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Wednesday, July 31, 2024
3:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Curt Hagman, Chair)*

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021 (REAP 2.0): Program Budget Update
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

PPG. 6

ACTION ITEMS

2. 2024 Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat Update
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

PPG. 12

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC), acting on behalf of the Regional Council, review and finalize the revised 2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings for the EAC, Policy Committees and Regional Council.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

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CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

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(The Honorable Curt Hagman, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

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**AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Megan Dearing, Principal Management Analyst
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Subject: Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021 (REAP 2.0): Program Budget Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Resolution 22-649-1 authorizes SCAG to receive and administer \$246,024,084.00 in Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. The Governor’s January 2024 budget proposed a 50% reduction (\$300 million) to the REAP Program across the state. Given the magnitude of the reduction SCAG placed a hold on sub-allocation programs and along with partners engaged in a comprehensive advocacy effort to restore funding. SCAG’s advocacy cited how the cut would severely impact cities and counties’ ability to address the housing crisis and adversely affect the funding dedicated to projects throughout the SCAG region.

As a result of the region’s successful advocacy, the recently adopted state budget restores the majority of the funding and only cuts \$30 million from the State’s REAP 2.0 program. HCD has informed SCAG and other MPOs that reductions are to be shared evenly across the program, meaning SCAG’s award has been reduced by 5.9%, approximately \$14.5 million. This report provides the revised SCAG REAP 2.0 Program budget, timeline, and program, reflecting the 5.9% reduction and its impact.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP 2.0 program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2019 (REAP 1.0) and expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allows for broader

planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting infill development to facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability.

Major investments in program development and prioritization of projects have resulted in SCAG's development of a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program that combines coordinated and transformative actions aligning transportation and housing development by investing in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies.

On January 10, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a proposed budget that would cut \$1.2 billion in funding for housing programs, including \$300 million for the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) program. SCAG issued a hold on suballocation programs, while working to assess the impacts of the proposed cut and partnering with key stakeholders to use the state's budget approval process to advocate for the protection of critical housing programs funded by REAP 2.0.

Governor Newsom's January 10, 2024 budget proposal served as the first step of a lengthy budget process. The State Legislature was able to negotiate an agreement with the Governor, and both chambers passed a balanced budget bill as mandated by the state constitution. The Governor signed the budget into law on June 29, 2024. The Legislature has the ability to pass junior budget bills and budget trailer bills until August 31, 2024, the last day on which any bill may be passed. Then, the Governor will have until September 30, 2024, to sign or veto any remaining bills, including budget-related bills, on his desk.

ADVOCACY

Immediately following the release of the Governor's January Budget, SCAG's advocacy team sprang into action. SCAG wrote an official budget letter responding to the Governor's January Budget that was delivered to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister), Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Assembly Budget Committee Chair Jesse Gabriel (D-Van Nuys), and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley). The letter outlined SCAG's concerns with the devastating cuts proposed to the REAP 2.0 program. The letter asked Legislative leaders to reject this proposal, as well as proposals to cut \$200 million from the State's Active Transportation Program and cut \$200 million from the Infill Infrastructure Grant program. The letter was further shared with every member of the Southern California Legislative Delegation and SCAG partner organizations, including the California Association of Councils of Governments, California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and our sister Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

SCAG's lobbyists, Cruz Strategies, provided public comment in support of the REAP 2.0 program at Assembly and Senate budget committee hearings on January 23, 2024. During the Assembly Budget Committee hearing, Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura), who is also Chair of the Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation spoke in defense of the

REAP 2.0 program, noting the significant benefits the program provides, especially for the communities in his district.

SCAG was able to engage our member and partner organizations to grow the coalition supporting the REAP 2.0 program. SCAG, with the help of this coalition, successfully advocated to protect the majority of these funds, resulting in a cut to the State's program of \$30 million, as opposed to the proposed \$300 million cut in the January budget package.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & DELIVERY

SCAG staff, under the direction of the policy committees, the EAC, and the RC, conducted an extensive engagement process to develop a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program based on stakeholder input. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program is focused on addressing key issues contributing to the housing crisis: scarcity of developable land, insufficient and costly utility and transportation public infrastructure, and lack of capacity building financing tools. Ultimately, SCAG is piloting solutions locally that can be scaled across the region.

SCAG committed the entire \$246 million award from the State. Advanced funding of \$24.6 million was authorized to support outreach and program development, including hiring required limited-term staff and consultants. To date, SCAG awarded \$192.7M to 100 projects. The remaining funding was allocated to SCAG led programs and program administration.

The \$14.5 million reduction to SCAG's allocation will not require restructuring the full program and will not require eliminating or reducing any of the competitive formula-based sub-allocation programs. However, the revised budget will reflect a reduction in the SCAG-led regional programs and services originally planned to be supported by REAP 2.0 to both account for the budget cut as well as the shortened time-frame for program delivery.

PROGRAM BUDGET AND TIMELINE ADJUSTMENTS

The program budget will be amended with HCD in the coming months, as well as approved by the Regional Council through the regular budget process. Adjustments are anticipated to include the following reductions:

- The \$15 million Regional Pilot Initiatives program, a non-sub-allocated effort, will be removed from the SCAG REAP 2.0 program and instead funded through the federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding allocated to SCAG.
- The proposed Data Platform Expansion will be more limited, focusing on the completion of StreetLight Insight Web App Big Data Platform, which was initiated prior to the pause. The down-scoping will result in a savings of almost \$1 million (\$975,000) and ensure work can be completed within grant timelines.

- In light of the 6-month program delay, SCAG led outreach and technical assistance around fellowships, data, GIS, and performance dashboards will no longer be funded through REAP 2.0, resulting in an additional \$1.5 million budget reduction.

These actions will allow SCAG to fully fund all sub-allocated programs which were identified as a high priority when communicating possible paths forward, while establishing a reserve to provide the board with flexibility to address any future and unforeseen needs.

The timeline for the program restart is as follows:

- June-July 2024
 - The final State budget was approved
 - HCD provided SCAG with final REAP 2 allocation of \$231.5M
 - SCAG staff sent out program and project level restart communication to grantees and rescinded the 'stop work order'
- August -December 2024
 - SCAG staff will develop and finalize scopes of work with awardees (*100 projects*)
 - SCAG staff will distribute MOU templates to awardees
 - SCAG staff will initiate procurements in partnership with awardees upon approval of scopes of work
 - SCAG's formal FY2025 Budget Amendment 1 will be presented to EAC and RC for approval and adoption, including revised REAP 2.0 amounts
 - Execute MOUs

Notices have gone out to partners awarded funds under SCAG's sub-allocation programs rescinding the Executive Director's pause of all significant REAP 2.0 activities, allowing the program work to proceed. The current expenditure deadline for the REAP 2.0 program is June 30, 2026. While SCAG will advocate for an extension of time to account for the months on hold, uncertainties remain around REAP 2.0 deadline extensions with the State Legislature.

Listed below is a summary of SCAG's fully funded suballocation programs that support eligible entities in the SCAG region:

- The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) grants prioritize housing planning that aims to close the racial equity gap and include partnerships with community-based organizations. On October 5, 2023, the Regional Council approved funding awards for six Housing and Land Use Strategies projects totaling \$2.3 million, complementing five multi-modal communities projects funded by SB 1 funds in the amount of approximately \$2 million.

- The Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Program makes \$23 million available to sub-regional partners for eligible activities supporting member jurisdictions with implementing housing element work plans and strategies for increasing affordable housing.
- The County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program connects infill housing to daily services and increases travel options that support multimodal communities to shift travel modes. On July 6, 2023, the Regional Council approved staff recommendations to fund 33 transformative planning and implementation projects that expand access, increase mobility, and bring jobs and housing closer together to achieve a more sustainable growth pattern across the region. SCAG has executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with most of the CTCs, and the others are in the process of being executed.
- The Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program makes \$8 million available to support eligible applicants in scaling up development of available land and implementing large corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives. In October, the Regional Council approved funding recommendations to award 11 projects including site assessments, site inventories, inclusionary housing programs and specific plans that unlock lands for housing with diverse housing types.
- The Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) provides \$45 million to support innovative housing finance, housing trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources. On November 2, 2023, the Regional Council approved funding recommendations for 14 projects.
- The Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) program provides \$35 million to focus on investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that will support jurisdictions in basic utility infrastructure needed for housing: water, wastewater, stormwater management and electricity. On January 4, 2024 the Regional Council awarded funding for 12 projects for a total of \$35 million.

The volume of projects the SCAG staff will administer as part of this restart will require close coordination with awardees and patience. SCAG staff recognizes that this disruption in program delivery has had significant impacts on awarded projects and is assessing opportunities to help awardees rework project scopes to accommodate a shorter implementation timeline. More information on these opportunities and any updates SCAG receives from HCD on the program will be promptly shared with partners.



NEXT STEPS

Staff will return to the Regional Council with an update on HCD's review and approval of the revised program, as well as any other program updates in Fall 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 24-25 Overall Work Program.



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director
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Subject: 2024 Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC), acting on behalf of the Regional Council, review and finalize the revised 2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings for the EAC, Policy Committees and Regional Council.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From June 27 to 28, 2024, President Curt Hagman convened a retreat for the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of the Board Employment Classification status; an overview on emerging issues related to Transportation Finance, Housing, and Sustainable Communities Strategy; an evaluation of the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly; and discussion related to the 2024-2025 Presidential Priorities and Policy Committee Outlooks for the upcoming year. This report summarizes those discussions and identifies necessary follow-ups.

BACKGROUND:

During the annual EAC Retreat convened by President Hagman from June 27 to 28, the EAC discussed topics related to the Board Employment Classification; emerging issues related to Transportation Finance, Housing, Sustainable Communities Strategy; the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly; and the 2024-2025 Presidential Priorities and Policy Committee Outlooks.

Board Employment Classification Update

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, provided an update on the classification of board members as independent contractors versus employees. He explained that an IRS finding regarding Metrolink, which required their board members to transition from 1099 independent contractors to W-2 employees, had prompted SCAG to reassess its own practices. Mr. Elder described the steps taken by SCAG to assess the situation, including seeking multiple legal opinions from outside legal counsel

and surveying MPOs in the state. He explained the Section 530 safe harbor under the Revenue Act of 1978 and detailed how SCAG met the criteria for the exemption. Based on the information presented, staff recommended continuing to treat SCAG's board members as independent contractors, which the EAC agreed with.

Emerging Issues: Transportation Finance, Housing, and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Transportation Finance

Annie Nam, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, provided an overview of the state's current effort to prepare a transportation needs assessment for the next 10 years, inclusive of climate change impacts, in response to SB 1121. The state's initial 10-year funding shortfall is estimated to be \$200 to \$300 billion. There's an interim report that is currently available for review and the California Transportation Commission staff have held two workshops to date. The focus has been on a core set of principles in addressing revenue needs—to help define *what and why* we need to invest in transportation with a stabilized revenue source.

For additional context, SCAG's assessment of the regional impacts of recent zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) regulations was highlighted with an estimated \$93 billion loss in revenue over the life of Connect SoCal 2024. Staff emphasized that this drop in revenue will have a very real impact on the maintenance of our transportation system, especially for the state of good repair of local streets and roads. Staff reiterated the guiding principles and new funding strategies that were incorporated into Connect SoCal 2024, enabling a \$752 billion financial plan.

