for cities of La Puente, Palm Springs and San Gabriel;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)- Existing Facilities, Section 15304(h)- Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15306- Information Collection; and the scope of the Project activities have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to be filed with the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and Clerks for the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, where the Projects will be located for a 30-day public inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCAG Regional Council finds that based upon an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332, SCAG has determined that the following CEQA exemptions apply to the Project:

1. The Project would involve developing active transportation plans in the Cities of Montclair and of San Bernardino within San Bernardino County, and within San Jacinto (Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians) within Riverside County that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;



2. The Project would involve developing Safe Routes to School plans in the Cities of La Puente and San Gabriel within Los Angeles County, and the City of Palm Springs, within Riverside County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
3. The Project would involve developing a pedestrian plan in the City of Palm Springs, within Riverside County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
4. The Project would involve developing Complete Streets Plan in the City of Fullerton within Orange County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
5. The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection;
6. The Project may involve developing temporary demonstration projects within the project cities that would exist for a limited duration (less than seven days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Notice of Exemption for the proposed Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and will be filed with OPR and the Clerks for the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino, for a 30-day public inspection period; and
2. The proposed Project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus additional environmental review by SCAG is not required for the Project and a Notice of Exemption fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
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## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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**From:** Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

County Clerks of Los Angeles,  
Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino  
Counties

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**Project Title:** Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative

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**Project Location:** Los Angeles County (City of La Puente, City of San Gabriel); Orange County (City of Fullerton); Riverside County (City of Palm Springs, City of San Jacinto); San Bernardino County (City of Montclair, City of San Bernardino)

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Project is intended to develop active transportation Plans, Safe Routes to School Plans and Complete Streets Plans for seven (7) cities in the SCAG region.

The goal is two-fold: 1) increase safety, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians in the proposed project areas through education in the short-term and to develop long-term plans for potential active transportation strategies; and 2) increase the number of people walking and biking.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts; CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption; CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (c) and 15301 (f) – Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) – Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines § 15306 – Information Collection.Statutory Exemptions

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** SCAG has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts, and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the scope of the project activities are included in the classes of projects which have been determined not to have a

significant effect on the environment. Therefore SCAG has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to following:

- The Project would involve developing:
  - Safe Routes to School plans in the Cities of La Puente and San Gabriel within Los Angeles County, and
  - the City of Palm Springs, within Riverside Countythat could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- The Project would involve developing:
  - active transportation plans in the Cities of Montclair and of San Bernardino within San Bernardino County, and within San Jacinto (Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians) within Riverside County;
  - a pedestrian plan in the City of Palm Springs, within Riverside County; and
  - a Complete Streets plan in the City of Fullerton within Orange County,that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection;
- The Project may involve developing temporary demonstration projects within the project cities that would exist for a limited duration (less than seven days) on existing rights of way, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

**Project Approval Date:** SCAG's Regional Council Approved the Project on March 1, 2018. The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this Project on January 31, 2018.

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**WHEREAS**, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG released a call for applications in coordination with the Agency's Sustainability Planning Grant program;

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Fullerton, La Puente, Montclair, Palm Springs, San Bernardino, San Gabriel and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (San Jacinto) applied for grants totaling \$1,289,000 in the Active Transportation Program through SCAG's Sustainable Planning Grant program;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, SCAG was awarded \$1,289,000 in grant funds from the California Active Transportation program (Grant Funds) to develop an Active Transportation Local Planning Initiative (Project) based upon the proposals submitted by the Cities of Fullerton, La Puente, Montclair, Palm Springs, San Bernardino, San Gabriel and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (San Jacinto);

**WHEREAS**, the Cities La Puente, San Jacinto (Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians), Palm Springs, Fullerton, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, and Montclair requested that SCAG assume responsibility for managing the Grant Funds, the Project and their respective city projects;

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Projects are to (1) develop active transportation plans for the cities of San Bernardino, Montclair, and San Jacinto; (2)

develop a complete streets plan for the city of Fullerton; and (3) develop Safe Routes to School plans for cities of La Puente, Palm Springs and San Gabriel;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that

1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept and administer the Grant Funds in the amount of approximately \$1,289,000 to support the Project; and
2. SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to receipt of the Grant Funds supporting the Project.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
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**Agenda Item No. 4**  
**February 1, 2018**

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**To:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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



**Subject:** Authorization to Manage Grant for SCAG 2017 Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2), and Approve Notice of Exemption

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

SCAG Staff requests the Energy and Environment Committee recommend that the Regional Council at their March 1, 2018 meeting: 1) adopt a Proposed Resolution to approve the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the SCAG 2017 Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2), subject to the 30-day public inspection period; and 2) recommend the Regional Council adopt a Proposed Resolution to accept the California Active Transportation Program Grant pursuant to the proposed resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

***SCAG staff seeks authorization to accept \$320,000 in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds for Safety and Encouragement Campaign (phase 2) to manage two projects competitively selected by SCAG through the Sustainability Planning Grant Program: 2017 Active Transportation Call for Proposals. To accept ATP funds, SCAG assessed potential environmental impacts as required under CEQA and determined the Project is exempt from CEQA.***

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaboration and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

In coordination with cities, SCAG plans to implement a Safety and Encouragement campaign involving management of the following two projects:

- a) A bicycle-pedestrian Safety Awareness Campaign in the City of Beverly Hills
- b) The study and evaluation of temporary safety enhancements along Prospect Avenue in the City of Hermosa Beach

Prior to Caltrans allocating the awarded funds, SCAG must conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to CEQA in order to determine the type of CEQA document to prepare or whether the Project is exempt. SCAG staff has reviewed the Project and has determined that it is exempt from CEQA under the exemptions discussed herein.

**BASIS FOR EXEMPTIONS:**

The key considerations for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA are outlined in Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. In general, CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. A project is exempt from CEQA if the project falls within one or more of the 33 classes. Once the lead agency determines that the project falls within any of the 33 classes, the project is exempt from CEQA, and the environmental review process does not need to proceed any farther. The lead agency may prepare and file a NOE Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, the NOE serves as a public notice that the lead agency has determined that a project is exempt from CEQA. The NOE may be filed with the OPR and the County Clerk for Los Angeles County, in which the project will be located after approval of this project. Submission of the NOE to the OPR and the Los Angeles County Clerk completes the review of exemption process for a lead agency under the provisions of CEQA. The filing and posting of an NOE will begin a 30- day public inspection period.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

SCAG staff has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332. CEQA Guidelines include a list of 33 classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Based upon its assessment, SCAG staff has determined that the following exemptions apply to the Project:

CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land: The Project would involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than three months) on existing rights of way along Prospect Avenue in within the City of Hermosa Beach, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;

CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection: The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource with the project areas. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection; and

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CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes: The Project would consist of education and outreach programs involving no physical changes in the area affected, the City of Beverly Hills, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

