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Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
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Thursday, October 5, 2023
12:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Art Brown, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG’s jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Update
(Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer)

PPG. 11

ACTION ITEMS

2. REAP 2.0 - HIPP Pilot Program Funding Awards
(Jacob Noonan, Housing Program Manager, SCAG)

PPG. 18

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council: 1) approve the HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private lands) Pilot Program funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

3. Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Award Recommendation
(Lyndsey Nolan, Senior Regional Planner)

PPG. 32

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council: 1) Approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEJ) Award Recommendations and authorize staff to initiate projects; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.



CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – September 7, 2023 PPG. 46
5. 2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan PPG. 57
6. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No.s 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, Information Technology (IT) – Application Development and Support Bench Contracts PPG. 72
7. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-022-C01, Amazon Web Services (AWS) PPG. 117
8. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Grant Program Application PPG. 126
9. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures PPG. 133
10. Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds PPG. 143
11. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds: Safety Modeling PPG. 148
12. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships PPG. 153

Receive and File

13. October 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 156
14. Gas Tax Revenue Decline and Zero Emission Vehicle Transition PPG. 175
15. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 185
16. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 191

BUSINESS REPORT

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

PPG. 193

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Art Brown, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
(213) 236-1884, james@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, CEHD, EEC, AND TC:
Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:
Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
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. REAP 2.0 is managed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). REAP 2.0 supports Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities and accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), support Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and advance implementation of the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

In July 2023, SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application was approved by HCD, formally awarding \$246 million to SCAG. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program will sub-allocate a large portion of these funds to eligible entities in the SCAG region to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address

transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program includes technical assistance programs and six Calls for Applications for funding opportunities. This report provides a progress update for SCAG's REAP 2.0 program.

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 REAP 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.

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program combines coordinated and transformative actions aligning transportation and housing development by investing in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies to help achieve California's housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program includes three major program areas: The Early Program Initiatives (EPIs), Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH), and the Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP). The three major program areas in SCAG's REAP 2.0 program work together to meet the REAP 2.0 objectives and support implementation of SCAG's adopted Connect SoCal.

SCAG staff, under the direction of the policy committees, the EAC, and the RC, has had an extensive engagement process to develop a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program based on stakeholder input. Major milestones in the program development process include the following:

- February 3, 2022, the Regional Council (RC) authorized staff to apply for the REAP 2.0 advance funding to support outreach and program development, including hiring required limited-term staff.
- July 7, 2022, the RC adopted the REAP 2.0 Program Framework.
- October 6, 2022, the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) reviewed the comprehensive REAP 2.0 Draft Proposed Budget.
- November 30, 2022, the EAC, on behalf of the RC, authorized SCAG to apply for the full REAP 2.0 funding and authorized the acceptance of the full REAP 2.0 funds.
- December 29, 2022, SCAG submitted the full REAP 2.0 application ahead of the December 31, 2022, deadline.
- June 27, 2023, SCAG received an award letter for the full REAP 2.0 allocation from HCD.

EARLY PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The Early Program Initiatives program area is focused on building capacity for planning innovation across the region through advancements in community engagement and partnerships, data driven decision making, and performance measurement and monitoring.

Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ)

The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Call for Applications was released on April 12, 2023. The program includes two project categories: Multimodal Communities projects will be funded through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) and Housing and Land Use Strategies projects will be funded through REAP 2.0.

The Call for Applications closed on June 5, 2023, and SCAG received 17 applications totaling \$6.9 million in funding requests. In October, staff will bring the recommended award list of 11 projects, totaling over \$4.3 million to the Regional Council for approval. Specifically, SCAG staff will recommend five Multimodal Communities projects totaling almost \$2 million and six Housing and Land Use Strategies projects totaling \$2.3 million for award.

Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0)

The SRP 2.0 Program makes \$23 million available to sub-regional partners for eligible activities supporting member cities implementing housing element work plans and strategies for increasing affordable housing. The SRP 2.0 guidelines include the types of eligible activities and allocates a portion of the funding based on the amount of the RHNA received to each subregional partner to develop the programs available to its member cities. SCAG has received applications from 15 subregions in the region. While the proposed programs are being reviewed for compliance with the SRP 2.0 and REAP 2.0 program guidelines, the participating subregions are able to work with their member jurisdictions to identify and further develop the programs that will be included. This includes developing project work scopes and requests for proposals (RFP)s for consultants, all of which can occur in advance of and in preparation for executing the MOU which is anticipated to occur at the end of 2023 or early 2024.

Call for Fellowship Providers Program

Through the Call for Fellowship Providers, SCAG seeks to create opportunities for early-career and mid-career fellows to gain experience and proficiency in public service and to make meaningful positive impact in the SCAG region. The Call for Fellowship Providers will provide grants, as funding becomes available, to approved Fellowship Providers that will place students from local universities and/or professionals seeking to work on regional planning issues, expand their experience base, and contribute to the realization of Connect SoCal.

Fellows will support the implementation of REAP 2.0-funded projects: three fellows will support the delivery of Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) projects, two fellows will support the implementation of SCP CEEEJ projects; one fellow will support County Transportation Commissions as they develop transportation projects funded through REAP 2.0; one fellow will support efforts on mobility hubs in support of the Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI) program area,

Mobility Hubs; and one fellow will support efforts on an universal basic mobility wallet program in support of the RPI program area, Mobility Wallets and Universal Basic Mobility.

Fellows will ideally be seeking to establish a career in and studying or bring professional experience in the areas of housing, urban planning, public administration, public policy, data science, health administration, business, public health, or related areas of study. The fellowship programs will help prepare the fellows for a future in the public sector.

SCAG released a call for Fellowship Providers on April 19, 2023 and closed the call on May 19, 2023. SCAG received two eligible applications from qualified fellowship providers. Qualified fellowship providers then competed for eligible funds from REAP 2.0. One fellowship provider was selected to fund a total of eight fellows for the upcoming year.

StreetLight Insight Web App Big Data Platform

Through SCAG's Regional Data Platform, SCAG is providing licenses to StreetLight's Insight Web App big data platform to public entities or academic institutions and organizations or consultants working with them in the six-county region. StreetLight's Insight Web App platform provides users access to anonymized, and aggregated travel and safety information, sourced from mobile data and sensors. This provides insights into travel behavior trends in an easy-to-use interface.

As of September 2023, SCAG has allocated 151 licenses to users throughout the region. Users can utilize the platform to support a wide variety of research, planning, and project analysis. SCAG staff have been supporting users with onboarding and offering technical assistance support, including hosting Toolbox Tuesday workshops.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP) is comprised of two complementary programs that target investments towards critical mobility infrastructure– the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program and the Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Partnership Program.

The County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program

The CTC Partnership Program connects infill housing to daily services and increases travel options that support multimodal communities to shift travel modes. On April 12, 2023, SCAG released the CTC Partnership Program Call for Applications. Prior to closing the Call on May 9, 2023, SCAG held an application workshop and made office hours available to applicants. SCAG received a total of 37 project applications totaling over \$115 million. 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. Project awards are split across three eligible project categories:

- \$35 million invested in projects that increase transit ridership;

- \$36 million invested in multimodal communities projects;
- \$9 million invested in projects to shift travel behavior

SCAG is developing agreements with the CTCs and expects to have executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) by end of November 2023.

Regional Pilot Initiatives

The RPI Program is a \$15 million program focused on demonstrating innovative, next generation technologies and models of regional significance, specifically those with the potential to change transportation and housing paradigms towards building more sustainable communities. RPI relies on partnerships with the public sector (local jurisdictions, transit agencies, County Transportation Commissions, etc.) to permit, construct and operate these pilots, and with private sector vendors to implement the pilots. Informed by extensive research, alignment with REAP 2.0 and Connect SoCal, and recommendations from existing SCAG plans and work products, SCAG has identified the following program areas:

1. Big Data Research
2. Accelerating Active Transportation
3. Mobility Hubs
4. Mobility Wallets and Universal Basic Mobility (UBM)
5. Curb Space Management
6. Transportation Demand Management Technology

SCAG is continuing outreach to further identify public partners and begin scoping projects and partnering arrangements. Projects will be brought to TC and RC through information items prior to the formal launch of individual projects.

PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH)

PATH supports strategies to accelerate infill development leading to increased housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively further fair housing, while also reducing VMT. The PATH program has three funding areas, which are the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program (HIPP), Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability (NOFA), and Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH). A summary for each funding area is provided below.

Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program (HIPP)

The 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. The Call for Applications opened May 10, 2023 and closed July 10, 2023. SCAG received a total of 23 applications totaling over \$14 million in funding requests. Proposed projects awarded include site assessments, site inventories, inclusionary housing programs and specific plans that seek to unlock lands for housing with diverse housing types. There are 11 projects recommended to receive the \$8 million in available funding; the award recommendations

are included in the October 5, 2023 CEHD Policy Committee and Regional Council agendas for approval. Following action by the Regional Council, staff will work with each awarded applicant to formalize the scope of work in advance of executing the MOU, anticipated to occur in early 2024.

NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA)

The NOFA for Lasting Affordability provides \$45 million to support innovative housing finance, trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources. SCAG released a competitive Call for Applications on June 7, 2023. The Call for Applications closed on July 31, 2023, and SCAG received 25 eligible applications totaling over \$139 million in funding requests. Currently, a selection panel is evaluating the applications and developing the recommendation. SCAG staff plans to bring the proposed funding award list to the CEHD Polity Committee and the Regional Council in November for approval.

Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Program (RUSH)

The Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) program focuses 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 Friday, April 28, SCAG hosted the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Industry Forum, in partnership with PlaceWorks and the Urban Land Institute of Los Angeles (ULI/LA), to bring together thought leaders from Southern California and across the country and develop recommendations to implement the program.

The RUSH program released a Call for Applications on September 11, 2023, closing on November 6, 2023. This is a competitive Call for Applications, with an estimated budget of \$35 million available. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, Tribal Governments and public agencies with a role in housing production (within the SCAG Region). The RUSH Program Call for Applications will award funding for projects which meet the definition of infill in any of the following categories:

- Planning Projects – Plans, programs and green infrastructure plans to support increased utility capacity to support the residential development identified in housing elements.
- Capital Projects – Projects that address current and future utility restrictions for housing development through upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater, and dry utilities systems to enable continued infill housing.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Building on the successes of the REAP 1.0 consultant bench, SCAG is developing a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) to prequalify consultants and establish on call consultants to assist SCAG, its member jurisdictions, community-based organizations and other eligible entities to complete projects funded by REAP 2.0. This RFIQ is planned to be released in late September/ early October 2023.



NEXT STEPS

Staff will provide regular updates to the Regional Council and Policy Committees on the REAP 2.0 program and any changes to the grant budget will be processed through SCAG's budget amendment procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (305.4928.01 – REAP 2.0 – Program Development and Outreach).



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor
(213) 236-1472, noonan@scag.ca.gov

Subject: REAP 2.0 - HIPP Pilot Program Funding Awards

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private lands) Pilot Program funding awards as presented in this report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council: 1) approve the HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private lands) Pilot Program funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved the HIPP Pilot Program as one of the three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, which is part of the SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. The HIPP Pilot Program Call for Applications was authorized by the Regional Council on March 2, 2023 and made \$8,000,000 available for projects meeting the REAP 2.0 and PATH program guidelines and accelerating infill development of housing, especially affordable housing by 1) identifying, accessing, and readying infill public and private lands for development with housing with an affordability component, and 2) completing land use regulations for infill large areas and corridors increasing capacity to achieve housing and supportive amenities and services. The Call for Applications was announced on May 10, 2023, and closed on July 10, 2023. In total, 26 applications were received. Of these, 21 applications were

deemed eligible for program funding and were evaluated by the selection panel consisting of SCAG staff using the scoring methodology provided in the HIPP Pilot Program Funding Application and in accordance with the REAP 2.0 PATH Program Guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

On July 7, 2022, the SCAG Regional Council approved SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program Development Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to SCAG through the REAP 2.0 state grant program. SCAG's REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework combines coordinated and transformative housing development and finance, land use and transportation strategies to help achieve California's housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. The HIPP Pilot Program is one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, which realizes the Housing Supportive Infrastructure program included in the Framework and the Key Connection that bears the same name in the adopted 2020 Connect SoCal Plan. Through its three funding areas, including the HIPP Pilot Program, the PATH program creates the foundational conditions for housing to be realized at scale across the Southern California region.

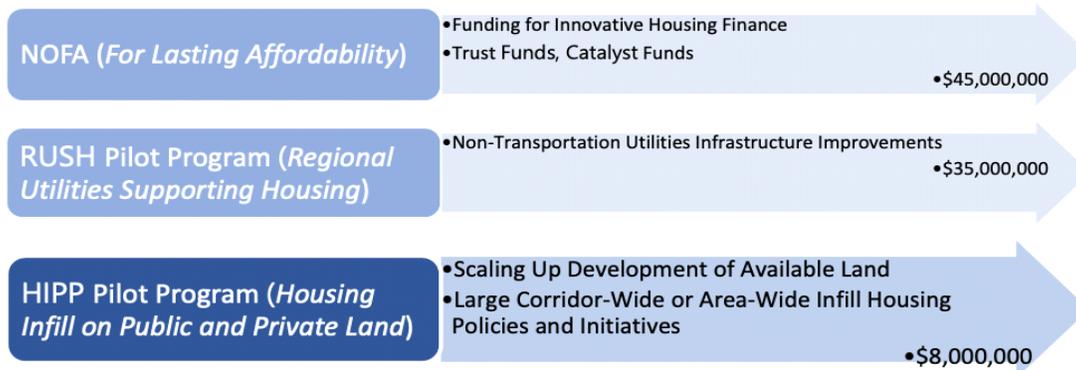
The HIPP Pilot Program, one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, aligns with the State's REAP 2.0 Program Objectives which are to:

- Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability;
- Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

HIPP (HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS) PILOT PROGRAM

On November 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved the PATH program and its guidelines which included \$88 million of SCAG's REAP 2.0 funding to be made available to support proposals providing significant beneficial impacts leading to substantial changes in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. The three funding areas in the PATH program, including the HIPP Pilot Program, are presented in the chart below.

PATH Program Structure



The HIPP Pilot Program focuses on 1) scaling up development of publicly and privately owned lands with affordable or mixed income housing and ancillary neighborhood businesses and supporting infrastructure, and 2) supporting entities with regulatory land use control implement corridor-wide and area-wide infill housing initiatives based in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Eligible applicants for the funding call were entities that are in control of underutilized, surplus, or excess land available for affordable housing, and entities with regulatory land use control. This included public agencies, transit agencies and districts; cities; counties; tribal entities; public housing authorities; academic institutions; water and other utility districts/providers, and land trusts and other land holders and regulators.

HIPP PILOT PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The HIPP Call for Applications was open from May 10, 2023 to 5:00pm on July 10, 2023. The Call was announced through the SCAG housing newsletter, and by a direct eblast to all members of the SCAG housing interest list. The application, guidelines, and resources were made available on the SCAG REAP 2.0 website (www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021). On May 24, SCAG hosted an information session on the HIPP Pilot Program Funding Application, and a recording of the presentation and questions and answer session was made available for viewing on the REAP 2.0 webpage. Questions and answers were published to the call’s webpage at the beginning and twice while the call was open.

Following the close of the call, all applications received on time were reviewed for completeness. In total, 26 applications were received. Five applications were determined to be ineligible: two were received after the call closed, one was not an eligible activity, one was incomplete, and one was recommended for funding through another REAP 2.0 funding call. The remaining 21 applications were determined eligible and complete and were evaluated for funding by a selection panel consisting of internal SCAG staff using the scoring rubric approved by the Regional Council March 3, 2023, and included in the funding application.

HIPP Pilot Program Evaluation Criteria

		Points Possible	Weighting Factor	Percent of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25		45%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability 	15	1	15%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	3	15%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	3	15%
2	Equitable Targeted Outreach	10		10%
2.1	Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5	1	5%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement	5	1	5%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25		25%
3.1	Existing or Prior Local Policy Commitment	5	1	5%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	1	5%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience completing similar projects Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding 	15	1	15%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10		10%
4.1	Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5	1	5%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities and Disadvantaged Community Benefits	5	1	5%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10		10%
5.1	Transformative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	1	5%
5.2	Regional Impact and Applicability	5	1	5%
	Total	80		100%

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following the announcement and while the Call remained open, Staff hosted office hours. In total, more than 62 individual meetings were held with interested agencies and organizations providing more than 21 hours of technical assistance on the application and assistance with resources. While the call was open, staff were available upon request and provided preliminary review for 5 applications. The engagement and technical support provided during the call for applications was the continuation of the extensive and inclusive stakeholder engagement conducted in developing the PATH Program and its three funding areas. Following on the 2021 engagement informing the REAP 2.0 Framework, in May of 2022 staff began meeting with subregional partners,

representatives from cities and counties, community-based organizations, housing and land trusts, housing authorities, tribal nations and other entities and agencies involved in developing land for housing, managing affordable housing programs, and supporting disadvantaged communities, communities that have historically been underserved, and community members living in areas of segregation and high concentrations of poverty across the region to identify needs for housing support and to inform the development of the PATH program.

HIPP PILOT PROGRAM FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATION

The following 11 applications are recommended for funding through the \$8,000,000 HIPP Pilot Program Call for Applications. Of the 21 applications evaluated by the selection panel, the applications demonstrated with most certainty how the proposed actions met (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) provide Transformative and Significant Beneficial Impacts meaning housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting Infill development facilitating housing supply, choice and affordability, and other actions that enable meeting housing goals that also result in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions.