The Committee discussion highlighted next steps to advance the revenue conversation, including the need for continued engagement in state processes such as the state's latest road charge pilot program. There was emphasis on continued advocacy for the region's express lane system, which includes better aligning SB 743 implementation with regional plans like Connect SoCal 2024. Further, discussions focused on how transportation funding is becoming increasingly inequitable with growing ZEV penetration and how opportunities to stabilize transportation revenues via a road charge program, can potentially serve to mitigate some of these existing equity challenges.

Housing

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Land Use Planning, provided an overview on the state of housing in the region including housing production, housing element compliance, SCAG funding and technical assistance programs, the State's California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Report.

Overall, the presentation highlighted that housing production across the region has increased modestly, in line with state housing growth. Of note is that in the last few years, there has been a

noteworthy amount of accessory dwelling unit construction and increase in multi-family unit construction.

Given the importance of local policy that supports housing productions, the presentation touched on the status of housing element compliance and SCAG's housing technical assistance programs. As of June 2024, 27% of the housing elements in the region were not compliant with the majority of those in small jurisdictions (less than 100,000 population) and with 12 of those jurisdictions having median household income of \$50,000 or less.

Funding from the State through REAP 1 has become an inflection point for SCAG as an actor in the housing space. Through the REAP 1 program, SCAG funded over 100 projects and 53 awardees to execute a series of activities that support housing production across the region. These projects have increased the number of policies and programs that support housing, developed pre-approved plans, and significantly expanded the number of elected officials and members of the public who have been engaged on local housing efforts in their communities. A brief overview was also provided on the REAP 2 program and the various efforts that will support housing production through policy, financing and infrastructure planning, and implementation.

Finally, a brief overview was provided on the State's California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Report. As part of AB 101, HCD was tasked with preparing a report that outlined how to improve the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. SCAG issued comments to HCD via a comment letter that was submitted in September 2023. The report was released in April 2024 and is organized by method of implementation (legislative changes versus things that HCD can execute administratively) as well as organized by three topic areas of the regional determination process, the COG-led processes such as methodology and appeals, and consistency with the RTP/SCS and growth forecasts. Staff will come to the Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) Policy Committee in the fall to provide a summary of the report and how it does or does not respond to SCAG's comment letter.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

As background for SB 375 Target Update policy discussions to occur at the California Air Resources Board (CARB) this fall, Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, provided an overview of State policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the progress and challenges the SCAG region has faced in meeting ambitious state goals. Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, has been submitted to the CARB for confirmation that the plan, if implemented, will achieve the regional greenhouse reduction targets for 2035, a requirement of SB 375. In advance of the next plan update, SCAG's target will be updated by CARB. The target update process will consider statutory, technological, and policy factors that have changed since the last target setting process.

The presentation and discussion at the EAC retreat focused on how the development pattern has changed across Southern California since the adoption of SB 375, as well as, how transportation investments have shifted to support cleaner mobility. EAC members also reflected on the opportunities and challenges the region has faced, including a lag in housing production, and discussed factors to be considered as part of the target update process and/or legislative reform. Members also discussed the role of technology and the need to reexamine the framework for SB 375 as gas-powered vehicles are replaced by a zero-emission fleet. SCAG staff anticipates inviting the California Air Resources Board to speak to changes in the policy environment at an RC meeting this year and will continue to facilitate conversations on SCAG's role in addressing climate change at the Policy Committees.

Evaluation of the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, presented a summary on the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly Post-Event Report, highlighting metrics used in evaluating the event. Notably, the 2024 event exceeded the past year's events in registration, attendance and sponsorship revenue. Overall, a majority (56%) of attendees reported high satisfaction with the event, indicating that it met or exceeded their expectations. In post-event surveys, attendees also noted that event content and networking were their top reasons for attending.

In response to the presentation, Committee members discussed their feedback on the event as well as thoughts for how to improve it in future years. Some points of discussion included ideas for creating more focused networking opportunities during portions of the event, feedback on the use of media during the event and opportunities throughout the program to highlight specific issues in each county. Additionally, the committee expressed interest in receiving updates on event planning throughout the year and the potential for integrating Regional Conference and General Assembly programming with other workshops and panels throughout the year.

2024-2025 Presidential Priorities and Policy Committee Outlooks for the Upcoming Year

To facilitate a conversation on policy priorities and agenda setting for the upcoming year, SCAG staff shared the attached 2023-2024 Accomplishments (Attachment 1) and a preliminary set of priorities for 2024-2025 that were developed with feedback from President Hagman. During the retreat, President Hagman reiterated his interest in SCAG playing a leadership role on emerging technologies across all policy areas, including through more dialogue and information sharing during the Regional Council meetings. The EAC discussed and confirmed direction to staff to focus on emerging technologies as a key theme for agenda development, in addition to carrying forward discussions on transit recovery, goods movement and clean transportation technologies. The EAC also provided input on the remaining preliminary priorities as reflected in the updated Regional



Council Outlook (Attachment 2). The EAC also discussed the structure of the Regional Council meeting and members’ interest in reserving time to discuss cross-cutting issues by relying more upon the Policy Committees to take a larger role in addressing the business issues within their purview. This approach would minimize duplicative presentations at the Policy Committees and Regional Council, and instead, Policy Committee Chairs would be asked to briefly report out to the Regional Council on the recommended action items from their respective Policy Committees. Staff also shared with the EAC preliminary outlooks for each of the Policy Committees and noted that individual meetings would be set up with the Chairs and Vice Chairs prior to the September meetings to finalize the Policy Committee Outlooks.

Revised Regional Council Meeting schedule and Resumption of In-Person Regional Council Meetings

President Hagman and the Committee members engaged in discussions regarding the schedule of the EAC, Policy Committees and Regional Council meetings. Additionally, President Hagman expressed interest in having members return to in-person for all Regional Council meetings, while allowing for both in-person and remote participation options for the Policy Committees.

Beginning in September, and at least through the end of the calendar year, meetings of the Regional Council and EAC will be conducted in-person with no remote participation option. The Policy Committee meetings will continue to be conducted in hybrid format. Also, to more effectively facilitate these in-person meetings, the EAC will return to the first Thursday of the month. The revised schedule for regular EAC, Policy Committees and the Regional Council is as follows:

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) - (in-person)	9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) - (hybrid)	10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) - (hybrid)	10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Transportation Committee (TC) - (hybrid)	10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Regional Council (RC) - (in-person)	12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The revised 2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings with meeting dates is included as Attachment 3.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None identified at this time. The work included in the 2024-2025 work plan is budgeted, however, during the year staff may bring back necessary amendments to the budget to address the needs related to the Priority Areas.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2023-2024 EAC Work Plan Accomplishments
2. Regional Council Outlook
3. Revised 2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings with Meeting Dates

2023-2024 EAC Work Plan Accomplishments

Priority Area 1: Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update

2023-2024 Accomplishments:

1. Adopted an agency-wide SCAG Strategic Plan, grounded in extensive external and internal stakeholder participation, that identifies clear priorities, objectives and key results for near and medium-term coordinated actions.
2. Adopted Connect SoCal 2024 to direct resilient transportation investments and guide the region's jurisdictions towards an equitable and sustainable regional development vision.
3. Engaged elected leaders and community partners in the challenges facing Southern California by seeing firsthand examples of solutions through site visits, mobile workshops and training, including hosted tours of the new CA Air Resources Board (CARB) facility in Riverside, the ESRI campus in Redlands and Port Hueneme in Ventura County.
4. Brought together public and private sector leaders to identify challenges, share solutions and advocate for policies that support transit recovery, goods movement, and a smooth transition to clean transportation technologies, all key Presidential Priorities.

Priority Area #2: Leadership in Resource Deployment—Connect SoCal Implementation

2023-2024 Accomplishments:

1. After approving REAP 2021 funding programs and project lists consistent with the adopted program framework, engaged elected officials at every level of government in coordinated advocacy to reverse or mitigate a 50% reduction proposed by the Governor in his initial budget proposal.
2. Approved project lists for Federal and State funding programs administered by SCAG including the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the Carbon Reduction Program reflecting an extensive process of stakeholder engagement during the development of the guidelines for those programs.
3. Pursued Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) resources for SCAG and partner led efforts to implement Connect SoCal and support regional capacity building to increase local competitiveness for federal and state grants.
4. Engaged and trained local jurisdiction and regional agencies on SCAG's local planning programs and information services to increase the awareness, reach and impact of SCAG services in advancing regional plans and policies.

Priority #3: Legislative Action

2023-2024 Accomplishments

1. Developed an outreach program and coalition effort to protect \$123 million in REAP funds for the Southern California region.

2023-2024 EAC Work Plan Accomplishments

1. Sponsored legislation to increase transparency measures in the RHNA determination process.
2. Successfully killed/neutered problematic legislation that would have impacted SCAG's planning processes.
3. Presented a unified California transportation community in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the IJJA's impacts on California.

Priority #4: Technology/Innovation Leadership

2023-2024 Objectives Accomplishments

1. Promoted innovations in transportation technologies and regional planning at the Emerging Technology Committee, Transportation Committee and Regional Council through expert panels on clean mobility and presentations of results from the Smart Cities pilot program.
2. Continued to oversee and champion delivery of innovative data tools and training available through the RDP that enhance local planning capacity in support of implementing regional goals at the local policy level.
3. Continued to evolve SCAG's hybrid cloud strategy in support of regional data sharing, modeling efforts to finalize Connect SoCal 2024, and enterprise business systems.
4. Explored emerging research and reporting on practical applications of artificial intelligence and adopted SCAG Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Acceptable Use Policy to protect the safety, privacy, and intellectual property rights of SCAG and ensure the output usage from these products is consistent with SCAG's expectations of quality and accuracy.

Regional Council Agenda Outlook for FY25

Date	Discussion	Business
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presidential Priority:</i> Transit Recovery & Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal Amendment 1, Associated Transportation Conformity (proposed final)
October	Rosh Hoshana (No Meeting)	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside Speaker—HCD: RHNA Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Guidelines • Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP) Regional Nominations
December	Economic Update (Without Economic Summit) <i>Presidential Priority:</i> Clean Transportation Technology	
January	New Years Holiday conflicts (No Meeting)	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA 28 Summer Olympics • Outside Speaker--CARB: SB 375 & Target Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside Speaker—CTC/CALSTA: Transportation Finance 	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presidential Priority:</i> Goods Movement & Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines Adoption • Smart Cities: Electric Vehicle Incentives Program Draft Guidelines • Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Active Transportation & Safety – Recommended Projects



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2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings - Update

[Approved by the Regional Council: **Tentative**]

All regular meetings of the Executive/Administration Committee and all regular meetings of the Regional Council and Policy Committees are scheduled on the 1st Thursday of each month. ***Dates are subject to change***

THURSDAY		
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) – In Person	9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Policy Room B
Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee – Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	10:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Policy Room B
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) – Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	10:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Policy Room A
Transportation Committee (TC) – Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	10:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Board Room
Regional Council (RC) – In Person	12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Board Room

Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees and Regional Council
July 31, 2024 - EAC Meeting Only
September 5, 2024
October 3, 2024 – No Meetings (Dark)
November 7, 2024
December 5, 2024



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

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The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
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Hon. Alan Wapner, President’s Appt.		SBCTA Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
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Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. President Hagman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman 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.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement

There were no public comments for Item 1.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran provided members a brief report on Item 1. He explained that as directed by the EAC at one its recent meetings, pursuant to a successful performance evaluation of the Executive Director they had before them a proposed amendment number 3 to his employment agreement. He stated the only item that proposed amendment affected was [the Executive Director's] annual base salary as directed by the EAC, and negotiated with Mr. Ajise, and himself on



behalf of the EAC. Board Counsel stated the amendment reflected a 3% merit increase in his salary. Lastly, he stated there were no other proposed adjustments to any provision of [the Executive Director’s] agreement.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve the attached Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise to adjust the Executive Director’s Salary in response to positive performance review, and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2024-25. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Marquez, Plancarte, Rhodes, Shapiro, Solache and Wapner (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. Approve SCAG Participation in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games Observation Program and Study Tour

There were no public comments for Item 2.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief report for Item 2. He stated the SCAG region was set to host the Olympics in four years, and that SCAG had been participating in the Games Mobility Executive Group for about a year now. He shared this group was charged to create the transportation plans for the Olympic games. He stated there were different roles and responsibilities to each of the members, however collectively, the group was charged with a really large task. He stated that members of the group were going to be traveling to Paris during the summer to participate in what is called the Observer Program. He stated they were seeking approval because SCAG’s Bylaws and Policy Manual indicates that any international travel must be approved by the Regional Council, and they were seeking to send two staff members to participate in that Observer Program. However, he shared they knew there were other opportunities that might arise over the course of the summer, and they were also asking for approval for as many as two additional staff members and two Regional Council members to participate in events that have not been specified yet. Lastly, he stated that because it took the Regional Council's approval to approve international travel, and they were unsure about what other opportunities might arise over the next 6 to 8 weeks, and the Regional Council was dark in July, they were asking that specifically for Olympic travel, they delegate that authority to the Executive Director, should any unique opportunities arise that would be in SCAG’s best interest to participate in, as they prepare for the 2028 Olympics.



Regional Council member Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13 expressed her support and excitement in relation to this item. She also asked for clarification if they wanted to put a [monetary] cap on this item. She stated it did not have a cap as far as additional monies. She stated she was supportive of that, so that staff had the authority.

President Hagman stated they currently had \$45,000 and asked Mr. Chidsey to confirm.

Mr. Chidsey stated they were correct, that it was for actual expenses up to \$45,000. He stated that if there were to be additional travel it would likely be above that and it would be hard to assess. He stated he understood if the committee was more comfortable about putting a cap on it as well. He offered to report back.

A MOTION was made (Solache) the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council approve: 1) Participation of up to two Regional Council members, in accordance with Article VIII, Section F of the Regional Council Policy Manual, and up to four SCAG staff in accordance with the SCAG Employee Travel Policy, in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games Observation Program and Study Tour in the early part of August, and after the Games to meet with the Paris delegation on lessons learned in preparation for the LA28 Olympic Games; 2) Delegation of authority to the Executive Director to approve international travel, specific to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, for any needed additional SCAG international travel related to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games; and 3) Expenditure of approximately \$45,000 to cover travel expenses which will be allocated from SCAG's General Fund, Project Number 800-0160.01, and the expenditure of additional funds to cover travel expenses for any additional international travel authorized by the Executive Director. Per SCAG Travel Policy, foreign travel requires Regional Council approval. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Marquez, Plancarte, Rhodes, Shapiro, Solache and Wapner (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – May 1, 2024

4. Contract 18-002-SS1 Amendment 13, Legal Services
5. Contract 20-002-C01 Amendment 7, Board Counsel Services
6. Contract 20-035-C01 Amendment 6, Information Technology (IT) Managed Services
7. AB 2535 (Bonta) - TCEP Funding for Zero-Emission Freight

Receive and File

8. Update on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Action on South Coast Air Quality Management District's Plan to Meet the 1997 Ozone Standard
9. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
10. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 3 through 7; and Receive and File Items 8 through 10. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Marquez, Plancarte, Rhodes, Shapiro, Solache and Wapner (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments for Item the CFO report, President's report or the Executive Director's report.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the committee for their support the previous month for the fiscal year 2025 budget and overall work program. She stated that subsequent to their approval, they submitted the overall work program to Caltrans and was happy to report they received their approval on May 29. She reported that similar to this time last year, staff was busy completing the awards for the Go Human call for projects. She stated this call would award \$461,000 across 15 projects throughout the region. She stated this would bring the total number of active and ongoing pass-through projects to just over 100, funded through 24 different special

grants. She stated that if they retained full REAP funding, they could anticipate approximately another 50 or more projects to add to that count. She reported SCAG's role as a pass-through agency had grown over the past few years. She stated that to provide some perspective in 2020, SCAG's highest number to date had been 16 active awarded projects, so this really showed their dedication to seeking out funding for the region. Furthermore, she reported SCAG's fiscal year 2025 membership invoices would be going out in the next couple of weeks, and they certainly appreciated their support in expediting or routing those for payment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman provided an update on SCAG's Washington D.C. Advocacy Trip. He shared a few of the members traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate for federal legislative priorities to support planning needs for the upcoming Olympic games, as well as funding for programs to support housing production, complete streets and broadband efforts. He stated they were happy to hear from Senator Alex Padilla and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi at their annual California Congressional Transportation Reception, which they co-hosted with their bay area counterpart, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He stated they also met with several representatives, including friends of SCAG, Congresswoman Norma Torres and Congressman Pete Aguilar. Furthermore, he reported last month, WTS International awarded this year's Honorable Ray LaHood Award to SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise. He reported Mr. Ajise received the WTS-Los Angeles version of this award last fall, nominating him for the international award alongside 1,200 transportation leaders from all over the United States. He congratulated Mr. Ajise for this prestigious recognition. President Hagman also reported that he and SCAG Deputy Director of Planning Annie Nam participated in the Inland Empire Economic Partnership's Logistics and E-Commerce Summit. He stated Ms. Nam presented a white paper on the state of goods movement in the region and he spoke on a panel of experts discussing the issue, covering details of data in the trucking industry, the role of technology in improving goods movement and how SCAG can play a critical role supporting collaboration in this space. He reported the EAC and the Policy Committees would be dark in July in observance of Independence Day. He stated the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 3 p.m. Lastly, he reported they would kick off the year with the EAC retreat on June 27-28 in San Bernardino County.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided an update on REAP. He shared with members that after tireless legislative advocacy over the past few months, they received encouraging news. He reported the California State Assembly and State Senate announced a Joint Legislative Budget Plan, which proposed to restore significant funding for several programs proposed to be cut under Governor Newsom's January Budget proposal and May Revision. He stated that the Joint Legislative Budget Plan would restore \$250 million to the Regional Early Action Planning program (REAP 2.0),

of the originally proposed \$300 million cut and reject proposed cuts to the Active Transportation Program. He stated both programs provided important resources for implementing Connect SoCal 2024 and have been the focus of SCAG’s recent advocacy. He stated they appreciated all of them and the many partners who worked alongside SCAG to highlight the importance of the projects made possible by these funding sources. He stated that while this news was encouraging, there were still several steps to negotiate a final budget and SCAG would continue focused advocacy throughout this process. He explained that if the budget was approved, SCAG staff hoped to move forward with significant REAP sub-allocations and would continue engagement to “restart” the program once the budget was finalized. He shared that given a lot could happen between then and June 15, SCAG staff were preparing for all scenarios and encouraging partners to continue advocacy. Mr. Ajise also provided an update on AB 2485 by Assemblymember Juan Carrillo. He stated this was SCAG’s sponsored bill that sought to increase transparency measures concerning the RHNA determination process. He stated the bill passed in the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development on April 17, then moved through the Assembly Local Government and Appropriations Committees, before going back to the Assembly floor on May 22, where it was passed unanimously. He shared it was now headed to the Senate where it would likely be assigned to the Senate Housing Committee. Mr. Ajise also provided the members with a General Assembly Recap. He thanked all the members that attended the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert. He shared they had more than 800 attendees gathered for the event, along with esteemed speakers, panelists, partners and sponsors, who contributed to productive discussions on the pillars of Connect SoCal 2024: mobility, housing and communities, the environment and the economy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:25 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2024-25												Total Mt Attende To Date	
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Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair		San Bernardino County	1													3
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Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1													1
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Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1													3
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large														0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1													2
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1													3
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative														2
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0													2
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	0													2
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - June 5, 2024)



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024 – FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

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The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its annual retreat meeting at the Doubletree by Hilton-Ontario Airport, Lake Arrowhead Ballroom, 222 N. Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764. A quorum was present.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

Members Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, President

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

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Staff Present

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Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director Finance
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director Land Use
Annie Nam, Deputy Director Transportation
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Julie Schroyer, Chief Information Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Richard Lam, Senior Legal Counsel
David James, Internal Auditor
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Perla Lopez, Special Events Producer
Edward Venegas, Senior Audio/Visual Technician

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period.

The Clerk acknowledged there no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions, Agenda Review and Expectations

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 1.

President Hagman provided opening remarks and had EAC members and staff introduce themselves.

2. SCAG 101: Overview of Organization

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 2.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer provided an overview of the organization which included a review of the SCAG region, vision, mission, core values, primary roles and responsibilities, strategic plan implementation, Executive Team Organizational Chart, agency budget and overall work program, five-year budget history, five-year staffing history, and funding horizon.

The EAC members and staff briefly engaged in discussions about the five-year budget, staffing levels, future projections, and funding sources. Executive Director Ajise also provided background information on STBG/CMAQ funding and SCAG's involvement moving forward.

3. Board Employment Classification Update

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 3.

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, provided an update on the classification of board members as independent contractors versus employees. He explained that an IRS finding regarding Metrolink, which required their board members to transition from 1099 independent contractors to W-2 employees, had prompted SCAG to reassess its own practices. He described the steps taken by SCAG to assess the situation and his presentation included information on the first legal opinion they requested from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW), outside counsel for employment and human resources, which came back indicating that the Board was likely employees. He noted that SCAG's legal department found the opinion to be rather conservative on the control and direction aspects since SCAG was unique in the way it was set up, so they asked Best Best & Krieger (BBK) for a second opinion. He reported that Isabel Safie at BBK directed them to Section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978, a safe harbor provision which allows for an entity to continue to 1099 their independent contractors if they met certain criteria: 1) consistently treated the board as an independent contractor; 2) consistently reported compensation on form 1099; and 3) reasonable basis exists for treating board as non-employees, all of which SCAG met. He further explained that there was another factor that could be considered, and they looked at whether they could demonstrate a long-standing recognized practice at a significant segment of the industry. As a result, he indicated that they reached out to their fellow MPO's, 18 in the state, and got responses from almost all of them. He noted that based on the survey results, they concluded that they would be able to meet Section 530 Safe Harbor provision. He also reported that they asked LCW to look at

this considering these new findings and they had come back indicating that they agreed that Section 530 would likely apply in SCAG's case. To add to this, he also noted that AMBAG let them know that back in 2013 they received notification from the IRS that their board was considered independent contractors and not employees, which was a good precedent to demonstrate that SCAG had a reasonable reason to continue to treat their members as independent contractors under Section 530. Lastly, based on the information presented, staff recommended continuing to treat SCAG's board members as independent contractors, which the EAC agreed with.

President Hagman thanked Board Counsel Duran and staff for going back and researching the issue to come up with a recommendation. President Hagman also noted the liabilities it could bring to SCAG if they needed to start managing breaks, vacation, and workers comp, all expenses that SCAG or other public entities would have to take on.

4. Policy Briefs and Emerging Issues

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 4.

