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MEETING NO. 644

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Thursday, June 2, 2022

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, June 2, 2022
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 Jan Harnik, President)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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

General information for all public comments: Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments by sending an email to: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov by 5pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Such comments will be transmitted to members of the legislative body and posted on SCAG's website prior to the meeting. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Regional Council regarding any item on this agenda (other than writings legally exempt from public disclosure) are available at the Office of the Clerk, located at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 during normal business hours and/or by contacting the office by phone, (213) 630-1420, or email to aguilarm@scag.ca.gov. Written comments received after 5pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to verbally address the Regional Council in real time during the meeting will be allowed up to a total of 3 minutes to speak on items on the agenda, with the presiding officer retaining discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The presiding officer has the discretion to equally reduce the time limit of all speakers based upon the number of comments received. If you desire to speak on an item listed on the agenda, please wait for the chair to call the item and then indicate your interest in offering public comment by either using the "raise hand" function on your computer or pressing *9 on your telephone. For purpose of providing public comment for items listed on the Consent Calendar (if there is a Consent Calendar), please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called; items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.

PRESENTATIONS

(Scholarship Committee Winners)

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361
(Ruben, Duran, BB&K Board Counsel)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its June 1, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

2. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024
(Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – May 5, 2022
4. Approval for Additional Stipend Payment
5. Proposed Amendments to Regional Council Policy Manual Regarding Stipend and Travel Expenses for Ex Officio Business Representative
6. Authorizing Investment of SCAG's Funds in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund
7. Contracts Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 17-026-C1, Professional Auditing Services, Amendment No. 9



8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05, Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-033-C01, Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

11. June 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update
12. Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange Launch
13. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4 Combined Update
14. Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance
15. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
16. CFO Monthly Report

INFORMATION ITEMS

17. State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Audit and RHNA Reform
(Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager)

BUSINESS REPORT

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Jan Harnik, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG’s Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its June 1, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG’s Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Notwithstanding the decline in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations and the general removal or relaxing of COVID-19-related mandates, this State of Emergency is still in force. Social distancing measures are also still being recommended, as further discussed below. Amendments to the Brown Act in Government Code section 54953(e) (hereafter, "Section 54953(e)") allow legislative bodies to conduct remote/teleconferenced meetings without posting the location of teleconferenced meeting sites or making such sites available to the public (as is required by Section 54953(b)(3)), provided that certain conditions facilitating "real time" public participation and other requirements are satisfied. SCAG's Regional Council Policy Manual permits the holding of remote and teleconferenced meetings in the manner permitted by Section 54953(e). Teleconference meetings include meetings that are held in a "hybrid" manner (that is, with both remote and "in-person" participation, and where the public is not permitted to attend in-person).

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG's Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have met pursuant to Section 54953(e), subdivision (1)(A). SCAG's legislative bodies may continue meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e) provided that certain findings are made to continue doing so. Further, to continue meeting in such manner, the meetings must be held pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 54953.

This staff report includes findings that the EAC and RC can make to continue meeting remotely. Action by the EAC and RC will facilitate and authorize all of SCAG's legislative bodies (the RC, EAC, Policy Committees, other committees and task forces) to continue utilizing teleconference/videoconference meetings for a thirty-day period. Further continuation of this practice would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances and make findings accordingly.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency based on the threat cause by COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. The President of the United States issued a Proclamation Declaring a National State of Emergency Concerning COVID-19 beginning March 1, 2020. Thereafter, the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis on March 4, 2020. This proclamation has not yet been repealed or rescinded and is currently in force, notwithstanding declines in in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations from rates wintertime and the general removal or relaxing of COVID-19-related mandates. As a result, a state of emergency continues to be declared in California with respect to COVID-19.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which amended the Brown Act's teleconferencing provisions, Section 54953(e) allows legislative bodies to meet virtually without posting the remote meeting locations and without providing public access at such locations (as is generally required by section 54953(b)(3)), provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. Additionally, Section 54953(e) imposes transparency requirements to the management of remote and teleconference public meetings held under this section. Specifically, Section 54953(e) imposes two requirements for remote public meetings:

1. Public agencies hosting teleconference meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) in lieu of traditional in-person or teleconferenced meetings must permit direct "real time" public comment during the teleconference and must leave open the opportunity for public comment until the comment period is closed during the ordinary course of the meeting. The opportunity to make public comment must be of a sufficient duration to allow actual public participation.
2. Any action by the governing body during a public teleconference meeting held under Section 54953(e) must occur while the agency is actively and successfully broadcasting to members of the public through a call-in option or an internet-based service option. If a technical disruption within the agency's control prevents members of the public from either viewing the meeting of the public agency or prevents members of the public from offering public comment, the agency must cease all action on the meeting agenda until the disruption ends and the broadcast is restored.

SCAG has implemented the requirements for conducting public meetings in compliance with the prior executive orders and Section 54953(e). Teleconference accessibility via call-in option or an internet-based service option (via the Zoom Webinars platform) is listed on the published agenda for each meeting of SCAG legislative bodies, and on SCAG's website. Further, SCAG provides access for public comment opportunities in real time at the time noted on the agenda. The holding of remote meetings in compliance with Section 54953(e) promotes the public interests of facilitating robust public participation on a remote platform and, further, protecting the public, SCAG's members and its employees when congregating indoors and against recent variants (including Omnicron variant ba.2 and emerging variants) that pose health risks.

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG's Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have met pursuant to provisions in Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(A) because a declared state of emergency exists and County of Los Angeles Public Health Department and the City of Los Angeles currently recommends a variety of social distancing measures (including recommended masking, recommending avoidance of crowded indoor spaces and to maintain six

feet of social distancing, especially in cases where, as is the case here, the vaccination status of persons outside your household is unknown).¹ The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by current local health order recommendations to continue adhering to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated.²

SCAG's legislative bodies may continue meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e) if certain findings are periodically made and provided, further, that such meetings continue to be held pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 54953. The required findings include: (1) the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (2) that either (i) state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing or (ii) an in-person meeting would constitute an imminent risk to the safety of attendees.

SCAG's Regional Policy Manual permits holding teleconference/videoconference meetings and permits the President to waive certain requirements in the Policy Manual where state law permits such waiver. Likewise, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make decisions and take actions binding on SCAG if such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council. (Art. V.C(3)(a).) Given the Regional Council's regular meeting on June 2nd will occur following the meeting of the Executive Administration Committee held on June 1st and Policy Committee meetings held earlier on June 2nd, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make the findings contained in this staff report.

If the findings below are made by the EAC, all SCAG legislative bodies (i.e., the RC, EAC, Policy Committees and other SCAG committees and task forces) are authorized to meet pursuant to Section 54953(e) for thirty days. Further continuation beyond this period would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances.

¹ See <https://coronavirus.lacity.org/> (visited March 9, 2022) Los Angeles County Public Health Department notation that social distancing is still a recommended practice.

² See

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

FINDINGS:

The recommendations in this staff report are based on the following facts and findings, made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), which are incorporated into the recommended action taken by the EAC and RC, as noted above:

1. The EAC and RC have reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency initially declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, relating to the COVID-19 public health crisis and find that the declaration remains in effect. The continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public, consistent with continued social distancing recommendations, and will facilitate the purposes of such social distancing recommendations by preventing large crowds from congregating at in indoor facilities for extended periods of time. Given that the vaccination status of meeting participants (including members of the public) is not known, it is prudent to use caution in protecting the health of the public, SCAG's employees and its membership where, as here, adequate virtual means exist to permit the meeting to occur by teleconference/videoconference with the public being afforded the ability to comment in real time.³
2. The EAC and RC find that state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as exemplified by the discussion and footnoted provisions above. Further the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and City of Los Angeles continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, including recommendations to avoid crowded indoor spaces and to maintain six feet of social distancing, especially in cases where the vaccination status of persons outside a person's household is unknown. The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by recent health order recommending the need to continued adherence to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated. Finally, SCAG's primary offices and its regional offices remain closed to the public in relation to the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

³ See

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



CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the actions described above be taken based on the findings contained in this staff report. Should further remote meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) be warranted, the EAC and/or RC are required to reconsider the circumstances and make findings to continue holding meetings in this manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



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June 2, 2022

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager II
(213) 236-1918, dominguezs@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In July 2021, the Executive Administration Committee convened for a strategic planning session. One action identified during that session was to create a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. SCAG will build from the strategies and policies established in Connect SoCal 2020, such as the Core Vision and Key Connections. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region's evolving needs, challenges and opportunities. The attached draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 outlines the approach for policy development with the existing Policy Committees and three new sub-committees.

BACKGROUND:**What is Connect SoCal 2024?**

SCAG prepares a long-range RTP/SCS every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable growth.

SCAG's next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. The pillars of the Connect SoCal—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are anticipated to 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 to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. For this plan development cycle, SCAG staff will focus on process improvements and data updates and refinements. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region's evolving needs, challenges and opportunities.

Connect SoCal 2024: Status Update

As described at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, SCAG is now entering into the "Data Collection and Policy Development" phase of plan development.

Throughout 2022, staff will be continuing with research to better understand the trends and existing conditions in the region. This phase also includes steps to understand the existing conditions and planning occurring at the local jurisdiction level through the Local Data Exchange process and engagement with County Transportation Commissions on the Project List later this year. Over the course of the next year and in the first half of 2023, SCAG staff will be seeking direction from our policy makers, through the relevant Policy Committees, on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 to augment and help better align plans and investments across the region.

Phases of Connect SoCal 2024 Development



Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

In July 2021, then President Lorimore convened a strategic planning session for the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and executive staff to establish high-level work goals and priorities for work planning for the year. The resulting EAC Strategic Work Plan identified elevating and expanding policy leadership as a central measure to advancing the EAC’s goals and priorities. Among the tasks assigned to staff to expand policy leadership was the development of a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Per the EAC Strategic Work Plan:

“Working with the Executive Officers and the Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs to develop a Policy Development Framework for 2024 Connect SoCal that identifies priority policy issues for deeper discussion and establishes a sub-committee structure for policy education, engagement, and consensus building to guide visionary policy development (March 2022)”

The attached Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 includes the preliminary plan vision and goals¹, key policy priorities, and an outline for the focus and responsibility of each Policy Committee and three new sub-committees to consider opportunities to incorporate new policy direction and priorities identified by the board since 2020 into the regional plan.

In March 2022, SCAG staff shared this draft with the EAC for initial feedback. Several members highlighted the need to address or discuss water in relationship to planned development. Staff noted that in Connect SoCal 2020 we incorporated water considerations through the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Key Connection and through analysis in the Program Environmental Impact Report. Staff will explore how best to address this issue within the requirements and goals for Connect SoCal 2024.

In April 2022, SCAG staff presented the draft to each Policy Committee. Policy Members provided direction to staff on areas for further discussion or consideration including but not limited to: leveraging remote work to reach regional goals; addressing disabled community needs through universal design and first-last mile; feasibility of blending biofuels in diesel trucks; and exploring

¹ The attached Policy Development Framework includes updated vision and goals which reflect stakeholder feedback collected between January and April 30, 2022.

hydrogen-powered heavy-duty freight. Staff have noted these areas of interest for inclusion during plan policy development.

Next Steps

Following adoption, SCAG will circulate a survey to all members, to assess interest in policy issues and in serving on one of the sub-committees. Following the results of this survey, SCAG will work with the President and Executive Officers establish the sub-committees and prepare a more detailed policy committee agenda outlook for each of the Committees to illustrate the progression of policy discussions leading up to plan analysis and production in summer 2023.

Later this year, SCAG will be onboarding a consultant to assist with Public and Stakeholder Engagement for the plan. Early deliverables from that work will include educational materials to help stakeholders better understand the regional planning and policy development process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024
2. PowerPoint Presentation - Policy Development Framework

Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. Prepared in response to direction by the Regional Council, this Policy Development Framework presents the Draft Plan Vision and Goals and the Policy Priorities to be expanded and refined through the planning process to advance the vision and goals, and a policy development leadership structure and outlook to foster policy education, engagement, consensus building and decision-making.

DRAFT PLAN VISION AND GOALS

In January 2022, staff began engaging with stakeholders through the Regional Planning Working Groups and the Technical Working Group on the draft Goals & Vision for Connect SoCal 2024. Their feedback informed the updated draft Vision and Goals below.

The draft Vision is meant to capture what we want the region to be by 2050 and is supported by four draft Goals, each centered around a key theme (Mobility, Communities, the Environment, and the Economy). These goals are each further defined by supporting sub-Goals.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

A healthy, accessible and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future.

DRAFT GOALS

Mobility: Build and maintain a robust transportation network.

- Support investments and programs that are well-maintained and operated, coordinated, and resilient, and result in improved safety and air quality.
- Ensure reliable, accessible, affordable, and quality travel options while striving to enhance equity in transportation resources offered in underserved communities.
- Plan for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Communities: Develop, connect, and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.

- Reinforce vibrant, human-centered communities in urban, suburban, and rural settings to increase mobility options and reduce travel distances.
- Produce and preserve a diversity of housing types to improve affordability, accessibility, and choices for all.
- Foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity, and actively seek to reduce racial and economic disparities.

Environment: Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow.

- Develop communities that are resilient and can mitigate, adapt to, and respond to chronic and acute stressors and disruptions, such as climate change.
- Integrate the region's development pattern and transportation network to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Conserve and restore the region's natural and agricultural resources.

Economy: Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.

- Provide physical and digital infrastructure to improve access to education, vocational training, jobs, financial systems, and to foster the growth of small businesses in underserved communities.
- Advance a resilient and efficient goods movement system that supports the economic vitality of the region, attainment of clean air, and quality of life for our communities.
- Improve regional multimodal transportation system infrastructure and efficiency to enhance the region’s global economic competitiveness.

POLICY PRIORITIES

The Draft Policy Priorities are based upon policy direction established in Connect SoCal 2020 and recent Regional Council actions to address three of the emerging issues facing the region. The pillars of Connect SoCal 2020—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are outlined below followed by a summary of the emerging issues and related actions.

CORE VISION

Rooted in the 2008 and 2012 RTP/SCS plans, Connect SoCal’s *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.

- Sustainable Development
- System Preservation & Resilience
- Demand & System Management
- Transit Backbone
- Complete Streets
- Goods Movement

Many of the policies and strategies summarized as the *Core Vision* of the plan are reflective of the policies and projects developed at the local level and gathered by SCAG through the plan development process (through the Local Data Exchange with Local Jurisdictions and Project List submissions from County Transportation Commissions). The *Core Vision* strategies will be discussed during plan development to identify barriers to implementation and opportunities for enhancement.

KEY CONNECTIONS

Connect SoCal 2020 introduced *Key Connections* that build on the *Core Vision* to leverage technology or advance policy needed to accelerate reaching plan goals. Key Connections identify critical regional strategies to “close the gap” between what could be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone, and what must be done to meet increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. The 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. The policies and strategies identified as *Key Connections* became the focal point for SCAG implementation efforts in directing research priorities and local technical assistance.

- Smart Cities & Job Centers
- Housing Supportive Infrastructure
- Go Zones
- Accelerated Electrification
- Shared Mobility & Mobility as A Service (MaaS)

In developing both the Core Vision and Key Connections, SCAG works with stakeholders, identifies trends and data in the region, assesses local best practices and researches the efficacy of different strategies. SCAG also needs strategic input and direction from Policy Committee members and the Regional Council.

EMERGING ISSUES

There are three salient and interconnected challenges facing our region: equity, resilience, and the economy. Actions by SCAG's Regional Council over the past year and a half provide a policy foundation for work on the next plan development and expanded policy focus on these emerging issue areas.

Equity

On July 2, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2¹ on Racial and Social Justice, affirming SCAG's commitment to meaningfully advance justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and establishing the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to advance social justice throughout the agency.

On May 6, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan², the purpose of which is to guide and sustain SCAG's regional leadership in service of equity and social justice. It reflects discussions and feedback provided to the Special Committee on the definition of equity and overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices and activities.

Resilience

On January 7, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-628-1³ on Climate Change Action that affirms a climate change crisis in Southern California and identifies actions for SCAG to undertake, including: developing a regional resilience framework, initiating a regional climate planning network, and developing a regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP).

Economy

On July 1, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Final Report and Recommendations⁴, which identifies five core principles to drive SCAG's work and to act as a lens for identifying recommendations:

1. Center the economic recovery strategy on racial and gender equity; focusing in reducing the racial wealth gap;
2. Focus on rebuilding the middle class with high road employment;
3. Ensure that all strategies contribute to a climate ready region;
4. Tailor strategies to the needs of both industry sectors and geographic subregions; and
5. Bring new and diverse voices to the table.

On February 4, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-629-2⁵ to establish a Broadband Action Plan to assist in bridging the digital divide. The Broadband Action Plan includes incorporating

¹ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070220agn01.pdf?1602368143>

² <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc050621fullpacket.pdf#page=91>

³ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc010721fullpacket.pdf#page=12>

⁴ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070121fullpacket.pdf#page=13>

⁵ <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc020421fullpacket.pdf#page=13>

broadband planning, data and research findings, and strategies, as appropriate, into existing SCAG programs and future Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT: LEADERSHIP & OUTLOOK

Policy discussions that occur during SCAG’s Policy Committee meetings provide valuable direction to staff on areas for further research, potential strategies to address regional challenges, and priorities for what to include in the proposed plan.

Staff will bring forward informational and discussion items related to the relevant *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*; highlighting context and data from staff research; perspectives from academics, researchers or policy experts; and insights from local practitioners. Presentations may also focus on current subregional efforts and best practices to address the Connect SoCal 2020 Key Connections, as well as emerging trends and new issues related to each *Core Vision* or *Key Connection*. The plan issue areas organized by Policy Committee are outlined in the table below.

MAIN POLICY COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
<i>Core Vision</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Preservation & Resilience • Demand & System Management • Transit Backbone • Complete Streets • Goods Movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development
<i>Key Connections</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Zones • Shared Mobility & MaaS • Smart Cities & Job Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Cities & Job Centers • Housing Supportive Infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Electrification
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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

The issues facing the region are intersectional and often do not neatly fit within one committee. For that reason, it is occasionally necessary to hold a Joint Policy Committee meeting of members from all three Policy Committees (Transportation; Community, Economic, Human Development; and Energy and

Environment) to share pertinent information, discuss key plan development issues or seek coordinated actions or recommendations.

SPECIAL CONNECT SOCAL 2024 SUB-COMMITTEES

As discussed at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, there are a number of trends disrupted by the pandemic and emerging issues setting the context for the next Connect SoCal. To help dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal, SCAG will establish three new sub-committees.

These three sub-committees will be comprised of members from each county with participation from invited business or civic leaders and practitioners with unique and valuable perspective on the given sub-committee focus area.

These sub-committees will prepare and make recommendations to SCAG Policy Committees on how to address these emerging issues within Connect SoCal 2024.

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE	RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION	RACIAL EQUITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
<p><i>Purpose:</i> Build on the recommendations for the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy to identify ways Connect SoCal can ensure opportunities for all; and explore solutions for making the most of existing infrastructure to maintain and improve levels of service such as through innovations in Broadband and System Demand Management.</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Advance the direction set in the SCAG Regional Council Resolution on Climate Change Action to consider opportunities for enhanced conservation and how can Connect SoCal support our communities in adapting to changing conditions or mitigating risks to become more resilient.</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how our planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG’s environmental justice communities.</p>



Policy Development Framework

SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

April 7, 2021

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Policy Development Framework Overview

- **Draft Vision and Goals**
 - Mobility, Communities, Environment, Economy
- **Policy Priorities**
 - Core Vision
 - Key Connections
 - Emerging Issues
- **Policy Development: Leadership & Outlook**

Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Vision and Goals

- **Vision Statement** to capture what we want the region to be
- Four simplified Goals
 - Themes: **Mobility, Communities, Environment,** and **Economy**
 - Further defined through sub-goals
- Overarching through lines to integrate into the 2024 cycle: **Equity** and **Resilience**

Policy Priorities

CORE VISION

- Sustainable Development
- System Preservation & Resilience
- Demand & System Management
- Transit Backbone
- Complete Streets
- Goods Movement

KEY CONNECTIONS

- Smart Cities & Job Centers
- Housing Supportive Infrastructure
- Go Zones
- Accelerated Electrification
- Shared Mobility & Mobility as A Service (MaaS)

EMERGING ISSUES

- Equity
- Resilience
- Economy

Policy Development: Leadership & Outlook

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN DEV COMMITTEE

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

CORE VISION

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- PEIR
- Transportation Conformity
- Environmental Justice
- SB 375 Technical Methodology

Special Connect SoCal 2024 Sub-Committees: Overview

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE

RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION

RACIAL EQUITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

Purpose: Dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal and provide recommendation to SCAG Policy Committees on how to address this issues in the plan.

Representation: Members from each county with invited participation from business or civic leaders and practitioners

Duration: 3- 4 meetings between August 2022 and February 2023

Special Connect SoCal 2024 Sub-Committees: Next Steps



Summer 2022

Survey to all members soliciting interest in serving on sub-committees

President and Executive Officers establish sub-committees and prepare agenda outlooks

Sub-committee meetings begin

Spring 2023

Sub-committees prepare recommendations for Policy Committees

Summer 2023

Policy Committees incorporate recommendations into decision making for Connect SoCal 2024



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

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

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Clint Lorimore, President

Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President

Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Don Wagner

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Zak Schwank

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Randall Putz

Hon. Fred Minagar

Hon. Phil Bacerra

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Temecula

Colton

Highland

Big Bear Lake

Laguna Niguel

Santa Ana

District 4

RCTC

Ventura County

Imperial County

Orange County

Riverside County

ICTC

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

District 7

District 11

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District 16



Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
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. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
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. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68

Members Not Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President

- Supervisor Kathryn Barger
- Supervisor Hilda Solis
- Supervisor Curt Hagman
- Hon. Deborah Robertson
- Hon. L. Dennis Michael
- Hon. Ray Marquez
- Hon. Wendy Bucknum
- Hon. Diane Dixon
- Hon. Leticia Clark
- Hon. Steve De Ruse

Members Not Present

Long Beach

- Rialto*
- Rancho Cucamonga*
- Chino Hills*
- Mission Viejo*
- Newport Beach*
- Tustin*
- La Mirada*

Members Not Present

District 29

- Los Angeles County
- Los Angeles County
- San Bernardino County
- District 8
- District 9
- District 10
- District 13
- District 15
- District 17
- District 31



Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
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. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
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Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
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Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lorimore called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Ali Saleh, Bell, District 27 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Board Counsel Ruben Duran announced that SCAG received one public comment and that it would be provided to the Regional Council members. He noted the public comment was from Anthony Garcia related to Sunlight Transit.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

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

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Board Counsel Duran reported this item would allow SCAG and its subordinate bodies to continue to meet virtually in the event they needed to do so given the COVID pandemic.