**SCHEDULE:**

Upon approval by the Regional Council, SCAG will submit the NOE to be filed with OPR and the County Clerk of Los Angeles County for a 30-day public inspection period, which will begin on or around March 2, 2018 and end on or around April 2, 2018. It is anticipated that the Project would be implemented beginning in July 2018 and completed by June 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Project funds will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Overall Work Program in the amount of \$403,000, with \$320,000 coming from California Active Transportation Program funds, \$55,000 of SCAG in-kind (non-federal) match for project management support, and \$28,000 of local return funds.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

1. Proposed Resolution approving the filing of Notice of Exemption
2. Proposed Notice of Exemption
3. Proposed Resolution authorizing SCAG to manage the award

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## A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE 2017 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND ENCOURAGEMENT CAMPAIGN (Phase 2)

**WHEREAS**, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS") which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, and 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies, and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 supporting the development of a regional pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative in partnership with member agencies, the county transportation commissions and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, SCAG was awarded \$320,000 in grant funds from the California Active Transportation program to develop safety and encouragement campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG released a call for applications in coordination with the Sustainability Planning Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Beverly Hills and Hermosa Beach applied for a total of \$320,000 in Active Transportation Program funds through SCAG's Sustainable Planning Grant program for safety campaign and a safety study, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Beverly Hills and Hermosa Beach requested SCAG assume responsibility for managing the safety campaign and safety study

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Council will subsequently consider acceptance of Grant Funds for the Project on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 pursuant to A Proposed Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is scheduled to be implemented in July 2018 and completed by June 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG is required to conduct an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prior to receiving allocation of the awarded Grant Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project would consist of two distinct activities: (1) Perform a bicycle pedestrian awareness program in the City of Beverly Hills; and (2) Perform safety studies and analysis along Prospect Avenue in the City of Hermosa Beach.

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has conducted an environmental assessment of the Project and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c)- Existing Facilities, Section 15304(h)- Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15306- Information Collection, and Section 15322- Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes; and is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262- Feasibility and Planning Studies; and the scope of the Project activities have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to be filed with the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Los Angeles County Clerk, where the Projects will be located for a 30-day public inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section i 5062.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SCAG Regional Council finds that based upon an environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to Sections 21080(b), 21083, and 21804 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k)(1), 15061, 15062, and 15300 to 15332, SCAG has determined that the following CEQA exemptions apply to the Project:

1. The Project would involve developing a safety study along Prospect Avenue within the City of Hermosa Beach, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c)- Existing Facilities;
2. The Project may involve developing temporary demonstration projects that would exist for a limited duration (less than thirty days) on existing rights of way within the City of Hermosa Beach, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) - Minor Alterations to Land;
3. The project would include education, encouragement campaigns, outreach and media strategies within the City of Beverly Hills, involving no physical changes in the areas affected, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15322 -Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes;

4. The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes and feasibility/planning study for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306-Information Collection.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Notice of Exemption for the proposed Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and will be filed with OPR and the Los Angeles County Clerk for a 30-day public inspection period; and
2. The proposed Project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus additional environmental review by SCAG is not required for the Project and a Notice of Exemption fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of March, 2018

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

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Los Angeles, CA 90017

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**Project Title:** Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2)

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**Project Location:** Los Angeles County (City of Beverly Hills, City of Hermosa Beach);

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Project is intended to test active transportation safety enhancements and safety awareness plans.

The goal is two-fold: 1) increase safety, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians in the proposed project areas through education in the short-term and to develop long-term plans for potential active transportation safety; and 2) increase the number of people walking and biking.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Association of Governments

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**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
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- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts; CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption; CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (c) and 15301 (f) – Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) and 15304 (e) – Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines § 15311 (a) and 15311 (c) – Accessory Structures; CEQA Guidelines § 15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes
- Statutory Exemptions

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** SCAG has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts, and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the scope of the project activities are included in the classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore SCAG has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to following:

- The Project would involve developing a safety study along Prospect Avenue in the City of Hermosa Beach, within Los Angeles County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
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- Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes: The Project would consist of education and outreach programs as part of the Safety and Encouragement Campaign in the City of Beverly Hills within Los Angeles County involving no physical changes in the area affected, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

**Project Approval Date:** SCAG’s Regional Council Approved the project on March 1, 2018  
 The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this project on January 31, 2018

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**WHEREAS**, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, SCAG adopted the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS") which included five goals for active transportation: 1) Decrease Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries, 2) Develop an Active Transportation Friendly Environment throughout the SCAG Region, 3) Increase Active Transportation Usage in the SCAG Region, and 4) Encourage the Development of Local Active Transportation Plans; and 5) Develop Safe Routes to School Policies, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, SCAG was awarded \$320,000 in grant funds from the California Active Transportation program to develop safety and encouragement campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, SCAG released a call for applications in coordination with the Sustainability Planning Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Beverly Hills and Hermosa Beach applied for \$320,000 in Active Transportation Program funds through SCAG's Sustainable Planning Grant program for safety campaigns and a safety study, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Beverly Hills and Hermosa Beach requested that SCAG assume responsibility for managing their respective projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Projects are to (1) develop a Bicyclists – Pedestrian awareness campaign for the City of Beverly Hills; and (2) Develop a safety analysis and potential solutions along Prospect Avenue within the City of Hermosa Beach.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that

1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept and administer the Grant Funds in the amount of approximately \$320,000 to support the SCAG Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign (phase 2); and
2. SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to receipt of the Grant Funds supporting the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Margaret E. Finlay  
President, SCAG  
Councilmember, City of Duarte

Attested by:

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Hasan Ikhata  
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

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Joann Africa  
Chief Counsel



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**EEC Agenda Item No. 5**  
**February 1, 2018**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

**Members Present**

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Chair)</b> | <b>District 45</b>             |
| 2. Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale                | Arroyo Verdugo Communities JPA |
| 3. Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead              | District 32                    |
| 4. Hon. Peggy Delach, Covina                  | District 33                    |
| 5. Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  | District 40                    |
| 6. Hon. Laura Rosenthal, Malibu               | District 44                    |
| 7. Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill            | Gateway Cities COG             |
| 8. Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton                  | GCCOG                          |
| 9. Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland             | ICTC                           |
| 10. Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village          | LVMCOG                         |
| 11. Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale                | SBCCOG                         |
| 12. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga     | SBCTA                          |
| 13. Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark              | VCOG                           |
| 14. Hon. Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City      | WCCOG                          |
| 15. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake       | WRCOG                          |

**Members Not Present**

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| 16. <b>Hon. Linda Parks (Vice Chair)</b> | <b>Ventura County</b> |
| 17. Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley | CVAG                  |
| 18. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto       | District 8            |
| 19. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill     | GCCOG                 |
| 20. Hon. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County | ICTC                  |
| 21. Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles | District 59           |
| 22. Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa        | OCCOG                 |
| 23. Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods       | OCCOG                 |
| 24. Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands          | SBCTA                 |
| 25. Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena    | SGVCOG                |
| 26. Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora           | SGVCOG                |
| 27. Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside         | WRCOG                 |
| 28. Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet            | WRCOG                 |

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at SCAG, 818 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comment speakers.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Meeting

#### **Receive and File**

2. 2018 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees

A MOTION was made (Osborne) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Clark) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Beltran, Clark, Davis, Delach, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Mitchell, Osborne, Pollock, Rosenthal, Williams (11).