HIPP Pilot Program Funding Recommendation (Organized by County)

County	Applicant	Proposed Project	Recommendation
Los Angeles	City of San Fernando	San Fernando Housing Infill	\$791,818
	City of LA	Scaling up Housing Development on City-Owned Land	\$2,900,000
	City of Culver City	Fox Hills Specific Plan Update	\$505,000
	City of Long Beach	Inclusionary Housing Program	\$250,000
	City of South Pasadena	Missing Middle Housing Program	\$57,000
Riverside	City of Riverside	Missing Middle Prototype Plans for Infill Housing Sites	\$500,000
San Bernardino	City of Rialto	Catalytic Housing Initiative for Downtown Rialto	\$193,875
	SBCTA/SBCOG	Public Land-to-Residential Project—Inventory, Analysis & Toolkit for Workforce and Teacher Housing	\$720,000
Ventura	County of Ventura	Public Land Affordable Housing Development Pipeline	\$756,500
	City of Moorpark	Downtown Specific Plan	\$250,000
	City of Oxnard	TOD/HQTC Program	\$1,075,807
			\$8,000,000

The projects recommended for funding in the HIPP Pilot Program represent a range of projects for accelerating Infill development, supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership, and demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives by establishing and supporting the infrastructure for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT by transforming current corridor-wide or area-wide housing policies, site planning, financial models, predevelopment and development processes, and homeownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner.

A summary for each of the recommended projects follows, organized by county.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- **City of San Fernando. San Fernando Housing Infill** (\$791,818) will evaluate opportunities for streamlined infill housing development on private and public lands through a comprehensive approach to increasing capacity and affordability by amending the zoning code and specific plans, assessing public lands to develop an inventory of housing sites, developing a local density bonus program, updating the local historic survey, completing a CEQA assessment, and developing strategies for preventing individuals and families from being displaced by future infill development.
- **City of Los Angeles. Scaling up Housing Development on City-Owned Land** (\$2,900,000) will re- envision how the City uses its assets and how it partners with other public agencies to maximize housing production on infill public lands. The program will develop a pipeline of sites for housing by assessing public lands, parking lots and smaller sites, evaluating creative financing approaches, and bundling sites for future Requests for Proposals.
- **City of Culver City. Fox Hills Specific Plan Update** (\$505,000) will guide the redevelopment and transformation of approximately 330 acres of existing infill office park, surface parking, and underutilized commercial lands into walkable, high density mixed residential uses with transit access. The plan envisions 5,000 additional housing units in an area identified as High and Highest Opportunity by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. Coupling this increase in housing capacity with the City's density bonus program will create opportunities for the inclusion of Very Low, Low, and Moderate housing as new housing projects are proposed.
- **City of Long Beach. Inclusionary Housing Program** (\$250,000) will update the existing Inclusionary Housing Program (IHP) in the City of Long Beach with expanded program boundaries, new unit requirements, and incentives increasing affordable housing in infill areas throughout Long Beach and ensuring the City's continued progress towards its housing goals.

- **City of South Pasadena. Missing Middle Housing Program** (\$57,000) will establish an infill floating zone with objective design and development standards and a ministerial approval process for certain housing types in infill low-density residential zones within high quality transit areas. It will also evaluate waivers and incentive programs for eligible projects containing units affordable to lower- and moderate-income households.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- **City of Riverside. Missing Middle Prototype Plans for Infill Housing Sites** (\$500,000) will expand mid-scale infill housing stock through prototype plans for infill development sites. The project will include options for ministerial-approval-ready, 100% construction level drawings and supporting calculations for two to four-unit clustered and low-rise infill residential projects, which can be used by developers as a means of improving efficiency through streamlining the permit process.

SAN BERNADINO COUNTY

- **SBCTA/SBCOG. Public Land-to-Residential Project--Inventory, Analysis & Toolkit for Workforce and Teacher Housing** (\$720,000) includes a comprehensive assessment of infill public lands in San Bernardino County to identify underutilized sites ready and available for residential development and the completion of a toolkit to assist public agencies use the Surplus Land Act to make infill sites available for affordable housing development with a focus on educators and the regional workforce.
- **City of Rialto. Catalytic Housing Initiative for Downtown Rialto** (\$193,875) will accelerate development of affordable housing on infill public and private lands in Rialto's downtown near transit by identifying the site-specific constraints and solutions for utilities, financing, and residential and mixed-use development including types and total square footage of different land uses, the number and type of residential units, number of parking spaces, social services, and potential developer relationships. Up to three RFPs to develop infill sites are anticipated within the project expenditure period.

VENTURA COUNTY

- **County of Ventura. Public Land Affordable Housing Development Pipeline** (\$765,500) is a collaboration between the county, several cities, and the local school district to develop a list of available underutilized public lands for affordable housing development in infill areas. Specific sites will be assessed to provide a comprehensive and clear understanding of the opportunities, barriers, and next steps for utilizing each property for residential and mixed-uses. The project will culminate in the solicitation of partners to develop affordable housing on three to four infill sites.
- **City of Moorpark. Downtown Specific Plan** (\$250,000) will advance the city's Downtown Specific Plan, with a focus on increased density, mixed-use areas, objective development

standards, permit streamlining, and potential incentives for affordability in infill areas, leading to additional residential and mixed-use capacity on at least 285 infill sites in the downtown area.

- City of Oxnard. TOD/HQTC Program (\$1,075,807)** The creation of a TOD (Transit Oriented Development)/HQTC (High Quality Transit Corridor) Specific Plan will support future growth around transit improvements, the plan is anticipated to reduce the cost of housing production and increase a significant amount of affordable housing units by incentivizing deeper affordability for very low, extremely low, and acutely low-income households in proximity to transit.

Distribution of \$8,000,000 in HIPP Pilot Program funding across the Southern California Region through the recommended project is presented in the following chart. No funding requests were received from applicants in Imperial County. In contrast, ten requests were received from applicants in Los Angeles County. One request was received from an applicant in Orange County, three from applicants in Riverside County, four from applicants in San Bernadino County, and three from applicants in Ventura County.

County	Eligible Applications	Total Funding Requested	Applications Funded	Total Funding Awarded
Imperial	--	--	--	--
Los Angeles	10	\$6,773,818	5	\$4,503,818
Orange	1	\$221,725	--	--
Riverside	3	\$2,440,000	1	\$500,000
San Bernardino	4	\$1,598,375	2	\$913,875
Ventura	3	\$2,781,500	3	\$2,082,307
Grand Total	21	\$13,815,418	11	\$8,000,000

NEXT STEPS

Conditional awards were issued to all applicants with recommended projects in September 2023. Following the issuance of conditional awards, notices were provided to all applicants that were not recommended to receive an award. Staff remain available to meet with any applicants that wish to receive feedback on their application. Following the action of the Regional Council, staff will work with each awarded applicant to finalize their project scope of work in preparation for entering into an MOU, procuring the consultant(s), and initiating the projects. Based on the REAP 2.0 program requirements all billable activities must be completed by December 31, 2025, and SCAG must submit to the state a final REAP 2.0 program report by June 30, 2026.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (305.4925.01 - REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - HIPP Pilot Program Funding Recommendation



HIPP Pilot Program Funding Recommendation

REAP 2.0 - PATH Program

October 5, 2023

Jacob Noonan, AICP, Planning Supervisor, Special Programs

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Recommended Action

FOR CEHD:

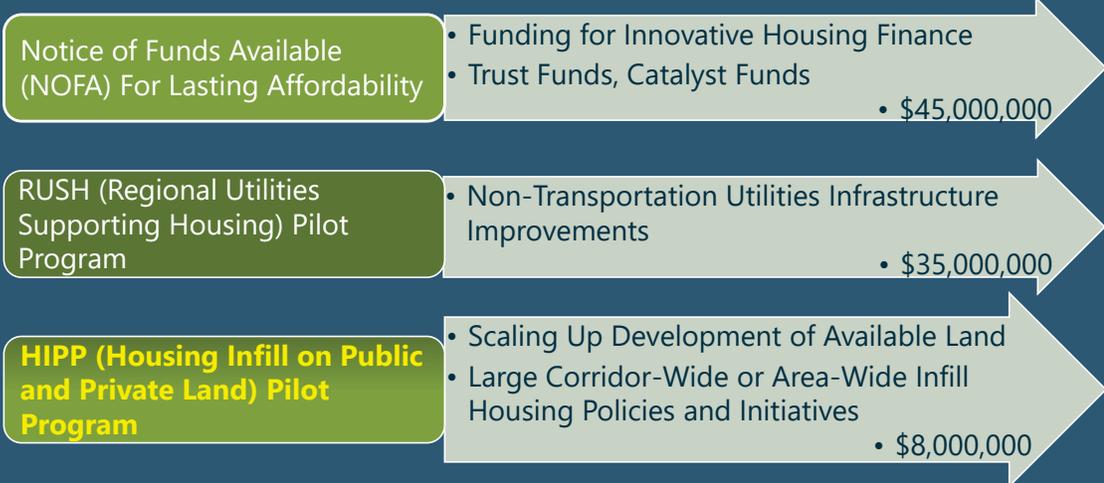
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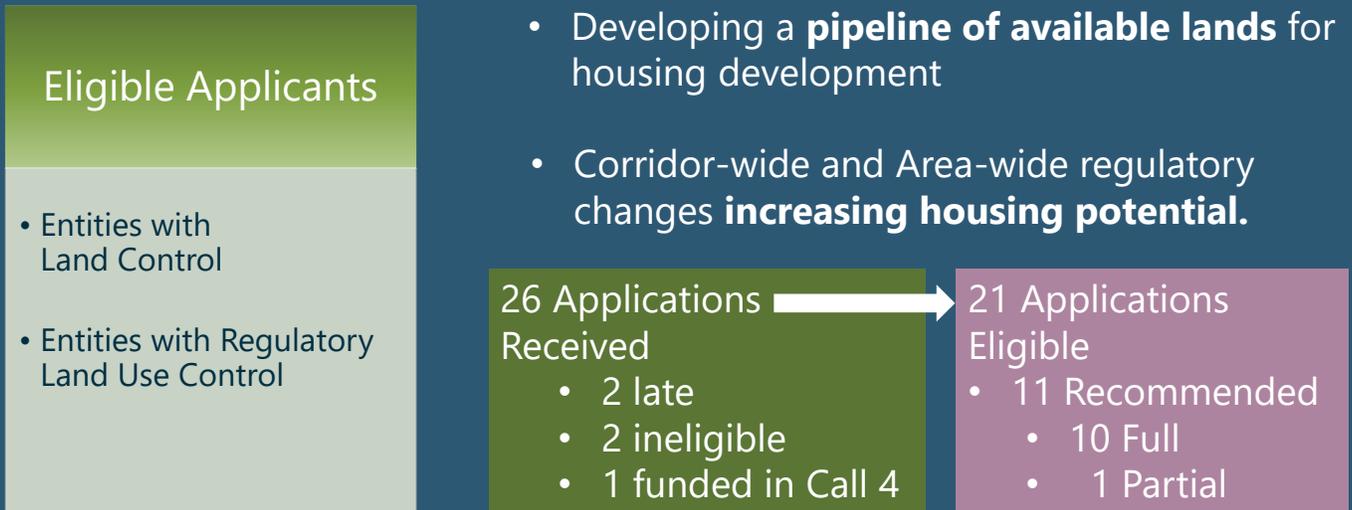
Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program

\$88,000,000



HIPP Pilot Program (Open June 7 – July 10)

\$8,000,000



Project Types

Regulatory Changes Increasing Housing Potential

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| - Zoning/GP amendments | - Culver City |
| - Specific Plans | - Long Beach |
| - Overlay Zones | - S. Pasadena |
| - Permit Streamlining | - San Fernando |
| | - City of Riverside |
| | - Moorpark |
| | - Oxnard |

Pipeline of Available Lands

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| - Site inventories | - San Fernando |
| - Feasibility assessments | - Rialto |
| - Preliminary environmental | - City of LA
(coordinated with multiple agencies) |
| - Disposition Agreements | - Ventura Cy
(coordinated with all member cities) |
| - Developer RFPs | - San Bernardino Cy
(coordinated with all member cities) |

Collaborations

City of Los Angeles

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| - Due diligence and sites prioritized | - City of LA |
| - Focused parking lot assessment | - LAUSD |
| - Financial and feasibility analysis | - LACCD |
| - Program structure, templates | |

Ventura County Public Lands

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| - Inventory and assessment | - Ventura County |
| - Preliminary Environmental | - Oxnard |
| - Disposition, Developer RFPs | - Santa Paula |
| | - Thousand Oaks |

San Bernardino County Public Lands

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| - Inventory and assessment | - SBCTA |
| - Pilot project | - SBCSS |
| - Guides and toolkit for Surplus Lands Act, workforce/ educator housing | - Needles |
| - Leverage emerging SB Housing Trust | - Other Cities |
| | - <i>Rialto</i> |

Recommendation

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Milestones

June

Calls:
- SRP2
- HIPP
- NOFA



June

SRP2 - Evaluation
(rolling basis)

HIPP/NOFA – Office
Hours

July

SRP2 - Evaluation
(rolling basis)

HIPP Evaluation
(competitive)

NOFA – Office Hours



August

NOFA Evaluation
(competitive)

Develop HIPP
recommendation



September

Develop NOFA
recommendation

RUSH Call Open



October

RC/CEHD – HIPP
funding awards

RUSH Call Open



November/December

RC/CEHD – NOFA funding awards

Develop RUSH recommendation

HIPP & SRP2 – MOUs / Procure
Consultants



THANK YOU!

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AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Lyndsey Nolan, Senior Regional Planner
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Subject: Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and
Environmental Justice Award Recommendation

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD AND TC:

Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Award Recommendations and authorize staff to initiate projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council: 1) Approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Award Recommendations and authorize staff to initiate projects; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the adoption of Connect SoCal every four years, SCAG releases Calls for Applications on a rolling basis to provide local technical assistance in support of Connect SoCal implementation. On September 3, 2020, the Regional Council approved the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Guidelines, which consisted of multiple Calls for Applications. The previous three Calls funded projects in the region supporting active transportation and safety, housing and

sustainable development, and smart cities and mobility innovations. Given the availability of additional funding sources, including up to \$3 million from Regional Early Action Planning grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and up to \$2 million from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1), SCAG developed a fourth Call for Applications. On January 5, 2023, the Regional Council approved the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Guidelines. SCP CEEEJ consists of two project types: Housing and Land Use Strategies (funded through REAP 2.0) and Multimodal Communities (funded through SB 1).

SCAG staff released the SCP CEEEJ Call for Applications on April 12, 2023, and extended the original deadline of May 15 to June 5 in response to multiple requests from prospective applicants. Applicants submitted a total of 17 project proposals by the June 5 deadline. Nine were submitted under the Housing and Land Use Strategies category, valued at approximately \$3.9 million, and eight were submitted under the Multimodal Communities category, valued at approximately \$3.0 million. Staff completed evaluation of proposals and identified 11 projects for funding totaling approximately \$4.3 million. Staff seeks Regional Council approval of award recommendations and authorization to initiate projects.

BACKGROUND:

Program Overview

Since 2005, SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - previously known as Compass Blueprint and Sustainability Planning Grants - has provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts to support implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known as Connect SoCal. The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies that are responsible for land use and transportation decisions and provides local jurisdictions with multiple funding opportunities to meet the needs of their communities and support regional goals. SCAG has funded 110 projects totaling over \$21.6 million since 2016 through the SCP.

This call for applications was directed as part of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan, which the SCAG Regional Council adopted in May 2021 as part of its ongoing commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California, per Resolution 20-623-2. SCAG is committed to work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve historically disinvested communities. SCP CEEEJ, guided by the Connect SoCal Goal "to support healthy and equitable communities," aims to prioritize resources where there is a demonstrated need, and that directly benefit Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities, and other Priority Populations by encouraging racial equity in local planning practices. For more information on SCAG's equity efforts, please review the Racial Equity Early Action Plan.

Call for Applications

The SCP CEEEJ guidelines, application, and scoring criteria were developed by SCAG staff, who facilitated robust stakeholder feedback processes, to support innovative approaches for addressing and solving regional issues. Between June 2022 and June 2023, SCAG hosted two listening sessions, four information sessions, two application workshops, and over 60 one-to-one sessions / office hours. The program identified two broad project categories that aligned with the goals of Connect SoCal implementation as well as the objectives of both funding sources: Housing and Land Use Strategies (REAP 2.0) and Multimodal Communities (SB1). Similar to past SCP calls, SCP CEEEJ was designed to serve as a broad resource program and was structured as a direct technical assistance model to assist jurisdictions in completing projects. In addition, this Call allowed for a unique Co-Applicant Partnership structure to encourage local partnerships, inclusive of a primary applicant and up to two co-applicants. Community-based organizations (CBOs) and non-profits were eligible and highly encouraged to apply as co-applicants in partnership with an eligible primary applicant.

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Table 1: Total SCP CEEEJ Applications Received

County	<i>Housing and Land Use Strategies</i> No. of Projects Received	<i>Multimodal Communities</i> No. of Projects Received	Total Received
Imperial	0	0	0
Los Angeles	5	6	11
Orange	2	0	2
Riverside	1	1	2
San Bernardino	0	1	1
Ventura	1	0	1
Total SCAG Region	9	8	17

Out of the 17 applications received, four were determined to be ineligible: one was incomplete, two included ineligible activities, and one included an ineligible primary applicant. In addition, two applications were withdrawn by applicant teams. All six projects that are not being recommended for award came out of Los Angeles County. The remaining 11 applications were determined eligible and complete and were evaluated for funding by a selection panel consisting of SCAG staff and

external agency staff with no conflict of interest, using the scoring rubric approved by the Regional Council January 5, 2023, and included in the program guidelines.

Table 2: SCP CEEEJ Scoring Criteria

SCORING CRITERIA		POINTS
General Project Information and Eligibility		Not scored
1	PROJECT DESIGN AND OUTCOMES	20
1.1	Community Vision and Summary	
1.2	Funding Objectives and SCS Implementation	
1.3	Anticipated Project Outcomes	
1.4	Scope of Work and Project Feasibility	
2	PROJECT NEED AND PRIORITY POPULATION BENEFITS	10
2.1	Priority Populations	
2.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities and Priority Population Benefit	
3	INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE ENGAGEMENT	10
3.1	Priority Population Engagement and Letters of Support	
3.2	Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement	
4	LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS	10
4.1	Reciprocal Relationships and Impact	
4.2	Governance and Decision-Making	
Total Points		50

Award Recommendations

After evaluating and ranking proposals in each project category, staff recommend six projects totaling \$2,306,495 under the Housing and Land Use project category and five projects totaling \$1,998,070 under the Multimodal Communities category. In total, seven of the 11 projects recommended for awards include a Co-Applicant Partnership structure, with four in the Housing and Land Use Strategies category and three in the Multimodal Communities category.