A MOTION was made (Posey) to (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its May 4, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local

officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, and WAGNER (44)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: HARRIS-DAWSON (1)

2. Resolution No. 22-643-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Final Comprehensive Budget

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that collaboration with our member agencies, SCAG works to develop solutions for regional challenges, including transportation, housing and air quality. She stated that the fiscal year 2022-23 budget before them supports those goals and complies with its primary responsibilities to develop the sustainable community strategies, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, the Annual Overall Work Program (OWP), and the transportation related local Air Quality Management Plans. She reported that on March 2nd and 3rd, the EAC and Regional Council, respectively approved the draft comprehensive budget which included the OWP and the General Fund budget. Additionally, staff was authorized to release the draft OWP for public comment and noted that the public comment period closed on April 4th and no public comments received. She reported that Table 1 showed the budget total of \$124.7 million, which was an increase of \$5.1 million from the draft comprehensive budget that was presented to them [the EAC and RC] back in March. She further explained that Attachment 3 to the staff report included a complete detail of every change contributing to that \$5.1 million increase, but as discussed in the staff report, the increase was predominantly attributable to the programing of \$6.8

million in Last Mile Freight Program grant funds, which was offset by a \$2.7 million reduction in FTA 5303 funding based on updated estimates received by Caltrans.

Board Counsel Duran reported that because of a technical challenge with the voting devices they were using, the first ballot to tabulate the vote on Item No. 2 did not result in a complete vote insofar as it appeared approximately 10 votes may not have been tabulated. As a result, he indicated that a revote should be taken so as to record accurately all votes in favor of the budget or against if that was the case. He stated that the Clerk had been asked to reset the voting, and asked the members if they could recast their vote for Item No. 2, assuming they had the same first and second motion makers.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) That the Regional Council: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-643-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY23 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY23 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Motion was SECONDED (Navarro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

3. 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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



Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, provided some background information on how the Scholarship program began and noted it was the 12th year of the program. She reported they had an amazing group who submitted applications and that SCAG received a total of 100 applications from throughout the SCAG region: 16 from Imperial County; 40 from Los Angeles County; 14 from Orange County; 6 from Riverside County; 15 from San Bernardino County; and 9 from Ventura County. She further reported that they were awarding 12 scholarships this year, 10 which would be funded through SCAG and two additional from the California Transportation Foundation who had once again partnered with SCAG. She noted that the California Transportation Foundation was founded in 1988 to create a charity that would support the Caltrans community, but later expanded to serve private sector and other public transportation agency employees as well. Lastly, she reported that after a short deliberation, the Committee asked member Dr. James Moore to select from the 12 recipients who would receive the California Transportation Foundation Scholarships and noted the recipients were from Imperial County, Arianna Venegas (Holtville) and from Los Angeles County, Alex Yu (Harbor City/Los Angeles).

A MOTION was made (Plancarte) to approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program Award. Motion was SECONDED (Nguyen). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HARRIS-DAWSON, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA* (46)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

*Note: Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, asked for his vote to be noted as a yes on Item No. 3. The Clerk acknowledged the request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

4. Minutes of the Meeting – April 7, 2022
5. Approval for Additional Stipend Payment
6. Contract Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-020-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
7. Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
8. Housing Bills of Interest
9. SB 1410 (Caballero) – CEQA Transportation Impacts
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorship

Receive and File

11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to approve Consent Calendar Items 4 through 10, Receive and File Item 11. Motion was SECONDED (Huang). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Lucy Dunn reported they had the worst inflation in 40 years in America and in order to address inflation and curb the possibility of recession, the Fed raised interest rates by half a percentage point. She noted that there may be further raises but unknown at this time. She stated that this was

the first time in 22 years that the central bank had hiked rates this much and that what this meant for their constituents and for all of them was that it was now harder to buy a home. She reported that price pressures on food and energy were unlikely to abate anytime soon and that the cost of construction would rise. She explained that sometimes higher interest rates lower housing prices, but in California their supply constraint was so deep and pervasive that it was not likely to happen here. In regard to unemployment and the great resignation, she reported there were two job openings for every unemployed person and therefore, they were going to find it harder to hire people right now and that salary pressures would continue to rise. She reported that for the next several months there would be a strong demand for goods and that there would be supply chain disruptions. She noted that hospitality and leisure had not yet come back, but most industry sectors were back and pretty strong, which was a good sign. She reported that California's unemployment rate was still higher than the nation, but California was recovering the jobs that it lost during COVID. She suggested they continue to watch energy prices which would continue to rise. Lastly, she noted that in late 2022 they would see some industry specific labor supply problems improve, but long-term labor supply challenges would emerge.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore recognized the contributions by the outgoing Regional Council Members and Policy Committee Members. He noted the members as follows and provided a certificate of appreciation to those that were present (Policy Committee Members: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee member, Hon. Jan Pye, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG; Transportation Committee member, Hon. Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach, Pres. Appt.; and Transportation Committee member, Hon. Michelle Chambers, Compton, GCCOG. Regional Council Members: Hon. Michael Carroll, Irvine, RC District 14; Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, RC District 25; Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead, RC District 32; Hon. Jonathan C. Curtis, La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36; Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale, RC District 42; Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark, RC District 46; Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County; Hon. Tim Shaw, OCTA Representative; and Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative.) Lastly, he reported the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise reported that on April 21, he participated in a panel at CoMotion Miami to discuss SCAG's equity work in the region and our role in increasing equitable transportation options in our nation. He also reported that in collaboration with our partners at ESRI and member city staff, he participated in a panel discussion at the National American Planning Association conference in San Diego focused on coordinating local planning initiatives and highlighted our Regional Data Platform.



FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting in at 9:45 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL]

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AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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) [RC Approved June 2019, amended February 2022], as requested by Regional Immediate Past President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4.

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 Clint Lorimore.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article VIII, Section B(4) [RC Approved June 2019, amended February 2022], "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 April 2022, Immediate Past President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4 attended the following event for SCAG, which will count towards his 13th stipend request:

No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Name
13 th	April 29	Review of General Assembly Program



FISCAL IMPACT:

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



AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Regional Council Policy Manual Regarding
Stipend and Travel Expenses for Ex Officio Business Representative

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council (RC) amend the Regional Council Policy Manual (Policy Manual) to provide stipend and travel expense reimbursement to the ex officio business representative to the RC and EAC for attendance at up to 4 meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly, the Economic Summit, and other SCAG events as the President or Executive Director may specifically request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Amend the Regional Council Policy Manual (Policy Manual) to provide stipend and travel expense reimbursement to the ex officio business representative to the RC and EAC for attendance at certain specified official SCAG meetings and up to 4 meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly, the Economic Summit, and other SCAG events as the President or Executive Director may specifically request.

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:

The Bylaws afford the President the ability to appoint a representative from the private sector to serve on both the RC and the EAC in an ex officio, non-voting capacity (the "Business Representative"). Historically, the Business Representative has provided critical input and perspective on policy matters to, and helped guide policy development by, the RC and the EAC. This input has included monthly verbal reports to the RC and EAC and participation in other meetings to provide business perspective to decisionmakers and executive staff. Currently the Policy Manual states that individuals serving in an ex officio capacity to SCAG bodies (including

the RC) are not eligible for stipends or the reimbursement of travel expenses. Given the unique role played by the Business Representative in helping SCAG, and the RC and EAC, understand how SCAG's policies may impact the business community, and given that in person meetings and attendance at RC, EAC and PC meetings is becoming more common, staff recommends that the Policy Manual be amended to provide stipend and travel expense reimbursement to the Business Representative for attendance at up to 4 meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly, the Economic Summit, and other SCAG events as the President or Executive Director may specifically request.

BACKGROUND:

The Policy Manual permits RC Members to receive a stipend and reimbursement of travel expenses for the attendance at various SCAG meeting and events, as more specifically detailed in the Policy Manual. However, the Policy Manual expressly states that individuals serving in an ex officio capacity to SCAG bodies (including the RC) are not eligible for stipends or the reimbursement of travel expenses. This prohibition on receipt of stipends and travel expense reimbursement applies to the Business Representative.

Staff believes that the Policy Manual should be amended to permit the Business Representative to receive stipend payment and reimbursement of travel expenses for his or her attendance at certain specified official SCAG meetings and other SCAG events where the Business Representative's participation in the meeting or event has a direct and tangible benefit to the RC, EAC or SCAG in the development of regional policy. Historically, the Business Representative has provided critical input and perspective on policy matters to the RC, the EAC and SCAG's officers and executive staff. This input has included monthly verbal reports to the RC and EAC at their meetings, and has included attending other meetings where the business representative's perspective has assisted in development of policy. Additionally, since September 2021, the EAC has been holding its meetings in a hybrid manner, with members participating both in-person and remotely. In March, the Policy Committees and RC also began holding their meetings in a hybrid manner. As the public health environment continues to evolve, SCAG may begin transitioning additional meetings to this hybrid format, and, eventually, to more in person meetings, which would increase travel to in person meetings.

For these reasons, staff recommends that the Policy Manual be amended to provide that the Business Representative shall be eligible to receive a stipend and reimbursement of travel expenses, pursuant to the process provided the Policy Manual, for attending up to four (4) meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly and the Economic Summit, and for attending other SCAG events per month as the President or Executive Director may specifically request. These public meetings afford opportunity for the Business Representative to provide input to SCAG's decision makers and executive staff in connection with their development of policy. The Business Representative would not be entitled to

a stipend or reimbursement of travel expenses except for those meetings referenced in the previous sentence, and attendance at meetings other than the RC, EAC, General Assembly or the Economic Summit would have to be specifically requested by the President or Executive Director. In all cases, reimbursement of travel expenses and payment of a stipend would be limited to a total of up to four (4) meetings in a calendar month.

Accordingly, the following amendment is proposed for addition to the Policy Manual in a new subdivision (C)(5) to Article VIII:

“Notwithstanding subsection C(4) of this Article VIII, the representative from the private/business sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and Executive/Administration Committee as an ex officio member is eligible to receive a Stipend (pursuant to the process provided in Article VIII.B) and reimbursement of travel expenses (as provided in Article VIII.F) for attending up to four (4) meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly, the Economic Summit, and other SCAG events as the President or Executive Director may specifically request.”

Excerpts of the Policy Manual that are proposed to be amended are attached to this report, with the provisions highlighted for reference and specific changes shown in tracking (deletions/additions).

FISCAL IMPACTS:

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Excerpt RC_PolicyManual (Biz Rep Stipend Amends)



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ARTICLE VIII

STIPENDS AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

A. General Stipend Payment Policy

(1) The payment for a stipend of one hundred twenty dollars (hereinafter “Stipend”) will be calculated and authorized by the Office of Regional Council Support based on attendance records, attendance sheets or submitted expense reimbursement forms.

(2) Requests for Stipend payments must be received by the Office of Regional Council Support no later than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year for which the Stipend payments are requested.

B. Stipends for Representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers

(1) Representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers shall receive a Stipend for attendance at SCAG-sponsored meetings or events (such as, the General Assembly, Regional Council meetings, Economic Summit, Demographic Workshop, etc.) or other SCAG business activities. A Stipend will be authorized for each day of actual attendance at such SCAG-sponsored meetings or activities. Stipends for business travel on behalf of SCAG meetings or activities will be authorized for days on which actual business is conducted and not for days that are devoted solely to travel. With regard to multiple meetings on a single calendar day, a Stipend will be authorized for attendance at every meeting that is at a different address. A request for a Stipend payment must be made in writing and contain information on the date, time, location and purpose of any such meeting and be submitted to the Office of Regional Council Support. Such requests must be approved by the SCAG President or SCAG’s Executive Director or his/her designee. Attendance at SCAG-sponsored meetings or activities shall be demonstrated by a signature on an attendance form, attendance records of SCAG staff at such meetings, or a the submittal of an expense reimbursement form to the Office of Regional Council Support.

(2) Representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers shall receive only one Stipend for attendance at one or both of the monthly Regional Council meeting and the same day meeting of the individual’s assigned SCAG Policy Committee (or a joint meeting of all of the Policy

Committees). Attendance will be demonstrated by the individual's signature on the attendance forms for the Regional Council and the Policy Committee.

(3) Representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers shall receive a Stipend for meetings (including those over the telephone and those involving video- or teleconferencing) that are scheduled by SCAG's President or by SCAG's Executive Director or his/her designee.

(4) Representatives of Regional Council Members may receive up to six Stipends per month and the SCAG President may authorize two 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 Stipends per month. SCAG's President may receive up to twelve Stipends per month. Approval by the Regional Council is required for payment of any Stipends in excess of the limits identified herein.

C. Stipends for Other Elected Officials and Individuals serving in an Ex Officio Capacity

(1) Other elected officials (i.e. those not serving as a representative of a Regional Council Member) serving on a SCAG Policy Committee or another SCAG Committee, Subcommittee or Task Force shall receive a Stipend for attendance at a Policy Committee, Committee, Subcommittee or Task Force meeting.

(2) Other elected officials serving on a SCAG Policy Committee or another SCAG Committee, Subcommittee or Task Force shall receive a Stipend for attendance at a meeting (including those over the telephone or those involving video- or teleconferencing) when the attendance of the elected official is requested by the SCAG President or SCAG's Executive Director or his/her designee.

(3) Attendance at all such meetings shall be demonstrated by a signature on an attendance form, attendance records of SCAG staff at such meetings, or the submittal of an expense reimbursement form to the Office of Regional Council Support. Other elected officials may receive up to four Stipends per month.

(4) Individuals serving in an ex officio capacity in any SCAG body including the Regional Council shall not be eligible for stipends or for the reimbursement of travel expenses (except for certain General Assembly expenses discussed elsewhere in this Policy Manual).

(4)(5) Notwithstanding subsection C(4) of this Article VIII, the representative from the

private/business sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and Executive/Administration Committee as an ex officio member is eligible to receive a Stipend (pursuant to the process provided in Article VIII.B) and reimbursement of travel expenses (as provided in Article VIII.F) for attending up to four (4) meetings per month consisting of the Regional Council, the Executive/Administration Committee, the General Assembly, the Economic Summit, and other SCAG events as the President or Executive Director may specifically request.

D. Special Conditions for Stipends for the General Assembly

- (1) A representative of a Regional Council Member or a SCAG Officer or an elected official serving on a SCAG Policy Committee shall receive a Stipend for attendance at the General Assembly regardless of whether or not the individual serves as an Official Representative or Alternate at the General Assembly.
- (2) Stipends are not provided to Official Representatives or Alternates at the General Assembly unless those individuals are either a representative of a Regional Council Member or a SCAG Officer or a member of a SCAG Policy Committee.
- (3) Stipends for attendance at the General Assembly are not provided to individuals who serve in an ex officio capacity at the General Assembly; however, registration fees, hotel charges, parking costs and meal costs may be billed directly to SCAG or reimbursed if within the limits of this Article VIII.

E. General Travel Policy

- (1) SCAG endeavors to maintain an accountable and cost-effective travel policy. Such a travel policy must satisfy the following requirements: (a) be only business related; (b) use the most cost-effective travel options; (c) comply with all applicable SCAG requirements; (d) substantiate expenses as required; (e) return unspent advanced amounts or unused tickets or travel vouchers; and (f) mandate timeliness, accuracy and honesty in the reporting of all travel expenses.
- (2) Whenever reasonably possible, travel to SCAG meetings should be avoided if teleconferencing or videoconferencing is available for a meeting.
- (3) Requests for travel reimbursement must be received by the Office of Regional Council Support no later than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year in which the travel costs were

incurred.

(4) The Executive Director or his/her designee shall review all requests for travel reimbursements.

F. Travel Policy for Representatives of Members of the Regional Council and SCAG Officers

(1) Representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers who attend meetings on behalf of SCAG are eligible to receive travel reimbursement for: (a) actual costs of airplane, bus, train, rental car, shuttle, taxi or car service (e.g. Lyft); (b) miles travelled using a personal automobile; and (c) actual parking expenses. Mileage will be reimbursed at the prevailing federal reimbursement rate. Distances will be calculated based on the travel distance from the representative's seat of government and the meeting location. An airplane, taxi, car service or rental car should be used only if is the best alternative considering both cost and time. Taxi, shuttle and car service gratuities should not exceed 15%. Parking at SCAG's Los Angeles office will be validated.

(2) International travel always requires advance approval of the Regional Council.

(3) SCAG representatives of Regional Council Members and SCAG Officers should, whenever possible, use SCAG staff to arrange all air travel. Only economy air travel is allowed. Except for air travel, whenever possible representatives of Members of the Regional Council and SCAG Officers should make their own surface travel and lodging arrangements and obtain reimbursement from SCAG for all expenses incurred. If SCAG representatives make their own air travel arrangements and if the cost of airfare significantly exceeds costs regularly paid by SCAG for air travel, approval of SCAG's President will be required before reimbursement will be made.

(4) The cost of alcoholic beverages cannot be claimed for reimbursement. Meal allowances will not be paid if meal service is provided by SCAG (e.g. lunch at meetings of the Regional Council). The following allowances for meals and incidentals, or 150% (one-hundred fifty percent) of the reimbursement amounts approved by the State of California, whichever is higher and which include an allowance for gratuities, shall apply and be reimbursed without receipts. Higher amounts may be approved by the Regional Council in the case of international travel.

a. Breakfast costs of \$10.50 if away from home or if travel begins from home to a meeting that

starts at 10AM or earlier.

- b. Lunch costs of \$16.50.
- c. Dinner costs of \$34.50 if away from home or if the travel begins from home to a meeting that starts at or before 4PM and ends at or after 7PM.
- d. Incidental costs of \$5 for each day involving an overnight stay away from home.

(5) Lodging is reimbursable at the applicable government rate plus taxes if: (a) required for trips outside of the SCAG Region; (b) an individual is required to travel 75 miles or more one way for a SCAG-related activity that begins at 10 AM or earlier; or (c) an individual is required to attend a SCAG-related activity that begins at 1 PM or later and is required to attend a SCAG-related activity the following day that begins at 10 AM or earlier. If government lodging rates do not appear to be available, assistance should be requested from SCAG staff, if possible, to avoid paying above government rates. Lodging charges that are more than double standard government rates for the locale of the lodging will require approval of the SCAG President before reimbursement can be made.

(6) All travel costs must be fully documented, as required, with receipts identifying the date and time the expenses were incurred, the location and the purpose of the travel or expense. The SCAG President or SCAG's Executive Director or his/her designee must approve travel reimbursement requests without receipts in the case of lost or partial receipts.

G. Travel Policy for Other Elected Officials and/or Appointed Members of SCAG Committees and Task Forces

(1) Other elected officials (those not serving as Representatives of Regional Council Members) and appointed members of SCAG committees and task forces will generally not be asked to travel on behalf of SCAG except for meetings within the SCAG Region. The provisions of Section F above shall apply to any travel outside of the SCAG Region that is requested by SCAG.

(2) Other elected officials and appointed members of SCAG committees may be reimbursed for travel expenses to meetings held within the SCAG Region if they are not reimbursed or provided a stipend from a public agency other than SCAG. Reimbursement will be limited to: (a) parking validation or actual parking costs; and (b) costs of round-trip public transportation or round-trip

mileage at the prevailing federal mileage reimbursement rate. All such travel reimbursement requests will require complete documentation of all expenditures and will be approved by the SCAG President or SCAG's Executive Director or his/her designee. Travel reimbursement requests that do not have appropriate documentation must be approved by the SCAG President or SCAG's Executive Director or his/her designee.

*****[End Excerpt]*****



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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: Authorizing Investment of SCAG's Funds in the State of California Local
Agency Investment Fund

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend to the Regional Council (RC) to: Adopt Resolution No. 22-644-1 approving the investment of SCAG's funds in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt Resolution No. 22-644-1 approving the investment of SCAG's funds in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), established in the State Treasury under Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq., began in 1977 as an investment alternative for California's local governments and special districts. LAIF offers local agencies the opportunity to participate in a major portfolio, which invests hundreds of millions of dollars, using the investment expertise of the State Treasurer's Office professional investment staff at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

SCAG's funds are currently invested in two accounts with the Los Angeles County Treasurer (LACT) pooled investment fund portfolio. The investment with LAIF will provide SCAG with a diversified investment opportunity, a more efficient withdrawal and deposit process, and a return on investment that is approximately equal to LACT investment. SCAG recommends adopting the attached resolution and authorizing SCAG officers to invest SCAG funds in the LAIF.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), is a voluntary program created by statute, began in 1977 as an investment alternative for California's local governments and special districts and it continues today under the California Treasurer's administration. The enabling legislation for the LAIF is Section 16429.1 et seq. of the California Government Code. This program offers local agencies the opportunity to participate in a major portfolio, which invests hundreds of millions of dollars, using the investment expertise of the State Treasurer's Office professional investment staff at no additional cost to the taxpayer. The investment portfolio is highly liquid with low risk and interest earnings.

DISCUSSION:

SCAG's funds are currently invested in two accounts with the LACT pooled investment fund portfolio. The investment with LAIF will provide SCAG with a diversified investment opportunity, a more efficient withdrawal and deposit process, and a return on investment that is approximately equal to LACT investment (LACT and LAIF average annual yield during the last 18 months is approximately 50 basis points, that is 0.50%).

The following SCAG officers or their successors in office are each authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund from or to SCAG's operating bank account and may execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable:

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Erika Bustamante, Deputy Finance Director
- Emad Gewaily, Controller

The attached Resolution would remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the SCAG Regional Council by resolution and a copy of the resolution rescinding this resolution is filed with the State Treasurer's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 22-644-1 - LAIF



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017
T: (213) 236-1800
www.scag.ca.gov

RESOLUTION NO. 22-644-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING THE INVESTMENT OF SCAG'S FUNDS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is established in the State Treasury under Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the deposit of money of a local agency for purposes of investment by the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the SCAG Regional Council hereby finds that the deposit and withdrawal of money in the LAIF in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein is in the best interests of SCAG;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SCAG Regional Council hereby authorizes the deposit and withdrawal of agency monies in the LAIF in the State Treasury in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: as follows:

Section 1. The following SCAG officers holding the title(s) specified hereinbelow or their successors in office are each hereby authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the LAIF and may execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby:

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

- President
Jan C. Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- First Vice President
Carmen Ramirez, County of Ventura
- Second Vice President
Art Brown, Buena Park
- Immediate Past President
Clint Lorimore, Eastvale

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Executive/Administration
Jan C. Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- Community, Economic & Human Development
Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos
- Energy & Environment
Deborah Robertson, Rialto
- Transportation
Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

Attachment: Resolution No. 22-644-1 - LAIF (Authorizing Investment of SCAG's Funds in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund)

<u>Kome Ajise</u> (Name)	<u>Darin Chidsey</u> (Name)	<u>Cindy Giraldo</u> (Name)
<u>Executive Director</u> (Title)	<u>Chief Operating Officer</u> (Title)	<u>Chief Financial Officer</u> (Title)
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Signature)	_____ (Signature)
<u>Erika Bustamante</u> (Name)	<u>Emad Gewaily</u> (Name)	
<u>Deputy Finance Director</u> (Title)	<u>Controller</u> (Title)	
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Signature)	

Section 2. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the SCAG Regional Council by resolution and a copy of the resolution rescinding this resolution is filed with the State Treasurer's Office.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 2nd day of June, 2022.

