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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
Thursday, April 1, 2021
12:30 PM

The Regional Council may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve staff recommendation to follow the FTA approach that uses 75% and 132% of the 2018 Operating Costs as reported for the UZA in 2018 NTD to allocate CRRSAA and ARPA funds respectively when combined with the preceding rounds of stimulus funds to each of the UZAs to further sub-allocate to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs.

2. Nominations and Election of 2021-22 SCAG Officers
(Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Chair, Nominating Committee)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2021-22 officers, subject to ratification by the General Assembly.



3. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws
(Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended for approval by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – March 4, 2021
5. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
6. Contracting to Implement the Regional Early Action Plan Program
7. Sustainable Communities Program - Housing & Sustainable Development Applications
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 19-066-C05, Aerial Imagery and Related Products - County of Imperial
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-043-C01, I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan
10. AB 687 (Seyarto) - Riverside County Housing Finance Trust
11. SB 15 (Portantino) - Incentives to Rezone Idle Retail
12. SB 623 (Newman) – Electronic Toll and Transit Fare Collection Systems
13. SB 261 (Allen) - Sustainable Communities Strategies Reform
14. SB 266 (Newman) - Chino Hills State Park Expansion
15. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

16. April 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update



17. Updated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program Subregional Allocation Amounts Based on Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation
18. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Work Plan and Progress Report
19. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Framework
20. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
21. CFO Monthly Report

BUSINESS REPORT

(Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Naresh Amatya, Manager of Transportation Planning and Programming
(213) 236-1885, amatya@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Proposed Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations
Act (CRRSAA) and American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Apportionments

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC AND TC:

Recommend to the Regional Council that it approve staff's recommendation to follow the FTA approach that uses 75% and 132% of the 2018 Operating Costs as reported for the urbanized area (UZA) in the 2018 national transit database (NTD) to allocate CRRSAA and ARPA funds, respectively, when combined with the preceding rounds of stimulus funds to each of the UZAs to further sub-allocate to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve staff's recommendation to follow the FTA approach that uses 75% and 132% of the 2018 Operating Costs as reported for the UZA in the 2018 NTD to allocate CRRSAA and ARPA funds, respectively, when combined with the preceding rounds of stimulus funds to each of the UZAs to further sub-allocate to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to have a severe impact on our nation, state, and regions' transit systems. As the ridership on most of our transit assets, including bus, rapid bus, urban and commuter rail systems, continue to remain depressed, all of our transit operators, large and small, face financial hardships. In order to address this national crisis, the federal government approved a series of stimulus bills that provide direct assistance to the transit operators.

In total, and as a result of three separate stimulus bills, \$53 billion in funding has been authorized nationwide to be administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants program. The 5307 Program utilizes a formula-based

approach to apportion federal transit assistance to urbanized areas to each of the designated Urbanized Zone Areas or UZAs. The share of the funding allocated to UZAs within the SCAG region has varied across each of the bills, with two of the bills limiting resources based on operating costs to ensure funding is targeting transit operators with the greatest need.

SCAG is the designated recipient for several UZAs and is responsible for allocating the funds apportioned within the UZAs to each of the eligible county transportation commissions (CTCs) for UZAs that span across multiple counties. Historically, SCAG has utilized the same approach that FTA applies at the UZA level to further sub apportion to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs. SCAG staff utilized this approach in apportioning the funding allocated to the region through the first stimulus bill, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and is recommending to also sub apportion the funding from the other two bills, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), utilizing the same approach that FTA applies at the UZA level.

BACKGROUND:

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to have a severe impact on our nation, state, and regions' transit systems. As the ridership on most of our transit assets, including bus, rapid bus, urban and commuter rail systems, continue to remain depressed, all of our transit operators, large and small, are struggling to remain afloat. In order to address this national crisis, the federal government has championed a series of stimulus bills that provide direct assistance to the transit operators.

In April 2020, the FTA announced \$25 billion in funding as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the CARES Act, \$1.453 billion was apportioned to the six UZAs for which SCAG is the designated recipient (Los Angeles County - Los Angeles - Long Beach-Anaheim, Riverside – San Bernardino, Murrieta – Temecula – Menifee, Indio – Cathedral City, Lancaster - Palmdale and Santa Clarita) under the existing FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants program. The funds were allocated using FTA's 5307 distribution formula (See Attachment 1, which relies on data sets that are released with the annual Federal Register including on factors such as rail/fixed guideway, bus incentive, basic bus capital, growing states, and low income. SCAG was responsible for distributing the CARES Act funds to the CTCs for two of the multi-county UZAs (Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA and the Riverside – San Bernardino UZA). The CARES apportionments were made through an administrative process, as is SCAG's procedure for distributing 5307 funds, which carry forward the federal formula for inter-county distribution. The CARES Act funds were released in April 2020 in accordance with FTA's formula distribution.

On December 27, 2020, CRRSAA was signed into law; the act allocates \$14 billion in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) relief funds with \$13.26 billion allocated to large and small UZAs to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The CRRSAA funding received by

the SCAG region represents the second allocation of federal transit stimulus funding to the transit agencies to address the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, on March 11, 2021, the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and provides for a third round of stimulus funding. Approximately \$1.8 billion is apportioned to the SCAG region. Unlike the CRRSAA, all of the designated UZAs are eligible to receive funds from ARPA because the cap is raised to 132% of the 2018 operating costs as reported by NTD when all three rounds of funding are combined.

As the designated recipient for the UZAs, SCAG is responsible for allocating the funds apportioned within the UZAs to each of the eligible CTCs for UZAs that span across multiple counties. Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim and Riverside – San Bernardino are two major multi-county UZAs within the SCAG region. FTA utilizes a formula-based approach to apportion federal transit assistance to urbanized areas through a program called 5307 to each of the designated Urbanized Zone Areas or UZAs. Historically, SCAG has utilized same approach that FTA applies at the UZA level to further sub apportion to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs. SCAG staff is recommending that we do the same for apportioning CRRSAA and ARPA funds to the eligible counties in the two aforementioned UZAs.

CRRSAA APPORTIONMENT

The CRRSAA funding received by the SCAG region represents the second allocation of federal transit stimulus funding to the transit agencies to address the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. CRRSAA specifies that FTA Section 5307 funding for a given UZA, when combined with the amounts allocated to that UZA from Section 5307 funds appropriated under the CARES Act, **shall not exceed 75 percent of that UZA's 2018 NTD operating cost.**

“...That the amounts allocated to any urbanized area from amounts made available under this paragraph in this Act when combined with the amounts allocated to that urbanized area from funds appropriated under this heading in title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 599) may not exceed 75 percent of that urbanized area’s 2018 operating costs based on data contained in the National Transit Database...”

For this reason, only three of the six UZA’s in the SCAG region received a share of CRRSAA apportionments. The other three UZA’s had already received CARES Act funding exceeding 75 percent of the UZA’s 2018 NTD operating cost and were therefore excluded from the apportionments due to the federal guidelines. Of the \$13.26 billion available under CRRSAA, the following UZAs in the SCAG region received CRRSAA apportionments.

| CRRSAA APPORTIONMENTS | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Urbanized Area | Funding Totals |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA | \$954,900,781 |
| Indio-Cathedral City, CA | \$5,011,454 |
| Santa Clarita, CA | \$224,351 |

As the MPO and the designated recipient, SCAG is responsible for distributing the CRRSAA apportionments in the multi-county UZA, Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim. CRRSAA provides SCAG with the discretion to carry forward the federal formula as the basis for inter-county apportionments or develop an alternative methodology for determining each county transportation commission’s apportionment. Staff is recommending the federal formula be carried forward for the inter-county distributions to mirror the federal process for apportioning CRRSAA funds to each UZA.

The following table shows SCAG’s inter-county distributions recommended through CRRSAA for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA pursuant to this proposed allocation methodology. The allocations for each county are as shown under “CRRSAA Final Allocation” (see fourth shaded row). In addition, the table reflects operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief:

| CRRSAA Allocations Based on Federal Methodology | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Ventura | Total |
| 2018 Operating Expense | \$2,557,384,189 | \$299,429,433 | \$36,902,117 | \$789,887 | \$0 | \$2,894,505,626 |
| 75% of 2018 NTD OE | \$1,918,038,142 | \$224,572,075 | \$27,676,588 | \$592,415 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,220 |
| CARES Act Allocation | \$999,267,072 | \$181,131,657 | \$35,266,741 | \$312,970 | \$0 | \$1,215,978,440 |
| CRRSAA Final Allocation | \$911,525,690 | \$43,097,849 | \$0 | \$277,242 | \$0 | \$954,900,781 |
| CARES + CRRSAA | \$1,910,792,762 | \$224,229,506 | \$35,266,741 | \$590,212 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,221 |
| % of OE | 74.72% | 74.89% | 95.57% | 74.72% | 0.00% | |

Based on this allocation, Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside receive nearly 75% of their operating costs through a combination of the first (CARES Act) the second (CRRSAA) allocation of federal transit stimulus funding. San Bernardino County received about \$7.59 million more through the CARES Act compared to the equivalent of 75% of operating expenses reported by transit operators in the county for 2018. Therefore, San Bernardino County does not receive additional funds through CRRSAA using this allocation methodology.

Per the suggestion of the CTCs, SCAG also reviewed and considered proportionately distributing the CRRSAA funds based on the FTA Section 5307 formula which was used to apportion the CARES Act funds. This approach would result in distributions that exceed 75% of operating expenses in Orange and San Bernardino counties while falling below the 75% equivalent in Los Angeles and Riverside counties. Given the disparity in total funding that results from this allocation approach as

compared to the 2018 operating costs, staff does not recommend this approach. For reference, a summary result of this approach is provided in Table 1 of Attachment 2 to this report.

Staff’s recommendation for CRRSAA apportionments was placed on the agenda for SCAG’s Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council (RC) meetings on March 3 and 4, 2021, respectively. However, partly at the request of several of the CTCs, the item was pulled from the agenda and deferred to the April board meeting for further action. At the same time, SCAG President Rex Richardson directed staff to move forward with distributing the “uncontested amount” of CRRSAA funds through issuance of a split letter to FTA as noted in the table below (Los Angeles County’s sub-allocation is pending board approval). Therefore, the table below represents the first round of CRRSAA funding that represents uncontested amounts, which is the smaller of the amounts for each county between the two approaches.

| | Allocations Based on 75% Operating Cost | Allocations Proportionate to CARES Act | CRRSAA Round 1 Distribution - Unconstrained |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Los Angeles | \$911,525,690 | \$784,718,607 | \$784,718,607 |
| Orange | \$43,097,849 | \$142,241,634 | \$43,097,849 |
| San Bernardino | \$0 | \$27,694,766 | \$0 |
| Riverside | \$277,242 | \$245,774 | \$245,774 |
| Ventura | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total: | \$954,900,781 | \$954,900,781 | \$828,062,230 |
| | | CRRSAA Apportionment: | \$954,900,781 |
| | | Remaining Balance - Round 2 Distribution: | \$126,838,551 |

Once approved, staff will work with the CTCs to finalize the split letter and issue Round 2 of the remaining CRRSAA funds.

ARPA APPORTIONMENTS

On March 11, 2021, the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and provides for a third round of stimulus funding. Approximately \$1.8 billion is apportioned to the SCAG region.

Language in the ARPA specifies that FTA Section 5307 funding for a given UZA, when combined with the CARES Act and CRRSAA allocations shall not exceed **132 percent of that UZA’s operating costs as reported in the 2018 NTD. Because of the increase in the cap to 132 percent, all of the UZAs in the SCAG region were eligible for funding under ARPA.** The following are six UZAs for which SCAG is the designated recipient that receive ARPA funding as specified in the table below.

| ARPA APPORTIONMENTS | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Urbanized Area | Funding Totals |
| Indio-Cathedral City, CA | \$16,011,182 |
| Lancaster-Palmdale, CA | \$1,665,574 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA | \$1,649,868,207 |
| Murrieta-Temecula-Meniffee, CA | \$900,366 |
| Riverside-San Bernardino, CA | \$71,995,802 |
| Santa Clarita, CA | \$16,028,364 |

ARPA funding shown above is tentative at this point pending release of final numbers in the Federal Register. Staff is providing this information based on preliminary data. Funding amounts are subject to change once the final FTA Section 5307 funding tables are published.

Similar to the CRRSAA apportionment, SCAG is recommending that the same methodology, applying 132% of the UZAs reported operating cost, be applied to the inter-county allocations for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA as well as Riverside – San Bernardino UZA.

ARPA Los Angeles – Long Beach - Anaheim UZA allocations

The following table reflects the inter-county allocations for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA using the 132% allocation methodology:

| ARPA Allocations Based on Federal Methodology | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| LOS ANGELES - LONG BEACH - ANAHEIM UZA | | | | | | |
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Ventura | Total |
| 132% of 2018 NTD OE | \$3,375,747,129 | \$395,246,852 | \$48,710,794 | \$1,042,651 | \$0 | \$3,820,747,426 |
| CARES Act Apportionment Total | \$999,267,072 | \$181,131,657 | \$35,266,741 | \$312,970 | \$0 | \$1,215,978,440 |
| Staff Recommended CRRSAA | \$911,525,690 | \$43,097,849 | \$0 | \$277,242 | \$0 | \$954,900,781 |
| CARES + Staff Recom. CRRSAA | \$1,910,792,762 | \$224,229,506 | \$35,266,741 | \$590,212 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,221 |
| Balance (Potential ARPA Dist.) | \$1,464,954,368 | \$171,017,346 | \$13,444,054 | \$452,440 | \$0 | \$1,649,868,207 |
| CARES+CRRSAA+ARPA | \$3,375,747,129 | \$395,246,852 | \$48,710,794 | \$1,042,651 | \$0 | \$3,820,747,426 |
| % of 2018 OE | 132.0% | 132.0% | 132.0% | 132.0% | | |

By applying the 132% cap methodology, all counties receive an equal 132% share of their operating costs when combined with their CARES, CRRSAA and ARPA allocations, consistent with the intent of the ARPA.

Similar to CRRSAA apportionments, staff also analyzed the implications of apportioning the ARPA funds ignoring the 132% cap and simply relying on the proportions used for the CARES Act funds. This approach results in Orange and San Bernardino counties exceeding their 132% share significantly, while Los Angeles and Riverside counties’ distribution is below the 132% cap, which is not consistent with the intent of ARPA. Staff does not recommend following this allocation

approach because of the disparity it creates between the counties. For reference, a summary result of this approach is provided in Table 2 of Attachment 2 to this report.

RIVERSIDE – SAN BERNARDINO UZA ALLOCATIONS for ARPA

As previously mentioned, the Riverside – San Bernardino UZA did not receive a CRRSAA apportionment due to their CARES Act allocations exceeding the 75% threshold. As such, the allocations in the following tables under CRRSAA Apportionment are shown as \$0. The following table reflects the inter-county allocations for the Riverside – San Bernardino UZA from ARPA using the federal cost methodology which includes a 132% cap:

| ARPA Allocations Based on Federal Methodology | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| RIVERSIDE - SAN BERNARDINO UZA | | | | | |
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Total |
| 132% of 2018 NTD OE | \$0 | \$345,700 | \$102,988,548 | \$106,228,227 | \$209,562,475 |
| CARES Act Apport. Total | \$0 | \$1,321,150 | \$58,246,293 | \$77,999,230 | \$137,566,673 |
| CRRSAA Apportionment | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Balance (Potential ARPA Dist.) | \$0 | (\$975,450) | \$44,742,255 | \$28,228,997 | \$71,995,803 |
| Potential ARPA (zeroing out OC) | \$0 | \$0 | \$44,144,159 | \$27,851,644 | \$71,995,803 |
| CARES+CRRSAA+ARPA | \$0 | \$1,321,150 | \$102,390,452 | \$105,850,874 | \$209,562,475 |
| % of 2018 OE | 0.0% | 504.5% | 131.2% | 131.5% | |

In the Riverside – San Bernardino UZA, San Bernardino and Riverside would receive slightly less than 132% of their operating costs through a combination of CARES Act and ARPA. Orange County received \$975,450 more in their CARES Act allocation compared to their 132% operating expenses reported in 2018 NTD and does not meet the threshold to receive ARPA funds based on the 132% cap.

Again, for comparison, staff analyzed the implications of apportioning this UZA ignoring the 132% cap and simply relying on the CARES Act proportions (Attachment 2 Table 3). This approach would result in Riverside County exceeding the 132% distribution. Orange County would receive a 768% of their 2018 operating costs between CARES Act and ARPA allocations, while San Bernardino County falls below the 132% cap. Staff does not recommend following this allocation approach because of the disparity it creates between the counties.

Conclusion

Given the intent of the program to address the fiscal impacts of COVID-19 pandemic, SCAG staff does not believe the approach that ignores the transit operators expense cap is as well aligned with the intent of the bill. Moreover, because the funding allocated to each UZA is based on operating expenses, it does not seem appropriate to then redistribute those resources through a formula that does not consider operating expense. Therefore, staff recommends following the federal formula that caps the UZA level allocations to 75% and 132% of their 2018 operating costs for CRRSAA and

ARPA, respectively, when combined with the preceding rounds of apportionments for inter-county distributions as well. SCAG staff believes this approach is more transparent, fair, consistent with the intent of the emergency appropriations and consistent with SCAG's past practices of applying the same approach that is used to allocate to the UZA down to each of the eligible counties.

Next Steps

Upon approval, SCAG staff will work with the CTCs to finalize the split letter and distribute Round 2 of the remaining CRRSAA funds as well as the ARPA funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

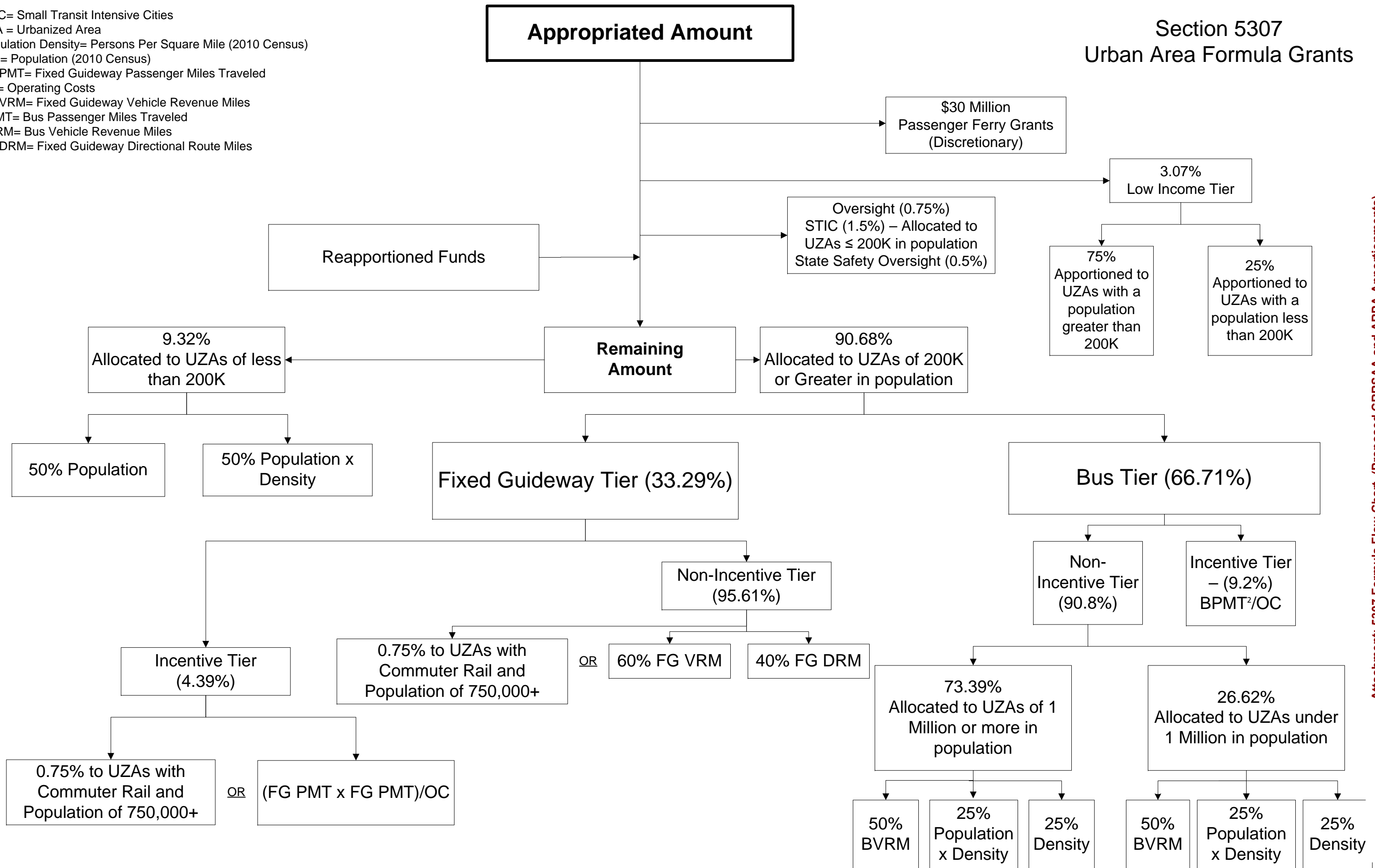
None. Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (030.00146A.02: Federal Transportation Improvement Program and 010.SCG0170.01: RTP Support, Development, and Implementation)

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 5307 Formula Flow Chart
2. CARES Act Proportionate Allocations (Alternative Allocation Approach)

STIC= Small Transit Intensive Cities
 UZA = Urbanized Area
 Population Density= Persons Per Square Mile (2010 Census)
 Pop= Population (2010 Census)
 FG PMT= Fixed Guideway Passenger Miles Traveled
 OC= Operating Costs
 FG VRM= Fixed Guideway Vehicle Revenue Miles
 BPMT= Bus Passenger Miles Traveled
 BVRM= Bus Vehicle Revenue Miles
 FG DRM= Fixed Guideway Directional Route Miles

Section 5307 Urban Area Formula Grants



Attachment: 5307 Formula Flow Chart (Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments)

Table 1

| CRRSAA Allocations Proportionate to CARES Act Distribution | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Ventura | Total |
| 2018 Operating Expense | \$2,557,384,189 | \$299,429,433 | \$36,902,117 | \$789,887 | \$0 | \$2,894,505,626 |
| 75% of 2018 NTD OE | \$1,918,038,142 | \$224,572,075 | \$27,676,588 | \$592,415 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,220 |
| CARES Act Allocation | \$999,267,072 | \$181,131,657 | \$35,266,741 | \$312,970 | \$0 | \$1,215,978,440 |
| % of CARES Act Allocation | 82.18% | 14.90% | 2.90% | 0.03% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Ignoring 75% | \$784,718,607 | \$142,241,634 | \$27,694,766 | \$245,774 | \$0 | \$954,900,781 |
| CARES + CRRSAA | \$1,783,985,679 | \$323,373,291 | \$62,961,507 | \$558,744 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,221 |
| % of OE | 69.76% | 108.00% | 170.62% | 70.74% | 0.00% | |

Table 2

| ARPA Allocations Proportionate to CARES Act Distribution LOS ANGELES - LONG BEACH - ANAHEIM UZA | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Ventura | Total |
| RES Act Apportionment Total | \$999,267,072 | \$181,131,657 | \$35,266,741 | \$312,970 | \$0 | \$1,215,978,440 |
| CRRSAA (Ignoring 75%) | \$784,718,607 | \$142,241,634 | \$27,694,766 | \$245,774 | \$0 | \$954,900,781 |
| CARES+CRRSAA (Ignoring 75%) | \$1,783,985,679 | \$323,373,291 | \$62,961,507 | \$558,744 | \$0 | \$2,170,879,221 |
| Balance (Potential ARPA Dist.) | \$1,355,829,115 | \$245,763,701 | \$47,850,745 | \$424,645 | \$0 | \$1,649,868,206 |
| CARES+CRRSAA+ARPA | \$3,139,814,794 | \$569,136,992 | \$110,812,252 | \$983,389 | \$0 | \$3,820,747,427 |
| % of 2018 OE | 122.8% | 190.1% | 300.3% | 124.5% | 0.0% | 132.0% |

Table 3

| ARPA Allocations Proportionate to CARES Act Distribution RIVERSIDE - SAN BERNARDINO UZA | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | Los Angeles | Orange | San Bernardino | Riverside | Total | |
| 132% of 2018 NTD OE | \$0 | \$345,700 | \$102,988,548 | \$106,228,227 | \$209,562,475 | |
| CARES Act Apport. Total | \$0 | \$1,321,150 | \$58,246,293 | \$77,999,230 | \$137,566,673 | |
| % of CARES Act | 0.00% | 0.96% | 42.34% | 56.70% | 100.00% | |
| CRRSAA (Ignoring 75%) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| CARES+CRRSAA (Ignoring 75%) | \$0 | \$1,321,150 | \$58,246,293 | \$77,999,230 | \$137,566,673 | |
| Balance (Potential ARPA Dist.) | \$0 | \$691,426 | \$30,483,318 | \$40,821,058 | \$71,995,802 | |
| CARES+CRRSAA+ARPA | \$0 | \$2,012,576 | \$88,729,610 | \$118,820,288 | \$209,562,475 | |
| % of 2018 OE | 0.0% | 768.5% | 113.7% | 147.6% | | |



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Chair, Nominating Committee

Subject: Nominations and Election of 2021-22 SCAG Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2021-22 officers, subject to ratification by the General Assembly.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 15, 2021, the Nominating Committee met to review applications for the 2021-22 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. There were two (2) applicants for the position of President, two (2) applicants for the position of First Vice President and four (4) applicants for the position of Second Vice President.

The Nominating Committee unanimously nominated Clint Lorimore for the position of President, the Honorable Jan Harnik for the position of First Vice President and the Honorable Carmen Ramirez for the position of Second Vice President.

All nominated candidates meet the eligibility requirements and are presented to the Regional Council for election. The elected slate of officers will thereafter be presented to the General Assembly as part of its Annual Meeting for ratification.

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2021, the Nominating Committee met to review the applications for the 2021-22 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

Six (6) members of the Regional Council timely submitted applications for the three (3) SCAG officer positions by the deadline of March 5, 2021 as follows: the Honorable Clint Lorimore submitted an application for President; the Honorable Jan Harnik submitted an application for First Vice



President; the Honorable Carmen Ramirez submitted an application for Second Vice President, the Honorable Curt Hagman submitted an application for Second Vice President, the Honorable Art Brown submitted an application for Second Vice President; and the Honorable Trevor O’Neil submitted applications for the positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

While acknowledging all of the applicants, and after providing opportunity for all applicants in attendance to address the committee, the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the following candidates for the following positions:

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| For the Position of President: | The Honorable Clint Lorimore, Eastvale |
| For the Position of First Vice President: | The Honorable Jan Harnik, Palm Desert |
| For the Position of Second Vice President: | The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County |

Attached to this report are the applications of the nominated candidates. Based upon the review of the Nominating Committee and confirmation by staff, all nominated candidates listed above satisfy and meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth under Article VI, Section C of SCAG’s Bylaws. Therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends that the Regional Council elect the slate of officers listed above, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. If ratified by the General Assembly, the new officers will commence their one (1) year term of office upon the adjournment of the General Assembly on May 6, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work related to the process is covered by SCAG’s Indirect Cost Budget, including WBS No. 810.SCG0120.09.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Applications of Nominated Candidates

CLINT LORIMORE

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| I acknowledge that * | I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements. |
| Name * | Clint Lorimore |
| Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * | Eastvale |
| Phone Number | ██████████ |
| Email * | clorimore@eastvaleca.gov |
| Application for Officer Position * | President |
| Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) * | 2 |
| Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) * | 6 |
| When does the term of your local elected position expire? * | December 2022 |
| Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? * | No |
| Positions held at SCAG * | 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Executive Administration Committee Chair – Legislative Communications and Membership |

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|---|---|
| | <p>Committee</p> <p>Transportation Committee</p> <p>Audit Committee</p> <p>GA Host Committee Chair</p> <p>District 4 Representative to the Regional Council</p> <p>Scholarship Committee</p> |
| 1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? * | I have a strong commitment to SCAG and wish to further serve the organization as President. |
| 2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? * | As an Officer of SCAG, I would contribute my time and efforts in support of the organization's mandate and policy priorities. |
| (A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? * | Yes |
| (B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? * | I take my elected responsibilities seriously and will adjust my calendar accordingly. I understand going in that the role of President is very time consuming, but I know that I am up for the challenge. |
| 4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? * | I bring a commitment of service, dedication to the task at hand and the ability to work collaboratively through contentious issues. |
| 5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? * | My vision for the future of SCAG is that the organization take a larger role in influencing the discussions and outcomes surrounding its policy priorities and areas of expertise. SCAG should be the indispensable tool that policy makers come to when searching for solutions to problems facing the state and the region. We get to such a place by improving upon our advocacy efforts and leveraging and promoting the expertise of staff already employed at the organization. |

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

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

7. What could SCAG improve on? *

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

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Print Your Name

Clint Lorimore

Date

Friday, March 5, 2021

I acknowledge that *

by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

CLINT LORIMORE

SUMMARY

Governmental affairs professional, with over 20 years of experience working with local, state and federal officials. Strong interpersonal skills with a solutions driven approach centered on getting the job done.

EXPERIENCE

Lead Consultant | [Lorimore Strategies](#)

Providing governmental advocacy and public relations expertise to clients throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Working closely with clients to implement successful engagement and winning strategies.

Director of Governmental Affairs | [BIA Riverside](#)

Directed all advocacy efforts on behalf of the Building Industry Association and its members in Riverside County; Reviewed and analyzed complex legislation, regulations, nexus studies and fee studies to provide feedback to jurisdictions. Spoke to a variety of audiences on industry specific issues.

Deputy District Director | [Office of the Governor](#)

Appointee of the Governor, serving as the Governor's liaison to elected officials and interest groups throughout the Inland Empire. Delivered speeches on behalf of the Governor and provided district field operations for the administration.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts | [Claremont Graduate University](#)

Master of Science | [Nanyang Technological University](#)

Bachelor of Arts | [Cal Poly Pomona](#)

EXPERTISE

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| Public Affairs | Public Policy |
| Governmental Affairs | Public Speaking |
| Legislation | Grass Roots |
| Transportation | Analysis |
| Advocacy | Housing |
| Local Government | Regional Government |
| Analysis | Strategy |
| Communication | Outreach |
| Networking | Campaigns |



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LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ROLES

[Eastvale City Councilman](#)

[SCAG 1ST Vice President](#)

[RCTC Commissioner](#)

[League of CA Cities Board Member](#)

Lead Consultant [Lorimore Strategies](#), Eastvale, CA

Apr 2012 - Present

Providing governmental advocacy and public relations expertise to clients throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Working closely with clients to implement successful engagement and winning strategies. Clients consist of industry associations, elected officials and businesses with interest in local regulations and policy outcomes.

Mayor Pro Tem [City of Eastvale](#), Eastvale, CA

Dec 2014 - Present

Elected to office in 2014 I have served the City of Eastvale as a Councilmember, Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor. In addition to elected duties for the City, I sit on a number of Regional Boards including the League of California Cities - State and County Boards; Riverside County Transportation Commission; and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Director of Governmental Affairs [Riverside County Building Industry Association](#),

Apr 2017 – Aug 2020

As the Director of Governmental Affairs, it was my responsibility to: Direct all advocacy efforts on behalf of the California Building Industry in Riverside County, CA; Stay abreast of all legislative and regulatory activities of local, regional, state and federal agencies and provide analysis to CEO, Board of Directors and membership at large; Reviewed and analyzed complex legislation, regulations, nexus studies and fee studies in order to be able to provide an evaluation and/or validation from a stakeholder perspective; Directed and coordinated consultants and legal counsel in order to provide a justified and legitimate opposition to any imposed regulation or fee that would negatively impact the homebuilding industry; Spoke to a variety of audiences on industry specific issues, regulations and legislation.

Deputy District Director [Office of the Governor of California](#), Inland Empire Office, CA

June 2006 - June 2007

Appointee of the Governor, serving as the Governor's liaison to elected officials and interest groups throughout the Inland Empire. Delivered speeches on behalf of the Governor and provided district field operations for the administration.

Senior Field Representative [California State Assembly](#), 65th Assembly District, CA

Dec 2004 - May 2006

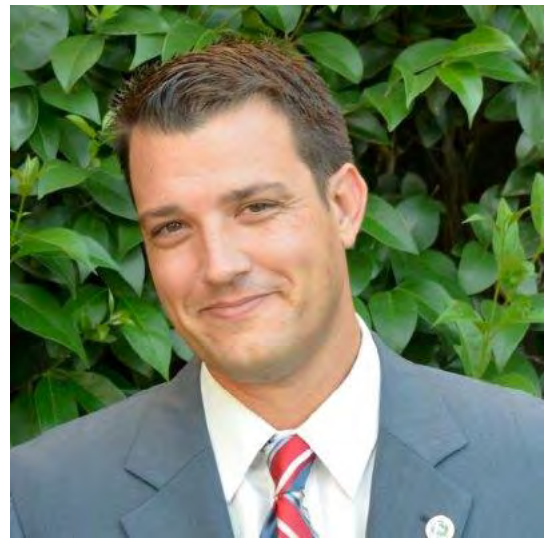
Delivered speeches on the Assemblyman's behalf and served as 'his eyes and ears' in the district while he was in the capitol office. Answered constituent's questions about legislation and other state related issues and was responsible for coordinating press events and community outreach.

Associate Research Fellow [Centre of Excellence for National Security](#), Singapore

Jan 2009 - Jan 2011

Wrote policy oriented papers and conducted research on the issues of radicalization and extremism. Organized conferences and workshops relating to national security; the largest of these being the *Global Futures Forum General Meeting 2010*, which brought together 60 speakers and an audience of 284 intelligence professionals and academics from 32 countries. This [conference](#) was a collaborative effort between the governments of Singapore, the United States and Canada.

CLINT LORIMORE



Background

Clint Lorimore is a proven leader with a strong track record of public service and a dedication to the Southern California region. Having dedicated himself to actively engaging with the community, Clint is a Councilmember in the City of Eastvale and volunteers his time with various local organizations. He is a successful small business owner, who has previously worked for the State Legislature and served as a regional appointee of the Governor.

Clint graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Policy in 2004. He then went on to obtain a Masters of Arts from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. As a recipient of Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholarship, Clint also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in 2008 where he graduated with a Masters of Science.

Serving as an elected official, combined with his experience working as a consultant for a trade association in Riverside County, Clint is intimately familiar with the political landscape of the region.

Boards and Committees

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Regional Council District 4

- *Vice-Chair: Legislative Communications Membership Committee*
- *Executive Administration Committee*
- *Regional Council - District 4 (Eastvale, Norco, Jurupa Valley)*
- *Transportation Committee*
- *FirstNet Committee*

League of California Cities

- *Executive Board – Riverside Division*
- *Legislative Committee – Riverside Division*
- *Fundraising Committee – Riverside Division*
- *Transportation Committee – State Board*
- *Resolutions Committee – State Board*

Riverside County Republican Party – Central Committee Board Member

Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority - Board Member

JAN HARNIK

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

Name * Jan Harnik

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

Phone Number (760) 346–0611

Email * jharnik@cityofpalmdesert.org

Application for Officer Position * 1st Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) * 3 terms

Total length of 7 years

SCAG service

(indicate

number of

years of

service) *

When does the December 2022

term of your

local elected

position

expire? *

Would term No

limits prevent

you from

maintaining

your local

elected

position? *

Positions held Regional Council, Transportation Committee General Assembly Host Committee,
at SCAG * Executive Administration Committee, Legislative/Communications & Membership
Committee (Chair), Scholarship Committee, President's Strategic Plan Committee, Audit
Committee (Chair), Emerging Technologies Committee, Special Committee on Equity
and Social Justice, 2nd Vice President

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

During my years of service on the Southern California Association of Governments it is abundantly evident that, while the communities throughout our region are incredibly diverse in all aspects, the relationship between them is symbiotic. In order to truly develop a strong, equitable, healthy, and robust region we must work together focusing on the differences that bring strength and the similarities which enable discussion and common perspectives.

COVID has laid bare, and in fact magnified, many issues that exist, and accelerated many processes

that were already in motion. It is our opportunity, while we are raw, to rebuild in a way that we all benefit.

Our willingness to have the sometimes uncomfortable discussions with respect and honesty, produces growth towards the solutions that will address many of the issues facing us. We have done a lot of work to that end and we must continue. I am up for the task.

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

It has been a daunting – and exciting – year as 2nd Vice President. Much work has been done towards the equitable use of resources and development of the region. I have the foundation to continue the work and address the discrepancies the entire SCAG team has identified; We know the RHNA process is flawed; CEQA is as much an asset as a hindrance; the inequity of broadband is a problem for us all and in all aspects of our lives; Sacramento has declared a housing crisis and at the same time, presents obstacles to the building process; homelessness; health, transportation, and education inequities; etc. We have elevated our SCAG voices in Sacramento and Washington D.C. I have been part of that effort and am motivated and energized to continue the job.

I am a Southern Californian native – from Pacoima to Palm Desert with many stops along the way. I appreciate our region and bring the perspective of living here and watching the changes through my own eyes and through my children's eyes. From urban areas to rural areas, from our coasts, mountains and the Salton Sea, we all have needs that are best met by leveraging on the philosophy that the best results come from collaboration and a foundation of understanding. Creating an environment where everyone is listened to, we can identify those experiences and situations that we can build on. President Richardson's Listening Tour was a great step in that direction. I will continue to work on an inclusive environment.

(A) In addition Yes
to attending
regular and
special
meetings of
SCAG's
Regional
Council, will

you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? * I am a member of the Palm Desert City Council and occasionally there will be scheduling conflicts.

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

I touched upon this in #2, above. Additionally, I have raised five children and have been challenged with many life lessons that the experience provides. Listening, maintaining an open mind, patience and an openness to change, are skills that I have developed through parenting. They are also skills important to public service and progress.

The value of relevant and accessible education cannot be overstated. America chose to have, and invest in, public education. We must check our systems to make sure we are providing ALL our students, our very future, with high quality meaningful education. I have been involved with this process for years in the Coachella Valley and am well-acquainted with the lack of education accessibility and many of its shortfalls. Through highlighting the needs, broadband, transportation and housing, we can make a significant change to benefit everyone. Honest, relevant and accessible education – and its results, provides the opportunity to develop solutions.

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

SCAG has the opportunity to become a strong voice in Sacramento and Washington DC., and we are moving in that direction. When the region comes together and our voices are heard, we can move our

representatives. SCAG represents 19 million people and must continue our visits, by Zoom or in person, to our legislators, and let them know our thoughts and solutions.