**NOES:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** \*Ramirez (1).

While the electronic voting results were being reviewed, Chair Carmen Ramirez stated she inadvertently voted "No" and indicated that she intended to vote an abstention. Staff was directed to record Chair Ramirez's vote as "Abstain" and is annotated\* as such above.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. 4<sup>th</sup> California Climate Change Assessment Report

Dr. Louise Bedsworth, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), briefed the Committee and described the work underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> California Climate Change Assessment, which includes over 50 technical studies and 9 regionally focused reports. She also discussed the new \$11 million California Climate Change Research Program being administered by the Strategic Growth Council.

Dr. Bedsworth stated that California produces periodic assessments on the potential impacts of climate change in California and reports on potential mitigation and adaptation responses. Required by Executive Order #S-03-05, which established greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets for the State of California and laid out responsibilities among the state agencies for implementing the Executive Order and for reporting on progress toward the targets, these assessments influence legislation and inform policy makers. The 1<sup>st</sup> Assessment, 2006, focused on impacts by sector. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment, 2009, provided initial estimates of economic impacts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Assessment, 2012, improved the understanding of vulnerability and adaptation options. The 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment is currently underway focuses on inform adaptation planning and implementation.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment will be guided by the Climate Change Research Plan and has multiple funding sources for energy sector studies and non-energy sector studies. It will also contain regional assessment reports, technical reports, topical synthesis reports, and a statewide summary report. There will be 9 regional reports, led by regionally-based experts, with stakeholder engagement which are intended to inform regional planning and will include an overview of regional impacts and synthesis of new and existing studies relevant to the region. The technical report contributions will include energy and resource portfolios, and external contributions. There are three topical reports being completed as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment include coasts and oceans, tribal and indigenous communities, and environmental justice and equity.

Assembly Bill (AB) 109 (Ting, Budget Act of 2017, September 16, 2017) appropriated \$11 million for the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to develop a Climate Change Research Program. It is a competitive grant program to support research on reducing carbon emissions, including clean energy, adaptation and resiliency, with an emphasis on California. The program goals include:

- Invest in research that has a clear and demonstrated connection to the State's climate change goals,
- Advance research to support low-income and disadvantaged communities and achieve equitable outcomes,
- Augment, build connection across, and fill gaps in current research programs,
- Outcome-based research lined to practical climate action,
- Meaningful engagement at all stages of the research process,
- Advance a common foundation for research studies, and
- Leverage and complement existing research funding and policy innovations.

The Climate Change Research Program, FY 2017-2018, draft Research Investment Plan prepared by the SGC was released on November 15, 2017. The draft Plan does not represent the fully proposed Plan for the Climate Change Research Program. Revisions will be made to provide greater clarity in the SGC's vision for the program, and reflect public comments that are received. SGC is currently accepting written public comments. The comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017. Submit written comments to [Research@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:Research@sgc.ca.gov)

More information and other programs can be found at <http://sgc.ca.gov>

#### 4. Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report and Go Human Campaign Update

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, stated that the SCAG region is home to roughly 19 million people, about half the entire state's population, and 15 million licensed drivers. On average, 1,500 people are killed, 5,200 are seriously injured, and 136,000 are injured in traffic collisions each year in Southern California. MAP-21 requires that states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) establish annual safety targets. SCAG will need to set its regional targets by February 2018. In advance of this deadline, SCAG has completed an analysis of the region's existing conditions, which are captured in this report.

MAP-21 addresses all things related to federal funding and oversight of our nation's surface transportation and transit systems. It establishes a performance and outcome based federal transportation program. It identifies national transportation goals, including safety, and requires the establishment of performance measures and standards.

FHWA issued the Safety Performance Management Measures Final Rule to establish performance measures for State DOTs to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). HSIP is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The current rule establishes 5 safety performance measures to be calculated based on 5-year rolling averages:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

State DOTs are required to establish statewide targets on an annual basis for each of the safety performance measures. State DOTs, like Caltrans, are required to report targets to FHWA in August of each year. As the MPO for the region, SCAG is required to establish targets for the same five safety performance measures within 180 days after the State establishes each target. SCAG has the option to:

- Agree to support the State DOT targets,
- Establish numerical targets specific to its own MPO planning area, or
- Use a combination of both.

Once established, SCAG's targets will be reported to Caltrans.

Next month staff will present recommended targets to SCAG's Transportation Committee, which are anticipated to be adopted by our Regional Council (RC) in February. Once the targets are adopted, staff anticipates working closely with stakeholders to develop a regional safety plan.

SCAG's Go Human Campaign, an active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, is addressing the safety needs identified in the report in several ways. The campaign's third round of advertising will kick off this winter. The campaign will utilize focus group testing and interviews to more closely align with vision zero strategies and ensure messaging is relevant and resonates with audiences across the region. Advertising runs will take place during May, to coincide with National Bike month and through July and August, to align with back to school efforts.

The campaign will continue hosting a series of open streets events and temporary safety demonstration projects. These projects temporarily showcase potential improvements and design features to give residents the opportunity to try out innovative designs and provide feedback to city staff.



## 5. State of California 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan

Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, stated that in 2006 the State passed landmark legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act. The first Scoping Plan, which is the climate action plan for the State of California, was adopted in 2008. AB 32's target is to reduce the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions back to the 1990 level by 2020. There is also a bill, Senate Bill (SB) 32, which adds a new target to reduce 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. The 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan is expected to be adopted on December 14, 2017 at the Air Resources Board (ARB) meeting in Sacramento.

Since the March 2017 staff briefing to EEC on the draft Scoping Plan Update, legislation was introduced in the state Assembly to extend the Cap-and-Trade program, i.e., AB 398 (Garcia, Global Warming Solutions Act, July 25, 2017) and the companion bill, AB 617 (Garcia, Non-vehicular air pollution, July 26, 2017). The significance of these two bills is to not only to help meet GHG emissions targets but to also address air quality at the community level, not just at the air basin level which has been the intent of the Clean Air Act for many decades. The legislation also prioritizes rules and regulations for direct GHG reductions. The final draft of the Scoping Plan reflects those directives from the legislation. The Scoping Plan is focusing on an economic sector based solutions, its focus is not just on transportation and land use but also other economic sectors. Since the initial Scoping Plan, ARB has developed and implemented a lot of the rules as well as regulations, which are referred to as the knowing commitments. All these known commitments could achieve only about 70% of the needed reduction to meet the 2030 goal. This is why the 2030 Scoping Plan needs to provide additional measures in order to fill the gap.