Jan C. Harnik
President, SCAG
Riverside County Transportation Commission

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Michael R.W. Houston
Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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 Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value:
Contract No. 17-026-C1, Professional Auditing Services, Amendment No. 9

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Amendment 9 to contract 17-026-C1, with Eide Bailly, LLC, to provide additional professional auditing services, increasing the contract value \$83,500, from \$365,024 to \$448,524. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment 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:

In April 2017, SCAG awarded contract 17-026-C1 to Eide Bailly, LLC (Formerly Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company, LLP), to conduct audit services pursuant to the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Title 2 United State Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 (2 CFR 200) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The initial contract was to end June 30, 2020, but staff requested, and the Regional Council approved, an extension of the contract term for an additional two-years (i.e., through June 30, 2022) to maintain the continuity of services. Due to new funding and programs, like the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP), additional financial statement audit and single audit work are required that was not included in the original contract scope of work. Staff now requests that the not to exceed amount of the contract be increased by \$83,500 for audit services required to complete our FY 2021-22 audit (the work for this audit will be performed during the period June 15, 2022 through March 31, 2023).

This amendment when combined with a previous amendment also exceeds 30% of the contract's original value. Therefore, in accordance the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated January 2021) Section 9.3, it requires the Regional Council's approval.

Background:

Staff recommends executing the following amendment greater than 30% of the contract's original value:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Eide Bailly, LLC	The consultant shall provide additional to provide additional professional auditing services.	\$83,500

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$83,500 is available in the FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Indirect Cost budget in Project Number 810-0120.08.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 17-026-C1 Amendment No. 9
2. Contract Summary 17-026-C1 Amendment No. 9 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 17-026-C1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

Recommended Consultant:

Eide Bailly, LLC (Formerly Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company, LLP)

Background & Scope of Work:

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This Amendment will also increase the contract value from \$365,024 to \$448,524.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:
- Providing Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit
 - Report auditor opinions;
 - Increasing the public’s confidence in the financial statements released by SCAG;
 - Increasing the ability to safeguard SCAG’s assets; and
 - Providing assurance that SCAG’s control environment is adequate.

Strategic Plan:

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

Amendment Amount

Amendment 9	\$83,500
Amendment 8	\$10,000
Amendment 7 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
Amendment 6	\$125,386
Amendment 5(administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
Amendment 4	\$20,000
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>\$209,638</u>
Total contract value is not to exceed	\$448,524

Attachment: Contract Summary 17-026-C1 Amendment No. 9 (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 17-026-C1, Professional Auditing

This amendment when combined with a previous amendment also exceeds 30% of the contract's original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated January 2021) Section 9.3, it requires the Regional Council's approval.

Contract Period: April 10, 2017 through March 31, 2023

Project Number: 810.0120.08 \$448,524
Funding of \$83,500 is available in the FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Indirect Cost budget in Project Number 810-0120.08.

Basis for the Amendment: The consultant is in the 6th year of its contract with SCAG which will take the contract through June 30, 2023. As previously stated, due to new funding and programs, like REAP, additional financial statement audit and single audit work is required that was not included in the original contract scope of work. Staff now requests that the not to exceed amount of the contract is increased by \$83,500 to cover additional work needed during FY 2021-22 audit (the work for this audit will be performed during the period June 15, 2022 through March 31, 2023).

**Conflict Of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 2, 2022 the Regional Council Approval**

Approve Amendment 9 to contract 17-026-C1, with Eide Bailly, LLC, to provide additional professional auditing services, increasing the contract value \$83,500, from \$365,024 to \$448,524. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment 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)?
Eide Bailly, LLC	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

Contract No. _____

17-026-C01

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

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: EIDE Bailly LLP
Name of Preparer: ROGER ALVARO
Project Title: FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT SERVICES
Date Submitted: 11/11/2021

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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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) ROGER ACFARO, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) PARTNER of (firm name) EIDE BAILEY, LLP, 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 11/11/2021 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.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05,
Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection &
Inventory Study

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05 in an amount not to exceed \$790,713 with IBI Group to develop for the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton, a Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment 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. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The consultant will develop for the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton, a Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study. This study will consider important elements for each city independently and for the broader region related to the dynamic challenges facing curb usage through multi-modal and commercial activities. Key study developments will include review of existing curb policies and curb management recommendations highlighting best practices, coordination with key stakeholders and communities, development of data analytics tools, guidance to advance city policies, and focus on curb management plans, among others.

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
IBI Group	The consultant shall develop for the cities of	\$790,713



(21-048-C01
MRFP 05)

Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton, a Curb
Space Data Collection & Inventory Study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$459,531 is available in the FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 275.4895.01, and the remainder is expected to be available in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 OWP, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-048-C01 MRFP 05
2. Contract Summary 21-048-C01 MRFP 05 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05

Recommended Consultant:

IBI Group

Background & Scope of Work:

The consultant shall provide services for a Sustainability Planning Grant for the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton, to develop a Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study (“Study”). Curb space data collection and inventory is a major need for cities as well as the region, and strategies can potentially help achieve a balanced transportation system.

The consultant shall perform this Study and consider important elements for each city independently and for the broader region related to the dynamic challenges facing curb usage through multi-modal and commercial activities. Key Study areas include, but are not limited to, review of existing curb policies and curb management recommendations highlighting best practices, coordination with key stakeholders and communities, development of data analytics tools, guidance to advance city policies, and focus on curb management plans, among others.

The Study will directly align with Connect SoCal’s Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) goals and strategies by focusing growth near destinations and mobility options, create an opportunity to leverage technology innovations, support the implementation of sustainable policies, promote a green region, and take a GHG reducing approach to transportation planning and future development.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:
- Providing a comprehensive Stakeholder Coordination Plan and process to afford each city appropriate engagement and dialogue needs and tools across the universe of curb space users to inform curb inventory and demand characteristics, and other management needs and considerations;
 - Performing a collective existing conditions assessment of city curb policies, land-use characteristics and inventory, multimodal and commercial curb users to identify key site locations that can be considered for further data collection and analysis and strategies and recommendations; and
 - Recommending data analytic tools, digital inventory management, best practices, and pilot project concepts tailored for each city, with more broader regional tools concurrently identified.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal: 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 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	\$790,713
IBI Group (prime consultant)	\$490,663
Sutra Research (sub-consultant)	\$131,153
Cityfi (sub-consultant)	\$89,430
MBI Media (sub-consultant)	\$79,467

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-048-C01 MRFP 05 (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05, Sustainable

Note: IBI Group originally proposed \$799,308 but staff negotiated the price down to \$790,713 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through February 28, 2024

Project Number(s): 275.4895.01 \$790,713
Funding source(s): SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Funding of \$790,713 is available in the FY 2021-22 OWP budget in Project Number 275.4895.01, and whatever is not spent in FY 2021-22 will be carried over into the FY 2022- 2023 OWP.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff released RFP 21-048-MRFP 05 to all 21 firms on SCAG’s Transportation Planning Bench. Staff received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:

IBI Group (3 subconsultants)	\$799,308
Populus Technologies, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$785,799
CDM Smith (1 subconsultant)	\$796,130
Cambridge Systematics (2 subconsultants)	\$849,177

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.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Scott Strelecki, Program Manager (Project Manager), SCAG
Tomas Carranza, Principal Transportation Engineer, City of Los Angeles
Reed Sherlock, Transportation Planner, City of Long Beach
Maribeth Tinio, Planning Manager, City of Stanton

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended IBI Group for the contract award because the consultant;

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, provided a thorough approach utilizing a core stakeholder process through a highly experienced team, to inform the entirety of the study, while balancing both regional and city perspectives and needs, as well as implementation strategies and outcomes; and
- Provided the best technical approach, for example, IBI Group will leverage multiple developed tools including the CurbiQ platform and Quantum parametric model, to optimize data collection and analysis efforts across tasks, while incorporating further data collection needs and stakeholder engagement for each respective city.

Although two (2) other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because these firms:

- Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours, or well-defined integration of sub-consultants to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work;
- The allocation of resources was either predominantly focused on micro-mobility aspects or less clear curb management strategies and alignment with how task elements would come together to a final study product; and
- Did not propose a technical approach that fully met the RFP scope, specifically, did not provide enough information or clarity across all tasks to ensure all task elements could be met. Ultimately, did not demonstrate the breadth of experience as did the IBI Group.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 2, 2022 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
IBI Group (prime consultant)	No - form attached
Sutra Research (sub-consultant)	No – form attached
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Name of Firm: IBI Group, A California Partnership

Name of Preparer: William Delo, Director

Project Title: Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study

RFP Number: No. 21-048-MRFP 05 **Date Submitted:** 03/07/2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

Name	Position	Dates of Service
N/A		

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:

Name	Relationship
N/A	

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:

Name	Relationship
N/A	

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)?

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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) William Delo, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Director of (firm name) IBI Group, A California Partnership, 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 03/07/2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



03/07/2022

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Name of Firm: Cityfi

Name of Preparer: Gabe Klein

Project Title: Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study

RFP Number: No. 21-048-MRFP 05 Date Submitted: 02/22/2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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I, (printed full name) Gabe Klein, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Partner of (firm name) Cityfi, 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 02/22/2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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Name of Firm: Sutra Research
Name of Preparer: Elizabeth Hannon
Project Title: Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study
RFP Number: 21-048-MRFP 05 **Date Submitted:** 2.23.2022

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I, (printed full name) Elizabeth Hannon, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) COO of (firm name) Sutra Research, 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 2.23.2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Elizabeth Hannon

2.23.2022

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Name of Firm: McCormick-Busse, Inc. (DBA MBI Media)

Name of Preparer: Matthew Castle

Project Title: Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study

RFP Number: 21-048-MRFP 05 **Date Submitted:** 3/1/22

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Matthew Castle, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) McCormick-Busse, 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 3/1/22 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.



3/1/22

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Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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. 22-033-C01, Program
Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 22-033-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$893,551 (subject to negotiation) with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to assist SCAG in completing the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and provide services to ensure compliance with federal and state planning and environmental laws in the PEIR. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment 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 assist SCAG in preparing a PEIR for the 2024 RTP/SCS, better known as "Connect SoCal," in accordance with environmental compliance procedures under federal metropolitan planning law and regulations, the CEQA statutes and guidelines, and other relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations.

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Environmental Science Associates (22-033-C01)	To assist SCAG in completing the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and provide services to ensure compliance with federal and state planning and environmental laws in the PEIR.	\$893,551



FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$650,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 OWP budget in Project Number 020.0161.04 and the remaining \$243,551 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 OWP budget in Project Number 020.0161.04 subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 22-033-C01
2. Contract Summary 22-033-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-033-C01

**Recommended
Consultant:**

Environmental Sciences Associates (ESA)

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

The 2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-term plan for the development and preservation of the region’s transportation system. Development of the RTP is mandated by Federal and State law and is one of SCAG’s primary responsibilities. For a transportation project to become eligible for federal and state funding, it must be included in the financially-constrained portion of the RTP. In accordance with the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, or Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg), the RTP is required to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) which details strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from automobiles and light-duty trucks.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Pub. Res. Code § 21000 et seq., and its implementing regulations, CEQA Guidelines, codified at 14 C.C.R. § 15000 et seq., require SCAG as the Lead Agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Plan. The Plan necessitates preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which is a “first-tier” CEQA document designed to consider “broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures” (CEQA Guidelines §15168). The consultant shall prepare a PEIR for the 2024 RTP/SCS, better known as “Connect SoCal,” in accordance with environmental compliance procedures under federal metropolitan planning law and regulations, the CEQA statutes and guidelines, and other relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations.

The 2024 Connect SoCal PEIR will be a program-level document that will analyze the cumulative effects of proposed actions, as well as transportation improvements and land use developments discussed in 2024 Connect SoCal. Additionally, the 2024 Connect SoCal PEIR will identify strategies to avoid or mitigate those environmental impacts where warranted. It will also provide the basis for further project-level CEQA (and possibly NEPA) compliance for implementation of future projects.

**Project’s Benefits
& Key Deliverables:**

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

- Preparation of the Draft and Final PEIR, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and technical reports; and
- Fulfillment of state and federal requirements that allows for the adoption of the 2024 Connect SoCal, which crucially allows project sponsors to qualify for federal funding.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; Objective A: Create plans that enhance the region’s strength, economy, resilience and adaptability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution; and Objective E: Facilitate inclusive and meaningful engagement with diverse stakeholders to produce plans that are effective and responsive to community needs.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$893,551
	Environmental Science Associates (ESA) (prime consultant)	\$638,519
	Sirius Environmental (subconsultant)	\$165,658
	Terry A. Hayes & Associates (subconsultant)	\$46,774
	Diego and Son Printing (subconsultant)	\$42,600

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2024

Project Number(s): 020.0161.04 \$ 650,000
 Funding source(s): FHWA PL

Funding of \$650,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 budget, and the remaining \$243,551 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 budget in Project Number 020.0161.04, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 3,169 firms of the release of RFP 22-033 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 52 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) (3 subconsultants)	\$893,551
Impact Sciences, Inc. – (3 subconsultants)	\$695,823
Ascent Environmental, Inc.– (3 subconsultants)	\$848,161

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 two (2) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Karen Calderon, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
 Annaleigh Ekman, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG
 Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager II, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Environmental Science Associates for the contract award because the consultant:

- Best met the intent of the project and provided the most appropriate and clear description of all tasks and approach, especially as related to explicitly addressing the nine factors of growing significance in Draft PEIR as requested and outlined in the RFP and describing the unique challenges and legal defensibility of the PEIR in the SCAG region;
- Established realistic schedule and great approach to meet deadlines based on a very good understanding of aggressive deadlines and schedule; expressed deep commitment to the project by treating it as a priority project of the firm and allocating adequate available resources; has capacity and strong commitment to add staff, if needed; and demonstrated long-standing (two decades) close relationships and seamless interactions between prime and sub consultants especially in development of previous SCAG PEIRs;

- Demonstrated broad and in-depth understanding of SCAG's stakeholders concerns and legal challenges, SCAG region's key issues and approach to resolve them; proposed the most robust and clear technical approach (e.g., access to an optional comment system/internal legal expertise); and provided guidance and recommendations on how the Draft PEIR will be prepared based on the context of 2020 Connect SoCal PEIR such as earlier engagement with specific stakeholders, identification of the need to meet GHG emissions reduction targets, and RHNA issues; and
- The proposed total project cost is 10 percent lower than SCAG's Independent Cost Estimate and only slightly higher than the second ranked firm.

Although two (2) other firms proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because:

- One firm (1) proposed unrealistically low cost and hours for the project; (2) its combined price per hour is the highest/most expensive; (3) its proposal included the preparation of the Initial Study, a key component of the work and required task, as an option; (4) the firm did not appear to have available resources/staff capacity to complete the SOW (not enough hours); (5) its proposal did not demonstrate strong GIS expertise which was a significant component of the - scope of work; (6) typos throughout the proposal including date of 2024 PEIR adoption; and (7) there was overlapping subconsultant expertise (i.e., unnecessary/redundant staff hours) and
- The other firm (1) did not respond to the requirements to prepare an Initial Study key component of the work; (2) its technical approach is based on other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) but lacks understanding of the regional context (e.g., issues or areas of concern) in the SCAG region, and many strategies from other MPOs may not be transferable to the SCAG's large and complex region; (3) did not demonstrate adequate familiarity and breadth of experience with issues impacting the SCAG region; (4) its proposal does not demonstrate GIS expertise which is a significant component of the SOW; (5) its proposed approach to handle subconsultant coordination may be inefficient compared to the selected firm that has inhouse technical expertise.; and (6) its proposed total cost is slightly lower than that of the selected consultant but the cost does not include the preparation of the required Initial Study task.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 2, 2022, Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 22-033-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$893,551 (subject to negotiation) with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to assist SCAG in completing the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and provide services to ensure compliance with federal and state planning and environmental laws in the PEIR. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment 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)?
Environmental Science Associates (ESA) (prime consultant)	No - form attached
Sirius Environmental (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Terry A. Hayes Associates (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Diego and Son Printing (subconsultant)	No - form attached

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Name of Firm: Environmental Science Associates

Name of Preparer: Ruta Thomas

Project Title: 2024 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report

RFP Number: RFP No. 22-033 **Date Submitted:** March 1, 2022

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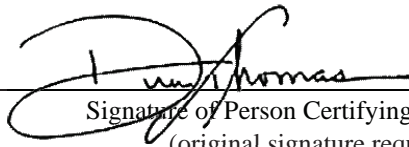
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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Ruta Thomas, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Senior VP, SoCal Regional Director of (firm name) Environmental Science Associates, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated March 1, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

March 1, 2022

Date

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Name of Firm: Sirius Environmental
Name of Preparer: Wendy Lockwood
Project Title: 2024 Connect SoCal Program EIR
RFP Number: RFP-22-033 **Date Submitted:** March 2, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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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) Wendy Lockwood, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Principal of (firm name) Sirius Environmental, 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 February 7, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Wendy Lockwood

February 7, 2022

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

Date

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RFP No. 22-033

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Name of Firm: Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc.

Name of Preparer: Natasha Mapp

Project Title: _____

RFP Number: _____ **Date Submitted:** February 11, 2022

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I, (printed full name) Terry A. Hayes, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Executive Officer of (firm name) Terry A. Hayes Associates 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 February 11, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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Name of Firm: Diego & Son Printing
Name of Preparer: Nicholas Aguilera
Project Title: _____
RFP Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

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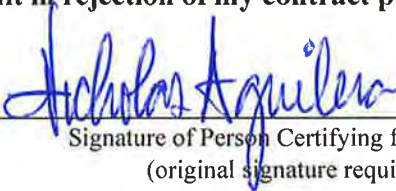
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2/16/2022

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AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov
Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$23,000 for memberships and sponsorships with 1) the Southern California Leadership Network Leadership Southern California (\$10,000), 2) the 2022 Mobility21 Summit (\$5,000), and 3) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$8,000).

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 May 24, 2022, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$23,000 for memberships and sponsorships with 1) the Southern California Leadership Network Leadership Southern California (\$10,000), 2) the 2022 Mobility21 Summit (\$5,000), and 3) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$8,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: Southern California Leadership Network Leadership Southern California
Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** \$10,000

The Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN) was founded to advance the region and the state by inspiring, preparing, and connecting leaders to drive change. SCLN does this through its signature Leadership Fellowships, continued leadership development opportunities, and other events to promote lifelong leadership learning. SCAG has been a long-time supporter of various SCLN programs, including the California Connections Program and their annual Visionaries Luncheon.

SCLN’s Leadership Southern California (LSC) Fellowship Program gives professionals from government, business, academic, and community organizations a unique opportunity to connect on

a regional level while also preparing them to be a part of the region in a positive direction through new and innovative partnerships. The curriculum is designed for civic leaders to give them the skills to lead and facilitate diverse teams through conflict into common ground and new initiatives. Fellows will learn to recognize unity that is present in the midst of diversity, conflict, and strife, giving them the skills needed to build consensus and resolve community challenges in a productive, impactful manner. Staff recommends sponsoring the LSC program in the amount of \$10,000. A list of SCAG LSC alumni is below:

SCAG's LSC Alumni		
Philip Law '06	Debbie Dillon '15 (California Connections)	Stephen Yoon '19
Darin Chidsey '08	Ma'Ayn Johnson '15	Anita Au '20
John Asuncion '11	Alison Linder '15	Julia Lippe-Klein '20
Annie Nam '11	Jeff Liu '15	Julie Shroyer '21
Marco Anderson '12	Kimberly Clark '16	Marisa Blancarte '21
Grieg Asher '12	Andrew Mora '17	Hannah Brunelle '21
Naresh Amatya '13	Javiera Cartagena '18	Margaret DeLarios '22
Frank Wen '13	Ying Zhou '18	Jonathan Hughes '22
Mike Jones '14	Sarah Dominguez '19	David Salgado '22

Item 2: 2022 Mobility21 Summit

Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** \$5,000

Mobility 21 is a coalition of public, business, and community stakeholders to pursue regional solutions to transportation challenges facing the SCAG region and San Diego County. SCAG is a founding member of Mobility 21, and Kome Ajise, SCAG's Executive Director, is a member of the coalition's board of directors. Created in 2002 as an effort in Los Angeles County, Mobility 21 became a regional effort in 2007 with the primary goals to:

- Support practical solutions to Southern California's transportation challenges;
- Mobilize regional support for transportation funding and legislative priorities at the federal and state levels;
- Unite political leaders around common priorities for transportation; and
- Bring together residents, civic leaders, business groups, and industry experts to inspire them to act and educate them on how to effectively speak out in support of transportation initiatives.

Mobility21 co-hosts an annual conference with SCAG, and this year's 2022 Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit Future Forward will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Last year's Summit focused on the Road to Recovery from

the COVID-19 pandemic. It featured panels such as The Road to Recovery, Southern California's Global Ports & Supply Chain, and Carbon Neutral 2045. Various panels included members of the SCAG board. Staff recommends sponsoring the conference at the \$5,000 Gold level, which along with our Mobility21 membership, includes the following benefits:

- Nine (9) full Summit comp registrations;
- Two (2) expo-only registrations;
- 1 VIP Reception ticket;
- Exhibitor table at Mobility 21 Expo and one (1) exhibitor-only registration;
- Logo visibility on shared slide in conference sponsor slide show;
- Logo on Mobility 21 sponsor page website;
- Company name on pre-conference advertising, both print and electronic;
- Company name on the event program and other Summit materials; and
- Half-page ad in Summit program.