The SCP CEEEJ Project List on the following page contains all projects recommended to be funded through SCP CEEEJ, organized by project category and funding source (Table 3). The individual project budgets will be refined through the scoping and procurement process.

Table 3: Summary of SCP CEEJ Projects Recommended for Award

Housing and Land Use Strategies Projects (REAP 2.0)				
Primary Applicant	County	Project Name	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
County of Ventura*	Ventura	Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan	\$499,991	\$499,991
City of La Puente*	Los Angeles	Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones	\$427,350	\$427,350
City of Santa Ana*	Orange	Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update	\$477,200	\$469,700
City of Lancaster	Los Angeles	TOD Zones Update	\$230,560	\$230,560
City of Laguna Beach*	Orange	EIR - Downtown Specific Plan Update	\$200,000	\$200,000
City of Jurupa Valley	Riverside	Pedley Town Center Plan - Implementation	\$478,894	\$478,894

Multimodal Communities Projects (SB1)				
Primary Applicant	County	Project Name	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
Los Angeles County (Public Works)*	Los Angeles	East LA Moves / El Este Se Mueve - Mobility Corridor Plans	\$499,586	\$454,586
City of Los Angeles (LADOT)*	Los Angeles	Reconnecting MacArthur Park	\$500,000	\$500,000
SBCTA/SBCOG*	San Bernardino	Active Transportation Priority Projects Outreach and Engagement	\$294,765	\$294,765
City of Los Angeles (DPW/BSS)	Los Angeles	Linking Warner Center as an Active Transportation Hub to Jobs and Housing	\$499,701	\$499,701
City of Moreno Valley	Riverside	Pedestrian Access Plan	\$249,018	\$249,018

* Project includes one or more Co-Applicant

Next Steps

Pending RC approval, staff will work with awardees to discuss details of their award, define scopes of work, and develop Requests for Proposals (RFPs), procure a consultant through a competitive procurement process, and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties and SCAG. A project initiation schedule and expectations regarding period of performance will be determined by mid-October, and will be based on project complexity, funding source, and SCAG staff capacity. Not all available funds were allocated from either funding source. The reallocation of unspent resources will be reviewed and approved by the Regional Council through the budget amendment process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is included in the FY2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in project 275-4823.08 Connect SoCal Implementation Call for Projects (SCP Call 4) and 305-4927.01 REAP 2.0 Early Program Initiatives.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SCP CEEEJ Award Recommendations



Sustainable Communities Program Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ)

Award Recommendations

October 2023

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TODAY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Award Recommendations and authorize staff to initiate projects.

SCP CEEEJ Goals



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



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



Prioritize efforts that benefit **Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities, and other Priority Populations**.



Encourage **equitable partnerships** between community-based organizations (CBOs) and local governments.

Funding Overview

\$5 million available



Housing & Land Use Strategies

Funding Source: REAP 2.0
Available: \$3M total



Multimodal Communities

Funding Source: SB 1
Available: \$2M total

SCP CEEEJ Timeline



Application Scoring Rubric

Project Design & Outcomes	20
Community and Vision Summary	5
Funding Objectives & SCS Implementation	5
Anticipated Project Outcomes	5
Scope of Work & Project Feasibility	5
Project Need & Priority Population Benefits	10
Priority Populations	5
Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5
Inclusive & Equitable Engagement	10
Priority Populations Engagement & Letters of Support	5
Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5
Local Partnerships	10
Reciprocal Relationships and Impact	5
Governance & Decision-making	5
Total	50



SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

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Proposals Received

- 17 Proposals totaling approximately \$6.9 million
 - 9 Housing & Land Use Strategies (HLUS) projects totaling \$3.9 million
 - 8 Multimodal Communities (MM) projects totaling \$3.0 million

County	HLUS Requested	MM Requested	Total Requested
Imperial	0	0	0
Los Angeles	5	6	11
Orange	2	0	2
Riverside	1	1	2
San Bernardino	0	1	1
Ventura	1	0	1
Total SCAG Region	9	8	17

Award Recommendations

County	Quantity Requested	Quantity Funded	Quantity Unfunded	Recommended Total Award
Imperial	0	0	0	\$0
Los Angeles	11	5	6	\$2,112,197
Orange	2	2	0	\$669,700
Riverside	2	2	0	\$727,912
San Bernardino	1	1	0	\$294,765
Ventura	1	1	0	\$499,991
Total SCAG Region	17	11	6	\$4,304,565



SCP CEEEJ RECOMMENDED AWARD LISTS

Housing & Land Use Strategies (REAP 2.0)

Project Name	County	Request	Recommendation
Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan Ventura County	Ventura	\$499,991	\$499,991
Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones City of La Puente	Los Angeles	\$427,350	\$427,350
Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update City of Santa Ana	Orange	\$477,200	\$469,700
Transit-Oriented Development Zones Update City of Lancaster	Los Angeles	\$230,560	\$230,560
Environmental Impact Report - Downtown Specific Plan Update City of Laguna Beach	Orange	\$200,000	\$200,000
Pedley Town Center Plan – Implementation City of Jurupa Valley	Riverside	\$478,894	\$478,894
TOTAL			\$2,306,495

Multimodal Communities (SB1)

Project Name	County	Request	Recommendation
East LA Moves / El Este Se Mueve Mobility Corridor Plans Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works	Los Angeles	\$499,586	\$454,586
Reconnecting MacArthur Park City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$500,000
Active Transportation Priority Projects Outreach and Engagement SBCTA/SBCOG	San Bernardino	\$294,765	\$294,765
Linking Warner Center as Active Transportation Hub to Jobs and Housing City of Los Angeles, StreetsLA	Los Angeles	\$499,701	\$499,701
Pedestrian Access Plan City of Moreno Valley	Riverside	\$249,018	\$249,018
TOTAL			\$1,998,070

Co-Applicant Partnerships

7 out of 11 awarded projects have 1 or 2 Co-Applicants

Project Name	Primary Applicant	Co-Applicant 1	Co-Applicant 2
Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan	Ventura County	House Farm Workers!	
Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones	City of La Puente	Active SGV	
Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update	City of Santa Ana	Charitable Ventures	The Kennedy Commission
Environmental Impact Report - Downtown Specific Plan Update	City of Laguna Beach	The Kennedy Commission	
East LA Moves / <i>El Este Se Mueve</i> – Mobility Corridor Plans	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Matters	
Reconnecting MacArthur Park	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	Central City Neighborhood Partners	
Active Transportation Priority Projects Outreach and Engagement	SBCTA/SBCOG	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	

Next Steps

- October EEC + RC: Seek approval of Recommended Award List
- SOW refinements
- Procurements
- Execute MOUs
- Begin projects and ongoing coordination



QUESTIONS?



NO. 658
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Art Brown, President	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Supervisor Curt Hagman, 1st Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President		RCTC
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Brian Goodell		OCTA
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Damon L. Alexander	<i>San Bernardino</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8



Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Jon Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. Marshall Goodman	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Lauren Meister	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Oscar Ortiz	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Supervisor Hilda Solis
Hon. Rick Denison
Hon. Tammy Kim

Members Not Present

Yucca Valley
Irvine

Members Not Present

Los Angeles County
Los Angeles County
District 11
District 14



Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Andrew Sarega	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Konstantine Anthony	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Imelda Padilla	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Traci Park	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Karen Bass	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	Air District Representative
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Lauren Langer, Assistant Board Counsel
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

President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

He also reminded the members that if a member of this body was attending remotely but not at a location specified on the agenda, they could observe but not participate in any discussion or voting of this body.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Brown 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.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were no written public comments received on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

Hon. John Mirisch, CEHD Policy Committee Member, thanked staff for their hard work dealing with the issue of RHNA Reform which was a tricky one. He noted his comments were on the letter that they were going to send on RHNA Reform. He indicated he thought many of them felt that the system was broken, and that the draft letter perhaps needed to be a bit stronger to reflect their frustration and disappointment with the RHNA process itself and the reform procedure, which was secretive, untransparent, and biased. He stated that the CEHD Committee recommended accountability and figuring out a way to get accountability from HCD when it comes to their decision making. He indicated that they recommended the ability for them, for SCAG, or for any interested party to avail themselves of the legal system to challenge arbitrary capricious decisions and figures that may be incorrect. He also cited the example in which the Legislative State Audit found that HCD had double counted. He noted that currently the letter talked about due process and thought that they needed to clarify that the current system does not allow due process. He

explained that someone in theory could say that HCD does their own internal review but that was not what their recommendation meant. He further explained that their recommendation meant that they should have some sort of recourse. He urged the Regional Council to clarify the letter to indicate that when they talk about due process, they mean due process within their legal court system, because otherwise they have a situation where HCD itself could claim internal review and be their judge, jury, and executioner which they felt was a problem given past experience.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged SCAG had received two written public comments before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 6, 2023 which had been transmitted to members and posted on the website. Additionally, the Clerk stated one public comment was received after the deadline and it would be transmitted to members and posted on the website after the meeting.

In the interest of time, action on Item 1 and the Consent Calendar were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

1. Draft RHNA Reform Recommendations

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, thanked CEHD Chair and Committee for members for accommodating their time for a special meeting to deal with [this matter]. He stated he knew many followed the RHNA process. He stated RHNA had evolved every cycle. He shared how the 6th cycle was uniquely different in terms of the requirements that came with the various housing laws that passed. He shared the 6th cycle was significant in helping the region achieve other regional goals such as GHG reduction through land use planning, increasing access to fair housing, and promoting equity and sustainability. He explained RHNA was not just about a number. He stated a RHNA allocation is a representation of a jurisdiction's existing and future housing need, but there was also a regional emphasis to it. He explained the issues they worked on were cross jurisdictional, as discussed at the Joint Policy Committee previewing the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan. Furthermore, he stated that the draft recommendations they would be discussing and taking action on were developed with stakeholder input and regional goals in mind and had been further refined by the CEHD Committee at their special August meeting. Lastly, he stated the report in the agenda packet represented a regional effort to meet their regional needs, and they wanted to take their approved RHNA reform recommendations to HCD to make sure their voices were heard in their concurrent process.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Department Manager, introduced Item 1 and explained that the members would receive a presentation on the draft RHNA Reform recommendations. She stated this was a process that had started the previous year to be in concurrence with the Statewide RHNA Reform efforts. She explained that the recommended action that day was to approve the 14 staff recommendations on RHNA Reform as noted in the staff report, and authorize the Executive Director to submit a comment letter on behalf of SCAG to the California Department of Housing and Community

Development. Additionally, she stated the reason they had a special CEHD Committee meeting in August and why they had the item before them that day, which was because HCD's concurrent comment period would end on September 15. She stated they wanted to make sure their voices were heard at the state level on what they recommend for RHNA Reform. Lastly, she broke down the various components of what would be presented to the members. She explained they would discuss how they developed the draft recommendations, and that they would talk about the draft recommendations and the next steps. Ms. Johnson then introduced David Kyobe who would be going over the RHNA 101 part of the presentation.

Mr. Kyobe, Senior Regional Planner, with the Housing Department, provided members with RHNA 101 presentation. He explained RHNA was a state housing law requirement which determines existing and projected housing needs. He explained the process for developing this was led by a Council of Governments (COG), such as SCAG, and happened every 8 years. He stated jurisdictions must plan for the RHNA allocation in their housing elements by ensuring there were enough sites and zoning to accommodate their RHNA allocation. He shared HCD provides a regional determination in consultation with SCAG and the Department of Finance. He shared the number of units in the 4th, 5th, and 6th cycles for RHNA. He went over the 5 core RHNA objectives. Mr. Kyobe discussed the steps involved in the RHNA allocation, explaining how the process spans over 26 months. He also provided an overview of some of the factors and adjustments that are used that impact the total regional determination. He explained that how they were applied could have a significant effect on the final RHNA number. Mr. Kyobe explained after HCD's regional determination, SCAG develops a methodology to allocate the units to the jurisdictions then a draft RHNA allocation is presented, and jurisdictions have the opportunity to appeal their draft allocation. He also shared which primary factors influence the methodology. During his presentation he also shared a summary of the 6th cycle appeals process noting SCAG had received 52 appeals and the most common reasons for appealing RHNA was the lack of vacant land to accommodate housing, the need to preserve community space and also the focus on more jobs instead of housing. Additionally, he reported that out of the 52 appeals received, two had been granted, and this represented approximately 3,000 units. He reported the 6th cycle RHNA allocation had been adopted in March 2021 and as of early August 2023, 108 jurisdictions had adopted compliant housing elements. Moreover, Mr. Kyobe provided members an overview of RHNA Reform and issues that were raised during the 6th RHNA cycle process. He shared SCAG's commitment to review the issues and facilitate conversations with HCD to reform RHNA. Lastly, he detailed SCAG's RHNA Reform engagement process which had initiated in 2022 in an effort to gather input and feedback on RHNA Reform. He shared feedback had been reviewed and draft recommendations had been prepared for public input through June 30, 2023. He detailed how those draft recommendations had been shared through various channels including two public listening sessions, written comments, a survey and presentations at CEHD and Subregional directors meetings. He then turned the presentation over back to Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson's part of the presentation detailed the 14 recommendations that were developed and as a result of stakeholder engagement and CEHD recommendations. She explained how the recommendations started off with public comments during and after the 6th cycle of RHNA, followed by SCAG reviewing and evaluating each comment carefully in order to make the best professional recommendation for each of the topics raised. She shared there were four main themes in the comments received, therefore they were categorized into regional determinations. She shared those determinations were the HCD process to give them a regional RHNA number, the methodology process which was how each COG determined how each jurisdiction got a RHNA allocation, and the appeals process. She also explained there were things that fell under the "other" category as they did not fit neatly into any of these 3 categories detailed above. She stated this was how they came up with the 14 recommendations. She also explained that in an effort to minimize confusion and keep the recommendations organized, they developed and organized the recommendations into the method of action. Ms. Johnson shared that in 2026 they would officially start the process for the 7th RHNA cycle and how some of these recommendations were more suited to be decided at the 7th cycle. She explained they could not make decisions on the methodology that day because they would be making those decisions then. She also stated they recommended that these recommendations be forwarded to HCD when they begin that process later. She then explained that the action that day, was to approve the draft staff recommendations on RHNA Reform as noted in the staff report and authorize the Executive Director to submit the comment letter to HCD. She informed members that a cover letter that was developed that had a lot of the perspectives shared at HCD would also be going as a packet together to HCD. Ms. Johnson then proceeded to go through each of the recommendations. Lastly, after going into detail about the 14 recommendations, Ms. Johnson explained the next steps, stating that if the recommendations were approved that day, they would submit the comment letter with the recommendations to HCD to make sure they met their September 15th deadline. She stated they would then watch for HCD's report on legislative reform and would update the board and other decision makers on an as needed basis.

Regional Councilmembers provided input and had questions on the RHNA process. Some members shared their thoughts about the need to emphasize how the one size fits all formula did not consider existing density, and the fact that some cities were built out and how this created more displacement of existing residents. Members also brought up their thoughts about land availability and due process opportunities. Members asked for clarification as to what the trade and transfer was as well as what the benefits of being in a subregional delegation were. There were also questions on whether there would be conversations around housing element reform. Lastly, members requested that their input and concerns be included in the letter to HCD as they had robust discussions at the Special CEHD Committee in August on RHNA reform.

Staff addressed the comments and questions from the members. In clarifying what trade and transfer was, staff explained that once they received their drafting allocation, they could find

another RHNA jurisdiction, and presumably trade funds or resources. Staff explained the jurisdiction could trade out RNHA units, or receive RHNA units from another jurisdiction, and then they would let SCAG know and as long as it complied with State housing law, SCAG would take that number and include it in the final RHNA. Staff also explained that the concerns members had shared at the Special CEHD meeting had been inadvertently excluded from the letter, but that they would make sure that the concerns expressed by CEHD, and their frustrations were included in that letter.

First Vice President, Curt Hagman provided comments that the process had been frustrating for all the local jurisdictions. He shared that this is what happened when State Legislators were not held accountable. He stated that as a unit, SCAG was powerful and SCAG would make these letter go out but as individuals, members also had relationships with their state legislators, and they needed to go knocking on their doors. He stated it was their duty to build those relationships and express their frustration directly to them. He also commended staff for writing a very good letter, and going through a very good process to make sure that they hopefully had more say in the future allocation of RHNA in the process going forward. First Vice President Hagman then made a motion to move Item one and the Consent Calendar, items 2 through 10 [and Receive and File Items 11 and 12].