In the final draft of the Scoping Plan, the SB 375 targets update for MPOs have its own separate process even though the SB 375 portion is a part of the Scoping Plan. Overall technology plays the most significant role in terms of cleaner fuels and vehicle efficiencies. In the draft Scoping Plan, there is a recommended goal for local jurisdiction level GHG emissions reductions. The language was specifically modified to emphasize that this is not a requirement but it encourages all the local jurisdictions to develop and implement the climate actions so it can contribute to meet six metric tons per capita by 2030, and by 2050 two metric tons per capita. There is also specific language that the local governments should consider its specific contexts and adopt goals most appropriate for them.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

A report was not provided.

### **STAFF REPORT**

A report was not provided.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

Chair Carmen Ramirez announced that due to the current wildfires raging in Southern California and to address city state of emergencies, City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti rescheduled his presentation at the Regional Council meeting today regarding the Olympics. A future date will be announced.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Carmen Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE]**

## Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2017

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/17	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended Grey Shading = Dark												Total Mtgs Attended
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Beltran, Ana	2/17	ICTC	X								X		G	X		D	X			X	4
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X						X	X	X	X	E	X	A	X		X	X	8
Davis, Ned	1/17	LVMCOG		X								X	N	X		R		X		X	4
Delach, Peggy	10/17	Covina		X									E			K		X	X	X	3
Devine, Paula	2/17	Arroyo Verdugo Cities		X							X	X	R	X			X		X	X	6
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			X	X	X		A	X	X				X	X	7
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X									L								
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					X	X		X		X			X	X	X		7
Gardner, Mike		WRCOG				X			X	X				X	X			X	X		6
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X		8
Harrison, John		SBCTA/SANBAG						X			X	A	X				X				4
Horne, Shari		OCCOG			X				X		X	X	S	X	X		X	X			7
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X						X	X		S		X		X	X	X		6
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X						X	X		E	X	X		X	X		X	7
Nelson, Judy	7/17	SGVCOG		X									M								
Osborne, Jim		SBCCOG		X						X	X	X	B	X			X	X	X	X	8
Parks, Linda		Ventura						X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X		X				7
Plancarte, Luis		ICTC	X						X			X	Y	X	X		X	X	X		7
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X		X		X	X		X		X	X	8
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	9
Robertson, Deborah		Rialto						X		X				X	X				X		4
Rosenthal, Laura	1/17	Malibu		X						X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	9
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X					X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	8
Sanchez, Betty		CVAG				X			X	X	X				X		X		X		6
Sharif, Emma	5/17	GCCOG		X										X	X			X	X	X	5
Williams, Diane		SBCTA/SANBAG						X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	10
Wilson, Edward		GCCOG		X					X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	9
Wright, Bonnie		WRCOG				X			X	X				X				X			4

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**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)  
Committee  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Ping Wang, Program Manager of Research and Analysis  
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**Subject:** Updated California Air Resources Board Pollution  
Mapping Tool

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The new version of web-based Pollution Mapping Tool has been released by CARB. The Tool enables users to locate, view, and analyze emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG), criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants from large facilities in California.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies (4) Integrate advanced information and communication technologies.

**BACKGROUND:**

In December 2017, CARB released an updated version (v2.0) of the Pollution Mapping Tool – Sources in Your Community ([https://www.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution\\_map/](https://www.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution_map/)). The tool, developed by CARB starting in 2016, includes emissions data on toxic air contaminants, criteria pollutants, and greenhouse gases (GHG) from large facilities in California. Through the tool, users are able to locate and query emissions by a number of attributes such as name, location, or industrial sector; view reported emissions data for the years 2008 to 2015 using maps, charts and tabular formats; and download data for later use.

The web-based Pollution Mapping Tool was developed pursuant to new state law, Assembly Bill 197 (AB 197, C. Garcia), which requires that, by January 1, 2018, CARB make available on its web site a graphical visualization of the GHG, criteria, and toxic pollutant emissions from facilities in the state that are subject to the GHG Mandatory Reporting Regulation (MRR). These data are collected through different emissions reporting programs, each designed to meet specific goals. The Tool does not include GHG emissions from transportation fuels, natural gas suppliers, or electricity importers. Therefore, users of the Pollution Mapping Tool must be aware of the differences in reporting requirements and other limitations of the available data.

More details are available at:

[https://www.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution\\_map/doc/caveats%20document12\\_22\\_2017.pdf](https://www.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution_map/doc/caveats%20document12_22_2017.pdf)

The California ARB is looking for your feedback on the data presented here and plans to update the tool periodically.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**ATTACHMENT:**

None

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**EEC Agenda Item No. 7**  
**February 1, 2018**

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL



**From:** Kevin Kane, Associate Regional Planner, 213-236-1828,  
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**Subject:** Summary of the Department of Finance's 2017  
Population Growth Estimates for the SCAG Region

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG staff will provide a summary of the California Department of Finance (DOF) year 2017 population growth estimates. DOF estimates are consistent with SCAG's preliminary draft forecasts for the 2020 RTP/SCS, despite high growth numbers the SCAG region's share of California's population is decreasing modestly, and in 2017 the population who left the SCAG region for another state dropped significantly.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies; Objective b: Develop, maintain and enhance data and information to support planning and decision making in a timely and effective manner.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 21, 2017, the California Department of Finance (DOF) released its official estimates for population growth from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. Overall these estimates were consistent with SCAG's preliminary draft forecasts for the 2020 RTP/SCS which were presented to the SCAG Policy Committees in July 2017, with annual growth rates within one-tenth of one percent. Two relevant points emerge from these updated estimates which are notable for the SCAG region.

First, four SCAG counties – Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino – were amongst the state's top five for population gain. However only Riverside was in the state's top five for population growth rate (in fifth place). The result of this is that while in 2010 the SCAG region represented 48.5%

of the state, today it only represents 48.1% of the state. This share is projected to continue to decrease gradually and it is not likely that the SCAG region will ever represent “half of the state’s population.”

Second, the DOF report highlights that despite decreasing birth rates and increasing death rates due to ageing baby boomers, the source of population growth continues to be natural increase: 113,821 were born in the SCAG region. While growth due to natural increase has been on a downward trend for several years, this 2017 figure is consistent with expectations. Similarly, net international immigration remains stable and consistent with SCAG projections at 89,359 per year.

However, net domestic migration shifted dramatically in 2017. In 2015 the region lost 83,222 net residents to out-of-state and in 2016 lost 107,343. However in 2017 the region lost only 70,060 net migrants to out-of state, mirroring the trends seen elsewhere in California.