We need to work on our "winning as a region" attitude, i.e., in order to win, no one has to lose. Working to understand, and capitalize on our differences, will help create a region with great and exciting offerings. We can do this. The SCAG region possesses so much diversity of resources, people, geography, and economy, there is something for everyone and that can be our focus. Coming out of the RHNA process, we have experienced some disintegration of purpose, vision and unity. A strategic planning session can provide a setting to work through the matters and differences and develop solutions that work towards a shared vision.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? * The strength of SCAG is, at times, also it's weakness – great diversity! The diversity of all resources provides opportunities when we work together. When representatives from across the region have open and respectful conversations, understanding, then answers, are advanced. Also, SCAG's staff with whom I have worked, are well-versed in their area and take evident pride in their work. They are always willing to help.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * We must continue our work on "the squeaky wheel". SCAG's power is not felt strongly enough by our representatives in Sacramento and Washington DC. The lobbying work that has been initiated in the last year has made a difference. We need to keep it up! Also, as I mentioned above, each county, transportation agency, etc., within the SCAG region would benefit by knowing more about each other and would result in working together better.

Print Your Name Jan C Harnik

Date Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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

CARMEN RAMIREZ

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

Name * Carmen Ramirez

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

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email * carmen.ramirez@ventura.org

Application for Officer Position * 2nd Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) * 3

Total length of SCAG service 7 years
(indicate number of years of service) *

When does the term of your local elected position expire? * December, 2024

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

Positions held at SCAG * Chair and Vice Chair Energy and Environment Committee
Audit Committee, Member
By-Laws Committee, Member
Legislative, Communications & Memberships Committee
Executive/Administration Committee
RHNA Committee and Appeals Board, 6th Cycle 2018-to 2021

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

I have been a representative to SCAG regional council for the past 8 years. I know that SCAG, a planning organization of 191 cities and six counties has an unlimited potential to do good for the people and businesses of the region. Good and fair process and planning can make life better for those of us lucky enough to be living here.

I feel fortunate to have grown up in the San Gabriel Valley. I received a great education in public and private schools and universities in Southern California.

I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to serve the community in my public service as a legal aid attorney for more than two decades and as a member of the Superior Court of Ventura's Self Help programs for unrepresented residents.

My experience led me to run for public office, so that I could offer my services to the city to help make the decisions to improve Oxnard. I volunteered for every committee that impacted my city, whether County, regional or local, wanting my city and my constituents to have a strong voice at every level. Decades as an attorney and civically engaged resident, later as an elected Council member for the City of Oxnard and now as a new County Supervisor for Ventura County, have given me experience that can help me be a good leader for SCAG.

I want to do what I can and make the decisions that will support the kind of opportunities for a quality of life that I have had. As an organization of elected officials, we have to strive for better solutions, for collaboration, but always move our regions and our respective communities forward. I want to be part of that.

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

I have a long history of respectful communication, diligence (I have never missed a council meeting in 10 years) and building relationships with other elected officials, business entities, community groups and individual members of the community. I respect other peoples' opinions, even if different from mine and I know that I don't have all the answers. I believe that mutual respect, as we further collegiality and civic discourse, is a key to progress. It requires us to listen to other opinions and to find common ground. Many challenges of the future are not really surprises. To be good leaders, we have to face those challenges today and not put off the work for another day. As a council person for ten years in the City of Oxnard, I and my colleagues had to make very difficult decisions. I worked to achieve consensus with my fellow councilmembers in order to take bold steps to modernize our city as well as to protect public safety and health. These are experiences that I bring to SCAG. While attending to current and emergency needs, like the pandemic and the consequent economic crisis, I try to keep my eye on the next crisis, whether a natural disaster, or the slow-moving train wreck of the housing

crisis made worse by the pandemic. We can all learn from the experience of other jurisdictions in order to do better, I look for those lessons.

(A) In addition yes!

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

(B) What only my service on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.
**professional
or personal
constraints on
your time or
service that
you
anticipate? ***

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

I have been a lawyer, representing individuals with difficult, in even life-threatening situations. It has allowed me to know that not everything important is done easily or quickly. I have been a board member of many non-profits, several of which have gone through tough times, I have never abandoned ship but but stayed to see the organization through the crisis. I have been collegial in any organization that I have been a part of either as a member, employee, leader or colleague. I value evidence, and process and the democratic majority and the rule of law. I know that there are in most cases at least

two sides to every issue, and it is essential to listen and learn.

During my eight electoral campaigns in the past 12 years, I honored my pledge to wage a “clean” campaign, based on my record and resume, and the facts rather than any personal attacks on my opponents. While others did not, I am proud that I was able to do that and still win six times, including my last campaign for County Supervisor.

Additionally, I respect and enjoy the history of the counties and cities of the SCAG region, their unique cultures and historical features which make for a richer community. I don’t believe in a zero-sum game but if other cities thrive in their unique ways, that is best for all of us. And, I wouldn’t live anywhere else.

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

I believe that we have to be responsible leaders for the future health and welfare of the people of our region. While we are a planning region tasked with considering transportation matters and housing, implicit is the obvious concern about what is happening to the young people of our region. Will they have education, housing, jobs and health? Without a path to a better life, they will suffer, our region will lose their contributions and productivity that our economy depends on. Everyone will suffer the consequences.

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-03-02/la-fi-future-of-work-newsom-inequality>

“Too many Californians have not fully participated in or enjoyed the benefits of the state’s broader economic success and the extraordinary wealth generated here, especially workers of color who are disproportionately represented in low-wage industries,” the report says. California has the highest poverty rate in the country when accounting for the cost of living, 17.2%, according to the report.”

The SCAG region has a high poverty rate for children and our organization needs to keep that in mind. These are essential elements for the quality of life, decent housing, education, work that is properly compensated, and enough time to enjoy the fruits of living in our region. My vision is that we inform our organization, our members and their jurisdictions and the public about what it will take to get to a better future for the people of our region. What are the investments we must make to bring this about? What are the resources that we must have to have equity in housing, education, and opportunities? Why

are some communities neglected? We should be working on answers to these questions in order to develop policies that will alleviate poor conditions and inequities. We cannot be blind to how decisions of the past have led to current problems and inequities. We must encourage each other to work to undo the harms that have happened but first we must understand how they happened. This has been the work of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice which is a critical part of the work SCAG has to continue in order to put our region on the path to a better future for all.

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

SCAG staff members are brilliant and provide the support and information jurisdictions need in a professional and neutral way. I am very pleased that our meetings are collegial even though there are strong disagreements as we witnessed during the RHNA process. It is vital to keep that communication and dialogue going. We vote as we like and then we move on. Members don't pick up their marbles and go home.

We have just gone through a very difficult time with the latest RHNA cycle. For example, many jurisdictions are not happy with their allocations but our staff did an exemplary job dealing with the situation they were given. And our disagreements have not been personally antagonistic such as seen at the highest levels of government; I am very grateful for that.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * I do think that SCAG does a remarkable job of communication. But as in life, not everyone who could use the information is listening. I would stress working on this more and pulling in more elected officials who are not regional council members. It is also a big task to have the public understand what SCAG does and how it can be of benefit and use to their cities and their families. That is up to the members of the regional council and committees as well.

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Print Your Name

Carmen Ramirez

Date Thursday, March 4, 2021

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MARIA CARMEN RAMIREZ

Home Address:

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Law Office of M. Carmen Ramirez

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Education:

Loyola University School of Law
Los Angeles, California
Juris Doctor Degree May 1974

California State University, Los Angeles
1969 to 1971 (no degree, senior status)

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California
1966 to 1969 (no degree)

**Admitted to the
California State Bar:**

December 1974, licensed California attorney to the
present time

Admitted to:

United States District Court, Central District
United States Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit
United States Supreme Court

Languages:

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish

November 2020

Elected to Four Year Term as Ventura County

Supervisor for District 5

November, 2018

Re-Elected to Oxnard City Council for third 4-year term, served as Mayor Pro –Tem

Government Committees:

City Committees: Transportation Policy Committee, Animal Services Commission, Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center Board, and Las Cortes Housing Corporation.

County Committees Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Local Area Formation Commission, BEACON, (Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment,)

Ventura County Local Area Agency Formation Commission,

Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura And Santa Barbara Counties

Regional Council Member, Southern California Association of Governments and past Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee.

April, 2013

Appointed by Governor Brown to California State Commission on Mandates Re-appointed and Served until December 2020

September 2005 to September 2008:

Elected member to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California, representing attorneys in Five Counties, including Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- July 2009 to present: Private Legal Practice, Oxnard, California
Specializing in Consumer Protection, Social Security Benefits and Immigration
- January 2008 to June 2009: Community Planning Director, Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) manage Sustainable Development Programs of CAUSE, with an emphasis on environmental justice issues, including toxic waste sites, green economy development, public transit and immigration matters.
- November 1998 to Nov 2007: Senior Attorney, Coordinator, Self-Help Legal Access Center Ventura Superior Court, Oxnard outreach site. Assist public and litigants without attorneys in understanding the legal process and procedures as well as the US judicial system. Target population is the Spanish-speaking Community of Ventura County. Staffed the Superior Court’s Mobile Self-Help Legal Access Center, which visited six communities within Ventura County bringing court self-help services to the under-served.
- August 1982 to October, 1998: Executive Director, Channel Counties Legal Association (CCLSA.) Chief executive officer and legal counsel for non-profit grantee of both federal Legal Services Corporation and State Bar of California’s Trust Fund Program. Duties included oversight of legal work of staff attorneys and numerous volunteer lawyers and law students, as well as support and financial staff. Responsible to the Board of Directors on

matters of management, budget and policy for CCLSA, including negotiation and compliance of Collective Bargaining Agreement. CCLSA's mission is the provision of civil legal services to low-income residents, including seniors, the disabled and farm workers for all of Ventura County as well as Southern Santa Barbara County.

October 1981 to August 1982 Managing Attorney, CCLSA
Oxnard Main Office

August 1978 to October 1981 Managing Attorney, CCLSA
Santa Barbara Branch Office

February 1978 to August 1978 Senior Attorney, Colonia Office,
CCLSA, Oxnard, CA

January 1975 to January 1978 Staff Attorney, Legal Aid
Foundation of Long Beach
Long Beach, California

Other Professional Experience:

Adjunct Professor, Ventura College of Law
Consumer Law
Summer Session, 2011
Landlord Tenant Law
Summer Session, 1997
Collaborative Advocacy
Summer session, 2001

Consultant:

State Justice Institute
Denver Colorado, 2000

Texas Equal Access to Justice Fund, 2003

Berkeley Policy Associates, 2003

Legal Services Corporation, Washington D.C.
2000 to 2002

Trainer: *“Assisting Self-Represented Litigants”*
Regional Trainings, Visalia, San Francisco
Anaheim and Chico, California, 2001
Judicial Council of California

Panelist: *“Collaborative Law”*
State Bar Annual Meeting, October, 2002
Monterey, California

*“How to Prevent and Recover From
Identity Theft”* State Bar Annual Meetings, Fall
2002 and 2004, Monterey, California

*“Language and Cultural Issues in the Practice of
Law”* State Bar of California Spring 2000

*“Language and Cultural Issues in the Practice of
Law”* American Bar Association Equal Justice
Conference, San Diego, Spring 2001

*“Effective Representation of Limited and Non-
English Speaking Clients”*
State Bar of California, Annual Meeting, Fall
2001, Anaheim, California

Professional Organizations: Ventura County Bar Association (VCBA)
President, 1998
Member, Board of Directors, 1992 through
1999. Member, 1990 to present

Member, Volunteer Lawyers Services
Committee, VCBA, 1994 to present

Member, Lawyers’ Referral and Information
Service Committee, VCBA,

1999 to present

Member, Conference of Delegates/Resolutions
Committee, VCBA 1992 to 2004.

Mentor, American Inns of Court
Ventura County Chapter, 1999 to 2007

Member, Board of Directors,
Ventura County Trial Lawyers
Association, 2001 to 2005

Mexican American Bar Association
Of Ventura County
Member, 1982 to present
President, 1984, Secretary, 2002 to 2003

Women Lawyers of Ventura County
Member, 1982 to present; President, 1984

Chair, Standing Committee on the Delivery of
Legal Services, State Bar of California 2001

Chair, Executive Committee of the
Legal Services Section
State Bar of California, 1999-2000

Member, Executive Committee
Legal Services Section, State Bar
1994 to 2001

Legal Services Section
Pro Bono Subcommittee, 1991 to 1995;
Chair 1994-1995

Member, California-Nevada
Legal Services Project Directors' Association

1982 to 1998; Vice-President, 1994

Community Organizations and Service:

Member, Board of Trustees, Colleges of Law,
Santa Barbara and Ventura
January 2012 to May, 2020

Board Member,
Ventura County Community Foundation
Camarillo, California 2003 to 2018

Community Member, Ethics Committee
St. John's Regional Medical Center,
Oxnard, California 1999 to 2012

Teatro de Las Américas
Oxnard, California
President, Board of Directors, 2005 to 2010

Center for Civic Education,
Woodland Hills, California
Board Member, 2007 to present

Member, Board of Directors
St. John's Regional Medical Center
2003 to 2011

Public Interest Clearinghouse
San Francisco, California
Board Member 1998 to 2011

Environmental Defense Center
Santa Barbara, California
Board Member, 2008 to 2010

Ventura County Civic Alliance
General member from 2004 to present

Oxnard Police Chief's Community Council
Oxnard Police Department
Member, 2000 to 2010

Central Coast Alliance United for
A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
Ventura County
President, 2001 to 2003, Vice-President
2003 to 2007

Council Against Domestic Abuse
Interface Children and Family Services
Camarillo, California,
Member, 1997 to 2004

Volunteer Judge, Teen Court
Ventura County Superior Court,
1998 to 2006

Community Advisory Board
California State University Channel Islands
Camarillo, California
Member, 1998 to 2006

Community Advisory Board
Cal State University of Northridge at Ventura
Member, 1990 to 2001

Editorial Board, Community Member
Ventura County Star
November 1998 to July 1999

El Concilio del Condado de Ventura
President, 1989-1990
Member, Board of Directors 1986 to 1992

Women's Legacy Fund, VCCF (member of
Founders group) 1997

Ventura County Community Foundation, 1996

Studio Channel Islands Art Center
Camarillo, California
President, 2004
Board Member 2002 to 2005

Tri Counties Regional Center
(Serving Persons with Developmental
Disabilities in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara
And Ventura Counties)
Board Member 1999 to 2005

United Way of Ventura County
Member Board of Directors
1986 to 1990

Awards and Honors:

Alice McGrath "Warrior for Justice" Award,
Mexican American
Bar Association of Ventura County,
October 2012

Paul Harris Award, Rotary International,
Oxnard Chapter, July, 2012

Women's Leadership Award, community member, Multicultural Programs
California State University Channel Islands
March 2012

Celebrate Literacy Award for Exemplary Service in the Promotion of Literacy
Ventura County Council of the International Reading Association, May 22, 2010

Legacy Award, Women Lawyers of Ventura County October 2008

"Woman of the Year in the 23rd Senatorial District"
May, 2009, Presented by California State Senator Fran Pavley

Maximus Award, 2004
Presented by Associated Students
California State University, Channel Islands

"Woman of the Year in the 35th Assembly District"
California Assembly, 2003 Presented by Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson

Community Service Award, 2003
El Concilio del Condado de Ventura

Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International
Ventura Chapter, August 1998

Ben E. Nordman Public Service Award
Ventura County Bar Association, 1997

Human Rights Award
Baha'i of Ventura County, 1989

Ventura County Women's Commission
Outstanding Women Award, 1997

Alumni Hall of Fame
El Rancho High School, Pico Rivera, CA

California State Scholarship, 1966

Travel Experience: Extensive Travel in Mexico, Central America and Latin America, as well as travel in Western and Eastern Europe, India, China, Vietnam and Southern Africa

Fluent in Spanish, written and spoken

References: Available upon Request

CARMEN RAMIREZ, VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5

Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramírez is dedicated to improving Oxnard and the region now and for future generations. She has worked in Oxnard since 1978 and has been an Oxnard homeowner since 1992. In November 2020, she was elected to serve a four year term as Ventura County Supervisor for District 5, which includes greater Oxnard, including much of the city, and unincorporated areas of the coast, including Hollywood Beach, SilverStrand well as El Rio, Nyeland and Strickland. Previously, she was elected to the Oxnard City Council in 2010 and was elected for three terms. Ms. Ramírez was named Mayor Pro Tem December 2012. During the ten years of her service, she never missed a council meeting.

Graduating from Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles in 1974, she was admitted to the California State Bar that same year. For 16 years she was the Executive Director of Channel Counties Legal Services Association, which served the legal needs of the poor in Ventura and Santa Barbara County. For 9 years thereafter, she was the coordinator of the Ventura Superior Court's Self Help Legal Center in the Colonia neighborhood of Oxnard, serving the Spanish Speaking community. From 2009 she maintained a private legal practice focusing Social Security Disability and consumer law matters, as well as Pro Bono assistance.

In her service for the County of Ventura she serves on numerous committees, including the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, is Chair in 2021 for the Ventura County Animal Services Commission, and Ventura County's Local Agency Formation Commission, a member of the Beach Erosion and Nourishment Commission (BEACON), Ventura County Transportation Commission, the Gold Coast Health Plan, and the Fox Canyon Ground Water Management Agency.

In 1998, she was president of the Ventura County Bar Association and remains active in bar activities. From 2005 to 2008, she was an elected member of the State Bar Board of Governors, overseeing the practice of the legal profession in California.

Additionally she has been active in many community organizations in Ventura County, including Ventura County Community Foundation, El Concilio Del Condado de Ventura, Teatro de Las Americas and is long standing Board Member for the Center for Civic Education, a national non-profit organization promoting the study and practice of Democracy in the United States and throughout the world.

She was raised in the San Gabriel Valley of LA County, one of seven siblings. She is married, with two stepsons. She is a fluent Spanish-speaker. Because of its opportunities and challenges, she believes that Oxnard is the best place to live in Ventura County.



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Michael R.W. Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended for approval by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the annual General Assembly meeting, proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws offered by Official Representatives are considered by both the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council, prior to submission to the General Assembly. Staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, may also offer proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws, which must also be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council and, if recommended, are then submitted to the General Assembly for further review and consideration.

This year, there were no proposed resolutions offered for consideration by the General Assembly.

This year, there are two (2) separate proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws by Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil. The first proposal would require the clerk or legal counsel to restate any main motion for an action item that differs from the "recommended action" proposed in the Regional Council's agenda material and, further, require that such a motion not be voted on until Regional Council members have opportunity to discuss the motion. The second proposal would amend the eligibility criteria to serve as a SCAG officer by allowing prior service on a Policy Committee and by permitting the time of service on either the Regional Council and/or a Policy Committee to be combined and over a non-consecutive period of 24 months.

Additionally, there are two (2) staff-initiated proposed amendments that have been submitted. The first proposal would amend the SCAG Bylaws to increase diversity, equity and inclusion in governance by providing an opportunity for the seven County representatives to the Regional Council to each appoint one local elected representative from a SCAG member with a “Community of Concern” to serve on a Policy Committee, as placed by the President upon notice of an appointment. The second proposal would amend the Bylaws to clarify that adjustment of the annual membership assessment would be based on the amount “assessed in” the prior year. Presently, the Bylaws specify the assessment is based on the amount “collected for” the prior year.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the four (4) proposals summarized above on March 24, 2021 and recommends their approval by the Regional Council. With respect to Regional Council member O’Neil’s proposed amendment to SCAG officer eligibility requirements, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee’s recommended changes to the proposal are described below; the recommended changes are incorporated in the attached proposed Bylaws amendments. Pending review by the Regional Council, the proposed amendments will be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration as part of its annual meeting to be held on May 6, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws may be proposed by the Official Representatives to SCAG’s General Assembly, by the Regional Council and by staff acting on behalf of the Executive Director. This year, there were two proposals made by an Official Representative as further described below. SCAG staff also initiated two proposals as further described below.

A. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Restatement/Debate of Certain Motions

The Honorable Trevor O’Neil from the City of Anaheim, representing Regional Council District 19, offered a Bylaw amendment that would require the Regional Council’s Clerk or legal counsel to restate any main motion for an action item if the motion differs from the “recommended action” proposed in the Regional Council’s agenda material. Further, the proposed amendment would require an opportunity for Regional Council members to deliberate and debate such a motion before taking a vote on such a motion. As explained in the submittal on behalf of Regional Council member O’Neil, the intent of the proposed amendment is to avoid confusion when a motion is made that differs from the “recommended action” in the meeting agenda material, to assist in Regional Council members’ understanding the motion being considered, and to require that Regional Council members be given the ability to discuss such a motion prior to holding a vote.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommends approval by the Regional Council.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A(5)(g) at page 12.

B. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Changes to Regional Council Officer Eligibility Criteria

Regional Council member O’Neil also submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment to amend the minimum eligibility criteria to serve as a SCAG officer. As originally proposed prior to action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, the amendment would:

- (1) Allow service on either the Regional Council or a Policy Committee to count towards the required 24 months of service for eligibility to serve as a SCAG officer. Presently a candidate is only eligible to serve as an officer if the candidate served on the Regional Council. Policy Committee service does not presently count towards eligibility.
- (2) Permit the 24 months of service required for SCAG officer eligibility to be met through a combination of service on the Regional Council and/or Policy Committees and provide, further, that such 24 months of service could be served non-consecutively. Presently, a candidate is only eligible if their service has been for a continuous period (i.e., without interruption) of 24 months from when they were first appointed or elected to the Regional Council.

The submittal on behalf of Regional Council member O’Neil indicated the intent of this proposed amendment is to provide any active representative to a Policy Committee or the Regional Council from a dues-paying SCAG member the ability to serve as a SCAG officer. It has been further explained that the requirement to serve on the Regional Council for at least 24 “continuous months” limits those who served on Policy Committees, including in leadership roles on such committees. The current Bylaws also preclude Regional Council representatives who served at least 24 months, but not served them continuously, from eligibility. It has been explained that the cycle in the current Bylaws to move through the officer leadership ranks requires at least 5 years (including 24 months of prior continuous service and election in the respective officer positions). Regional Council member O’Neil’s submittal expressed the view that the requirement of continuous service on only the Regional Council disadvantages representatives from jurisdictions who face term limits from participating as a SCAG officer.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 24, 2021. Committee members thought it would be beneficial for Policy Committee service to be considered for eligibility as a SCAG officer, but expressed concern that a minimum amount of service on the Regional Council was necessary (i.e., the candidate should not just serve on one or

more Policy Committees). Additionally, committee members discussed and considered the importance of “continuous service” with SCAG to be eligible to hold an officer position, due to the importance of continuity and the need for familiarity with SCAG policy considerations when a person assumes an officer role. Finally, committee members expressed the view that the proposed amendment should be clarified to (i) reinforce that only a then-current Regional Council member could be a candidate for an officer position and (ii) specify that concurrent service on a Policy Committee and the Regional Council could not “double count” towards the 24-month eligibility requirement. Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed amendment by the Regional Council, but with changes incorporated to reflect the concerns described above.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, with the changes recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article VI.C(1) at pages 20 and 21.

C. Proposal by SCAG Staff – Increase Diversity in Governance by Providing Representation for Communities of Concern on Policy Committees

SCAG staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, proposes to amend the SCAG Bylaws to allow the seven County Regional Council representatives to each appoint one local elected representative from SCAG members with a “Community of Concern” to serve on a Policy Committee, with the President selecting on which of the three Policy Committees the County representative’s respective appointee will serve. As described in the proposed amendment, the term “Community of Concern” would have the meaning given in the most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). “Communities of Concern” are defined in the current Connect SoCal RTP/SCS as “Census Designated Places (CDPs) and City of Los Angeles Community Planning Areas (CPAs) that fall in the upper one-third of all communities in the SCAG region for having the highest concentration of minority population and low-income households.”

While across the SCAG region as a whole, approximately 15% of households report incomes below the poverty rate, in Communities of Concern more than 24% of households live in poverty. People of color are far more likely to live in Communities of Concern, where on average 92% of the population are minorities. Additionally, these communities experience higher rates of exposure to a wide range of environmental hazards than the region as a whole, including PM 2.5 concentrations in air, elevated levels of drinking water contaminants, higher traffic density, elevated diesel particulate matter emissions, increase groundwater threats, prevalence of toxic cleanup sites, impaired water bodies, locations of hazardous waste facilities and generators, and ozone concentrations. For reference, the current Communities of Concern in the SCAG region are depicted on Attachment 2 to this staff report.

A local elected official appointed pursuant to the proposed amendment must be from a voting-eligible SCAG member that has a Community of Concern located within its boundaries. Upon appointment by a County representative, the President would be required to place the appointed local elected official onto one of the three Policy Committees. The appointed local elected official would serve a term of approximately 2 years.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to further and build on the Regional Council's articulated commitment to inclusion and diversity at SCAG. In July 2020, SCAG's Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2. This resolution provided strong affirmation of the Regional Council's commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California. Thereafter, as provided in the resolution, an *ad hoc* Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice was appointed and has met on a quarterly basis to discuss the meaning of regional equity and ways to advance equity at SCAG. In January of this year, the Special Committee reviewed the framework for a draft Racial Equity Early Action Plan (EAP). The draft EAP provides a set of overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices and activities. In that regard, staff is engaging stakeholders internally and externally to gain feedback on the draft EAP and to ascertain timeframes for actions to advance its goals and strategies.

One implementation action that would further the EAP's goals is to identify opportunities in SCAG's governance structure to expand inclusivity and diversity of the board and representation from communities that experience the greatest disparities and inequities in the region. Staff anticipates a robust discussion to occur on this topic during the coming year. However, in the near term, staff proposes the above-described amendment to initiate action in connection with the articulated commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The proposed amendment would provide structural governance opportunities to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations and would make "the table" bigger by adding voices reflective of the region's diverse residents.

In considering how to increase governance opportunities for underrepresented communities, SCAG staff reviewed representation on the Regional Council and Policy Committees of member agencies with Communities of Concern located within their boundaries. Of the approximately 37 city and county member agencies within which there are Communities of Concern, approximately 19 of these member agencies are represented on either the Regional Council or a Policy Committee, with a total of approximately 33 representatives. The proposed amendment would increase governance opportunities by providing the ability of member agencies with Communities of Concern to have additional representation on Policy Committees.

Staff proposes using Communities of Concern to allocate the seven appointees because this metric is used in the Connect SoCal RTP/SCS and is discussed in detail in the RTP/SCS's Environmental

Justice Technical Report. Incorporating Communities of Concern in the proposed amendment provides a nexus between the long-range planning strategy for the region embodied in the adopted RTP/SCS and facilitating equity in governance with respect to disadvantaged communities.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommends approval by the Regional Council.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article V.E(2)(h) at pages 17 and 18.

D. Proposal by SCAG Staff – Member Dues Assessment Base Year Amount

SCAG staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, proposes to amend the SCAG Bylaws to clarify that adjustment of the annual membership dues assessment would be based on the amount “assessed in” the prior year. Presently, the Bylaws specify that adjustment of the assessment is based on the year over year change in the Consumer Price Index (with a minimum of 1%), using the amount “collected for” the prior year. The term “collected for” was added in staff-initiated clarification amendments that were made in 2017. Upon review, staff believes the amount “assessed in” a previous year more accurately provides a consistent baseline to adjust the next year’s assessment. Further, the amount assessed in a prior year was approved by both Regional Council and General Assembly, and delay or complications in assessment collections should not impact those approvals. If adopted by the General Assembly at the May 6, 2021 annual meeting, this amendment would apply prospectively to future assessments starting with the 2022 assessment year.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommends approval by the Regional Council.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article VIII.C at page 23.

CONCLUSION:

Pending review by the Regional Council, the proposed amendments will thereafter be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration as part of its annual meeting to be held on May 6, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Marked-up version of the SCAG Bylaws illustrating proposed Bylaw Amendments
2. Depiction of “Communities of Concern” in SCAG Region; Environmental Justice Technical Report to Connect SoCal (2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy), at Exhibit 3

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BYLAWS

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Preamble

The Southern California Association of Governments (hereinafter referred to as either the “Association” or “SCAG”) is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study and development of recommendations on regional challenges and opportunities of mutual interest and concern regarding the orderly physical development of the Southern California Region among units of local government.

ARTICLE I - FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Association are:

- A. Exchange of objective planning information. Making available to Members plans and planning studies, completed or proposed by local governments, Tribal Governments, or those of State or Federal agencies, which would affect local governments.
- B. Identification and study of challenges and opportunities requiring objective planning by jurisdictions in more than one (1) county in the Southern California area and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations.
- C. Review and/or develop governmental proposals. Review and/or develop proposals creating agencies of regional scope, and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations concerning the need for such units or agencies.
- D. Consider questions of common interest and concern to Members of the Association in the region and develop policy and action recommendations of an advisory nature only.
- E. Act upon any matter to the extent and in the manner required, permitted or authorized by any joint powers agreements, State or Federal law, or the regulations adopted pursuant to any such law.
- F. Assist local Association Members in the acquisition of real and personal property convenient or necessary for the operation of Members by entering into such financing agreements as are necessary to accomplish the pooling and common marketing of such agreements or certificates of participation in order to reduce the cost to Members of the acquisition of such real or personal property.
- G. Undertake transportation planning programs and activities in accordance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

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ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

- A. **Advisory Member** or **Advisory Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that is significantly involved in regional problems or whose boundaries include territory in more than one county and that has paid its annual dues assessment.
- B. **Alternate**, as used in these Bylaws, means either the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the legislative body of a member county who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity for all matters at a meeting of the General Assembly but only in the absence of the Official Representative of the member city or county. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Alternate to serve in the absence of the Official Representative of the Advisory Member.
- C. **Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means the Southern California Association of Governments as established by that certain Southern California Association of Governments Agreement filed with the California Secretary of State on April 20, 1973, (said Agreement is hereinafter referred to as “Joint Powers Agreement”).
- D. **Association budget** or **annual budget** or **budget**, as used in these Bylaws, shall mean the summation and presentation of all general fund revenues obtained by the Association from dues from Members, Advisory Members, and Regional Council members, and other sources of revenue and a summation and presentation of the costs, expenditures, savings and reserve accounts utilizing such revenue but specifically excluding all funds and expenditures associated with specific federal or state funding programs such as the Association’s annual Overall Work Program.
- E. **Days** or **days**, as used in these Bylaws, means calendar days.
- F. **General Assembly**, as used in these Bylaws, means a meeting of the Official Representatives of the Members and the Advisory Members of the Association.
- G. **Member, member** or **Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a city, county or County Transportation Commission within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that has satisfied the conditions of membership in Article III below.
- H. **Official Representative**, as used in these Bylaws, means (1) the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or (2) the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county, or (3) the chair or a member of the governing board of a member County Transportation Commission (CTC) within the SCAG Region who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly. Official Representatives may also be referred to as “Delegates” of the Association. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Official Representative to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly.

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- I. **Regional Council Policy Manual**, as used in these Bylaws, means that Policy Manual first adopted by the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, and all subsequent amendments and updates approved by the Regional Council. In the event of a conflict between any part of the Regional council Policy Manual and any part of these Bylaws, these Bylaws shall prevail.
- J. **Regional Council member**, as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these Bylaws which is able to appoint a voting representative to serve on the Regional Council or whose city council members may participate in the selection of a District representative to serve on the Regional Council,
- K. **SCAG Region**, as used in these Bylaws, means the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.
- L. **Voting-Eligible** or **voting-eligible**, as used in these Bylaws, describes those Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members who retain all voting rights and who have not had their voting rights suspended as described in Article VIII, Paragraph C.

ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION **FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

A. Membership

- (1) All cities and all counties within the area of the SCAG Region are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, each CTC from the SCAG Region is also eligible for membership in the Association.
- (2) Each member county and each member city shall have one (1) Official Representative and one (1) Alternate in the General Assembly, except that the City of Los Angeles, if and while it is a member city, shall have three (3) Official Representatives and three (3) Alternates. Each member CTC shall have one (1) Official Representative in the General Assembly.
- (3) Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and the payment by each member county, member city, or member CTC of each annual dues assessment.
- (4) Any federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region which is significantly involved in regional problems or the boundaries of which include territory in more than one (1) county, shall be eligible for an Advisory Membership in the Association. In addition to selecting Official Representatives and Alternates for the General Assembly, such Advisory Members may collectively select a single representative from the Tribal

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Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation and who shall serve on the Regional Council and may fully participate in the work of committees of the Association contingent upon the payment of the annual dues assessment.

B. Representation in the General Assembly

- (1) Only the Official Representative present or the Alternate present in the absence of the Official Representative shall represent a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association in the General Assembly; provided, however, that a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county may participate in the discussions of the General Assembly.
- (2) Except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of each member city of the Association, member-county of the Association and member CTC of the Association shall be its respective Regional Council representative. Further, and except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of an Advisory Member of the Association shall be its respective representative to the Regional Council.
- (3) In the event that a member city of the Association does not have one of its city council members as its respective Regional Council representative, or if a member city does not wish to have its Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member city may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of its city council who is not a Regional Council representative; provided that if and while the City of Los Angeles is a member city, the mayor of the City of Los Angeles shall be one of its Official Representatives. Further, in the event that an Advisory Member of the Association does not have one of its Tribal Council members as its representative to the Regional Council or if the Advisory Member does not wish to have its representative to the Regional Council be its Official Representative or Alternate, the Advisory Member may appoint a locally elected Tribal Council member as its Official Representative or Alternate.
- (4) In the event that a member county of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member county may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of the Board of Supervisors who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (5) In the event that a member CTC of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative, the member CTC may appoint as its Official Representative a member of the CTC Governing Board who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (6) Names of all Official Representatives and Alternates shall be communicated in writing to the Association by the appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council at least thirty (30)

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days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly. However, the SCAG President or the SCAG Executive Director may waive this deadline, upon the request of an appointing city, county, CTC or Tribal Council, as long as the name or names are communicated in writing to the Association before the opening of the General Assembly.

- (7) An Official Representative or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed, except if an Official Representative or Alternate ceases to be a member of the appointing legislative body or Tribal Council or cannot serve as an Official Representative or Alternate because of a federal or state statute or regulation or resigns as an Official Representative or Alternate, then the position shall be vacant until a successor is appointed.
- (8) All Official Representatives and Alternates shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment and discrimination.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Powers and Functions

Subject to Article I, the powers of the General Assembly, shall include the following.

- (1) The General Assembly shall determine all policy matters for the Association, approve they Bylaws and ratify the election of Officers.
- (2) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, propose a subject(s) for study by the Association provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the proposal forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may determine whether a study will be made of the subject(s) proposed, or may refer such subject(s) to the Regional Council.
- (3) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, request a review by the General Assembly of any action of the Regional Council which has been taken between meetings of the General Assembly provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the review request forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly
- (4) The General Assembly shall review the proposed Association budget and annual dues assessment schedule and shall adopt an annual Association budget and an annual dues assessment schedule.
- (5) Any Official Representative (but not an Alternate) who desires to propose any policy

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matter for action by the General Assembly shall submit the matter to the Association in the form of a proposed resolution by a deadline established by the Association, that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, whose membership and responsibilities are described in Article XI of these Bylaws, shall consider each such proposed resolution, and shall submit its recommendation to the Regional Council. A copy of each such proposed resolution whose approval is recommended by the Regional Council shall be included in the agenda materials for the regular meeting of the General Assembly.

B. Meetings

- (1) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Regional Council upon the request of the President and with the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who are present and voting at a meeting of the Regional Council with a quorum in attendance. Ten (10) days' written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association. An agenda specifying the subject of the special meeting shall accompany the notice.
- (2) The time, date and location for meetings of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Regional Council.
- (3) Notice of the regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each regular meeting. An agenda for the regular meeting shall accompany the notice. Notice of any changes to the agenda shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting.
- (4) The General Assembly may adopt rules for its own procedures but any such rules so adopted must be consistent with these Bylaws.

C. Voting

- (1) A quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of one-third of the number of Official Representative positions for voting-eligible Members of the Association or Advisory Members of the Association. Unfilled Official Representative positions from Voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association will be counted in the determination of a quorum for the General Assembly.
- (2) Each Official Representative of a voting-eligible Member or Advisory Member of the Association shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of the Official Representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. Unless otherwise identified in these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the voting-

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eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association present at the General Assembly and voting with a quorum in attendance shall be necessary for the approval or adoption of any matter presented for action to the General Assembly.

- (3) Voting may be by voice, displaying voting cards, roll call vote or through the use of an electronic voting system. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five (5) Official Representatives or their Alternates present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE V – REGIONAL COUNCIL

A. **Regional Council Organization:** There shall be a Regional Council of the Association which shall be organized as set forth below and which shall be responsible for such functions as are hereinafter set forth:

- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Regional Council shall be comprised of: one (1) representative from each member county Board of Supervisors, except for the County of Los Angeles which shall have two (2) representatives; one (1) representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region; one (1) representative from each District (as defined below); the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles serving as an at-large representative for the City; one (1) city council member or member of a county Board of Supervisors, from the governing boards of each of the six (6) CTCs; one (1) local government elected representative from one of the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region to represent all five (5) of the Air Districts; one (1) local government elected representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA); one (1) local government elected representative serving as the Public Transportation Representative to represent the transit interests of all of the operators in the SCAG region; and a representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and the Executive/Administration Committee and who would serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

(a) **Districts:** For purposes of representation on the Regional Council, Districts shall be organized and defined as follows:

- (1) A District shall be established by the Regional Council and generally shall be comprised of a group of cities that have a geographic community of interest and have approximately equal population. In some cases involving cities with large populations, a District will include only one city. A District may be comprised of cities within different counties, but Districts established within a subregion under Article V A (1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws shall include only cities within the boundary of such subregion. Procedures for District representative elections and appointments shall be set forth under the Regional Council Policy Manual.

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- (2) In every calendar year ending in 3 or 8, the Regional Council shall review, and, if it deems necessary, modify or establish District boundaries based upon city population data as most recently available from the State Department of Finance.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, in the event that District boundaries are changed as a result of a Regional Council review, then any impacted District shall have the option to retain its current District representative until the completion of the District representative's term or until a special election is held, no later than two (2) months after final action by the Regional Council, to elect a District representative who shall serve for a term established by the Regional Council. Such special elections shall be held in accordance with the District representative election procedures described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) If a new city within the SCAG Region is incorporated after Districts have been established or reviewed, the newly incorporated city shall be assigned by the Regional Council, in consultation with any applicable subregional organization, to a District with other cities with which it has contiguous borders until such time as District boundaries are again reviewed by the Regional Council.
- (5) In any area where a subregional organization has either (1) been formally established under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. to serve as the subregional planning agency for the general purpose local governments and is not a single-purpose joint powers authority or a special district entity, or (2) been recognized by action of the Regional Council; and is organized for general planning purposes such as for the purpose of conducting studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services on an area-wide and regional basis, exploring areas of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of governmental programs and providing recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern, such subregional organization shall make recommendations to establish a District (or Districts) within the boundaries of such subregional area. For purposes of establishing Districts, the subregional organization shall use the description of a District as set forth in Article V A,(1)(a)(1) of these Bylaws. The subregional organization shall have authority to make recommendations to the Regional Council to establish or modify Districts in every year ending in 3 or 8 and shall use city populations as most recently determined by the State Department of Finance.