Item 3: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America

Type: Membership **Amount:** \$8,000

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), a non-profit established in 1991, advocates for deploying Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the United States. Its mission is to advance the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, increase accessibility and equity, promote sustainability, and improve efficiency and productivity. They seek to do this by convening leaders from the public sector, the private sector, academia, and research organizations to foster innovation. ITS America advocates for policies that support investment in ITS. The organization also conducts research, educates stakeholders, and spreads awareness of innovations in smart transportation technologies.

ITS America's membership brings together the most influential voices from its 240+ members throughout 45 sectors ranging from state departments of transportation (DOT), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), cities, transit, freight, start-ups, automakers, suppliers, academia, and many more, including:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
 - American Automobile Association (AAA)
 - American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
 - California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)
 - Deloitte
 - ESRI
 - HDR, Inc.
 - Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
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- Los Angeles County MTA
 - Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)
 - Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 - Mobility21
 - U.S. Department of Transportation
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Staff recommends membership at an \$8,000 level, which includes the following benefits:

- Join leaders that drive and shape the discussion on a wide range of emerging mobility issues through ITS America's Standing Advisory Committees;
- Receive weekly updates on federal, legislative, state, and local regulations in the Policy Rundown newsletter and participate in federal advocacy;
- Discounted executive forum attendance fees, exhibit, and conference discounts, and forum and policy roundtable speaking opportunities;
- Promote SCAG's projects and accomplishments in the transportation ecosystem on ITS America's digital media platforms, ITSABlog, and in the Momentum newsletter; and
- Access to ITS America's global network of ITS Professionals.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the sponsorships for 1) Southern California Leadership Network's Leadership Southern California (\$10,000) 2) 2022 Mobility21 Summit (\$5,000), and membership with 3) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$8,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on May 24, 2022. The LCMC approved both items unanimously as part of its consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$23,000 for membership with the Intelligent Transportation Society America and sponsorship of Southern California Leadership Network Leadership Southern California and 2022 Mobility21 Summit is included in the approved FY 22-23 General Fund budget.



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June 2, 2022

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov
Subject: June 2022 State and 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.

STATE

Governor Gavin Newsom Releases the Fiscal Year 2022-23 May Budget Revision

On Friday, May 13, 2022, Governor Newsom presented his May Revision for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget based on updated information on the State’s fiscal outlook. The Governor proposed a \$300 billion spending plan, including a \$277 billion General Fund. General Fund revenues are now estimated to be nearly \$55 billion higher than the January Budget, for a total “budget surplus” estimated to be \$97.5 billion.

The budget revision includes funding and policy updates for a variety of areas, including:

- \$18.1 billion for an Inflation Relief Package which includes \$400 tax rebate per car and \$439 million for a one-year pause to the diesel sales tax. In addition, the Governor proposed \$750 million for an incentive grant program for public transit agencies to provide three months of free public transit.
- \$6.1 billion for various decarbonization strategies, including \$1.2 billion to support access to electric vehicles and charging in low-income communities and \$2.4 billion for zero-emission buses and trucks.
- \$500 million to augment the Active Transportation Program.
- \$500 million in additional funding for Adaptive Reuse Incentive Grants to help remove cost impediments to adaptive reuse and accelerate residential conversions, with a priority on projects located in downtown-oriented neighborhoods.

- \$1.1 billion over two years for the California Department of Technology to support additional middle-mile broadband infrastructure.

Over the next several weeks, legislative leadership, the budget committee chairs, and the Governor will negotiate any budgetary changes. The Legislature must approve and send a budget to the Governor by June 15, 2022. If signed by the Governor, it would take effect on July 1, 2022. Learn more about the Governor's official May Revise at ebudget.ca.gov.

Infill Infrastructure Grant Program

Last year, former President Clint Lorimore and members of the Executive/Administration Committee tasked the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) with brainstorming ideas for a potential legislative bill sponsored by SCAG. The LCMC made a handful of recommendations and prioritized advocating for the expansion and augmentation of the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program. The Regional Council approved this recommendation at its January 2022 meeting.

Following the Regional Council's action, the agency submitted formal letters to Governor Newsom, legislative leadership and the chairs of the budget committees requesting a \$5 billion augmentation of the IIG and the formation of a technical assistance program to assist all eligible applicants in applying for these funds.

Although the budget surplus has doubled since January 2022, Governor Newsom continues to propose a \$500 million augmentation for the IIG Program spread across two years. The unprecedented surplus gives the state a unique opportunity to make one-time investments to promote housing production. As budget negotiations continue, SCAG has coordinated a [letter](#) with a cross-section of housing, environmental, and business advocates to urge the Governor and legislative leadership to increase funding for the IIG.

Active Transportation Program

Earlier this year, SCAG convened the region's six county transportation commissions and Metrolink to write a letter asking for some of the state budget surplus to be invested in four priority program areas, including \$1 billion for the Active Transportation Program (ATP), which funds projects that promote walking and biking, enhance safety, connect active transportation networks, and support carbon-free transportation options. During the most recent funding cycle in our region, SCAG received 147 applications, totaling \$853 million in requests for just \$93 million in available funding.

Subsequently, on April 27, 2022, former President Lorimore met with state lawmakers from Southern California to discuss the region's housing and transportation budget priorities. During a meeting, Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) expressed her support for augmenting the ATP. At SCAG's request, Assemblymember Friedman authored a budget

letter to legislative and budget committee leadership requesting appropriations be made in the amount of \$1.5 billion to the ATP.

FEDERAL

Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update

On November 15, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. This bipartisan infrastructure law provides \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years. It makes broad investments in roads, bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, electric grid, water systems, and broadband, among other priorities. It represents a significant infusion of federal funding for U.S. public works across various industries.

Over the last six months, federal agencies have been working to implement the IIJA. To date, the Biden administration has announced the availability of approximately \$110 billion in federal formula and competitive grant funding, which can be viewed on an interactive [map](#) by funding category or state. Over the next few months, there will be several funding opportunities for local governments and transportation agencies across new and existing programs. The White House released a comprehensive [guidebook](#) to help navigate through this information and a [Technical Assistance Guide](#) that provides a list of over 65 technical assistance resources and programs across the federal government. Below is a current list of open NOFOs issued for each transportation-related competitive program:

Program	Deadline	Agency
Port Infrastructure Development Program	May 16, 2022	Maritime Administration
JOINT Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG): Combines the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) Program, Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program, and Rural Surface Transportation Grant (RURAL) Program	May 23, 2022	Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation
JOINT: Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and Low or No Emission Grant Program	May 31, 2022	Federal Transit Administration
Port Security Grant Program	June 13, 2022	Federal Emergency Management Agency



Transit Security Grant Program	June 13, 2022	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Intercity Bus Security Grant Program	June 13, 2022	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Airport Improvement Program	June 30, 2022	Federal Aviation Administration
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program	July 18, 2022	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program	September 15, 2022	Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the May 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



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June 2, 2022

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Kevin Kane, Program Manager I
(213) 236-1828, kane@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange Launch

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD AND EEC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR TC AND 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. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 23, 2022, SCAG released important pieces of data for local jurisdiction review during Connect SoCal 2024 development. These include the preliminary growth forecast of households and employment through 2050 for the region at the jurisdiction and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) levels and a concise planning survey. In past cycles, jurisdictions had been asked to review and approve a preliminary forecast which was then modified at a later date based on the plan's objectives. This planning cycle, the Connect SoCal 2020 regional policies – namely the promotion of growth in priority development areas and away from SB 375 resource areas – have been integrated into the forecasted numbers for local review up-front. Over the next six months, as part of the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process, SCAG staff aim to meet one-on-one with local staff to discuss the projections, other data layers, and guide the review process. Feedback from local jurisdictions is due on December 2, 2022.

It is important to note that the preliminary growth forecast does not aim to reflect the total development capacity that exists across the region, but instead to capture where the region

anticipates and aims to encourage household and employment growth through the transportation plans, policies and investments included in Connect SoCal. The growth forecast is developed at the TAZ-level to assess the impacts and benefits of the regional plan and provides the basis for producing a regional forecasted development pattern that is adopted as part of Connect SoCal, as required by SB 375. Resulting in large part due to Census 2020 and changing demographics, regional household growth is expected to be roughly 10 percent lower than projected in Connect SoCal 2020. Furthermore, projected regionwide growth through 2050 is well below estimated housing unit capacity already included in local general plans.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG relies on input and collaboration from local agencies in developing the RTP/SCS every four years—namely, the transportation projects list that is provided to SCAG by each County Transportation Commission, and local data from each of the 191 cities and 6 counties. Throughout the development of the plan, SCAG engages with stakeholders through working groups, technical advisory committees, and direct engagement. In accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 375, SCAG also solicits feedback from the general public including workshops on the issues and policy choices at hand in the development of the draft SCS. In addition, SCAG brings policy issues and choices as well as emerging trends to the SCAG policy committees for dialog and feedback.

Preparation, Principles and Process for Developing the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

The data layers reviewed during the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process will form the basis for the policies and strategies which will be part of Connect SoCal 2024. Of particular focus, Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B) *et seq.* requires that SCAG “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 7506).” For the SCAG region, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has set greenhouse gas reduction targets at eight percent below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020, and 19 percent below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035.

SCAG staff proposes the following principles in order to work with local jurisdictions during the LDX process to generate a forecasted regional development pattern that achieves these targets:

1. *Rooted in local planning policies.* The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the forecast with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.

2. *Steered by a regional vision.* The forecasted regional development pattern will integrate growth strategies adopted by the SCAG Regional Council as part of the adoption of Connect SoCal in September 2020 and follow regional and county forecast totals as guided by the Panel of Experts.
3. *Aligned with state and federal policy.* The forecasted regional development pattern will reflect the 6th cycle RHNA and housing element process and be assessed against SCAG's SB 375 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and federal transportation conformity targets.

SCAG is using the LDX to initiate earlier discussion of the Connect SoCal 2024 forecasted regional development pattern with local jurisdictions. Staff seeks to strengthen the connection of local and regional plans by encouraging local jurisdictions to make data corrections or changes based on local policies during the earlier, data development phase. The objective of this process is to reach the above-referenced statutory targets without needing further modification of the data. As in past cycles staff, in consultation with the Technical Working Group (TWG), will assess the locally-reviewed forecasted regional development pattern given state and federal requirements and report back to policy committees.

Preliminary Growth Forecast Methodology

The preliminary regional and county growth projections were completed earlier this year and shared with the Joint Policy Committee and Regional Council in February. Due to a combination of long-term decreases in births and a near-term decrease in foreign and domestic migration, the region's population growth from 2019-2050 is anticipated to be approximately 50 percent of the amount projected during Connect SoCal 2020's timeframe of 2016-2045. Employment growth is expected to be roughly 70 percent the amount previously projected, and household growth 90 percent—the decrease in the latter being more modest due to smaller household sizes expected in the future in addition to pent-up demand.

Differences in the regional and county projections, which are mainly based on demographic and economic factors and developed in conjunction with a Panel of Experts, will trickle down and impact projections at the jurisdictional and TAZ levels; however, differences compared to the last plan will not be uniform across the region for myriad reasons.

For the last several regional plan cycles, the principal technique for developing jurisdiction and TAZ-level forecasts for households was to use general plan and existing land use data to gauge remaining capacity and to match it with the expected growth across a county¹. The primary tool for

¹ Note that SCAG's regional plans are not considered "build-out" scenarios; the level of growth is constrained by the expert panel-derived regional projections. Generally, for the region and its six counties, capacity far exceeds the level of growth which is reasonably foreseeable based on demographic and economic factors.

developing jurisdiction and TAZ-level employment forecasts is to extrapolate today's jobs by industry in smaller areas by the amount they're expected to grow in the county over the next 30 years (i.e. a shift-share method). This has served as a starting point for local review of household and employment projections; following local review staff have integrated growth strategies in order to assist in reaching the statutory targets.

Connect SoCal 2024 plan development contains some additional challenges and in consultation with Technical Working Group (TWG) staff embarked on a streamlined approach.

First, the 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), housing element update process, and substantial state emphasis and resources geared toward housing production in areas of high need are existing policies whose impacts must be considered when projecting growth. In particular, a jurisdiction's housing element is intended to identify sites or opportunities for rezoning which may change the location and quantity of capacity for new housing, while past trends may no longer be as reliable of a predictor of future growth.

Secondly, Connect SoCal 2020 – and prior regional plans – have relied on some combination of prioritized and de-prioritized areas for development in order to reach statutory targets. Generally, growth is prioritized (but not exclusively) in areas with some combination of transit, walkability, or accessibility in order to reach greenhouse gas targets—types of places increasingly a focus of state policy and funding efforts to accelerate housing production. Conversely, growth is de-prioritized (but not precluded) in areas with natural and agricultural resources or environmental hazards that can increase cost and risk and thus decrease development likelihood.

SCAG has traditionally developed data on such prioritized and de-prioritized development areas; however, this is usually applied to growth projections as a scenario exercise after the lengthy and comprehensive local review process is concluded. **In contrast, the Connect SoCal 2024 preliminary household growth forecast methodology includes the housing element update, priority development areas (PDAs), and SB 375 Green Region/Resource Areas (GRRAs) as factors.** The preliminary employment forecast uses updated data and regional projections; however, the methodology remains the same as in prior cycles.

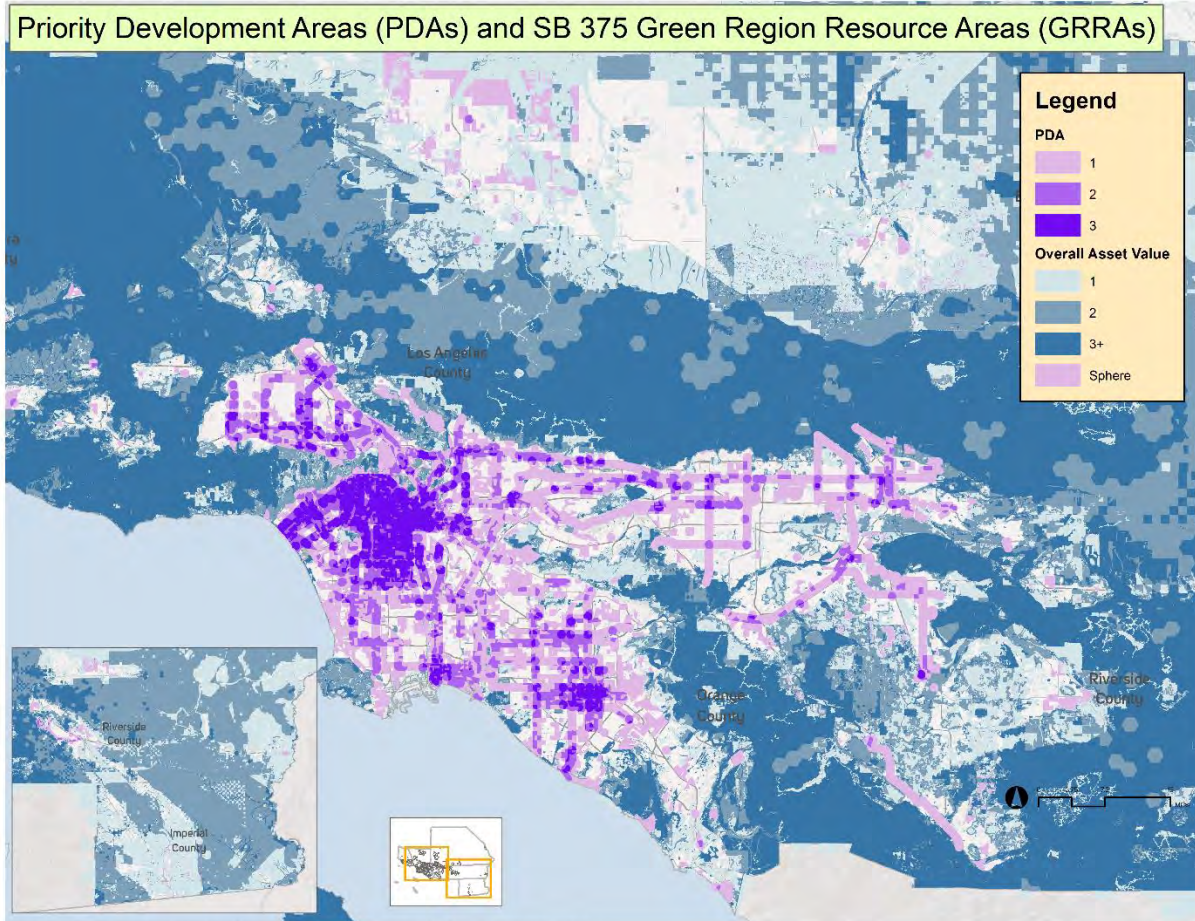
Four PDAs are used in the preliminary growth forecast methodology, and each location in the region is attributed a value of 0-4 based on the degree of transportation or locational benefit available in that place based on:

- Neighborhood Mobility Areas (NMAs)
- Transit Priority Areas (TPAs)
- Livable Corridors
- Spheres of Influence (in unincorporated areas only)

Thirteen layers contribute to GRRAs, which are used in the preliminary growth forecast methodology; Each location in the region is attributed a value of 0-13 based on the degree of environmental sensitivity to natural hazards and climate change risks to development based on:²

- 100-year floodplains
- Wildfire risk within high and very high risk areas
- Wildland-urban interface and intermix areas
- 3-ft sea level rise
- Sensitive habitat areas, such as wetlands
- Sensitive habitat areas, such as areas providing habitat connectivity
- Sensitive habitat areas, such as areas of conservation emphasis
- Open Space and Parks, as identified under Save Our Agricultural Resources (Ventura County)
- Open Space and Parks, as identified under the CA Protected Areas Database
- Open Space and Parks, as identified under the CA Conservation Easement Database
- Tribal Nations
- Military Installations
- Farmlands, as identified through the CA Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program

² Note that the GRRR layer list is based on the adopted, Connect SoCal 2020 Growth Vision (see https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/0903fconnectsocial_sustainable-communities-strategy.pdf#page=20) with updates made for newly available data. Detailed GRRR and PDA layer descriptions can be found in the Data/Map books available at <https://scag.ca.gov/local-data-exchange>.



(Source: SCAG: *Houses classed 28 and 29 (long term) & Available for net geographic density district. **2019 district average population is 245,000.

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Then, the preliminary growth forecast methodology prioritizes household growth in **20 steps** based on the number of PDAs and GRRAs, beginning with the lowest step where available capacity—based on general plans, existing land use, and housing elements—is found:

Number of Priority Development Areas	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0
Number of Green Region Resource Areas	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Step #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

LDX – Local Review Process

On February 23rd the first stage of LDX – referred to as soft launch—made housing element data, PDAs, and GRRAs available to and reviewable by local jurisdictions. On May 23rd, SCAG released the preliminary growth forecast data at the jurisdiction and TAZ levels. During LDX, SCAG aims to meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to discuss the growth projections and other data layers.

LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE (LDX) TIMELINE	DATE
LDX Soft Launch. Non-growth data available for local review.	February 23, 2022
Outreach and trainings. LIST team available for questions and consultation.	Feb – May 2022
LDX Complete Launch including preliminary growth forecast data.	May 23, 2022
One-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to review the data and review opportunity.	May – October 2022
Deadline for local jurisdictions to provide feedback for possible inclusion in Connect SoCal 2024.	Dec 2, 2022
Continued development of Connect SoCal 2024 strategies with stakeholders, working groups, and the general public.	Early 2023
Draft Connect SoCal 2024 release.	Fall 2023

CATEGORY	LDX DATA LAYER	REVIEW TYPE
Land Use	General Plan	Update/Corrections
	Zoning	Update/Corrections
	Existing Land Use	Update/Corrections
	Specific Plan Land Use	Update/Corrections
	Key Entitlements	Update/Corrections
Priority Development	Neighborhood Mobility Areas	Optional
	Livable Corridors	Optional
	Job Centers	Optional
	Housing Trajectory	Update/Corrections
Transportation	High Quality Transit Areas	Reference Only

	Transit Priority Areas	Reference Only
	Regional Bikeways	Optional
	Regional Truck Routes	Optional
Green Region Resource Areas (SB 375)	Resilience (<i>Flood areas, coastal inundation, wildfire risk</i>)	Reference Only
	Open Space/Habitat (<i>Open space and parks, endangered species and plants, sensitive habitat areas, natural community and habitat conservation plans</i>)	Reference Only
	Administrative/Working Lands (<i>Tribal nations, military installations, farmlands</i>)	Reference Only
Geographical Boundaries	City Boundary and Sphere of Influence	Reference Only
	Census Tract	Reference Only
	TAZ	Reference Only
Growth/SED	Jurisdiction and TAZ-level projections of households and employment (2019, 2035, and 2050)	Update/Corrections
LDX Survey	See https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDX24	Planning Survey

It is important to note that the preliminary forecast is considered incomplete until it is reviewed by local jurisdictions. While the data layers in the above table were used to allocate the regional and county growth projections to jurisdictional and TAZ levels, SCAG staff realize that there may be corrections or more recent local sources available. This includes entitlements and development agreements, for which the existing dataset (last reviewed during Connect SoCal 2020 development) is likely to require updates to development boundaries, size, and timing in order to accurately reflect local jurisdictions’ assessment of development likelihood.

In addition, there may be local policies which result in higher or lower available capacity or potential for growth. Most notably, housing element updates are in various stages of completion and detailed data availability is incomplete. While RHNA allocations and major changes were included as best as possible, their integration into the preliminary growth forecast was necessarily incomplete and will rely on the LDX process to refine.

Furthermore, staff’s development of a regional approach to PDAs in consultation with TWG may not be fully reflective of areas which local jurisdictions are prioritizing for development. Mitigation measures or other unconsidered factors may also affect the likelihood of growth in GRRAs.

While the methodology described above reflects a starting point to the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern, changes to the preliminary figures are anticipated. In order to guide jurisdictions in providing SCAG with an accurate reflection of future households and employment at the jurisdiction and TAZ-levels, LDX includes a **Data Review and Verification Form**. This form should be used to formally indicate review and approval of data layers. It includes checkboxes for types of changes based on data corrections or local policies which affect the inputs to the preliminary growth projection methodology.

Regional Data Platform and Providing Feedback

SCAG is pleased to accept feedback in any form; however, the newly-launched Regional Data Platform (RDP) (<https://hub.scag.ca.gov>) is the preferred method. The RDP is a collaborative data sharing and planning system designed to facilitate better planning for cities and counties of all levels across the region. The RDP has been designed with three major components—*Accessible Data and Information*, *Planning and Engagement Tools*, and *Data Sharing Tools and Workflows*.