The recent run-up in domestic out-migration was believed to be related to high housing/living costs; in particular Orange County gradually flipped from a net landing point for migrants from out-of state to a net jumping off point. Riverside County continues to be the only county in the region since 2012 to have positive net domestic migration. While all counties saw a net decrease in out-of-state movers in 2017, Los Angeles County lost 22,005 fewer residents in 2017 than it did in 2016. This trend is likely reflective of improving economic fundamentals, despite the region’s overall housing shortage.

While SCAG’s preliminary 2020 RTP/SCS estimates are generally supported by the updated DOF estimates, DOF and other updated sources of information, such as the 2016 American Community Survey results released last month, will be investigated further and incorporated into the final 2020 RTP/SCS population projections as appropriate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT/S:** PowerPoint Presentation

# SCAG region population growth during 2017

February 1, 2018

Kevin Kane, PhD, Associate  
Regional Planner



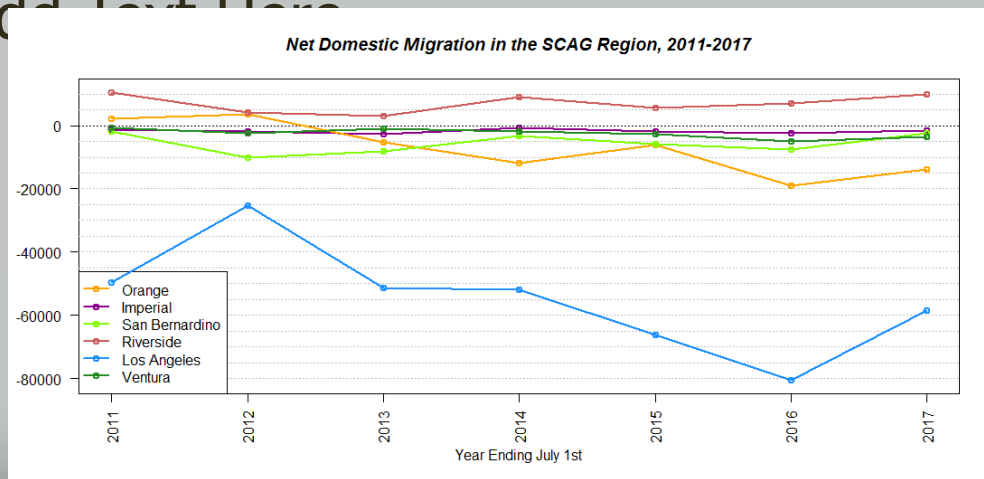
## Population Growth: 7/1/16 – 7/1/17

- CA Dep't of Finance Mid-Year estimates
- SCAG counties: "Highest growth, but not the highest growth *rate*."
- Result: SCAG region contains 48.1% of California's population; down from 48.5% in 2010

	Population, 7/1/2017	Growth rate, prior 12 mos.	Growth, prior 12 mos.	Growth by natural increase	Growth by net immigration	Growth by net domestic migration
Imperial	188,650	1.14%	2,130	1,911	1,843	(1,624)
Los Angeles	10,271,792	0.55%	56,689	59,395	55,783	(58,489)
Orange	3,200,748	0.68%	21,626	18,030	17,568	(13,972)
Riverside	2,389,723	1.28%	30,135	14,037	6,285	9,813
San Bernardino	2,163,680	0.94%	20,102	16,704	5,703	(2,305)
Ventura	856,111	0.29%	2,438	3,744	2,177	(3,483)
<b>SCAG TOTAL</b>	<b>19,070,704</b>	<b>0.70%</b>	<b>133,120</b>	<b>113,821</b>	<b>89,359</b>	<b>(70,060)</b>
<i>California</i>	<i>39,613,045</i>	<i>0.77%</i>	<i>300,816</i>	<i>220,597</i>	<i>185,430</i>	<i>(105,211)</i>

# Fewer leaving for out-of-state

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**Thank you**  
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**To:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

**From:** Rongsheng Luo; Program Manager; (213) 236-1994;  
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**Subject:** Status Update on Implementation of AB 617 in the South Coast Region

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Signed into law recently by California Governor Brown, AB 617 is the most significant criteria and toxics air quality legislation passed in California in the last three decades. Dr. Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), will present an overview of the AB 617 requirements and a status update on the implementation of AB 617 in the South Coast Region.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a) Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

Known as the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP), AB 617 was authored by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia and signed into law by Governor Brown on July 26, 2017. AB 617 is a companion bill to AB 398 that extends California's cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gas emissions. The CAPP is designed to provide important new tools to address pollution exposures in California's most heavily impacted communities, disadvantaged communities, and sensitive receptor locations. Specifically, AB 617 requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to identify communities with the highest exposure burden and develop a Statewide Monitoring Plan and Statewide Reduction Strategy by October 2018. Rather than relying on greenhouse gas reduction requirements to yield air quality improvements, AB 617 requires that significantly enhanced community-level air monitoring, emissions reporting and mitigation programs be implemented by the ARB and local air districts in California's most impacted communities.

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ARB staff has begun the public process, meeting with community and environmental justice organizations, air districts, and additional stakeholders to determine the most appropriate focus of community air monitoring in addition to defining goals and metrics for community level actions in reducing exposure to air pollution. The SCAQMD has been working closely with the ARB to implement AB 617 in the South Coast Air Basin.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY17-18 Overall Work Program (025.SCG0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).

**ATTACHMENT:**

SCAQMD PowerPoint Presentation – SCAQMD AB 617 Implementation

# SCAQMD AB 617 Implementation

SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

## Key Components of AB 617

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### Monitoring

- Identification of Communities
- Statewide Monitoring Plan
- District and Community operated networks
- Statewide data display

### Community Emission Reduction Plans

- Identification of Communities
- Statewide Strategy
- District Community Emission Reduction Plans
- State and District emission reduction strategies

### Best Available Retrofit Control Technology

- Development of Statewide BACT/BARCT Clearinghouse
- Develop mechanisms to input new determinations
- Implement BARCT

### Emissions Reporting

- Uniform Statewide Reporting
- Statewide Pollution Mapping Tool

# Timing

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## Monitoring

- Monitoring Plan by October **2018**
- Deploy networks in identified communities by July **2019**
- updated January every year thereafter

## Community Emission Reduction Plans

- Identification of Communities by October **2018**
- Statewide Strategy by October **2018**
- District Community Emission Reduction Plans by October **2019**
- updated every 5 years

## Best Available Retrofit Control Technology

- Development of Statewide BACT/BARCT Clearinghouse
- District schedule for BARCT by end of **2018**
- Implement BARCT by end of **2023**