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(6) The Regional Council shall establish no more than seventy (70) Districts.

(b) Regional Council Representation

(1) Every member city of the Association shall have at least one District representative.

(2) CTC, TCA and the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representatives to the Regional Council shall be appointed by their respective governing boards, and the appointments shall be formally communicated in writing to the Association. The Air District representative shall be determined by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region, with such determination formally communicated in writing to the Association.

(3) The position of the Public Transportation Representative will rotate among the six CTCs in the SCAG Region, and each CTC in turn will make a two-year appointment subject to the President's official appointment. The Chief Executive Officers of the CTCs may develop additional procedures for the selection process. A representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall serve as the initial Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

(2) Terms of Office:

(a) Membership on the Regional Council by District representatives shall be for two (2) years except for those District representatives elected through special elections or appointments as described below and in Article V A. above. Terms of District representatives shall commence on the adjournment of the annual meeting of the General Assembly and expire at the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly occurring after their terms commence. If a District representative resigns from his or her position as the District representative or officially ceases to be a locally elected official, his or her District representative position shall be declared vacant by the President on the effective date of the resignation or the end of the elected official's locally elected position. Moreover, the President shall immediately declare vacant the position of a District representative if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual or because of a failure to follow the election or appointment policies contained in the Regional Council Policy Manual. A no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible Members of the Association. All such vacancies shall be filled through special elections or new appointments as set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual. In the case of District representatives elected pursuant to special elections or newly

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appointed to fill vacancies, the term shall be for such time as will fill out the remainder of the vacated term.

- (b) The terms of District representatives who represent even-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in even-numbered years. Terms of District representatives who represent odd-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in odd-numbered years.
 - (c) Representatives to the Regional Council from the counties that are Members of the Association and from the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, Air Districts, TCA, and the Public Transportation Representative shall have two (2) year terms, commencing on the date of appointment by the organizations they each represent and expiring two (2) years thereafter. If a representative described in this Article V A. (2)(c) ceases to be a locally elected official, or if so required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if his or her appointment is rescinded by the appointing legislative body, his or her position on the Regional Council shall immediately be declared vacant by the President. Such a vacancy on the Regional Council shall be filled by action of the respective county, CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, the five Air Districts in the SCAG Region in the case of the Air District representative, and the CTCs in the SCAG Region with respect to the Public Transportation Representative.
- (3) **Meetings:** Unless the Regional Council decides otherwise, it shall generally meet at least once a month. The date, time and location of the Regional Council meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Director and ratified by the Regional Council. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of the members of the Regional Council. The Regional Council may adopt any other meeting procedures as part of the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) **Duties**
- (a) Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall conduct the affairs of the Association, approve the Overall Work Plan (OWP) Budget required by state and federal agencies and any other similar budgets required by funding agencies, and approve the Regional Council Policy Manual and any amendments thereto. The Executive Director or his designee shall have the authority to make administrative modifications to the Regional Council Policy Manual to reflect past Regional Council actions without the Regional Council's approval of a formal amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual.
 - (b) The Regional Council shall review and may amend the proposed annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The proposed budget and the assessment schedule, as approved by Regional Council, shall be submitted to the members of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. After the adoption of the annual budget assessment schedule by the General Assembly,

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the Regional Council shall control all Association expenditures in accordance with such budget.

- (1) The Regional Council shall have the power to transfer funds within the total budget amount in order to meet unanticipated needs or changed situations. Such action shall be reported to the General Assembly at its next regular meeting.
 - (2) At each annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall report on all budget and financial transactions since the previous annual meeting.
- (c) The Regional Council shall submit a report of its activities at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
 - (d) The Regional Council shall have the authority to appoint, ratify the annual Work Plan of, approve the Employment Agreement of (including all compensation and benefits) and remove an Executive Director of the Association, and shall also have the authority to fix the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.
 - (e) The Regional Council shall have the power to establish committees or subcommittees to study specific problems, programs, and other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study. The SCAG President shall appoint all members and all chairs of committees and subcommittees that are established to study such specific problems or programs. At the discretion of the SCAG President, the chair of a Policy Committee may appoint the membership and chair of a subcommittee of said Policy Committee.
 - (f) Recommendations from committees for policy decisions shall be made to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall have the authority to act upon policy recommendations including policy recommendations from the committees, or it may submit such recommendations, together with its comments, to the General Assembly for action.
 - (g) The Regional Council shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the General Assembly.
 - (h) Representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such representatives; however, such representatives shall refrain from any actions or contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.
 - (i) All representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with the all SCAG

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policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

- (5) **Voting:** In the Regional Council voting shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Only representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Regional Council. Proxy votes are not allowed and representatives must be present at a Regional Council meeting in order to cast a vote.
 - (b) One-third (1/3) of the total number of representative positions from voting- eligible Regional Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Regional Council. The unfilled representative positions of voting-eligible Regional Council members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum.
 - (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members voting with a quorum in attendance are required for action by the Regional Council, except as set forth in subsection (d) below.
 - (d) In order to appoint or remove the Executive Director, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of representative positions, including unfilled representative positions, of the voting-eligible Regional Council members is required.
 - (e) Each representative from a CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the Air Districts and TCA as well as the Public Transportation Representative shall have the right to vote in the same manner as other representatives of voting-eligible Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council.
 - (f) Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council are free to abstain from voting on any issue before the Regional Council. Any abstention does not count as a vote in favor or against a motion.
 - (g) Due to the inability of Regional Council members to review main motions other than those presented as a “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material prior to a Regional Council meeting, the President shall not proceed with a vote on a main motion that differs from the “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material until the Clerk or counsel has re-stated such a motion and an opportunity has been provided to Regional Council members to permit them to deliberate and debate such a motion.
- (6) **Expenses:** Representatives of Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council shall serve with compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the Association, to the extent that such compensation and reimbursement are not otherwise provided to them by another public agency, a Tribal Government or the Tribal Government Regional

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Planning Board. The Regional Council shall determine the amount of such compensation and set forth other procedures for expenses in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

- B. **Permanent Committees:** For the purpose of developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall establish as permanent committees the “Executive/Administration Committee,” the “Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee” and the three (3) policy committees known as the “Transportation Committee,” the “Energy and Environment Committee,” and the “Community, Economic and Human Development Committee” (the latter three committees collectively referred to herein as the “Policy Committees”.) In addition, the “Emerging Technologies Committee” is established by the Regional Council to research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in transportation planning.
- C. **Executive/Administration Committee**
- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) shall include the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President and Immediate Past-President and the President shall serve as the Chair. The EAC shall also include the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the three (3) Policy Committees, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board serving on the Regional Council, and an additional four (4) representatives of Regional Council members who are appointed by the President. In making the appointments, the President shall ensure that the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region have representatives on the EAC. In addition, the representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity shall also serve on the EAC in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity. Appointments by the President to a position on the EAC shall be for approximate one (1) year terms, and such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.
 - (2) **Meetings:** The EAC shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the EAC may decide not to meet upon the call of the EAC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
 - (3) **Duties:**
 - (a) Subject to any limitations that may be established by the General Assembly and/or the Regional Council, the EAC is authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association if the President or the Executive Director determine that such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council.
 - (b) Subject to the policies of the Regional Council, the EAC shall be responsible for:
 - (1) developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations,

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communications, or any other matter specifically referred by the Regional Council; and (2) negotiating and approving an Annual Work Plan with the Executive Director, which shall be subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Executive Director's Annual Work Plan shall be effective the first day of July of the calendar year. The EAC shall be responsible for performing the annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance and for making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Employment Agreement of the Executive Director. The EAC shall complete its annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance no later than the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Regional Council.

- (c) The powers and duties of the EAC shall include such other duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Voting:** A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the EAC except that an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the EAC when the EAC acting on behalf of the Regional Council is required to make decisions or take actions that are binding upon the Association with regard to the annual budget; the hiring, removal, compensation and benefits of the Executive Director; and the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.

D. **Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee**

- (1) **Membership:** Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may serve on the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Appointments to the LCMC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the LCMC. All representatives appointed to the LCMC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (2) **Meetings:** The LCMC shall generally meet once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the LCMC may decide not to meet upon the call of the LCMC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
 - (a) The Legislative, Communications and Membership Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative and telecommunications matters; providing policy direction for the

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agency's marketing communications strategy, outreach issues/materials and electronic communications systems; reviewing sponsorship opportunities whose cost will exceed \$5,000; and promoting agency membership.

- (b) The duties of the LCMC shall include other such duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the LCMC shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the LCMC.

E. **Policy Committees**

(1) **Membership:**

- (a) The Policy Committees may include as voting committee members the following: representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council; one (1) representative from the California Department of Transportation; local government elected representatives from each of the general purpose subregional organizations as established under Article V(A)(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws; and one (1) representative who is a general purpose local elected official and duly appointed board member from an agency with which the Association has a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship.
- (b) The Policy Committees may include ex-officio (non-voting) committee members who shall be representatives from regional and subregional single purpose public agencies and other voting and ex-officio (non-voting) committee members as approved by the Regional Council.
- (c) Representatives of the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council may be appointed as voting committee members of one of the Policy Committees.
- (d) All committee members (voting and ex-officio) of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be required to file Statement of Economic Interests forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(2) **Appointments to Policy Committee:**

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- (a) The President shall appoint all interested and available representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment. In making such appointments, the President shall, to the extent practicable, appoint an equal number of voting committee members to each Policy Committee taking into consideration regional representation, geographical balance, diversity of views and other factors deemed appropriate by the President.
- (b) The President may appoint to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members representatives of public agencies that have a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship with SCAG. The representatives shall be appointed for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following each appointment. All such appointments will be in response to a written request from each of the governing boards of the agencies. Appointments shall be limited to one (1) representative from each public agency. In making such appointments, the President shall consider regional representation.
- (c) The President shall appoint ex-officio (non-voting) committee members to the Policy Committees representing the business sector, labor, higher education and community groups upon the recommendation of one of the respective Policy Committees and approval by the Regional Council. The term of each such ex-officio committee member shall expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly, however, each such ex-officio committee member may be re-appointed by a future SCAG President.
- (d) The President may appoint to one (1) Policy Committee as a voting committee member one (1) elected representative from each of the subregional organizations described in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (e) The President may appoint to the Policy Committees as voting committee members additional local government elected representatives from each of the subregional organizations identified in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws that has at least four (4) Districts. One (1) additional local government elected representative for each District in excess of three (3) Districts may be appointed by the President. The governing boards of each of the subregional organizations shall nominate the additional representatives to be considered by the President for appointment. In making the appointments, the President shall consider, among other things, regional representation. Each such appointment shall be

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for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.

(f) In addition to the appointment of the representative of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the President may also appoint, with the consent of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, additional representatives to each Policy Committee such that the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board may have two (2) voting committee members on each Policy Committee. Such representative shall be locally elected Tribal Council members from the federally recognized Indian Nations within the SCAG Region. Each of these additional appointments shall be for approximately two (2) year terms that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointments.

(g) In order to facilitate participation by member cities of the Association, the President may make at-large appointments of local elected officials from cities that are not otherwise represented on a Policy Committee; provided, however, that the President shall only make such at-large appointments in response to written requests from such cities and may make no more than six at-large appointments for each Policy Committee. The term of an at-large representative on a Policy Committee shall be limited to the remainder of the term of the President except that the local elected official may continue to serve on the Policy Committee if its respective city council approve his or her re-appointment and the next SCAG President authorizes the re-appointment. Local elected officials serving in an at-large capacity on a Policy Committee shall be voting committee members.

(h) To implement and advance the Association’s commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations, the seven (7) County representatives to the Regional Council may each appoint one (1) local elected official, from a voting-eligible Member of the Association that has a Community of Concern (as defined below) located within the Member’s boundaries, to serve on a Policy Committee. A County representative to the Regional Council making such an appointment shall notify SCAG staff of the appointment in writing. Within ten (10) business days of a County representative’s notice making such an appointment, the President shall place the appointed local elected official on one of the Policy Committees. A local elected official appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years, commencing on the date the local elected official is placed on a Policy Committee by the President and expiring at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following date the person is placed on the Policy Committee. Appointments to Policy Committees pursuant to this provision shall be limited to one (1) representative from each County except that Los Angeles County shall be permitted to have two representatives (one for each County representative to the Regional

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Council). As used in this Article V.E(2)(h), the term “Community of Concern” shall have the meaning given in SCAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

- (3) **Meetings:** The Policy Committees shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the Policy Committees may decide not to meet upon the call of the respective Policy Committee Chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
 - (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of a Policy Committee shall be one-third of the voting committee members. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the voting committee members of a Policy Committee voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by a Policy Committee.
 - (5) **Duties of the Transportation Committee (TC):** The Transportation Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of mobility and accessibility, including, but not limited to all modes of surface transportation, transportation system preservation and system management, regional aviation, regional goods movement, transportation finance as well as transportation control measures.
 - (6) **Duties of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC):** The Energy and Environment Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of energy and the environment. EEC shall also be responsible for reviewing and providing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters pertaining to environmental compliance.
 - (7) **Duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD):** The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.
- F. **Joint Policy Committee Meetings:** The duties of the Policy Committees are specified in subsections (5), (6) and (7) above. To the extent that there are matters which are within the scope of review of more than one Policy Committee, the respective Policy Committees shall meet as a Joint Committee to consider the matters and provide unified policy recommendations to the Regional Council, if applicable. At the discretion of the President, the President or the chair of one of the Policy Committees shall preside over a Joint Policy Committee meeting. A quorum of a Joint Policy Committee meeting shall be one-third of the combined voting membership of the Policy Committees. There shall be no proxy votes and a voting member must be present to

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vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the combined voting members of the Policy Committees voting with a quorum of the Joint Policy Committee in attendance is required for an action by the Joint Policy Committee.

- G. **Other Committees:** Except as may be limited or restricted elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President is authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to SCAG committees, ad hoc committees, subcommittees, or task forces to study specific problems, programs, or other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study and also to appoint new members or re-appoint prior members to any SCAG committee, ad hoc committee, subcommittee or task force. The President is also authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities as representatives of the Association. If no such representatives are available for such appointment, the President may appoint an elected official not on the Regional Council to represent the Association. Elected officials appointed to represent the Association who are not then serving on the Regional Council shall serve as ex-officio representatives to the Regional Council without the right to vote. Terms of appointment of representatives serving on the Regional Council and other elected officials to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities shall be consistent with the term of office of the appointing President.
- H. **Emerging Technologies Committee:** Serving as a permanent advisory committee to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees, the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) will research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in all beneficial areas throughout the region, including transportation planning and improving the region's transportation system. Members serving on the Regional Council and Policy Committees may serve on the ETC. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members to the ETC may be appointed by the President. Appointments to the ETC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the ETC. All representatives appointed to the ETC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (1) **Meetings:** The ETC shall meet as frequently as needed upon the call of the ETC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
 - (2) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the ETC shall be one-third (1/3) of the members serving on the ETC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible members serving on the ETC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the ETC.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

- A. **Officer Positions:** Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice- President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Association's President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Regional Council, prior to the annual regular meeting of the General Assembly, from among its

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membership as set forth below. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, but shall have no vote in the Association.

- B. **Nominating Committee and Candidate Replacements:** Officers of the Association, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected from a recommended list of candidates, one for each office, which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and submitted to the Regional Council for review and action. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of seven (7) representatives of Regional Council members who collectively represent the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region, with at least one (1) member being a county representative. All individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall be voting members. Individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall serve from the date of their appointment until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Immediate Past President shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consider only those candidates that meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth below in Article VI C of these Bylaws and any other requirements that may be established by the Regional Council. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Nominating Committee members voting with a quorum in attendance shall be required for any action by the Nominating Committee.

In the event that prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a candidate for President or First Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by the Regional Council but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C., the candidate for First Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for President and the candidate for Second Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for First Vice-President, provided that the applicable candidates are agreeable to the change.

In the event that prior to the annual General Assembly meeting, a candidate for Second Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by Regional Council, but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. or if other candidate vacancies exist for any reason after the approval(s) by the Nominating Committee or the election(s) by the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall fill the vacant candidate position(s) with individual or individuals who meet the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. The Nominating Committee may also meet to review the list of candidates and make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding the new candidate for Second Vice-President or for any other vacant candidate positions if there is sufficient time before the annual meeting of the General Assembly in which to schedule both a meeting of the Nominating Committee and the Regional Council.

- C. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** The following minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order for an individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a candidate for an officer position in the Association.

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a [Regional Council member who is a](#) representative of a voting-eligible Member of the Association [and](#) who

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has served on a Policy Committee and/or the Regional Council (in any combination, except as provided in this subsection) for at least 24 continuous months from when first appointed to the Policy Committee and/or Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election-; provided, however, that at least 12 months of the potential candidate’s service must be as a Regional Council member. A potential candidate’s concurrent service as a member of both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council shall count only once towards satisfying the 24-month eligibility requirement.

- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
 - (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city or CTC.
 - (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.
 - (5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.
- D. **Election by Regional Council and Ratification by General Assembly:** The names of the candidates for each officer position recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Council for consideration and action at least one (1) month prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Regional Council for each officer position (except Secretary-Treasurer). If the Nominating Committee cannot agree on one candidate to recommend to the Regional Council for an officer position, all candidates for that officer position who satisfied the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Article V C. shall be presented to the Regional Council. The Regional Council may also consider and elect for any officer position individuals who are nominated directly at a Regional Council meeting as part of the election process. New Officers shall take office after the ratification of the General Assembly and upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.
- E. **Officer Position Vacancies:** A vacancy shall immediately occur in the office of the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President or Immediate Past President upon the resignation or death of the person holding such office, or upon the person holding such office ceasing to be a local elected official or if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if the appointment as a representative of a Member of the Association of the person holding the office is rescinded by the legislative body responsible for the appointment or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the District Representative Election Procedures in the Regional Council Policy Manual. Such a no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible members of the Association. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice- President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill

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the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such second Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section B. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate and available Past President of SCAG still serving as representative to the Regional Council shall fill the position and serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

- F. **Representatives to Regional Council not Eligible for Officer Positions:** Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws to the contrary, a representative to the Regional Council from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board or from the Air Districts or from the TCA and the Public Transportation Representative shall not be eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association. All representatives to the Regional Council from Members of the Association including the CTCs are eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.
- G. **Presiding Officer:** The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Council and of the General Assembly. The First Vice-President shall act as the presiding officer in his/her absence. The Second Vice-President, followed by the Immediate Past President, shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of both of the above officers.
- H. **Duties of Secretary-Treasurer:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Association proceedings, maintain custody of all Association funds, and otherwise perform the usual duties of such office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Association. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are as follows.

- A. **Affairs of the Association:** Subject to the authority of the General Assembly and the Regional Council, to administer the affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, oversight and approval of the Personnel Rules, Procurement Manual and Accounting Manual of the Association.
- B. **Employees:** Consistent with all applicable personnel policies, procedures and salary classifications, to appoint, direct, discipline, remove and set the compensation and benefits of all other employees of the Association.
- C. **Budget:** Annually to prepare and present a proposed Association budget and Overall Work Plan budget to the Regional Council and to control the approved budgets.
- D. **Secretary-Treasurer:** To serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

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- E. **Meetings:** To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Regional Council and the EAC.
- F. **Other Duties:** To perform such other duties as the General Assembly or the Regional Council or the Regional Council Policy Manual may require.
- G. **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** To ensure compliance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

- A. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1.
- B. **Budget Submission and Adoption:** The Association budget shall be submitted by the Executive Director to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall adopt an Association budget at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting. The Association budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, any member that cannot pay its assessment therefore because of any applicable law or charter provision, or other lack of ability to appropriate or pay the same, may add such assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year. The budget for each year shall provide the necessary funds with which to obtain and maintain the requisite liability and worker’s compensation insurance to fully protect each of the signatory parties hereto, and such insurance shall be so obtained and maintained.
- C. **Annual Membership Dues Assessment:** Each year, upon adoption of the Association budget, the General Assembly shall fix an annual membership dues assessment for all Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the Association budget and shall advise the legislative body of each Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member thereof on or before the first regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Assembly regular meeting of such year. Absent any other decision regarding membership dues assessments by the General Assembly, the annual membership dues assessment will be adjusted by the most recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County, California area, with a minimum of one per cent (1%) and using as a base for the assessment calculation the amount ~~collected for~~ assessed in the previous assessment year. The annual membership dues assessment shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article VIII D. of these Bylaws.

If a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member is unable to pay its annual membership dues assessment for any of the reasons cited in Article VIII B. of these Bylaws and if a Member (but not an Advisory Member or Regional Council member) is unable or unwilling to add its dues assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year, the Regional Council, for not more than one (1) year at a time, may defer, waive, or reduce payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council member. Similarly, the Executive Director may authorize reduced payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council

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member by no more than ten (10%) for not more than one (1) year at a time based upon documented financial hardship. In taking any of the actions above, the Regional Council shall adjust the Association budget to provide a balanced Association budget reflecting any of the above actions. Any action of the Regional Council deferring, waiving, or reducing the payment of the annual dues shall be reported at the following General Assembly meeting. In addition, if the Regional Council waives the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member, the Regional Council shall consider, at the same time and decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the Official Representative of the Member or Advisory Member shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and whether the representative of the Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member can continue to vote on the Regional Council or any committee or subcommittee of the Association, serve in a leadership position, receive a stipend or have any other membership rights or privileges restricted during the period when the annual dues have been waived.

If the Regional Council decides to waive the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association and also decides to suspend the voting rights of the Member for the period when the dues assessment is waived and if the representative of the Member serving on the Regional Council represents a multi-city District, the position of District representative shall be vacated by the action of the Regional Council and the vacancy shall be filled through a special election in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member that fails to pay its annual membership dues assessment, or, in the case of a Member, fails to announce its intention to add its assessment to the assessment for the next fiscal year or fails to seek a deferral or waiver or reduction of its assessment by January 1 of the July 1 – June 30 fiscal year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and will cease to be a Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member effective January 1. The Executive Director or his designee shall endeavor to provide written notices of annual membership dues assessment delinquencies in December of each fiscal year.

D. Methods of Assessment:

Member Cities and Counties and Tribal Governments: Each member county and each member city, based on its total population, shall pay, as part of its total annual assessment, the following fixed basic assessment:

| COUNTIES | | CITIES | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Total Population | Base | Population | Base |
| Up to 249,999 | 3,500 | Up to 9,999 | \$ 100 |
| 250,000 – 1,099,999 | 10,000 | 10,000 – 24,999 | 250 |
| 1,100,000 – 1,999,999 | 15,000 | 25,000 – 99,999 | 500 |
| 2,000,000 – 3,999,999 | 25,000 | 100,000 – 499,000 | 750 |
| 4,000,000 up | 35,000 | 500,000 – 999,999 | 1,000 |
| | | 1,000,000 up | 1,250 |

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For purposes of the annual assessment each federally recognized Indian Nation in the SCAG Region that becomes an Advisory Member of the Association shall be treated as a member city. The remainder of the total annual dues assessment to be borne by the member counties shall be charged to and paid by said member counties in proportion that the population of unincorporated portions of each bear to the total regional population. The remainder of the total annual assessment to be borne by the member cities shall be charged to and paid by said member cities in the proportion that the population of each bears to the total regional population. The computation of the shares of said total annual assessments as above provided shall be based upon the respective populations of the counties and cities as determined by the State Controller in making the most recent allocation to cities and counties pursuant to the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law, or based upon population data from the State Department of Finance in the event that the State Controller data is not available. For a member city newly incorporated pursuant to California Government Code Section 57176, the total annual assessment for the first five (5) years following incorporation shall be based upon such city's actual population as defined under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.3(d).

If any county or city was not a Member of the Association at the time the latest assessment was fixed and shall become a Member of the Association thereafter, an assessment shall be payable by such county or city to the Association upon becoming a Member in a sum based upon the current county or city per capita rate, as the case may be, prorated from the date of establishing membership until the July 1 following the next annual meeting of the General Assembly after such date. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Article VIII, no rebates or adjustments shall be made among the existing member counties and/or cities if such additional assessments shall be received from new Members. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Section, no regular dues assessment of any county or city shall exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment for any annual assessment period.

CTCs: Each CTC shall pay a fixed annual assessment based on total population, using the following assessment table:

| <u>Total Population</u> | <u>Annual Assessment</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Up to 249,000 | \$ 3,500 |
| 250,000-1,099,999 | \$ 10,000 |
| 1,100,000-1,999,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| 2,000,000-3,999,999 | \$ 25,000 |
| More than 4,000,000 | \$ 35,000 |

TCA, the Air Districts and the Public Transportation Representative: TCA shall pay an annual assessment of \$10,000. The annual assessment for a representative from the Air Districts on the Regional Council shall be \$10,000 to be paid in a manner agreed upon by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region. There is no required assessment for the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

- E. **Annual Audit:** The Regional Council shall cause an annual external audit of the financial affairs of the Association to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year. The Regional Council shall employ a certified public account of its choosing. The Regional Council

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shall also establish an Audit Committee to provide oversight of the annual external audit. The members of Audit Committee shall be comprised of members of the Regional Council and serve for one (1) year terms. The First Vice-President shall be a member of the Audit Committee and the Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Audit Committee for one (1) year. The audit report shall be made to Association member cities and counties.

- F. **Indemnification for Tort Liability:** In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement as defined in Section 895 of said code, the Members of the Association hereto as between themselves, pursuant to the authorization contained in Sections 895.4 and 895.6 of said code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this agreement to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said code. To achieve the above stated purpose each Member of the Association indemnifies and holds harmless any other Member of the Association for any loss, cost or expense that may be imposed upon such other Member of the Association solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The rules set forth in Civil Code Section 2778 are hereby made a part of these Bylaws.
- G. **Debts, Liabilities and Obligations of the Association:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of said Joint Powers Agreement by which this Association is formed, no contract, employment, debt, liability or obligation of the Association shall be binding upon or obligate any Member of this Association without the express written request or consent of such Member and only to the extent so requested or consented to; nor shall the Association have the authority or the power to bind any member by contract, employment, debt, liability, or obligation made or incurred by it without the written request or consent of such Member, and then only to such extent as so requested or consented to in writing.
- H. **Depositaries and Investments:** In addition to the depositary and the disbursing officer as specified in Section 7 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Regional Council may authorize additional depositaries and those authorized to disburse the Association's funds, and may specify the terms and conditions pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE IX – STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Southern California Association of Governments shall be an agency established by a joint powers agreement among the members pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, of the Government Code of the State of California and shall have the powers vested in the Association by State or Federal law, the Joint Powers Agreement, or these Bylaws. The Association shall not have the power of eminent domain, or the power to levy taxes.

ARTICLE X – VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member may, at any time, withdraw from the Association providing, however, that the intent to withdraw must be stated in the form of a resolution enacted by the legislative body of the agency wishing to

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withdraw. Such resolution of intent to withdraw from the Association must be given to the Association by the withdrawing agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing agency shall not be entitled to a refund of the annual assessment paid to the Association.

ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws and any amendments thereto are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by an Official Representative, the Executive Director, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council.

If proposed by an Official Representative, the amendment shall be submitted to the Association by a deadline established by the Association that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly for assignment and consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and composed of twelve (12) representatives of Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council, with at least one (1) representative from each county in the SCAG Region and with at least two (2) representatives being county representatives. The representatives serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall have terms that commence on the date of their appointment and extend to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members voting shall be required for any action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Except for amendments proposed by the Regional Council, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and thereafter, by the Regional Council: except, however, amendments proposed by the Executive Director or his designee that are not recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall not be sent to the Regional Council. All amendments proposed by an Official Representative, and all amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee or the Executive Director or his designee that are recommended by the Regional Council along with amendments proposed by the Regional Council, shall be forwarded to the Official Representative of each General Assembly member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly at which such proposed amendments will be voted upon.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the General Assembly voting-eligible Members of the Association present and voting with a quorum in attendance is required to adopt an amendment to these Bylaws. If, within sixty (60) days after the adoption of any amendment, one-third (1/3) or more of the Official Representatives protest such amendment by filing a written protest with the Executive Director, the adoption of such amendment shall be suspended until the next meeting of the General Assembly when the amendment shall again be taken up for consideration and vote.

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Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, Article V - A-4(b) and the Article VIII A, B, and E of said Bylaws shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the legislative body of each signatory party to said agreement which has not then withdrawn from the Association.

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon the effective date of the agreement establishing the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – HIRING PROHIBITION

No individual who is or was an Official Representative or Alternate on SCAG’s General Assembly or is or was a representative of a Member of the Association or of an Advisory Member of the Association or of a Regional Council member serving on the Regional Council or is or was a member of any of SCAG’s Policy Committees shall be eligible for compensated employment with SCAG for a period of one (1) year after the individual’s last day of service in any of the SCAG positions described in this Article.

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Bylaws adopted by the Joint County-City SCAG Committee:

March 27, 1964

Bylaws amended by the SCAG General Assembly:

February 24, 1966

November 4, 1966

February 24, 1967

February 18, 1970

September 24, 1970

February 16, 1973

September 12, 1974

February 27, 1975

March 8, 1977

October 6, 1977

March 3, 1978

October 6, 1978

March 16, 1979

October 2, 1980

April 29, 1982

April 26, 1984

January 29, 1987

March 21, 1989

March 22, 1990

April 21, 1991

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February 27, 1992

March 12, 1993

March 4, 1994

March 3, 1995

July 3, 1996

October 9, 1997

April 16, 1998

September 3, 1998

April 8, 1999

April 6, 2000

May 1, 2003

September 4, 2003

May 4, 2004

May 5, 2005

May 4, 2006

May 3, 2007

May 8, 2008

May 7, 2009

May 6, 2010

May 5, 2011

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

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May 2, 2013

May 1, 2014

May 7, 2015

May 5, 2016

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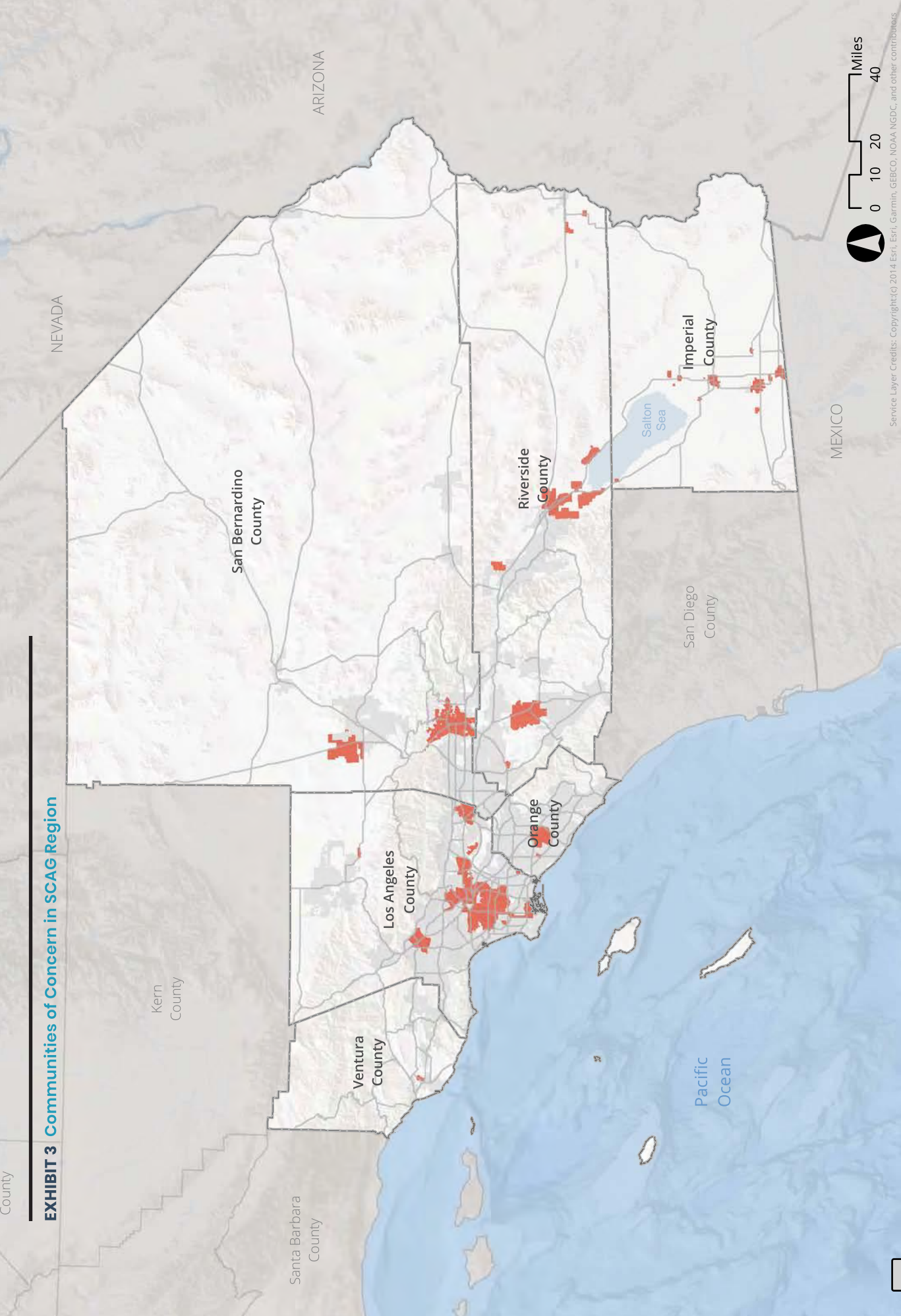
May 3, 2018

May 2, 2019

[May 6, 2021*](#)

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EXHIBIT 3 Communities of Concern in SCAG Region



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April 1, 2021

**NO. 630
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

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

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

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| Hon. Rex Richardson, President | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 29 |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President | <i>Eastvale</i> | District 4 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President | | RCTC |
| Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President | | SBCTA |
| Supervisor Luis Plancarte | | Imperial County |
| Supervisor Kathryn Barger | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Holly Mitchell | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Don Wagner | | Orange County |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel | | Riverside County |
| Supervisor Curt Hagman | | San Bernardino County |
| Supervisor Carmen Ramirez | | Ventura County |
| Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich | | ICTC |
| Hon. Tim Shaw | | OCTA |
| Hon. Peggy Huang | | TCA |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge | | VCTC |
| Hon. Ben Benoit | | Air District Representative |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker | <i>El Centro</i> | District 1 |
| Hon. Kathleen Kelly | <i>Palm Desert</i> | District 2 |
| Hon. Rey Santos | <i>Beaumont</i> | District 3 |



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| Hon. Zak Schwank | <i>Temecula</i> | District 5 |
| <u>Members Present - continued</u> | | |
| Hon. Frank Navarro | <i>Colton</i> | District 6 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon | <i>Highland</i> | District 7 |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson | <i>Rialto</i> | District 8 |
| Hon. L. Dennis Michael | <i>Rancho Cucamonga</i> | District 9 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez | <i>Chino Hills</i> | District 10 |
| Hon. Randall Putz | <i>Big Bear Lake</i> | District 11 |
| Hon. Fred Minagar | <i>Laguna Niguel</i> | District 12 |
| Hon. Michael Carroll | <i>Irvine</i> | District 14 |
| Hon. Diane Dixon | <i>Newport Beach</i> | District 15 |
| Hon. Phil Bacerra | <i>Santa Ana</i> | District 16 |
| Hon. Leticia Clark | <i>Tustin</i> | District 17 |
| Hon. Kim Nguyen | <i>Garden Grove</i> | District 18 |
| Hon. Trevor O'Neil | <i>Anaheim</i> | District 19 |
| Hon. Joe Kalmick | <i>Seal Beach</i> | District 20 |
| Hon. Art Brown | <i>Buena Park</i> | District 21 |
| Hon. Marty Simonoff | <i>Brea</i> | District 22 |
| Hon. Frank Yokoyama | <i>Cerritos</i> | District 23 |
| Hon. Ray Hamada | <i>Bellflower</i> | District 24 |
| Hon. Sean Ashton | <i>Downey</i> | District 25 |
| Hon. José Luis Solache | <i>Lynwood</i> | District 26 |
| Hon. Mark E. Henderson | <i>Gardena</i> | District 28 |
| Hon. Cindy Allen | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 30 |
| Hon. Steve De Ruse | <i>La Mirada</i> | District 31 |
| Hon. Jorge Marquez | <i>Covina</i> | District 33 |
| Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler | <i>Alhambra</i> | District 34 |
| Hon. Margaret E. Finlay | <i>Duarte</i> | District 35 |
| Hon. Steve Tye | <i>Diamond Bar</i> | District 37 |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval | <i>Pomona</i> | District 38 |
| Hon. James Gazeley | <i>Lomita</i> | District 39 |
| Hon. Drew Boyles | <i>El Segundo</i> | District 40 |
| Hon. Alex Fisch | <i>Culver City</i> | District 41 |
| Hon. Paula Devine | <i>Glendale</i> | District 42 |
| Hon. Juan Carrillo | <i>Palmdale</i> | District 43 |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro | <i>Calabasas</i> | District 44 |
| Hon. David Pollock | <i>Moorpark</i> | District 46 |
| Hon. Lorrie Brown | <i>Ventura</i> | District 47 |
| Hon. Paul Krekorian | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 49/Public Transit Rep. |



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| Hon. Nithya Raman | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 51 |
| <u>Members Present - continued</u> | | |
| Hon. Paul Koretz | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 52 |
| Hon. Mike Bonin | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 58 |
| Hon. Joe Buscaino | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 62 |
| Hon. Steve Manos | <i>Lake Elsinore</i> | District 63 |
| Hon. Michael Posey | <i>Huntington Beach</i> | District 64 |
| Hon. Hector Pacheco | <i>San Fernando</i> | District 67 |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson | <i>Riverside</i> | District 68 |
| Hon. Marisela Magana | <i>Perris</i> | District 69 |
| Mr. Randall Lewis | <i>Business Representative</i> | Ex-Officio Member |
| Hon. Eric Garcetti | <i>Los Angeles</i> | Member-at-Large |

Members Not Present

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| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd. |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum | <i>Mission Viejo</i> | District 13 |
| Hon. Ali Saleh | <i>Bell</i> | District 27 |
| Hon. Steven Ly | <i>Rosemead</i> | District 32 |
| Hon. Jonathan Curtis | <i>La Cañada Flintridge</i> | District 36 |
| Hon. Laura Hernandez | <i>Port Hueneme</i> | District 45 |
| Hon. Gilbert Cedillo | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 48 |
| Hon. Bob Blumenfield | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 50 |
| Hon. Nury Martinez | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 53 |
| Hon. Monica Rodriguez | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 54 |
| Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 55 |
| Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 56 |
| Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 57 |
| Hon. John Lee | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 59 |
| Hon. Mitch O'Farrell | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 60 |
| Hon. Kevin de León | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 61 |
| Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto | <i>Coachella</i> | District 66 |

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel



Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support
Patricia Chen, Special Counsel

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

President Richardson introduced Michael Kodama, Executive Director of Eco-Rapid Transit, and Regional Councilmember Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, who also serves as Eco-Rapid Transit’s Board Secretary, to present a planning award and recognize SCAG’s work on the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail. Regional Councilmember Ashton provided background on the award, and Mr. Kodama elaborated on the award, which was awarded to Eco-Rapid Transit by the American Planning Association for grassroots planning efforts. Mr. Kodama attributed SCAG’s leadership and alternative analysis to the West Santa Ana Branch’s progress. He also recognized SCAG’s work involving transit-oriented development and value capture, and he thanked SCAG for continuing support of Eco-Rapid Transit since 2009, specifically recognizing Regional Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21.