The *Data Sharing Tools and Workflows* component has been centered around the LDX process and provides local jurisdictions with a login credential to view, visualize, and provide feedback on LDX data layers. Technical assistance and trainings are available from the Local Information Services (LIST) team and can be requested through the RDP or list@scag.ca.gov. LDX data layers will also be available to view through the PDF Data/Map Books at <https://scag.ca.gov/local-data-exchange> and jurisdictions may instead choose to provide feedback via email to list@scag.ca.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT: Work for this item is covered under OWP item 055.4856.01, Regional Growth and Policy Analysis.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - GrowthAllocMethodology 2spp

Local Data Exchange Complete Launch

and preliminary growth forecast methodology

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June 2, 2022

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Presentation Outline



- LDX and the steps to a Forecasted Regional Development Pattern - *which ingredients are new?*
- Preliminary small area (jurisdiction and TAZ) growth forecast methodology - *what's the recipe?*
- Local Data Exchange review process – *what do we need from local jurisdictions for it to be 'fully baked' ?*

Connect SoCal 2024: Development Update



COMPLETED

- ✓ Regional & County Forecast
- ✓ Relaunched Working Groups
- ✓ Regional Data Platform Launch

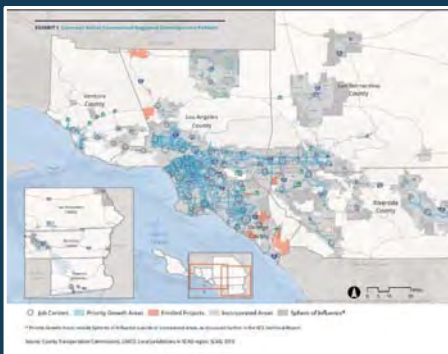
LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE (LDX)

- Soft Launch – February 23rd
- Complete Launch – May 23rd
- Input Deadline – December 2nd

Objective: Forecasted Regional Development Pattern



“set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board, and (viii) allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7506).” California Government Code 65080(b)(vii)



Connect SoCal 2020 Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

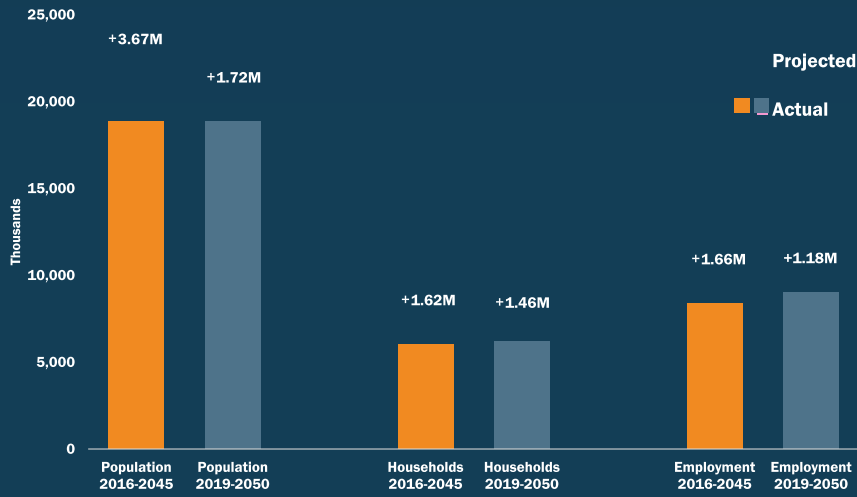
- LDX GETS HERE BY BEING:**

 - ✓ Rooted in local planning
 - ✓ Steered by a regional vision
 - ✓ Aligned with state and federal policy



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SCAG Region Population, Households and Employment Preliminary Connect SoCal 2020 vs. Connect SoCal 2024



LESS GROWTH THAN BEFORE:

- ✓ Less than half the population growth...
- ✓ means only 71% of the job growth...
- ✓ but still about 90% of the household growth due to smaller households and pent-up demand.

Source: Connect SoCal 2024 Preliminary Projections

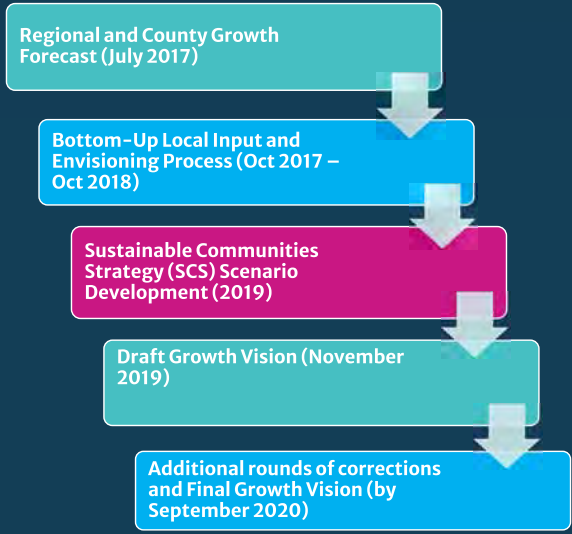
Four key forecast scales



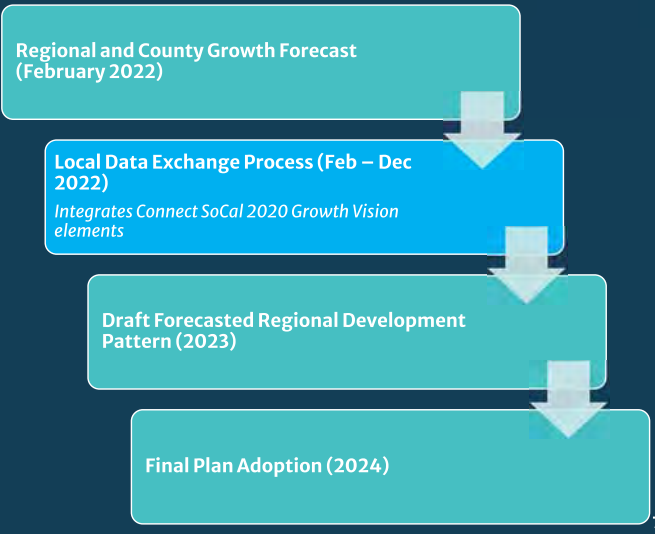
Simplified Process for Connect SoCal 2024



Connect SoCal 2020



Connect SoCal 2024



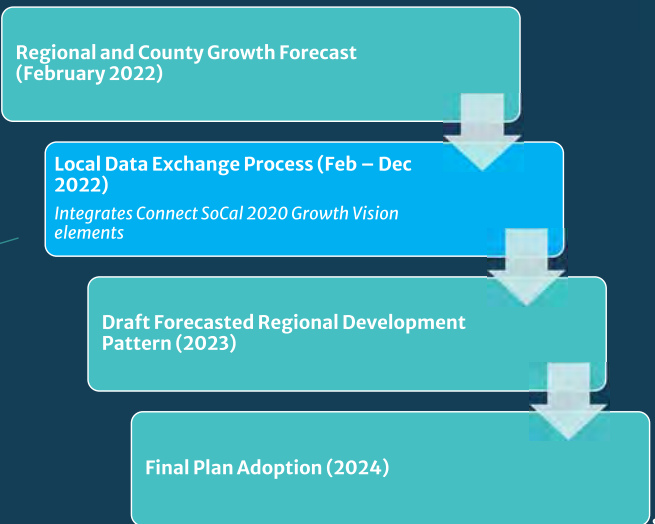
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Simplified Process for Connect SoCal 2024



- More transparent methodology
- Developed *before* local review
- Allows local jurisdictions to correct and integrate *their* visions
- Timely plan delivery

Connect SoCal 2024



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LDX Data Layers



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	Specific Plan Land Use	Update/Corrections
	Key Entitlements	Update/Corrections
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	Livable Corridors	Optional
	Job Centers	Optional
	Housing Trajectory	Update/Corrections and site inventory upload
Transportation	High Quality Transit Areas	Reference Only
	Transit Priority Areas	Reference Only
	Regional Bikeways	Optional
	Regional Truck Routes	Optional

CATEGORY	LAYER NAME	REVIEW TYPE
Green Region Resource Areas (SB 375)	Resilience (Flood areas, sea level rise, wildfire risk, WUI)	Reference Only
	Open Space/Habitat (Open space and parks, endangered species and plants*, sensitive habitat areas, natural community and habitat conservation plans*)	Reference Only
	Administrative/Working Lands (Tribal nations, military installations, farmlands)	Reference Only
Geographical Boundaries	City Boundary and Sphere of Influence	Reference Only
	Census Tract	Reference Only
	TAZ (Tier2)	Reference Only
Preliminary Growth	Jurisdiction-level projections of households and employment (2019, 2035, 2050)	Update/Corrections
	Tier 2 TAZ-level projections of households and employment (2019, 2035, 2050)	Update/Corrections

PDF versions are available through Data/Map Books and digital versions are available to local jurisdictions through their RDP LDX login.

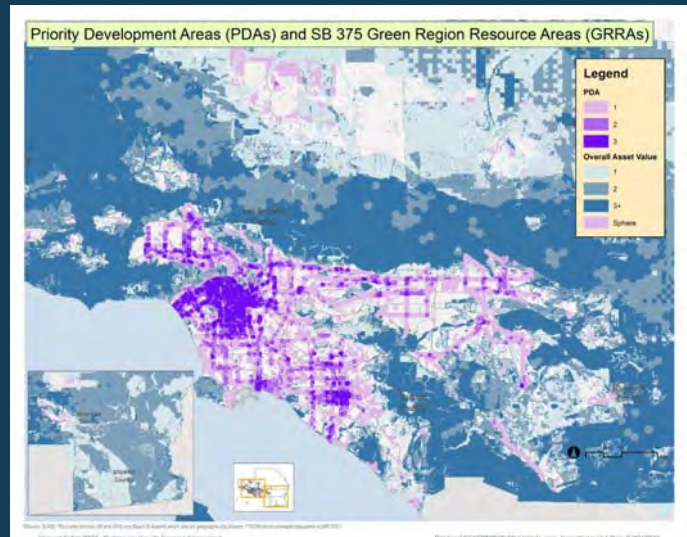
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Preliminary small area household forecast methodology



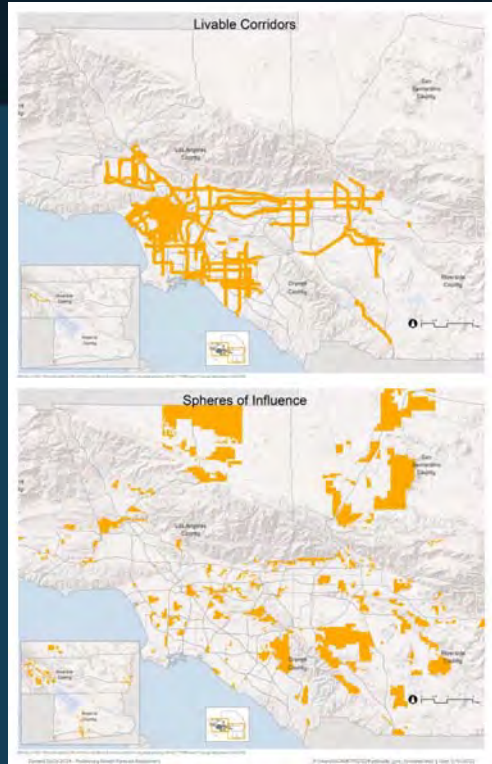
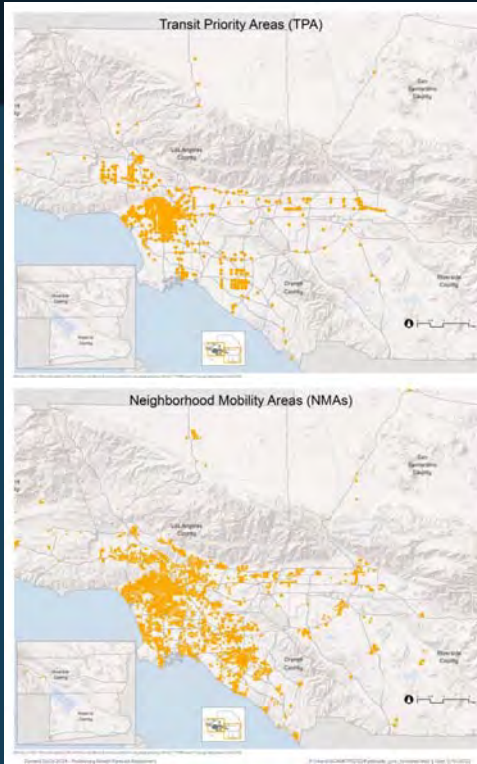
1. Estimate remaining general plan capacity and control to county/regional projection
2. Add RHNA/housing element rezone sites as needed
3. Growth prioritization steps
 - Increase in Priority Development Areas (PDAs)
 - Minimize in Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs)

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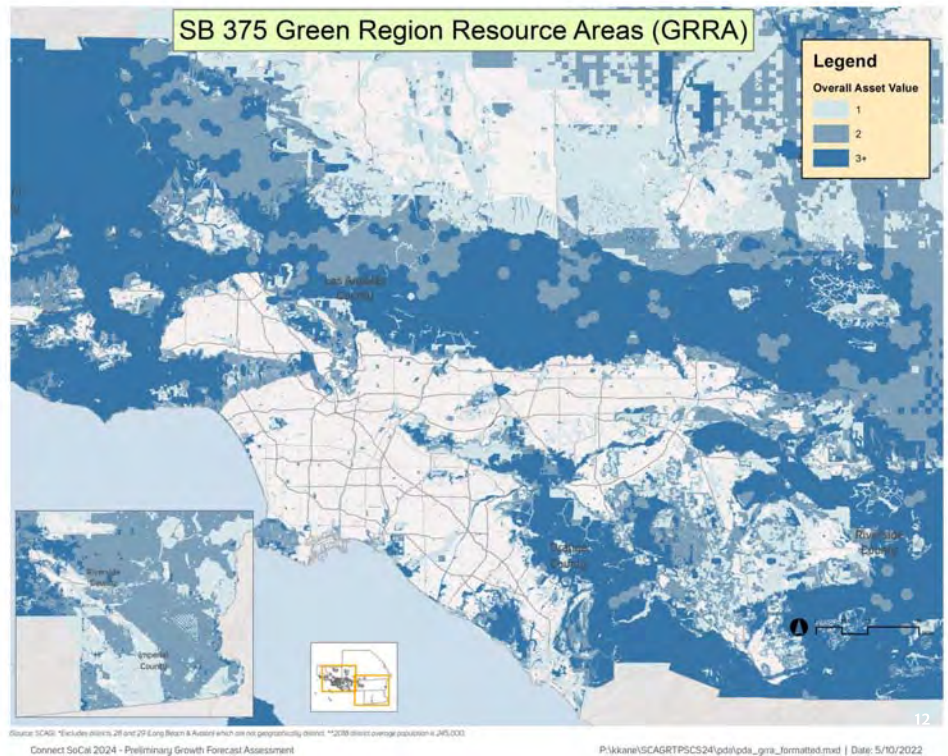
Priority Development Areas

- Identify how many of the four a parcel lies in
 - Neighborhood Mobility Areas (NMA)
 - Livable Corridors
 - Transit Priority Areas (TPA)
 - Sphere of Influence



SB 375 Green Region/Resource Areas

- Identify how many of these a parcel lies in:
 - 100 Year Flood Plains
 - 3 ft. sea level rise
 - High and very high Wildfire risk
 - Wildland Urban Interface & Intermix
 - Open space and parks (3)
 - Sensitive habitat areas (3)
 - Tribal nations
 - Military installations
 - Farmlands



SB 375 Green Region Resource Areas – 2024 Plan Refresh



Connect SoCal 2020 Growth Vision

Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange

Tribal Nation Lands	Tribal Nation Lands
Military Lands	Military Lands
Open Space and Conserved Lands	Open Space and Conserved Lands
Sea Level Rise Areas (2 ft)	Sea Level Rise Areas (3 ft)
Farmlands in Unincorporated Areas	Farmlands in Unincorporated Areas
Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)	Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)
Grazing Lands and Farmlands within Incorporated Jurisdictions	Farmlands within Incorporated Jurisdictions
500 Year Flood Plains	100 Year Flood Plains
CAL FIRE Very High Severity Fire Risk (state and local)	CAL FIRE Very High Severity Fire Risk (state and local)
Natural Lands and Habitat Corridors	Sensitive Habitat Areas
Wetlands	Wetlands
Habitat Connectivity	Habitat Connectivity
Habitat Quality	Habitat Quality
	Habitat Conservation Plans*
	Endangered Species and Plants*

Key

Updated data - new source
Updated data - same source
No updated data - used Connect SoCal 2020 layer
New data category

Notes: **Bolded and underlined** text indicates additional updates. See Data/Map Books at <https://scag.ca.gov/local-data-exchange> for additional detail on Connect SoCal 2024 layers.

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Forecasted Regional Development Pattern relies on local review & approval to be complete



The image displays two screenshots of the SCAG LDX Editor. The top screenshot shows a map with various colored zones (green, yellow, orange, red) and a sidebar with 'About', 'Feedback', and 'Edit (BETA)' options. The bottom screenshot shows a similar map view with a 'Select a Jurisdiction & Dataset' dropdown menu set to 'Santa Clara' and 'Key Statements'.

Needs review for:

1. Data corrections
2. Local policy

LDX One-on-one meetings

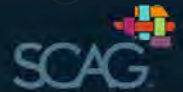


Cities in Imperial, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties can schedule a meeting today!

- One-on-one meetings with all 197 jurisdictions in 2022
- Conducted by Local Information Services Team (LIST) – list@scag.ca.gov

Note: Most meetings are anticipated to be virtual for Connect SoCal 2024.

Key Points: LDX and Preliminary Growth Forecast Methodology



1. Where will the region grow? *Forecasted Regional Development Pattern*
2. “Starting point” now takes into account:
 - Housing element update
 - Priority Development Areas
 - SB 375 Green Region / Resource Areas
3. LDX allows jurisdictions to provide **corrections and local policy updates**.
4. Objective: hit statutory targets **without needing** further modification

Schedule a one-on-one meeting now

Input due December 2, 2022

Better regional planning by integrating local plans.

Thank You!

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June 2, 2022

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Cory Wilkerson, Program Manager II
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Subject: 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4
Combined Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC AND TC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, CEHD AND RC:

Receive and File

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:

The 2020 Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects has been ongoing since summer 2020 and has involved multiple funding opportunities for SCAG jurisdictions. The four Calls include:

- *Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety*
- *Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development*
- *Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations*
- *Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice*

Each of the four Calls for Projects ("Calls" 1-4) serve a crucial role in helping the SCAG region implement innovative strategies from the region's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known as Connect SoCal. This staff report provides an update on the 2020 Connect SoCal SCP Calls 1-3 and shares details about the upcoming fourth Call for Applications related to civic engagement, equity, and environmental justice.

Projects from the first three Calls have completed or are approaching critical milestones. The first three Calls have completed application review, award recommendations, board approval process, and have begun procurement. Many projects have issued Notice to Proceed (NTP) orders to the selected consultants, and several have initiated project work. Calls 1-3 represent an investment of over \$12 million in the SCAG region and include a total of 45 local projects.

Given the timing and availability of additional funding sources, the fourth Call for Projects (Call 4), Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice, will occur in fiscal year 2022-2023, serving as a strategic continuation of the 2020 Connect SoCal SCP. Call 4 aligns with the Regional Early Action Planning Grants¹ (“REAP 2.0”) goals and objectives.

BACKGROUND:

Calls 1-3: Project Summary

Projects across all three Connect SoCal SCP Calls have made significant progress since Regional Council (RC) approval for each respective Call. When combined, the first three Calls for Projects represent over \$12 million in investments for local projects throughout the SCAG region. The three programs include 45 projects, reflecting SCAG’s commitment to directly support SCS/RTP strategies and implementation efforts at the local level.

Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S)

Funding: \$5 million

Call 1 supports planning and quick build projects that result in increased rates of walking and biking, promote traffic safety, expand opportunities for multimodal transportation options, and better position local jurisdictions to be competitive for implementation funds. Eligible projects include Active Transportation Plans, Safety Plans, Network Visioning and Implementation, and Quick Build projects.

Project No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Project Type
1	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Lennox Community Pedestrian Plan	Pedestrian Plan
2	Orange County Transportation Authority	Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study	First/Last Mile
3	Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Wilshire Center/Koreatown Networking Visioning Project	Visioning & Implementation

¹ California Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/regional-early-action-planning>

4	City of Santa Monica	East Pico Quick Build Safety Project	Quick Build
5	Riverside County Public Health	Safe Routes for All - Coachella	Safe Routes Program
6	City of Banning	Banning Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan	Active Transportation Plan
7	City of Lynwood	Lynwood Safe Routes to School Plan	Safe Routes Plan
8	City of Pomona	Citywide Complete Streets Networking Visioning Project	Visioning & Implementation
9	Montebello Bus Lines	First Mile/Last Mile Master Plan	First/Last Mile
10	City of Duarte	Safe Routes to School Plan	Safe Routes Plan
11	City of Santa Ana	Safe Mobility Santa Ana Plan Update	Vision Zero

Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development (HSD)

Funding: \$5 million

Call 2 supports planning projects which aspire to integrate and align Southern California’s housing production, preservation and protection opportunities with Connect SoCal.

Project No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Project Type
1	City of Buena Park	Advancing ADU Implementation	ADU
2	City of Compton	ADU Housing Opportunity	ADU
3	City of Garden Grove	Advancing Accessory Dwelling Unit Implementation Programs	ADU
4	City of Laguna Beach	ADU Ordinance and Toolkits	ADU
5	City of Paramount	Paramount Small Model Homes	ADU
6	City of Pasadena	City of Pasadena ADU Incentive Program	ADU
7	City of Santa Fe Springs	ADU Implementation Program: Prototypes and Procedural Manual	ADU
8	City of Santa Monica	ADU Accelerator Program	ADU
9	City of Los Angeles – Heart of Hollywood	Heart of Hollywood Infrastructure Financing District	Workforce & TIF
10	City of Los Angeles – One San Pedro	One San Pedro	Workforce & TIF
11	County of Los Angeles	LAC/USC Healthy Village Vision	Workforce & TIF

	– USC Healthy Village		
12	City of Covina	Covina Downtown EIFD	Workforce & TIF
13	City of Palmdale	Central Palmdale Workforce Housing Project WHAR12	Workforce & TIF
14	City of Yucaipa	Yucaipa Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)	Workforce & TIF
15	City of Burbank	Media District Specific Plan Update	Development Standards
16	City of Coachella	Objective Design and Development Standards	Development Standards
17	City of Grand Terrace	Permitting Software for Expediting Housing Opportunities	Development Standards
18	City of Montebello	Streamlining Permitting Procedures	Development Standards
19	City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach Objective Development Standards	Development Standards
20	City of Rialto	Foothill-Riverside Specific Plan Updates	Development Standards
21	City of San Dimas	San Dimas Downtown Specific Plan	Development Standards
22	City of Santa Fe Springs	Objective Design Standards and Design Manual	Development Standards
23	City of Santa Monica	Objective Development Standards	Development Standards
24	City of South El Monte	South El Monte Zoning Code Comprehensive Update for Housing Streamlining	Development Standards
25	City of South Pasadena	Housing Application & Materials Streamlining and Training	Development Standards
26	City of Westminster	Westminster Objective Development Standards	Development Standards

Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations (SCMI)

Funding: \$2.5 million

Call 3 supports the implementation of three Connect SoCal Key Connections: Smart Cities & Job Centers, Go Zones, and Shared Mobility/Mobility as a Service. These Key Connections focus on advancing expanded mobility ecosystems and management strategies using innovative policy and/or technology to realize regional planning goals.