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Approval Minutes of the Regular Meeting – July 6, 2023
3. Contract Amendment Exceeding \$150,000: Contract No. 18-011A-C01, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Online
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-018-C01, Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (ELA)
5. Resolution No. 23-658-1 Regarding the SCAG 2023 Title VI Program
6. REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update
7. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program Application

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8. AB 833 (Rendon): Freeway Caps
 9. AB 1637 (Irwin): Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses
 10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

11. September 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update
12. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve **Item No. 1:** Approve the draft staff recommendations on RHNA reform as noted in the staff report and authorize the Executive Director to submit a comment letter on behalf of SCAG to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).; and the **Consent Calendar:** Items 2 through 10; and Receive and File Items 11 and 12. Motion was SECONDED (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Alexander, Allen, Andrade-Stadler, Boyer, Brown, Bucknum, Clark, Crosswhite, Dumitru, Eich, Gabbard, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Harnik, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Kelly, Krupa, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McKeon, Meister, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Ortiz, Plancarte, Rebollar, Rhodes, Robertson, C. Rodriguez, Sandoval, Saro, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Wagner, Wapner, and Wood (48)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

BUSINESS REPORT

Business Representative Lucy Dunn highlighted some items in the Business report. She shared with the Board that there were some interesting issues the business community was struggling with, and they were encapsulated in a quote by the Federal Reserve chairman Jay Powell, who said they were navigating by the stars under cloudy skies. She stated the economic data they were getting was really conflicting at times. She stated she wanted to help cities by bringing attention to some key points. She shared they should look at project postponement in their cities, stating that because credit was so tight right now, if projects were not moving forward, they might be struggling because of the credit situation in the business sector. Ms. Dunn also shared they should watch the taxes and fees they have as they were driving business to really slow down. She stated that in a BizFed pulse

poll, regulations, fees and crime had taken the one in two slots from homelessness. She stated businesses need to expand, to increase revenue in tough times. She also reported the office sector was still flat, affecting restaurants and businesses near offices, especially as people were not returning to work five days a week. Lastly, she thanked the policy Committees and SCAG staff for the report on the draft Connect SoCal. She stated the Glue Council would be getting a preview presentation of this as well on October 2.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown gave a shout to Regional Councilmember Drew Boyles of El Segundo, whose Little League team won the Little League World Series last month. Additionally, he provided a report on a variety of items. President Brown gave a program preview of the Demographic Workshop scheduled to take place on September 20. He also discussed the Executive Administration Committee's Work Plan which engages the Regional Council more deeply in setting priorities for SCAG's policy leadership and programs and provides direction to staff to prioritize and plan agenda items across Policy Committees and in coordination with the Regional Council. He also thanked Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for meeting with SCAG leadership during summer to discuss and focus on his priority areas for consistency across committees. President Brown also discussed the district evaluation and how every five years, SCAG Bylaws require that the boundaries of each District be reviewed based upon city population. He stated a District Evaluation Subcommittee would begin meeting in October and asked members to contact the Board Clerk by September 15 if they wished to be considered for this committee. President Brown also provided a brief recap on regional events that had occurred in the SCAG region. Lastly, he reported that the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided the Board with an update on Connect SoCal. He shared that earlier that day SCAG's joint policy committee previewed the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan and recommended it to the Regional Council for approval to release for circulation. He stated staff would be bringing this item to the Regional Council in November. Additionally, he stated the presentation had showcased key policies and strategies that would be included in the draft Plan to address existing and emerging challenges facing the region. He stated that in anticipation of the draft Plan release, they continued to engage key stakeholders and provide standing updates at SCAG's policy and working groups. He stated that following the public review and comment period, including a concurrent review and comment period for the program environmental impact report, they anticipated seeking approval for the adoption of a final Connect SoCal in April 2024. Furthermore, the Executive Director provided the members with a REAP 2 update. He shared that the approval to open the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program Call for Applications represented \$35 million from the Regional Early Action Plan 2.0 Program that would

fund utility infrastructure planning and shovel-ready capital improvements to help meet housing production goals. He stated so far, SCAG issued Calls for Applications for five programs to sub-allocate a significant portion of the REAP 2.0 funds to eligible entities in the region. Moreover, Mr. Ajise shared with members the second meeting of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee took place on August 28 and included discussion of potential draft data standards for identifying, evaluating and selecting data. He stated the work supported the TAC's purpose of ensuring the future SoCal Greenprint tool was aligned with policy objectives identified in the approved Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning policy framework. He stated SCAG would continue to integrate TAC input into recommendations for further development of the Greenprint tool, which would be brought to the Energy and Environment Committee for consideration in November and the full Regional Council in January. Lastly, he shared SCAG had received its redesignation approved by the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Coalition redesignation committee. He stated SCAG Regional Council Second Vice President Cindy Allen, Immediate Past President Jan Harnik and Regional Councilmember Oscar Ortiz attended and shared their support for the program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:37 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL]

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AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
213-236-1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

Subject: 2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From June 29-30, 2023, President Art Brown convened a retreat for the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of draft 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Priorities carried forward from the last two years and discussion of accomplishments, new opportunities for policy leadership, and objectives for the upcoming year. Based on the discussion, staff developed a revised 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan, prepared fact sheets related to President Brown’s policy priorities, and completed meetings with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Policy Committees to reflect priorities in the Agenda Outlook for each Committee.

On September 6, 2023, the EAC recommended the Regional Council (RC) approve the revised 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan. Upon approval by the RC, the plan and be used to guide policy discussions and engagement activities including a series of Mobile Workshops scheduled to begin this fall.

BACKGROUND:

The 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan is developed around four Priority Areas initially identified by the EAC in 2021-2022 to focus the work of the Regional Council and its Policy Committees. The Priority Areas include: 1. Regional Policy Development— Regional Plan Update, 2. Leadership in Resource Deployment, 3. Legislative Action, and 4. Technology/Innovation Leadership. During the annual EAC Retreat convened by President Brown from June 29 to 30, the EAC discussed and

confirmed these strategic priorities and updated the related objectives for the upcoming year. Input from this discussion is reflected in the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan (Attachment 1).

Among the objectives for the year, President Brown has identified uniting and elevating the region's voice on transit recovery, goods movement and clean transportation technologies as key policy priorities for his term. Fact sheets on each of these Presidential Priorities, Attachment 2, were subsequently developed by staff for background and context for future discussions that staff will bring forward throughout the year. During the EAC Retreat, the committee members expressed support for these, and other priorities reflected in the Work Plan and also requested an objective be added related to Artificial Intelligence and opportunities to leverage its benefits in support of SCAG's operations and planning work. Other revisions made to the EAC Strategic Work Plan following the retreat include updates on Legislative activities that occurred over the summer.

The 2023-2024 Strategic Work Plan also includes Agenda Outlooks for each of the Policy Committees and the Regional Council (Attachment 3) to align policy priorities with the agenda development process. These Agenda Outlooks were updated following the September EAC meeting based on feedback from the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each of the Policy Committees. They will continue to evolve based on discussions with committee members during the October committee meetings and be used thereafter as the basis for developing monthly agendas.

Once finalized by the RC, the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan will be used to guide policy discussions and engagement activities over the course of the year. These priorities will also be reflected in a series of Mobile Workshops organized for members starting in the fall to bring elected leaders and community partners together to develop a shared understanding of challenges and solutions. As highlighted in the Work Plan, this year's Mobile Workshops will focus on elevating the region's voice on transit recovery, goods movement, and a smooth transition to clean transportation technologies which align with President Brown's priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None identified at this time. The work included in the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic 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. Draft EAC Strategic Work Plan 2023-24
2. Presidential Priorities for EAC Work Plan - Transit Rail Recovery, Goods Movement, Clean Technology
3. Policy Committee Outlooks

2023-2024 EAC Work Plan

Priority Area 1: Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update

2022-2023 Accomplishments:

1. Provided oversight for development of Strategic Priorities for Agency-wide Strategic Plan aligned with vision and mission to drive coordinated action based on agency-wide objectives and key performance indicators.
2. Established “Return to Office” policy to ensure committee meeting format supports rich engagement and dialogue among the Regional Council.
3. Continued to develop the leadership role of Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs in prioritization of policy issues addressed by the committee through guiding preparation of an annual outlook and regular briefings with SCAG Executive staff to align agendas with priorities;
4. Expanded conversations on intersectional issues at the Regional Council to bridge Policy Committee conversations resulting in unified policy direction on water resilience, digital equity, clean transportation technology, and a regional call to action on supply chain issues.
5. Provided policy direction on emerging issues by establishing Special Committees for Connect SoCal 2024 that brought forward recommendations to advance equity, resilience and economic goals.
6. Continued SCAG’s leadership and advancement of an Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy working in partnership with Economic Development Corporations and High Road Transition Collaboratives formed by the State’s Community Economic Resilience Fund program to build more inclusive and resilient economies.
7. Brought elected leaders and community partners together to develop a shared understanding and explore solutions to regional challenges through site visits, mobile workshops and trainings, including a tour of LAX, California Air Resources, and Impact Housing, as well as Imperial County and Coachella Valley.

2023-2024 Objectives:

1. Provide oversight for completion of the Agencywide Strategic Plan Update.
2. Build on policy direction set by 2022-2023 policy resolutions and special committee recommendations to establish an integrated set of Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies in Connect SoCal 2024.
3. Continue to bring elected leaders and community partners together to advance Regional Planning Policies and develop a shared understanding of challenges and solutions through site visits, mobile workshops and trainings.
4. Unite and elevate the region’s voice on transit recovery, goods movement, and a smooth transition to clean transportation technologies as key Presidential Priorities.

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

2022-2023 Accomplishments:

1. Reviewed and approved guidelines for formula-based and competitive programs and projects to be included in SCAG’s application for REAP 2021 resources.

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2. Provided direction to staff on continued refinement and enhancement of Regional Data Platform (RDP) to serve local and regional planning needs including by prioritizing REAP 2 funding for additional outreach and expansion of performance-based planning and program evaluation tools.
3. Championed SCAG's local planning programs to increase awareness, reach and impact of SCAG services to advance regional plans and policies including through participation in Mobile Workshops and briefings of state legislators.
4. Adopted Regional Advanced Mitigation Program Policy Framework to establish a regional policy baseline to ensure the Greenprint Tool is aligned with policy objectives.

2023-2024 Objectives:

1. Review and approve REAP 2021 funding programs and project lists ensuring consistency with the strategic priorities approved in the REAP 2021 framework and resulting program-specific guidelines.
2. Approve guidelines and oversee project selection process for Federal and State funding programs administered by SCAG including the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the Carbon Reduction Program.
3. Approve program guidelines for the 2024 Sustainable Communities Program, including identifying categories and funding sources to support a series of Calls for Projects to provide resources to meet the diverse planning needs of local communities and support implementation of regional planning policies and strategies.
4. Pursue 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.
5. Serve as ambassadors and champions of SCAG's local planning programs and information services to increase awareness, reach and impact of SCAG services to advance regional plans and policies.

Priority #3: Legislative Action

2022-2023 Accomplishments

1. Identified, developed, and executed advocacy opportunities to advance the Regional Council's legislative and budgetary priorities, including taking positions on dozens of legislative bills, conducting numerous in-person and virtual meetings to convey those legislative positions, working with coalitions to stop problematic legislation, securing flexibility for Housing Element updates, and securing surplus state tax revenue for priority transportation programs.
2. Continued to support SCAG region members and partners in funding opportunities that support the implementation of the Connect SoCal by providing nearly 200 support letters for state and federal competitive grant opportunity and member designated projects and expanding outreach efforts to increase awareness of funding opportunities through the new Money Mondays newsletter and a funding focused Toolbox Tuesday.

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3. Provided regional leadership on protecting investments made to the state's multimodal transportation network, including through joint advocacy letters involving SCAG partner transportation agencies and by elevating this issue at the 2023 Sacramento Summit.
4. Provided oversight for a regional stakeholder engagement process to gain feedback on meaningful RHNA reforms to set the stage for future advocacy.
5. In partnership with SCAG's GLUE Council, provided regional leadership and support for Governor Newsom's permit streamlining initiatives, consistent with the agency's legislative platform and priorities articulated at the 2023 Sacramento Summit.
6. In partnership with Southern California transportation stakeholders, worked in opposition to AB 6 (Friedman), and in partnership with CalCOG, led effective opposition to AB 1335 (Zbur), effectively making both bills two-year bills for the 2023 legislative year.
7. In partnership with the Calif. Transit Association and Southern California transportation stakeholders, successfully advocated for significant budgetary relief and funding flexibility for transit operators.

2023-2024 Objectives:

1. Continue to provide regional leadership on important transportation policy and budgetary issues to protect the SCAG region's ability to implement the RTP/SCS, such as supporting project streamlining legislation, advocating against problematic legislation and supporting robust funding the Active Transportation Program, Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, and Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program.
2. Build effective and strong relationships with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and his appointees to Assembly policy committees most relevant to SCAG's planning work. Creating an effective outreach program to accomplish this goal.
3. Provide regional leadership on substantive RHNA reform, including establishing a process for the LCMC to identify specific principles from SCAG's RHNA reform outreach efforts that can be translated to legislative proposals for the 2024 legislative year. Creating an effective outreach program to communicate these ideas to targeted legislators with an interest in RHNA reform.

Priority #4: Technology/Innovation Leadership

2022-2023 Accomplishments

1. Advanced broadband planning, clean technology and smart cities work initiatives including through adopting a Digital Action Plan that provided the strategic direction for securing \$1.5 million to-date in federal and state grants to address the digital divide.
2. Continued to support and bolster SCAG's Regional Data Platform by prioritizing REAP 2 funding for additional outreach and expansion of performance-based planning and program evaluation tools.
3. Continued to promote innovation in regional planning and policy guided by the work of the Emerging Technologies Subcommittee and through technical assistance programs such as the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call.
4. Launched study to develop a regional road map for medium and heavy-duty zero emission infrastructure planning.

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5. Adopted a set of Emerging Technology Principles to be included in Connect SoCal 2024 to provide a framework for assessing emerging technologies which may be beneficial to the SCAG region.
6. Continued evolution of SCAG's hybrid cloud strategy in support of regional data sharing, Connect SoCal modeling efforts, and enterprise business systems.

2023-2024 Objectives

1. Continue to promote innovation in regional planning and policy guided by the work of the Emerging Technology Committee and through technical assistance programs.
2. Provide oversight and help champion the use of data tools available through the RDP to enhance local planning capacity in support of regional goals.
3. Continue evolution of SCAG's hybrid cloud strategy in support of regional data sharing, Connect SoCal modeling efforts, and enterprise business systems.
4. Intentionally explore and actively follow innovations in artificial intelligence to identify opportunities for leveraging AI in SCAG's operations and planning work with a focus on automation, increased efficiency, and data analysis.

Presidential Priorities for EAC Work Plan

Transit/Rail Recovery



PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Although transit/rail ridership has improved over the past few years, it is still significantly less than it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and its past ridership peak around 2007.
- Overall, the region's bus ridership levels are currently 23 percent below what they were pre-pandemic. For Los Angeles Metro, bus ridership has recovered more than rail ridership. For example, when comparing December 2019 to December 2022, bus ridership was down 21 percent and rail ridership was down 43 percent.
- The issue with rail ridership recovery extends to Metrolink whose ridership is currently 61 percent lower than it was pre-pandemic.
- Transit/rail agencies depend, at least in part, on revenues from fares to operate. Historically, farebox recovery ranged between 15 percent to 20 percent for transit and roughly 40 percent to 60 percent for passenger rail. Prior to the pandemic, in 2019, transit/rail farebox recovery had declined to 15 percent and 18 percent, respectively. Matters worsened in 2020, when farebox recovery plummeted to 3 percent.
- The declines in ridership and fare revenues threaten the viability and availability of services in the interim and long term. Three federal pandemic relief bills provided critical support to keep transit/rail afloat early on, but these funds are running out, and there is growing concern that transit/rail operators are approaching a fiscal cliff when federal pandemic operational support will be fully expended and unrenewed and financial shortfalls will hit.

SCAG'S EFFORTS

- SCAG supports efforts to improve transit/rail across the region through a variety of planning research and studies. The key recommendations from the research and studies are instrumental in informing and guiding local jurisdictions on projects to focus on to improve the transit/rail network. Recent research and studies include: Curb Space Management Study; Mobility as a Service (MaaS) Feasibility White Paper; Regional Transit Dedicated Lanes Study; Integrated Freight and Passenger Rail Study; and Metrolink Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study.
- SCAG also continues to support its operators through legislative advocacy and regional engagement with transit operators, especially via the Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee.

FURTHER AREAS TO EXPLORE

- SCAG is exploring opportunities to support operators as they strive to make transit/rail more frequent, reliable, and convenient through funding for pilot demonstrations for projects like MaaS, mobility hubs, dedicated lanes, etc.
- SCAG is also exploring how it could develop recommendations and provide support for zero emission deployments.

Presidential Priorities for EAC Work Plan

Goods Movement



PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The SCAG region is home to the largest seaport complex in the country, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (together called the San Pedro Bay Ports) and has an extensive intermodal freight network that supports the flow of goods throughout the region, state, and nation. Goods movement supports a diversity of jobs in transportation and logistics, manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade and construction, generating over one-third of all jobs in the SCAG region.
- The volume of trade, position of the SCAG region as a key node in global supply chains, extensive landside freight transportation infrastructure, and robust consumer market necessitates that SCAG develop strategies to accommodate growing freight movement. At the same time, the region faces the enormous responsibility to identify and promote effective policies and strategies to mitigate the associated community impacts of goods movement.
- During the past six years, global supply chains have witnessed increasing instability – divisive national trade tariff policies, a severe pandemic with COVID-19, war beginning in 2022, intensifying inflationary pressures, and worsening geopolitical tensions across the globe having far-reaching implications on freight movement regionally and nationally.
- Freight volatility was heightened during 2021 and into 2022. However, demand has now abated, approaching pre-pandemic performance to varying degrees with respect to the goods movement system and supporting facilities.
- At the same time, the focus on the advancement of zero-emission technologies with respect to freight movement has also led to an increasing number of rules and regulations from the State. The State of California Governor’s Executive Order N-79-20 requires that by 2035, all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be zero-emission vehicles.
- Under the order, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is mandated to develop and propose strategies to achieve 100% zero-emissions from medium and heavy-duty on-road vehicles in the State by 2045 where feasible and by 2035 from drayage trucks. An In-Use Locomotive rule also targets 2035 for zero-emission freight locomotives. Technology readiness, supporting infrastructure development, and scalability remain challenging to meet the 2035 date as there are both private fleet and publicly accessible operational needs across the region’s roadway and rail goods movement system.

SCAG’S EFFORTS

- At the March 2, 2023, Regional Council meeting, the Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution was adopted affirming a call-to-action due to increasing supply chain volatility and complexity in the SCAG region. This resolution includes a strong commitment to ongoing collaboration with local, state, and federal partners to plan, fund, and implement projects and strategies that ensure a safe, resilient, and efficient supply chain and goods movement system.

- Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution principles have been incorporated as overarching policies aligning with the 2024 Connect SoCal vision and goals and informing the development of the Goods Movement approach and implementation strategies.
- SCAG supports efforts to improve goods movement across the region through a variety of programs, planning research, and studies. This work transcends key issues and challenges such as freight flows and bottlenecks across major corridors and facilities throughout the region; last-mile delivery and curb space management shifts resulting from e-commerce; community engagement and perspectives; integrated rail operational needs; and newer technology transitions and abilities to scale.
- SCAG's Last Mile Freight Program and partnerships with the State, through the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, support the transition to zero-emission technologies and supporting infrastructure. Recent research and studies have included the SCAG Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Assessment, Integrated Passenger & Freight Rail Forecast, Last Mile Freight Delivery Study, and Industrial Warehouse Study.