President Richardson elaborated on SCAG’s grant programs allowing for investment in local plans, and he thanked Mr. Kodama for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period for items and matters other than Agenda Item No. 1 which would be heard during the Public Hearing, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there were twelve written public comments received by email before the deadline of 5pm of Wednesday, March 3, 2021 which were transmitted to members and posted to SCAG’s website. Mr. Duran stated that there were no written public comments received by email after the deadline, except for those related to Agenda Item No. 1.

Mr. Duran confirmed that there were verbal public comment speakers by raised hand and acknowledged these speakers.

Warren Whiteacre, Orange County Transportation Authority, commented on Agenda Item No. 7, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apport, and he requested that the Regional Council delay consideration of the item by one month.

Marsha McLean, North County Transportation Coalition Joint Powers Authority, commented on Agenda Item No. 7, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apport, and she supported staff's recommendation for allocations of funding.

James Parker, Los Angeles County Municipal Operators Association, commented on Agenda Item No. 7, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apport, and he supported staff's recommendation for allocation of funding.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION ITEM

1. Proposed Final 6th Cycle RHNA Allocation Plan

President Richardson opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Final 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. He provided background and explained the process for the Public Hearing. President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period for the Public Hearing, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there was one written public comment after the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The written comment was from Nicolle Aube, City of Huntington Beach, regarding the RHNA determination. Mr. Duran stated that there were six written public comments received by email before the deadline which were transmitted to members and posted to SCAG's website.

Mr. Duran confirmed that there were verbal public comment speakers by raised hand, and he

acknowledged Dr. Holly Osborne.

Dr. Holly Osborne, resident of Redondo Beach, commented on the history of the RHNA algorithm, previous correspondence with SCAG staff and the RHNA Appeals Board hearings.

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

President Richardson introduced Kome Ajise, Executive Director, to provide a presentation on Agenda Item No. 1. Mr. Ajise reviewed background on the 6th cycle RHNA process until present day. He highlighted steps involving developing the methodology, adopting Connect SoCal and releasing the Draft RHNA Allocations. He then described the appeals process and the results of the RHNA Appeals Board hearings, causing redistribution of units. He stated next steps, including submission of the allocation plan to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the deadline for jurisdictions' Housing Elements. He concluded by alluding to possible improvements to the RHNA process given experience in this cycle, and he noted further discussion to occur during a later agenda item at today's meeting.

President Richardson acknowledged the work of members who were involved throughout the RHNA process.

President Richardson closed the Public Hearing.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 17, asked it was now appropriate to address questions to staff.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that the Public Hearing should be reopened for members to address questions to staff, prior to deliberation.

President Richardson reopened the Public Hearing.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 17, asked staff about a finding in the resolution which affirms that the RHNA allocation is consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He described inconsistencies involving existing need calculations between the SCS and HCD, which affects the re-distribution of units. Kome Ajise provided background and outlined areas of consistency with the SCS. Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, stated that, according to state law, the allocation plan shall allocate housing units consistent with the development pattern included in the SCS. She noted that there is not a requirement for numbers to be exactly the same. Regional Councilmember O'Neil thanked staff and noted continued concern for the difference.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, asked staff about a flaw in the algorithm as mentioned by Dr. Holly Osborne. Kome Ajise stated that there is no flaw. Ma'Ayn Johnson specified that the sheet crashes because of an issue akin to "dividing by zero." She explained that at a certain point above the regional determination, it begins to break down because of the inputs within it. She stated that the outputs are accurate.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, stated that her question was asked by Regional Councilmember Harnik. She thanked staff for their work.

President Richardson closed the Public Hearing.

President Richardson entertained a motion. A MOTION was made (Pollock) to adopt Resolution 21-630-2: A resolution of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopting the Final Housing Need Allocation Plan for the 6th cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro).

President Richardson opened deliberation for Regional Councilmembers.

Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, commented in support of the adoption of the resolution approving the RHNA allocation. He expressed agreement with Regional Councilmember O'Neil's previous comments, and he complimented Ma'Ayn Johnson's work. Regional Councilmember Posey commented on legislative ideas for RHNA reform, and he spoke about the history of the RHNA process.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented that he appreciates the inclusion of SCAG's objection to HCD's determination in the resolution. He noted concern about the timeline of events throughout the RHNA process; however, he suggested that the resolution is missing language on the manner by which the substitute RHNA allocation was adopted in lieu of the original staff recommendation.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil made a MOTION to amend Resolution No. 21-630-2, inserting clauses as follows:

Whereas, between February 2019 and October 2019, SCAG staff prepared, analyzed, and received public comment on several allocation methodologies; and

Whereas, following thorough analysis, consideration, and public input, SCAG staff recommended an allocation methodology to the RHNA subcommittee on October 10, 2019, which the RHNA subcommittee subsequently recommended to the CEHD Policy Committee; and

Whereas, on October 21, 2019, the CEHD Policy Committee considered the recommendation from the RHNA Subcommittee and unanimously recommended approval of the RHNA methodology by the Regional Council; and

Whereas, on November 7, 2019, the Regional Council adopted an alternative methodology that had not been analyzed at the same level by SCAG staff and that had not received the same level of public input as the Draft RHNA Allocation Methodology.

President Richardson asked the maker of the motion, Regional Councilmember David Pollock, whether he would like to incorporate language from the amendment offered by Regional Councilmember O'Neil into his original motion.

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, expressed concern about the nature of the language proposed in Regional Councilmember O'Neil's motion to amend.

Ruben Duran clarified that motion to amend should receive a second so that the Regional Council can continue discussion.

The motion was SECONDED (Wagner).

President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember Pollock if he would acknowledge Regional Councilmember O'Neil's amendment as a friendly amendment. Regional Councilmember Pollock stated that he would prefer to take the motion to amend separately.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil spoke about the nature of the language proposed in his motion to amend, and he stated that it is not subjective. He spoke about the timeline of the RHNA process.

President Richardson asked SCAG staff to respond.

Ruben Duran read language included in Regional Councilmember O'Neil's motion to amend.

Kome Ajise stated that it is prerogative of the Regional Council to adopt what they choose to adopt. Mr. Ajise stated that the methodology was studied at staff-level, but he was unsure of the timeline.

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, expressed support of Regional Councilmember O'Neil's amendment. She spoke about discussion at today's joint meeting of the Policy Committees regarding affordable housing, and she spoke about the importance of local control in affordable housing production. She noted ideas to improve the RHNA process and address affordability issues.

Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked a procedural question for Ruben Duran regarding the motion and Mr. Duran provided clarification.

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly expressed concern about the fourth phrase proposed by Regional Councilmember O'Neil. She commented that she felt fully informed by staff's report on that day, and she appealed to Regional Councilmember O'Neil that he adjust language of that phrase.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil stated that he would be willing to consider changes, as it is important to have it expressed in the record the draft methodology as adopted had not received the same vetting as the previously proposed staff recommendation.

President Richardson re-stated language as currently included in Regional Councilmember O'Neil's motion to amend. President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember Kelly for a suggestion to modify the amendment language, and she suggested the wording "less opportunity for study." Regional Councilmember O'Neil and President O'Neil asked Ruben Duran for assistance and his understanding of the proposal.

Patricia Chen, Special Counsel, suggested modified language stating, "the alternative methodology was not analyzed at the same level as the draft that was published."

President Richardson expressed his agreement and asked if Regional Councilmember O'Neil would accept modified language as proposed by counsel. Regional Councilmember O'Neil confirmed that he would accept such language, with the condition that the issue of the public input would also be included as having less opportunity.

Regional Councilmember David Pollock, maker of the motion, announced that he would accept Regional Councilmember O'Neil's amended language as it currently stands as a friendly amendment to the original motion. Regional Councilmember David J. Shapiro, the seconder of the motion, confirmed that he agrees to the friendly amendment.

The motion made by Pollock and seconded by Shapiro to adopt Resolution 21-630-2: A resolution of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopting the Final Housing Need Allocation Plan for the 6th cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The motion, as amended by Regional Councilmember O'Neil's friendly amendment, passed by the following roll call vote:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BARGER, BENOIT*, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE,

KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON*, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (63)**

AGAINST: CARROLL* (1)

ABSTAIN: BACERRA (1)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Ben Benoit, Air District Representative, and Regional Councilmember Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, informed SCAG staff that they were experiencing technical difficulties and intended to vote "For" the motion for Agenda Item No. 1. Regional Councilmember Mike Carroll, Irvine, District 14, informed staff that he was experiencing technical difficulties and intended to vote "Against" the motion for Agenda Item No. 1. The votes for Regional Councilmember Benoit*, Regional Councilmember Carroll*, Regional Councilmember Lock Dawson* are annotated above.

** With respect to the roll call vote for Agenda Item No. 1, the vote of the Regional Council representative for District 65 was not counted and is not included in the vote tally, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember at the time. The vote of a Policy Committee Member was not counted and is not included, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember.

REGULAR MEETING

ACTION ITEM

3. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Adoption

President Richardson introduced Agenda Item No. 3 and Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, to provide a presentation on the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Adoption. Ms. Jepson began her presentation by explaining that the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP) is a federally-mandated list of transportation investment priorities in the region. The list includes multi-modal capital improvement programs with various federal, state, and local fund sources proposed over a six-year period, and it is prepared by SCAG and county transportation commissions in a bottom-up process. She reviewed previous steps and background of the 2021 FTIP, including public engagement, comments received, an amendment submitted and relevant meetings held. In closing, she stated staff's recommendation.

A MOTION was made (A. Brown) to Adopt Resolution No. 21-630-1 approving the 2021 FTIP including the associated transportation conformity determination. Motion was SECONDED (Ramirez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BOYLES*, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (60)**

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Drew Boyles, El Segundo, District 40, informed SCAG staff that he intended to vote "For" the motion for Agenda Item No. 3.

** With respect to the roll call vote for Agenda Item No. 3 the vote of the Regional Council representative for District 65 was not counted and is not included in the vote tally, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember at the time.

2. Report on RHNA Process and Consideration of Resolution

President Richardson introduced Agenda Item No. 2 and Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide brief context. Mr. Ajise stated that the resolution is a culmination of discussions about RHNA. He elaborated that, at the request of the subcommittee chair, the resolution was developed to outline plans to address RHNA reform, including work in the region, but focusing on work with the State.

President Richardson expressed his support the need for accountable conversations with the State.

A MOTION was made (Posey) to Adopt Resolution No. 21-630-3. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BARGER, BENOIT, BONIN, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH,

GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (64)**

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

** With respect to the roll call vote for Agenda Item No. 2, the vote of the Regional Council representative for District 65 was not counted and is not included in the vote tally, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember at the time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – February 4, 2021
5. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
6. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Draft Comprehensive Budget
7. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apportionments
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 21-015-C01, SCAG Local Demonstration Initiative
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 21-028-C01, Safe and Resilient Streets Strategies and Mini-Grants
10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 21-032-C01, Enterprise Business Intelligence
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-041-C01, Secondary Data Center Services
12. ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry) – Voter Approval Threshold

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13. SB 4 (Gonzalez) and AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) – Broadband
 14. SB 7 (Atkins) - The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021
 15. SB 44 (Allen) - CEQA Streamlined Judicial Review: Environmental Leadership Transit Projects
 16. AB 43 (Friedman) - Traffic Safety
 17. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

18. March 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update
19. CFO Monthly Report

President Richardson announced that staff has requested that Agenda Item No. 7, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Inter-County Apportionments, be pulled and not acted on today. He provided background on the item, stating that CRRSAA funds are for transit agencies to resume operations. President Richardson directed staff to return to the Regional Council in April with details on the \$126 million in question.

Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 12, ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Voter Approval Threshold, and he expressed that, in general, some items on the Consent Calendar generating mixed emotions from members may be better suited for discussion by the Regional Council.

Regional Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 13, SB 4 (Gonzalez) and AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) – Broadband, in addition to Agenda Item No. 12.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 4-6; 8-11; 14-19. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BARGER, BENOIT, BONIN, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ,

RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (63)**

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

** With respect to the roll call vote for Agenda Item Nos. 4-6; 8-11; 14-19 the vote of the Regional Council representative for District 65 was not counted and is not included in the vote tally, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember at the time.

President Richardson introduced Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, to provide a report on Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 13. For Agenda Item No. 12 Mr. Yoon stated that ACA 1, authored by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, would lower the local voter threshold to from two-thirds to 55 percent to approve local bonds and special taxes by a city, county, and special district to fund infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing projects. For Agenda Item No. 13, Mr. Yoon stated that SB 4 (Gonzalez) and AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) both make reforms to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF). He noted that both bills eliminate sunset to collect surcharge; however, SB 4 does have a cap on the rate, and AB 14 does not have a cap.

President Richardson recognized the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) for their advocacy work, and he recognized Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, commented that she supports the measures, and she recounted previous discussion on the items at committees. She mentioned feedback received from Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, and she emphasized the importance of considering broadband as a vital utility and the importance of local control to satisfy public needs.

Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, expressed opposition to Agenda Item No. 12. He commented that ACA 1 represents an opportunity for increased taxes. He expressed support of SB 4 and AB 14 and spoke about the importance of broadband access for the public and as a tool for economic development.

Regional Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, expressed opposition to ACA 1 given the possibility of increasing taxes, and he spoke about previous discussion at committees. He expressed support of broadband and the goal of SCAG in promoting access; however, he expressed concern about AB 14, as there is no cap.

Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, commented that he pulled Agenda Item No. 12 to

allow for discussion by Regional Councilmembers. President Richardson acknowledged his comments regarding the use of the Consent Calendar.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, spoke in support of ACA 1 and lowering the threshold to allow for local control. She discussed unfunded liabilities and other concerns related to the measure.

Regional Councilmember L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, District 9, acknowledged the work of Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and provided background on the legislation.

Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, shared a previous experience serving on his local school board, expressing that lowering the relevant threshold allowed local measure to pass and provided a greater level of investment for public schools. He spoke about oversight measures and requirements related to the legislation.

President Richardson commented that ACA 1 pertains to bonds related to housing and infrastructure related to the housing crisis. As a constitutional amendment, voters would have to approve ACA 1, and then cities have the choice to apply it in their jurisdictions.

Regional Councilmember José Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, commented on LCMC's discussion of the items. He acknowledged Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County, as a member of LCMC.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 13. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ASHTON, BOYLES (Item 13 only), A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CLARK, DEVINE, DIXON (Item 13 only), FINLAY, FISCH, HAGMAN (Item 13 only), HAMADA, HARNIK, HUANG (Item 13 only), KALMICK, KELLY, KREKORIAN, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON (Item 13 only), MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO (Item 13 only), NGUYEN, O'NEIL (Item 13 only), PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY (Item 13 only), PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SOLACHE, TYE (Item 13 only), VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER (Item 13 only), WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (46)**

AGAINST: BOYLES (Item 12 only), DE RUSE, DIXON (Item 12 only), HAGMAN (Item 12 only), HUANG (Item 12 only), LORIMORE, MCCALLON (Item 12 only), NAVARRO (Item 12 only), O'NEIL (Item 12 only), POSEY (Item 12 only), SHAW, TYE (Item 12 only) and WAGNER (Item 12 only) (13)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

** With respect to the roll call vote for Agenda Item No. 12 and 13, the vote of the Regional Council representative for District 65 was not counted and is not included in the vote tally, as the representative was not an active Regional Councilmember at the time.

BUSINESS REPORT

President Richardson introduced Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative, who provided a brief report. Mr. Lewis stated that housing remains strong, although he predicted a slowdown, while noting that prices, interest rates, and construction costs are going up. He elaborated that rents are strong in all, but he noted that they have dropped 25-30 percent in San Francisco. He continued by discussing the evolving nature of retail, and he noted that movie theaters are watching the performance of future releases. He continued by commented that interest rates are going up, affecting purchasing and borrowing on multiple levels. He suggested a joint education program to educate the public on sites related to housing development and RHNA. He thanked President Richardson and SCAG staff for reinstating GLUE Council and commented on its broadened composition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rex Richardson provided a report and announced new President's Appointments, beginning with Hon. Art Brown as Ex-Officio Representative to the LOSSAN Board of Directors. He continued by announcing appointments to the Nominating Committee: Sup. Luis Plancarte, representing Imperial County; Hon. Margaret Finlay and Hon. Jorge Marquez representing Los Angeles County; Hon. Mike Posey representing Orange County; Hon. Meagan Beaman Jacinto representing Riverside County; Hon. Alan Wapner (Chair) representing San Bernardino County; and Hon. David Pollock representing Ventura County. Then, he announced appointments to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker and Sup. Luis Plancarte representing Imperial County; Hon. Margaret Finlay and Hon. Sean Ashton representing Los Angeles County; Hon. Kim Nguyen and Hon. Art Brown representing Orange County; Hon. Jan Harnik (Chair) and Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto representing Riverside County; Hon. Dennis Michael and Hon. Deborah Robertson representing San Bernardino County; and Sup. Carmen Ramirez and Hon. David Pollock representing Ventura County.

He also described SCAG's Scholarship Program, open to high school seniors and community college students in the SCAG region, and the application process. He announced a call for Regional Councilmembers to express their interest to serve on Scholarship Committee. Subsequently, he reviewed a New Member Orientation event, which occurred on February 23, 2021 and provided information about SCAG's organization, structure and benefits. In closing, he noted the schedule

for April meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise stated that he would forgo his report in the essence of time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked that Senate Bill 9 be brought to the Regional Council through SCAG's legislative process.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, announced "The State of Women" event hosted by the City of Rialto, scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021. The event is held annual in recognition of Women's History Month. She also invited members to a presentation today being given by Nikole Hannah-Jones at University of California, Riverside regarding The 1619 Project.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:31 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
(213) 236-1836, Chidsey@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Approval for Additional Stipend Payments

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve additional stipend payments, pursuant to Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section B(4) [adopted June 2019], as requested by Immediate Past President Alan D. Wapner.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the Regional Council Stipend Policy, staff is seeking approval for additional stipend payments for Immediate Past President Alan D. Wapner, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA).

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section B(4) [adopted June 2019], *“Representatives of Regional Council Members may receive up to six (6) Stipends per month and the SCAG President may authorize two (2) additional Stipends in a single month on a case-by-case basis. SCAG’s First Vice President, Second Vice President and Immediate Past President may receive up to nine (9) Stipends per month. SCAG’s President may receive up to twelve (12) Stipends per month. Approval by the Regional Council is required for payment of any Stipends in excess of the limits identified herein.”*

For the month of February 2021, Immediate Past President Alan D. Wapner, SBCTA, attended the following event for SCAG, which will count towards his 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th stipend requests:

| No. | Meeting Date | Meeting Name |
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| 10 th | February 10 | NARC Legislative Conference |
| 11 th | February 10 | Leadership Meeting with Congressman Mike Garcia |



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| 12 th | February 10 | Leadership Meeting with Congressman Ken Calvert |
| 13 th | February 11 | NARC Legislative Conference |
| 14 th | February 12 | NARC Board Meeting |
| 15 th | February 16 | Meeting with Rick Bishop/UCR Inland Center for Sustainable Development |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for stipends are included in the General Fund Budget (800-0160.01: Regional Council).



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director of Planning
(213) 630-1448, hornstock@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracting to Implement the Regional Early Action Plan Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a procurement program to accelerate project delivery for the Regional Early Action Plan Program (REAP) and a new model for timely implementation of SCAG’s local assistance programs as follows: (1) authorization to enter into up to a total of \$10,000,000 in On Call Services contracts to implement the Regional Council’s approved REAP work program, upon completion of competitive procurement and selection of consultants for the On Call Services; (2) waiver of SCAG’s procurement requirement to first obtain the Executive/Administration Committee’s and Regional Council’s approval for contracts at or above \$200,000 prior to execution, for any individual contract up to \$500,000 awarded to complete work that is part of the Regional Council’s approved REAP grant funded program and authorization for the Executive Director or his/her designee to execute such contracts upon consultation with legal counsel; (3) waiver of SCAG’s procurement requirement necessitating Executive/Administration Committee’s and Regional Council approval prior to entering any contract amendment exceeding \$75,000 or 30% (whichever is less) and, instead, requiring amendments of 30% or more to be first approved by the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council, and authorizing the Executive Director or his/her designed to execute such amendments upon consultation with legal counsel; and (4) directing staff to make monthly informational reports to the Regional Council of procurement activities, contracts and amendments related to REAP made pursuant to this action.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG is eligible for \$47.5 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals for producing

1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The REAP work program was approved by the Regional Council on December 3, 2020 and staff submitted the completed application to HCD on January 29, 2021 to implement the work program. The REAP funding must be spent and the program closed out by December 2023.

In order to deliver the magnitude of programs and technical support within the grant time horizon, SCAG staff is requesting approval of a program to accelerate contracting for procurements that are consistent with SCAG's procurement policies, as modified by the recommended action for this item. The goal of the pilot will be to reduce the time to procure from an average of six (6) months to three (3) months with a focus on contracted services most needed to support local agencies in updating their housing elements by the October 2021 deadline. The program will sunset with the closeout of the REAP program, in December 2023, and will be limited to work completed as part of the Regional Council approved REAP grant funded program. No more than \$15 million, approximately thirty percent, of the REAP program will be contracted through the program. Staff will report monthly on actions taken under the program to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG is eligible for \$47.5 million in REAP funding to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle RHNA.

On February 6, 2020 the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council reviewed information about the REAP and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) funds and authorized SCAG staff to apply for up to twenty-five (25) percent of the \$47.5 million for early program funding. Information related to the early application was also shared at the February 6, 2020 CEHD Committee meeting.

On December 3, 2020, the SCAG Regional Council adopted Resolution 20-627-1 which authorized staff to request the balance (75%) of SCAG's REAP allocation, or \$35.6 million in additional REAP funding. Staff submitted the completed application on January 29, 2021, two (2) days ahead of the January 31, 2021 deadline.

The REAP funds require that all programmatic activities be completed and closed out by December 2023. The \$47.5 million REAP grant is the largest program grant that SCAG has received to date and requires an unprecedented amount of work to be procured, managed and completed within 3 years. The recommendation before the Regional Council is needed to ensure expedient

expenditure, and to efficiently implement contracts that must be in place to complete the work program. As part of this effort, staff is in the process of procuring an On Call Services contract that will pre-qualify consultants across five (5) planning disciplines in order to deliver services for the REAP program. This on call contract anticipates up to \$10,000,000 in future contracts with an estimated average contract ranging from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000.

To support this program, staff is seeking the Regional Council's approval on several items:

- (1) Authorization to award up to a total of \$10,000,000 in On Call Services (OCS) contracts and agreements upon completion of a competitive procurement process, subject to the requirements below, without additional approval from the Regional Council. The OCS is currently in the procurement process, with proposals under review. Firms will be selected and pre-qualified across five (5) disciplines of work that will support the REAP program. The disciplines are broad scopes of work. Once the OCS firms are under contract, staff would procure, through a competitive solicitation process, proposals to complete more specific scopes of work under each discipline. Pre-qualified firms will compete on their approach and pricing. After scoring and negotiations, the selected firm/team will be issued a task order to proceed. The authorization sought from the Regional Council will allow these second RFP and task order processes to proceed without additional approval from the Regional Council. Monthly reports will be provided to the Regional Council on all activity related to the OCS and contracts or amendments entered hereunder.
- (2) Waiver of SCAG's procurement requirement to first obtain Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council approval for contracts at or above \$200,000 prior to execution, for individual contracts up to \$500,000 to be approved as long as SCAG procurement policies are followed. The Executive Director or his/her designee would be authorized to execute such agreements in consultation with legal counsel. This activity anticipates scopes of work or contracts that would not be part of the OCS. For example, working directly with a non-profit or academic institution, or a competitive RFP for a scope of services that was not anticipated and/or is not reflected in the five (5) disciplines that will be part of the OCS contracts.
- (3) Waiver of SCAG's procurement requirement necessitating Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council approval prior to entering any contract amendment exceeding \$75,000, instead requiring amendments related to this program of 30% or more be first brought to the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council, and authorizing the Executive Director or his/her designee to execute such amendments in consultation with legal counsel. This request is part of the effort to create efficiency and streamlining in management and delivery of the REAP program.

An average procurement at SCAG takes six (6) months to complete. Under the requested program and through the establishment of On Call Services contracts, SCAG staff anticipates the process will reduce the average to three (3) months. This time savings is particularly beneficial for the work

aimed at supporting local jurisdictions in the update of their Housing Elements, which are due October 2021. Precedent for this approach to the work can be found in the SCAG On Call Services contract for IT services, which authorizes contracts up to \$1 million, and in other MPOs using on call services contracts, or “benches” that, once established, allow for contracting without further formal approvals. For example, SANDAG’s planning bench is approved for \$40 million in total contracting authority. The requested authority would be in place for the duration of the program through December 2023 and be limited to a total of \$15 million of REAP funding. Staff would provide monthly updates on all contracting activities.

All consultant contracting for the REAP program will comply with the competitive bid requirements of both the State Housing and Community Development’s requirements and SCAG’s procurement policies. Any MOUs or other agreements with other municipal entities, Universities or non-profits will similarly comply with SCAG’s contracting policies. All contracting activities will be reported to the Regional Council monthly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact as a result of the recommended actions. Funding for the REAP work program is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in the following project numbers:

- 300.4872.01 REAP Grant SCS Integration
- 300.4872.02 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
- 300.4872.03 REAP Grant Partnerships and Outreach
- 300.4872.05 REAP Grant Housing Policy Solutions
- 300.4872.06 REAP Grant Program Administration



AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Lyle Janicek, Associate Regional Planner
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Subject: Sustainable Communities Program - Housing & Sustainable Development
Applications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) applications and authorize staff to initiate the projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) applications and authorize staff to initiate the projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, EEC AND TC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 5, 2020, the Regional Council approved the guidelines and scoring criteria for the 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) Call for Applications. The SCP is a multi-year program designed to support and implement the policies and initiatives of Connect SoCal, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and continues the themes of the previous round of funded projects.

Upon Regional Council approval of guidelines, staff released the SCP Housing and Sustainable Development Call for Applications and received a total of twenty-six (26) project proposals across all project categories and types by the January 29th, 2021 deadline.

Staff has completed an evaluation of proposals and has identified that all twenty-six (26) projects meet the SCP program requirements, pending staff verification for Regional Early Action Program (REAP) guidelines. Approximately \$4.8 million in State planning resources are expected to be available to cover anticipated project expenses based on the HSD program's inclusion in REAP final application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Staff is seeking Regional Council approval of all HSD applications and authorization to begin contacting project sponsors in order to develop a program schedule and initiate projects.

BACKGROUND:

Consolidated Call for Proposals

A consolidated SCP Call for Applications framework with associated guidelines and scoring criteria was developed by SCAG staff to support innovative approaches for addressing and solving regional issues. The revised program identified specific project types that provide practical, relevant strategies for meeting SB 375 greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and queue jurisdictions for future funding opportunities. This approach allows SCAG to maximize benefits from available resources within the restrictive conditions associated with funding sources.

Rather than providing direct grants to jurisdictions, the HSD program provides resources and direct technical assistance to complete projects. Resources will be provided:

- To encourage development and preservation of diverse housing types in areas that are supported by multiple transportation options;
- To create dynamic, connected, built environments that support multimodal mobility, reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles, and reduce VMT;
- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality;
- To support healthy and equitable communities;
- To complement and increase competitiveness for state funding programs, including by increasing the number of cities with “pro-housing local policies” focusing on location efficient development and access to opportunity to receive preference in designated state programs; and
- To employ strategies to mitigate negative community impacts associated with gentrification and displacement and achieve equitable outcomes.

Following the Regional Council's approval of guidelines on November 5, 2020, staff released the HSD Call for Applications. A total of twenty-six (26) project proposals were received across all project categories and types by the January 29, 2021 deadline. Staff completed an evaluation of proposals and identified that all twenty-six (26) projects meet the SCP Program requirements, pending staff verification for REAP guidelines.

Evaluation Process

The evaluation process was documented in the program guidelines as follows: For HSD projects, three (3) evaluation teams - one (1) per project type - were established to review, score and rank applications submitted to the SCP. Each team was comprised of State, Regional, and SCAG staff. Projects were evaluated against the approved Guidelines within their respective project types.

Application Recommendation

Staff has completed an evaluation of proposals and is recommending approval of all twenty-six (26) applications. Approximately \$4.8 million in State planning resources are expected to be available to cover anticipated project expenses based on the HSD program's inclusion in SCAG's REAP final application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. These proposals reflect stated SCP program goals, including but not limited to:

- Provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active transportation and multimodal planning efforts, sustainability, land use, and planning for affordable housing;
- Promote, address and ensure health and equity in regional land use and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color;
- Encourage regional planning strategies to reduce motorized Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly in environmental justice communities where there is the highest need for air quality improvements;
- Develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal and the Sustainable Communities Strategy;
- Develop resources that support the Key Connections as outlined in Connect SoCal, including Shared Mobility and Mobility as a Service, Smart Cities and Job Centers, Accelerated Electrification, Go Zones, and Housing Supportive Infrastructure;
- Support a resilient region that looks to climate adaptation and public health preparedness as key strategies to address community prosperity, safety and economic recovery and sustainability; and
- Increase the region's competitiveness for federal and state funds, including, but not limited to the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

The table below lists the twenty-six (26) projects that were evaluated. All the projects will be administered by SCAG through the SCP, and jurisdiction staff will be directly engaged in all key

phases of planning projects. The individual project budgets will be determined through the scoping and procurement process.

| Sustainable Communities Program - Housing and Sustainable Development Recommended Applications | | |
|---|--|--|
| Advancing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Implementation | Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones & Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts | Objective Development Standards for Streamlined Housing, Prohousing Designation Program & Parking Innovation |
| Buena Park | Covina | Burbank |
| Compton | Los Angeles – Hollywood Area | Coachella |
| Garden Grove | Los Angeles – LAC/USC Health Village | Grand Terrace |
| Laguna Beach | Los Angeles – San Pedro Area | Montebello |
| Paramount | Palmdale | Newport Beach |
| Pasadena | Yucaipa | Rialto |
| Santa Fe Springs | | San Dimas |
| Santa Monica | | Santa Fe Springs |
| | | Santa Monica |
| | | South El Monte |
| | | South Pasadena |
| | | Westminster |

Next Steps

Pending RC approval, staff will contact all applicants to discuss details of their projects, define scopes of work and develop RFPs. A project initiation schedule and expectations regarding period of performance will be determined by mid-June 2021, and will be based on project complexity, funding source, and SCAG staff capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff’s work budget for the current fiscal year is included in OWP 310.4874.05 Additional funding is also anticipated to be available through June 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Housing and Sustainable Development Application Recommendations

Housing and Sustainable Development Application Recommendations

Lyle Janicek
Associate Regional Planner, Sustainability
4/1/2021

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Executive Summary

26 applications received

- 1) Advancing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Implementation
 - 8 applications
- 2) Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts
 - 6 applications
- 3) Objective Development Standards for Streamlined Housing, Prohousing Designation Program and Parking Innovation
 - 12 applications

| County | No. of Apps | Percent of Regional Share |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Imperial | 0 | 0% |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 65% |
| Orange | 5 | 19% |
| Riverside | 1 | 4% |
| San Bernardino | 3 | 12% |
| Ventura | 0 | 0% |

Next Steps

- Seeking CEHD/Regional Council Approval – April 1st, 2021
- Pending approval, staff will contact all applicants to discuss:
 - details of their projects
 - define scope of work
 - and initiate the procurement process
- Projects must be completed by June 2023

Any Questions?

Lyle Janicek
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AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 19-066-C06, Aerial Imagery
and Related Products - County of Imperial

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 19-066-C06 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with County of Imperial to provide access to aerial imagery data of its geography, and related products for SCAG. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under this Contract No. 19-066-C06, the County of Imperial shall provide access to aerial imagery data and related products of its geography to SCAG. This regional imagery acquisition effort is consistent with SCAG's evolving role as a regional data clearinghouse. Access to aerial imagery and associated data are part of the development of an authoritative regional data resource to support regional and local planning and other related activities.

BACKGROUND:

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

| <u>Vendor/Requisition #</u> | <u>Contract Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| County of Imperial (19-066-C06) | The County of Imperial would provide access to aerial imagery data and related products and services to SCAG. | \$300,000 |



FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$300,000 is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in project number 280-4859.02.



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

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

Subject: Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-043-C01, I-710 North
Mobility Hubs Plan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 21-043-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$399,966 with Alta Planning + Design to complete the I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan (Plan). Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The consultant will complete the I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan which involves evaluating existing projects and plans, identifying the availability of different modes of transportation, analyzing multi-modal supportive infrastructure and placemaking strategies, and future mobility trends including Mobility Hub locations and improvements addressing mobility.

BACKGROUND:

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

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Contract Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Alta Planning + Design (21-043-C01) | The consultant shall complete the I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan | \$399,966 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$399,966 is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in Project Number 145-4885.01.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-043-C01
2. Contract Summary 21-043-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-043-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Alta Planning + Design Inc.

Background & Scope of Work:

SCAG is partnering with County of Los Angeles, Cal State Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the I-710 North Mobility Hubs Working Group to improve mobility between the South Pasadena Gold Line and Union Stations, Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters, and Cal State Los Angeles. This study shall address congestion around the I-710N terminus.

The consultant shall develop an I-710N Mobility Hubs Plan (Plan) which includes evaluating existing projects and plans, identifying the availability of different modes of transportation, assessing placemaking strategies and amenities, analyzing multi-modal supportive infrastructure, identifying appropriate locations, and future mobility trends to address mobility improvements. The Plan will encourage multimodal transportation options, propose designs that foster a sense of place, and alleviate traffic congestion in the heavily congested region of the I-710N terminus due to the freeway terminating onto the streets of the City of Alhambra.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:
- Evaluating existing projects and plans, accessibility, mobility, and connectivity at the identified mobility hub locations;
 - Identifying ways to support and promote First/Last Mile connections;
 - Conducting a robust stakeholder outreach and community engagement to facilitate collective decision public input for Plan development; and
 - Evaluating the mobility between the South Pasadena Station, Public Works’ Headquarters, Cal State Los Angeles, Union Station and the surrounding areas.

Strategic Plan:

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

Contract Amount:

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| Total not to exceed | \$399,966 |
| Alta Planning + Design Inc. (prime consultant) | \$199,801 |
| Here Design Studio, LLC | \$100,013 |
| Transportation Management and Design, Inc. | \$50,182 |
| Active SGV, a Project of Community Partners | \$49,970 |

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2023

Project Number(s):

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|---------------|-----------|
| 145-4885H1.01 | \$303,966 |
| 145-4885W2.01 | \$33,000 |
| 145-4885W3.01 | \$15,000 |
| 145-4885W4.01 | \$48,000 |

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-043-C01 (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-043-C01, I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan)

Funding source: Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Partnership Planning, and Cash Match from City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and Cal State Los Angeles

Funding of \$399,966 is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in Project Number 145-4885.01.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 2,500 firms of the release of RFP 21-043 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 83 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:

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| Alta Planning + Design Inc. (3 subconsultants) | \$399,966 |
| IBI Group (3 subconsultants) | \$384,367 |
| KOA Corporation (3 subconsultants) | \$473,821 |
| M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, dba Gensler (4 subconsultants) | \$670,000 |

Selection Process:

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

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Hannah Brunelle, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
- Katie Mac, Administrative Services Manager, LA County Public Works
- Robin Aksu, Transportation Planner, City of Los Angeles
- Zuhey Espinoza, Director Policy and Government Relations, Cal State Los Angeles
- Siew Mei Tan, Chief, Office of Corridor Management South Division of Traffic Operations, Caltrans District 7

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Alta Planning + Design Inc. (Alta) for the contract award because the consultant:

- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed, for example, Alta proposed 3,576 hours compared to the lowest cost proposal from IBI Group who proposed only 2,218 hours. Alta’s hours are approximately 62% more than IBI’s.
- Provided the best approach to community engagement, including emphasizing interactive engagement, youth engagement, and a mix of digital and low tech strategies;
- Highlighted existing relationships with community stakeholders Alta can leverage for this project to create a sense of trust with the community. Propose one on one meetings to mediate conflict and ensure all stakeholders are engaged at all points in the project. Recognized the disinvestment in this area and understand the need to invest a large portion of the budget toward community engagement;
- Identified strategic ways to overcome challenges to building consensus through multiple levels of engagement. These include a feedback loop for engagement, multiple outlets for communication, and partnering with community-based organizations for creative and innovative engagement strategies to reach nontraditional stakeholders;

- Demonstrated the best qualifications, for example, experience with projects of similar size and scope such as the First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, provided a balance between the proposed quantitative and qualitative approaches Alta will utilize, and detailed the ways in which they will overcome challenges in light of COVID-19; and
- Demonstrated the best project management approach and understanding of the project. Specifically, Alta provided a clear and detailed approach to the schedule, understanding the need to build in buffer time, due to potential conflicts with multiple stakeholders, while simultaneously keeping momentum with stakeholders.