Executive Director Ajise shared that the following presentation would focus on transportation finance, housing, and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Transportation Finance

Anni Nam, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, provided a presentation on the state's effort to prepare a transportation needs assessment for the next 10 years to better understand costs associated with operating, maintaining, and providing for the future growth of the transportation system, including climate change impacts in response to SB 1121. She also noted that the state faces a \$200-300 billion funding shortfall for transportation over the next 10 years and that concerns have been raised about statewide consistency in defining needs and assumptions regarding responsibilities for achieving ambitious statewide goals. She noted that California Transportation Commission staff held two workshops and the focus was on a core set of principles addressing revenue needs, as well as some new funding model scenarios for the state. She also noted that Connect SoCal 2024 included forecasts on the significant revenue decline from Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) adoption and briefly touched upon the guiding principles to identify new revenue sources. She emphasized the importance of sustainable funding sources and the need to address the decline in gas tax revenue to ensure the state's transportation infrastructure can meet future needs. She also touched upon the next steps to advance the revenue conversation and highlighted the importance of being engaged in state process or pilot programs, support for express lanes, the need to elevate equity conversations, and support for local road user charge research and pilots.

The EAC Committee and staff briefly engaged in discussions on next steps to advance the revenue conversation. There was also an emphasis on the importance of continuing advocacy efforts for the region's express lane system. Additionally, discussions focused on how transportation funding is becoming increasingly inequitable and how opportunities to stabilize transportation revenues via a road charge program, can potentially serve to mitigate some of these existing equity challenges.

Housing

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Land Use, provided an overview on the state of housing, housing production, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) housing element compliance, SCAG funding, and technical assistance programs. She briefly provided a historical perspective on building permits issued in the SCAG region for both single family and multi-family units from 1990 to 2023. She also noted in her presentation that as of June 12, 2024, 144 jurisdictions were compliant with their housing elements. She included information on the noncompliant cities and indicated that most of the jurisdictions in this category had a population under 100,000, many having a median household income of \$50,000 or less. She reminded the Committee that SCAG received \$47 million under REAP 1.0, and they were able to allocate funding across the region to over 100 projects and 53 awardees to execute a series of activities that support housing production across the region. Her presentation included information on the REAP 1.0 outcomes and noted that jurisdictions had adopted programs that increased fair housing, developed pre-approved plans, provided technical assistance around housing element work to 121 jurisdictions, and conducted stakeholder engagement which included over 1,500 meetings and engagement by residents, stakeholders, and elected officials. Her presentation also included a brief overview on the REAP 2.0 program and the various efforts that will support housing production through policy, financing and infrastructure planning, and implementation. Lastly, she provided an overview on the State's California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Report. She noted that AB 101 tasked HCD with preparing a report that outlined how to improve the RHNA process. The report was released in April 2024 and is organized by method of implementation as well as by three topic areas: regional determination process, the COG-led processes, such as methodology and appeals, and consistency with the RTP/SCS and growth forecasts. She shared that staff was in the process of reviewing the report and would provide to Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee a summary of the report and how it does or does not respond to SCAG's comment letter.

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, reported that earlier in the year the Governor had cut REAP 2.0 funding from his proposed budget. Her presentation included an update of the advocacy efforts to save the program and request for funding to be reinstated. Efforts consisted of a letter writing campaign from the cities and counties in the SCAG region, getting support from the GLUE Council to show they had support from the private sector, building coalition letters from the County Transportation Commissions and MPO's, and creating material to showcase the REAP 2.0 program. She also highlighted the Sacramento Summit and Strike teams that met with legislative offices, legislators, and assembly members to advocate for the program. Lastly, she

briefly touched upon the different types of legislation that was coming out as a result of the RHNA report such as: AB 3093 (Ward) that would add two new income categories to the RHNA program; SB 7 (Blakespear) that would require outreach to special needs households, shorten timeframe for appeals, eliminate sub-regional delegation, and shorten HCD review of methodology; AB 1335 (Zbur) that would require the RTP/SCS to assume the development of the full RHNA determination within the first eight years of the RTP/SCS planning cycle; and AB 2485 (Carrillo) which would increase transparency of the RHNA determination process.

The Committee and staff discussed efforts to address the housing crisis through advocacy, highlighting the importance of REAP in the state budget, and streamlining the affordable housing development process. They addressed the issue of ADU's and building permit process. Members emphasized the need to increase building permits to meet population needs and for incentive models to encourage builders to prioritize affordable units. It was also suggested studying obstacles to recovery and advocating for legislation.

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, provided an overview of State policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the progress and challenges the SCAG region has faced in meeting ambitious state goals. She briefly addressed the evolution of SCAG's SCS and noted that the goal was to focus on aligning land use planning with transportation investments to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. Also, despite the California Air Resources Board (CARB) SCS report indicating that California was not on track to meet greenhouse gas reductions, she noted that the region had made some advancements in increasing the diversity of house types by adding 500,000 more households and one million more jobs near transit since the adoption of SCAG's first RTP/SCS in 2012. The presentation also focused on how the development pattern had changed across Southern California since the adoption of SB 375, as well as, how transportation investments had shifted to support cleaner mobility. She also highlighted that the region had increased investment in local planning, but cities lacked support and capacity for implementation. She briefly addressed the next steps in relation to SB 375 and discussed the lack of support for implementation, the increasing conflict between federal and state objectives for the regional plan, and technology advancements in relation to E-VMT and GHG. She also reported that it would be good to see reform in certain areas as they work on implementation of the plan.

EAC members reflected on the opportunities and challenges the region has faced, including a lag in housing production, and discussed factors to be considered as part of the target update process and/or legislative reform. Members also discussed the role of technology and the need to reexamine the framework for SB 375 as gas-powered vehicles are replaced by a zero-emission fleet. The need for more resources to address transit safety issues was also addressed. The conversation also centered around alternative transportation solutions and funding strategies.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the EAC Retreat of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:57 p.m. to Friday, June 28, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

Members Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, President

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

Hon. Luis Plancarte, Chair, EEC

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Vice Chair, EEC

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President Appt.

Hon. Jan Harnik, President Appt.

Hon. Larry McCallon, President Appt.

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

Long Beach

Chino Hills

Buena Park

Calabasas

Simi Valley

Santa Paula

Pomona

Riverside

Lynwood

Mission Viejo

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

San Bernadino County

District 30

District 10

District 21

District 44

District 46

Imperial County

District 47

District 38

District 68

District 26

District 13

RCTC

Air District Representative

TGRP Representative

Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC

Hon. Karen Bass, President Appt.

Los Angeles

VCTC

Member-At-Large

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer

Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director Finance

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director Land Use

Annie Nam, Deputy Director Transportation

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer

Julie Schroyer, Chief Information Officer

Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services



David James, Internal Auditor
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Perla Lopez, Special Events Producer
Edward Venegas, Senior Audio/Visual Technician

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Hagman called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recap on Day 1

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 1.

President Hagman indicated they had great conversations the day before and thanked staff for putting a lot of thought into this. He also acknowledged the work that the Policy Committee Chairs would be doing to get business done as they focused on the year ahead.

2. 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly Evaluation

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 2.

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, provided a report on the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly and highlighted metrics used in evaluating the event. The 2024 event exceeded the past year's events in registration, attendance and sponsorship revenue. She also indicated that many attendees reported high satisfaction with the event, indicating that it met or exceeded their expectations.

Committee members provided feedback on the event as well as thoughts for how to improve it in future years. Some points of discussion included ideas for creating more focused networking opportunities during portions of the event, feedback on the use of media during the event and opportunities throughout the program to highlight specific issues in each county. Additionally, the committee expressed interest in receiving updates on event planning throughout the year and the potential for integrating Regional Conference and General Assembly programming with other workshops and panels throughout the year.

3. Presidential Priorities: Regional Council and Policy Committee Outlooks

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 3.

President Hagman and the Committee members engaged in discussions regarding the meeting schedule of the EAC, Policy Committees and Regional Council. Additionally, President Hagman expressed interest in having members return to in-person for all Regional Council meetings, while allowing for both in-person and remote participation options for the Policy Committees and other committees of SCAG. He also reiterated his interest in SCAG playing a leadership role on emerging technologies across all policy areas, including through more dialogue and information sharing during the Regional Council meetings.

The EAC discussed the structure of the Regional Council meeting and members' interest in reserving time to discuss cross-cutting issues by relying more upon the Policy Committees to take a larger role in addressing the business issues within their purview. This approach would minimize duplicative presentations at the Policy Committees and Regional Council, and instead, Policy Committee Chairs would be asked to briefly report out to the Regional Council on the recommended action items from their respective Policy Committees.

Ms. Jepson also acknowledged the accomplishments from the previous year and shared a preliminary set of priorities for 2024-2025 that were developed with feedback from President Hagman. She noted that they would continue progress on the Presidential Priorities focusing Regional Council leadership on goods movement, transit recovery, and clean transportation technology with an emphasis on optimizing emerging technologies. She also shared with the EAC preliminary outlooks for each of the Policy Committees and noted that individual meetings would be set up with the Chairs and Vice Chairs prior to the September meetings to finalize the Policy Committee Outlooks.

Ms. Cartagena briefly discussed the ways members could get involved, whether through legislative advocacy, participating in the mobile workshops or attending project milestone events.

4. Wrap up

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided a brief recap of the discussions from the prior day regarding transportation finance, housing, and the SCS revamp. He also expressed appreciation for the member feedback on the General Assembly and how they could make the 60th Anniversary General Assembly a great event next year. He also highlighted the conversation they had on the priorities, the Policy Committee Outlooks, and the meeting schedule for the Regional Council and Policy Committees.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the EAC Retreat of the Executive Administration Committee at 10:16 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2024-25																	Total Mtg: Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	6-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1												3
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1												3
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1												3
Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1												3
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1												3
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1												3
Sup. Luis Plancarte, Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	1	1												3
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Vice Chair, EEC	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1												3
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	0	1												1
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	0	0												1
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	0	1	1												2
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	1												3
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large		0	0												0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	0	1												2
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1	1	1												3
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative		1	1												2
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1												2
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	0	1	1												2
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - June 27, 2024 through June 28,



AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director
(213) 236-1836, Chidsey@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Approve SCAG Participation at the LACI Transportation Electrification Partnership (TEP) International Study Trip, September 1-10, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive Administration Committee, on behalf of the Regional Council, approve: 1) travel and participation of one (1) Regional Council Board Member, in accordance with Article VIII, Section F of the Regional Council Policy Manual, and up to two (2) staff members, in accordance with the SCAG Employee Travel Policy, in the Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator (LACI) Transportation Electrification Partnership (TEP) International Study Trip, September 1-10, 2024; and 2) the estimated expenditure of approximately \$25,500 to cover participant fees and other travel-related costs which will be allocated from SCAG’s FY24-25 General Fund Budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG has been invited to be part of a delegation that will have the unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with European counterparts to learn about innovative policy, technology, and business models in effect in three cities leading the way in various aspects of transportation electrification policy and deployment, and to partake in experiential learning through site visits of businesses and multi-modal transit projects. The delegation seeks to expose California public policy leaders to key policies and best practices driving transportation electrification in regions with high Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption and extensive public transit use. Per SCAG’s Regional Council Policy Manual and the Employee Travel Policy, foreign travel requires the Regional Council’s approval.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG has been invited by LACI to participate in a delegation of senior public and private sector leaders who are shaping the future of California’s transportation electrification on a professional study trip to London (England), Oslo (Norway), and Munich (Germany). The event is a 10-day trip where delegates will have the opportunity to meet with European officials and industry leaders to

learn about innovative policy, technology, and business models in effect in these leading cities, and to be exposed to new ideas that could serve as the basis for innovation in Southern California. Each of the three cities to be visited has committed to bold transportation electrification, climate, and air quality goals, and is leading on a variety of policy innovations. The delegation is focused on three key areas: passenger vehicle electrification, multi-modal transit expansion, and electrification of goods movements.