FURTHER AREAS TO EXPLORE

- SCAG is developing a roadmap for the region through the Zero-Emission Truck Infrastructure Study. This comprehensive approach is focused on further analyzing demand characteristics of various truck market segments, while assessing publicly accessible zero-emission infrastructure needs to further build a strong representation of what is needed for the region in the current regulatory environment.
- Much of the information that is being updated for Connect SoCal 2024 will provide an opportunity for more detailed analysis within the upcoming Comprehensive Goods Movement Plan Update. As each cycle for Connect SoCal is developed, the Comprehensive Goods Movement Plan Update will have the core objective of incorporating all the core elements from Connect SoCal 2024 and bridging newer areas. Examples include a holistic approach to enhancing the Heavy-Duty Truck model, inland port concepts, and considerations for newer technologies such as hyperloop, including assessments of how they may fit within the existing goods movement system.

Presidential Priorities for EAC Work Plan

Clean Transportation Technology



PROBLEM STATEMENT

- As clean transportation technologies have improved and proliferated over time, minority and low-income communities continue to be the most impacted by air pollution, and the problems of climate change have intensified, resulting in the advancement of a long-term vision of a zero-emissions transportation as part of regional and state policy.
- In response to these issues, the State of California established goals and adopted policies to accelerate the adoption of near-zero and zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) across the mobile sources, including Advanced Clean Cars II, which requires 100% of light duty passenger vehicles sold in California to be zero-emissions by 2035, and Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) which, starting in 2024, requires fleets operating in California to transition to zero-emission technology with the goal of transitioning all drayage trucks to zero-emission by 2035 and the rest of the medium and heavy-duty vehicles to zero-emission by 2045.
- In the South Coast region in 2018, mobile sources were responsible for 85% of NOx emissions and nearly 29% of PM2.5 emissions. Statewide, 41% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions come from mobile sources.
- Criteria pollutants such as NOx and PM2.5 threaten public health and GHGs lead to climate change which has exacerbated extreme heat days, drought, and wildfire in Southern California and further exacerbates inequities amongst the most vulnerable populations as they are most susceptible to impacts of climate change. The region's failure to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) means federal sanctions may be imposed, jeopardizing transportation funds.

SCAG'S EFFORTS

- On April 6, 2023, the Regional Council adopted the SCAG Clean Transportation Technology Policy Resolution, defining clean transportation technology, affirming SCAG's technology neutral position, affirming the need for equitable access to new technologies and formalizing the SCAG Clean Transportation Technology Program.
- SCAG's Clean Transportation Technology Program aims to facilitate the development, commercialization, and deployment of a zero-emission transportation system and its related infrastructure to enhance air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, meet federal, state, and regional targets, and promote economic development, resilience, and equity.
- The program supports the region in implementing Clean Transportation Technology by conducting research and evaluations, providing resources and tools, coordinating with stakeholders both intrastate and intraregional, advocating for policy and regulatory

changes, persuing additional funding through advocacy and stakeholder support, and where applicable, offering investment or incentive programs.

- Recent and ongoing programs and studies include: Electric Vehicle Charging Site Suitability (EVCSS) study, and associated regional Passenger Electric Vehicle (PEV) Plan, including planning tools and technical assistance such as policy memos, guides and conceptual site design plans; PEV Atlas update, evaluating the potential to host charging stations at non-single family locations throughout the region; Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study (SCAG-ZETI), creating a regionally supported plan for ZE Truck Infrastructure; Running an active Clean Cities Coalition; and the SCAG Last Mile Freight Program.

FURTHER AREAS TO EXPLORE

- As defined in the Clean Transportation Technology Resolution, to truly reduce CO2 emissions and other environmental impacts, it is important to understand the lifecycle impacts and opportunities of zero emission technologies along the complete supply chain. Future efforts may consider this, in particular related to implications for energy resiliency, how fuel is produced, critical materials for batteries, opportunities for batteries to support grid function, and reuse and disposal of batteries.
- While most charging for PEV occurs at homes, the option to charge at home is limited for residents that don't live in a single family home. Future work will focus on challenges and solutions for providing affordable and accessible clean transportation options to marginalized communities, those who live in Multi Unit Dwellings or other high density areas.
- To further expedite vehicle and station deployment, SCAG will investigate development and implementation of an EV and EV infrastructure incentive program as part of the SB 150 GHG reduction commitments.
- SCAG will continue to provide Passenger Electric Vehicle Charging Station Planning and Support, and consider opportunities to expand on SCAG-ZETI.

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit Target Setting (R&F) Connect SoCal 2024 Outreach Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Project Selection REAP 2.0 Regional Pilot Initiatives Program Framework GO Human Community Hubs: Project Award List Highlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency Subcommittee Update
Sept	Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review		
Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Release of Draft for Public Review and Comment 2025 FTIP Guidelines Clean Technology Compendium Findings SCAG Mobility Hub Strategy Advanced Air Mobility Highways to Boulevards Regional Study Guest Speaker Series: Smart Freeways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of CPUC Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Funds Future Communities Pilot Program Update Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations (SCP Call 3) Update Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Update Go Human Program Overview/Highlights/Success Carbon Reduction Program: CTC Program Guidelines & Call for Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC 12 Month Agenda Outlook Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)/SB 671 Update (R&F) CMAQ/STBG/CRP MOU with County Transportation Commissions (R&F)

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

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Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Summary of Comments and Revision Approach Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study (ZETI) Outreach Findings Transportation Pricing & Incentives Joint MPO Research Update Comprehensive Goods Movement Plan Update Guest Speaker Series: Replacing the Gas Tax Guest Speaker Series: Congestion Pricing & Equity Guest Speaker Series: Mobility Hubs Clean Technology Compendium Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curb Space Management Update (R&F) Carbon Reduction Program: CTC Program Project Selection Last Mile Freight Program Update Broadband LATA Update SCAG ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program & AT&S Sustainable Communities Programs Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrolink Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study Broadband Permit Streamlining Report Findings EV Oasis Project Update REAP 2.0 Regional Pilot Initiatives Program Update
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Final Adoption Proposed Final Transportation Conformity Analysis for Connect SoCal 2024 Recommendation for RC to Adopt the Connect SoCal 2024 Final PEIR (R&F) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency Subcommittee Update (R&F)
May	General Assembly		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Update REAP 2.0 Regional Pilot Initiatives Program Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Cities Vision Plan Update

Attachment: Policy Committee Outlooks (2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan)

Energy & Environment Committee Agenda Outlook

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Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024 Outreach Update Connect SoCal 2024: Performance Measures Update Connect SoCal 2024: Resilience Policies and Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Resolution Bi-Annual Update
Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review			
Oct - Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analysis for Public Review and Comment Transmittal to South Coast AQMD of Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures Greenprint Tool Data Policies Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water White Paper Update Climate Pollution Reduction Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEC 12-Month Outlook
Jan to Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Resilience Planning Connect SoCal 2024: Summary of Comments and Revision Approach Transmittal to South Coast AQMD of Final 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV- RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures Clean Technology Compendium Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey Water: Local Policies & Best Practices Clean Cities Program Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Energy & Storage: Outside Presenter California Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Cars Program: Outside Presenter California's 30 x 30 conservation framework: Outside Presenter

Energy & Environment Committee Agenda Outlook

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation for RC to Adopt the Connect SoCal 2024 Final PEIR Proposed Final Transportation Conformity Analysis for Connect SoCal 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water White Paper & Next Steps 	
May	General Assembly		
June- July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 Update Climate Pollution Reduction Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Resolution Bi-Annual Update

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CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Performance Measures Connect SoCal Outreach update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1: Program Bi-Annual Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHNA Reform (Action)
Sep	Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review EAC: REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update (Action)		
Oct - Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update REAP 1: Preservation Study REAP 2: NOFA and HIPP Funding Awards (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEHD 12-Month Outlook Inclusive Economic Contracting Toolkits IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Summary of Comments and Revisions Approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1: Bi-Annual Report REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Update REAP 2: RUSH Funding Awards (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment SoCal Demographic Update
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Final Adoption 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IERS Grant Update: Economic Analyses
May	General Assembly		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeownership Strategies (Speaker) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP2 – PATH & SRP2 Program Updates REAP 1 – SRP Project Panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IERS Grant Update

Regional Council Agenda Outlook

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Development Framework (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Project Selection (Action) REAP 2.0 Regional Partnership Initiative (Action) REAP 2.0 Update 	
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHNA Reform Comments (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2: RUSH Call Release (Action) 	
Oct		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 Update REAP 2: HIPP Funding Awards (Action) Sustainable Communities Program Call 4: Project Selection (Action) 	
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Authorization to Release Draft Plan and Transportation Conformity Analysis for Public Review and Comment (Action) (Action) Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR (Action) 2025 FTIP Guidelines (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2: NOFA Funding Awards (Action) Carbon Reduction Program: Guidelines & Call for Projects (Action) 	

Regional Council Agenda Outlook

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenprint Tool Data Policies (Action) Connect SoCal 2024: Summary of Comments and Revision Approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2: RUSH Funding Awards (Action) REAP 1.0 Bi-Annual Report Racial Equity Early Action Plan Status Update REAP 2.0 Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAC Work Plan Progress Report Presidential Priorities: Transit Recovery Presidential Priorities: Clean Transportation Technologies Presidential Priorities: Goods Movement
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Final Adoption (Action) 		
May	General Assembly		
June		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Grant Update & Final Report 	



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No.s 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, Information Technology (IT) – Application Development and Support Bench Contracts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff requests the following actions:

1. Approve contracts to be referenced as 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, with the ten firms who have qualified to serve on SCAG’s IT bench consultant, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,991,000, to provide project-based technical resources for the next five (5) years; and
2. Request a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement to obtain Regional Council (RC) approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants, as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.
3. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG’s Information Technology (IT) Division requires project-based application and development resources to develop and support current and future applications to meet business needs. Staff seeks to create a bench contract with ten (10) qualified IT resources firms selected through SCAG’s competitive procurement 23-013 for as-needed IT Application and Development Services. A Request for Offer (RFO) for each IT project or system related scope of work will be sent to these 10 firms whenever the need arises.



Staff requests to exceed the \$500,000 contract limit per procurement procedures for each individual contract for IT resources, when an individual resource is retained for project support to maintain consistency and effectiveness for up to 5 years. This includes a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
<u>23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10 (various consultants)</u>	The various IT firms shall provide technical project resources to complete defined scopes of work, including some multi-year projects, under contracts 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10.	\$1,991,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811.1163.04 and 811.1163.13, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contact Summary 23-013-C01 through C10
2. Contract Summary 23-013-C01 through C10 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-013-C01 through C10

**Recommended
Consultant:**

1. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
2. California Creative Solutions, Inc.
3. Computer Aid, Inc.
4. Datahouse Consulting, Inc.
5. E.K. Associates
6. Infojini, Inc.
7. MindPROS, Inc.
8. SoftHQ, Inc.
9. Stellar Services, Inc.
10. V3IT Consulting, Inc.

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

SCAG's Information Technology (IT) Division requires project-based application and development resources to develop and support current and future applications to meet business needs. Staff seeks to create a bench contract with ten (10) qualified IT Resource firms selected through SCAG's competitive procurement 23-013 for as-needed IT Application and Development Services. A Request for Offer (RFO) for each IT project or system related scope of work will be sent to these 10 firms whenever the need arises.

As in the past, staff requests to exceed the \$500,000 contract limit per procurement procedures for each individual contract for IT resources, when an individual resource is retained for project support to maintain consistency and effectiveness for up to five (5) years. This includes a waiver of the agency's procurement requirement of obtaining the Regional Council's approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement of needing Regional Council approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.

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

Using IT resources on a contract-by-contract as-needed basis gives SCAG the ability to acquire specialized skills to manage evolving technology demands and meet business needs. This increases SCAG's effectiveness in deploying and supporting new technology, broadens the qualified resource pool, shortens project delivery time, and in many cases, reduces the overall cost of projects. The work of each IT firm will be tied to a specific scope related to a particular project, including agreed deliverables and rates, estimated hours, and schedules.

Strategic Plan:

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

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed

\$1,991,000

To be awarded to eligible firms specified through SCAG RFP 23-013 for various scopes of work related to IT projects.

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through December 31, 2028

Project Number(s): \$189,000 811.1163.04
\$11,000 811.1163.13

Funding Source: Indirect Cost Program Budget

Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811.1163.04 and 811.1163.13, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 1,415 firms of the release of RFP 23-013 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System. A total of 159 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following forty-seven (47) proposals in response to the solicitation:

1. 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
2. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
3. Alliance Innovations
4. ASEG Inc.
5. BayInfotech LLC
6. CAI
7. California Creative Solutions Inc, dba CCS Global Tech
8. COGENT Infotech Corporation
9. Commercial Programming Systems, Inc
10. CrowdPlat, Inc
11. DataHouse Consulting, Inc.
12. Delta Computer Solutions, Inc
13. DPP Tech Inc.
14. E.K. Associates
15. Elegant Enterprise-Wide Solutions, Inc.
16. EPAM Government Solutions
17. ERPA
18. FAAZ Consulting LLC
19. HexaCorp
20. Infojini, Inc
21. Infostride
22. Jada Systems, Inc.
23. Kapital Data Corp
24. Kiefer Consulting, Inc.
25. MindPROS, Inc.
26. MSys, Inc.
27. Paramount Software Solutions, Inc.
28. Prelude Systems Inc.
29. Protiviti Government Services, Inc.
30. QUADRANT RESOURCE LLC
31. Red Sun Technology Solutions, LLC
32. Resource Logistics Inc
33. Riya Interactive, Inc.
34. SATWIC INC
35. SDI Presence LLC
36. Serigor, Inc.
37. SoftHQ, Inc
38. Stellar Services

39. ThoughtFocus, Inc.
40. Trinus Corporation
41. Triune Infomatics, Inc.
42. TRYFACTA, INC.
43. Tunabear Consulting
44. V Group Inc.
45. V3iT Consulting, Inc.
46. Vastek Inc
47. Zion Cloud Solutions

The highest ranked consultants being recommended for contract award (inclusion on the bench) are:

1. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
2. California Creative Solutions, Inc.
3. CAI
4. Datahouse Consulting, Inc.
5. E.K. Associates
6. Infojini, Inc.
7. MindPROS, Inc.
8. SoftHQ, Inc.
9. Stellar Services, Inc.
10. V3IT Consulting, Inc.

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommends each of the ten (10) firms listed above for the contract award based on technical qualifications, breadth and quality of resources, company stability and viability, and customer references.

Additionally, each firm:

- Clearly identified previous experience performing similar work scopes;
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project's intent and scopes; and
- Provided rates that were reasonable and within the desired range.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For October 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

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2. Requests a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement of obtaining the Regional Council’s (RC’s) approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants, as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement of needing Regional Council approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
AgreeYa Solutions, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
California Creative Solutions, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Jada Systems, Inc. (sub-consultant)	No – form attached
CAI (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Datahouse Consulting, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Kambrian Corporation (sub-consultant)	No – form attached
E.K. Associates	No – form attached
Infojini, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
ICM Federal, Inc. (sub consultant)	No – form attached
MindPROS, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
SoftHQ, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Stellar Services, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
V3IT Consulting, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-013

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

Name of Firm: AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Ajay Kaul
Project Title: Information Technology Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

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

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

YES NO

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

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

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

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Ajay Kaul, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Partner of (firm name) AgreeYa Solutions, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 06/02/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


 _____ 06/02/2023 _____
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (Original signature required)

NOTICE

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

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-013

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Name of Firm: California Creative Solutions, Inc. dba CCS Global Tech

Name of Preparer: Raminder Singh

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) – Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support.

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/6/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

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

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

YES NO

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

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

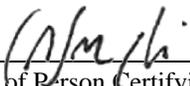
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Raminder Singh, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) California Creative Solutions, Inc. dba CCS Global Tech, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 6/2/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



6/2/2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
 (Original signature required)

 Date

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-013

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Name of Firm: Jada Systems Inc.
Name of Preparer: Troy Davis
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Troy Davis, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & C.E.O. of (firm name) Jada Systems Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 6/05/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

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Name of Firm: Computer Aid, Inc.

Name of Preparer: D. Abraham Hunter, EVP

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) - Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/6/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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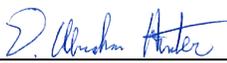
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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) D. Abraham Hunter, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Executive Vice President of (firm name) Computer Aid, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 6/6/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

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Name of Firm: DataHouse Consulting, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Edward Ontai
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 023-013 **Date Submitted:** 05/30/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Edward Ontai, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) DataHouse Consulting, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 05/22/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

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Edward Ontai
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05/22/2023

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Name of Firm: Kambrian Corporation
Name of Preparer: Cathy Hsieh
Project Title: IT Application Development & Support
RFP Number: RFP 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 5/30/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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Name of Firm: E.K TECHNOLOGIES DBA E.K. ASSOCIATES

Name of Preparer: REENA J VASWANI

Project Title: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

RFP Number: RFP No. 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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I, (printed full name) REENA J VASWANI, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) PRESIDENT of (firm name) E.K. ASSOCIATES, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 06/05/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Reena Vaswani _____ 06/05/2023 _____
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Name of Firm: Infojini Inc
Name of Preparer: Sandeep harjani
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Sandeep Harjani, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) Infojini Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 06/05/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


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Name of Firm: ICM FEDERAL INC.
Name of Preparer: SARAH HASHEMI
Project Title: CEO/PRESIDENT
RFP Number: _____ Date Submitted: June 6th 2023
"State of California IT Application Development"

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) SARAH HASHEMI, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO/PRESIDENT of (ICM FEDERAL Inc.), and that

I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated June 6th 2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Sarah Hashemi



June 6th 2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
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RFP No. 23-013

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Name of Firm: MindPROS, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Jaya Ravoori
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: #23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

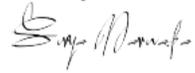
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Surya Maruvada, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) MindPROS, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 06/05/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (Original signature required) 06/05/2023 Date

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Name of Firm: SoftHQ, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Kranti Ponnam
Project Title: President
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 09/26/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Kranti Ponnam, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) SoftHQ, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 09/26/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
 (Original signature required)

 09/26/2023
 Date

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Name of Firm: Stellar Services, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Liang Chen

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

YES NO

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Liang Chen, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) Stellar Services, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 6/06/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


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Name of Firm: V3IT Consulting, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Vandana Padgaonkar
Project Title: IT Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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**AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-022-C01, Amazon Web
Services (AWS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-022-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$4,445,445, with AWS to provide continued support and maintenance of SCAG’s cloud-based compute and storage infrastructure, while ensuring maximized cost savings and increased administrative efficiency, with the common goal of providing enhanced compute capability, centralized storage of critical data, and overall improved IT services and solutions to the entire organization. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cloud computing has become an indispensable tool for organizations like SCAG seeking scalability, flexibility, and cost-efficiency in providing IT infrastructure. SCAG has benefited from utilizing AWS cloud computing for several key strategic areas, including high demand processes in Modeling and the Regional Data Platform. However, our AWS utilization is currently fragmented across multiple accounts, which has presented challenges in maximizing cost savings and gaining administrative efficiency.