Although one other firm proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because this firm:

- Did not propose a community engagement approach with as much detail on how they would approach the engagement, for example, they did not demonstrate how they would engage with youth or other vulnerable and non-traditional stakeholders. Further, the firm did not allocate enough staff hours toward community engagement to successfully implement an effective strategy; and
- Did not demonstrate the interconnections between engagement and technical analysis or fully describe the feedback loops with the community.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For April 1, 2021 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 21-043-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$399,966 with Alta Planning + Design to complete the I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan (Plan). Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

| Consultant Name | Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)? |
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| Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (prime consultant) | No - form attached |
| Here Design Studio, LLC (subconsultant) | No - form attached |
| Transportation Management and Design, Inc. (subconsultant) | No - form attached |
| Active SGV, a Project of Community Partners (subconsultant) | No - form attached |

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 21-043

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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

Name of Firm: Alta Planning + Design, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Greg Maher, Vice President
Project Title: SCAG I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plans
RFP Number: 21-043 **Date Submitted:** 2/26/21

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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


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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Greg Maher, **hereby declare that I am the (position or title)** Vice President **of (firm name)** Alta Planning + Design, Inc., **and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 2/26/21 **is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.****


 _____ 2/26/21
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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Name of Firm: Here Design Studio, LLC
Name of Preparer: Shannon Davis
Project Title: SCAG I-710 North Mobility Hubs
RFP Number: 21-043 Date Submitted: 02/18/21

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Shannon Davis, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Co-Director of (firm name) Here Design Studio, LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 02/18/21 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


02/18/21

 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
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Name of Firm: Community Partners
Name of Preparer: Daphne Wong, Grants Manager
Project Title: I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan
RFP Number: 21-043 **Date Submitted:** 2/16/21

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Mamie Funahashi, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Financial Officer of (firm name) Community Partners, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 02/16/2021 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


2/18/21

 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
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Name of Firm: Transportation Management & Design, Inc. (TMD)
Name of Preparer: China Langer, President
Project Title: I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan
RFP Number: RFP No. 21-043 Date Submitted: 03/02/2021

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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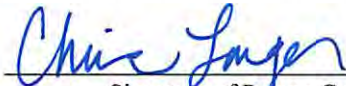
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) China Langer, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) Transportation Management & Design, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 02/15/2021 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


02/15/2021

 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
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AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1840, ArtYoon@scag.ca.gov
Subject: AB 687 (Seyarto) - Riverside County Housing Finance Trust

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Assembly Bill (AB) 687 (Seyarto, R-Murrieta) would authorize the creation of the Western Riverside County Housing Trust Fund (HTF) through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to fund housing projects for homeless and low-income populations in Western Riverside County. This bill would implement one of Western Riverside Council of Governments’ (WRCOG) approved projects, pursuant to the SCAG Regional Early Action Plan “Subregional Partnership Program.”

At its meeting on March 16, 2021, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) unanimously voted to forward a “support” position on AB 687 to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

A Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is a program or independent organization created by a city, county, or group of cities and the county to raise funds for affordable housing or homelessness-related needs. HTFs are funded through various sources, including dedicated funding from local jurisdictions, state and federal grants, bonds, and private donations. Typically, HTFs establish revolving loan funds that provide low-interest loans for approved activities that support the overall goal of providing affordable and supportive housing. Other HTFs fund activities such as new construction, predevelopment, preservation or restoration of affordable housing, and down payment assistance for first-time buyers, as well as to establish supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

According to the Center for Community Change, in 2016, there were HTFs in 47 states and more than 700 cities providing over \$1.2 billion in funding to address critical housing issues across the nation. A report by the WRCOG stated that California has at least 48 Housing Trust Funds, with many in the SCAG region including the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, the Housing Trust Fund of Ventura County, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the West Hollywood Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Skid Row Housing Trust, and the Santa Monica Citywide Housing Trust Fund, among others.

Establishing a Housing Trust Fund allows local jurisdictions to make ongoing investments using direct revenues and state and federal matching funds available only to HTFs to support affordable and supportive housing projects, rather than relying on one-time appropriations. These fund sources are not accessible to local and county housing authorities.

Recognizing the efficacy and prevalence of HTFs and the need for additional local tools and funding to address affordable housing and homelessness issues in Riverside County, especially as homelessness in the county increased by 35% in the last four years, Assemblymember Kelly Seyarto introduced AB 687.

AB 687

Assemblymember Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta) introduced AB 687 on February 16, 2021. AB 687 would authorize the creation of the Western Riverside County Housing Finance Trust through a joint powers authority open to WRCOG member jurisdictions.

AB 687 does not provide funding for the new Housing Trust Fund. Instead, it allows WRCOG member jurisdictions to access another tool available for cities and counties to provide funding to projects that address local housing needs. The HTF would primarily focus on assisting homeless and low-income populations in Riverside County, as defined by the California Health and Safety Code.

WRCOG seeks to administer the HTF, as it has existing staff infrastructure and experience operating as JPA for almost 30 years. A Board of Directors would govern the HTF with representatives from Riverside County and WRCOG member jurisdictions that choose to participate. Eligible jurisdictions would not be required to participate and could opt-out at any time. Lastly, AB 687 would require the HTF to include annual financial reporting and auditing requirements in the joint powers agreement.

As the primary proponent, WRCOG estimates that the HTF would require approximately \$230,000 in annual contributions from participating jurisdictions for about five to ten years when they predict the fund would achieve financial independence. Further, WRCOG stated that participating jurisdictions would be required to pay membership dues ranging from \$1,500 to \$50,000, based on various factors such as population, jobs, anticipated growth rates, or others. However, these are

estimates, and the final numbers and factors are subject to change. These revenues would pay for operating and administrative costs associated with building up the HTF and administering programs and funding.

In short, AB 687 would authorize the Western Riverside County Housing Finance Trust to:

1. Fund the creation of housing for homeless and low-income populations, including permanent supportive housing;
2. Receive public and private funding; and
3. Authorize and issue bonds, certificates of participation, or other debt instruments to be repaid from HTF revenues.

AB 687 currently does not have any cosponsors, but it has been referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee and was heard on March 24, 2021.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented AB 687 to the LCMC at its meeting on March 16, 2021, with a recommendation to “support,” consistent with the 2021 State Legislative Platform that includes the following point:

- While providing local jurisdictions with additional tools and funding, preserve local authority to address housing production, affordability, and homelessness challenges.

Members of the LCMC voted to forward a “support” position on AB 687 to the Regional Council as part of its consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the AB 687 staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 11
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
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Subject: SB 15 (Portantino) - Incentives for Rezoning Idle Retail Sites

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 15 (Portantino, D-La Cañada Flintridge) would establish a new grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to award funds to local governments that rezone idle big-box retail and commercial shopping centers to allow for the development of affordable housing projects. Grant awards would be equivalent to sales tax revenue generated by the site in the seven years prior to when a local government applies for grant funding.

At its meeting on March 16, 2021, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) unanimously voted to forward a "support" position on SB 15 to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) estimates that California needs more than 200,000 new housing units per year to meet demand. However, less than half of that amount is being built annually in the state. The continued undersupply of housing poses challenges to providing sufficient affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income workers in education, public safety, healthcare, and other essential occupations.

Simultaneously, the pandemic facilitated significant e-commerce growth, which led to an increase in idle big box retail and commercial shopping center sites. The closure of a Walmart site in Irvine last month is one of the latest examples of a pandemic-accelerated transition away from brick-and-

mortar stores. However, it may present an opportunity for local governments to shift land-use towards developing workforce housing that would offer low- and moderate-income essential workers more opportunities to access affordable housing.

The concept of "fiscalization of land use" describes the trade-offs to revenues under different land-use types. The trade-offs between residential and retail spaces are significant because of the 1978 Proposition 13, which reduced and stagnated property taxes as a revenue source for local governments. According to the Senate Housing Committee, the revenue generated by new housing units is often not sufficient to cover additional infrastructure costs. Thus, big-box retail and commercial shopping centers and the sales tax revenue they bring are essential for local government budgets. Yet, empty storefronts resulting from changing consumer behavior, and exacerbated by the pandemic, generate zero sales tax revenue and creates significant long-term challenges for local governments.

Recognizing this issue, Senator Portantino authored SB 1299 in the 2019-2020 legislative session, which would have required HCD to administer a grant program to provide funding for local governments that rezone idle big-box retail or commercial shopping center sites to allow affordable housing development. Qualified local governments that applied for grant funding would have received an award equivalent to the rezoned site's sales tax revenue in the seven years prior to submitting an application. The award would offset lost revenue resulting from a site sitting idle and future revenue lost from rezoning for new housing developments, which generate less revenue than commercial zones.

SB 1299 received unanimous votes in policy committees in both chambers and on the Senate Floor, but a vote on the Assembly floor was not achieved before the clock expired on the 2019-20 legislative session. However, Senator Portantino reintroduced this concept as SB 15 in the 2020-21 legislative session.

SB 15

Senator Anthony Portantino introduced SB 15 on December 7, 2020, the first day of the 2021-22 legislative session. SB 15 would require HCD to administer a grant program to provide funding for local governments that rezone idle big-box retail or commercial shopping center sites to develop housing for low- and moderate-income workers. If signed into law, SB 15 would not go into effect until January 1, 2023, and projects for which cities have already agreed to a project labor agreement would not be eligible for grant funding under the new program.

SB 15 provides that eligible local governments would receive a lump sum grant equivalent to the sales tax revenue generated by the site over the seven years prior to submitting a grant application. The state would fund the new HCD grant program through general fund appropriations.

SB 15 defines housing as "an owner-occupied or rental housing development in which 100% of the units are affordable to low- or moderate-income households. The rent or sales price for a moderate-income unit shall be at least 20% below the market rate for a unit of similar size and bedroom count in the same neighborhood in the jurisdiction where the development is located. All units shall be restricted to 55 years for rental units and 45 years for owner units."

SB 15 defines a big box retailer or commercial shopping center as "idle" if "at least 80% of the leased or rentable square footage of the big box retailer or commercial shopping center site is not occupied for at least 12 months." A "big-box retailer" is "a store of greater than 75,000 square feet of gross buildable area that generates or previously generated sales or use taxes." A "commercial shopping center" is "a group of two or more stores that maintain a common parking lot for patrons of those stores."

SB 15 states that for a city or county to be eligible for funding under this new grant program, the local government must have:

- Rezoned at least one "idle" site to allow for affordable housing development, by right;
- Required that any project on the site be subject to certain labor standards;
- Approved and issued a certificate of occupancy for a workforce housing development; and
- Submitted a grant application to HCD with proof of compliance with the above requirements.

SB 15 provides that if an idle big-box retail or commercial shopping center site is rezoned to allow for mixed-uses, grant awards shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of square footage used for purposes other than affordable housing. Further, if the state does not allocate sufficient funding to cover all qualified applicants' full awards, HCD would reduce each award proportionally until the awards match the available funding.

SB 15 currently does not have any cosponsors but was re-referred to the Senate Housing Committee and heard on March 18, 2021.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented SB 15 to the LCMC at its meeting on March 16, 2021, with a recommendation to take a position of "support," consistent with the 2021 State Legislative Platform that includes the following point:

- While providing local jurisdictions with additional tools and funding, preserve local authority to address housing production, affordability, and homelessness challenges.

After receiving a staff report, Members of the LCMC unanimously voted to forward a "support" position to the Regional Council for SB 15.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the SB 15 staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 12
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
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Subject: SB 623 (Newman) – Electronic Toll and Transit Fare Collection Systems

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 623 (Newman, D-Fullerton) would change various provisions surrounding privacy protections, use, sharing, and storage of personally identifiable information collected from motorists who use or subscribe to toll facilities by transportation agencies.

Staff presented SB 623 to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) at its meeting on March 16, 2021, after which the LCMC unanimously voted to forward a “support” position to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

Current law codifies uniform standards across the state’s tolling agencies to protect the personally identifiable information of motorists who use or subscribe to toll facilities and prohibits toll operators from selling or otherwise providing information to companies or organizations for marketing or inappropriate uses. In recent years, a growing list of litigants, some petitioning for class-action status, have filed claims against transportation agencies and subcontractors throughout California. These lawsuits exploit the “otherwise provided” clause in existing law alleging that toll operators are violating the privacy restrictions placed on them when carrying out core aspects of operating toll facilities. Some examples include transportation agencies sharing names and addresses of motorists as they travel through different jurisdictions to ensure interoperability of toll collection devices and technologies or communicating with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to find appropriate contact information to notify toll violators.

SB 623

Senator Josh Newman introduced SB 623 on February 18, 2021. SB 623 would clarify that a toll operator may use personally identifiable information to perform specific business functions like billing, account settlement, account maintenance, collection, enforcement, device distribution, auditing, and conducting customer satisfaction surveys.

SB 623 would repeal a narrow provision that allows toll operators to collect the license plate number, transponder identification number, date and time of transaction, and an agency's identity to conduct business. Instead, the bill would allow the collection of specified information and standards adopted by Caltrans and the tolling agencies. This restriction has hampered efforts in coordinating with other states to build a seamless national toll system. For example, California toll operators may need to share other information like the toll amount, the number of vehicle axels, or the number of individuals in the car, as these factors sometimes lead to a different toll rate.

Currently, toll operators are prohibited from selling or sharing personally identifiable information of a motorist that uses or subscribes to a toll facility. Furthermore, it requires transportation agencies establish a privacy policy regarding the collection and use of a subscriber's personally identifiable information. SB 623 would specify that transportation agencies must make their privacy policies readily available through hard copy or internet link. The bill would establish a process by which a subscriber can opt-in or revoke consent to the use of their name, address, and e-mail address to receive information about products and services offered by a toll operator or contracted third-party vendor. SB 623 would allow a transportation agency to include toll-related marketing on an invoice or payment receipt sent to toll users and subscribers.

Under current state law, transportation agencies can store personally identifiable information for up to four and a half years. SB 623 would allow transportation agencies to retain the information to comply with litigation requirements.

SB 623 is cosponsored by Senators Dave Cortese (D-San Jose) and Bill Dodd (D-Napa) and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo). The bill has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee. On February 22, 2021, a vote was taken in the Senate to suspend Joint Rule 55, which allows Senate bills to be heard in committee and amended before the 30-day waiting period, by a vote of 32 to 4. SB 623 will now be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee at a hearing on April 13, 2021.

Support

- Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA)

Opposition

- N/A

SB 623 is similar to legislation, SB 664, that was introduced by Senator Ben Allen (D-Redondo Beach) during the 2019 – 2020 Regular Session. On August 20, 2019, the LCMC unanimously voted to recommend a support position on SB 664 to the Regional Council. Subsequently, the Regional Council voted to adopt support for SB 664 at its meeting on September 5, 2019.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented SB 623 to the LCMC at its meeting on March 16, 2021, after which the LCMC unanimously voted to forward a support recommendation to the Regional Council. Support for SB 623 is consistent with Regional Council-adopted policy and legislative priorities to support and preserve all existing sources of transportation funding and revenue.

SB 623 will clarify perceived gray areas in state law to continue to allow transportation agencies to use personal data efficiently and responsibly while maintaining appropriate prohibitions against the improper sharing of that information. SB 623 responsibly defends the vital public interest in the operation and maintenance of a comprehensive transportation infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the staff report on SB 623 is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 13
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
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Subject: SB 261 (Allen) - Sustainable Communities Strategies Reform

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Oppose Unless Amended

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 261 (Allen, D-Santa Monica) would update the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals for the transportation sector, create new vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction goals, increase the scrutiny of a Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and create new requirements for local governments to report on the number of housing, jobs, and transit-supportive infrastructure that demonstrates the implementation of an SCS's strategies.

At its meeting on March 16, 2021, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) unanimously voted to forward an "oppose unless amended" position on SB 261 to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S3-05 that called for statewide GHG emissions reductions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. One year later, the legislature approved, and Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), which created the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 granted CARB authority over greenhouse gas emissions sources and codified the State's goal to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.

AB 32 also required CARB to prepare and adopt a “Scoping Plan” to identify and make recommendations on measures that would reduce GHG emissions. The State’s first Scoping Plan was adopted in 2008, and CARB adopted subsequent updates in 2013 and 2017.

SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) directed CARB to set *regional* targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the automobile and light-duty truck sector for 2020 and 2035. In setting regional GHG emissions reduction targets, SB 375 established a Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) that included local and regional officials to advise CARB on the target-setting. SB 375 requires MPOs to create SCSs in conjunction with their Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) and establishes a “bottoms up” approach to ensure that cities, counties, and county transportation commissions are involved in the development of regional plans to achieve those GHG reduction targets. The SCS is a growth strategy for the region that, combined with transportation policies and programs, strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help meet CARB’s targets for the region.

In 2015, then Governor Jerry Brown issued EO-B-30-15, which extended AB 32’s *statewide* GHG reduction goals to 40% below 1990 by 2030. The following year, the legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed SB 32 (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), which codified the statewide goals to reduce GHG emissions to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030.

In 2018, Governor Brown issued EO-B-55-18, establishing a statewide goal to achieve carbon neutrality no later than 2045 and to achieve and maintain negative emissions thereafter. Also that year, the legislature passed, and Governor Brown signed, SB 100 (Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018) that requires renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources to supply 100% of retail sales of electricity to California end-use customers and 100% of electricity procured to serve all state agencies by December 31, 2045.

To date, the State’s 2050 GHG reduction target, first established by Governor Schwarzenegger’s 2005 executive order, has not been codified. In addition, the AB 32/SB 32 GHG reduction targets have not been statutorily extended beyond 2030, nor have SB 375’s targets for regional GHG reduction been statutorily extended beyond 2035.

SB 261

SB 261 was introduced by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) on January 27, 2021. This bill can be divided into three main components. First, SB 261 would extend CARB’s authority to establish regional GHG reduction goals for the transportation sector, pursuant to the SB 375 program. In addition, the bill would authorize CARB to create new regional VMT reduction goals. Second, SB 261 would increase the scrutiny on an MPO’s SCS by CARB. Third, SB 261 would create new requirements on local governments to report the number of housing, jobs, and transit-supportive infrastructure, existing and planned, that demonstrates the implementation of the SCS’s strategies. Further detail on these three components is included below.

1. **Extends GHG reduction targets and adds new VMT reduction targets:** SB 261 would require CARB to set *regional* targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobile and light trucks for 2045 and 2050. In addition, the bill would require CARB to provide each region with VMT reduction targets for 2035, 2045, and 2050.
2. **Increased Scrutiny and Double-Checking an MPO's SCS by CARB:** This bill would provide vague justifications for CARB to reject an MPO's SCS and subject the MPO's SCS to increased levels of scrutiny and double-checking by CARB.

Under the proposal, the MPO would be required to submit a draft SCS to CARB for review at least 90 days before adopting the SCS. Then, within 45 days of receiving the draft SCS, CARB would be allowed to comment on the draft to identify issues affecting the SCS's ability to produce accurate GHG and VMT reduction estimates. SB 261 would require the MPO to provide written responses to any comments made by CARB on the draft SCS, and those responses would have to indicate and explain how the MPO incorporates or rejects the particular CARB comments.

SB 261 would require the MPO to submit an SCS to CARB within 60 days of the MPO's adoption of the document and then doubles the time CARB has to accept or reject an MPO's SCS from 60 to 120 days.

In evaluating an MPO's SCS, SB 261 would allow CARB to consider "reasonable progress" toward achieving the region's GHG and VMT reduction targets, however, no definition of "reasonable progress" is provided. In addition, SB 261 mandates CARB to reject an MPO's SCS if, "based on evidence," CARB determines that the technical methodology, data provided by the MPO, VMT/GHG reduction claims or estimates, or SCS strategies did not meet the GHG and VMT reduction goals.

3. **New Reporting Requirements:** SB 261 would require each city or county to report to the MPO on the number of housing, jobs, and transit-supportive infrastructure, existing and planned, that demonstrates the implementation of the SCS's strategies. Cities and counties would be required to report this information every other year.

SB 261 was double referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, of which Senator Allen is Chair, and to the Senate Committee on Transportation. SB 261 was passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on a vote of 5 to 2 on March 15, 2021, with Chair Allen and Senators Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Henry Stern (D-Agoura Hills), and Bob Wieckowski (D-Santa Clara) voting "aye" and Senators Patricia Bates (R-Laguna

Niguel) and Brian Dahle (R-Redding) voting “no.” As of the March 15, 2021 hearing, the following organizations and agencies had registered their official support or opposition to the bill.

Support (partial list)

- Climateplan
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Opposition (partial list)

- California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG)
- California Building Industry Association
- California Chamber of Commerce
- Fresno Council of Governments
- Kern Council of Governments
- Rural County Representatives of California

A hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee has not yet been scheduled.

Staff Recommendation

After careful evaluation of SB 261 with internal program staff and external partners, staff recommended an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 261 to the LCMC. Further detail on the concerns associated with this recommended position, as well as specific recommendations to the bill, are included below.

1. **Extends GHG reduction targets and adds new VMT reduction targets:** CARB’s current Scoping Plan, adopted in 2017, calls for a 25% reduction in GHG emissions from the transportation sector. Strategies that were part of CARB’s 2010 regional targets (including SCAG’s SCSs from 2012 and 2016) count for 13% of that 25% reduction. Then, strategies from the 2018 regional targets (including the recently adopted 2020 Connect SoCal) count for another 5% toward the statewide goal. That leaves a 7% GHG reduction gap from the transportation sector for which the State has not identified or adopted a comprehensive plan to reduce GHG. Therefore, staff recommends that SB 261 be amended to hold the State accountable for its portion of strategies needed to meet the 25% GHG reduction goal from the transportation sector.

While SB 261 would extend the SB 375 program, which provides *regional* targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the automobile and light-duty truck sector, the State has not yet extended the AB 32/SB 32 program, which provides targets for the *statewide* targets for the reduction in GHG emissions. Nor has the State codified the Schwarzenegger-era executive order, which establishes the 2050 target. Because the statewide program greatly impacts the regional program, SB 261 puts the cart before the horse by extending the regional program before the statewide program. SCAG staff recommends that the AB 32/SB 32 statewide targets be extended before or in concert with the SB 375 regional targets.

SCAG's GHG reduction strategies do not sunset in 2035, and SCAG remains committed to developing the bottoms-up vision for reducing our regional GHG footprint pursuant to SB 375. SB 261 provides GHG reduction goals for both 2045 and 2050. Requiring two goals that are so close can overburden the SCS development process since MPOs are forecasting the long-term impacts of GHG reduction strategies over at least a two-decade time frame. Staff recommends that SB 261 be amended to set only a 2050 GHG reduction goal, to establish a meaningful and achievable 15-year cycle building off the 2020 and 2035 targets.

In addition, there is a clear and established basis for establishing greenhouse gas reduction as the metric to address climate change. VMT reduction, on the other hand, does not have the same relationship. Electric Vehicles and Zero-Emission Vehicles do not generate emissions, however, they do produce VMT. By considering induced demand, a phenomenon whereby as the cost of a product is reduced, the consumption of that good may actually increase, VMT is likely to increase as EVs and ZEVs become less expensive to operate more common. Therefore, staff recommends SB 261 be amended to remove the VMT reduction goal.

Lastly, SB 375 established the RTAC, mentioned above, of local and regional officials who advised CARB on the target setting process. Staff recommends that CARB restore the RTAC to establish any new targets in a public, collaborative, and inclusive manner.

2. **Increased Scrutiny and Double-Checking an MPO's SCS by CARB:** As mentioned in the previous section, SB 261 would subject an MPO's SCS to increased levels of scrutiny and double-checking by CARB. Clarification is needed on how the advance copy of a draft SCS, special comment opportunity for CARB, and then specialized responses are different from the already required public comment period. To avoid establishing redundancies, staff recommends SB 261 be amended to remove this requirement.

Requiring the MPO to submit an SCS to CARB within 60 days of the MPO's adoption of the document is not concerning to SCAG. On the other hand, doubling the review period from 60 to 120 days before CARB is required to accept or reject an MPO's SCS may have unintended consequences. Several state grant programs require that a particular project be consistent with a region's SCS. As a result, additional delays in acceptance of the SCS could impact a city, county, or county transportation commission's application for a state-funded competitive grant program. For this reason, SCAG staff recommends SB 261 be amended to remove this provision.

Additionally, SB 261 provides vague justifications for CARB to reject an MPO's SCS. The language would allow CARB to reject the SCS based upon subjective standards such as

“reasonable progress” toward achieving the region’s GHG and VMT reduction targets or based upon saying that data provided by the MPO were “insufficient” for CARB’s review. CARB may consider “reasonable progress” toward achieving the region’s GHG and VMT reduction targets, however, no definition of this term is included in the bill. CARB would be required to reject an MPO’s SCS if “based on evidence” CARB determined that the technical methodology, data provided by the MPO, VMT/GHG reduction claims or estimates, or strategies did not meet the GHG and VMT reduction goals. SCAG staff recommends SB 261 be amended to require CARB to promulgate and adopt a list of all data sources needed to evaluate a region’s SCS and would recommend that all other requirements in this section be removed.

3. **New Reporting Requirements:** Acquiring data on housing, jobs, and transit-supportive infrastructure could have the effect of benefiting SCAG in terms of monitoring implementation and performance assessments of the adopted SCS and informing refinements in future GHG reduction strategies. However, requiring local agencies to report this data to SCAG would create a new administrative burden on the individual agencies and SCAG.

At the same, local jurisdictions are already required to report on an annual basis their city-level growth in new households and household demolitions to the Department of Finance. Additionally, local jurisdictions are required to report their annual housing production figures to the Department of Housing and Community Development. While some employment-level data may be more challenging to obtain, it is possible to procure jobs-level data from the Employment Development Department.

To reduce the administrative burden on local agencies and SCAG, SCAG staff recommends that SB 261 be amended to require state agencies that already collect these data to provide them to the MPOs on an annual basis.

In advance of the March 16, 2021 LCMC meeting, SCAG legislative and planning staff met with staff to Senator Allen to convey informal feedback outlining the agency’s early concerns.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented SB 261 to the LCMC at its meeting on March 16, 2021 with a recommendation to take a position of “oppose unless amended” due to concerns outlined above and consistent with the following two principles included in the Regional Council-adopted legislative platform:

- In collaboration with other metropolitan planning organizations and stakeholders, explore potential updates to SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008) with the goal of focusing on ambitious yet achievable actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in partnership with the State.

- Protect all existing and new sources of transportation funding from borrowing, use for any purpose other than transportation, or new conditions on the distributions of funds that reprioritize transportation projects.

After receiving a staff report, Members of the LCMC unanimously voted (16-0) to forward an “oppose unless amended” position to the Regional Council for SB 261 to continue a constructive dialogue on how to amend and improve this bill and the SB 375 program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the SB 261 staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 14
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
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Subject: SB 266 (Newman) - Chino Hills State Park Expansion

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 266 (Newman, D-Fullerton) directs the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to assist Chino Hills State Park in acquiring and accepting three properties adjacent to expand the Park. DPR would agree to manage and maintain those properties as part of Chino Hills State Park.

At its meeting on March 16, 2021, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) unanimously voted to forward a “support” position on SB 266 to the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

Chino Hills State Park became a part of the state park system in 1984 after DPR acquired approximately 2,200 acres for the Park. Since 1984, the Park has grown by over 14,000 acres. Chino Hills State Park is of great cultural significance, with approximately 300,000 annual visitors, and provides a critical nature and wildlife corridor, linking the 31-mile-long Puente-Chino Hills biological corridor to provide a pathway between undeveloped wildlife habitats in a heavily urbanized region. Chino Hills State Park houses more than 200 species of aquatic and land-based animals, as well as over 1,000 species of insects. Several flora and fauna species that live in the Park are threatened, endangered, or specially protected.

The 1979 Chino Hills Feasibility Study identified 30,000 acres that should be acquired in the State Park General Plan. The 1979 study and the Park’s General Plan from 1999 identified various

properties totaling more than 1,500 acres bordering the Park, which are a top priority to protect various flora and fauna species. Hills for Everyone, a 501(c)(3) organization seeking to preserve Chino Hills State Park and surrounding lands, stated that DPR agreed to work with Chino Hills State Park 10 years ago to acquire and manage the various properties. However, due to budget cuts and DPR's historic low rates of acquiring new lands, the properties remain separate from the Park.

Several legislators introduced bills that would require DPR to accept and manage the three properties that expand Chino Hills State Park to address this issue. Hills for Everyone identified funding for the acquisition and management of the properties. Former Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) introduced SB 404 in 2019, and Assemblyman Philip Chen (R-Brea) introduced AB 2021 in 2020. Both bills would have directed DPR to assist Chino Hills State Park in acquiring, managing, and maintaining critical properties as part of the Park. SB 404 included four land parcels, but one of the four has since been sold and is no longer available. Thus, AB 2021 included the three remaining parcels for acquisition. Funding to acquire and maintain the properties would come, in part, from a settlement agreement with the Metropolitan Water District.

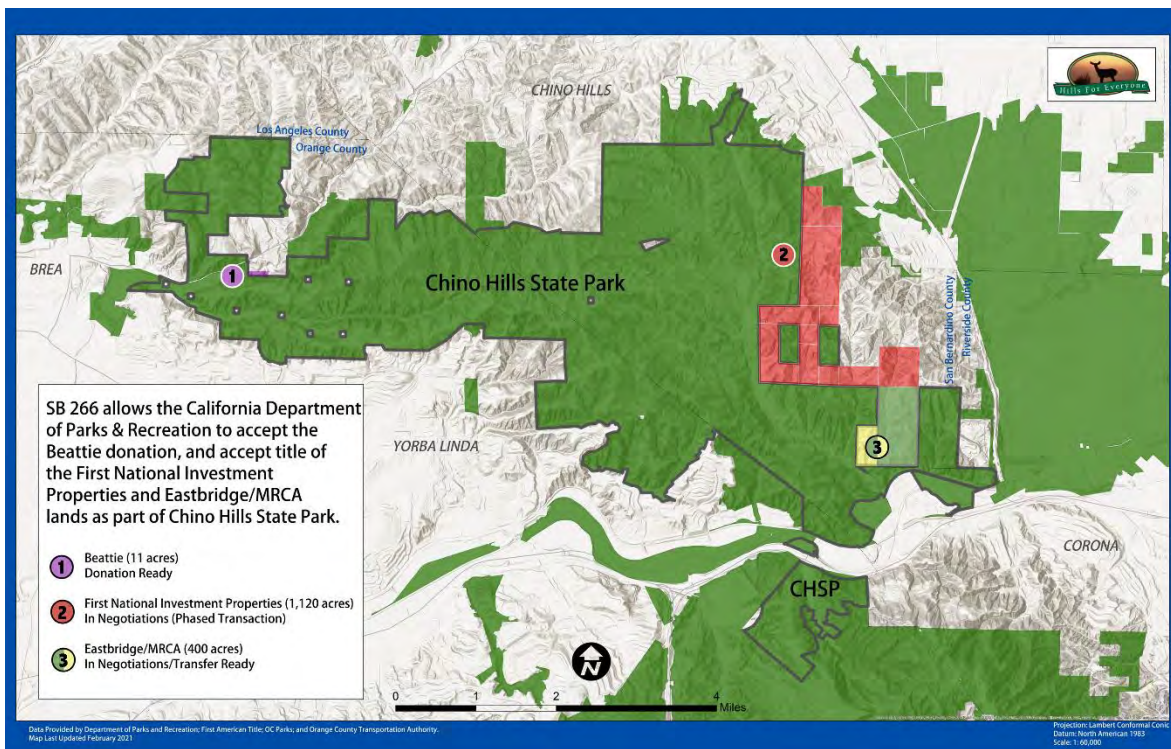
While both bills received unanimous votes in their relevant policy committees, they failed to reach a vote in their respective appropriations committees. Senator Newman (D-Fullerton) introduced the current iteration of this legislation, SB 266, in the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

SB 266

Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) introduced SB 266 on January 28, 2021. SB 266 directs the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to help Chino Hills State Park acquire and accept three properties adjacent to the park. The legislation would require that DPR manage and maintain those properties as part of Chino Hills State Park with funds held for that purpose or obtained through a settlement agreement.

The three properties and four parcels include:

1. Beattie [11 acres];
2. First National Investment Properties [1,120 acres]; and
3. Eastbridge/MRCA [400 acres, 2 parcels].



DPR estimated a cost of \$1.4 million to meet AB 2021’s requirements. SB 266 remains virtually unchanged from its previous iteration as AB 2021. However, new cost estimates for SB 266 are not yet available. The parcels would add 1,878 acres to the Park. All three parcels have willing sellers, and the Beattie parcel owner is willing to donate it to the State Park.

According to Hills for Everyone, funding for the acquisition and maintenance of the three properties has already been identified or is moving through an approval process. Approximately \$700,000 remains in a trust established to acquire walnut woodlands and expand the Park. The original \$1.4 million settlement agreement resulted from the Metropolitan Water District’s (MWD) failure to assess a project’s impacts on walnut woodlands in Chino Hills State Park. SB 266 would require DPR to utilize funding from the MWD settlement agreement to acquire and maintain 130 acres consisting of the 11-acre Beattie property and the northernmost 120-acre parcel of the First National Investment Property. Hills for Everyone is in negotiations with the current landowners and other partners to expand the endowment created from the MWD settlement agreement to cover DPR’s long-term management and maintenance costs.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is working with the Eastbridge property owners to acquire and maintain the property in two phases. Hills for Everyone is working with the First National Investment Properties owners to obtain the parcels not covered by MWD

funds in three phases. The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) will consider MRCA's application to fund the final acquisition phase for the Eastbridge property and Hills for Everyone's application to fund the first acquisition phase for the First National Investment Properties in April 2021. The WCB approved MRCA's application for the Eastbridge property's first acquisition phase in February 2020. Hills for Everyone and MRCA intend to acquire and manage the properties until they have obtained all three, at which point they would work with DPR to integrate them into Chino Hills State Park.

SB 266 is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Philip Chen. After receiving a unanimous vote in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, SB 266 has been re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. No entity has registered opposition to the legislation. Various local elected officials have filed support for the legislation, including:

- Curt Hagman, Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
- Doug Chaffee, Vice Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors
- City of Brea
- City of Chino Hills

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented SB 266 to the LCMC at its meeting on March 16, 2021, with a recommendation to "support," consistent with the following priorities adopted in the Sustainable Communities Strategy:

- Connect SoCal plan's integrated land use and conservation planning approach seeks to protect the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while meeting the needs of current and future populations.
- The SCS includes natural and farm land conservation as a strategy for greenhouse gas reduction, consistent with the intent of SB 266 to acquire and preserve natural lands for posterity.

Members of the LCMC voted to forward a "support" position to the Regional Council for SB 266 as part of its Consent Calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the SB 266 staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 15
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1840, ArtYoon@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$20,000 in annual memberships for the Southern California Leadership Council (\$20,000).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its March 16, 2021 meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$20,000 in annual memberships for the Southern California Leadership Council (\$20,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC)
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$20,000

Established in 2005, is comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the seven counties of Southern California, including three former California Governors. The SCLC is currently partnered with many business organizations in the SCAG region, including the LA County BizFed, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Council, and the Ventura County Economic Development Association, among others. The SCLC's work and strategic partnerships focus on shaping and solving public policy issues such as business vitality, resources (energy, water, and environment), and transportation (goods and people) that are critical to SCAG and the region's economic vitality and quality of life. The SCLC also co-hosted (with SCAG) the 9th and 10th annual Southern California Economic Summits. SCAG Board officers and executive leadership regularly attend SCLC meetings.



FISCAL IMPACT:

\$20,000 for membership in the Southern California Leadership Council is included in the approved FY 21-22 General Fund budget.



AGENDA ITEM 16
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1840, ArtYoon@scag.ca.gov
Subject: April 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

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Looking Ahead: Legislative Deadlines & Updates in Sacramento

It has been a busy two months since the Legislature reconvened in early January. This year, 2,489 bills were introduced by the February 19, 2021 bill introduction deadline.

Committee hearings on bills are happening now; bills must be heard in their respective policy committees by April 30, 2021. Additionally, the Legislature adjourned for its weeklong Easter recess on Thursday, March 25, 2021 and is set to reconvene next week on Monday, April 5, 2021. April will be a busy committee season, leading up to the Appropriations hearings in May for bills that are tagged fiscal. Governor Newsom also presented his annual State of the State address, traditionally held in the Capitol, at Dodger Stadium on March 9, 2021. We can expect Governor Newsom to release the May budget revision in about a month by May 14, 2021.

The table below highlights upcoming legislative deadlines:

| Date | Deadline |
|-----------------------|---|
| April 5, 2021 | The legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess |
| April 30, 2021 | Last day for policy committees to meet and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house |
| May 7, 2021 | Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal |

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| | bills introduced in their house |
| May 14, 2021 | Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 7 |
| May 21, 2021 | Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 7 |

The California SGC Adopts the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) adopted the 6th iteration of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) Guidelines at its February 24, 2021 meeting. AHSC is part of the California Climate Investments program, which leverages Cap-and-Trade revenues to reach GHG emissions reductions targets, bolster the economy, and improve public health. The SGC partners with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to implement the AHSC program.

HCD released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$405 million in funding for the 6th cycle of the AHSC program. The AHSC program provides loan and grant funding to developers, non-profits, cities, counties, transit agencies, and tribal governments. Funding is targeted towards projects that reduce GHG emissions by implementing land use, housing, transportation, agricultural preservation practices that support infill and compact development. AHSC applications are due by June 8, 2021 and the SGC will approve the awarded funding allocation at its October meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2021.

CalSTA unveils the draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released the draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) last month on March 10, 2021. The CAPTI outlines the state’s recommendations on where to invest billions in discretionary transportation funding to strengthen the state’s climate adaptation capacity, with a focus on public health, safety, and equity. The CAPTI serves to highlight the best opportunities to invest transportation dollars to meet statewide GHG emissions reductions targets by focusing on the transportation sector, which account for a significant proportion of emissions.

The draft CAPTI will be available online through May 4, 2021 for public feedback, and CalSTA expects to adopt the final CAPTI by July 15, 2021.