Delegates will meet with officials responsible for implementing:

- Deployment of EV charging infrastructure
- Land use and permitting policies to support EVSE deployment
- Zero emission zones and/or congestion pricing
- Electrification of public transit (buses and rail)
- Electrification of trucking to serve ports

Identifying strategies to accelerate clean transportation and mitigating the negative impact of the transportation system on regional air quality have been long standing priorities for SCAG. With the advancement and proliferation of clean transportation technologies, coupled with the urgency of addressing climate change, the vision of a zero-emission transportation system is a core component of SCAG's 2024 Connect SoCal, Regional Transportation/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS). Participation in LACI's TEP International Study Trip would further SCAG's efforts to create and maintain partnerships with other nations to exchange valuable information that support these efforts. SCAG will also have the opportunity to network with influential California State Officials and policymakers who are part of the delegation. The trip will be co-hosted by Liane Randolph, Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

LACI is a nonprofit organization established by the City of Los Angeles and seeks to create an inclusive green economy by: unlocking innovation through working with startups to accelerate the commercialization of clean technologies, transforming markets through partnerships with policymakers, innovators and market leaders in transportation, energy and sustainable cities; and enhancing communities through workforce development, pilots and other programs. Founded as an economic development initiative by the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Water and Power (LADWP), LACI is recognized as one of the most innovative business incubators in the world by UBI.

SCAG staff is seeking approval for one (1) Regional Council Board Member and up to two (2) staff members' participation and travel for an estimated expenditure of \$25,500. Per SCAG Travel Policy, foreign travel requires the Regional Council's approval.



FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed expenditure of approximately \$25,500, and the expenditure of additional funds to cover actual travel expenses and per diems, will be allocated from SCAG's FY24-25 General Fund Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Save the Date: Transportation Electrification Partnership International Study Trip
2. LACI European EV Delegation Trip Overview



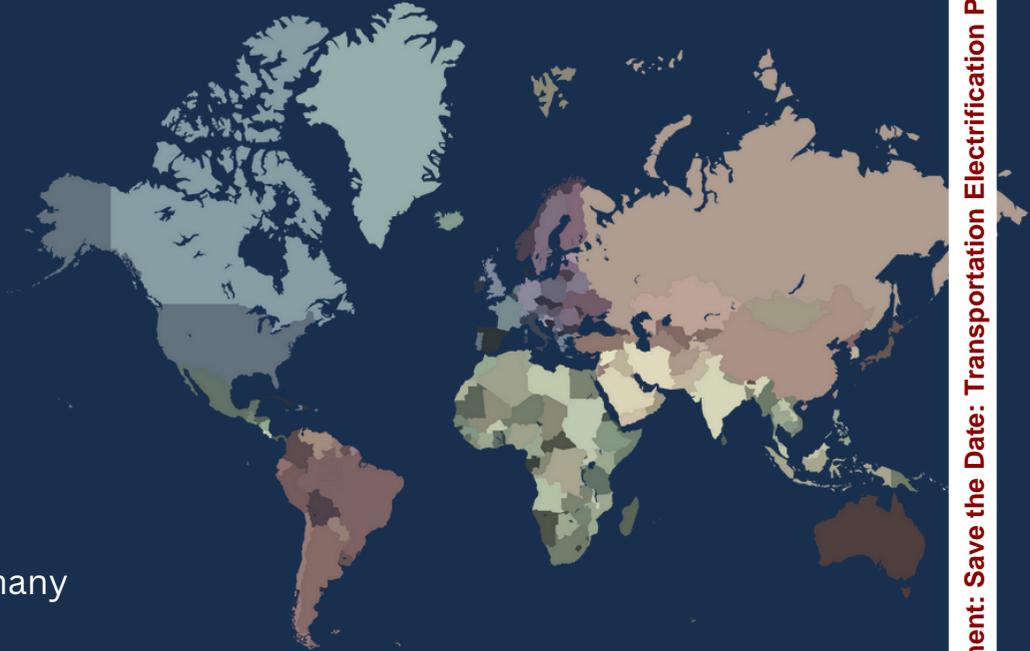
Save the Date

TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PARTNERSHIP (TEP)

International Study Trip

- 01 Sept 24 ● Depart California
- 02 Sept 24 ● London
 - Parliament Climate Cabinet
 - Mayor of London’s Office
 - Port of London
 - Smart Mobility Living Lab
- 04 Sept 24 ● Oslo
 - Ministry of Climate + Environment
(National Climate Agency)
 - Klima Oslo
(City Climate Agency)
 - Port of Oslo
- 06 Sept 24 ● Munich
 - TEP Members BMW + Audi
 - Weekend in Munich
 - Meet on Monday w/ Munich & Germany
Climate Agency officials
- 10 Sept 24 ● Depart Europe

During this trip, you will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with European counterparts to learn about innovative policy, technology and business models in effect in these leading cities, and to be exposed to new ideas that could serve as the basis for innovation in California. Each of the three cities to be visited has committed to bold climate and air quality goals, and is leading on a variety of policy innovations.



Attachment: Save the Date: Transportation Electrification Partnership International Study Trip

If Interested please indicate intial interest [here!](#)



TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PARTNERSHIP (TEP)

International Study Trip Information

Overview

We are planning to visit London, Oslo, and Munich (September 1-10), all of which have committed to bold climate and air quality goals, and are leading on a variety of policy innovations. We will meet with and learn firsthand from those who have been leading on these innovations, no doubt sparking new ideas for us to adapt and adopt here in the LA region and across California.

The initiative aims to unite key California leaders in transportation electrification to meet European counterparts to explore innovative policies, technologies, and business models to inspire California. The delegation aims to understand EV transportation barriers and solutions by uniting key stakeholders.

We will also have the pleasure of traveling with a stellar group of participants, each of whom is an expert in various aspects of transportation electrification policy, technology and innovation. I'm pleased to share that **CARB Chair Randolph is confirmed to co-host the trip from Sept 2 - 9!**

Below please find more details on the trip objectives, logistics, and costs.

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Travel and Accommodations:

The Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) will arrange all **international flights, lodging, local and intra-European travel, and some meals**. To make this possible, we'd like to ask private sector partners to contribute **\$12,000** for your participation (and of course would welcome additional sponsorship if one of the other packages is an option for you all). This contribution will cover the aforementioned costs and support overall expenses. It will also enable us to cover the travel costs of public officials, which is crucial given budget cuts affecting city and state officials.

The Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) intends to raise funds to cover base attendance costs for public sector partners who are affected by budget constraints. Otherwise, we ask that public or not for profit partners cover base travel costs of **\$6000**. This includes the costs for international airfare, intra-European travel, lodging, and meals during group activities.

We have limited space and funding available. Please indicate if you'd like to attend by **Wednesday, July 17th, 2024**.

In the event you would like to attend, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/sbWN1RTpYxyZdDG96>

Trip Objectives:

This trip was born out of needs identified by TEP partners working diligently to foster deployment of EVs. We developed this trip as a way to broaden the horizons of possibilities for California and the EV market as a whole. In TEP, we focus on three key areas: passenger vehicle electrification, multi-modal transit expansion, and electrification of goods movement. In these three areas we've identified a multitude of opportunities for improvement, specifically around topics such as:

- Deployment of EV charging infrastructure
- Land use and permitting policies to support EVSE deployment
- Zero emission zones and/or congestion pricing
- Electrification of public transit (buses and rail)
- Electrification of trucking to serve ports

During this exciting trip – our primary objectives are to:

- Expose California public policy leaders to key policies and best practices driving transportation electrification in regions with high EV adoption and extensive public transit use.
- Meet with European policymakers leading innovative transportation strategies to exchange insights and foster new solutions.

- Facilitate experiential learning through site visits to understand potential transportation electrification and multi-modal transit projects.
- Explore European business models to assess connections with U.S. and California transportation priorities, identifying opportunities for future collaboration.
- We will share pre-meeting materials to help align delegation to specific projects we'll visit and alignment between policies in each city to help provide a base understanding of the exciting work we will encounter in Europe!

Agenda:

The delegation will visit London, Oslo, and Munich. At a high-level, the delegation will —

Visit London – September 2 - 3, 2024:

- Meet with the **City of London** Mayor's team to discuss the Mayor's Transport Strategy, key successes, and challenges.
- Meet with **Transport for London (TFL)** in London to participate in learning sessions about important topics driving London transport policy
 - Ultra-low emission zones
 - Bus electrification
 - EV infrastructure deployment
- Visit **London's Smart Mobility lab** to meet with several mobility startups
- Visit the **Port of London** to learn about port decarbonization strategies

Visit Oslo – September 4 - 5, 2024:

- Meet with Oslo's municipal climate agency, **KlimaOslo**, to participate in learning sessions about important topics driving Norwegian EV solutions:
 - Public Transit Electrification
 - Goods Movement Electrification
 - Construction Services Electrification
- Roundtable Discussion between California representatives and KlimaOslo on shared barriers for interconnection
- Site visit to KlimaOslo zero-emission construction site
- Meet with **Norway's Ministry of Climate and Environment** to learn how Norway's national government is working to accelerate EV adoption. We will meet with:
 - State Secretary: Sigrun Gjerløw Aasland
 - Deputy Director General of Department for Climate Change: Anders Andgard

Visit Munich – September 6 - 10, 2024:

- Meet with **BMW** headquarters team to learn more innovative strategies to drive mobility in Munich and abroad
- Visit with **UnternehmerTUM** to learn about Mobility Research aimed at addressing socially disadvantaged groups and neighborhoods with sustainable mobility innovations
- Walking tour with the **City of Munich** of Mobility Projects
- Convene City transportation and **Daimler, Head of Bus Sales** to discuss the transformation of cities and urban bus operations to zero emissions/electro-mobility
- Meet with **Audi** leadership

If you have topics you would like to explore, please reach out to share that information!

Sponsorship Opportunities:

International Lead Sponsor – \$50,000:

- Sponsor of the International trip on all event program materials and marketing
- Recognition:
 - Logo and name on event marketing materials before and after the events
 - Social media recognition
 - In-event appreciation
- Event Sponsor: Options for sponsorship to additionally include (These events can also be sponsored separately):
 - Opening Dinner – \$6,000
 - Closing Reception – \$7,500
 - Trip Roundtable – \$5,000

City Sponsor (London, Oslo, or Munich) – \$25,000:

- Sponsor on the Oslo leg of the trip on all event program materials and marketing
- Sponsorship would include lodging, food, local transport and interpretation for 15 delegates
- Recognition:
 - Logo and name on event marketing materials before and after the events
 - Social media recognition
 - In-event appreciation



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director
(213) 236-1836, Chidsey@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Approve SCAG Participation in an International Forum at the 30th ITS
World Congress in Dubai, September 16-20, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive Administration Committee, acting on behalf of the Regional Council, approve: 1) travel and participation of Regional Council President Curt Hagman, in accordance with Article VIII, Section F of the Regional Council Policy Manual, and Executive Director Kome Ajise, in accordance with the SCAG Employee Travel Policy, in an International Forum at the 30th ITS World Congress in Dubai, September 16-20, 2024; and 2) the estimated expenditure of approximately \$10,400 to cover participant fees and travel-related costs which will be allocated from SCAG's FY24-25 General Fund Budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

ERTICO-ITS Europe, the Road Transport Authority of Dubai, ITS America and ITS Asia-Pacific has invited both President Curt Hagman and Executive Director Kome Ajise to speak at an international forum as panelists at the 30th ITS World Congress in Dubai, which is scheduled for September 16-20, 2024. Per SCAG's Regional Council Policy Manual and the Employee Travel Policy, foreign travel requires the Regional Council's approval.