This contract will allow SCAG to consolidate our existing AWS accounts and continue to utilize cloud computing through 2026. This strategic consolidation will allow SCAG to simplify management, optimize costs, improve security, and ensure business continuity. Further, by consolidating our accounts, we can better manage our cloud resources and expenditure. This initiative reflects our commitment to a more efficient and cost-effective cloud infrastructure that will support SCAG’s continued growth and innovation.



BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Amazon Web Services (24-022-C01)	This contract will allow staff to consolidate SCAG's existing AWS accounts and continue to utilize cloud computing through 2026.	\$4,445,445

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$1,111,362 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811-1163.24, 811-1163.22, 811-1163.08, 811-1163.23, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-022-C01
2. Contract Summary 24-022-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-022-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Amazon Web Services

Background & Scope of Work:

Cloud computing has become an indispensable tool for organizations like SCAG seeking scalability, flexibility, and cost-efficiency in providing IT infrastructure. SCAG has benefited from utilizing Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud computing for several key strategic areas, including high demand processes in Modeling and the Regional Data Platform. However, our AWS utilization is currently fragmented across multiple accounts, which has presented challenges in maximizing cost savings and gaining administrative efficiency.

SCAG's current AWS accounts include:

1. Modeling – AWS allows SCAG to scale and simultaneously run large modeling runs efficiently, reducing costs;
2. Regional Data Platform (RDP) – AWS enables SCAG to develop and implement a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that promotes efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region;
3. Aerial Imagery; and
4. IT Operations.

Managing multiple AWS accounts introduces complexity in terms of billing and resource provisioning. Duplication of resources across different accounts can lead to inefficiencies and increased costs. Ensuring consistent security controls and compliance standards across multiple accounts is also challenging and duplicative versus a more unified cloud computing strategy.

This contract will allow SCAG to consolidate our existing AWS accounts and continue to utilize cloud computing through 2026. This strategic consolidation will allow SCAG to simplify management, optimize costs, improve security, and ensure business continuity. Further, by consolidating our accounts, we can better manage our cloud resources and expenditures. This initiative reflects staff's commitment to a more efficient and cost-effective cloud infrastructure that will support SCAG's continued growth and innovation.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Effectively and efficiently manage SCAG's cloud compute and storage capacity to meet the specialized needs and growth of Modeling, RDP, Aerial Imagery and IT Operations;
- Provide scalable, flexible and cost-efficient cloud based computing and high capacity centralized data storage; and
- Simplify account management, cost optimization and billing efficiency.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For October 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Amazon Web Services (prime consultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No./Contract No. RFP-022-C01

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Name of Firm: Amazon Web Services, Inc.

Name of Preparer: n/a

Project Title: N/A

Date Submitted: September 27, 2023

The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy (the "Policy"), by its terms, covers "members, employees and consultants of the Southern California Association of Governments ["SCAG"]."

Amazon Web Services, Inc. ("AWS") is not a member, employee, or "consultant" as defined¹ in the Policy.

AWS employs thousands of individuals globally and it is impracticable for AWS to make the below Declaration on behalf of all of its employees. Amazon.com has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics currently posted at <https://ir.aboutamazon.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters/code-business-conduct-and-ethics> (as updated from time to time, the "Code") that covers issues including, among other things, conflicts of interest and bribery. AWS will conduct its operations in compliance with the Code.

AWS understands that SCAG nevertheless requires AWS to submit this form. AWS's limits its responses below to only address the activities of the three specific AWS employees who will interact with or otherwise support SCAG in its provision of AWS commercial cloud services.

¹ "For purposes of this policy, a "consultant" shall mean any individual, including an executive director or coordinator who provides management, coordinating, consulting or similar services pursuant to a contract or other agreement with the Association, Subregional Council of Governments ("SUB-COG"), or any other subregional organization affiliated with SCAG. A "consultant" shall not include an executive director or coordinator of a SUB-COG with a fixed contract or salary from SCAG that is not dependent on a dollar amount of contracts received."

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YES — **NO** *N/A

*AWS response subject to AWS remarks on page 1 of this form.

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

YES **NO***

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YES **NO***

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

YES NO*

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

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Matthew Briggs, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Authorized Signatory of (firm name) Amazon Web Services, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. Subject to AWS's remarks on page 1 of this form, I hereby submit this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated September 27, 2023. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

DocuSigned by:


Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

September 27, 2023
Date

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**AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

From: India Brookover, Senior Regional Planner
(213) 236-1919, brookover@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Grant Program
Application

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to submit the Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding Full Application to the California Department of Conservation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to submit the Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding Full Application to the California Department of Conservation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Council previously adopted Resolution No. 23-658-2 Authorization to Apply for Full Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Funding Program on September 7, 2023, and the complete grant application was submitted to the California Department of Conservation by SCAG staff on September 8, 2023. Since receiving the grant application, the Department of Conservation has indicated that updates are needed to the previously adopted resolution.

To pursue full funding for the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study under the SALC planning grant, SCAG staff recommends approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3 Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program by the Regional Council.

Authorization to apply through the Regional Council's adoption of a Resolution of Support is required to submit the full application to the California Department of Conservation.

SCAG is eligible to receive approximately \$500,000 in grant funding through the SALC planning grant, a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program administered by the California Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency. The purpose of the SALC program is to protect agricultural land to support infill and compact development and to further the purposes of AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses. To fulfill Connect SoCal's goals and promote a healthy and sustainable region, SCAG staff is seeking a SALC Planning Grant to fund the creation of a Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study, which will result in a better understanding of the state of agricultural activities and conservation in the region and help quantify the economic and resilience benefits of agricultural and natural lands.

BACKGROUND:

SALC and SCAG's Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

Agriculture and natural lands play a significant role in the SCAG region's economy, culture, and ecosystem. SCAG has included a commitment to conservation in the Sustainable Communities Strategy ("Connect SoCal"), through the goal to "Promote conservation of natural and agricultural lands and restoration of habitats." This goal is also intended to help the region meet its greenhouse gas reduction commitments, because of the role natural and agricultural lands play in avoiding greenhouse gas emissions through reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and sequestering carbon.

A component of the California Strategic Growth Council's (Council) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) supports the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals by protecting agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG intensive uses, which promotes smart growth within existing jurisdictions, ensures open space remains available, and supports a healthy agricultural economy and resulting food security.

Administered by the California Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency, SALC Agricultural Land Conservation Planning grants provide funds to cities and counties in collaboration with local stakeholders to develop and implement plans for the protection of agricultural land at risk of conversion to non-agricultural uses. SALC planning grants incentivize local governments to work closely with local stakeholders to develop local and regional land use policies and implementation strategies that integrate agricultural land conservation goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support job creation, and benefit priority populations.

SCAG is eligible for \$500,000 in SALC planning grant funding. The Regional Council previously adopted Resolution No. 23-658-2 Authorization to Apply for Full Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Funding Program on September 7, 2023, and the complete grant application was submitted to the California Department of Conservation by SCAG staff on September 8, 2023. Since receiving the grant application, the Department of Conservation has indicated that updates are needed to the previously adopted resolution. The revisions to the resolution include:

- Certifying that SCAG will have sufficient funds to meet the match requirement;
- Certifying that SCAG will work towards the California’s Planning Priorities;
- Authorizing a designated individual, or designee, as agent to accept the award of grant funding and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of the plan; and
- Acknowledging that SCAG understands and accepts that they must cover the costs to complete work related to the development and execution of the planning project until reimbursement by the State.

To pursue full funding for the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study under the SALC planning grant, SCAG staff recommends approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* by the Regional Council. Authorization to apply through the Regional Council’s adoption of a Resolution of Support is required to submit the full application to the California Department of Conservation.

The Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits study will provide an analysis of the economic and fiscal benefits of key environmental services and resilience benefits provided by select natural lands and farmlands, estimated costs of replacing those services and benefits, and relevant social and public health benefits. In addition to technical economic and fiscal work, the study will include stakeholder engagement, case studies, and an assessment of funding, resources, and policy recommendations that can support preservation and enhancement of these environmental services and resilience benefits, and continued reduction of VMT and GHG emissions, resulting from the preservation of natural and farmlands, consistent with the adopted Connect SoCal Plan. This research will be presented in the form of a Landscape Analysis White Paper.

The Landscape Analysis White Paper will cover:

- Agricultural Baseline: Identify locations and acreages of farm and range lands, soil types and commodities grown in the region (food and non-food), and quantify the associated crop values.

- Land-use Trends: Document and compare trends related to agricultural and natural lands, including changes in land-use, economic productivity, and estimated GHG emissions, biodiversity, and public health outcomes.
- Carbon Sequestration and GHG Reduction: Explore the climate benefits of conservation-related greenhouse gas reduction methods such as supporting local food production, reducing transportation intensity of food supply, crop types with the highest carbon sequestration potential, and agricultural practices and technologies that promote healthy soil.
- Environmental Services: Explore the economic and fiscal value of environmental services from natural and agricultural lands, such as contributions to water storage and quality and the cost of replacing those services.
- Co-benefits: Identify and estimate social and public health benefits of agricultural and natural lands preservation.
- Farmworker Housing: Adequate farmworker housing is a key issue related to equity and long-term sustainability for the agricultural economy. The analysis will research the region's farmworker population, identify where they live in relation to where they work, quality and quantity of existing housing stock, supply and availability of clean drinking water, and explore potential funding opportunities to increase the affordability, quantity, quality and accessibility of farmworker housing.

Quantifying the economic benefits of agricultural and natural lands can help inform land use decisions across the region. This research can also play an important role in identifying resources, funding, and programs for lands that are priorities for conservation and preserve their economic, fiscal, and resilience benefits.

This project further advances the goals of Senate Bill 375, which sets regional targets for reduction of GHG emissions, as the project aims to provide an assessment of funding, resources, and policy recommendations that can further support the reduction of GHG emissions from the preservation of natural and farmlands.

Next Steps

Following the RC's approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3, SCAG will submit the resolution to the State Partners as supplemental material to the full Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding application. Upon the award of SCAG's full application by the State Partners, SCAG will return to the Regional Council to authorize acceptance of the full SALC Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant funds.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item will be included in the FY23-24 OWP via budget amendment, once funding is received, with no fiscal impact to the existing budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-3 SCAG's application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC)



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM PLANNING GRANTS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties hereby consents to, adopts and ratifies the following resolution;

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WHEREAS, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program and is administered by the Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program are to protect agricultural land to support infill and compact development and to further the purposes of AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses; and

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Executive/Administration Art Brown, Buena Park

Community, Economic & Human Development Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos

Energy & Environment Deborah Robertson, Rialto

Transportation Tim Sandoval, Pomona

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to accomplish the above purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation has established Guidelines to disburse said allocated funds via a competitive process, which Guidelines require a resolution certifying approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes the submittal of the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) grant application to the California Department of Conservation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation for the project and agrees to accept the template terms and conditions included in the SALC Program Guidelines if the project is awarded funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest exists for any member of the Regional Council as relates to the project; and

Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-3 SCAG's application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC) (Sustainable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies provision of sufficient funds to meet the SALC grant matching funds requirement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies that work funded by the SALC grant will be consistent with the California State Planning Priorities established in Cal. Gov. Code § 65041.1 Section 65041.1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, as agent to accept the award of grant funding and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests which may be necessary for development of the plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby acknowledges that, as applicant, the agency is responsible for costs to complete the work related to the development and execution of the planning project until reimbursement by the State;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorize staff to execute tasks, such as signing documents, related to the application, grant agreement, and acquisition, if the project is awarded funding.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Rongsheng Luo, Planning Supervisor
(213) 236-1994, luo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council (RC) approve transmittal to the South Coast Air Quality Management District of the Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve transmittal to the South Coast Air Quality Management District of the Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is developing an air quality state implantation plan (SIP) to address the 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) in the South Coast Air Basin. Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, SCAG is responsible for preparing a portion of the air plan relating to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and transportation control measures (TCMs), which is commonly known as "Appendix IV-C" of the air plan. Without introducing any new policies but including a new Clean Air Act required TCM analysis, the Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP Appendix IV-C is a technical update to the Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C, which was approved by the RC in November 2022. Because the EEC was dark in August, a Joint Policy Committees (JPC) meeting was held in September, and the Draft Appendix IV-C needs to be transmitted to the South Coast AQMD by mid-October, staff is seeking

authorization of the EEC and the RC on the same day, October 5, 2023, to transmit the Draft Appendix IV-C to the South Coast AQMD for inclusion in the Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP for public review. The Executive Summary of the Draft Appendix IV-C is included as an attachment to this staff report. The Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP, including the Draft Appendix IV-C, is anticipated to be released for public review and comment in late October or November 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2017, the South Coast AQMD's 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) included a PM_{2.5} SIP to address the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard. However, due to significant concerns raised by the EPA regarding the PM_{2.5} SIP in response to a lawsuit filed against the EPA in January 2023, the South Coast AQMD withdrew the PM_{2.5} SIP to prevent EPA disapproval and initiated the development of a new PM_{2.5} SIP. As a result, the South Coast AQMD has been determined to have failed to submit the required SIP to implement the 2012 PM_{2.5} standard by the EPA, effective June 26, 2023. In addition, the new PM_{2.5} SIP must be submitted to and deemed complete by the EPA by December 26, 2024 to avoid imposition of the stationary sanction and by June 26, 2025 to avoid imposition of the highway sanction in the South Coast Air Basin.

The new 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP is being jointly prepared by three responsible agencies: the South Coast AQMD, the lead agency, the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and SCAG. SCAG's role in the PM_{2.5} SIP development process includes providing the socio-economic growth forecast and regional transportation demand model output data to the South Coast AQMD for use in estimating and forecasting emission inventories and airshed modeling; and vehicle activity data to the ARB for use in developing on-road emissions. Because there have been no significant changes to the socio-economic growth forecast and the travel activity projections since the South Coast AQMD's 2022 AQMP, the PM_{2.5} SIP will use the same socio-economic growth forecast and travel activity projection data that SCAG previously provided for the 2022 AQMP.

In addition to the technical data, SCAG is also responsible for writing a portion of the PM_{2.5} SIP on the region's RTP/SCS and TCMs as they relate to air quality. The document, commonly referred to as "Appendix IV-C," primarily includes an overview of the adopted Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS); an updated list of committed TCMs in the South Coast Air Basin that are federally enforceable and subject to timely implementation; and, pursuant to Clean Air Act requirements, an analysis of the best available and the most stringent TCMs. The Executive Summary of the Draft Appendix IV-C is attached to this staff report.

The 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP will include an important component relative to regional transportation planning and federal transportation conformity requirements, the motor vehicle emissions budgets, which set an upper limit for emissions permitted from on-road transportation activities. The new emission budgets established as part of the PM_{2.5} SIP process and approved in the final plan will

become the functioning emission budgets for transportation conformity for future RTP/SCS and Federal Improvement Program (FTIP), and their amendments post the effectiveness date of the new emission budgets.

The Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP is anticipated to be released by the South Coast AQMD in Fall 2023 for public review. Staff plans to invite South Coast AQMD staff to present to the EEC on the Draft PM_{2.5} SIP within one or two months after the public release.

After the public review, the Draft Appendix IV-C will be revised as appropriate and the Final Appendix IV-C will be presented to the EEC for recommendation to the Regional Council for final adoption, anticipated in Spring 2024. Upon adoption by the Regional Council, the Final Appendix IV-C will be transmitted to South Coast AQMD for inclusion into the Final 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (025.0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Executive Summary of Draft 2024 South Coast 2012 PM_{2.5} SIP Appendix IV-C

Executive Summary of Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} State Implementation Plan (SIP) Appendix IV-C

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

September 20, 2023

SCAG MISSION STATEMENT

Under the guidance of the Regional Council and in collaboration with our partners, our mission is to foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

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Executive Summary

This Appendix IV-C (Appendix or Appendix IV-C throughout) describes the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) to address the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standards in the South Coast Air Basin as part of South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) Draft 2024 PM_{2.5} State Implementation Plan (SIP). This Appendix IV-C is based on SCAG's Final 2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS, also known as Connect SoCal) and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), as amended. The RTP/SCS and FTIP were developed in consultation with federal, state and local transportation and air quality planning agencies and other stakeholders. The four County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) in the South Coast Air Basin, namely Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, were actively involved in the development of the regional transportation measures of this Appendix.

This Appendix consists of the following three Sections.

Section I. Introduction

As required by federal and state laws, SCAG is responsible for ensuring that the regional transportation plan, program, and project are supportive of the goals and objectives of applicable Air Quality Management Plans and State Implementation Plans (AQMPs/SIPs). SCAG is also required to develop demographic projections and regional transportation strategy and control measures for the South Coast AQMD's AQMP/SIP.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six county region comprising SCAG's jurisdiction, SCAG is obligated to develop an RTP/SCS every four years. The RTP/SCS is a long-range regional transportation plan that provides for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation network for the SCAG region. The RTP/SCS also outlines certain land use growth strategies that provide for more integrated land use and transportation planning, and enhance transportation investments. The RTP/SCS is required by federal laws to demonstrate transportation conformity and also to achieve regional greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) pursuant to SB 375. Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, the RTP/SCS constitutes the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities and Transportation Control Measures of the South Coast AQMD's AQMPs/SIPs.