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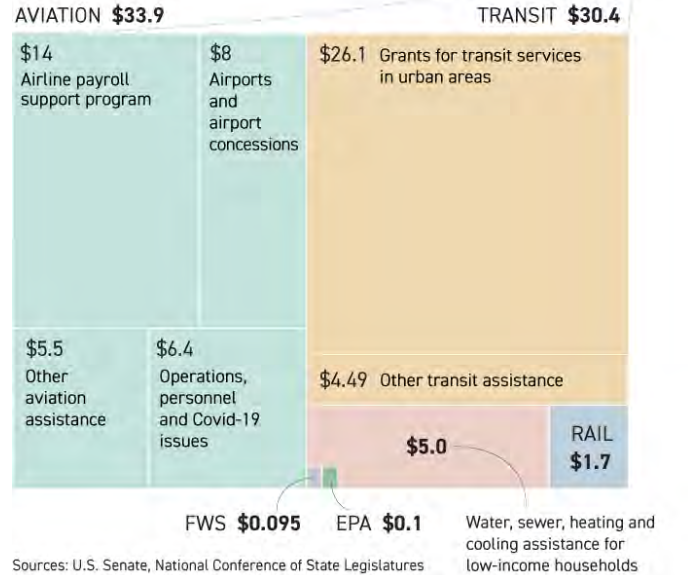
President Biden Signs American Rescue Plan

President Joe Biden called for Congress to enact the American Rescue Plan to provide relief for individuals and businesses struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to achieve other priorities of the Biden administration and Congress. On February 27, 2021, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion pandemic aid package by a 219 to 212 vote. Subsequently, on March 6, 2021, the Senate passed an amended version of H.R. 1319 by a vote of 50 to 49. The amended bill then went back to the House for a final vote, which passed 220 to 211, on March 10, 2021, and President Biden signed it into law the following day.

The American Rescue Plan provides \$350 billion in direct, flexible aid for states and local governments of all sizes and \$30.5 billion for transit agencies. These were top advocacy priorities for SCAG. Over the last year, President Rex Richardson, board officers, and some members of the Regional Council met with Representatives Ken Calvert (R-Corona), Mike Garcia (R-Santa Clarita), Nanette Barragan (D-San Pedro), Linda Sanchez (D-Cerritos), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Downey), Pete Aguilar (D-San Bernardino), Julia Brownley (D-Oxnard), and Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) to express support for these two issues. These allocations represent major wins for the SCAG region.

American Rescue Plan for transportation, energy and environment

IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



Sources: U.S. Senate, National Conference of State Legislatures

Source: Politico

Virtual Fly-In to Washington D.C.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SCAG was unable to travel to Washington D.C. for the annual delegation visit to meet with Members of Congress. Instead, SCAG hosted a “virtual fly-in” on March 17 and March 18, 2021. SCAG’s Board and staff met with Representative Norma Torres (D-Pomona), member of the House Appropriations Committee and Rules Committee, and Representative Maxine Waters (D-Gardena), chair of the House Financial Services Committee. The delegation also met with key members of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) leadership, including Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Christopher Coes and USDOT Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs Charles Small.

The focus was to develop relationships with SCAG's congressional delegation and incoming USDOT staff. SCAG's Board also outlined the legislative priorities for the upcoming infrastructure stimulus package and surface transportation reauthorization. Discussions have now started on a comprehensive infrastructure proposal that could make investments in broadband, housing, schools, water, and climate-related infrastructure.

Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Every five to six years Congress reauthorizes the nation's surface transportation programs. The current law, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, funds transportation programs through September 30, 2021. The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee is taking the lead in putting together the highway portion of a new transportation authorization and hopes to have it out of committee by Memorial Day 2021.

California Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, have invited transportation stakeholder like SCAG to submit our local priorities as the EPW Committee crafts their bill. This is an exciting opportunity because Senator Padilla is the newest member of the EPW Committee. SCAG submitted three policy priorities on behalf of the region:

1. SCAG expressed support for continuing the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program, which provides federal funding for highway and freight projects. SCAG recommended prioritizing eligibility for regions like Southern California that have nationally significant freight flows and major port complexes. SCAG also recommended selecting projects that mitigate environmental impacts for communities that bear the uneven distribution of emission sources caused by freight moving through the local transportation system.
2. SCAG expressed support for continuing the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which provides funding for active transportation projects. SCAG hopes increased funding will lead to the implementation of active transportation-related infrastructure in the region.
3. SCAG expressed support for increasing the Federal Highway Administration's Metropolitan Planning Funds, which is SCAG's main source of federal funding. Funding has remained stagnant over the last decade and an increase in these funds would allow SCAG to conduct region-wide climate studies, perform a regional broadband needs assessment, and implement inclusive economic recovery strategies.

Across the Capitol, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), has stated that the committee aims to advance a surface transportation authorization by the spring.

Earmarks Are Back

Following years of rumors, on February 26, 2021, House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) announced that the committee is bringing back “earmarks” of projects directed to specific locations by Members of Congress and are now referred to as “Community Project Funding.” Earmarks were originally banned in 2011 by the Republican House majority.

Furthermore, on March 3, 2021, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee announced that it will provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to submit Community Project Funding requests for highway and transit project designations in developing the surface transportation reauthorization bill later this spring. The T&I Committee will encourage Members to work with their state and local transportation agencies and other planning organizations to advance projects that improve the nation’s infrastructure. The T&I Committee will also hold a Member Day hearing April 14, 2021, to receive testimony from Congressional Members about their policy priorities. Specific details about the process are outlined below.

On March 17, 2021, House Republicans reversed their conference-wide ban on earmarks by a vote of 102-84. The vote was conducted via secret ballot. While many members of the Republican Conference spoke in the meeting in opposition to overturning the ban, they would be at a disadvantage in negotiations over spending bills in the future if they did not allow earmarks.

Over in the Senate, Appropriations Committee Chair Patrick Leahy (D-VT) indicated that he will bring back earmarks in the Senate as well, though no official guidelines have been announced thus far. Senate Republicans have yet to announce their position, with Appropriations Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-AL) stating the decision to lift their conference ban on earmarking would be up to the caucus.

House Appropriations Committee Guidelines for Community Project Funding Requests

- The committee will limit Community Project Funding to no more than one percent of discretionary spending.
- The committee will accept a maximum of 10 community project requests from each member across all 12 spending bills, though only a handful will likely be funded.
- Members must provide evidence of community support that were compelling factors in their decision to select the requested projects.
- The committee will release a list of projects funded the same day as the Subcommittee markup, or 24 hours before full committee consideration if there was no Subcommittee markup.
- Members are required to post every Community Project Funding request online simultaneously with their submission to the committee.
- Members must certify to the committee that they, their spouse, and their immediate family have no financial interest in the projects they request.
- There is a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit grantees. Members may request funding for state or local governmental grantees and for eligible non-profits.

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- The committee will require the Government Accountability Office to audit a sample of enacted community project funding and report its findings to Congress.

House T&I Committee Guidelines for Community Project Funding Requests

- Documentation of whether the project is on the State, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (STIP) and on the metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP), if applicable.
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project beyond the amount requested.
- Letters of support from the state department of transportation, local government, transit agency, or other non-Federal sponsor.
- A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project.
- Project phase (e.g. Planning, Final Design, Construction).
- NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement).
- Status of environmental review.
- Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so the source and amount.
- Certification that the Member of Congress, their spouse, and other immediate family members do not have a financial interest in the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the April 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 17
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Regional Planner Specialist
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Subject: Updated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program Subregional
Allocation Amounts Based on Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment
(RHNA) Allocation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Based on Regional Council action at its March 5, 2020 meeting, SCAG has set aside half of its Regional Early Action Program (REAP) housing funding, or approximately \$23 million, for the Subregional Partnership Program. As part of its action, the Regional Council authorized staff to develop a process and formula to make funds available relative to each subregion's total share of regional housing need, as determined by the adopted Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan. The 6th cycle Final RHNA Allocation Plan was adopted by the Regional Council on March 4, 2021 and SCAG staff has updated the REAP funding available for each subregion based on these amounts.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP is one of two one-time planning programs enacted with the State 2019-20 Budget Act. Another one, the LEAP (or Local Early Action Program) program, is a formula grant program cities and counties are eligible for based on population size. Councils of government (COGs) such as SCAG are eligible for REAP program awards of planning funds of fixed amounts for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction's 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). SCAG is eligible to administer up to \$47 million in REAP funding for activities to support local governments and stakeholders in housing planning.

The REAP program authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. Based on Regional Council action at its March 5, 2020 meeting, of the \$47 million SCAG is eligible for, up to 50 percent, or approximately \$23 million, of this amount will be allocated to fund subregional partnership projects.

At its September 3, 2020 meeting, the Regional Council approved the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) Guidelines that included program requirements, eligible projects and applicants, and the application process. The approved guidelines also included an estimate of the amount available for each subregional partner based on the draft RHNA allocation that was included in the same meeting agenda. A RHNA allocation is a quantification of existing and projected housing need for a jurisdiction for a certain planning period. For the 6th RHNA cycle, this planning period covers October 2021 through October 2029.

The development of the Final RHNA Allocation Plan included an appeals process in which jurisdictions and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) could request a change to any draft RHNA allocation. A total of 52 appeals were filed on 49 jurisdictions during the 45-day filing period. SCAG staff reviewed all appeals and prepared reports, which included staff recommendations on the appeal. Two appeals were withdrawn at the request of the jurisdictions that filed them.

The RHNA Appeals Board, a Subcommittee of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee, reviewed 47 appeals throughout January 2021 and made determinations for each appeal. Of the appeals filed, two were partially granted. The County of Riverside received a 215 unit reduction and the City of Pico Rivera received a 2,917 unit reduction. Per State housing law and the adopted RHNA Appeals Procedures, the total number of successfully appealed units, or 3,132 units, were redistributed proportionally to all jurisdictions in the SCAG region. The changes in RHNA allocation were reflected in the Final RHNA Allocation plan that was adopted by the Regional Council on March 4, 2021.

Due to the changes resulting from the appeals process, SCAG staff has adjusted the amount available for each subregional partner identified in the approved SRP Guidelines.

| Subregion | RHNA Total | REAP amount based on draft RHNA allocation | REAP amount based on Final RHNA Allocation | REAP Allocation Change |
|------------------------------|------------|--|--|------------------------|
| City of Los Angeles | 456,643 | \$8,058,425 | \$8,071,925 | +\$13,500 |
| Coachella Valley Association | | \$558,207 | \$558,918 | +\$711 |

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| of Governments | 31,619 | | | |
| Gateway Cities COG | 71,678 | \$1,316,458 | \$1,316,458 | \$0 |
| Imperial County | 15,993 | \$282,190 | \$282,703 | +\$513 |
| Las Virgenes-Malibu COG ¹ | 933 | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| North Los Angeles County | 15,663 | \$276,459 | \$276,870 | +\$410 |
| Orange County COG | 183,861 | \$3,244,579 | \$3,250,049 | +\$5,470 |
| San Bernardino COG/SBCTA | 138,110 | \$2,437,454 | \$2,441,324 | +\$3,870 |
| San Fernando Valley COG | 34,023 | \$600,395 | \$601,413 | +\$1,018 |
| San Gabriel Valley COG | 89,616 | \$1,581,508 | \$1,584,112 | +\$2,604 |
| South Bay Cities COG | 34,179 | \$603,172 | \$604,171 | +\$998 |
| Unincorporated County of Los Angeles | 90,052 | \$1,589,326 | \$1,591,819 | +\$2,493 |
| Unincorporated County of Riverside | 40,647 | \$721,086 | \$721,086 | \$0 |
| Ventura COG | 24,452 | \$431,573 | \$432,230 | +\$657 |
| Western Riverside COG | 95,085 | \$1,678,124 | \$1,680,786 | +\$2,661 |
| Westside Cities COG | 19,273 | \$340,068 | \$340,682 | +\$614 |
| Total | 1,341,827 | \$23,819,825 | \$23,719,825 | \$35,520 |

The subregional partners where the successful appeals occurred, the County of Riverside (unincorporated) and Gateway Cities Council of Governments, will not receive a reduction in their available SRP amounts though the regional share of RHNA allocation for these areas slightly decreased based on appeals results. The amount available to all other subregional partners have increased by varying amounts since their total share of the regional RHNA allocation increased due to the redistribution of successfully appealed units.

¹ Per the SRP Guidelines, the minimum amount available for a subregion is \$100,000. After the approval of the SRP Guidelines, this subregion elected not to participate in the SRP.



Applications for SRP projects were due on December 1, 2020. All submitted applications have been approved and at the time of the writing of this staff report, SCAG staff is working with individual subregional partners on finalizing memorandums of understanding so that project work can begin. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2023. SCAG staff will continue to update its policy committees on SRP and other REAP project progress, as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (21-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).



AGENDA ITEM 18
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director of Planning
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Subject: Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Work Plan and Progress Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEDH:

Information Only - No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In efforts to implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity) and President Rex Richardson's FY20/21 Work Plan, SCAG staff has developed a work plan for development of an Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS). The IERS Work Plan is based on the President's work plan phases of Listen, Convene, Catalyze. Early phases of listening and data collection occurred between July and December 2020 and culminated in the 2020 Economic Summit on December 1, 2020. Next steps will include holding a series of small convenings and drafting the IERS Strategy document.

IERS Work Plan

The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Work Plan was developed to deliver on President Rex Richardson's 2020/2021 Work Plan and also as an early activity of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan that was presented to the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice on March 30, 2021. The Work Plan is structured around the three work phases outlined in the 2020/2021 work plan, of listen, convene, catalyze. It builds on listening sessions and data collection produced between July and December 2020, as well as the Racial Equity Baseline Indicators generated by the SCAG Equity Working Group, through the National Equity Atlas. The Work Plan was reviewed by SCAG's

Executive Team, Chief Economist, the Economist Bench, President Rex Richardson and Charles T. Brown of Equitable Cities.

For Work Plan implementation, SCAG staff will be supported by the consultant firm of Estolano Advisors, with additional research and support from the UC Riverside Center for Social Innovation and the SCAG Economist Bench.

The **Work Plan** phases include:

1. **Understand Economic Recovery Planning Efforts to Date (from May 2020 – Nov 2020).** Completed work includes outreach through the Summer 2020 listening tours and related working groups and data collection, including development of the COVID Vulnerability Indicators, Economic Summit Briefing Book and National Equity Atlas Racial Equity Indicators.
2. **Inventory of Resources (Dec 2020 – March 2021).** This work includes: literature review of best practices in economic development and driving policy work through a racial and social equity lens; catalog of economic and community development organizations in each region; research economic recovery efforts underway at the regional, state and federal level; and reference list of public funding sources for economic development. This research and resource inventory will be completed by staff with some consultant support and the final work products will be included as an appendix to the final IERS.
3. **Draft Principles and Framework for the IERS (Jan 2021).** Staff developed a presentation deck that provides the framework for the IERS. The deck is for discussion purposes and to guide the convenings and feedback sessions (described in #4 below). The deck includes: (1) data on racial equity indicators pertaining to economic opportunity; (2) guiding principles for the IERS; and (3) focus areas for the IERS. The draft deck, along with the IERS workplan, was presented to the President's Committee on Racial and Social Equity on January 27, 2021.
4. **Small Group Convenings and Survey (Feb – March 2021).** Staff has organized over 20 convenings to vet the principles and focus areas, learn about existing efforts across the region, identify strategies from stakeholders and practitioners and identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration. The list of participants in the convenings was developed with input from SCAG's public affairs team, SCAG's economist bench, and completed with consultant support. There is an emphasis on ensuring that the convenings are racially diverse. The convenings target the following stakeholder groups:

- 1) **Leaders in key sectors** – entertainment, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, biotech, technology, and energy;
- 2) **Developers** – urban and infill, affordable and market rate, commercial, and residential;
- 3) **Community Based Organizations** that work on economic and community development;
- 4) **Foundations** whose mission includes community and economic development;
- 5) **Labor Unions and their partners;**
- 6) **Workforce training/education/development** – academic and training institutions;
- 7) **Municipal entities** that work on economic development, such as Economic Development Corporations, economic development departments; and
- 8) **Financial sector** – banks and Community Development Financial Institutions/intermediaries.

Some of these convenings are divided by region (have multiple meetings to cover the perspectives of each region) and others are sector-based groups covering the region as a whole.

In addition to the convenings, staff will administer a survey to further secure feedback on the draft principles and strategic focus areas for the IERS. Survey questions will be developed with consultant support.

5. **DRAFT IERS Plan (March – April 2021).** Staff will combine the initial research and listening/convening as well as extensive feedback on the draft IERS framework to develop the final IERS. The draft IERS will be presented at the 2021 General Assembly and to the Regional Council. The proposed plan will reiterate the principles and focus areas and provide a set of recommended next steps. These next steps will provide a clear indication of what SCAG can do versus where SCAG can partner, incentivize, and/or leverage resources. The IERS will be augmented with a bibliography of reference and resource materials developed in Step 2. Staff will incorporate feedback and guidance from the Regional Council to finalize and publish the report by Summer 2021. SCAG will develop a web landing page dedicated to this work along with a resource hub.

The IERS Principles

Based on an extensive literature review and input from SCAG's Executive Team and consultants, staff has developed the following principles to guide discussion:

- A. **Center racial and gender equity** – The IERS will focus on strategies to close the wealth and income gaps across race and gender. Its recommendations will uplift strategies to improve outcomes for communities of color, who have been hit hardest by the economic crisis stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, we know that during times of economic recovery and expansion, these same communities are often left behind and excluded from fully accessing the benefits of a growing economy. We must chart a new path

for this recovery so that we do not repeat past shortcomings. As the data suggests, by centering racial and gender equity in our strategies and implementation, we stand to increase the economic impact of our investments.

- B. Rebuild our region's middle class** – A thriving middle class makes for a thriving economy. We want to build an economy in which every individual and family has economic stability and security so that they can more fully participate in local and regional economies. Right now, we have a segment of our population, predominantly people of color, that works full-time yet lives below the poverty line. As the economy grows during our recovery, we must ensure that the region's workforce benefits from the value it creates. We can rebuild Southern California's middle class through income growth and wealth generation. We know that we can help lift people out of poverty and into the middle class by focusing on high road employment – increasing the number of family-supporting jobs, ensuring accessible pathways to jobs, and creating opportunities for families to invest their savings in wealth generating vehicles.
- C. Contribute to a climate ready region** – This recovery will be one that respects our workforce and respects our natural resources. As an agency committed to reducing GHG, we can curb the physical, social, and economic impacts of climate change. The IERS will focus on investments that prepare our region for the worsening impacts of climate change such as drought, wildfires, flash floods, and extreme heat. We will seek out opportunities such as adopting and advancing clean technologies, maximizing infill development, and investing in green, multi-benefit infrastructure.
- D. Tailor our strategies** – While many of the overarching needs in our subregions are shared – more jobs, growing sectors, updated infrastructure – we know that a “one-size fits all” approach is inappropriate. The IERS will include strategies that are crafted to reflect the unique needs and opportunities of different subregions and sectors. We will work with local stakeholders to understand what would be most effective in supporting each sector and sub-region's economic recovery, where we can leverage existing assets and efforts, and those with whom we can partner.
- E. Reflect new and diverse voices** – As we know from our experiences and heard from Thomas Friedman at the 2020 Economic Summit, SCAG's impact on our economy will be greatest when we build “Complex Adaptive Coalitions” and work with partners. The IERS will reflect voices from a broad range of stakeholders working across sectors and disciplines to grow a clean and inclusive economy. The strategies we outline will require us to make “the table” bigger, so that we can have more voices and partners engaged in this work. We believe that including a broader range of perspectives in the strategy and its implementation will support aligned and sustained impact.

The IERS Focus Areas

The focus areas were developed through a literature review, an effort to align with anticipated federal funding that will emerge through President Biden’s Build Back Better plan, and review from the SCAG Executive Team and consultants. Using the principles to guide, shape and prioritize recommendations, the IERS will recommend key actions in each of the following focus areas – recognizing they are inter-connected and equally important:

- A. Transportation** – We will aim to advance a clean and accessible transportation system that meets the needs of historically marginalized communities and increases connectivity and accessibility to high-opportunity jobs. We expect to identify projects of regional significance that support a clean transportation future, hold the promise of creating new, equity-ready jobs, and be ready to move forward in implementation.
- B. Housing Production** – This section will identify strategies to support production of a range of housing to meet the needs of different householders at all income levels. This will help us ensure that we can have greater jobs-housing balance with critical workforce housing available near jobs. In addition, building new housing will generate new equity-ready construction jobs.
- C. Infrastructure** – In this focus area, we will identify foundational and catalytic infrastructure projects that will change the trajectory of our regional economy. These will be projects of regional significance that will create accessible, high-quality jobs and help to close the gap in long-term economic outcomes. Much needed infrastructure includes broadband, a smart grid, stormwater management, water recycling, and other green infrastructure.
- D. Sector Based Strategies** – The IERS will identify top needs of growth industries and sectors that provide the greatest opportunities for middle class, family supporting jobs – jobs that are accessible and have meaningful career ladders within the industry. These sectors will vary across subregions as they leverage local assets, and the same industries’ needs and challenges may vary across sub-regions. This section will also identify strategies for SCAG and its partners to help local early-stage firms within these sectors access capital and space and expand their operations and their workforce.
- E. Human Capital** – To truly improve the lives of Southern Californians, we must ensure that individuals and households have access to the supports they need to thrive in their jobs and pursuit of economic mobility. We acknowledge that a range of underlying obstacles, barriers, and circumstances stemming from institutional racism in our country’s policies affect historically marginalized communities’ ability to fully participate in the economy. These obstacles include lack of access to affordable transportation choices, unaffordable

childcare and mental/public health services, financial obligations that prevent individuals from completing critical training programs, and more. Job creation via land use strategies and infrastructure investments alone will not pull our region out of the current economic crisis – we must invest in people.

Progress to Date

As of March 12th, staff have been working on the literature review, data collection and other resource materials. Staff have held 12 convenings, with 9 additional convenings scheduled. Convenings to date included: 3 convenings of community-based organizations working on environmental justice, housing and economic development; labor unions and organizations that work with them; industry incubators and accelerators; the financial sector; commercial developers; housing developers; workforce development organizations and community colleges; foundations; a special meeting of the GLUE Council; and industry leaders in Ventura County.

Between March 12th and April 6th, staff will hold County-specific convenings with both large and small employers, one convening of the subregional councils of government, and a convening with economic development representatives from various municipalities.

Preliminary Considerations

At this time, noting that convenings have not yet occurred with both large and small employers, staff has found some common themes across stakeholders. The early findings are organized around the key levers that SCAG can exercise: provision of data; advocacy for funding; policy advocacy; and convening. While this is not a complete set of findings, early feedback has suggested areas where SCAG could be impactful. The concepts below are organized by the focus areas identified in the IERS framework:

Human Capital

- Support a region-wide initiative to bring greater awareness of workforce development resources for employers.
- Facilitate regional coordination to ensure that California is prepared to allocate federal funding for childcare being provided through the Federal Recovery Act.
- Leverage the work of foundations across the region to broaden the reach of SCAG's work, and in particular to support equity-centered economic development work.
- Ensure that all work going forward brings diverse and inclusive voices to the table.
- Work with labor and the development community to strengthen the form and implementation of training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Sector Based Strategies

- Become a source of regional data that can support and inform policies around economic development, and in particular align with the data needs identified in the March 2021 report of the State's Future of Work Commission.
- Advocate for regulatory reforms that support businesses, in particular ensuring that start-ups and growing, early stage companies that start in the region, remain in the region.
- Support creation of stronger supply chains for small, women and minority owned businesses to secure both government contracts and contracts with anchor institutions.

Housing Production

- Support efforts to create regional financing strategies and funding sources for affordable housing for low and moderate income households as well as homeownership.
- Offer technical assistance for municipalities seeking to use CEQA streamlining and other ministerial approval options.
- Support regional efforts to streamline and finance development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Identify priority transportation and infrastructure projects across the region, tracking to the FTIP and advocate for funding at the state and federal level. Use these projects to pilot coordination on job training programs.
- Move forward with SCAG efforts for electrification of freight and the regional blueprint for electric charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure for medium and heavy-duty trucks.
- Identify funding sources for environmental remediation and infrastructure development to facilitate housing production and economic growth.
- Lead regional efforts to bridge the digital divide.

Again, these early findings are prior to a host of convenings with both large employers and small business interests. Staff expects to flesh out recommendations that speak more directly to large and small employers' feedback as well as other findings through the process.

It is important to note that in order to move forward with these concepts, a key priority will be identifying funding sources for staff and professional support.

NEXT STEPS

In the period between March 12th and finalization of the IERS, staff will:

- Hold County-specific convenings with both large and small employers, one convening of the subregional councils of government, and a convening with economic development representatives from various municipalities.
- Dedicate the April 12th meeting of the GLUE Council to review preliminary recommendations.



- Invite all convening participants to a webinar on April 16th to share what was heard, recommendations and get a final round of feedback.

The draft Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy will be presented to the Regional Council on May 6, 2021. With additional feedback from the Regional Council and targeted stakeholders, the final report will be released in Summer 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (055-1531.01, So Cal Economic Growth Strategy).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation: Developing an Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy for the SCAG Region

Developing an Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy for the SCAG Region

Work Plan, Framework and Progress Report

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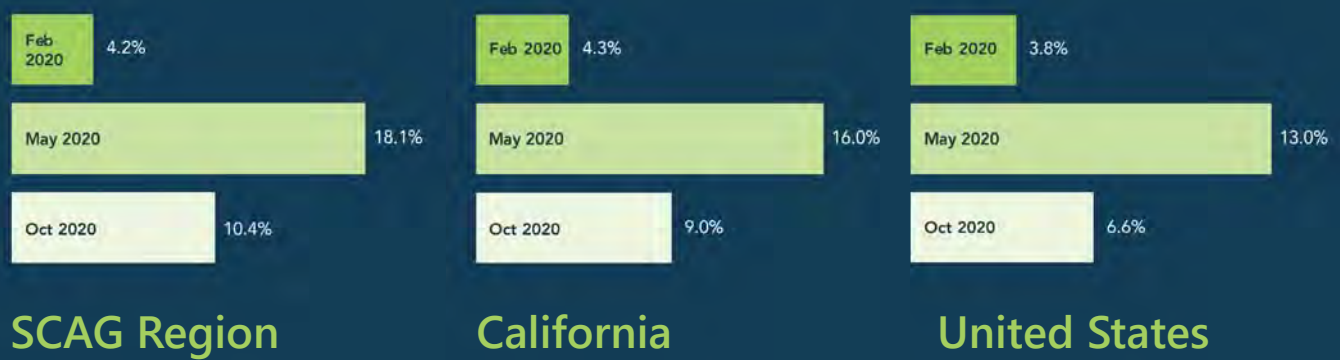
Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) – Work Plan



Status of the Economy

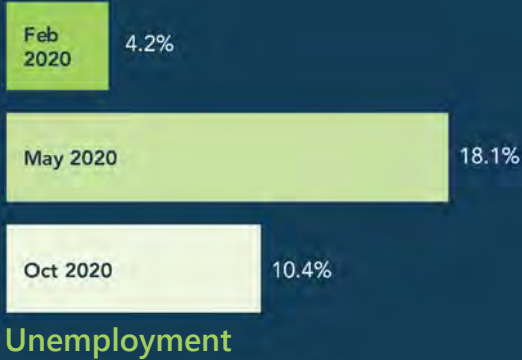
State, SCAG Region and County-specific

Unemployment at a Glance



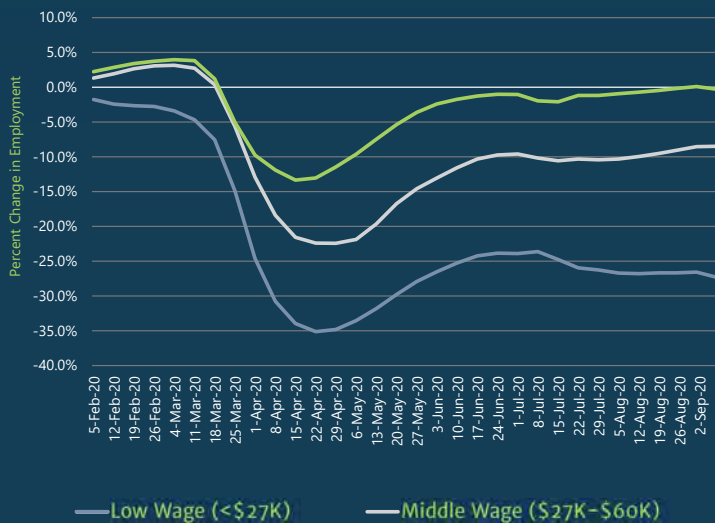
One year into the pandemic, unemployment is starting to shrink – however it is higher in the SCAG region than the State and the country as a whole.

SCAG Region Overview



- Sectors with the largest employment losses between February and April 2020:
 - Leisure and Hospitality: -45.4%
 - Other Services: -27.3%
 - Information: -22.7%
 - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing: -17.4%
 - Retail Trade: -17.2%
- The Beginnings of a Recovery — SCAG region recovered 704,400 jobs between April 2020 and January 2021, led by:
 - Retail Trade: +19.0%
 - Construction: +11.5%
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +7.7%

SCAG Region Economic Performance



- Before the pandemic, SCAG median household incomes region grew to \$76,981 by 7.1% in 2019, faster than the national rate.
- Lower-income SCAG residents saw higher employment losses between January and April and will likely see a slower recovery.
 - Low Income (<\$27,000) saw jobs losses of 35.1%
 - Middle Income (\$27,000-\$60,000): -22.4%
 - High Income (>\$60,000): -13.0%

National Data

- Black and Hispanic workers faced 1.6 to 2.0 times the unemployment rates of white counterparts
- Households with less than \$30,000 in income faced double the unemployment rates
- Women have accounted for 56% of workforce exits since the start of the pandemic despite making up 48% of the workforce

Source: McKinsey & Company, *Achieving an Inclusive US Economic Recovery*, Feb 3, 2021

Statewide Data

- The income gap has grown faster in CA than in the country as a whole
- The richest Californians have seen record wealth gains this year
- Those that already work paycheck to paycheck have been hit hardest

Source: 2020 California Governor's Budget Proposal

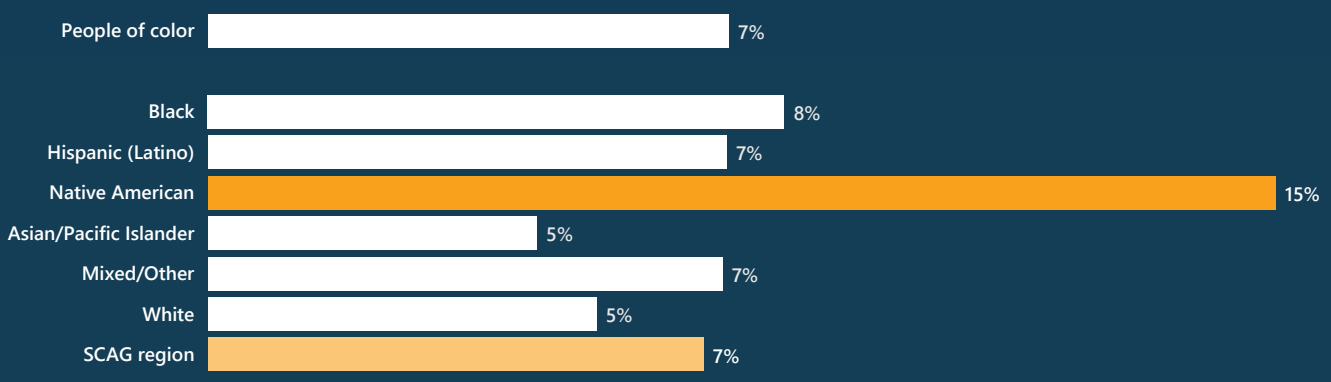
Equity Indicators

Baseline Data for the SCAG Region

National Equity Atlas

SCAG Region Baseline Equity Indicators: 2017 data

Unemployment Rate by Race/Ethnicity

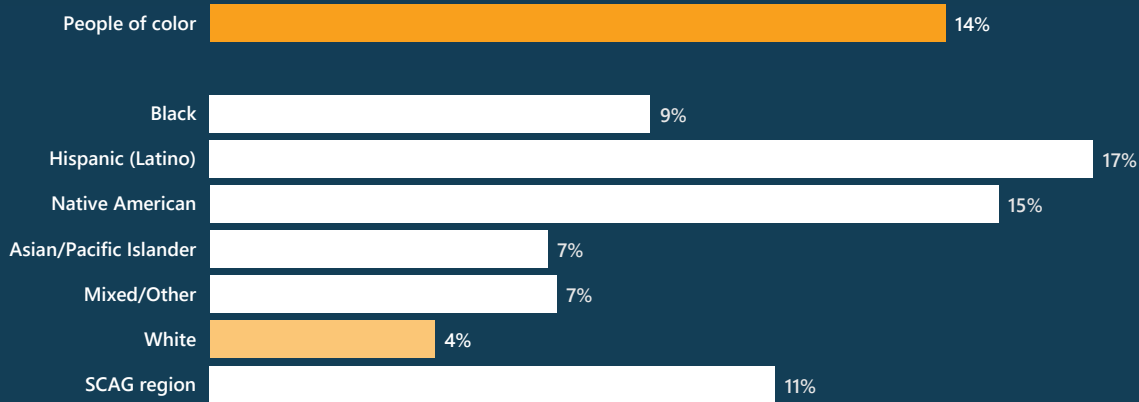


While the disparity in unemployment between the White population and People of Color (POC) has shrunk, the unemployment rate for POC is still 38% higher.

SCAG Region Baseline Equity Indicators: 2017 data



Percentage of Working Poor by Race/Ethnicity

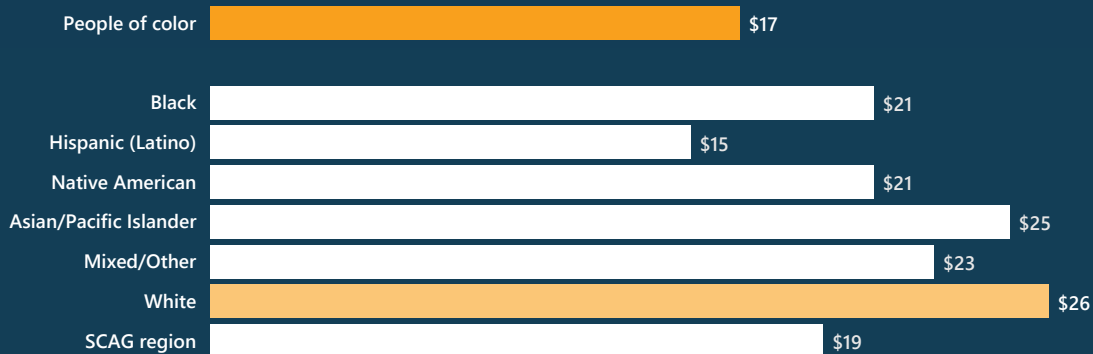


For all races, the percentage of Working Poor has increased in the SCAG region; People of Color are Working Poor at rates 3 times as high as the White population.

SCAG Region Baseline Equity Indicators: 2017 data



Median Hourly Wage by Race/Ethnicity

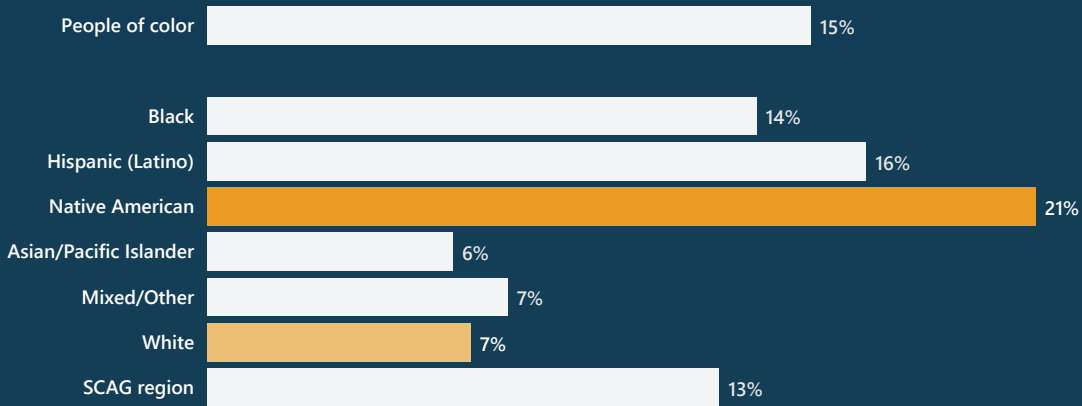


Workers of color make nearly \$10 less per hour (\$17) than their white counterparts (\$26), equating to a nearly \$20,000 deficit in pre-tax revenue.

SCAG Region Baseline Equity Indicators: 2017 data



Percent Living in High-Poverty Neighborhoods by Race/Ethnicity



In 2017, 15% of the SCAG region's People of Color lived in high poverty census tracts, compared to 6.5% of the white population.



The Business Case for Racial Equity

The average earnings of persons of color in the U.S. are 63% of the average earnings of Whites of the same age and gender — roughly \$25,000 per year versus \$40,000 per year.

Raising the average earnings of people of color to match those of Whites by closing gaps in health, education, and opportunity would generate an additional \$1 trillion in earnings, a 15% gain.

* Data from *The Business Case for Racial Equity, A Strategy for Growth*, by Ani Turner (Altarum) WK Kellogg Foundation, 2018

Under current consumer spending patterns, \$1 trillion in higher earnings would translate to an additional \$800 billion in spending...”

To address racial inequalities by 2050 would result in an additional \$2.6 trillion in spending.

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Closing the earnings gap for people of color would increase federal tax revenues by \$450 billion and state and local tax revenues by \$100 billion annually.

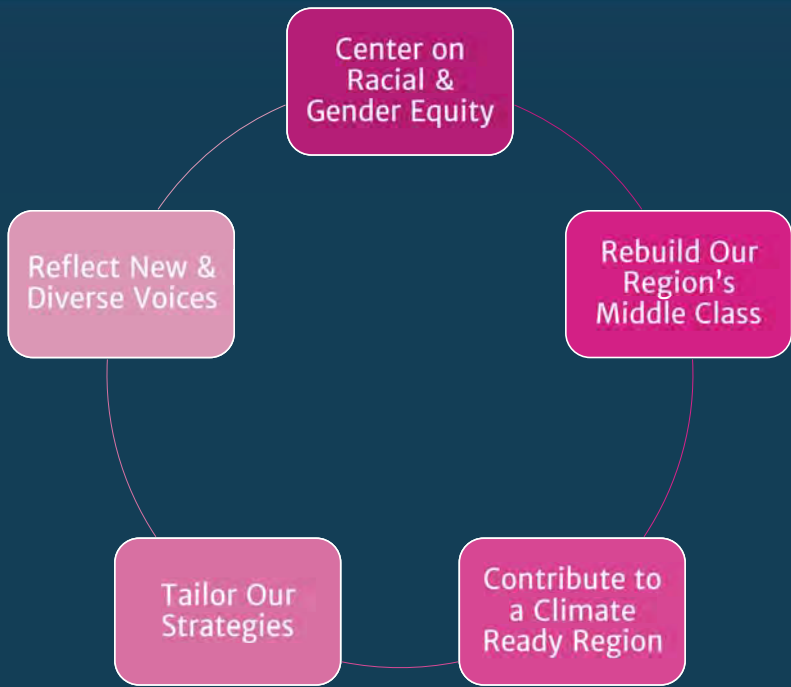
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Between 1975 and 2018, if median income had grown at the same rate as GDP, median earners would make \$92,000 per year vs the current median income of \$50,000 per year.