BACKGROUND:

Both President Curt Hagman and Executive Director Kome Ajise have been invited by ERTICO-ITS Europe, the Road Transport Authority of Dubai, ITS America and ITS Asia-Pacific to participate on panels in an international forum at the 30th ITS World Congress in Dubai. President Hagman will serve on a panel where the topic of discussion will be on "Leveraging Connected Automated Vehicles" (CAV) to Improve Fuel Economy. Extensive research has been performed to demonstrate that CAV technology can improve the safety of driving. The session will focus on how the industry can utilize telematics data and CAV technology to improve sustainability.

Executive Director Ajise will serve on the panel “Electrification: A Green Revolution Against Climate Change?”, which will assess the role of charging infrastructure, financial incentives, and exploration of alternative fuels like hydrogen in the battle against climate change. Discussion will also be focused on cutting-edge technological advancements that can help lay to rest some of the current concerns.

The event will also display the host city’s achievements in the field of smart mobility and provide a valuable occasion for the ITS Community from around the world to exchange ideas and showcase leading-edge solutions for mobility and transport.

Participation in the ITS World Congress would further SCAG’s efforts to create and maintain partnerships with other nations to exchange valuable information and ideas in mobility.

SCAG staff is seeking approval for President Hagman and Executive Director Ajise’s participation and travel for an estimated expenditure of approximately \$9,400 for registration, travel and accommodations, and \$1,000 for incidentals, for a total of \$10,400. Per SCAG Travel Policy, foreign travel requires the Regional Council’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed expenditure of up to \$10,400 will be allocated from SCAG’s FY24-25 General Fund Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Invitation Letter Ertico ITS Europe
2. Electrification A Green Revolution Against Climate Change Panel Description
3. Leveraging CAV to Improve Fuel Economy
4. ITS World Congress Dubai 2024 Day-to-Day-Program Overview

May 28, 2024

Mr Kome Ajise
Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
United States

Dear Mr Kome,

RE: Invitation to speak in an International Forum at the 30th ITS World Congress in Dubai

On behalf of ERTICO-ITS Europe, the Road Transport Authority of Dubai, ITS America and ITS Asia-Pacific, we are delighted to invite you to be a panellist in a high-level International Forum at the [30th ITS World Congress](#). The event will be held in Dubai this year **from 16 to 20 September** under the overall theme of *Mobility Driven by ITS*.

The topic of the Forum is ***Electrification: A Green Revolution Against Climate Change?*** The details of the session are provided on the following page.

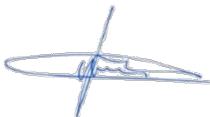
Being amongst the leaders in the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems with a clear vision to make mobility safer, smarter and more sustainable, Dubai is an excellent venue for the ITS World Congress. This outstanding event will display the host city's achievements in the field of smart mobility, and provide a valuable occasion for the ITS Community from around the world to exchange ideas and showcase leading-edge solutions for mobility and transport. The 2024 ITS World Congress is targeting up to 15,000 international participants.

Besides the high-level fora and plenary sessions, the Congress will offer a strong technical programme of special interest and strategic future sessions, as well as technical and research paper sessions. The exhibition and demonstration areas will feature the latest innovations for Congress delegates to witness and experience. Delegates will have the option to join technical visits around the city. There will also be social events with opportunities to network and form fruitful alliances.

In light of your prominent position and expertise in the field, we would be honoured to have you share your views during this session. We do hope that you will join us. We look forward to welcoming you at the Dubai World Trade Centre in September!

Yours sincerely,

Joost Vantomme



CEO
ERTICO - ITS Europe

Laura Chace



President & CEO
ITS America

Akio Yamamoto



Secretary General
ITS Asia-Pacific

International Forum – IF8: Electrification: A Green Revolution Against Climate Change?

Date and Time: 19 September, 14:00-15:30

Location: Dubai World Trade Centre, Sheikh Maktoum Hall B & C

Session Description: Electrification is rapidly emerging as a frontline solution in the global battle against climate change. This transformative technology is making strides in reducing emissions and fostering a sustainable future. Robust charging infrastructure is fundamental to the success of transport electrification. Charging networks that can assuage range anxiety and ensure easy access to clean energy are doing much to promote the use of electric vehicles (EVs).

However, there are some deterrents to the widespread use adoption of electric vehicles: prominent among them being the financial cost involved, not only of the vehicle but also of setting up the infrastructure, and limitations of grid capacity in many regions.

Alongside electrification, alternative energy sources such as hydrogen are also coming into focus in the fight to reduce emissions. Hydrogen offers promising potential for various applications, including fuel cells and heavy transport.

This Forum will assess the role of charging infrastructure, financial incentives, and exploration of alternative fuels like hydrogen in the battle against climate change. What are some of the cutting-edge technological advancements that can help lay to rest some of the current concerns? Investment in electrification of the transportation sector appears to be a sure and significant step towards a cleaner, healthier planet, but how big is the cost?

Format: The session will start with a keynote speaker (around 8 minutes) and will be followed by a moderated panel discussion with five speakers. Panellists may use no more than three (3) PowerPoint slides, if necessary.

Confirmation of Acceptance by June 10, 2024 is appreciated: For further information and to confirm your acceptance of this invitation please contact Susan Nicoletti (snicoletti@itsa.org).

More information about registration and a detailed speaker briefing will be sent at a later stage.

Visit the Congress website for more information about the event: itsworldcongress.com

Thank you.

Leveraging CAV to Improve Fuel Economy, Wednesday 11:00 to 12:30, description:

Extensive research has been performed to demonstrate that CAV technology can improve the safety of driving. Another benefit of the technology is that it can be leveraged to improve fuel economy and reduce emissions if the technology is tuned to both address safety and more efficient operation of the vehicle. While many countries are pushing to eliminate the internal combustion engine the reality is that complete electric vehicle adoption is a very long way away, we need to be looking at how to more efficiently use vehicles with any type of propulsion. The U.S. Department of Energy has recently funded several programs that have demonstrated significant improvements in both fuel economy and reduced emissions. This session will focus on how the industry can utilize telematics data and CAV technology to improve sustainability.

Moderator: Steve Dellenback, Southwest Research Institute Speakers:

1. Mike Brown, Southwest Research Institute
2. Carl Anderson, U.S. Department of Transportation
3. Tamara Djukic, ERTICO
4. Martin Boehm, Austria Tech
5. Curt Hagman, SCAG

The panel date and time:

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
11:00am – 12:30pm (Gulf Standard Time).
Dubai, UAE

The panel moderator indicated that he would schedule a panel brainstorming session about 30-days before the conference.

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AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee, acting on behalf of the Regional Council, approve up to \$35,772 for memberships and sponsorships with 1) the American Public Transportation Association (\$5,772) and 2) the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (\$30,000).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its June 18, 2024, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$35,772 to renew memberships with 1) the American Public Transportation Association (\$5,772) and 2) the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (\$30,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: American Public Transit Association (APTA)
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$5,772

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is a leading force in advancing public transportation. APTA members include transit systems, government agencies, manufacturers, suppliers, consulting firms, contractors, and other business partners. To strengthen and improve public transportation, APTA serves and leads its diverse membership through advocacy, innovation, and information sharing. An annual membership provides SCAG access to the highest-quality tools, resources, and programs, including advocacy efforts, networking and partnership opportunities, the latest industry research and data, and professional development. These benefits are valuable considering recent and continued work in Congress on providing aid to transit agencies in light of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and its aftermath on transit systems, as well as transportation reauthorization legislation and spending bills.



SCAG is seeking to renew its membership with APTA in the “Category D – Governmental Agencies” level of \$5,772. This is the same cost as last year’s membership with APTA and is consistent across non-operating state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and governmental agencies, including agencies of local or regional levels of government responsible for the planning and/or development of public transit system.

Item 2: Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$30,000

The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) is a nonprofit membership organization established in 1994 to serve the needs and interests of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) nationwide. AMPO offers member MPOs technical assistance and training, frequent updates on federal policy, research findings and analysis, and conferences, workshops, and forums for collaboration and peer sharing. SCAG became a member of AMPO in November 2023 and paid \$15,000 in dues, which is half of the usual cost since our membership started almost halfway into the fiscal year. SCAG is now renewing its membership for the next full fiscal year at the full cost of \$30,000.

AMPO’s annual national conference provides a robust program covering current issues, including the future of transportation, data collection, legislative issues, and roundtable discussions relating to MPOs from all regions. Additionally, AMPO members can join the member-run Technical Committee. This committee works to define planning practices that develop key transportation proposals via various technical support, including active transportation initiatives, emerging technologies, GIS and data visualization, and more.

FY 2024-2025 dues are calculated by multiplying the 2010 urbanized area (UZA) population by .006 for non-TMA (Transportation Management Area) MPOs or .007 for TMA MPOs (UZA Population x .006 or .007), which amounts to \$30,000 for SCAG. Membership includes the following:

- 7 Online Discussion Forums focused on Active Transportation, Data, GIS and data Visualization, Core Products, Environment and resiliency, Socioeconomic Forecasting, and Emerging Technologies.
- Invitation to AMPO’s annual conference with hundreds of other planners nationwide
- Access to the Spring Planning Tools & Training Symposium, which is a biennial event that provides a technical deep dive to advance the practices of MPOs.
- Access to archived and current policy materials drafted by the AMPO Policy Committee on the future metropolitan vision.
- Legislative tracking and regular updates on all Congressional items relating to transportation systems and metropolitan planning.