## Emissions Reporting

- No timelines in statute, but anticipated actions by **2019**

# Key Implementation Issues for SCAQMD

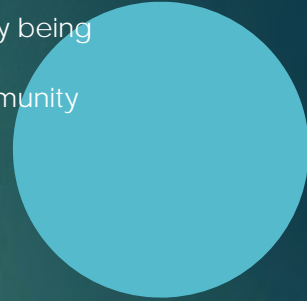
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- ▶ Funding
  - ▶ \$27 million statewide for AB617 Implementation (\$10.7 million for SCAQMD)
  - ▶ \$250 million+ statewide for mobile source emission reduction (\$107.5 million for SCAQMD, plus other competitive grant opportunities)
- ▶ Staffing
  - ▶ Community ID process and outreach
  - ▶ Monitoring
  - ▶ Community Emission Reduction Plans
  - ▶ BARCT rules and implementation
  - ▶ Emission Inventory, BARCT, and BACT work with CARB
- ▶ Timing and Deadlines
  - ▶ Very challenging in every case

# Community Identification

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- ▶ Process and criteria for identifying communities is actively being developed
- ▶ SCAQMD recommended a nomination process for community identification, CARB is working on procedures
  - ▶ CARB would establish overall criteria and process
  - ▶ Air Districts and others can submit nominations
  - ▶ Local outreach and public process by Air Districts
  - ▶ Utilize existing public data sets
    - ▶ CalEnviroScreen (Air pollution-related or other factors?)
    - ▶ Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Studies (MATES)
    - ▶ Criteria pollutant and air toxics emissions reporting
    - ▶ Existing Health Risk Assessments (Mobile and Stationary)
- ▶ Comprehensive list with prioritizations



# Monitoring

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- ▶ Development of Statewide Monitoring Plan
  - ▶ Review of current air monitoring technologies
  - ▶ Review of existing community monitoring deployments
  - ▶ Recommendations for additional monitoring
  - ▶ Utilization of low-cost sensor technology
    - ▶ Sensor evaluation (AQ-SPEC)
    - ▶ PM measurements feasible, but does not cover most pollutants of concern
- ▶ Community Air Monitoring
  - ▶ Real-time continuous monitoring preferred when feasible
  - ▶ Community partnerships to conduct monitoring
  - ▶ Use of a statewide data display system to provide monitoring data to public
    - ▶ Leverage state and local resources where possible
  - ▶ Outreach to public needed to ensure proper communication and interpretation of monitoring data
  - ▶ QA/QC of monitored data is critical



# Community Emission Reduction Plans

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- ▶ Statewide guidelines to be developed
- ▶ Achieving emissions real and quantifiable emissions reductions in communities
  - ▶ Transparent process to solicit input from communities and facilities is critical to success
  - ▶ Statewide guidance needs to be clear and provide accountability, but allow flexibility to meet individual community needs
  - ▶ Need to quantify expected future emissions and exposure reductions due to existing regulations and programs
  - ▶ Additional quantification of emissions at some facilities needed (fugitive emissions, unpermitted sources, etc.)
  - ▶ Monitoring might uncover previously unidentified emission sources
  - ▶ Identification of emission reduction measures (community-based AQMP)
  - ▶ How are targets and timelines for emissions reductions established?

# Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT)

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- ▶ Each air district develops its own BACT/BARCT determinations
  - ▶ Different air districts set different BARCT levels based on policy considerations, eg. severity of air quality problems, cost-effectiveness, uniqueness of sources, proximity to communities
  - ▶ Database should highlight and acknowledge differences in BARCT determinations across air districts
- ▶ Consolidation of each air district's existing determinations into a central database
  - ▶ CARB's goal is to have the database ready by January 1, 2018
  - ▶ Database should be easy to use, searchable, and downloadable
  - ▶ Include cost-effectiveness thresholds and other factors that were included in analysis
- ▶ Develop a mechanism for future determinations
- ▶ SCAQMD continues with expedited RECLAIM sunset and corresponding BARCT rules

# Emissions Reporting

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- ▶ Applicable facilities must report emissions to a statewide, uniform system for criteria and toxics on annual basis
  - ▶ SCAQMD already requires annual reporting for criteria pollutants and a subset of air toxics
  - ▶ No current standardized method of emissions reporting across air districts
  - ▶ Development of a new reporting tool, but use existing tools where possible
  - ▶ Key goal includes avoiding duplicative reporting to CARB and air districts
  - ▶ Emissions data will likely be available through CARB's AB 197 Pollution Mapping Tool
- ▶ Facilities with "elevated" AB 2588 Toxics Hot Spots Act priority scores must report
  - ▶ Methodology to calculate priority scores also vary across air districts
  - ▶ No definition of "elevated"

# Current SCAQMD Approach

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- ▶ Close Coordination with CARB
  - ▶ High level meetings and ongoing staff Working Groups for each topic area
    - ▶ Funding, roles, outreach, timing, guidance documents, clearing house, etc.
- ▶ Utilize existing SCAQMD resources and experience to the maximum extent possible
- ▶ Continue to assess expected workload and resource needs
- ▶ Access funding ASAP for timely implementation
- ▶ Early action successes make case for continued funding
- ▶ Governing Board approved 36.5 FTEs and equipment purchases in January
- ▶ Need to begin hiring process and start work immediately

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL



**From:** Roland Ok, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1839,  
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**Subject:** Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed  
Updates to the CEQA Guidelines

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

For Information Only - No Action Required

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, TC and RC:**

Receive and File.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*On November 27, 2017, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) transmitted the final proposed amendments to the Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the California Natural Resources Agency. OPR's comprehensive package contains a complete set of updates to the CEQA Guidelines. It reflects input from numerous public comment periods and input received during informal stakeholder meetings, conferences, and other venues. The package contains changes or additions involving nearly thirty different sections, addressing steps to facilitate the environmental review process. Key proposed updates are aimed towards improving efficiency, substantive analysis, and technical analysis. Updates also include the proposed SB743 Implementation Guidelines (For further details please refer to a separate February 2018 Staff Report titled: Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed SB743 Implementation Guidelines).*

*The Natural Resources Agency will soon begin the formal administrative rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act. At the time of drafting this Staff Report, the Natural Resources Agency has not initiated its formal administrative rulemaking process. When initiated, the rulemaking process will entail additional public review and may lead to further revisions. After completing the rulemaking process, the Secretary for the Natural Resources Agency may adopt the changes. Changes would only go into effect after the Office of Administrative Law reviews and approves the changes. Additionally, SCAG hosted a CEQA Guidelines and SB 743 Workshop on*

*January 31, 2018 at the Caltrans District 7 office. SCAG Staff is currently evaluating comments received from the workshop and will consider incorporating them into SCAG's comment letter, as needed.*

*For more information on the proposed updates to the CEQA Guidelines, please visit OPR's website at: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/> and California Natural Resources Agency's website at: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines/>*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 27, 2017, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) transmitted the final proposed amendments to the Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the California Natural Resources Agency for final rulemaking.