* Source: *Trends in Income from 1975 to 2018*; Rand Education and Labor; Sept 2020

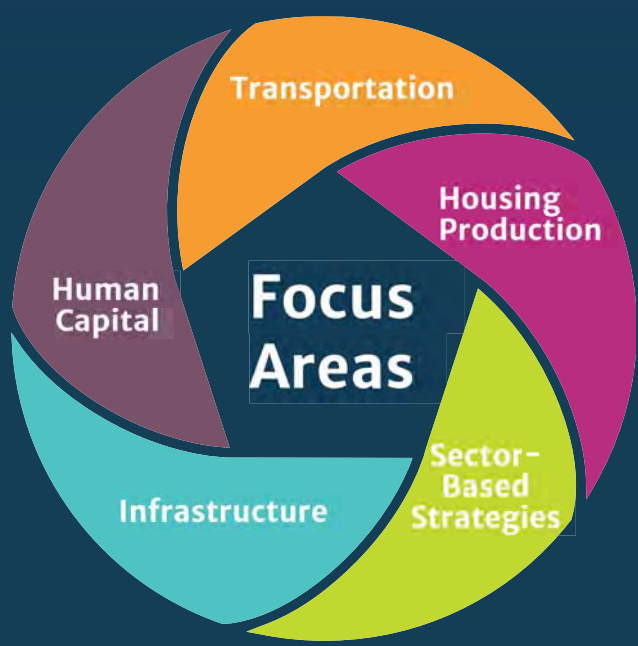
Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Guiding Principles

IERS – Guiding Principles



Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Focus Areas

IERS Focus Areas: Inter-connected and Equally Important



Preliminary Findings – Still in Development

Human Capital

- **Workforce Development:** Support a region-wide initiative to bring greater awareness of workforce development resources for employers.
- **Childcare:** Facilitate regional coordination to ensure that California is prepared to allocate federal funding for childcare being provided through the Federal Recovery Act.
- **Training and Apprenticeships:** Work with labor and the development community to strengthen the form and implementation of training and apprenticeship opportunities.
- **Data:** Strengthen SCAG's role as a hub for regional data that helps promote and drive economic recovery efforts.
- **Bring more voices to the table:** Leverage the work of foundations across the region to broaden the reach of SCAG's work, and in particular to support equity-centered economic development work.

Preliminary Findings – Still in Development

Transportation and Infrastructure

- **Prioritize Funding for Catalytic Projects:** Create a list of priority transportation and infrastructure projects across the region and advocate for funding at the state and federal level. Use these projects to pilot coordination on job training programs.
- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure:** Move forward with SCAG efforts for electrification of freight and the regional blueprint for electric charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure for medium and heavy-duty trucks.
- **Digital Divide:** Lead regional efforts to bridge the digital divide.
- **Environmental Remediation and Infrastructure:** Identify funding sources for environmental remediation and infrastructure development to facilitate housing production and economic growth.

Preliminary Findings – Still in Development

Housing Production

- **Financing:** Support efforts to create regional financing strategies and funding sources for housing of all types, and affordable to households at a variety of income levels.
- **Development Streamlining:** Offer technical assistance and training to support municipalities seeking to use CEQA streamlining and other ministerial approval options to accelerate housing production.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs):** Become a repository of information and best practices to support regional efforts to streamline and finance development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Preliminary Findings – Still in Development

Sector Based Strategies

- **Data:** Become a source of regional data that can support and inform policies around economic development, and in particular align with the data needs identified in the March 2021 report of the State’s Future of Work Commission.
- **Regulatory Reform:** Advocate for regulatory reforms that support businesses, in particular ensuring that start-ups and growing, early stage companies that start in the region, remain in the region.
- **Contracting:** Support creation of stronger supply chains for small, women and minority owned businesses to secure both government contracts and contracts with anchor institutions.

Next Steps

- Convenings through first week of April 2021
- 4/12/21: GLUE Council meeting – share findings and preliminary recommendations, seek feedback
- 4/16/21: Stakeholder webinar – share findings and preliminary recommendations, seek feedback
- 5/6/21: Present findings and draft recommendations to Regional Council
- May – June: Refine recommendations based on feedback, additional outreach as needed
- July 2021: Final report published

Questions and Discussion

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AGENDA ITEM 19
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
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Subject: 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
Framework

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC, CEHD, TC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). SCAG's Regional Council adopted the current-2020 RTP/SCS, or Connect SoCal, in two separate actions in April and September of 2020. The next RTP/SCS will be prepared for adoption by the Regional Council by April 2024. The purpose of this report is to outline the process for developing the next RTP/SCS, highlight major milestones, and outline SCAG's stakeholder outreach approach.

BACKGROUND:

Every four years, SCAG must prepare and adopt a RTP/SCS. SCAG's Regional Council adopted the current 2020 RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal, in two separate actions in April and September of 2020. The next RTP/SCS will be prepared for consideration by the Regional Council for adoption by April 2024. The purpose of this report is to outline the process for developing the next RTP/SCS, highlight major milestones, and outline SCAG's stakeholder outreach approach.

What is the RTP/SCS?

The RTP/SCS is a long-range regional plan that builds upon land use and transportation strategies established over several planning cycles to increase mobility options and achieve a more sustainable regional development pattern. The RTP/SCS charts a path towards a more mobile, sustainable and prosperous region by strengthening regional connections between transportation networks, land use planning, and between the people whose collaboration can improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. Development of the RTP/SCS requires several years of data collection, rigorous technical analysis, robust policy discussions, and substantial stakeholder engagement.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, SCAG must follow specific state and federal requirements in the development of the RTP/SCS. Meeting the following requirements is necessary to ensure receipt of transportation funding from both state and federal sources:

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – SCAG is required by federal law to prepare and update a long-range RTP (23 U.S.C. §134 et seq.). The RTP must include, among other things: the identification of transportation facilities such as major roadways, transit, intermodal facilities and connectors that function as an integrated metropolitan system over at least a 20-year forecast period; a financial plan demonstrating how the RTP can be implemented with “reasonably available” resources and additional financial approaches; strategies to improve existing facilities, relieve vehicular congestion, and maximize the safety and mobility of people and goods; and environmental mitigation activities. (23 U.S.C. §134 (i)(2)).

Transportation Conformity Requirements – Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG’s RTP/SCS is required to meet all federal transportation conformity requirements, including regional emissions analysis, financial constraint, timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures, and interagency consultation and public involvement (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.).

System Performance Monitoring – Transportation system performance planning and monitoring became federal mandates with the passage of ‘Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century’ (MAP-21) in 2012, and the ‘FAST Act’ in 2015. SCAG has been a pioneer in the development and use of performance metrics to evaluate progress toward achieving regional goals before MAP-21/FAST Act became law. Starting with the 1998 RTP, SCAG has been using quantitative performance measures to evaluate how the RTP is performing in terms of achieving the plan’s regional goals.

Environmental Justice Analysis – As an MPO that receives federal funding, SCAG is required to conduct an Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis for the RTP/SCS. The plan is required to

consider the consequences of transportation projects on low-income and minority communities, and avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental impacts on low-income and minority populations. Consideration of EJ in the transportation planning process stems from Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which establishes the need for transportation agencies to disclose to the general public the benefits and burdens of proposed projects on minority populations, later expanded through federal executive branch order to also include protections based on income.

Sustainable Communities Strategy – California Senate Bill 375, codified in 2008 in Government Code §65080 (b)(2)(B), requires that the RTP includes a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) which can meet greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Currently, the targets for the SCAG region are eight percent below 2005 per capita GHG emissions levels by 2020, and 19 percent below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035.

What's new for this RTP/SCS?

This next 2024 RTP/SCS will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, strategies and investments based on, and to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. For this reason, SCAG staff anticipates using the same name, "Connect SoCal," to underscore the continuation of the planning effort. The pillars of the Connect SoCal, the Core Vision and Key Connections, will continue into the next plan. The Core Vision centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets.

The Key Connections augment the Core Vision of the plan to address trends and emerging challenges. These Key Connections lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation, aiming to coalesce policy discussions and advance promising strategies for leveraging new technologies and partnerships to accelerate progress on regional planning goals.

For this cycle, SCAG staff will focus on process improvements and on data updates and refinements. During the post-adoption period for the last RTP/SCS, SCAG staff debriefed on the plan development process internally as well as with select stakeholders. Based on these reflections there were several key takeaways, including maintaining one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions, continuing to partner with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and improving the public engagement process through earlier outreach.

However, there will likely be many changes within the region that are yet to be fully understood as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, as noted in the 'Connect SoCal - Emerging Issues and Trends for Future' Planning staff report of September 2020.¹ The pandemic profoundly impacted the ways we live, work, and learn and will undoubtedly influence our planning processes for years to come. In developing the 2024 RTP/SCS, SCAG must reexamine trends and assess these emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region's evolving needs, challenges and opportunities.

Two overarching issues identified in the previously cited 'Emerging Issues and Trends' staff report, 'Equity' and 'Resilience,' will have enhanced presence in the next plan. Both equity and resilience will be lenses through which various aspects of the plan content will be examined. Additionally, the issue of the digital divide within the region as discussed in the staff report will be incorporated into the next RTP/SCS.

Equity: As central to SCAG's work, racial equity describes the actions, policies, and practices that eliminate bias and barriers that have historically and systemically marginalized communities of color, to ensure all people can be healthy, prosperous, and participate fully in civic life. In July 2020, SCAG passed Resolution No. 20-623-2² stating that systemic racism is a human rights and public health crisis and established an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice. At its May meeting, the Regional Council is anticipated to consider a Racial Equity Early Action Plan (EAP), which will include the development of a Connect SoCal racial equity framework.

Resilience: In January 2021, SCAG passed Resolution No. 21-628-1³ which states that SCAG will pursue a number of activities to address climate change, including mitigation and adaptation, to strengthen regional resilience. These include developing a regional resilience framework to help the region plan and prepare for a changing climate and other potential near- and long-term disruptions to Southern California. The resolution also stated that SCAG shall include climate adaptation and mitigation analysis and strategies in the 2024 RTP/SCS.

Digital Divide: In February 2021, SCAG passed Resolution 21-629-2⁴ directing SCAG staff to develop a Broadband Action Plan which includes incorporating broadband planning, data and research findings, and strategies, as appropriate, into existing SCAG programs and, based on SCAG's findings, utilize data as part of Scenario Planning Process for upcoming and future long-range plans.

¹ https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc_090320fullagn.pdf?1604639362

² https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rcresolution206232_0.pdf?1605039926

³ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc010721resolution21-628-1.pdf?1610072923>

⁴ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc020421fullpacket.pdf?1612231563>

Who will be involved in Connect SoCal development?

Obtaining local input is integral to the development of a robust plan, including both transportation projects from County Transportation Commissions and land use data from local jurisdictions. Gathering this information helps us understand where the region will grow and how people will move around the region. Connect SoCal also relies on extensive stakeholder engagement and policy discussions with local elected leaders, who make up SCAG's Policy Committees and Regional Council.

SCAG Policy Committees: Each SCAG Policy Committee has unique purview over different aspects of plan development and makes recommendations for the Regional Council to take action. For overarching policy discussions, SCAG sometimes holds Joint Policy Committee meetings including all members from the Community, Economic, and Human Development, (CEHD), Environment and Energy Committee (EEC), and Transportation Committees (TC).

Outside of elected leadership, SCAG staff also engages with stakeholders through several formal working groups and direct communications.

Stakeholder Groups: SCAG hosts many different topical working groups and technical advisory committees as well as engaging in direct communication with stakeholders throughout the development of different products of Connect SoCal. See the [stakeholder outline] attachment for more detail.

Local Input: SCAG relies on the input from County Transportation Commissions to develop the Connect SoCal project list, in coordination with partner transportation agencies including Caltrans and transit operators, and on local jurisdictions to update and verify growth forecast land use data.

Public Outreach: SCAG engages with the public in a variety of ways during the development of Connect SoCal. Before initiating public outreach efforts, SCAG will update and adopt a Public Participation Plan (PPP), anticipated in early 2022. The PPP will establish goals for ensuring a wide range of perspectives are heard and will be developed compliant with Title 23, CFR 450.316(a) and state planning law. Per Government Code §65080 (b)(2)(F), SCAG will hold at least 16 public workshops and at least three public hearings.

What's next for this RTP/SCS?

As illustrated in the [Major Milestones] attachment, several plan items will come before the SCAG Regional Council this year. Later this summer, SCAG staff will present several early RTP/SCS

development items including the SCS Subregional Delegation Guidelines, Growth Forecast Framework, and Performance Measures and Monitoring Framework. Not reflected in the major milestones overview are the many individual projects, research, and report items that SCAG staff will bring to the Regional Council which will then be incorporated into the draft plan. As a general overview, the work to develop the next Connect SoCal will proceed in four phases:

Foundations and Frameworks (Now – Early 2022): Initiate plan development process and establish plan goals.

Data Collection and Policy Development (Early 2022 – Early 2023): Collect input from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies, conduct research, identify emerging regional trends, and propose discuss plan policies and strategies with stakeholders.

Outreach and Analysis (Early 2023 – Mid 2023): Conduct public workshops, incorporate feedback from outreach activities and analyze data.

Draft Plan and Adoption (Late 2023 – Early 2024): Prepare draft plan for public review and final plan for consideration by the Regional Council for adoption by April 2024.

While the major development steps for the next RTP/SCS are largely known and driven by federal and state regulations, SCAG has discretion over the projects, policies, strategies and data presented in the plan. SCAG staff will work to identify and present these variables to the various SCAG Policy Committees and Regional Council. Further discussion with regional stakeholders and decision-makers will be necessary over the next three years as new information comes to light on the state of the region and in identifying the policy responses and underlying goals for the region moving forward.

FISCAL IMPACT:

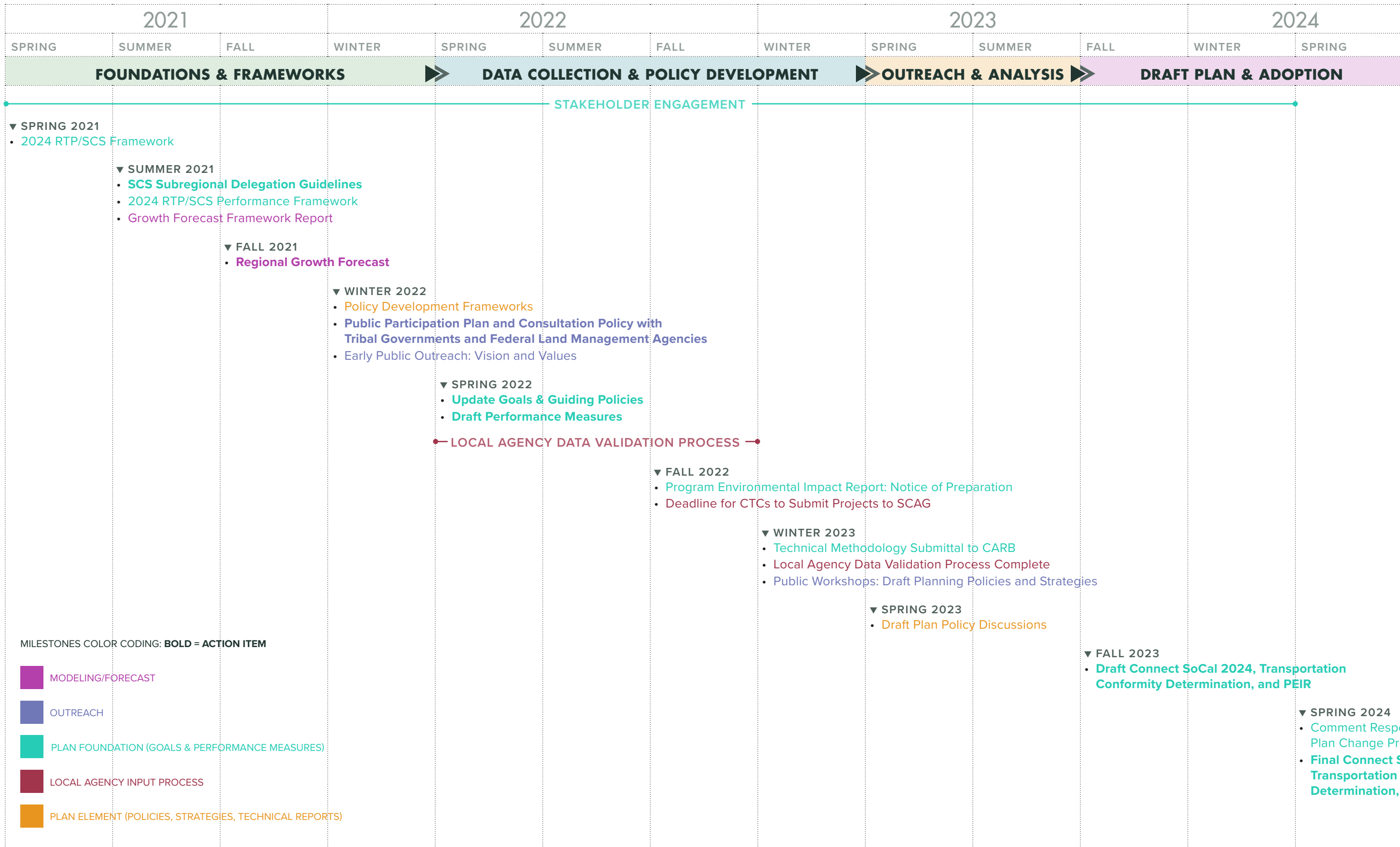
Work associated with this item is included in the FY 20-21 and proposed FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2024 Connect SoCal Major Milestones
2. 2024 Connect SoCal Stakeholder Overview



2024 RTP/SCS PRELIMINARY MILESTONES



MILESTONES COLOR CODING: **BOLD** = ACTION ITEM

- MODELING/FORECAST
- OUTREACH
- PLAN FOUNDATION (GOALS & PERFORMANCE MEASURES)
- LOCAL AGENCY INPUT PROCESS
- PLAN ELEMENT (POLICIES, STRATEGIES, TECHNICAL REPORTS)



2024 RTP/SCS STAKEHOLDER OUTLOOK

SCAG staff relies on many different stakeholder meetings to get input for and review of materials related to the development of the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) before bringing them to SCAG Committees or Regional Council. The below summary is not inclusive of SCAG's broader public stakeholder outreach activities such as workshops or Community Based Organization partnerships, which will be further outlined in an updated Public Participation Plan. These stakeholder meetings fall along a spectrum of focus from technical to policy focused agenda items with some groups covering items from both categories.



| TECHNICAL FOCUS | | TECHNICAL/POLICY FOCUS | POLICY FOCUS |
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| MODELING TASK FORCE | PEER REVIEW OF MODEL | REGIONAL PLANNING WORKING GROUPS | CTC PLANNING DIRECTORS MEETING |
| AVIATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE | SOCAL FREIGHT COLLABORATIVE | GLOBAL LAND USE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL | SUBREGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MEETING |
| TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP | PROJECT SPECIFIC STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH (E.G. DEDICATED BUS LANES STUDY) | CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES | |
| REGIONAL GROWTH TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (NEW) | SOCAL ROUNDTABLE (TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING) | | |
| REGIONAL TRANSIT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE | | | |

Regular meetings
 Direct, ad-hoc or limited duration stakeholder involvement



AGENDA ITEM 20
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and
Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (PO's) more than \$5,000 but less than \$200,000

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>PO Purpose</u> | <u>PO Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Zoom Video Communications Inc. | FY21 Zoom Renewal and Upgrade | \$12,901 |
| Sparkgeo Consulting Inc | FY21 Mapticks Enterprise Plan Subscription | \$10,000 |

SCAG executed the following Contract more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Contract's Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| 1. Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (20-054-C01) | The consultant shall provide services for the City of San Gabriel by complementing and building upon the existing San Gabriel Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) by investigating and evaluating the physical conditions, traffic control devices, pedestrian volumes, vehicular traffic patterns, volumes and speeds | \$194,993 |



SCAG executed the following Contract more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Contract's Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| 2. The Regents of the University of California, Riverside (UCR) (21-018-C01) | around private and public elementary and middle schools in the City. The consultant shall build a linkage between SCAG's existing economic analysis and Economic Summit as these emerging equity-oriented initiatives, support the development of the SCAG Region's Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) and set the foundation and framework for SCAG's work on inclusive economic recovery moving forward, including integration with the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal). | \$151,146 |
| 3. Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (21-026-C01) | Consistent with the requirements of the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, as well as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant that funds this project, the consultant shall host a series of peer exchanges for traffic safety practitioners within the SCAG region. The purpose of the peer exchanges is to encourage stakeholders in the region to develop safety plans and implement safety strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, in particular for vulnerable populations (e.g., bicyclists, pedestrians, older adults, and youth) while prioritizing the intersection of equity and social | \$148,022 |



SCAG executed the following Contract more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Contract's Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| | justice issues, including the impacts of racial violence related to enforcement, and emerging safety issues due to COVID-19. | |
| 4. The Regents of the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) (21-024-C01) | The consultant shall conduct a study to better assess changes in travel behavior due to the pandemic and corresponding economic and living situation changes. | \$130,000 |
| 5. DLT Solutions (21-054-C01) | The consultant shall provide infrastructure to assist SCAG to fulfill its mission through the implementation of a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that will promote more efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region. | \$120,000 |
| 6. Taylor Walk Inc., DBA Pacific Office Interiors (21-045-C01) | The consultant will install protective glass for staff cubicles in the 900 Wilshire Blvd. Headquarters building to provide a barrier of protection against the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. | \$81,833 |
| 7. Cornerstone On Demand Inc. (21-056-C01) | In order to support SCAG's strategic goal to recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce, staff is leveraged its Learning Management Systems (LMS) that build off SCAG's current software. | \$70,702 |
| 8. Matta Construction Services (21-021-C01) | Th consultant shalt install badge readers in the stairwell on the 16 th | \$48,820 |



SCAG executed the following Contract more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Contract’s Purpose</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| | and 17 th floors of SCAG’s 900 Wilshire Headquarters building. | |

SCAG executed the Amendment more than \$5,000 but less than \$75,000

| <u>Consultant/Contract #</u> | <u>Amendment’s Purpose</u> | <u>Amendment Amount</u> |
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| 1. StreetLight Data, Inc. (21-020-C01) | The consultant shall customize data related to truck trips to help increase the accuracy of SCAG’s Travel Demand Model. | \$74,000 |
| 2. The Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Institute of Transportation Studies (19-024-C01) | The consultant shall replace a survey they were unable to perform due to the COVID-19 pandemic and replaces it with purchasing a license to access statistical third-party data, allowing the consultant to perform a similar analysis as was originally planned. | \$15,000 |
| 3. Alta Planning + Design (19-019-C01) | As part of developing a Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan in the in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Region, the consultant shall conduct additional engagements in the City of Claremont and provide additional presentations to the Cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Pomona due to COVID-19 related cancellation of engagements in other cities. | \$14,685 |

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 20-054-C01
2. Contract Summary 21-018-C01
3. Contract Summary 21-026-C01
4. Contract Summary 21-024-C01
5. Contract Summary 21-054-C01



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6. Contract Summary 21-045-C01
 7. Contract Summary 21-056-C01
 8. Contract Summary 21-022-C01
 9. Contract Summary 21-020-C01 Amendment 1
 10. Contract Summary 19-024-C01 Amendment 2
 11. Contract Summary 19-019-C01 Amendment 5

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 20-054-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Alta Planning + Design, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work:

The development of the San Gabriel Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan is intended to guide the implementation of a comprehensive network of safe streets for students. The SRTS Plan will provide a vision to improve conditions for non-motorized forms of travel throughout San Gabriel City schools to create safe, accessible connectivity. The SRTS Plan will combine planning efforts with pedestrian safety education to promote and increase multimodal travel for all ages and all levels of ability.

The Consultant shall provide services for the City of San Gabriel by complementing and building upon the existing San Gabriel Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) by investigating and evaluating the physical conditions, traffic control devices, pedestrian volumes, vehicular traffic patterns, volumes and speeds around private and public elementary and middle schools in the City. They will provide a final adopted plan that will include project recommendations for active transportation safety improvements to schools.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Improving mobility for parents, school-age students and the school community walking and biking in and around the City by providing a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan;
- Improving access to walking and bicycling for recreation or commuting and infrastructure for non-motorized transportation to schools;
- Providing a variety of safety improvements and connectivity to transit facilities, points of interest, and parks within the school boundary limits; and
- Providing multilingual inclusive community engagement, using traditional and non-traditional approaches, by determining and identifying solutions that meet the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists connecting to the surrounding region.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; Goal 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy; and Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount:

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| Total not to exceed | \$194,993 |
| Alta Planning + Design (prime consultant) | \$125,015 |
| Active SGV (subconsultant) | \$69,978 |

Note: Alta Planning + Design originally proposed \$297,054, but staff negotiated the price down to \$194,993 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period:

March 2, 2021 through February 27, 2022

Project Number(s): 225-4837X3.01 \$194,993
Funding source(s): FY19 ATP Local Planning Initiative

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 3008 firms of the release of RFP 20-054 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System. A total of 43 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:

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| Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (1 subconsultant) | \$297,054 |
| Toole Design Group, LLC (2 subconsultants) | \$316,746 |
| KOA Corporation (2 subconsultants) | \$369,266 |

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

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:
Dorothy Le Suchkova, Senior Regional Planner ATSP, SCAG
Angela Cheng, Senior Civil Engineer, City of San Gabriel
Greg de Vinck, Public Works Director City Engineer, City of San Gabriel

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically assets, constraints and opportunities in City of San Gabriel; regional transportation context; understanding of City of San Gabriel background, history and goals; and a strong track record of similar projects and in the region (San Gabriel Valley Regional Bicycle Master Plan, Pasadena Safe Routes to School Plan, El Monte Walking School Bus Program);
- Recognized by all PRC members for innovative public outreach methods; all public outreach is proposed to be in Chinese, Spanish and English, and utilizes innovative traditional and non-traditional methods including pop-ups and existing community events and festivals; and
- Proposed lowest price.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-018-C01

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| Recommended Consultant: | Regents of the University of California, Riverside Campus (UCR) |
| Background & Scope of Work: | The Consultant shall build a linkage between SCAG’s existing economic analysis and Economic Summit as these emerging equity-oriented initiatives, support the development of the SCAG Region’s Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) and set the foundation and framework for SCAG’s work on inclusive economic recovery moving forward, including integration with the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal). |
| Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: | <p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting development of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS), including a best practices literature review, creating lists of resources and organizations, initial framing of the strategy, support for identifying convening participants, and support for development of the final strategy document;• Developing an equity framework for measuring the impact/success of the IERS, and identifying mechanisms to integrate the IERS with the SCAG workplan and the future 2024 RTP/SCS process;• Collaborating with the SCAG Economic Recovery and Resiliency Bench to develop the materials for the 2021 Economic Summit; and• Providing research and analysis on a regional policy topics and how it connects to equity outcomes. |
| Strategic Plan: | This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians and Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region. |
| Contract Amount: | <p>Total not to exceed \$151,146 UCR (prime consultant)</p> <p>Note: UCR originally proposed \$171,000, but staff negotiated the price down to \$151,146 without reducing the scope of work.</p> |
| Contract Period: | February 23, 2021 through June 30, 2022 |
| Project Number(s): | <p>055-1531B.01 \$151,146 Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</p> <p>Funding of \$46,000 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget, and the remaining \$105,146 is expected to be available in the FY 2021-22 budget in Project Number 055-1531B.01, subject to budget availability.</p> |
| Request for Proposal (RFP) | Not applicable – sole source contract |
| Selection Process | Not applicable – sole source contract |

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Basis for Selection:

The SCAG staff recommended UCR for the contract award because they demonstrated excellent research developing policy recommendations and engaging stakeholders on prior relevant collaborative projects, such as, their work on the Inland Empire Roadmap for an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy (IE RISE).

Given UCR's established expertise, staff awarded the contract pursuant to Section 3.06 of the State of California Contracts Manual, Contracts with Other Governmental Entities and Public Universities, which allows sole sourcing a contract to a public university or colleges. Staff also awarded the contract in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section 1.2 (updated September 2009, pg. 26), and the SCAG Procurement Manual (January 2021, section 3.3) which authorizes the Executive Director or his designee (the Chief Financial Officer) to approve a consultant contract without competition, if the contract is less than \$200,000.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-026-C01

Recommended Consultant: Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: Consistent with the requirements of the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, as well as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant that funds this project, the consultant shall host a series of peer exchanges for traffic safety practitioners within the SCAG region. The purpose of the peer exchanges is to encourage stakeholders in the region to develop safety plans and implement safety strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, in particular for vulnerable populations (e.g., bicyclists, pedestrians, older adults, and youth) while prioritizing the intersection of equity and social justice issues, including the impacts of racial violence related to enforcement, and emerging safety issues due to COVID-19.

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

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s key benefit is hosting a dozen (12) peer exchanges for traffic safety practitioners from across the region. The purpose of the peer exchanges is to encourage stakeholders to develop safety plans and implement safety strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, in particular for vulnerable populations (e.g., bicyclists, pedestrians, older adults, and youth) while prioritizing the intersection of equity and social justice issues.

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

Contract Amount:

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| Total not to exceed | \$148,022 |
| Cambridge Systematics (prime consultant) | \$95,519 |
| Nelson\Nygaard (subconsultant) | \$52,503 |

Contract Period: February 10, 2021 through August 31, 2021

Project Number: 225-3564J6.16 \$148,022
Funding source: State of California, Office of Traffic Safety

Funding of \$148,022 is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 225-3564J6.16.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 2,578 firms of the release of RFP 21-026-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 33 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:

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Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (1 subconsultants) \$148,022

Estolano Advisors (1 subconsultant) \$233,223

Selection Process:

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

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Courtney Aguirre, Program Manager II, SCAG
Hina Chanchlani, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG
Dorothy Le Suchkova, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the most relevant transportation safety planning expertise at all levels of government, specifically through their work developing, implementing, and evaluating Strategic Highway Safety Plans across 21 states, including California, developing the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and supporting the development of Caltrans’ active transportation district-level plans, including designing the data collection and prioritization framework for recommended improvements;
- Demonstrated the most relevant experience organizing peer exchanges, specifically through their work for the FHWA Office of Safety organizing peer exchanges across the country and US DOT’s Pedestrian Safety Summit in July 2020;
- Demonstrated the most experience on transportation equity analysis, specifically through their work on Los Angeles Metro’s “Equity Focus Communities,” or those that have experienced a higher degree of various negative outcomes in public health, education, economic achievement, mobility, safety, and other factors;
- Demonstrated the best understanding of effective approaches for mobilizing safety practitioners to be involved in developing and implementing solutions to transportation safety problems;
- Provided the best technical approach, for example, including a website feature showing a running tally of jurisdictions signing the Go Human safety pledge; incorporating a crowd sourced safety crash feature; and an ESRI map to promoting the work of local jurisdictions on safety efforts; and
- Proposed the lowest price.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-024-C01

**Recommended
Consultant:**

The Regents of the University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

SCAG is seeking to understand travel behavior within the SCAG region, particularly as travel patterns have evolved and will continue to do so during COVID-19 recovery and beyond. In recognition of potential future impacts of COVID-19 and the likelihood of uneven recovery, sampling of existing conditions will be carefully considered to provide the most accurate understanding of baseline conditions and to more broadly inform current and future studies, particularly about perceptions and preferences.

UC Davis has been conducting a longitudinal study on travel behavior beginning in 2018. Since the onset of the pandemic, UC Davis has been using their survey to understand changes in travel behavior due to the pandemic and corresponding economic and living situation changes. Through partnering with UC Davis, SCAG can leverage their survey construction and infrastructure to administer the survey extensively throughout the SCAG region. The survey covers the following topics:

1. Attitudes and preferences on transportation, residential location, environmental topics, etc.
2. Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on lifestyle, including use of technology
3. Employment status, work and study activities
4. Household organization and child-care
5. Online and in-person shopping patterns (for groceries, food delivery services, visits to restaurants, etc.)
6. Current travel choices (by trip purposes and modes)
7. Use of emerging transportation services
8. Household vehicle ownership and eventual plans for vehicle purchase
9. Household and individual sociodemographics

Also, there is potential to administer an additional round of the survey next spring to further understand the pandemic recovery trajectory and long-term implications for travel in our region.

**Project's Benefits
& Key Deliverables:**

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

- This project will help provide a baseline understanding of travel behavior, particularly as travel patterns have evolved and will continue to do so during COVID-19 recovery and beyond;
- In recognition of potential future impacts of COVID-19 and the likelihood of uneven recovery, sampling of existing conditions will be carefully considered to provide the most accurate understanding of baseline conditions and inform current and future studies;
- The results are anticipated to provide a rich set of data to support SCAG's ongoing travel demand modeling work; and
- Deliverables will include a final report analyzing survey results, and underlying raw survey data.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; and Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$130,000**
The Regents of the University of California, Davis (prime consultant)

Contract Period: December 28, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Project Number(s): 290-4827U5.02 \$25,584
290-4827E.02 \$39,416
290-4828U5.02 \$25,584
290-4828E.02 \$39,416

Funding source(s): Senate Bill 1 (SB1); Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Request for Proposal (RFP): Not Applicable: Sole Source Contract

Selection Process: Not Applicable: Sole Source Contract

Basis for Selection: SCAG identified UC Davis through their ongoing efforts in conducting a longitudinal study on travel behavior, beginning in 2018. Since the onset of the pandemic, UC Davis has been using their survey to understand changes in travel behavior due to the pandemic and corresponding economic and living situation changes. Through partnering with UC Davis, SCAG can leverage their survey construction and infrastructure to administer the survey extensively throughout the SCAG region. We would then work with UC Davis to analyze results to compare responses across the diverse population within the SCAG region. This would also allow comparisons between survey results from other geographies, for example the state of California or other urban regions. The longitudinal nature of UC Davis study data would allow us to observe how the pandemic has impacted travel choices. Further rounds of the survey could be administered to understand the continually evolving impacts of COVID-19 on our travel behaviors and perceptions throughout recovery.

Given the established expertise of UC Davis and their excellent research proposal, staff awarded the contract pursuant to Section 3.06 of the State of California Contracts Manual, Contract with Other Governmental Entities and Public Universities, which allows sole sourcing a contract to a public university or colleges. Staff also awarded the contract in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section 1.2 (updated September 2009, pg. 26), and the SCAG Procurement Manual (January 2021, section 3.3) which authorizes the Executive Director or his designee (the Chief Financial Officer) to approve a consultant contract without competition, if the contract is less than \$200,000.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-054-C01

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| Recommended Consultant: | DLT Solutions |
| Background & Scope of Work: | SCAG has the critical mission of supporting 191 cities and six counties in Southern California with regional governance of transportation, planning and economic development. A significant component of this mission is providing complete and up-to-date data, methods and tools to member agencies to support local planning activities. The Amazon Web Services (AWS) Infrastructure will enable SCAG to fulfill this mission through the implementation of a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that will promote more efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region. |
| Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables: | This project directly supports the development and implementation of the Regional Data Platform. Key benefits include flexibly to increase SCAG's computing capacity to meet the specialized needs of the Regional Data Platform, flexible high-capacity data storage, efficient and cost-effective computing resources. |
| Strategic Plan: | This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies. |
| Contract Amount: | Total not to exceed \$120,000 |
| Contract Period: | March 18, 2021 through March 31, 2022 |
| Project Number(s): | 280-4832.04 \$120,000 |
| | Funding source(s): \$40,000 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget in Project Number 280-4832.04. Funding for FY2021-22 will be included in Project 280-4832.04. |
| Basis for Selection: | <p>In accordance with SCAG's Contract Manual Section 6.3, dated 12/01/16, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by entering into State and local intergovernmental agreements (Master Service Agreements – MSA's). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially "piggy-backing" on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with the U.S. Communities Contract Number 4400006643 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.</p> <p>As previously stated, this project directly supports the development and implementation of the Regional Data Platform. The AWS infrastructure will enable SCAG to develop and implement a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that will promote more efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region.</p> |

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-054-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-045-C01

Recommended Consultant: Taylor Walk Inc., DBA Pacific Office Interiors

Background & Scope of Work: The consultant will install protective glass for staff cubicles in the 900 Wilshire Blvd. headquarters building to provide a barrier of protection against the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- Protective glass for staff cubicles to provide a barrier of protection against the spread of COVID-19 and other flu-like viruses.
- Protective glass for staff using standing desks to be protected against the spread of COVID-19 and other flu-like viruses.
- Protective glass will also provide a noise barrier for staff working in cubicles.

Strategic Plan: Goal #5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice. The glass protection will make an impact as a value-added resource to SCAG’s workplace. This resource will be a model for the best practice of prioritizing continuous safety improvements.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$81,833**
Taylor Walk Inc., DBA Pacific Office Interiors (prime consultant)

Contract Period: January 29, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Project Number(s): 810-0120.17 \$81,833
Funding source: Indirect Cost (IC)

Request for Proposal (RFP): Not applicable – sole source contract

Selection Process: Not applicable – sole source contract

Basis for Selection: Pacific Office Interiors is the manufacturer of SCAG office furniture (cubicles and workstations). As such they do not allow any other firms to alter their furniture as doing so would void SCAG warranty on the furniture. Accordingly, Staff awarded a sole source contract to Pacific Office Interiors. Staff also awarded the contract in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section 1.2 (updated September 2009, pg. 26), and the SCAG Procurement Manual (January 2021, section 3.3) which authorizes the Executive Director or his designee (the Chief Financial Officer) to approve a consultant contract without competition, if the contract is less than \$200,000.

If SCAG does not upgrade the existing furniture, staff would remain vulnerable to COVID-19, flu-like viruses and noise making the return to the office more difficult to staff who occupy cubicles.