- The opportunity to hold a seat (MPO members) on the AMPO Policy Committee. This Committee is the liaison between the AMPO Board/Staff and the MPO Community.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$35,772 for memberships with 1) the American Public Transportation Association (\$5,772) and 2) the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (\$30,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on June 18, 2024. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$35,772 for membership with APTA and AMPO is included in the approved FY 24-25 General Fund Budget.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's
Approval Threshold

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000:

Vendor	Description	Amount
FUTUREPORTS	MEMBERSHIP	\$5,000
CALCOG	POLITICO PRO SUBSCRIPTION	\$5,450
LIGHTWERKS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	MONITOR REPLACEMENT	\$5,731
BMO BANK	LINE OF CREDIT FEES	\$6,500
SERVICE EXPRESS INC	RENEWAL	\$7,077
THE ADVANTAGE GROUP	FSA ADMIN FEES	\$7,500
CITYCOM REAL ESTATE SERVICES INC	RENT FOR SAN BERNARDINO OFFICE	\$8,000
UCR FOUNDATION BOURNS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	CALIFORNIA GRID MEMBERSHIP	\$9,500
DEV PARTNERSHIPS INC DBA TOMORROWS WORLD	TRAFFIC SAFETY FAIR DISPLAY	\$9,500
LOS AMIGOS DE LA COMUNIDAD INC	TRAFFIC SAFETY FAIR DISPLAY	\$9,950
CICLAVIA INC	CICLAVIA OPEN STREETS EVENT	\$10,000
IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	RENT FOR IMPERIAL OFFICE	\$12,000



1-800-PACK-RAT LLC	KIT OF PARTS STORAGE & DELIVERY	\$12,500
BMO CASH MANAGEMENT	MONEY MKT ACCOUNT FEES	\$16,000
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ONTARIO	EAC RETREAT	\$16,192
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP	\$20,000
CARROT FERTILITY, INC.	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT, ANNUAL FEE	\$25,000
VCCF NON-PROFIT CENTER LLC	RENT FOR VENTURA OFFICE	\$31,000
LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	EMPLOYMENT LAW RENEWAL	\$40,000
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE-FACILITIES	RENT FOR RIVERSIDE OFFICE	\$94,000
HANJIN INTERNATIONAL CORP	RENT FOR LOS ANGELES OFFICE	\$2,795,925

SCAG executed the following Contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
First American Data & Analytics 24-050-C01	The consultant shall provide SCAG with a parcel database for use in the development of an integrated land use database.	\$34,500
Strato Communications, Inc. 24-052-C01	Renewal of the Robin Hoteling Software used by SCAG employees to view, book, change, and cancel their desk reservations at the Los Angeles office.	\$49,718
Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) HR Consulting 24-036-C01	The consultant shall provide access to a full-service comprehensive training program that offers a diverse curriculum that is essential for developing and retaining SCAG’s talent.	\$198,475

SCAG executed the following Contract Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 and 30% of the initial contract value:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Arup US, Inc. 23-042-C01 Amendment 1	The consultant shall continue to support the stakeholder engagement process for the Highways to Boulevards Regional Study.	\$24,892
Johnson Squared Consulting 22-017-C01 Amendment 3	The consultant shall continue to support the Human Resources Division in implementing the IDEA Program (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness).	\$30,000
System Metrics Group, Inc. 21-048-MRFP 12 Amendments 3 & 4	The consultant shall provide support to advance the implementation strategies identified in Connect SoCal 2024 and the Racial Equity Early Action Plan.	\$64,690



Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
WSP USA, Inc. 21-033-C01 Amendment 5	The consultant shall provide necessary refinements to the TDM Model, enabling more accurate forecasts and better planning for the region's transportation future.	\$70,917
HDR Engineering, Inc. 22-062-C01 Amendment 3	The consultant shall continue to support the SCAG Broadband Planning Program.	\$72,370

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-050-C01
2. Contract Summary 24-052-C01
3. Contract Summary 24-036-C01
4. Contract Summary 23-042-C01 Amend. 1
5. Contract Summary 22-017-C01 Amend. 3
6. Contract Summary 21-048-MRFP-12 Amend. 3 & 4
7. Contract Summary 21-033-C01 Amend. 5
8. Contract Summary 22-062-C01 Amend. 3

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-050-C01

Recommended Consultant: First American Data & Analytics dba First American Data Tree

Background & Scope of Work: SCAG is seeking a qualified vendor to provide a regional parcel database with property attributes that are consistent with the data from County tax assessor offices. The purpose of this project is to provide SCAG with a parcel database for use in the development of an integrated land use database and estimating existing housing units. The parcel database will be augmented by joining parcel-level information for employment, households, and buildings.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The purpose of this project is to provide SCAG with a parcel database for use in the development of an integrated land use database and estimating existing housing units.

1. The parcel database will include the following information: location, land use, units, value, property size, structure, and so on.
2. The parcel database will facilitate analysis, mapping, and querying parcel-level attributes such as improvements and latest sales values.
3. The parcel database will facilitate rooftop geocoding of locations identified by their address or Assessor Parcel Number (APN).

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$34,500**

First American Data & Analytics (prime consultant) \$34,500

Note: First American Data & Analytics originally proposed \$34,500. Their initial cost proposal was below SCAG PM’s cost estimate and deemed fair and reasonable.

Contract Period: June 28, 2024 through June 28, 2025

Project Number(s): 055-0704E.02\$34,500
Funding source(s): Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Funding of \$34,500 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 055-0704E.02.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 5,440 firms of the release of RFP 24-050 via the PlanetBids website and emailed the invitation to bid. A total of 33 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation. After receiving only one (1) proposal, staff surveyed 33 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Only one (1) firm responded to staff’s inquiry, which disclosed the main reason the firm did not respond to the published RFP was that they were inept to meet the requirements listed in the Scope of Work, thus determining they would not be a good fit for SCAG. Note staff advertised the RFP during the normal four (4) week period. Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer. Staff requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed with evaluating the single offer

Attachment: Contract Summary 24-050-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

received. Staff believes that soliciting for a second time would not yield a different result and needed to maintain the project's schedule and, therefore, proceed to evaluate the one (1) offer.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) reviewed the one (1) offer received and determined the firm possessed the skills and qualifications to perform the tasks listed in the project's scope of work.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Chelo-Ho Lee, Senior Modeler, SCAG
- John Cho, Senior Modeler, SCAG
- Jisu Lee, Senior Modeler, SCAG
- Jung Seo, Planning Supervisor, SCAG
- Sungbin Cho, Principal Modeler, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended First American Data & Analytics for the contract award because they the consultant proposed the lowest price and demonstrated the best understanding of the project by providing all required elements and standardized land use code.

First American Data & Analytics provided the required sample data, and the sample data they provided allowed the PRC the ability to properly evaluate the quality of the potential deliverable, that being a complete fill rate dataset.

The subject contract award is in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual, 7.3 Noncompetitive Procurement, which authorizes the Executive Director or designee to approve non-competitive negotiated contracts/sole source.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-052-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Strato Communications, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work:

In June 2021, SCAG procured Robin Hoteling Software in preparation for staff’s transition from remote work to a hybrid work schedule. This software has been instrumental in facilitating an organized and well-structured system for sharing and reserving desks and office space in the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

SCAG staff has since renewed this software twice on an annual basis. For continuity of services, to reduce the administrative processes, and to lock in pricing, SCAG staff has procured a three-year renewal contract.

The following is a breakdown of the services provided under SCAG’s current Robin Software:

1. Provide web-based access for employees to view, book, change and cancel their desk hoteling reservations.
2. Provide a check-in method (QR code, etc.) for employees to check in at the hoteling space.
3. Provide the ability to locate another employee, where they are hoteling, and to share workspace reservations.
4. Allow visibility of office amenities and their locations, such as printers.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

1. Provide a method for SCAG administrator to designate areas (neighborhoods, teams) that are specifically for reservation by select departments/individuals.
2. Provide the ability to include views and booking functionalities for all six SCAG office locations (Los Angeles main office plus 5 smaller satellite offices).
3. Provide options to administratively reserve or block off hoteling resources as needed.
4. Provide reporting capabilities to track attendance (safety/emergency use), usage trends, etc.
5. Allow administrators to send automatic workspace notifications.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed **\$49,718**

Strato Communications, Inc. (prime consultant) \$49,718

Note: Strato Communications, Inc. originally proposed \$49,718, and staff determined the cost proposed was fair and reasonable.

Contract Period:

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

Project Number(s): 810-0120.17 \$49,718
Funding source(s): Indirect Cost (IC)

Funding of \$15,572 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810-0120.17. Funding for this contract's second and third years will be included in future budgets.

Request for Quote (RFQ): SCAG staff notified three (3) firms of the release of RFQ 24-052 via email invitation. A total of two (2) firms responded to the Request for Quotes (RFQ). Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Consistent with SCAG's Informal Procurement Procedures (for procurements estimated to be less than \$50,000), staff solicited offers from the most qualified firms.

Strato Communications, Inc. (no subconsultants)	\$49,718
Natix (no subconsultants)	\$49,888

Selection Process: This solicitation was conducted as an Informal Procurement/RFQ under \$50,000, as authorized under the SCAG Procurement Manual §3.3. The lowest responsive bid was submitted by Strato Communications.

Although an RFQ does not require an official Proposal Review Committee (PRC) and PRC evaluation/score sheets, the following individuals reviewed the submitted bids to ensure that the proposals were responsive to the specifications in the RFQ. The PRC evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Julie Shroyer, CIO, SCAG
- James Ramirez, Principal HR Analyst, SCAG
- Tonia Reeves, Jackson, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Strato Communications, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:

- After reviewing the offers received, the PRC confirmed the award to the lowest responsive cost proposal.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-036-C01

Recommended Consultant: Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) HR Consulting

Background & Scope of Work: Over the past five years, SCAG has experienced substantial growth, including hiring several new staff and promoting many employees into leadership roles. To ensure that all employees are set up for success and feel supported throughout their employment journey, it is crucial to provide continuous opportunities for growth and development. Access to a full-service comprehensive training program that offers a diverse curriculum is essential for developing and retaining SCAG’s talent.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitating blended learning courses, including virtual and in-person sessions, on a breadth of skills critical to employee development and success
- Provide coaching for management employees ranging from supervisors to executive-level, as well as individual contributors as needed
- Create custom curriculum development for SCAG-identified training needs and performance gaps
- Support additional HR initiatives, including but not limited to succession planning, workforce planning, and other strategic HR services identified.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$198,475**
CPS HR Consulting (prime consultant) \$198,475

Contract Period: June 10, 2024 through June 9, 2027

Project Number(s): 810-0120.04 \$198,475
Funding source(s): Indirect Cost (IC)

Funding of \$86,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Indirect Cost Project Number(s) 810-0120.04, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Basis for Selection: SCAG procured this service using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with the County of Orange’s Contract #RCA-017-20010005), which was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically made available for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for CSP HR to provide organizational development services such as Leadership Coaching and HR Support service and to provide other training and coaching on various topics to SCAG staff.

Attachment: Contract Summary 24-036-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-042-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 1

Consultant: Arup US, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On November 13, 2023, SCAG awarded Contract 23-042-C01 to Arup US, Inc. to provide support to SCAG in leading a Highways to Boulevards Regional Study. The Study identifies opportunities to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways or railways that create barriers to community connectivity, and in doing so, it furthers Connect SoCal’s vision to create a more healthy, prosperous, and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future.

Amendment 1 expands Task 2.2 “Stakeholder Engagement Process,” by adding Sub-Task 2.2.1 “Community-Based Organization (CBO) Engagement,” that will provide valuable community input on potential projects as well as provide materials to assist SCAG staff seeking input in the conceptual design phase of the 6-10 projects. This amendment also increases the contract value from \$574,529 to \$599,421 (by \$24,892).

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing existing conditions and all ongoing highways to boulevards, freeway caps, and railroad conversion efforts in the region;
- Establishing a framework and a set of metrics for the identification of transportation facilities to reconnect communities;
- Implementing a robust and meaningful engagement strategy;
- Identifying and evaluating projects in the region that are potentially viable candidates for future improvements for reconnecting with communities, particularly those intersecting with Priority Equity Communities;
- Developing conceptual designs for a subset of priority projects; and
- Creating a guide to support jurisdictions seeking to mitigate the negative impacts of transportation facility bifurcation.

Amendment	Amendment 1	\$24,892
Amount:	Original contract value	<u>\$574,529</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$599,421

Contract Period: November 13, 2023 through June 30, 2025

Project Number:	275.4923K3.01	\$19,914
	275.4923UB.01	\$4,407
	275.4923E.01	\$571

Funding sources: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA PL), FY23 SB1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula, and TDA.