CEQA requires public agencies, as part of the project approval decision-making process, to evaluate and mitigate a project's potential environmental impacts. OPR is charged with developing the administrative regulations to implement CEQA, and the Natural Resources Agency adopts those regulations following a formal rulemaking process. The implementation regulations, commonly referred to as the CEQA Guidelines, are required to be updated on a regular basis. The last comprehensive update to the CEQA Guidelines was completed in the late 1990s.

In 2013, OPR initiated a process to comprehensively update the CEQA Guidelines. Since that time, the State Legislature has adopted numerous revisions to CEQA law in regard to specific elements of the Guidelines, including a change in the methodology for assessing transportation related impacts (Senate Bill 743, Steinberg, 2013), and the addition of tribal cultural resources (Assembly Bill 52, Gatto, 2014) as a consideration in environmental documents. Key dates in the OPR CEQA Guidelines update process included the following:

- Distribution of a formal solicitation for input on possible improvements (Summer, 2013)
- Publication of a list of potential topics to address in the update (December, 2013)
- Development of a draft Technical Advisory on the analysis of Tribal Cultural Resources pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 (May, 2015)
- Release of a first draft of the Comprehensive Update to the CEQA Guidelines (August, 2015)
- Development of proposed changes to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines addressing Tribal Cultural Resources (November, 2015)

- Coordination with the Natural Resources Agency to complete the changes to Appendix G related to Tribal Cultural Resources (August, 2016)
- Development of changes to the Guidelines addressing hazards in response to the California Supreme Court’s decision in *California Building Industry Assn. v. Bay Area Air Quality Management Dist.* (2015) 62 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 369 (*CBIA v. BAAQMD*) (October, 2017)
- Finalization of the comprehensive CEQA Guidelines update package and submission to the Natural Resources Agency for final rulemaking (November, 2017)
- Hosting of a webinar providing an overview of the proposed revised Guidelines in conjunction with the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) (December, 2017)

**OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CEQA GUIDELINES**

OPR has crafted a comprehensive package of updates to the CEQA guidelines that reflects input obtained through numerous public comment periods and feedback received during informal stakeholder meetings, conferences, and other venues. The OPR proposal contains changes or additions involving nearly thirty different sections, including steps to facilitate and streamline the environmental review process.

Key updates to the CEQA Guidelines include the following:

**Efficiency Improvements**

Regulatory Standards: Promotes the use of existing regulatory standards in the CEQA process. Using standards as “thresholds of significance” creates a predictable starting point for analysis and allows lead agencies to rely on the expertise of other regulatory bodies without foreclosing the consideration of any potential project-specific effects.

Updates to the Environmental Checklist: The OPR package proposes to update the environmental checklist that most agencies use to conduct their environmental review. Redundant questions in the existing checklist are eliminated and some questions are updated to address contemporary topics. The checklist has also been updated with several new questions related to transportation impacts and wildfire risk, pursuant to Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013), and Senate Bill 1241 (Kehoe, 2012), respectively. It also relocates questions related to paleontological resources as directed by Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, 2014).

Tiering: The OPR package includes several changes to make the existing programmatic environmental review process easier to use for subsequent projects. Specifically, it clarifies the rules on tiering and provides additional guidance on when a later project may be considered within the scope of a program EIR, thereby obviating the need for additional environmental review.

Exemptions: The OPR package enhances several existing CEQA exemptions. For example, consistent with Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg, 2013), it expands upon an existing exemption for projects

implementing a specific plan to include not just residential, but also commercial and mixed-use projects that are located near transit. It also clarifies exemption rules for changes to existing facilities so that vacant buildings can more easily be redeveloped. Changes to that same exemption would also promote pedestrian, bicycle, and streetscape improvements within an existing right of way.

### **Substantive Improvements**

Energy Impacts Analysis: The OPR package provides new guidance regarding energy impact analysis. Specifically, it requires an EIR to include an analysis of a project's energy impacts that addresses not just building design, but also transportation, equipment use, location, and other relevant factors.

Water Supply Impact Analysis: The OPR package proposes guidance on the analysis of water supply impacts. The guidance is built upon the California Supreme Court decision in *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2007) 40 Cal.4th 412 . The new provision requires analysis of a proposed project's possible sources of water supply over the life of the project and the environmental impacts of supplying that water to the project. The analysis must consider any uncertainties in supply, as well as potential alternatives.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis: The OPR package includes proposed updates related to the analysis of impacts from greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed changes reflect current appellate case law, including *Center for Biological Diversity v. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife* (2015) 62 Cal.4th 204; and *Cleveland National Forest Foundation v. San Diego Assn. of Governments* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 497.

Transportation Impact Analysis: Please refer to a separate February 2018 Staff Report titled: Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed SB743 Implementation Guidelines)

### **Technical Improvements**

Evaluation of Hazards: The OPR package includes changes related to the evaluation of hazards as mandated by the California Supreme Court in *CBIA v. BAAQMD* (2015) 62 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 369.

Environmental Baseline: The OPR package clarifies when it may be appropriate to use projected future conditions as the environmental baseline.

Mitigation Measures: The OPR package clarifies when agencies may defer specific details of mitigation measures until after project approval.

Responses to Comments: The OPR package proposes a set of changes related to the duty of lead agencies to provide detailed responses to comments on a project. The changes clarify that a general response may be appropriate when a comment submits voluminous data and information without explaining its relevance to the project.

Other Changes: Other proposed updates address a range of topics such as selecting the lead agency, posting notices with county clerks, clarifying the definition of "discretionary," and others. The package includes technical changes to Appendices D and E to reflect recent statutory requirements

and previously adopted amendments to the CEQA Guidelines, and to correct typographical errors. Additional technical improvements include those related to pre-approval agreements, lead agency by agreement, common sense exemption, preparation of the initial study, consultation with transit agencies, citations in environmental documents, time limits for negative declarations, project benefits, joint NEPA/CEQA documents, use of the emergency exemption, discretionary projects, use of conservation easements as mitigation, and Appendices C and M to the CEQA Guidelines.

### **STATUS OF STAFF REVIEW**

Since the release of the proposed update to the CEQA Guidelines, SCAG staff has been reviewing and are carefully evaluating the following potential topics for comments:

1. Environmental baseline (Proposed amendments to Section 15125)
2. Proposed language on tiering
3. Promoting the use of existing regulatory standards in the CEQA process
4. Discussion of energy based impacts under Appendix G
5. Proposed changes to greenhouse gas impact analysis (Proposed amendments to Section 15064.4)
6. Discussion of project benefits (Proposed amendments to Section 15124)

### **PUBLIC REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS**

The Natural Resources Agency will soon begin the formal administrative rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act. At the time of drafting this Staff Report, the Natural Resources Agency has not initiated its formal administrative rulemaking process. When initiated, the rulemaking process will entail additional public review, and may lead to further revisions. After completing the rulemaking process, the Secretary for the Natural Resources Agency may adopt the changes. Changes would only go into effect after the Office of Administrative Law reviews and approves the changes.