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-045-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-056-C01

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| Recommended Consultant: | Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. |
| Background & Scope of Work: | SCAG has utilized SABA for our performance management system since 2009. In order to support our strategic goal to recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce, staff is leveraging its Learning Management Systems (LMS) that build off SCAG’s current software. In 2020, Cornerstone acquired SABA and merged companies and clients. In order to ensure compatibility with SCAG’s existing software, Cornerstone is the only LMS option as it is proprietary to SABA. SCAG has developed and implemented annual evaluation processes with SABA and already has dedicated client support given the existing contract and relationship. Given the latter staff awarded a sole source contract to Cornerstone. |
| Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: | <p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing a learning management system that enables SCAG’s Human Resources Division to design training curriculum, deliver courses, and track training provided to SCAG employees; and• Providing on-demand learning materials to all SCAG staff that support their professional development objectives on a wide variety of different topics, such as, diversity and equity, compliance, leadership development, and communications. |
| Strategic Plan: | This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice. |
| Contract Amount: | Total not to exceed \$70,702 Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. (prime consultant) |
| Contract Period: | January 4, 2021 through January 3, 2024 |
| Project Number(s): | 810.0120.04 \$22,538 Funding source: Indirect Cost Funding of \$22,538 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget, and the remaining \$48,164 is expected to be available in the FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 budgets in Project Number 810.0120.04, subject to budget availability |
| Request for Proposal (RFP): | Not Applicable - Sole Source Contract |
| Selection Process: | Not Applicable - Sole Source Contract |
| Basis for Selection: | SCAG staff selected Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is a leading people development company and the leader in the learning market. Cornerstone’s LMS offers a variety of learning formats so people can learn most effectively and the software is proprietary;• Provided on-demand content can be customized and curated for learners based |

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-056-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

on their job and professional development objectives. Human Resources will also utilize this software to create training paths for advancement and growth for employees and upload customized SCAG training content; and

- Demonstrated an excellent understanding of staff's technical requirements.

The subject contract award is in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section 1.2 (updated September 2009, pg. 26), and the SCAG Procurement Manual (January 2021, section 3.3) which authorizes the Executive Director or his designee (the Chief Financial Officer) to approve a consultant contract without competition, if the contract is less than \$200,000.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-022-C01

Recommended Consultant: Mata Construction Services, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: As required by the operator of SCAG’s headquarter building, the Wilshire Grand Center, stairwell doors remain locked except during a fire alarm when all stairwells doors are unlocked for evacuation. Staff must use the elevators for all travel including to and from the 16th and 17th SCAG assigned floors in the 900 Wilshire Blvd building. When the building is at full capacity the wait time for elevators can be long.

Accordingly, the consultant shall install badge readers in the stairwell on the 16th and 17th floors of SCAG’s headquarters building to enable SCAG staff to travel between these floors via the stairwell. Security badge readers will also allow access from the ground floor for staff who wish to utilize the stairwells for exercise or as an alternative to riding the elevator during or after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

- Enhancing the workplace experience and for the health of SCAG employees who wish to utilize the stairwells, SCAG seeks a contractor to install necessary security badge readers for the 16th and 17th floor stairwell entrances at the Wilshire Grand Center.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal ?:

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$48,820**
Mata Construction Services, Inc. (prime consultant)

Contract Period: December 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Project Number(s): 810-0120.17 \$48,820
Funding source: Indirect Costs (IC)

Request for Quote (RFQ): SCAG staff notified two (2) firms that the Wilshire Grand Building authorized to provide the services. SCAG received the following two (2) bids in response to the solicitation:

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| Mata Construction Services, Inc. (no subconsultants) | \$48,820 |
| JDM Contractors (no subconsultants) | \$28,209 |

Selection Process: Consistent with SCAG’s Simplified Acquisition Procedures (for procurements estimated to be less than \$50,000) staff solicited quotes (bids) from the two (2) previously mentioned firms that the Wilshire Grand Building authorized.

Basis for Selection: Given staff issued an RFQ staff awarded the contract to Mata Construction Services, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as they provided all the requested information listed in the Scope of Work.

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-022-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-020-C01 AMENDMENT 1

Consultant: StreetLight Data, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On January 11, 2021, SCAG awarded Contract No. 21-020-C01 to StreetLight Data, Inc. (Streetlight) for a one-year subscription period, allowing SCAG access to transportation planning analysis data on their StreetLight InSight platform. Streetlight can also support custom data services at an additional cost. This amendment is to add one custom data service which will allow SCAG to analyze external trips throughout the SCAG region.

SCAG’s Regional Travel Forecasting Model includes 40 external cordon stations on freeways and arterials. For each cordon station, the regional model estimates the origin-destination distribution of external trips passing through the cordon station for both passenger autos and freight trucks. It is important to gather accurate information for passenger and freight external trips (from, to, and pass through the SCAG region) that are defined as a long-haul trip in the regional model. Intermediate stops (stopping for meal or rest) should not be considered when defining an external trip. However, by default, in-platform trips break when a device does not move more than five meters in five minutes. As a result, staff requires the consultant to customize the break criteria to increase the accuracy of the model output.

This amendment also increases the contract value \$74,000, from \$586,000 to \$660,000.

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

- Obtaining access to accumulated big data collected from a local sample population within the region which is representing travel behaviors using anonymized data;
- Providing key metrics for use in planning and evaluating transportation projects and identifying travel behavior to and from specific transportation analysis zone (TAZ) system in the region; and
- Providing unlimited use of the platform’s analytical tools, as they are developed and available during the period of the contract license.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy; and Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

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| Amendment | Amendment 1 | \$74,000 |
| Amount: | Original contract value | <u>\$586,000</u> |
| | Total contract value is not to exceed | \$660,000 |

This amendment does not exceed \$75,000 or 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated 04/17/20) Section 9.3, it does not require the Regional Council’s approval.

Contract Period: January 11, 2021 through January 10, 2022

Project Number:

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| 290-4827U5.02 | \$16,480 |
| 290-4828U5.02 | \$35,833 |
| 055-0704A.02 | \$21,687 |

Funding source(s): FY19 SB1 Formula Funds and Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Funding in the amount of \$74,000 is available in the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in project numbers: 290-4827U5.02 (\$16,480); 290-4828U5.02 (\$35,833); and 290-4827E.02 (\$21,687).

Basis for the Amendment: Through this amendment the consultant will provide more accurate external travel trips of passenger vehicles and freight vehicles with additional customized technical service and support. This will improve the quality of regional travel demand model input data.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 19-024-C01 AMENDMENT 2

Consultant: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS)

Background & Scope of Work: On May 17, 2019, SCAG awarded Contract 19-024-C01 to UCLA ITS to provide research and analysis as to whether neighborhood change is associated with declining transit ridership. This research includes data collection on neighborhood change including a survey of travel behavior over time, comparing differences between long-term residents and those who may be relatively new residents of a neighborhood. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted UCLA’s ability to conduct the survey and obtain useful results, due to stay-at-home orders and physical distancing requirements.

This amendment replaces the survey with the purchase of a license to access third-party data on individual migration over time, allowing UCLA to do the same or equivalent analysis of changes in residential location.

This amendment increased the contract value \$15,000, from \$105,033 to \$120,033 and extended the contract term from 12/30/20 to 3/30/21. The increased amount reflects the net additional cost to purchase the data rather than conduct the survey.

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

- Detailed data and analysis of recent transit ridership change and neighborhood change; and
- Enhanced understanding of the effects of neighborhood change on transit ridership in the SCAG region, leading to identification of potential policies and strategies to improve transit system performance.

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

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| Amendment Amount: | Amendment 2 | \$15,000 |
| | Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value) | \$0 |
| | Original contract value | <u>\$105,033</u> |
| | Total contract value is not to exceed | \$120,033 |

This amendment does not exceed \$75,000 or 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated 04/17/20) Section 9.3, it does not require the Regional Council’s approval.

Contract Period: May 17, 2019 through March 30, 2021

Project Number: 140-4849.01 \$120,033
 Funding source: Consolidated Planning Grant – Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

A total of \$45,135 was expended in FY 2019-20, and the remaining \$74,898 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget in Project Number 140-4849.01.

Basis for the Amendment: The amendment is needed to provide additional funding to purchase migration data allowing UCLA to estimate and compare changes in travel behavior over time,

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between long-term neighborhood residents and residents that may be relatively new. Without the amendment, UCLA would not be able to proceed with the data collection as originally planned, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 19-019-C01 AMENDMENT 5

Consultant: Alta Planning + Design

Background & Scope of Work: On April 22, 2019, SCAG awarded Contract 19-019-C01 to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to develop a Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan for the Arrow Highway, a 10-mile major arterial spanning several cities in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Region.

As part of developing a Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan in the in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Region, the consultant shall conduct additional engagements in the City of Claremont and provide additional presentations to the Cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Pomona due to COVID-19 related cancellation of engagements in other cities.

This amendment also increases the contract value \$14,685, from \$267,820 to \$282,505.

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

- Assess active transportation opportunities to evaluate Arrow Highway to develop as a multimodal corridor in the San Gabriel Valley; and
- Deliver a Go Human demonstration project in the City of San Dimas; Improve access to active transportation, improve air quality and increase safety for all roadway users through providing a safe active transportation corridor in the San Gabriel Valley.

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

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| Amendment Amount: | Amendment 5 | \$14,685 |
| | Amendment 4 (administrative – no change to contract’s value) | \$0 |
| | Amendment 3 (administrative - no change to contract’s value) | \$0 |
| | Amendment 2 (administrative - no change to contract’s value) | \$0 |
| | Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value) | \$0 |
| | Original contract value | <u>\$267,820</u> |
| | Total contract value is not to exceed | \$282,505 |

This amendment does not exceed \$75,000 or 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, it does not require the Regional Council’s approval.

Contract Period: April 22, 2019 through February 28, 2021

Project Number: 275-4823U5.02 \$13,000
 275-4823E.02 \$1,685

Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – Transportation Development Act (TDA), and SB1 19

Basis for the Amendment: As part of developing a Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan in the in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Region, the consultant shall conduct additional engagements in the

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City of Claremont and provide additional presentations to the Cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Pomona due to COVID-19 related cancellation of engagements in other cities.



AGENDA ITEM 21
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
April 1, 2021

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

CFO REPORT UPDATES:

Staff completed the development of the FY 2021-22 Draft Comprehensive Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP). The proposed Comprehensive Budget of \$147.8 million was approved by the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) on March 3, 2021 and the Regional Council (RC) on March 4, 2021. The Draft OWP was released for a 30-day public comment period ending April 5, 2021. The Final Budget will be presented to the EAC and RC for approval in May.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

As of March 19, 2021, 175 cities and 5 counties have paid their FY21 dues. After adjusting for elected eligible fee waivers, this represents 94% collection of total revenues. This leaves 13 cities and 1 county yet to renew. SCAG is in the process of reaching out to all members with outstanding dues.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

Caltrans approved Amendment 3 to the FY 2020-21 OWP in the amount of \$3.6 million on February 18, 2021. This amendment includes the programming of unexpended Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for ongoing regional transportation projects, adjusting balances for various federal and state grants; and adjusting staff time allocations for various OWP projects.



CONTRACTS:

In February 2021, the Contracts Department issued three (3) Request for Proposals; awarded six (6) contracts; issued six (6) contract amendments; and processed 26 Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 158 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month Contract staff negotiated \$4,854 in budget savings, bringing the Fiscal Year total to \$820,420 in savings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CFO Charts



Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Monthly Status Report

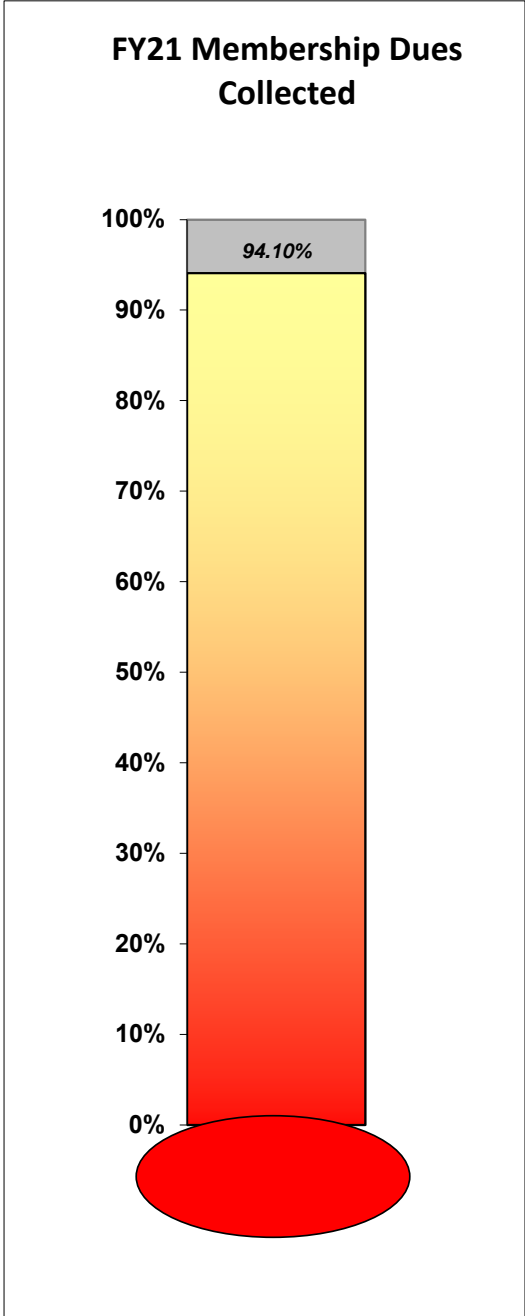
FEBRUARY 2021

OVERVIEW

As of March 19 2021, 175 cities and 5 counties had paid their FY21 dues. This represents 94.10% of the dues assessment. 13 cities and 1 county had yet to pay their dues. Three cities are being recruited for membership.

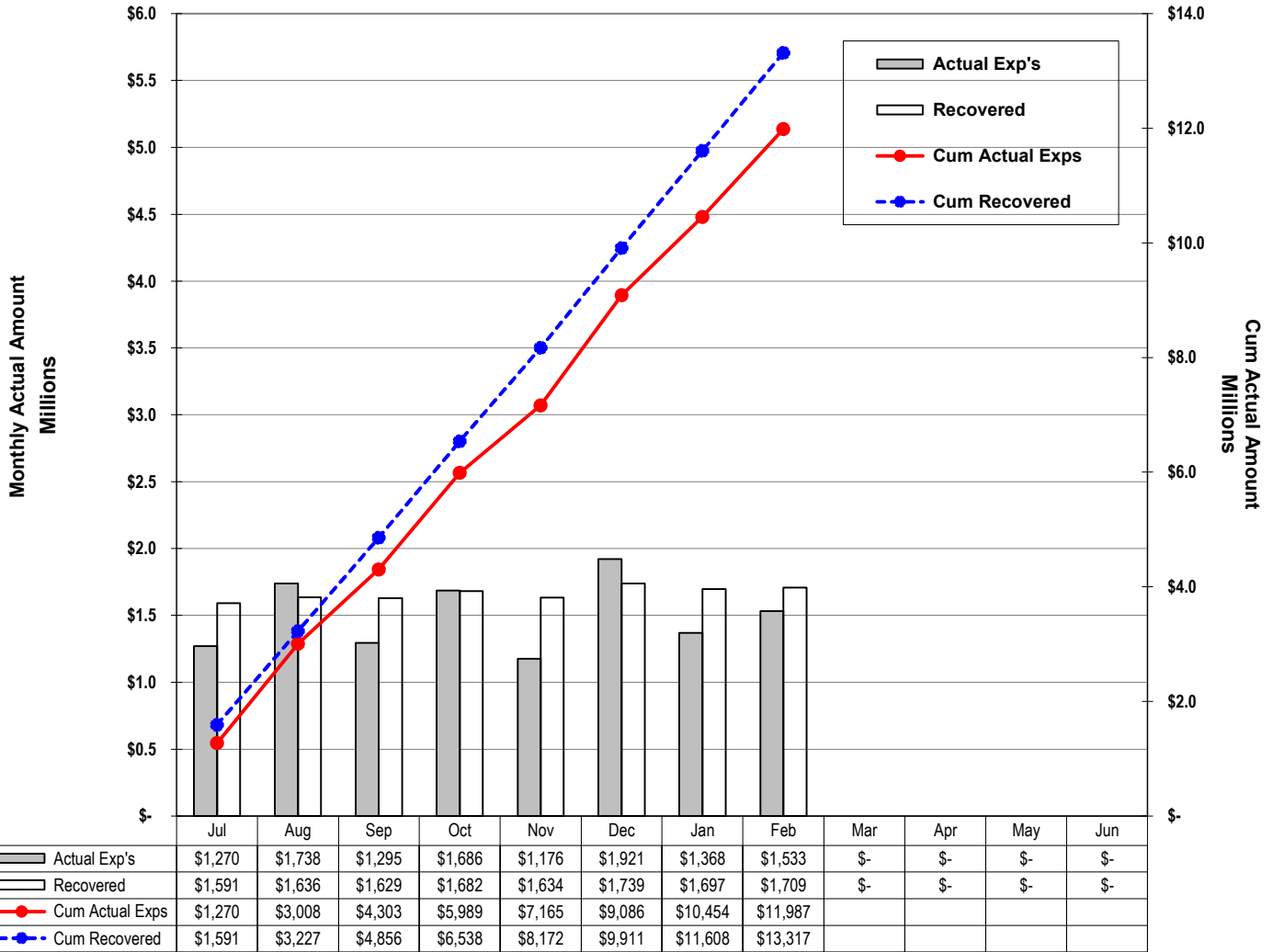
SUMMARY

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| FY21 Membership Dues | <u>\$ 2,172,468</u> |
| Waivers Exercised | <u>\$ (273,281)</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,899,186</u> |
| Total Collected | 1,787,070 |
| Percentage Collected | <u>94.10%</u> |





FY21 INDIRECT COST & RECOVERY



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OVERVIEW

A comparison of Indirect Cost (IC), incurred by SCAG vs. IC recovered from SCAG's grants.

SUMMARY

Through February 2021, SCAG was over-recovered by \$1,330,170.06 due to unspent Indirect Cost budget. This is in line with the over-recovery built in to the FY21 IC rate.



Office of the CFO
Consolidated Balance Sheet

| | 1/31/2021 | 2/28/2021 | Incr (decr) to equity | COMMENTS |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Cash at Bank of the West | \$ 7,443,748 | \$ 5,660,676 | | |
| LA County Investment Pool | \$ 11,724,409 | \$ 11,841,940 | | |
| Cash & Investments | \$ 19,168,157 | \$ 17,502,617 | \$ (1,665,541) | Revenues of \$5.69M and Expenses of \$7.35M both on cash basis. |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 12,202,718 | \$ 14,119,819 | \$ 1,917,101 | Billings of \$1.37M to SB1, \$494K to FTA5303, \$290K to REAP, and \$50K to ATP offset by payments of \$158K from Cerritos, \$93K from FHWA PL and \$42K from SHA SCC. |
| Other Current Assets | \$ 3,098,689 | \$ 2,627,893 | \$ (470,796) | Net amortization of \$295K in prepaid expenses plus IC fund over-recovery of \$176K. |
| Fixed Assets - Net Book Value | \$ 5,433,945 | \$ 5,433,945 | \$ - | No change. |
| Total Assets | \$ 39,903,509 | \$ 39,684,274 | \$ (219,235) | |
| | \$ (832,686) | | | |
| | \$ (23,416) | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ (856,102) | \$ (679,582) | \$ 176,521 | Paydown of outstanding invoices. |
| Employee-related Liabilities | \$ (751,365) | \$ (757,542) | \$ (6,178) | January had 10 unpaid working days while February also had 10. |
| Deferred Revenue | \$ (12,739,837) | \$ (12,666,098) | \$ 73,740 | Reclass of GF Def Rev of \$40K plus VCTC US101 of \$33K. |
| Total Liabilities and Deferred Revenue | \$ (14,347,304) | \$ (14,103,221) | \$ 244,083 | |
| Fund Balance | \$ 25,556,205 | \$ 25,581,052 | \$ 24,848 | |
| WORKING CAPITAL | | | | |
| | 1/31/2021 | 2/28/2021 | Incr (decr) to working capital | |
| Cash | \$ 19,168,157 | \$ 17,502,617 | \$ (1,665,541) | |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 12,202,718 | \$ 14,119,819 | \$ 1,917,101 | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ (856,102) | \$ (679,582) | \$ 176,521 | |
| Employee-related Liabilities | \$ (751,365) | \$ (757,542) | \$ (6,178) | |
| Working Capital | \$ 29,763,408 | \$ 30,185,312 | \$ 421,904 | |

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Office of the CFO
Fiscal Year-To-Date Expenditure Report Through February 28, 2021

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

| | | Adopted Budget | Amended Budget | Expenditures | Commitments | Budget Balance | % Budget Spent |
|----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Staff & Allocated Fringe Benefits | 237,765 | 237,765 | 43,878 | - | 193,887 | 18.5% |
| 2 | 51001 Allocated Indirect Costs | 311,548 | 311,548 | 57,472 | - | 254,076 | 18.4% |
| 3 | 54300 SCAG Consultants | 327,000 | 327,000 | 138,602 | 183,458 | 4,941 | 42.4% |
| 4 | 54340 Legal costs | 100,000 | 100,000 | 68,440 | 31,560 | 0 | 68.4% |
| 5 | 55210 Software | 76,400 | 76,400 | 12,502 | - | 63,898 | 16.4% |
| 6 | 55441 Payroll, bank fees | 15,000 | 15,000 | 6,248 | 8,752 | 0 | 41.7% |
| 7 | 55600 SCAG Memberships | 116,000 | 132,706 | 132,706 | 0 | (0) | 100.0% |
| 8 | 55610 Professional Membership | 11,500 | 11,500 | 3,742 | 957 | 6,801 | 32.5% |
| 9 | 55620 Res mat/sub | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,005 | - | 995 | 50.3% |
| 10 | 55860 Scholarships | 36,000 | 44,000 | 44,000 | - | 0 | 100.0% |
| 11 | 55910 RC/Committee Mtgs | 15,000 | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | 0.0% |
| 12 | 55912 RC Retreat | 13,000 | 13,000 | - | - | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| 13 | 55914 RC General Assembly | 611,500 | 611,500 | - | 28,281 | 583,219 | 0.0% |
| 14 | 55915 Demographic Workshop | 28,000 | 28,000 | - | - | 28,000 | 0.0% |
| 15 | 55916 Economic Summit | 85,000 | 85,000 | 46,740 | - | 38,260 | 55.0% |
| 16 | 55918 Housing Summit | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 | 0.0% |
| 17 | 55920 Other Meeting Expense | 86,500 | 61,794 | 237 | 19,763 | 41,794 | 0.4% |
| 18 | 55xxx Miscellaneous other | 67,260 | 67,260 | 9,966 | 759 | 56,535 | 14.8% |
| 19 | 55940 Stipend - RC Meetings | 195,000 | 195,000 | 149,090 | - | 45,910 | 76.5% |
| 20 | 56100 Printing | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 | 0.0% |
| 21 | 58100 Travel - outside SCAG region | 77,500 | 77,500 | - | - | 77,500 | 0.0% |
| 22 | 58101 Travel - local | 47,500 | 47,500 | 339 | - | 47,161 | 0.7% |
| 23 | 58110 Mileage - local | 31,500 | 31,500 | 254 | - | 31,246 | 0.8% |
| 24 | 58150 Travel Lodging | 13,000 | 13,000 | - | - | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| 25 | 58800 RC Sponsorships | 150,000 | 150,000 | 48,713 | - | 101,287 | 32.5% |
| 26 | Total General Fund | 2,683,973 | 2,683,973 | 763,932 | 273,530 | 1,646,511 | 28.5% |
| 27 | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Staff & Allocated Fringe Benefits | 16,803,872 | 17,041,524 | 10,123,566 | - | 6,917,958 | 59.4% |
| 29 | 51001 Allocated Indirect Costs | 22,010,306 | 22,321,594 | 13,259,846 | - | 9,061,748 | 59.4% |
| 30 | 54300 SCAG Consultants | 30,910,906 | 34,645,525 | 5,517,187 | 14,059,159 | 15,069,180 | 15.9% |
| 31 | 54302 Non-Profits/IHL | 705,601 | 1,339,574 | 163,559 | 201,603 | 974,412 | 12.2% |
| 32 | 54303 Consultants TC - FTA 5303 | 6,919,788 | 6,699,616 | 662,625 | 1,454,977 | 4,582,014 | 9.9% |
| 33 | 54340 Legal Services - FTA 5303 | 50,000 | 205,170 | 205,170 | (0) | 0 | 100.0% |
| 34 | 54360 Pass-through Payments | 3,031,153 | 9,191,406 | 17,518 | 7,173,888 | 2,000,000 | 0.2% |
| 35 | 55210 Software Support | 250,000 | 266,700 | 152,564 | 3,541 | 110,595 | 57.2% |
| 36 | 55250 Cloud Services | 2,122,030 | 2,133,330 | 165,691 | 179,101 | 1,788,538 | 7.8% |
| 37 | 5528x Third Party Contributions | 5,569,260 | 5,672,559 | 2,817,521 | - | 2,855,038 | 49.7% |
| 38 | 55310 F&F Principal | 251,852 | 251,852 | 166,540 | 84,642 | 670 | 66.1% |
| 39 | 55315 F&F Interest | 19,237 | 19,237 | 13,782 | 5,455 | 0 | 71.6% |
| 40 | 55320 AV Principal | 141,160 | 141,160 | 93,253 | 47,907 | 0 | 66.1% |
| 41 | 55325 AV Interest | 4,567 | 4,567 | 3,253 | 1,314 | 0 | 71.2% |
| 42 | 55415 Off Site Storage | - | 9,600 | 1,076 | - | 8,525 | 11.2% |
| 43 | 55xxx Office Expenses | - | 159 | 159 | - | 0 | 100.0% |
| 44 | 55520 Hardware Supp | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | - | 5,000 | 0.0% |
| 45 | 55580 Outreach/Advertisement | 50,000 | 50,000 | 7,406 | 21,018 | 21,576 | 14.8% |
| 46 | 55620 Resource Materials - subscrib | 610,000 | 610,000 | 115,595 | 6,661 | 487,744 | 18.9% |
| 47 | 55730 Capital Outlay | 100,000 | 300,000 | 39,566 | 71,578 | 188,856 | 13.2% |
| 48 | 55810 Public Notices | 95,000 | 95,000 | 25,285 | 487 | 69,229 | 26.6% |
| 49 | 55830 Conf. Registration | 4,000 | 4,000 | 135 | 2,742 | 1,123 | 3.4% |
| 50 | 55920 Other Meeting Expense | 23,250 | 22,000 | - | - | 22,000 | 0.0% |
| 51 | 55930 Miscellaneous | 1,925,394 | 338,178 | 50 | 19,354 | 318,774 | 0.0% |
| 52 | 55931 Misc Labor - TDA | - | 1,293,382 | - | 420 | 1,292,962 | 0.0% |
| 53 | 55932 Misc Labor, Future - TDA | - | 441,842 | - | - | 441,842 | 0.0% |
| 54 | 55950 Temp Help | - | 200,000 | 71,343 | 128,657 | 0 | 35.7% |
| 55 | 56100 Printing | 17,000 | 17,000 | 436 | - | 16,564 | 2.6% |
| 56 | 58xxx Travel | 245,466 | 216,500 | - | - | 216,500 | 0.0% |
| 57 | 59090 Exp - Local Other | 877,163 | 40,011,607 | 3,182 | - | 40,008,425 | 0.0% |
| 58 | Total OWP & TDA Capital | 92,742,005 | 143,553,082 | 33,631,307 | 23,462,502 | 86,459,273 | 23.4% |
| 59 | | | | | | | |
| 60 | Comprehensive Budget | 95,425,978 | 146,237,055 | 34,395,239 | 23,736,032 | 88,105,784 | 23.5% |

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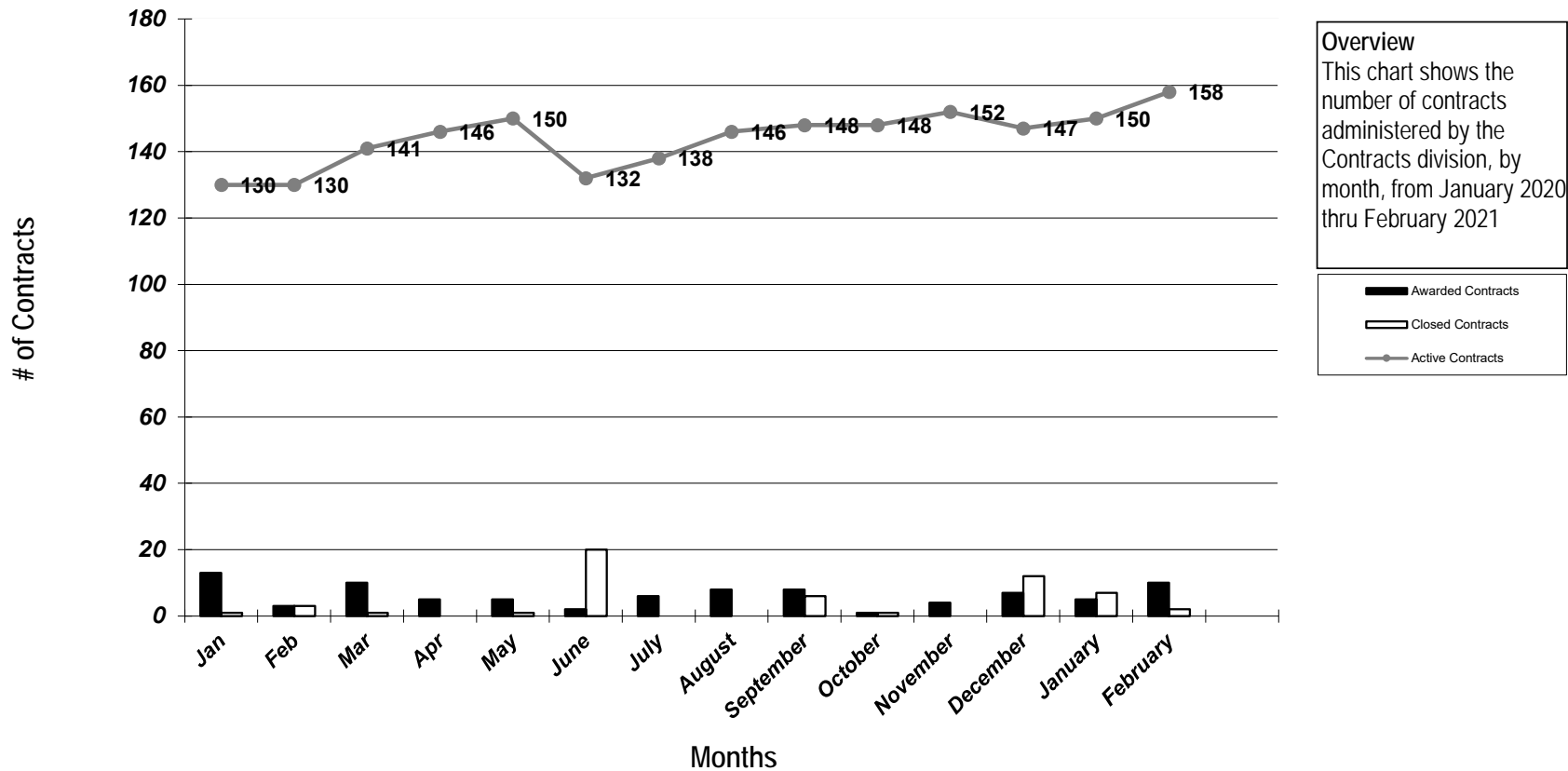
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INDIRECT COST EXPENDITURES

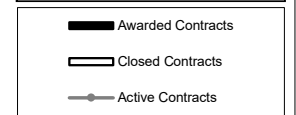
| | | | Amended Budget | Expenditures | Commitments | Budget Balance | % Budget Spent |
|----|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 50010 | Regular Staff | 6,964,795 | 4,420,813 | | 2,543,982 | 63.5% |
| 2 | 50013 | Regular OT | 1,000 | 376 | | 624 | 37.6% |
| 3 | 50014 | Interns, Temps, Annuit | 78,000 | 75,003 | | 2,997 | 96.2% |
| 4 | 50030 | Severance | 80,000 | - | | 80,000 | 0.0% |
| 5 | 51xxx | Allocated Fringe Benefits | 5,573,893 | 3,309,241 | - | 2,264,652 | 59.4% |
| 6 | 54300 | SCAG Consultants | 477,464 | 179,693 | 166,558 | 131,213 | 37.6% |
| 7 | 54301 | Consultants - Other | 1,268,000 | 643,173 | 624,827 | 0 | 50.7% |
| 8 | 54340 | Legal | 159,767 | 159,766 | 0 | 0 | 100.0% |
| 9 | 55210 | Software Support | 1,333,100 | 445,162 | 391,781 | 496,157 | 33.4% |
| 10 | 55220 | Hardware Supp | 2,622,200 | 243,924 | 1,741,317 | 636,959 | 9.3% |
| 11 | 55240 | Repair & Maint Non-IT | 21,500 | 7,133 | 14,367 | (0) | 33.2% |
| 12 | 55270 | Software Purchases | 1,243 | 1,243 | - | 0 | 100.0% |
| 13 | 55315 | F&F Interest | 8,078 | 5,789 | 2,290 | (1) | 71.7% |
| 14 | 55325 | AV Interest | 14,111 | 10,052 | 4,059 | 0 | 71.2% |
| 15 | 55400 | Office Rent DTLA | 2,192,805 | 1,528,181 | 664,624 | (0) | 69.7% |
| 16 | 55410 | Office Rent Satellite | 260,000 | 77,883 | 92,317 | 89,800 | 30.0% |
| 17 | 55415 | Offsite Storage | 5,000 | 2,624 | 2,376 | (0) | 52.5% |
| 18 | 55420 | Equip Leases | 100,000 | 35,987 | 35,521 | 28,492 | 36.0% |
| 19 | 55430 | Equip Repairs & Maint | 1,690 | 1,690 | - | 1 | 100.0% |
| 20 | 55435 | Security Services | 100,000 | - | 100,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| 21 | 55440 | Insurance | 285,931 | 247,643 | - | 38,288 | 86.6% |
| 22 | 55441 | Payroll / Bank Fees | 15,000 | 7,265 | 7,735 | (0) | 48.4% |
| 23 | 55445 | Taxes | 5,000 | 591 | 2,900 | 1,509 | 11.8% |
| 24 | 55460 | Mater & Equip < \$5,000 * | 64,000 | 3,535 | - | 60,465 | 5.5% |
| 25 | 55510 | Office Supplies | 78,800 | 11,439 | 67,360 | 0 | 14.5% |
| 26 | 55520 | Graphic Supplies | 4,000 | - | - | 4,000 | 0.0% |
| 27 | 55530 | Telephone | 195,000 | 112,235 | 57,010 | 25,755 | 57.6% |
| 28 | 55540 | Postage | 5,000 | 298 | 4,702 | 0 | 6.0% |
| 29 | 55550 | Delivery Svc | 5,931 | 5,931 | (0) | 0 | 100.0% |
| 30 | 55600 | SCAG Memberships | 92,200 | 29,155 | 25,000 | 38,045 | 31.6% |
| 31 | 55610 | Prof Memberships | 1,500 | - | - | 1,500 | 0.0% |
| 32 | 55611 | Prof Dues | 1,350 | - | - | 1,350 | 0.0% |
| 33 | 55620 | Res Mats/Subscrip | 57,100 | 33,043 | 7,086 | 16,972 | 57.9% |
| 34 | 55630 | COVID Facility Expenses | 95,000 | 4,415 | - | 90,585 | 4.6% |
| 35 | 55700 | Deprec - Furn & Fixt | 185,000 | 103,669 | - | 81,331 | 56.0% |
| 36 | 55720 | Amortiz - Leasehold Improvements | 75,000 | 49,465 | - | 25,535 | 66.0% |
| 37 | 55800 | Recruitment Notices | 25,000 | 15,385 | 9,614 | 0 | 61.5% |
| 38 | 55801 | Recruitment - other | 45,000 | 26,966 | 2,534 | 15,500 | 59.9% |
| 39 | 55810 | Public Notices | 2,500 | - | - | 2,500 | 0.0% |
| 40 | 55820 | In House Training | 30,000 | 13,500 | - | 16,500 | 45.0% |
| 41 | 55830 | Networking Meetings/Special Events | 20,000 | 457 | - | 19,543 | 2.3% |
| 42 | 55840 | Training Registration | 65,000 | 40,210 | - | 24,790 | 61.9% |
| 43 | 55920 | Other Mtg Exp | 2,500 | 1,000 | - | 1,500 | 40.0% |
| 44 | 55950 | Temp Help | 124,205 | 124,205 | (0) | 0 | 100.0% |
| 45 | 55xxx | Miscellaneous - other | 71,856 | - | - | 71,856 | 0.0% |
| 46 | 56100 | Printing | 23,000 | 8,384 | 2,000 | 12,616 | 36.5% |
| 47 | 58100 | Travel - Outside | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0% |
| 48 | 58101 | Travel - Local | 13,300 | 625 | - | 12,675 | 4.7% |
| 49 | 58110 | Mileage - Local | 23,500 | - | - | 23,500 | 0.0% |
| 50 | 58120 | Travel Agent Fees | 3,000 | - | - | 3,000 | 0.0% |
| 51 | | Total Indirect Cost | 22,877,319 | 11,987,148 | 4,025,980 | 6,864,191 | 52.4% |

Attachment: CFO Charts [Revision 3] (CFO Monthly Report)

SCAG Contracts (Year to Date)



Overview
 This chart shows the number of contracts administered by the Contracts division, by month, from January 2020 thru February 2021



Summary

As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Department is currently managing a total of 158 contracts. Fifty-one (51) are Cost Plus Fee contracts; sixty-nine (69) are Lump Sum (formerly Fixed Price) contracts, and the remaining thirty-eight (38) are Time and Materials (T&M) contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer contracts). The Contracts Department anticipates issuing approximately twenty (20) contracts for FY 2020-21. Note, due to the nature of SCAG's work, the majority of SCAG contracts have a one year term and end on June 30th each year.

CFO Report
As of March 1, 2021

Staffing Report

| Division | Authorized Positions | Filled Positions | Vacant Positions | Interns/Volunteers | Temp Positions | Agency Temps | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Executive Office | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Human Resources | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Legal Services | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Finance | 27 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| Information Technology | 27 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Policy & Public Affairs | 21 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Planning & Programs | 93 | 85 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 101 |
| Total | 188 | 167 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 185 |

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Classic Employees | 48% | 80 |
| PEPRA* Employees | <u>52%</u> | <u>87</u> |
| | 100% | 167 |

*hired into CalPERS after 01/01/2013

Vacation Cash Out Pilot Policy Report

| Measurement | Hours Used | Cost |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Total | 1020 | \$ 70,703.20 |
| Lowest | 20 | \$ 1,352.40 |
| Highest | 40 (maximum) | \$ 5,568.40 |
| Average | 39.23 | \$ 2,719.35 |
| Total Participants | | 26 (15.66%) |