In addition, SCAG develops the biennial FTIP. The FTIP is a list of multimodal capital improvement projects to be implemented over a six year period. The FTIP implements the programs and projects in the RTP/SCS.

[Section II. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures \(TCMs\)](#)

The SCAG region faces many critical challenges including demographics, transportation system preservation, transportation funding, goods movement, housing, air quality, climate change, and public health. Under the guidance of the goals and objectives adopted by SCAG’s Regional Council, SCAG’s governing board, the Connect SoCal was developed to provide a blueprint to integrate land use and transportation strategies to help achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system. Connect SoCal represents the culmination of more than three years of work involving dozens of public agencies, 197 local jurisdictions in the SCAG region, hundreds of local, county, regional and state officials, the business community, environmental groups, as well as various nonprofit organizations. Connect SoCal was adopted by SCAG’s governing board, the Regional Council, on May 7, 2020 for transportation conformity purposes only and on September 3, 2020 for all purposes.

To realize a sustainable and connected region, Connect SoCal includes a Core Vision that centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets; five Key Connections that augment the Core Vision to address trends and emerging challenges while closing the gap between what can be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone and what must be done to meet increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals; as well as action-oriented transportation strategies and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Core Vision

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

Key Connections

- Smart Cities and Job Centers
- Housing Supportive Infrastructure
- Go Zones
- Accelerated Electrification
- Shared Mobility and Mobility as a Service

Transportation Strategies

- Preserve and Optimize Our Current System
 - Congestion Management
 - Congestion Pricing
 - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

- Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Completing Our Transportation System
 - Transit
 - Passenger Rail
 - Active Transportation
 - Transportation Safety
 - Highway and Arterial Network
 - Regional Express Lane Network
 - Goods Movement
 - Aviation
 - Technological Innovations and Emerging Technology

Sustainable Communities Strategy

- Focus Growth Near Destinations & Mobility Options
- Promote Diverse Housing Choices
- Leverage Technology Innovations
- Support Implementation of Sustainability Policies
- Promote a Green Region

Transportation Control Measures (TCMs)

Connect SoCal includes, as a subset of transportation strategies, SIP-committed transportation programs and projects that reduce vehicle use or change traffic flow or congestion conditions for the purposes of reducing emissions from transportation sources and improving air quality, better known as Transportation Control Measures or “TCMs.” In the South Coast Air Basin, TCMs include the following three main categories of transportation improvement projects and programs that have funding programmed for right-of-way and/or construction in the first two years of the 2023 FTIP:

1. Transit and non-motorized modes;
2. High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes and their pricing alternatives; and
3. Information-based strategies (e.g., traffic signal synchronization).

Attachment A of Appendix IV-C is a list of transportation control measure projects that are from SCAG’s 2023 FTIP and specifically identified and committed to in the 2024 PM_{2.5} SIP. Per the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), these committed TCMs are required to receive funding priority and be implemented in a timely manner. In the event that a committed TCM cannot be delivered or will be significantly delayed, there must be a substitution for the TCM. It is important to note that as the SCAG’s FTIP is updated every two years, new committed TCMs are automatically added to the applicable SIP from the previous FTIP.

Plan Emissions Reduction Benefits

If the future vehicle fleet mix and emission factors are held constant as those in the Connect SoCal base year 2016, Connect SoCal is estimated to yield a reduction in NO_x emissions by about 1.5 tons per day (tpd) in 2025, 4.1 tpd in 2035, and 6.8 tpd in 2045 compared with their respective Baselines without Connect SoCal. However, if accounting for mandated future improvement in vehicle fleet mix and emission factors, the estimated NO_x emission reduction from Connect SoCal is reduced by 60 to 73 percent, because

the vehicles as a whole are becoming much cleaner and reduction of every vehicle mile traveled from Connect SoCal yields less reduction in NOx emissions.

Plan Investment

The total expenditure for the various strategies in Connect SoCal is forecasted to be \$638.9 billion for the entire six-county SCAG region. Connect SoCal has identified the same amount of total revenues from both existing and several new funding sources that are reasonably expected to be available.

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Implementation of Connect SoCal will secure a safe, efficient, sustainable and prosperous future for the SCAG region. To demonstrate how effective Connect SoCal would be toward achieving our regional goals, SCAG conducted a Connect SoCal vs. Connect SoCal Baseline cost-benefit analysis utilizing the Cal-B/C Model to calculate regional network benefits – essentially comparing how the region would perform with and without implementation of the Connect SoCal.

Compared with the alternative without the Plan, Connect SoCal would result in significant benefits to our region, not only with respect to mobility and accessibility, but also in the areas of air quality, economic growth and job creation, sustainability and environmental justice. Altogether, the transportation investments in Connect SoCal will provide a return of two dollars for every dollar invested compared with the Baseline alternative.

Section III. TCM Best Available Control Measure (BACM) and Most Stringent Measure (MSM) Analysis

The South Coast Air Basin has been reclassified as a Serious nonattainment area under the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS effective December 9, 2020. In addition, the South Coast AQMD's 2016 AQMP included a 2012 PM_{2.5} Serious Area SIP that demonstrated attainment by 2025. However, due to significant concerns raised by the US EPA regarding the PM_{2.5} SIP in response to a lawsuit filed against EPA for failure to act on the SIP, the South Coast AQMD withdrew the SIP to prevent EPA disapproval and initiated the development of a new SIP. Further, the new SIP needs and will include a request to extend the attainment date to 2030 consistent with CAA Section 188(e) to allow more time for implementation. As a result, the South Coast Air Basin is required to implement BACMs and MSMs including TCMs for the control of direct PM_{2.5} and PM_{2.5} precursors from on-road mobile sources. This section serves as the TCM BACM and MSM component for the South Coast 2012 PM_{2.5} standard SIP.

Following the applicable U.S. EPA guidance and updating the previous TCM BACM analysis in the South Coast AQMD's 2016 AQMP that has received EPA approval, the TCM BACM and MSM analysis consists of a review of the on-going implementation of TCMs in the South Coast Air Basin, a review of TCM measures implemented in other Moderate and Serious PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas as well as Serious PM₁₀ nonattainment areas throughout the country, and a review of TCMs not implemented in the SCAG region. The analysis demonstrates that the TCM projects being implemented in the South Coast Air Basin are both the best available and the most stringent TCMs.



AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Alina Borja, Community Engagement Specialist
(213) 630-1449, borja@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-1 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety grant funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 to support the Go Human Campaign and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

RECOMMENDED ACTION TC:

Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve Resolution No. 23-659-1 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety grant funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 to support the Go Human Campaign and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted the Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative." To pursue this effort, SCAG launched Go Human, a Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, with funding from the Active Transportation Program. To extend campaign efforts, SCAG applied for Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of

\$1,354,475 to conduct an eighth round of Go Human safety programming and engagement across the region. On July 14, 2023, SCAG was informed that the grant award was being tentatively offered. SCAG is seeking Regional Council approval to receive the funds and authorization for the Executive Director to execute necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

BACKGROUND:

In the six-county SCAG region, walking or bicycling accounts for 8.9% of all trips, but 27% of all roadway fatalities, according to Connect SoCal, SCAG's Adopted 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). To address this, the SCAG 2014 General Assembly passed Resolution No. GA 2014-2, titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative" to support a regional safety initiative aimed at improving roadway safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. To implement the resolution, SCAG secured \$2.3 million through California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) grant funding from the statewide 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP) call for projects to coordinate a Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

Using these grant resources, SCAG successfully initiated the Go Human Campaign with the launch of a first round of advertising and outreach in September of 2015 as well as six additional grant opportunities through the Office of Traffic Safety to implement safety strategies. The advertising campaign has secured more than one billion impressions to date (each time an ad is seen) regionwide through a combination of SCAG's initial investment, as well as leveraged and donated media from local and county partners. SCAG has also completed and extended other components of the initial grant scope of work which include implementing a series of Go Human events in partnership with local cities, awarding grants to community-based organizations for community engagement, and other programming to create active transportation champions.

To continue the Go Human Campaign's momentum, SCAG applied for additional funding in January 2023 in the amount of \$1,354,474.82 from the Office of Traffic Safety to extend the campaign into 2023 and 2024. On July 14, 2023, SCAG received notice that an award in the amount of \$1,354,475 was being tentatively offered, given final approval from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, anticipated in October 2023. If awarded, this funding will be used to conduct traffic safety engagement strategies and programming. Funds will be used to support localized traffic safety outreach for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists across the region, through the multiple safety strategies, including safety messaging and co-branding, temporary safety demonstration projects, and the distribution of Community Streets Grants across the region. Funds will also be used for research development and analysis to assess existing strategies and inform new ones. SCAG is seeking Regional Council approval to receive the funds.



FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, SCAG will receive \$1,354,475 in grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety that will be utilized for the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. SCAG will use available general funds balance to begin project work. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the grant funding will be included and reconciled in a future budget amendment during FY 2023-24 and the general fund will be reimbursed for grant expenditures.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-1 Acceptance of Traffic Safety Grant Funds



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN

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

WHEREAS, on average, 1,500 people are killed and 136,000 are injured in traffic collisions throughout the SCAG region every year;

WHEREAS, SCAG has applied for an award of \$1,354,475 in Office of Traffic Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Funds ("Grant Funds"), to support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign;

WHEREAS, the mission of the California Office of Traffic Safety is to "Effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways"; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Funds will be used for the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, which will involve consulting services to extend the Go Human Safety and Encouragement Campaign and support Community Outreach and Engagement strategies focused on traffic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council that SCAG is authorized to accept and administer the Grant Funds to support the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept the tentative Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 Office of Traffic Safety to support the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.
2. That SCAG's Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

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Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-1 Acceptance of Traffic Safety Grant Funds (Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 11
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael Gainor, Senior Regional Planner
(213) 236-1822, gainor@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds: Safety Modeling

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-2 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve Resolution No. 23-659-2 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting this project.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 31, 2023, SCAG submitted a grant application to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$886,684 to fund the development of a transportation safety data analysis and predictive modeling platform. On July 14, 2023, SCAG was informed by OTS that the grant was tentatively awarded, pending final approval. SCAG is now seeking Regional Council (RC) approval to receive the anticipated grant funding and authorization for the Executive Director to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform.

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG region continues to experience unacceptably high levels of fatalities and injuries incurred due to collisions occurring on our regional multimodal transportation system. A coordinated regional approach is required to help address this enduring travel safety crisis to focus local and regional planning and investment strategies toward the most effective treatments for improving safety conditions on our regional roadways and for developing a proactive strategy for reducing risk through use of a standardized set of data resources and analytical tools. Transportation safety will continue to be among the region's highest planning priorities as we develop Connect SoCal 2024. With the emergence of new and more dynamic data resources and safety analytical methods, SCAG is committed to fully leveraging these opportunities to significantly enhance the safety of the SCAG regional multimodal transportation system for all users.

The overall objective of the proposed project is to improve the safety performance of the SCAG regional multimodal transportation system through development of a web-based transportation safety data predictive modeling and analytical platform. The ability to model, predict, and analyze regional multimodal transportation system safety risks will promote a data-focused decision-making process to support safety planning throughout the region. The dynamic information and proactive roadway safety insights provided through the platform will effectively serve to reduce the number and ameliorate the severity of collisions occurring throughout the region by leveraging innovative technologies, such as in-vehicle information systems and newly available safety modeling capacities to improve the ability of SCAG and local safety planning agencies to measure, monitor, and anticipate current and future transportation system safety conditions and performance.

To provide funding for this ambitious proposal, SCAG applied for a grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in January 2023 for an amount totaling \$886,684 to develop the proposed platform and to secure the requisite real-time traffic data. On July 14, 2023, SCAG received notification that the requested grant award was being tentatively offered, pending final approval from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in October of 2023. If awarded, this funding will be used to develop the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and acquire the appropriate licensing to access the real-time regional traffic datasets to enable the analytical and predictive modeling elements of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, SCAG will receive \$886,684 in grant funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to be utilized for development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the grant funding will be included and reconciled in a future budget amendment during FY 2023-24 and the general fund will be reimbursed for grant expenditures.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-2 Acceptance of OTS Grant Funds - Safety Modeling



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$886,684 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PREDICTIVE MODELING PLATFORM

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

WHEREAS, on average, 1,500 people are killed and 136,000 are injured in traffic collisions throughout the SCAG region every year;

WHEREAS, SCAG has applied for an award of \$886,684 in State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Transportation Safety Funds ("Grant Funds"), to support development of a Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform;

WHEREAS, the mission of the California Office of Traffic Safety is to "Effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways"; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Funds will be used for development of a Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform, which will involve consulting services to obtain real-time traffic data, and to develop the requisite analytical and predictive modeling capabilities to support efforts to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries throughout the SCAG region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council, that SCAG is authorized to accept and administer the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to develop the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept the tentative State of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.
2. That SCAG's Executive Director or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to supporting development of the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.

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Transportation Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-2 Acceptance of OTS Grant Funds - Safety Modeling (Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds:

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 12
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its September 19, 2023, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America
Type: Membership Amount: \$8,000

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

ITS America’s membership brings together the most influential voices from its 240+ members throughout 45 sectors ranging from state departments of transportation (DOT), metropolitan

planning organizations (MPOs), cities, transit, freight, start-ups, automakers, suppliers, academia, and many more, including:

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

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

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

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$8,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on September 19, 2023. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.



FISCAL IMPACT:

\$8,000 to retain membership with the Intelligent Transportation Society America is included in the approved FY 23-24 General Fund Budget.



AGENDA ITEM 13
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Kevin Gilhooley, Department Manager
(213) 236-1878, Gilhooley@scag.ca.gov

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Subject: October 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

STATE

State Legislature Adjourns to Interim Recess:

In Sacramento, September 14, 2023, marked the end of the annual legislative session during which lawmakers introduced over 3,000 measures and, in the final two weeks, sent nearly 900 bills to Governor Newsom for his signature or veto by October 14, 2023. The final month of legislative activity was focused on several high-priority measures, including bills to expand employee rights and wages (including expanded unemployment benefits for striking workers), reforming the state’s mental and behavioral health system, advancing housing streamlining legislation, and changes to voter thresholds for new taxes.

Meanwhile, the State Senate, currently led by Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), voted to appoint Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) as the next Pro Tempore beginning in 2024. This is a notable change in both leadership positions in the Legislature since Assembly Member Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) took over as the new Assembly Speaker in early July.

While several legislative priorities were sidelined, including efforts to reform the homeowner insurance market, expand hydrogen infrastructure, and tackle the fentanyl crisis, the Governor, working with the Legislature, succeeded in his priority to place substantial changes to the Mental Health Services Act (“MHSA”) and pass a commensurate \$6.38 billion bond to fund supportive housing on the March 2024 ballot. The Governor continues to hold space for only his MHSA and

housing bond on the March ballot, which leaves a school bond and a climate/resources bond to be negotiated over the fall and placed on the November 2024 ballot.

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With the legislative year having wrapped up, members will return to their districts. They reconvene in Sacramento to kick off the second year of the 2023-24 season on January 3, 2024.

As the Governor reviews the hundreds of legislative proposals sent to his desk, their costs are weighed against the significant uncertainty facing the state budget, which began this calendar year with a \$30 billion deficit covered by borrowing, deferrals, and cuts.

The most recent forecasts of the state’s major revenue sources signal a \$9.5 billion increase above projection to be available next fiscal year, supported by general fund receipts that were \$1.3 billion, or 11 percent, above expectation in August. However, budget watchers are cautiously optimistic as there likely remains a \$10 billion structural deficit after accounting for required formula spending on K-14 schools and debt payments. In addition to two-quarters worth of slow job growth, sluggish payroll data, and stubborn inflation, the state budget will likely continue to struggle to keep up with rising expenditure commitments.

A more detailed “End of Session” write-up, compiled by SCAG’s state legislative lobbyists, is attached to this report.

State Bill Position Tracker

SCAG’s Bill Position Tracker is provided to keep the Regional Council (RC) apprised of the bills in Sacramento on which SCAG has taken a position. The RC adopted positions on 34 bills this legislative cycle. Currently, the Governor has 11 bills on his desk on which SCAG has taken a position. There are five bills on which SCAG took a position that the Governor has already signed into law.

A copy of the bill position tracker is attached to this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the September 2023 October State and Federal Legislative Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2023 CS End of Session Memo 9.19.2023
2. 2023 SCAG Bill Position Tracker



State Legislative Advocacy *2023 End of Session Memo*

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Key Bills Heading to the Governor's Desk

Education

[SB 274 \(Skinner; D-Berkeley\)](#) Suspensions and Expulsions; Willful Defiance.

Prohibits the suspension or expulsion of a student enrolled in 6th through 12th grade in a public school on the basis of willful defiance until July 1, 2029.

[SB 661 \(Bradford D-Los Angeles\)](#) Student Athlete Bill of Rights. Expands the rights that student-athletes who attend an institution of higher education (IHE), as defined, and removes the requirement on IHE, to rely exclusively on revenue derived from media to defray any costs accrued from affording these benefits to student-athletes.

[SB 760 \(Newman D-Fullerton\)](#) All-Gender Restrooms. Requires all elementary schools to provide and maintain at least one all-gender restroom for voluntary student use.

[AB 299 \(Holden D-Pasadena\)](#) Hazing in Educational Institutions. Prevent educational institutions from adopting a posture of willful ignorance of hazing on campus grounds in order to escape liability.

[AB 656 \(McCarty D-Sacramento\)](#) CSU Doctoral Programs. Expands the California State University's authority to offer applied doctoral degrees, provided they are not duplicative of existing programs at the UC.

AB 789 (Berman D-Palo Alto) Cal Grants; Academic Success. Sets some standard satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policies across all colleges and universities in the state.

AB 1291 (McCarty D-Sacramento) University of CA Associate Degree Transfer Pilot Program. Creates a new transfer program that requires various University of California campuses to prioritize admission of a student who earns an associate degree for transfer and meets the requirements of one of the adopted transfer model curricula.

Health

SB 385 (Atkins; D-San Diego) Physician Assistant Practice Act. Would allow trained physician assistants to conduct surgical abortions without direct supervision by a physician...Signed into Law.