Project	Jurisdiction	Project	Project Type
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No.			
1	City of Rialto	Smart Cities Plan for Warehousing and Logistics	Technology
2	Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Curb Zone Data Inventory for Digital Curb Management	Curb Space
3	City of Long Beach	Long Beach Curb Space Management Study	Curb Space
4	City of Stanton	Stanton Citywide Curb Management Plan	Curb Space
5	San Gabriel Valley Council of Govts	GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation	Technology
6	City of Desert Hot Springs	Downtown and Light Industrial Parking Plan	Parking
7	City of Garden Grove	Garden Grove Curb Data Study	Parking
8	City of Laguna Woods	Laguna Woods Mobility Technology Plan	Technology

Calls 1-3: Status and Progress

The three first Calls for Projects are moving through various stages of procurement. Calls 2 and 3 (HSD and SCMI, respectively) have nearly completed consultant selection and approval for projects, while the timeline for Call 1 (AT&S) is longer due to required Caltrans coordination, consultation, and approval needs, in response to Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding sources. Call 1 projects however continue to progress through procurement. Projects within Calls 2 and 3 are entering the project kickoff stage and starting project implementation, marking an exciting time for these programs. Given the various funding sources for each program, Calls 2 and 3 will be complete by June 2023 and January 2024, respectively, and Call 1 is projected to be completed by December 2025. Project findings will be incorporated into the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan, as available and as needed.

Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice: Status and Progress

SCAG is preparing the fourth and final Call for Projects in this SCP cycle, with application development and evaluation currently anticipated in September 2022 – Winter 2023. Call 4 prioritizes engagement, equity, and environmental justice, prioritizing Communities of Concern and SB535 Disadvantaged Communities, and other priority areas as outlined by REAP 2.0. The Call will support a range of eligible land uses and transportation activities and help to address the racial equity gap. Call 4 will be funded by REAP 2.0 grant dollars and any awarded project must directly

address coronavirus economic recovery and demonstrate the connection between transportation and housing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff's work budget for the SCP is included in the Overall Work Program (OWP) for fiscal years 2021-2023 under the following project numbers: 275-4881.01 - Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Applications (FY20 SB1 Formula); 275-4882.01 - Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Project Delivery (FY21 SB1 Formula); 275-4882.02 - Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Project Delivery (FY23 SB1 Formula); 275-4892.01 - Sustainable Communities Program 2020 Call 1 (FY22 SB1 Formula); and 275-4892.02 - Sustainable Communities Program 2020 Call 1 (ATP Cycle 5). Additional funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is also anticipated to be available in future fiscal years, pending approval of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 OWPs.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SCP 2020-2021 Calls 1-4 Update

2020 Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Calls for Applications Update

Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety, **Cory Wilkerson**
Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development, **Nashia Lalani**
Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations, **Marisa Laderach**
Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity, Environmental Justice, **Hannah Brunelle**

June 2, 2022



Connect SoCal - Sustainable Communities Program (SCP)



- The SCP supports implementation of the Connect SoCal Plan (2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS))
- The program provides **multiple opportunities** to seek funding and resources to meet the needs of communities, address recovery and resiliency strategies considering COVID-19, and support regional goals
- **The purpose of this update is to share the status of each Call for Projects**, provide an overview of the awarded projects and program details, and inform everyone of next steps and general timelines
- **The 2020 Connect SoCal SCP contains four Calls for Projects:**
 - **Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S)**
 - **Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development (HSD)**
 - **Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations (SCMI)**
 - **Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (CEEJ)**

Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety Project Types



**Safe Routes to
School Plans**
2 applications
received



**City-Wide Active
Transportation Plans**
14 applications
received



**First-Last
Mile Plans**
2 applications
received



**Local Road Safety or
Safe Systems Plans**
2 applications
received



**Network Visioning
& Implementation**
4 applications
received



**Pedestrian
Master Plans**
2 applications
received



**Quick Build
Projects**
13 applications
received

Connect SoCal SCP Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety

- **Applications Received: 39**
- **Total Funding Requested: \$20.7M**
- Award recommendations:
 1. **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:** Lennox Community Pedestrian Plan
 2. **LADOT:** Wilshire Center/Koreatown Networking Visioning Project
 3. **City of Santa Monica:** East Pico Quick Build Safety Project
 4. **Riverside County Public Health:** Safe Routes for All - Coachella
 5. **Orange County Transportation Authority:** Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study
 6. **City of Banning:** Active Transportation Plan
 7. **City of Lynwood:** Safe Routes to School Plan
 8. **City of Pomona:** Complete Streets Networking Visioning Project
 9. **Montebello Bus Lines:** First Mile/Last Mile Master Plan
 10. **City of Duarte:** Safe Routes to School Plan
 11. **City of Santa Ana:** Safe Mobility Santa Ana Plan Update

Connect SoCal SCP Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety



Project Delivery Plan

- 11 projects "bundled" into 9 contracts
- Schedule & Milestones
 - Call for Projects **September 2020 – December 2020**
 - Projects Approved **June 2021**
 - Project Allocations **March 2022 – May 2023**
 - Scopes Developed **October 2021 – June 2022**
 - Procurement **March 2022 – September 2022**
 - Project Initiation -> Close-out **June 2022 – December 2025**
 - Funding Deadline **ATP / March 2025 – May 2026**
- The SCP Call 1 program represents a **\$5M investment** in critical active transportation and safety projects over **four fiscal years**.

Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development Project Types



Advancing ADU
Implementation
8 applications
received



Housing Sustainability
Districts, Workforce
Housing Opportunity
Zones, and TIF Districts
6 applications received



Objective
Development
Standards
12 applications
received

Connect SoCal SCP: Call 2 Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)



- **Applications Received: 26 applications received from 23 jurisdictions**
- **Total Funding Requested: \$5M**
- Award recommendations:

Project Type 1: Advancing ADU Implementation	Project Type 2: Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Opportunity Zones, and TIF Districts	Project Type 3: Objective Development Standards
Buena Park	City of Los Angeles – Heart of Hollywood	Burbank
Compton	City of Los Angeles – One San Pedro	Coachella
Garden Grove	County of Los Angeles – USC Healthy Village	Grand Terrace
Laguna Beach	Covina	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

Connect SoCal SCP: Call 2 Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)



Project Delivery Plan

- 26 projects "bundled" into **12** contracts
- Schedule & Milestones
 - Call for Projects **December 2020 – January 2021**
 - Projects Approved **April 2021**
 - Scopes Developed **May 2021 – December 2021**
 - Procurement **July 2021 – May 2022**
 - Project Initiation -> Close-out **October 2021 – June 2023**
 - Funding Deadline **REAP 1.0 / June 2023**
- The SCP Call 2 program represents a **\$5M investment** in innovative housing strategies over **three fiscal years**.



**Curb Space Data
Collection & Inventory**
4 applications received



Parking Management Plan
9 applications received

**Call 3:
Smart Cities
& Mobility
Project
Types**



**Technology Assessment
or Adoption Plan**
7 applications received



Permitting Process Evaluation
1 application received



**Connect SoCal SCP Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility
Innovations**



- **Applications Received: 21**
- **Total Funding Requested: \$4.75M**
- Award recommendations:
 1. **City of Rialto:** Smart Cities Plan for Warehousing and Logistics
 2. **LADOT:** Curb Zone Data Inventory for Digital Curb Management
 3. **City of Long Beach:** Curb Space Management Study
 4. **City of Stanton:** Citywide Curb Management Plan
 5. **San Gabriel Valley COG:** GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation
 6. **Desert Hot Springs:** Downtown and Light Industrial Parking Plan
 7. **City of Garden Grove:** Curb Data Study (parking related)
 8. **City of Laguna Woods:** Mobility Technology Plan



Connect SoCal SCP: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations



Project Delivery Plan

- 8 projects "bundled" into 5 contracts
- Schedule & Milestones
 - Call for Projects **February – April 2021**
 - Projects Approved **July 2021**
 - Scopes Developed **September 2021 – December 2022**
 - Procurement **October 2021 – February 2022**
 - Project Initiation -> Close-out **January 2022 – January 2024**
 - Funding Deadline **FY23 SB1 / February 2025**
- The SCP Call 3 program represents a **\$2.5M investment** in innovative mobility strategies over **three fiscal years**.

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SCP & Equity Overview



- As a key implementation tool for Connect SoCal, **SCAG is prioritizing equity across each SCP program area**
- Program-wide goals prioritize investments in SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) aligned with SCAG's adopted resolution on race and equity and guided by the Connect SoCal Goal to support healthy and equitable communities
- Staff implemented multiple strategies to center equity across the program:
 - Targeted Outreach Strategies
 - One-to-One Coaching Sessions
 - Listening Sessions
 - Online Tools & Applications
 - Evaluation Criteria
 - CBO Evaluation Strategy

Centering Equity Across SCP Calls: Key Strategies



Target priority areas, including SB 535 DACs, Communities of Concern (COCs), EJ Areas, and areas that have not received SCP funding through data-informed outreach approach

Prioritize equity evaluation criteria across all Calls

Provide 1:1 application coaching to shape projects alongside tools and resources for applicants to integrate equity into all projects

Align projects with program goals to implement SCAGs Racial Equity Resolution and Racial Equity Early Action Plan

Center equity in the evaluation process through paid CBO evaluators

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SCP Equity Strategies



- **Targeted Outreach**
 - AT&S implemented a data-driven outreach strategy to target DACs with no existing plans to apply for funding
 - HSD and SCMI implemented outreach strategies targeting DACs and other priority areas. SCMI overlaid curb space data to further refine target DACs
- **One-to-One Coaching Sessions**
 - AT&S Call conducted 40 one-to-one coaching sessions, HSD held 21 sessions, and SCMI held 24 sessions
 - Through the sessions, SCAG identified a need to extend application deadlines given agency staff capacity impacts due to COVID-19, especially in under-resourced jurisdictions
 - Additional one-to-one sessions for Call 4 are ongoing
- **Listening Sessions**
 - Conducted a community listening session for SCMI Call to collect feedback to shape meaningful project types and increase awareness of program
 - Additional Listening Sessions for Call 4 were held in July 2021

SCP & Equity Strategies



- **Online Tools & Application**
 - SCAG developed a user friendly, interactive and accessible map for applicants to explore how project locations overlap with DAC definitions
 - SCAG developed an online application platform to streamline application development and submission for agency staff
 - SCAG extended program application deadlines to respond to partners' requests given the challenges of the pandemic and impacts to agencies and staff capacity
- **Evaluation Criteria**
 - Evaluation criteria includes both qualitative and quantitative ways to measure and evaluate equity strategies, impacts, and potential outcomes to provide a holistic view on equity benefits and impacts
 - Points reallocated to prioritize DACs and community-led engagement strategies
- **CBO Evaluation Strategy**
 - Expanded evaluation teams to paid roles for CBO Equity partners to participate and provide a community-centered perspective in project evaluation and a dedicated opportunity to direct resources based on need.

SCP & Equity Actions



- **Equity Visualization Tool**
 - Increase equitable investment through a data-driven prioritization, outreach, and evaluation method to target impacted communities to apply for funding and prioritize communities with the highest need
 - Evaluate existing and past projects to highlight inequities in investment and address gaps with future funding opportunities
- **Go Human Program Alignment & Integration**
 - Through a continuum of care program with *Go Human* partners, SCAG can support partners from visioning and through demonstration and planning, and toward implementation across SCP program areas
 - Partnership development through AT&S is ongoing
- **Project Delivery, Procurement & Partnerships**
 - Encourage partnership with local CBOs through project delivery and management
 - Ensure payment of CBOs through thoughtful and innovative procurement

Connect SoCal SCP Call 4



- SCAG will release a fourth Call for Applications for programs and projects that prioritize **Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice** in September 2022.



Prioritize efforts that benefit **Communities of Concern** and **SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities**.



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



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

Connect SoCal SCP Call 4 Goals



- Provide needed planning resources
- Promote, address and ensure equity
- Encourage strategies to reduce VMT and GHG emissions
- Implement strategies in Connect SoCal
- Support Connect SoCal Key Connections
- Support regional resiliency
- Increase funding to the region

Connect SoCal Call 4 Project Eligibility



This project is funded by Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Applicable projects must directly address coronavirus economic recovery and at least one of three objectives:



Coronavirus economic recovery



Affirmatively furthering fair housing



Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability



Reducing vehicle miles traveled

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Project Eligibility



Applicants may apply to one or more of the following SCP project categories:



Land Use & Transportation Strategies to increase accessibility, resiliency, and safety

Greenway Connectivity Plans

Highways to Boulevard Plans



Housing Supportive Infrastructure Plans & Programs

Infrastructure & Utility Financing Plans

Public Art in Infrastructure Programs



Planning Convenings & Community Engagement Strategies

Community Advocacy and Storytelling

Resiliency Toolkits

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Applicant Eligibility

Agency Applicant

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

Co-Applicant

- Community Based Organizations (CBOs), non-profits, and social enterprises that fulfill a social or public service mission
- An organization that utilizes a fiscal sponsor
- Regional housing trust funds
- Academic institutions

SCP Call 4 Timeline*



*subject to change upon feedback

Connect SoCal SCP Collective Take-Aways



- Calls 1-3 represent a **\$12.5 million dollar investment** to implement the region's vision for the future
 - **45 total local projects** representing a variety of ATP, housing, and mobility strategies
 - Los Angeles County: **27 projects**
 - Orange County: **10 projects**
 - Riverside County: **5 projects**
 - San Bernardino County: **3 projects**
 - Selected projects directly **align with regional planning policies**
- Call 4 project awards will be determined in Spring 2023, adding to this significant investment.
- The SCP offers an opportunity to utilize efficient contracting procedures
 - Use of consultant benches & "bundled" contracts, both resulted in **significant cost savings and staff labor savings**
- **Final products will complement release of Connect SoCal 2024**

Questions?

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AGENDA ITEM 14
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Program Manager II
(213) 236-1975, johnson@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION CEHD, EEC, TC AND RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Through its Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant program, SCAG has developed the Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance program, in which SCAG will provide grant writing technical assistance to selected recipients for projects that accelerate housing production and increase housing supply. Assistance will be available until June 30, 2023. The call for applications begins on June 6, 2022 and ends on July 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant provided councils of governments such as SCAG funding to help local jurisdictions accelerate housing production and increase housing supply. One of the main program areas, Housing Policy Solutions, focuses on providing toolkits, best practices, and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to support housing production. As part of this program area, SCAG has developed a Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance program and will be holding a call for applications.

Under the Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance program, SCAG will procure a qualified and experienced consultant to assist selected local jurisdictions and Tribal Governments with grant writing support in seeking funding and resources from the California Department of



Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other public agencies. Grant assistance will be provided on a rolling basis to synchronize with Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) releases and is available until the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline of June 30, 2023.

Because the program is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant, the proposed project or program must accelerate housing production and increase housing supply through housing planning activities. Eligible grants include programs such as the Local Housing Trust Fund and Infill Infrastructure Grant Qualifying Infill Areas administered by HCD and various brownfield cleanup grants offered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

SCAG is holding a call for applications for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments to apply for grant application technical assistance. Up to 15 jurisdictions/Tribal Governments will be selected. Efforts will be made so that grant application technical assistance opportunities are awarded in each county in the SCAG region. In the event that there are more applications for technical assistance than there are resources for, SCAG will prioritize disadvantaged communities as defined in the Connect SoCal Plan and other data sources.

The application will require the applicant to indicate which grant or funding source they are interested in and information on the proposed project or program. SCAG will distribute the application to its subregional COG partners, planning directors, Tribal Governments, and others when the call for applications opens on June 6, 2022. The application will also be available on the SCAG housing webpage: www.scag.ca.gov/housing.

The submission deadline is July 1, 2022 and selected recipients will be notified in August 2022.

Grant Application Technical Assistance Program Milestones	Dates
Call for Applications Opens	June 6, 2022
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	July 1, 2022
Jurisdiction Selection and Kickoff Meetings with Consultant	Rolling basis starting August 2022
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	June 30, 2023

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (21-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).



AGENDA ITEM 15
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and
Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only - No Action Required

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

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (PO's) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Axtegrity Consulting LLC	FY22 GP Annual Maintenance Renewal	\$26,864
American Program Bureau Inc	FY22 GA Keynote Speaker Fee	\$22,500
Ink And Color Inc. DBA Acuprint	FY22 Printing 2022 GA Program	\$9,186
CALCOG	FY22 Reg. Leadership Academy E	\$6,200
Pinnacle Business Solutions Inc.	FY22 Cisco Support	\$6,031

SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Various (21-047-C01 through 21-047-C41)	Monthly report on Regional Early Action Plan Program (REAP) on-call services.	Various (as identified in the attachment)
Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC (22-017-C01)	The consultant shall provide professional consulting services in the	\$177,000



SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract’s Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
	IDEA areas – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness. The consultant shall analyze, assess, strategize, and implement ongoing solutions in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Further, the consultant will support the Human Resources division by facilitating workshops and trainings on IDEA to provide education to and increase competencies of all staff.	

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$75,000 and less than 30% of the original contract value

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment’s Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-047-C01 through C41
2. Contract Summary 22-017-C01

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NOS. 21-047-C01 THROUGH 21-047-C19
MONTHLY REAP FOLLOW UP

**Selected
Consultants:**

1. AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
2. Arup North America, Ltd.
3. Ascent Environmental, Inc.
4. BAE Urban Economics, Inc.
5. CTY Housing, Inc.
6. ECONorthwest
7. Estolano Advisors
8. HR&A Advisors Inc.
9. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
10. Kosmont & Associates, Inc.
11. LeSar Development Consultants
12. National Community Renaissance of California
13. Opticos Design, Inc.
14. Raimi + Associates
15. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
16. RDC-S111 (dba Studio One Eleven)
17. Turner Housing Innovation Labs, Inc.
18. Woodsong Associates, LLC
19. WSP USA Inc.

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

On April 1, 2021, the Regional Council approved a procurement program to accelerate project delivery for the Regional Early Action Plan Program (REAP) and requested staff to report back monthly on procurement activities related to the On Call Services for the REAP Program. This report is to inform the RC of those activities. This report is to inform the Regional Council of procurement activities, contracts and amendments related to the On-call Services for the REAP Program.

In summary, the REAP Program provides a new model for timely implementation of SCAG's local assistance programs and the Regional Council has approved the following:

- (1) Authorized staff 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) Waived 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) Waived 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.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:
- Supporting local jurisdictions in the update of their Housing Elements;
 - Assistance with integrated land use planning, urban design and land use policy;
 - Assistance with community development finance;
 - Assistance with racial equity analysis and training; and
 - Assistance with Grant Writing and Grant Program Administration.

Strategic Plan:

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

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed \$10,000,000

Note: This is for on-call, or as needed services with consultants to be paid upon a Task Order award. As such, there is no specific award amount to each consultant, nor does SCAG guarantee any specific amount of work to a consultant. Therefore, the amount that may be funded to each consultant is not yet determined

Contract Period:

June 2021 through December 31, 2023

Project Number(s):

- 300.4887.01 – 300.4887.04
 300.4888.01
 300.4889.01 – 300.4889.04
 300.4890.01 – 300.4890.02
 300.4891.01 – 300.4891.02

Funding source(s): REAP Program Grant

Update

Below is a table showing the on-call services procurements, and their status at present. Any future dates are subject to change, and procurements may be added or removed to this list.