Funding of \$24,892 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) listed above. The unspent funds will be carried forward into the FY 2024-25 OWP Budget Program.

**Basis for the
Amendment:**

The current CBO engagement is limited to focus groups. Without expanding, CBO engagement would not allow SCAG to gather valuable community input and understand community needs. This amendment will provide valuable community input crucial for the final project selection.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-017-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 3

Recommended Consultant: Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC

Background & Scope of Work: On March 29, 2022, SCAG awarded Contract 22-017-C01 to Johnson Squared Consulting, LLC to provide professional consulting services in the IDEA areas – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness. The consultant analyzes, assesses, strategizes, and implements ongoing solutions in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion and supports the Human Resources division by facilitating workshops and trainings on IDEA to provide education to and increase the competencies of all staff.

This amendment increases the contract value from \$194,478 to \$224,478 (by \$30,000). This increase is due to the consultant overseeing the facilitation of SCAG’s bi-annual pulse survey, which measures organizational progress towards policy enhancements, staff wellbeing, mental health, feelings of burnout, employee recognition, and retention. The consultant administers the survey allowing staff an anonymous avenue to provide feedback to SCAG, and the consultant thoroughly analyzes the data to provide key findings and intersectional views of the organization. Further, the additional funding will provide resources for research and develop a potential future framework for employee resource groups as well as identify a long-range strategy for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) cross-divisional staff committee.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- 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.

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 3	\$30,000
	Amendment 2 (administrative – no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Original contract value	<u>\$194,478</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$224,478

Contract Period: September 29, 2022 through June 30, 2025

Project Number(s): 810-0120.04 \$30,000
Funding source: Indirect Cost Fund

Funding of \$30,000 is available in the FY 2023-24 Indirect Cost budget in the Project Number listed above. The unspent funds will be carried forward in the FY 2024-25 budget.

**Basis for the
Amendment:**

The basis for this amendment is to ensure funding to continue engaging with staff to ensure they feel valued, heard, and belong within the organization. SCAG is committed to conducting the pulse survey bi-annually to allow staff to provide their direct input on their experience. If additional funding is not received, this puts the deployment of the survey in jeopardy and does not allow SCAG to continually measure progress as an organization. The data provided by staff via the pulse survey is critical for the Executive Team and Human Resources to make informed and data-driven decisions on programs and initiatives that directly impact employees.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-MRFP 12 AMENDMENTS 3 & 4

Consultant: System Metrics Group, Inc. (SMG)

Background & Scope of Work: On November 18, 2022, SCAG awarded Contract 21-048-MRFP-12 to System Metrics Group, Inc. to provide technical support for the development of Connect SoCal 2024, focusing on the assessment of potential transportation projects, programs, and strategies incorporated into the plan.

Amendment 3 increases the contract value from \$912,316 to \$952,206 (by \$39,890), and Amendment 4 increases the contract value from \$952,206 to \$977,006 (by \$24,800).

These increases are due to the addition of the ACTUAL platform and associated analyses to conduct a more detailed implementation strategy development for zero emission truck charging/fueling and additional data analysis and R script process for an equity data hub.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting SCAG through technical and policy development assistance in the identification, collection, and analysis of data critical for Connect SoCal 2024;
- Providing technical support and coordination of multiple activities for regional pricing initiatives to support the refinement of strategies and/or development of new strategies for Connect SoCal 2024;
- Analyzing and developing select GHG reduction strategies from Connect SoCal 2020;
- Expanding topic areas in the Connect SoCal 2024 equity analysis, including but not limited to housing and climate vulnerability, as mandated for a governmental entity that receives federal funding, to ensure low-income households and people of color are not disproportionately impacted by the Connect SoCal 2024.

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 4	\$ 24,800
	Amendment 3	\$ 39,890
	Amendment 2 (administrative – no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Original contract value	<u>\$ 912,316</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$ 977,006

Contract Period: November 18, 2022 through December 31, 2024

Project Number(s):	315-4898E.01	\$39,890
	310-4874E.06	\$2,845
	310-4874UA.06	\$21,955

Funding sources: FY22 SB1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and TDA.

Funding of \$64,690 is available in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers listed above. The unspent funds will be carried forward into the FY 2024-25 OWP Budget.

Basis for the Amendment:

Amendments 3 and 4 advance the Implementation Strategies identified in the Regional Council-approved Connect SoCal 2024 and Racial Equity Early Action Plan. These amendments provide updates to the scope recognizing the business closure of one of the subconsultants and necessitated a shift of work scope, plus the addition of new activities to further equity and climate/air quality goals outlined in Connect SoCal 2024.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-033-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 5

Consultant: WSP USA Inc

Background & Scope of Work: On May 6, 2021, SCAG awarded Contract 21-033-C01 to WSP USA Inc to provide Travel Demand Model Improvement Services. These services provided under the agreement include expanding household vehicle choice to include new emerging technology, such as electric vehicles (EV), accounting for telecommuting, and updating the mode data.

This amendment increases the contract value from \$683,306 to 754,223 (by \$70,917) and extends the contract term from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

This increase is due to necessary refinements for Task 2 Model Improvement. Focusing on these tasks, the consultant will enhance the SCAG ABM, enabling more accurate forecasts and better planning for the region’s transportation future.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Integrating new modes (EV) and technologies (telecommuting) into SCAG ABM
- Providing a comprehensive SCAG ABM capable of analyzing the impact of various transportation improvements and policies
- Enhancing the accuracy of forecast and planning by reflecting changes in travel behavior due to the new modes and technologies
- Updating model software to improve/streamline model operations and reduce model running time.
- Providing technical assistant and software programming support for SCAG staff
- Providing training SCAG staff on model estimation and validation to enhance staff’s technical and analytical skills and
- Delivering model software and technical documents

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 5	\$70,916.85
	Amendment 4	\$64,070.61
	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>\$619,235.94</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$753,223.40

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2025

Project Number: 280-4945UD.01 \$62,7882.69
280-4945E.01 \$8,134.16

Funding sources: FY25 SB1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Funding of \$70,917 is available in FY 2024-25 Overall Work Plan Budget in Project Number 280-4945.01.

Basis for the Amendment:

The basis for this amendment is the following:

1. The existing auto ownership sub-model predicts each household's number of (conventional) cars and does not include a new mobility alternative (such as EV) in the household auto ownership model. SCAG 2024 RTP/SCS includes electric vehicle strategies. To quantify/evaluate the benefits of EV technology, SCAG needs a scenario-testing tool;
2. To capture dynamics in activity-travel behavior, telecommuting, especially in the post-pandemic era. (Sub-Task 2.1); and
3. Other updates: a) Model data 2) Software update (Subtask 4.2).

These refinements to the TDM Model will help create more accurate forecasts and better planning for the region's transportation future.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 22-062-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 3

Recommended Consultant: HDR Engineering, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On September 29, 2022, SCAG awarded Contract 22-062-C01 to HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide strategic services for SCAG’s Broadband Planning Program. These services include identifying broadband opportunity zones, evaluating "dig-smart/dig-once" policies, assessing "tele-everything" policies to support Connect SoCal 2024, and developing digital equity toolkits, among other broadband-related analyses as needed by SCAG.

This amendment increases the contract value from \$219,226 to \$291,596 (by \$72,370) and extends the contract term from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

This increase is due to necessary refinements for Task 2.2, SCAG’s Digital Literacy Toolkit, and Task 3.3, Data Collecting and Mapping. Task 2.2 refinements will tailor the toolkit to institutions such as community-based organizations (CBOs), local governments, instructors, and faith-based organizations. Additionally, it will include custom curricula for youth/students, seniors, immigrant communities, formerly incarcerated persons, tribal communities, and others. Refinements under Task 3.3 will include analysis of FCC’s fabric data, assistance in developing a web application tool, and methodologies to pinpoint broadband opportunity zones. Furthermore, Tasks 2.2 and Task 3.3 refinements include additional draft reports and data analysis for quality assurance purposes.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing a Project Work Plan to guide the progression of the overall study effort;
- Developing an Outreach Memo which will assist SCAG and its stakeholders with state and federal governments digital equity and/or subsidy initiatives;
- Creating a Digital Literacy Tool Kit;
- Developing off-model and on-model strategies and language which incorporates broadband based solutions;
- Developing a VMT Report Memo; and
- Assisting with data and mapping needs for SCAG’s Broadband Planning Program.

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 3	\$72,370
	Amendment 2 (administrative – no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Original contract value	<u>\$219,226</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$291,596

Contract Period: September 29, 2022 through June 30, 2025

Project Number(s): 100-4901B.01 \$72,370
 Funding sources: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303

Funding of \$72,370 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in the Project Number listed above. The unspent funds will be carried forward into the FY 2024-25 OWP Budget Program.

**Basis for the
Amendment:**

The basis for this amendment is additional requests from our stakeholders, including non-profits, SCAG local jurisdictions, ISPs, and state departments such as the California Department of Technology and the California Public Utilities Commission. These stakeholders have specifically asked SCAG to bolster our digital equity toolkit and mapping analysis.

If the contract is not amended, SCAG will be unable to fulfill the staff directives set forth under Resolution 21-629-2 (adopted February 2021) and the proposed action items in SCAG's Digital Action Plan (adopted April 2023). Additionally, given that SCAG's stakeholders rely on our broadband analysis, not pursuing this amendment could result in gaps in current and available broadband data, as significant refinement is needed.



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 31, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

**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 PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of June 30, 2024, 188 cities, six counties, seven commissions, and ten tribal governments have paid their FY24 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.46M out of the \$2.48M billed. This represents 99.30% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. During FY 2022-23, SCAG transferred all funds invested in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool to the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account, except for any outstanding interest gains received in July 2023. The Los Angeles County Investment Pool account was closed in August 2023. As of June 30, 2024, SCAG has invested \$26.91 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$711,109.15 in interest income. The interest earnings are distributed quarterly, with an average interest rate of 4.30%. Additionally, SCAG has earned \$32.31 in interest from the Los Angeles County Investment Pool before closing that account in August 2023. Furthermore, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance; interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of June 30, 2024, SCAG has invested \$48.26 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$540,891.21 in interest income.

Incurred Cost Audit by Caltrans

SCAG Finance has provided to Caltrans the requested records, information, and documentation. Auditors are currently working on procurement and in-kind match and are sending follow-up

questions/requests. Audit work is anticipated to wrap up within the next few weeks, and then a report on the audit results will be prepared by Caltrans for review and comment by SCAG.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On July 30, 2024, SCAG submitted the FY 2023-24 (FY24) Overall Work Program (OWP) 4th Quarter Progress Report with preliminary expenditures to Caltrans. The 4th Quarter Progress Report with final expenditures and the FY24 OWP Final Work Products will be submitted to Caltrans by August 30, 2024.

Also, SCAG received conditional awards for the FY24-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program – Strategic Partnerships, and staff are currently working on addressing the comments received from Caltrans. The grant award information is as follows:

- \$500,000 in grant for the project entitled, “Planning for Main Streets”
- \$500,000 in grant for the project entitled “Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study.”

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION

The Contracts Administration Department staff supports 11 active procurements and 182 active contracts. Staff is working with project managers to complete the close-out process for 43 contracts that ended on June 30, 2024. Staff executed three (3) contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000 and five (5) contract amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 and 30% of the initial contract value. Additionally, staff processed 21 purchase orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations as reported in the consent calendar agenda item “Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold.”