SCAG hosted a CEQA Guidelines and SB 743 workshop on January 31, 2018 at the Caltrans District 7 office and subject matter were presented by OPR staff. SCAG Staff currently evaluating comments from the workshop and will consider incorporating them into our comment, as needed.

For more information on the Proposed Update to the CEQA Guidelines, please visit OPR's website at: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/> and California Natural Resources Agency's website at: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines/>

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 17/18 Overall Work Program (080.SCG00153.04: Regional Assessment).

### **ATTACHMENT/S:**

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**



**From:** Mike Gainor, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1822,  
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**Subject:** Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed  
SB 743 Implementation Guidelines and Technical Advisory

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

For Information Only - No Action Required

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, TC, and RC:**

Receive and File.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*On November 27, 2017, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) transmitted the final proposed Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) Implementation Guidelines to the California Natural Resources Agency for final rulemaking. OPR's final proposal reflects and incorporates substantial input provided by a wide array of statewide stakeholders, including metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), County Transportation Commissions, local implementation agencies, and environmental advocacy organizations. Since SB 743 was signed into law by the Governor in 2013, OPR has provided multiple forums for stakeholder discussion and various opportunities for input and comment into how the new law should be implemented. SCAG has worked closely and cooperatively with OPR throughout this process.*

*The final rulemaking process to be conducted by the California Natural Resources Agency will provide an additional opportunity for public review and comment, which may result in further revisions. At the time of this draft, the Natural Resources Agency had not yet announced details regarding the public review period. Any changes to the proposed Guidelines introduced through the rulemaking process or resulting from the accompanying public review period would only go into effect after the California State Office of Administrative Law reviews and approves the changes.*

*To provide information to our local stakeholders, SCAG hosted a CEQA Guidelines and SB 743 Workshop on January 31, 2018 at the Caltrans District 7 offices. Staff is currently reviewing comments and feedback received at the Workshop.*

*For more detailed information on SB 743 and the proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines, please visit the OPR website: <http://www.opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines>, and the California Natural Resources Agency website: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines/>.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies, as part of the project approval decision-making process, to evaluate and mitigate (as needed) a project's potential environmental impacts. OPR is charged with developing the administrative regulations to implement CEQA, and the Natural Resources Agency adopts those regulations following a formal rulemaking process. Among the analyses required by CEQA is a transportation impact analysis.

In response to the passage of SB 743, OPR initiated a process to update the transportation impact analysis language in the CEQA Guidelines and to develop a corresponding 'Technical Advisory' to provide methodological assistance and implementation recommendations for local agencies. On November 27, 2017, OPR transmitted its final proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines to the California Natural Resources Agency to initiate the final rulemaking process.

Key dates in the SB 743 Implementation Guidelines development process included:

- Senate Bill 743 was signed by the Governor, assigning OPR the responsibility to update the CEQA Guidelines accordingly (September, 2013)
- OPR released an initial evaluation of several alternative transportation impact evaluation metrics to replace the existing 'Level of Service' (LOS) methodology (December, 2013)
- OPR released an initial draft of the Proposed Revised Guidelines for evaluating transportation impacts using a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metric (August, 2014)
- OPR released an updated draft of the revised CEQA Guidelines including the VMT metric, together with a draft Technical Advisory (January, 2016)
- SCAG, along with the other three major state MPOs, initiated a statewide consultant-led case study demonstration project to evaluate potential SB 743 implementation issues (July, 2016)
- Submittal of the final proposed CEQA Guidelines revision to the Natural Resources Agency for final rulemaking (November, 2017)

**PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE SB 743 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES**

SB 743 charged OPR with the task of updating the CEQA Guidelines to emphasize current State planning priorities, including the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, streamlining infill and mixed-use transit-oriented development, and facilitating active transportation and transit improvement projects. The final OPR proposal contains several key revisions from the previous draft CEQA Guidelines and Technical Advisory proposal released in January, 2016.



The final proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines include several key revisions to the CEQA Guidelines:

Transportation Impact Analysis: The proposed final SB 743 Implementation Guidelines includes significant changes related to the analysis of CEQA transportation impacts. SB 743 required OPR to develop an alternative methodology to replace the existing ‘Level of Service’ (LOS) analysis for evaluating CEQA transportation impacts. The proposed OPR update designates vehicle miles travelled (VMT) as the most appropriate metric for evaluating transportation impacts for most projects. VMT was selected by OPR as the preferred methodology to replace LOS because of its potential value in facilitating transit-oriented projects in existing urbanized areas and for encouraging bicycle and pedestrian improvements in mixed use urban centers.

One of the guiding principles of SB 743 was to encourage infill development, facilitate the use of active transportation, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The adoption of a VMT-based metric eliminates the exclusive focus on automobile delay as the primary parameter for evaluating CEQA transportation impacts as was the focus of LOS analysis. Transportation impact analysis based on VMT will improve the viability of infill and transit-oriented development projects, as well as other projects that serve to reduce GHG emissions through decreased dependency on single occupancy vehicles and increased use of active transportation and transit options.

VMT Implementation Changes: The final version of the proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines includes some significant revisions from the previous draft proposal released by OPR in January, 2016. These modifications are primarily related to implementation of the VMT methodology and were developed largely in response to concerns expressed by local implementation agencies and other statewide stakeholders. These proposed implementation changes include:

- Use of the VMT methodology for evaluating CEQA transportation impacts is now optional for highway capacity projects.
- Analysis of freight VMT is no longer required.
- Only the number of residential units prescribed in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) may be used to reference the average VMT for a city.
- Mixed-use development projects may limit VMT-based transportation impact analysis only to the predominant land use.

#### **STATUS OF STAFF REVIEW**

SCAG staff has reviewed the proposed final SB 743 Implementation Guidelines and Technical Advisory, and are appreciative of the considerations OPR has made in response to our concerns and those of our local stakeholders, most notably for the provision for added flexibility in the use of VMT analysis for transportation capacity improvement projects. Staff will continue its review and will also consider comments received at the workshop described further below. Throughout the more than three years since the passage of SB 743, OPR has collaborated closely with SCAG and the other state MPOs to

ensure that implementation of this ground-breaking new law will be implemented with minimal added burden to our local jurisdictions.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS**

As part of its final rulemaking process, the California Natural Resources Agency will initiate a public review period for the proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines. At the time of this draft, details regarding the scheduling of the public review period have not yet been released.

To provide information to our local stakeholders, SCAG hosted a CEQA Guidelines and SB 743 workshop on January 31, 2018 at the Caltrans District 7 offices. OPR was invited to provide information and answer questions regarding these regulatory modifications. Staff are currently reviewing comments and feedback received at the workshop.

For more information on SB 743 and the proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines, please visit:

OPR website: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>, and

California Natural Resources Agency's website: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines/>.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 17/18 Overall Work Program (080.SCG00153.04: Regional Assessment).

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

None.