MRFP #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
1	Housing Policy Leadership Academy (P&O-1 Leadership Academy)	05/03/21	Agreement Executed	LeSar Development Consultants	\$815,823
2	SCAG Development Streamlining (HPS-1 CEQA)	05/25/21	Agreement Executed	Ascent Environmental, Inc.	\$337,738
3	Advanced Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bundle (HSD 1-A - Advanced ADU Bundle)	06/30/21	Agreement Executed	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	\$546,676
4	Westside Cities COG (WSCCOG) Partnership (Project 1)	07/16/21	Agreement Executed	ARUP US, Inc.	\$148,513

MRFP #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
5	Other-To Residential Tool Kit	07/30/21	Agreement Executed	Studio One Eleven	\$579,462
6	1-B HSD Preliminary ADU Bundle (HSD 1-B Preliminary ADU Bundle)	08/04/21	Agreement Executed	Woodsong Associates	\$534,765
7	2-A HSD EIFD Bundle	07/30/21	Agreement Executed	Kosmont	\$582,638
8	3-A HSD Objective Development Standards		Cancelled	N/A	
9	2-D HSD One San Pedro EIFD Study	08/11/21	Agreement Executed	Kosmont	\$222,834
10	Digitize Utilities Inventory For Housing Tool		Cancelled	N/A	
11	2-C (HSD) – Heart of Hollywood TIF Study	08/19/21	Agreement Executed	HR&A Advisors	\$240,804
12	Digitize Utilities Inventory For Housing Tool Rerelease of MRFP-10	10/14/21	Agreement Executed	Black & Veatch	\$201,224
13	2-B HSD Palmdale Housing Project		Cancelled		
14	Regional Resilience Framework (RRF)	01/13/22	Agreement Executed	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	\$504,954
15	3-E HSD South El Monte Zoning Update	10/01/21	Agreement Executed	WSP USA, Inc.	\$239,394
16	3-C HSD Rialto Specific Plan Update	10/14/21	Agreement Executed	WSP USA, Inc.	\$467,604
17	San Fernando Valley COG (SFVCOG) Partnership Program	11/29/21	Agreement Executed	ARUP US, Inc.	\$198,742
18	3-A1 HSD Objective Development Standards LA Rerelease of MRFP-8	10/27/21	Agreement Executed	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	\$198,742
19	3-A2 HSD Objective Development Standards Bundle		Cancelled	Woodsong Associates	
20	HSD 3-D Burbank Media Specific Plan Update	02/08/22	Agreement Executed	WSP USA, Inc.	\$654,549
21	Metro's Joint Development	12/01/21	Agreement Executed	HR&A Advisors	\$350,736
22	SRP-1A Westside Cities COG (WSCCOG) REAP Subregional Partnership (Project #2 and #4 - re-release)	12/21/21	Agreement Executed	ECONorthwest	\$105,519
23	Metro's Equitable Housing	12/23/21	Agreement Executed	Raimi + Associates	\$332,812
24	2-B HSD Palmdale Housing Project	01/07/22	Evaluating/Negotiating		
25	HPS-1 Grant Application Technical Assistance	03/21/22	Cancelled		
26	HSD 1-C - Compton ADU Project	01/21/22	Cancelled		
27	HPS-3 TIF EIFD Projects (Barstow, County of Imperial)	05/12/22	RFP Released		
28	SRP-4 Riverside County Thermal Community Plan	01/31/22	RFP Released		

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-047-C01 through C41 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments

MRFP #	Project Title	RFP Release Date	Procurement/Contract Stage	Consultant Selected	Award Amount
29	3-A2 HSD Objective Development Standards Bundle Rerelease of MRFP-19	01/26/22	Consultant Selected/Agreement Routing	Crandall Arambula	638,400
30	TOD 2- Metrolink Area Station Analysis	02/15/22	Agreement Executed	BAE Urban Economics, Inc.	\$717,444
31	Los Angeles Metro's Joint Development Housing Accelerator Part C	02/09/22	Evaluating/Negotiating	LeSar Development Consultants	411,870
32	TCC Pomona Technical Assistance	02/14/22	Cancelled		
33	TCC Riverside Technical Assistance	02/14/22	Cancelled		
34	SRP-4 Riverside County Thermal Community Plan	03/09/22	Cancelled		
35	SPR-5 Imperial County	03/31/22	Cancelled		
36	TCC Pomona Technical Assistance	03/17/22	Evaluating/Negotiating	Lamar Johnson Collaborative	
37	TCC Riverside Technical Assistance	04/07/22	Cancelled		
38	HSD 1-C - Compton ADU Project	03/29/22	Evaluating/Negotiating		
39	SPR-5 Imperial County	5/16/2022	Pre-release/RFP Routing		
40	HPS-1 Grant Application Technical Assistance	5/13/2022	RFP Released		
41	Prevention of At Risk Units	5/19/2022	RFP Released		
Total:					\$9,031,242

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-047-C01 through C41 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-017-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>To assist with the commitment of fostering a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workforce, SCAG’s Human Resources Division established the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness (“IDEA”) team. This cross-functional internal team was established to support SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 2, to recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice. The IDEA team is committed to fostering organizational change within SCAG, a goal contained in the Racial Equity Early Action Plan.</p> <p>Three sub-committees have been formed within IDEA: Communication and Engagement, Education and Training, and Strategy, Policies, and Procedures. Each sub-committee is in the process of developing a workplan for the work their sub-committee will accomplish. Activities within these workplans will be related to providing knowledge and IDEA education to SCAG staff, updating and implementing more inclusive and equitable policies and practices within SCAG, and ensuring SCAG employees can feel their most authentic selves while at work.</p> <p>The consultant shall provide professional consulting services in the IDEA areas – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness. The consultant shall analyze, assess, strategize, and implement ongoing solutions in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Further, the consultant will support the Human Resources division by facilitating workshops and trainings on IDEA to provide education to and increase competencies of all staff.</p>
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">• Providing a report/assessment of the organization's practices from an IDEA perspective;• Updating policies, practices, and program documents;• Facilitating workshops and trainings on IDEA to provide education to and increase competencies of all staff;• Conducting a pre- and post-training survey to gauge what the staff learned; and• Developing an “evergreen” resource (such as a video, presentation recording, or pamphlet) so new SCAG hires can receive similar training.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 2: To recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$177,000 Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC
Contract Period:	March 29, 2022 through June 30, 2025
Project Number(s):	810-0120.04 \$177,000 Funding source: Indirect Cost Fund

Attachment: Contract Summary 22-017-C01 (Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 -

Funding of \$19,100 is available in the FY 2021-22 budget, and the remaining \$157,900 is expected to be available in the FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 budgets, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 1,099 firms of the release of RFP 22-017 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 56 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC (no subconsultants)	\$177,000
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (no subconsultants)	\$116,820
MCG & Associates (no subconsultants)	\$157,291
Phase Consulting Partners (no subconsultants)	\$176,550
Knowledge Strategies, Int’l (no subconsultants)	\$244,760

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:

Shalina Khanna, Human Resources Analyst II, SCAG
Carmen Flores, Director of Human Resources, SCAG
Nicole Katz, Senior Human Resources Analyst, SCAG
Courtney Aguirre, Program Manager II, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Johnson Squared Consulting for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of concepts in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion and provided examples of previous work that are relevant to the work SCAG is planning to accomplish;
- Provided the best technical approach, specifically regarding strategic partnership, resources, communication, implementation, training and education. The firm presented a customizable approach, hitting each task of the RFP and shared various examples of activities to apply to this engagement including their experience in coaching leadership staff and leading focus groups on difficult topics. This firm was the only one to demonstrate their due diligence in reading SCAG’s Racial Equity Early Action plan and applied their proposal approach as a supplement to the work SCAG has already accomplished; and
- Demonstrated their ability to partner with members of the organization at any level (i.e. IDEA team members, Human Resources team members, staff, and the Executive/Leadership Team, serving as the subject matter expert in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because these firms:

- Did not demonstrate the same level of knowledge of diversity, equity, and inclusion principles, creativity, and innovation within their proposed technical approach; and

- Did not propose a technical approach that satisfied all areas of the individual tasks within the RFP scope of work. These firms did not demonstrate the familiarity and breadth of experience as did the selected consultant, and did not factor into their proposal SCAG's current work in this area (including the Racial Equity Early Action Plan) that was provided to all firms within the RFP.



AGENDA ITEM 16
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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: CFO Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

ACCOUNTING:

In the current fiscal year, staff has prepared and submitted requests for reimbursements of approximately \$31.04 million to Caltrans for work funded with federal and state grants that were completed from July 2021 to March 2022. Of this amount, the full \$31.04 million has been received and there are no outstanding reimbursement requests pending approval by Caltrans.

SCAG received and deposited a \$3.5 million check from the State of California Workforce Development Force, which represents advance payment to support the implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS).

The Accounting Department is starting the hiring process for the Associate Accountant, Accountant, and Senior Accountant positions. The hiring process is estimated to take between two to four months.

In the current agenda, the Accounting Department submitted a staff report and resolution to establish an investment account with the State's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). This new account, if approved, will provide SCAG with improved cash management operational efficiency. If approved by Regional Council, the new account will be opened in July 2022.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On April 29, 2022, SCAG submitted the FY 2021-22 (FY22) Overall Work Program (OWP) 3rd Quarter Progress Report to Caltrans. The total expenditures reported are approximately \$45.8 million or 34% of the FY22 OWP Amendment 02 budget.

On May 5, 2022, the Regional Council approved the FY 2022-23 (FY23) Final Comprehensive Budget including OWP in the amount of \$124.7 million. Also, the General Assembly approved the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. The FY23 OWP was submitted to Caltrans on May 9th, and state and federal approval of the OWP is expected by June 30, 2022.

With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SCAG's Go Human Mini-Grants Program funds community-driven traffic safety engagement projects that meet the needs of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities. SCAG closed the Call for Projects for the Go Human Mini-Grants Program in April 2022 and swiftly moved into the evaluation process in May. During the month of May, staff finalized the risk assessment review of the Go Human Mini-Grant subrecipients, performed cost analysis, and drafted MOUs to provide funding support to help the subrecipients implement local traffic safety projects.

CONTRACTS:

In April 2022, the Contracts Department issued six (6) Request for Proposals; awarded four (4) contracts; issued three (3) contract amendments; and processed 29 purchase orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 196 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continue to negotiate better pricing, thus far in FY22 Contracts staff negotiated approximately \$392,403 in savings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. MARCH 22_CFO CHARTS



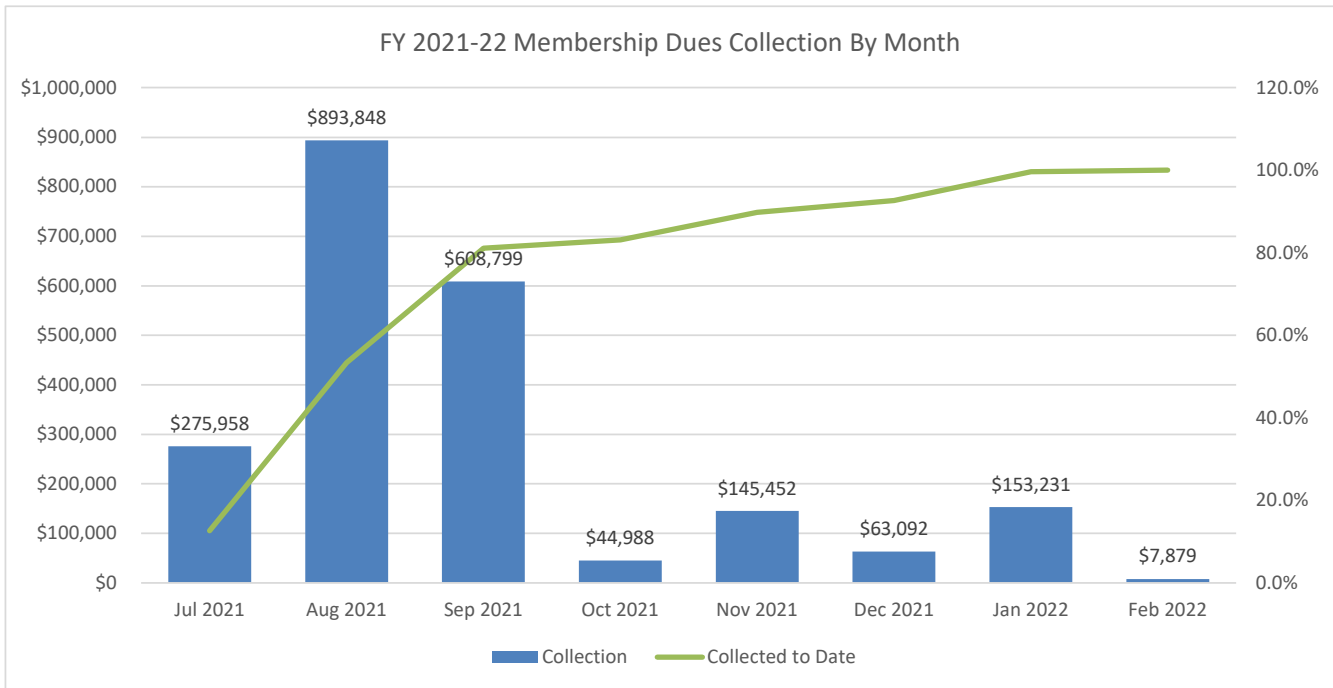
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Quarterly Report

MARCH 2022



Office of the CFO
Fiscal Year-To-Date Membership Dues



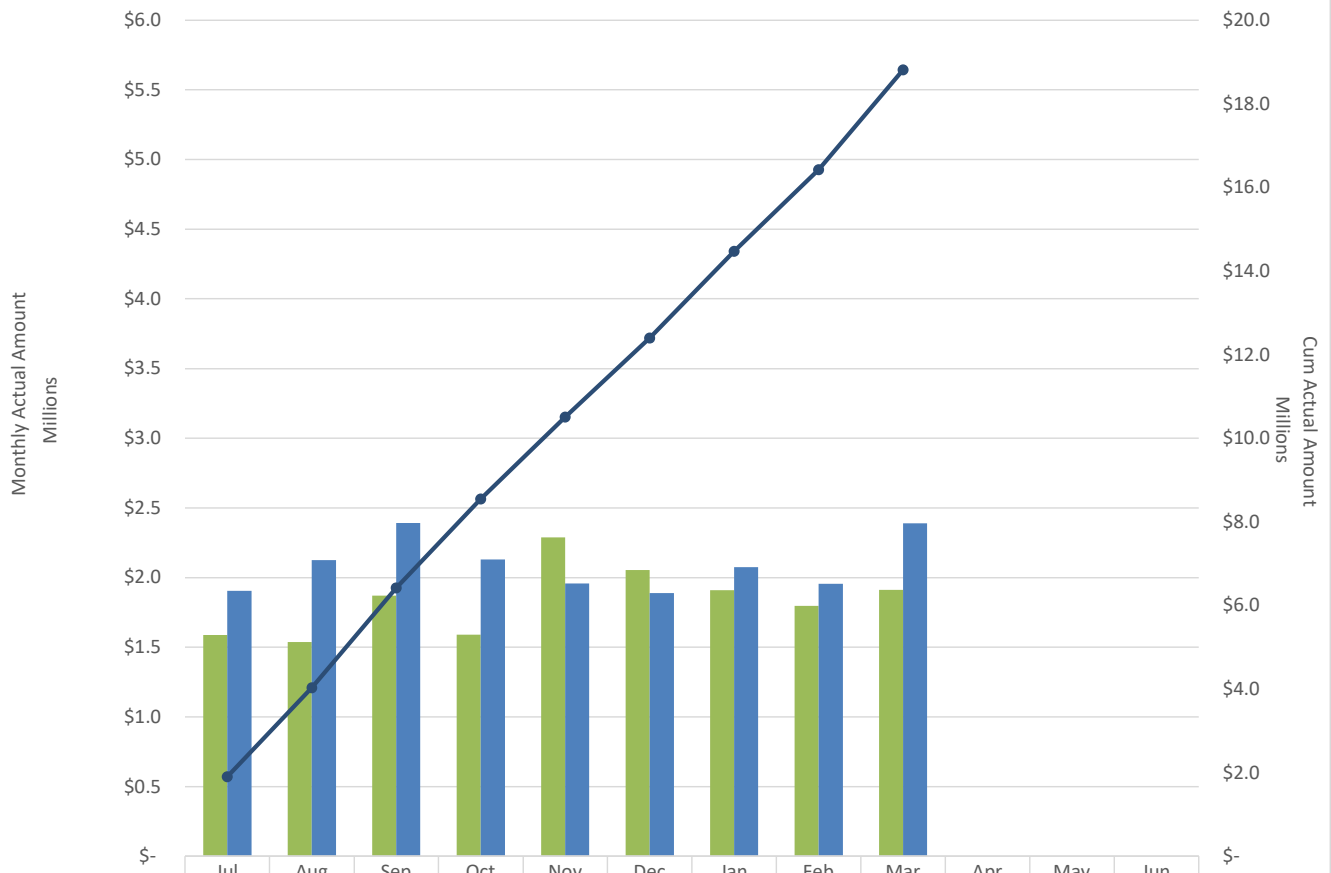
Summary
 As of March 31 2022, 185 cities and 6 counties had paid their FY22 dues. This represents 100.00% of the dues

FY22 Membership Dues	<u><u>\$ 2,193,246</u></u>
Total Collected	<u><u>\$ 2,193,247</u></u>
Percentage Collected	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

Attachment: MARCH 22_CFO CHARTS (CFO Monthly Report)



Office of the CFO
Fiscal Year-To-Date Indirect Cost & Recovery



Attachment: MARCH 22_CFO CHARTS (CFO Monthly Report)



Office of the CFO
Consolidated Balance Sheet

	12/31/2021	3/31/2022	Incr (decr) to equity	COMMENTS
Cash at Bank of the West	\$ 9,788,769	\$ 10,848,068		
LA County Investment Pool	\$ 4,271,858	\$ 2,812,767		
Cash & Investments	\$ 14,060,626	\$ 13,660,836	\$ (399,791)	Revenues of \$15.3M and Expenses of \$15.7M both on cash basis.
Accounts Receivable	\$ 13,496,533	\$ 22,435,477	\$ 8,938,944	'Payments of \$4.78M from FHWA PL, \$4.5M from REAP, \$3.78M from FTA5303, \$3.63M from FY22 SB1 SC Formula, \$5.08M from MSRC, \$970K from FTA5339, \$920K from TDA, \$675K from FTA5312, \$386K from ATP, \$369K from Other Local Cash Match, \$211K from SP&R, \$104K from Membership and Sponsorship, \$28K from Interest and Misc items, \$24K from OTS, \$20K from DOE, \$17K from FTA5304, offset by billings of \$16.37M to REAP, \$6.27M to FHWA PL, \$4.54M to FTA5303, \$4.27M to FY22 SB1 SC Formula, \$4.26M to MSRC, \$970K to FTA5339, \$920K to TDA, \$675K to FTA5312, \$386K to ATP, \$369K to Othe Local Cash Match, \$228K to SP&R, \$104K to Membership, \$15K to Interest and other Misc Items, \$24K to OTS, \$20K to DOE, \$17K to FTA5304, and \$5M AR Unbilled.
Other Current Assets	\$ 209,896	\$ (1,545,352)	\$ (1,755,249)	
Fixed Assets - Net Book Value	\$ 1,851,417	\$ 1,851,417	\$ -	
Total Assets	\$ 29,618,472	\$ 36,402,376	\$ 6,783,905	
Accounts Payable	\$ (703,092)	\$ (399,770)	\$ 303,322	
Employee-related Liabilities	\$ (851,430)	\$ (1,161,371)	\$ (309,941)	
Deferred Revenue	\$ (7,703,766)	\$ (15,235,655)	\$ (7,531,889)	Increase due to REAP AB101 (30500), CETF (60082), SRTSMP(60070) and ATN (60076) billings totaled to \$12,168,035.62 but offset by \$4,504,205 decrease in REAP AB 101 billing, \$52,000 in Sponsorship, \$1,064 and \$1,929.47 in VCTC billing and cash match refund, and \$78,468.40 for Paramount, North Paramount Blvd Specific Plan.
Total Liabilities and Deferred Revenue	\$ (9,258,288)	\$ (16,796,796)	\$ (7,538,508)	
Fund Balance	\$ 20,360,184	\$ 19,605,581	\$ (754,603)	
WORKING CAPITAL				
	12/31/2021	3/31/2022	Incr (decr) to working capital	
Cash	\$ 14,060,626	\$ 13,660,836	\$ (399,791)	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 13,496,533	\$ 22,435,477	\$ 8,938,944	
Accounts Payable	\$ (703,092)	\$ (399,770)	\$ 303,322	
Employee-related Liabilities	\$ (851,430)	\$ (1,161,371)	\$ (309,941)	
Working Capital	\$ 26,002,637	\$ 34,535,171	\$ 8,532,534	

Attachment: MARCH 22_CFO CHARTS (CFO Monthly Report)



Office of the CFO
Fiscal Year-To-Date Expenditure Report Through March 31, 2022

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

		Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Expenditures	Commitments	Budget Balance	% Budget Spent
1	Staff & Allocated Fringe Benefits	257,016	278,231	277,761	-	470	99.8%
2	51001 Allocated Indirect Costs	363,202	393,539	392,503	-	1,036	99.7%
3	54300 SCAG Consultants	288,000	438,000	292,000	92,978	53,022	66.7%
4	54340 Legal costs	120,000	220,000	67,848	152,152	-	30.8%
5	55441 Payroll, bank fees	15,000	15,000	5,322	9,678	-	35.5%
6	55580 Outreach/Advisement	-	1,000	661	307	32	66.1%
7	55600 SCAG Memberships	127,600	127,600	107,913	19,687	-	84.6%
8	55610 Professional Membership	11,500	11,500	6,297	1,676	3,527	54.8%
9	55620 Res mat/sub	2,000	2,000	-	-	2,000	0.0%
10	55730 Capital Outlay > \$5,000	1,512,183	1,306,953	882,672	121,076	303,206	67.5%
11	55830 Networking Mtg/Spe	-	2,230	2,230	-	-	100.0%
12	55840 Training Registration	-	12,000	11,996	-	4	100.0%
13	55860 Scholarships	44,000	44,000	-	-	44,000	0.0%
14	55910 RC/Committee Mtgs	15,000	15,000	-	-	15,000	0.0%
15	55912 RC Retreat	13,000	13,000	-	1	12,999	0.0%
16	55914 RC General Assembly	611,500	499,948	-	7,979	491,969	0.0%
17	55915 Demographic Workshop	28,000	28,000	-	1	27,999	0.0%
18	55916 Economic Summit	85,000	85,000	25,000	8,925	51,075	29.4%
19	55918 Housing Summit	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000	0.0%
20	55920 Other Meeting Expense	86,500	85,900	10,358	29,602	45,940	12.1%
21	55xxx Miscellaneous other	67,000	67,600	12,779	12,998	41,823	18.9%
22	55940 Stipend - RC Meetings	202,000	202,000	144,730	-	57,270	71.6%
23	56100 Printing	10,000	10,000	-	-	10,000	0.0%
24	58100 Travel - outside SCAG region	77,500	77,500	2,839	-	74,661	3.7%
25	58101 Travel - local	47,500	47,500	2,943	-	44,557	6.2%
26	58110 Mileage - local	31,500	31,500	503	-	30,997	1.6%
27	58150 Travel Lodging	13,000	13,000	246	-	12,754	1.9%
28	58800 RC Sponsorships	165,000	165,000	59,950	6,431	98,619	36.3%
29	Total General Fund	4,213,001	4,213,001	2,306,551	463,491	1,442,959	54.7%
30							
31	Staff & Allocated Fringe Benefits	17,631,038	18,094,923	13,036,326	-	5,058,597	72.0%
32	5100x Allocated Indirect Costs	24,915,148	26,099,829	18,421,632	-	7,678,197	70.6%
33	543xx SCAG Consultants	40,296,922	83,888,483	9,829,774	34,371,683	39,687,026	11.7%
34	54302 Non-Profits/IHL	933,245	742,022	210,688	322,674	208,661	28.4%
35	54340 Legal Services	-	389,858	99,738	290,120	-	25.6%
36	54360 Pass-through Payments	9,191,406	5,007,208	2,598,965	2,408,243	-	51.9%
37	55210 Software Support	600,000	600,000	332,694	34,716	232,590	55.4%
38	55250 Cloud Services	1,635,500	564,274	318,194	246,080	-	56.4%
39	5528x Third Party Contributions	5,230,855	6,348,594	3,498,160	-	2,850,434	55.1%
40	55310 F&F Principal	264,368	264,368	197,069	67,299	-	74.5%
41	55315 F&F Interest	10,423	10,423	8,667	980	776	83.2%
42	55320 AV Principal	149,034	149,034	98,454	50,580	-	66.1%
43	55325 AV Interest	2,642	2,642	1,981	661	-	75.0%
44	55415 Off Site Storage	9,124	13,762	6,549	-	7,213	47.6%
45	55520 Hardware Supp	5,000	5,000	-	3,146	1,854	0.0%
46	55580 Outreach	64,000	108,508	44,508	-	64,000	41.0%
47	55620 Resource Materials - subscrib	540,000	540,000	101,378	40,555	398,067	18.8%
48	55730 Capital Outlay > \$5,000	-	11,060	10,715	-	345	96.9%
49	55810 Public Notices	65,000	65,000	25,093	-	39,907	38.6%
50	55830 Networking Meetings/Special Events	4,000	4,000	75	-	3,925	1.9%
51	55920 Other Meeting Expense	19,000	46,588	5,688	-	40,900	12.2%
52	55930 Miscellaneous	190,717	433,211	6,000	18,766	408,445	1.4%
53	55931 Misc Labor	1,204,452	6,506,124	-	-	6,506,124	0.0%
54	55932 Misc Labor, Future	1,185,044	5,105,522	-	-	5,105,522	0.0%
55	55950 Temp Help	-	38,250	-	-	38,250	0.0%
56	56100 Printing	9,000	9,000	-	-	9,000	0.0%
57	58xxx Travel	82,500	83,898	4,211	-	79,687	5.0%
58	59090 Exp - Local Other	40,011,607	33,223,585	19,699,282	-	13,524,303	59.3%
59	Total OWP, FTA Pass Thru & TDA	144,250,025	188,355,166	68,555,841	37,855,503	81,943,823	36.4%
60							
61	Comprehensive Budget	148,463,026	192,568,167	70,862,392	38,318,993	83,386,782	36.8%

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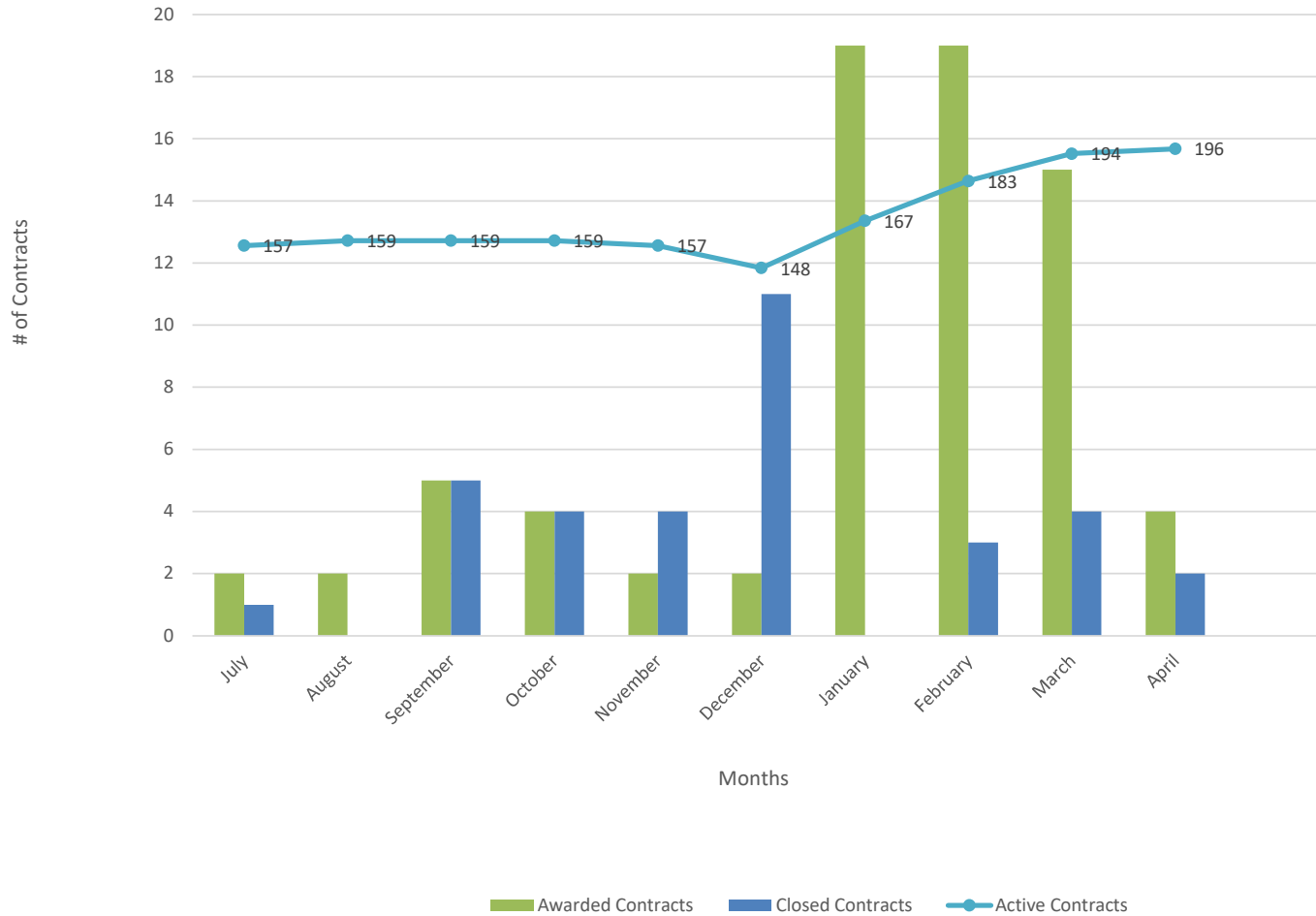
INDIRECT COST EXPENDITURES

		Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Expenditures	Commitments	Budget Balance	% Budget Spent
1	50010	7,746,533	7,998,790	6,203,880		1,794,910	77.6%
2	50013	1,000	4,000	3,702		298	92.6%
3	50014	78,000	78,000	42,442		35,558	54.4%
4	50016		40,000	38,561		1,439	96.4%
5	50030	80,000	27,000	22,358		4,642	82.8%
6	51xxx	6,077,056	6,209,616	4,882,972	-	1,326,644	78.6%
7	54300	1,961,819	1,933,999	1,210,550	723,449	-	62.6%
8	54301	731,000	791,200	398,707	392,493	-	50.4%
9	54340	40,000	190,000	100,442	89,558	-	52.9%
10	55201	304,000	303,800	175,041	41,322	87,436	57.6%
11	55210	548,900	890,535	672,970	64,952	152,613	75.6%
12	55220	940,817	891,498	90,477	24,791	776,230	10.1%
13	55240	26,500	26,500	11,039	15,461	-	41.7%
14	55251	623,465	414,930	145,962	125,316	143,652	35.2%
15	55271	247,690	196,190	1,402	13,440	181,347	0.7%
16	55275	250,000	246,039	79,295	13,658	153,086	32.2%
17	55315	4,376	4,376	3,639	411	326	83.2%
18	55325	8,162	8,162	6,123	2,039	-	75.0%
19	55400	2,302,445	2,302,445	1,803,911	295,286	203,249	78.3%
20	55410	278,200	278,200	98,485	45,250	134,465	35.4%
21	55415	5,000	5,000	3,671	418	911	73.4%
22	55420	100,000	100,000	31,902	28,098	40,000	31.9%
23	55430	1,000	1,000		-	1,000	0.0%
24	55435	100,000	100,000	38,093	56,698	5,209	38.1%
25	55440	315,000	315,000	265,060	-	49,941	84.1%
26	55441	17,500	17,500	6,707	10,793	-	38.3%
27	55445	5,000	5,000	169	1,331	3,500	3.4%
28	55460	54,000	54,000	2,922	1,947	49,131	5.4%
29	55510	73,800	66,700	14,965	51,735	-	22.4%
30	55520	4,000	4,000		-	4,000	0.0%
31	55530	-	1,000	417	583	-	41.7%
32	55540	10,000	10,000		10,000	-	0.0%
33	55550	5,000	6,500	6,128	135	237	94.3%
34	55600	102,200	102,200	13,330	170	88,700	13.0%
35	55610	1,500	1,500	50	-	1,450	3.3%
36	55611	1,350	1,850	1,384	-	466	74.8%
37	55620	58,100	57,000	31,847	5,750	19,403	55.9%
38	55630		53,740	8,966	7,131	37,644	16.7%
39	55700	250,330	250,330		-	250,330	0.0%
40	55720	75,000	75,000		-	75,000	0.0%
41	55800	25,000	25,000	10,386	14,614	-	41.5%
42	55801	45,000	45,000	13,735	18,272	12,993	30.5%
43	55810	2,500	-		-	-	
44	55820	30,000	30,000		-	30,000	0.0%
45	55830	20,000	20,000	655	-	19,345	3.3%
46	55840	65,000	65,000	22,178	-	42,822	34.1%
47	55920	2,500	2,500	67	-	2,433	2.7%
48	55950	108,316	68,316	64,909	3,407	0	95.0%
49	55xxx	11,500	8,000	-	-	8,000	0.0%
50	56100	23,000	23,000	587	7,015	15,398	2.6%
51	58100	83,300	80,199	11,144	-	69,055	0.0%
52	58101	20,000	19,000	1,062	-	17,938	5.6%
53	58110	23,500	22,700	1,194	-	21,506	5.3%
54	58120	3,000	3,000	145	-	2,855	4.8%
55	Total Indirect Cost	23,891,359	24,474,315	16,543,627	2,065,526	5,865,161	67.6%

Attachment: MARCH 22_CFO CHARTS (CFO Monthly Report)



Office of the CFO
Fiscal Year-To-Date Contract Activity Report



Overview
 This chart shows the number of contracts administered by the Contracts division, by month, from July 2020 thru April 2022.

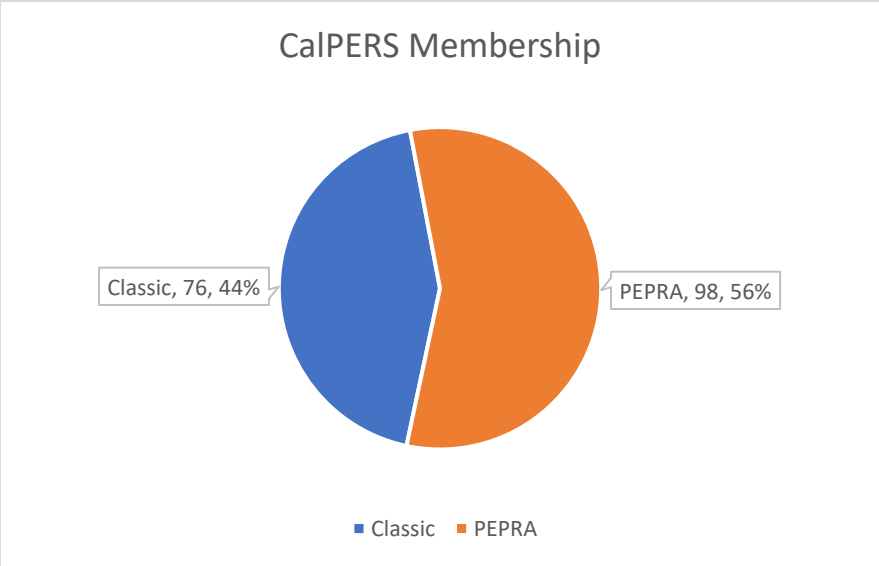
Summary
 As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Department is currently managing a total of 196 contracts. Thirty-five (35) are Cost Plus Fee contracts; eighty (80) are Lump Sum (formerly Fixed Price) contracts, and the remaining eighty-one (81) are Time and Materials (T&M) contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer contracts). 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 April 1, 2022

Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Volunteers	Total
Executive Office	9	7	2	0	1	0	8
Human Resources	8	7	1	1	0	0	8
Legal Services	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
Finance	28	27	1	2	0	0	29
Information Technology	26	25	1	1	0	0	26
Gov. & Public Affairs	22	19	3	0	0	0	19
Planning & Programs	98	87	11	8	0	6	101
Total	194	174	20	12	1	6	193



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CFO Report

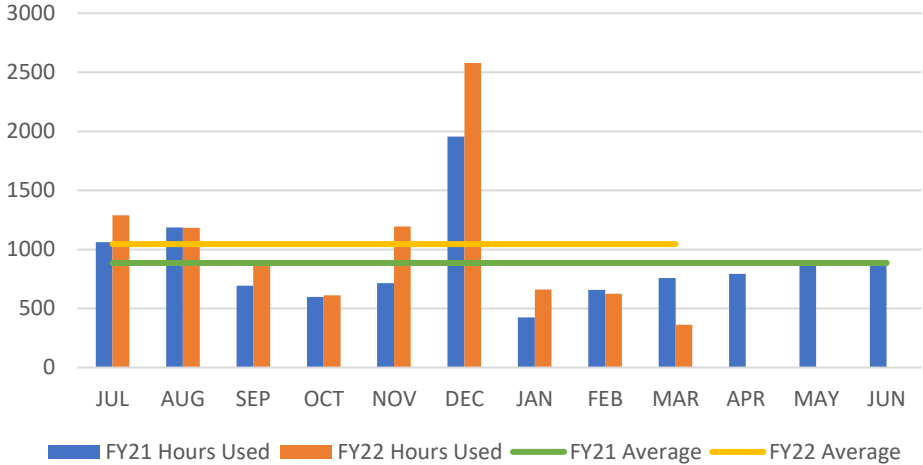
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Vacation Update

Vacation Usage FY22

	Hours Used	Cost
Total	9,407	\$ 612,059.31
Average	62.98	\$ 44,435.21
# of Staff	138	
% of Staff	79.31%	

Vacation Hours Used



Vacation Cash Out Pilot Program Usage in FY22 and FY21

	FY22 Hours Used	FY22 Cost	FY21 Hours Used	FY21 Cost
Total	720	\$ 49,940.80	1,180	\$ 81,956.80
Average	37.89	\$ 2,577.60	39.33	\$ 2,731.80
Lowest	20	\$ 1,227.00	20	\$ 1,352.40
Highest	40 (max)	\$ 5,902.40	40 (max)	\$ 5,568.40
# of Staff	18		30	
% of Staff	10.34%		17.75%	

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Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
June 2, 2022

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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Subject: State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Audit and RHNA Reform

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

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 California State Auditor published its audit findings of the California Housing and Community Development (HCD)’s regional RHNA determination process in March 2022. The findings indicate that HCD made several errors in making regional determinations for the regions reviewed, suggesting that the regional determinations were understated for these three regions and possibly others. The Auditor provided several recommendations to address these errors and inaccuracies in the process.

In response to requests during and after the 6th cycle RHNA process, staff is proposing to launch a series of meetings with stakeholders and special meetings of CEHD to develop recommendations on RHNA reform.

This report provides a summary of the audit findings and provides detail on the process for developing SCAG’s RHNA reform recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

State RHNA Audit

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a process to determine existing and projected housing need for every jurisdiction within the State of California. This housing need, also known as the RHNA allocation, covers an 8-year period and requires each jurisdiction, defined as cities and

unincorporated counties, to plan for this need in their housing elements through an analysis of suitable sites and implementing various programs, including rezoning. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provides every council of governments (COG), including SCAG, a regional RHNA determination and each COG is responsible for developing a methodology to distribute this regional need to individual jurisdictions. The 6th cycle RHNA regional determination for the SCAG region is 1,341,827 housing units across four income categories and covers the planning period October 2021 through October 2029.

Government Code Section 65584.01 outlines the steps for HCD to determine the regional RHNA determination. In addition to the population projections produced by the California Department of Finance (DOF), and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional transportation plans, in consultation with the COG, HCD must also consider other factors in its assessments. These include:

- Anticipated household growth associated projected population increases
- Household size data and trends in household size
- The percentage of households that are overcrowded and the overcrowding rate for a comparable housing market
- Rate of household formation
- Vacancy rates in existing housing stock, and the vacancy rates for a healthy housing market, as well as replacement needs
- The relationship between jobs and housing, including any imbalance between jobs and housing
- The percentage of households that are cost burdened and the rate of housing cost burden for a healthy housing market
- The loss of units during a state of emergency

While HCD is required to meet and consult with the COG regarding assumptions and methodology, HCD is responsible for making the final assumptions for each required factor and providing a regional determination. The COG may object to HCD's determination, though the final decision for a regional determination is ultimately made by HCD.

In October 2021, the California State Joint Legislative Audit Committee approved an emergency audit to examine HCD's regional determination process. The request for an audit was based on an assertion that "the public has almost no information on the formula that HCD uses to calculate these initial numbers", citing confusion and mistrust among regional planning bodies and jurisdictions, and the need for an independent and objective review of the process.

The State Auditor reviewed three regions as part of its audit: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and Amador County¹. To avoid interference, the Auditor indicated that it did not review determinations for the SCAG and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regions due to ongoing lawsuits relating to HCD's determination process and methodology for these areas that are pending final resolution. In its March 17, 2022 report, the Auditor outlined several key findings in its audit of the three regions it reviewed:

- HCD made several errors when entering data into calculations for its needs assessments, which reduced the amount of housing needs in the needs assessments for two of the three regions. HCD does not have a sufficient management review process to ensure that it identifies such errors before finalizing needs assessments. Without effective review processes, HCD may be making similar errors in needs assessments for other councils of governments.
- HCD could not demonstrate that it followed work group recommendations when it considered the balance between jobs and housing, and did not maintain consistency in its consideration of housing destroyed during a state of emergency, when it produced the needs assessments for the three regions reviewed. In at least one needs assessment, the omission led HCD to understate housing needs by not accounting for units that had been destroyed in a wildfire.
- HCD did not adequately support its adjustment to the needs assessments to address vacancy rates for the councils of governments reviewed. Despite the significant effect that HCD's vacancy rate adjustments have on needs assessments, it has not completed a thorough analysis to determine whether it used the most appropriate value in its calculations.
- HCD's reviews of comparable regions selected by councils of government have been inconsistent because the department does not have a formal process for such reviews. As a result, it did not identify a problematic proposal from a region and inappropriately reduced its needs assessment.
- DOF's population projections are generally accurate though it has not conducted a rigorous analysis to support the household formation rates it uses for household projections.

Based on its findings, the Auditor provided several recommendations to the State Legislature, HCD, and DOF:

- The Legislature should amend state law to clarify the specific use of healthy vacancy rates
- HCD should institute a process to ensure staff perform multiple reviews of data in its assessments, including data submitted by COGs by June 2022.

¹ For cities and counties without a COG, HCD takes on the role of the COG and provides the individual RHNA allocation to jurisdictions.

- HCD should establish a formal process to document its consideration of all factors required by State law by September 2022.
- HCD should perform a formal analysis of healthy vacancy rates and historical trends by February 2023.
- HCD should develop a formal process to review the appropriateness of COGs' proposed comparable regions, including the criteria it will consider when reviewing COG proposals by June 2022.
- DOF should review its assumptions about household formation rates used in projections and document that review by February 2023.

At the May 4, 2022 Executive/Administrative Committee meeting, a Committee member requested that SCAG include a report on the audit on the June 2, 2022 Regional Council agenda.

RHNA Reform

During and after the 6th cycle RHNA process, a number of elected officials and stakeholders requested that SCAG pursue reform to the RHNA and Housing Element process. A gamut of issues has been raised, such as the regional determination methodology, the use of land planning factors in the SCAG RHNA methodology, basis for RHNA appeals, the accounting of sites in housing elements, and the timeline for housing element completion.

Assembly Bill (AB) 101 (2019) requires HCD, in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research, to conduct a RHNA reform outreach process and make recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2022. However, its purview is restricted to Government Code Section 65584 through 65584.2, which concerns the RHNA process such as the regional determination, COG methodology, appeals process, and adoption of the final RHNA plan. Housing elements and zoning are in other sections of Government Code and thus not part of this current review process.

HCD has not published any information regarding their process for RHNA reform per AB 101. Prior remarks by HCD staff indicate that they are considering holding a statewide process of engaging stakeholders, such as public workshops, starting in Summer 2022. The input from this engagement will be used to develop the report of HCD's findings and recommendations due to the State legislature by December 31, 2022.



To ensure that its comments are fully considered as part of HCD’s AB 101 RHNA reform, SCAG will conduct its own concurrent process to make recommendations to HCD:

Date	Action
June/July 2022	Staff conducts stakeholder outreach on RHNA reform process
July 19, 2022	Housing Working Group meeting
July 21, 2022	Technical Working Group meeting
Aug 2022	Two (2) CEHD special meetings
Aug/Sept 2022	Presumed statewide workshops on RHNA reform by HCD
Sept 1, 2022	CEHD Recommendations
October 6, 2022	Regional Council approval of CEHD recommendations/submit final RHNA Reform recommendations to HCD
Mid-October 2022	Presumed due date for comments to HCD on RHNA Reform
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In late Spring/early Summer 2022, SCAG staff will engage stakeholders to collect input on various topics for RHNA reform, including sessions to engage input at the July 19, 2022 Housing Working Group and July 21, 2022 Technical Working Group meetings. Based on this input and input already collected during the RHNA process, SCAG staff will present its recommendations at two CEHD Committee special meetings. The purpose of these CEHD special meetings will be to conduct a public input session on RHNA reform as well as get input from the CEHD committee members. Based on these input sessions, staff will develop recommendations on RHNA reform and present them to both CEHD and the Regional Council for action.

Due to the urgency of AB 101 RHNA reform, the process described in this report will focus solely on RHNA. However, SCAG acknowledges the issues raised by stakeholders on the challenges of developing compliant 6th cycle housing elements. Staff will explore a longer-term plan to review these specific issues and make recommendations for action and possible implementation prior to the 7th cycle.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (21-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - State RHNA Audit and RHNA Reform

State RHNA Audit and RHNA Reform

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June 6, 2022

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State RHNA Audit

- Requested by California State Joint Legislative Audit Committee
 - Examine HCD's RHNA regional determination process
- Three regions reviewed
 - Santa Barbara Association of Governments
 - Sacramento Area Council of Governments
 - Amador County
- Auditor's report published March 17, 2022

RHNA Audit Findings

- HCD made several errors regarding data calculations and does not have sufficient management review process
- HCD could not demonstrate consistency and work group recommendations regarding several factors
 - Jobs housing balance
 - Housing destroyed during state of emergency
- Inconsistent application of “comparable regions”, as required by statute

These errors and inaccuracies led HCD to understate regional determination for these 3 regions and possibly others

RHNA Reform

- AB 101 (2019) requires HCD to conduct RHNA reform
 - Make recommendations to State Legislature by December 31, 2022
 - Limited to RHNA, not housing element or zoning law
- SCAG RHNA Reform
 - A number of issues were raised during and after the 6th cycle RHNA
 - Synchronize with concurrent HCD RHNA reform

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