SB 487 (Atkins; D-San Diego) Abortions; Privacy Protections. Would prohibit health insurers and the state from penalizing abortion providers who have been sanctioned in other states.

SB 525 (Durazo; D-Los Angeles) Minimum Wages; Health Care Workers. Would establish a path to a \$25 per-hour health care minimum wage; see comprehensive outline of the elements of the recently struck agreement in a separate article below.

AB 1194 (Carrillo; D-Los Angeles) California Privacy Rights Act. Clarifies that if a consumer's personal information contains information related to reproductive health, including contraception, pregnancy, or abortion services, a business is required to comply with the privacy rights of customers under the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).

AB 1207 (Irwin; D-Ventura) Cannabis; Labeling and Advertising. Seeks to address a surge of child poisonings by barring cannabis products from using packaging similar to candy or soda, or that could otherwise make products attractive to kids.

Housing

SB 4 (Wiener; D-San Francisco) Planning and zoning; Higher Education Institutions and Religious Institutions. Requires a housing development project to be a "use by right" on land owned by an independent institution of higher education or a religious institution

SB 423 (Weiner; D-San Francisco) Streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments. Extends existing by-right housing approvals (SB 35; Weiner, 2017) until 2036, extends these provisions to the coastal zone, and requires local governments to follow these provisions if they fail to adopt a state-compliant housing element.

[AB 12 \(Haney; D-San Francisco\)](#) Tenancy; Security Deposits. Beginning July 1, 2024, would prohibit a landlord from demanding or receiving security for a rental agreement for residential property in an amount or value in excess of 2 months' rent.

[AB 1633 \(Ting; D-San Francisco\)](#) Housing Accountability Act. Provides that disapproval under the Housing Accountability Act (HAA) includes a local agency's failure to make a determination of whether a project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), abuse of discretion, or failure to adopt certain environmental documents under specified circumstances.

Homelessness

[SB 326 \(Eggman; D-Stockton\)](#) The Behavioral Health Services Act. Revises and recasts the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) if voters approve amendments to the MHSA at the March 5, 2024 statewide primary election.

[AB 531 \(Irwin; D-Thousand Oaks\)](#) The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023. Authorizes \$6.380 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds to finance permanent supportive housing for veterans and others, as well as, unlocked and locked behavioral health treatment and residential settings for individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with severe behavioral health challenges.

[AB 1377 \(Friedman; D-Burbank\)](#) Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program. Requires applications or planning materials for state funding through HHAP program appropriated on or after July 1, 2024, to include data and a narrative summary quantifiable steps that the applicant has taken to improve the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness on transit facilities owned and operated by a transit agency.

Human Services

[AB 426 \(Jackson D-Moreno Valley\)](#) Unlicensed Residential Foster Care Facilities; Temporary Placement Management. Would increase enforcement and penalties for unlicensed residential facilities for foster youth. The bill would allow the state to place a "temporary manager" over a residential foster care facility and fine county staff. The measure increases penalties on counties for unlicensed placements from \$200 to \$5,000 per day.

Labor & Employers

[SB 253 \(Wiener; D-San Francisco\)](#) Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act. Would require businesses with annual revenue in excess of \$1 billion to publicly disclose their direct greenhouse gas emissions and indirect emissions related to heating and cooling annually to the California Air Resources Board starting in 2026. Other upstream and downstream indirect emissions would need to be reported starting in

2027.

SB 365 (Wiener; D- San Francisco) Civil procedure; Arbitration. Allows a trial court judge, after dismissing or denying a petition to compel arbitration, to decide whether to continue trial court proceedings or stay the proceedings pending appeal of the petition to compel arbitration.

SB 553 (Cortese; D-San Jose) Occupational Safety and Workplace Violence. Requires most employers to maintain a log of violent incidents and investigations, train employees on how to report incidents without fear of retaliation and allow any employee to petition for a restraining order, among other provisions.

SB 799 (Portantino; D-Burbank) Unemployment Insurance; Labor Strikes. Authorizes workers involved in a trade dispute to collect unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, after a two-week wait period, while they are on strike.

AB 524 (Wicks; D-Berkeley) Family Caregiver Status. Prohibits employment discrimination based on family caregiver status.

AB 594 (Maienschein; D-Escondido) Labor Code: alternative enforcement. Authorizes a public prosecutor, to prosecute an action, either civil or criminal, for a violation of specified provisions of the Labor Code or to enforce those provisions independently and without specific direction of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.

AB 1076 (Bauer-Kahan; D-San Ramon) Contracts in restraint of trade: noncompete agreements. Would make it unlawful to include a noncompete clause in an employment contract, or to require an employee to enter a noncompete agreement that does not satisfy a specified exception.

AB 1356 (Haney; D-San Francisco) Terminations and Mass Layoffs. Gives workers more advance notice of mass layoffs, 75 days, up from 60.

Local Government

AB 764 (Bryan; D-Culver City) Local Redistricting. Would update the procedures local agencies must follow when adjusting the boundaries of the districts used to elect members of their governing bodies and establish a procedure for legal challenges when a local jurisdiction does not comply with redistricting requirements.

AB 965 (Carrillo. J; D-Palmdale) Broadband Permit Applications. Requires local agencies to do batch broadband permit processing when receiving two or more broadband permit applications for substantially similar broadband project sites submitted at the same time by the same applicant.

AB 1637 (Irwin; D-Ventura) Internet Websites and Email Addresses. Requires cities and counties that maintain websites to utilize a ".gov" or ".ca.gov" domain

Public Safety

SB 14 (Grove; R-Bakersfield) Serious Felonies; Human Trafficking. Would include sex trafficking of a minor in the lists of crimes that are defined as “serious” under California law, making the crime a strike under the Three Strikes law.

AB 28 (Gabriel; D-Woodland Hills) Firearms and Ammunition: Excise Tax. Would levy an 11% retail tax on guns and ammunition that is projected to raise \$160 million a year for gun violence prevention programs.

AB 452 (Addis; D-San Luis Obispo) Childhood Sexual Assault: Statute of Limitations. Eliminates the time limit for the commencement of actions for recovery of damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual assault for civil actions that arise on or after the date when the bill takes effect.

AB 701 (Villapudua; D-Stockton) Controlled Substances; Fentanyl. Combats organized crime operations trafficking large amounts of fentanyl. AB 701 adds fentanyl to the list of controlled substances – which currently includes heroin, cocaine, and crack – for which stiffer penalties are levied against dealers of kilo-levels and higher.

Privacy

SB 296 (Dodd; D-Napa) In Vehicle Cameras. Requires the disclosure of in-vehicle cameras installed by the manufacturer and places restrictions on what can be done with video recordings from such cameras and where such recordings can be retained.

SB 362 (Becker; D-Santa Clara) Data Broker Registration. Enhances the data broker registry law and transfers most of the attendant duties from the Attorney General to the California Privacy Protection Agency (PPA).

SB 696 (Portantino; D-Burbank) Notaries Public. Establishes a framework for licensed California notaries to conduct remote online notarizations, including provisions for the licensure of remote online notarization platforms by the Secretary of State and requirements relating to data security and privacy in online notarial transactions.

AB 386 (Nguyen; D-Elk Grove) California Rights to Financial Privacy Act. Expands the type and amount of financial records that must be provided during investigations of suspected financial elder abuse.

Natural Resources & Energy

SB 272 (Laird; D-Santa Cruz) Sea level rise; Planning and Adaptation. Requires a local government in the coastal zone or within the San Francisco Bay to develop a sea level rise plan as part of either a local coastal program or a shoreline resiliency plan.

SB 389 (Allen; D-Santa Monica) Investigation of Water Rights. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to investigate and ascertain whether or not a water right is valid.

SB 410 (Becker; D-Menlo Park) Powering Up Californians Act. Requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish by September 30, 2024, reasonable average and maximum target energization time periods in order to connect new customers and upgrade the service of existing customers to the electrical grid.

AB 126 (Reyes; D-Colton) Clean Transportation Program. Reauthorizes fees that fund the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), the Clean Transportation Program (CTP), and the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP), and makes programmatic changes.

AB 585 (Rivas; D-Hollister) Infrastructure and Clean Energy Projects Assessments. Requests the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to perform a triennial assessment of the infrastructure projects necessary to achieve the state's energy, climate change, and air quality goals, as specified.

AB 678 (Alvarez; D-San Diego) Core Transport Agents. Expands the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish biomethane procurement targets on gas corporations to also include core transport agents.

AB 1068 (Valencia; D-Anaheim) Ex-parte Communications. Deletes current prohibitions on written ex parte communication (communications about an issue before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that is provided outside the formal proceeding process) in specified proceedings at the CPUC.

AB 1373 (Garcia; D-Coachella) Energy. Provides the Department of Water Resources (DWR) authority to act as a centralized procurement entity (CPE) until January 1, 2035.

Transportation

SB 971 (Lee; D-San Jose) Transit-only Traffic Lanes. Clarifies local authorities existing authority to permit other vehicles in transit-only traffic lanes.

AB 251 (Ward; D-San Diego) Vehicle Weight Safety Study. Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to convene a task force to study the potential costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee.

AB 316 (Aguilar-Curry; D-Winters) Autonomous Vehicle. Establishes a process for authorizing autonomous trucks on public roads without a driver.

AB 413 (Lee; D-San Jose) Vehicles: Stopping, Standing and Parking. Prohibits a person from parking a vehicle within 20 feet of either side of any marked or unmarked

crosswalk, or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present, but permits a local government to allow parking for bicycles or motorized scooters within 20 feet of a crosswalk

AB 645 (Friedman; D-Burbank) Automated Speed Enforcement. Establishes a five-year pilot program to give local transportation authorities in the cities of San Jose, Oakland, Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco the authority to install speed safety systems.

AB 893 (Papan; D-San Mateo) Personal Vehicle Sharing Programs. Applies existing regulatory provisions governing rental vehicle companies to personal vehicle sharing programs, including the ability of airports to regulate the operation of such programs at California airports.



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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILLS				
AB 6 (Friedman)	Oppose 6/1/23	Transportation Planning	This bill would require CARB to establish additional targets for 2035 and for 2045 and require MPOs to submit their RTP/SCS methodology to CARB for approval prior to starting their public participation processes. This bill would require MPOs to submit their adopted SCSs to CARB within 120 days of approval and require that SCCP applicants demonstrate how a proposal would reduce GHG emissions.	Passed Asm. Floor 45-19. Two-Year Bill.
AB 7 (Friedman)	Oppose 6/1/23	Transportation Project Selection Process	AB 7 would require transportation-related state agencies to incorporate CAPTI and IJJA principles into project development, selection, and implementation processes, as feasible.	Passed Sen. Approps. 5-2. Two-Year Bill.
AB 57 (Kalra)	Support 4/6/23	California Pocket Forest Initiative	This bill would establish the California Pocket Forest Initiative which would authorize the department to provide grants to cities, counties, districts, nonprofit organizations, and public schools to establish pocket forests on public lands, as provided.	Passed Asm Concurrence 68-10. Pending Action by Governor.
AB 364 (Bryan)	Support 6/1/23	Statewide Street Furniture Data	This bill would create a data platform for street furniture, including bus shelters, benches, trash receptacles, and public toilets. It would also require Caltrans to develop guidelines for sharing the data, and OPR to make this data publicly accessible.	Passed Asm. Floor 80-0. Two-Year Bill.
AB 557 (Hart)	Support 4/6/23	Local agencies: teleconferences	This bill would extend the local state agencies' teleconferencing provisions when a declared state	Passed Asm Concurrence 79-0.

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			of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified, indefinitely.	Pending Action by Governor.
AB 585 (Rivas)	Support 6/1/23	CA Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	This bill would require the CCST to triennially assess clean infrastructure needs across sectors and publish annual progress reports identifying where faster buildout of clean infrastructure is needed. It would also require Go-Biz to assess barriers limiting the deployment of clean energy projects by January 2026.	Passed Sen. Approps. 7-0 Pending Action by Governor.
AB 591 (Gabriel)	Support 4/6/23	Electric vehicle service equipment: universal connectors	This bill would require public electric vehicle charging stations to include a universal connector.	Passed Assembly 78-0. Two-Year Bill.
AB 610 (Holden)	Support 4/6/23	Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program	This bill would create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program to distribute funding to transit agencies to develop or operate existing youth transit pass programs.	Passed Sen. Approps. 7-0 Two Year Bill.
AB 645 (Friedman)	Watch 7/6/23	Speed Safety Cameras Pilot	This bill would authorize the cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, Long Beach, Oakland, Glendale, and the City/County of San Francisco to pilot speed camera systems for five years or until January 1, 2032, in high-injury areas and school zones in limited numbers based on population.	Passed Asm Concurrence 52-3. Pending Action by Governor.
AB 744 (Carrillo, Juan)	Support 6/1/23	CTC Data, Modeling, & Software Procurement	This bill would require the CTC to convene relevant state agencies to assess the procurement and implementation of data, modeling, and analytic software tools to support the state's sustainable	Passed Sen. Approps. 7-0. Pending Action by Governor.

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			transportation, congestion management, affordable housing, efficient land use, air quality, economic, and climate change strategies and goals and submit a report to the legislature by July 2025.	
AB 761 (Friedman)	Support 4/6/23	Transit Transformation Task Force	This bill would establish the Transit Transformation Task Force to include representatives from the department, the Controller's office, various local agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders.	Passed Asm. Floor 79-0 5/30/23. Two-Year Bill.
AB 785 (Santiago)	Support 6/1/23	Los Angeles Homelessness Housing Projects CEQA Exemptions	This bill would create CEQA exemptions for low-barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, transitional housing for youth, and affordable housing in the City/County of LA until January 2030. This bill would replace AB 1197, which provided CEQA exemptions for certain projects in the City/County of LA until January 2025.	Passed Sen. Housing. 11-0. Pending Action by Governor.
AB 824 (Calderon)	Support 4/6/23	Highway Greening	This bill would require the Department of Transportation to achieve at least a 10% increase of green highways, as defined, in urban areas, disadvantaged communities, and low-income communities by 2035.	Held under submission in Sen. Approps. 09/07/23.
AB 825 (Bryan)	Watch 7/6/23	Legalizing Cyclists on Sidewalks	This bill would prohibit cities and counties from restricting the use of bicycles on sidewalks next to highways that do not include Class I, II, or IV bikeways, with exceptions for specified reasons, until January 2031.	Passed Sen. Floor 30-7. Pending Action by Governor.

Bill Number	Position/RC Action	Topic	Summary	Status
AB 833 (Rendon)	Support 9/7/23	Freeway Caps	This bill would require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to prepare a plan for adding caps to freeway segments that divide disadvantaged, underrepresented, urban communities and present it to the Legislature by January 1, 2030.	Passed Asm. Floor 80-0. Two-Year Bill.
AB 914 (Friedman)	Support 7/6/23	Electrical Infrastructure: CEQA	Establishes a two-year time limit, from the date the application is submitted to, and accepted as complete by, a lead state agency to complete CEQA review and approve or deny an application for an electrical infrastructure project.	Held under submission in Sen. Approps. 09/01/23. Two-Year Bill.
AB 1181 (Zbur)	Support 6/1/23	Energy Resilience for Multifamily and Affordable Homes	This bill would require the CA Solar Initiative to evaluate program or tariff improvements to multifamily installations of hybrid resources, specifically the inclusion of energy storage paired with solar energy systems, and to consider possible adjustments to existing or successor tariffs to facilitate the installation of energy storage technologies with new or existing solar energy systems.	Held under submission in Asm. Approps 5/18/23.
AB 1637 (Irwin)	Oppose 9/7/23	Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses	This bill would require cities and counties that maintain a public internet website and use public email addresses for employees to use a ".gov" or ".ca.gov" domain name for their websites and email addresses by January 1, 2029.	Passed Asm. Floor Concurrence 49-10. Pending Action by Governor.
AB 1332 (Carrillo, Juan)	Support, if Amended 6/1/23	ADU Approval Streamlining	This bill would require local governments to create a program for the pre-approval of Accessory	Passed Asm. Concurrence 75-0.



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			Dwelling Units (ADUs) by January 1, 2025. Additionally, this bill would require local agencies to approve or disapprove an application for a detached ADU within 30 days from receipt of the completed application.	Pending Action by Governor.
AB 1335 (Zbur)	Oppose 05/04/23	RHNA Population Estimates	This bill would force SCAG to accept HCD's Regional Housing Determination as the only piece of information that could be used to forecast household growth in the first eight years of SCAG's 30-year Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy.	Passed Asm. Floor 60-10. Passed Sen. Housing 8-2 and Sen. Trans 11-2. Two-Year Bill.
AB 1488 (Wallis)	Support 6/1/23	Water Project CEQA Streamlining	This bill would allow water storage, water conveyance and groundwater recharge projects to benefit from expedited CEQA judicial review procedures.	Two-Year Bill 4/28/23.
AB 1508 (Ramos)	Support 6/1/23	Statewide Housing Plan First-Time Homeownership	This bill would require future Statewide Housing Plan (SHP) updates to include analyses related to first-time homeownership in California.	Passed Sen. Floor 39-0 Pending Action by Governor.
AB 1525 (Bonta)	Hold as Two-Year Bill 6/1/23	Transportation funding for priority populations	This bill would direct Caltrans, the CTC, and CalSTA to adopt a criteria and evaluation process that defines "priority populations" and assesses the benefits and potential harms of proposed transportation projects.	Held under submission in Asm. Approps. 5/18/23. Two-Year Bill.
SCR 13 (Roth)	Support 4/6/23	Joseph Tavaglione Interchange	This measure would designate the interchange where State Highway Routes 60 and 91 meet	Two-Year Bill 9/1/23.

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			Interstate 215 in the County of Riverside as the Joseph Tavaglione Interchange.	
Public-Private Partnership Authority I-15 Wildlife Crossings	Support 7/6/23	Direct Contracting for I-15 Wildlife Crossings	This proposal would allow Caltrans to directly contract with Brightline West to develop, design, and construct wildlife crossings as part of their project in the median on the I-15. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 145 (Newman & Friedman).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Delegation Authority	Support 7/6/23	NEPA Delegation Authority Extension	This proposal would remove the current sunset provision and permanently authorize the CalSTA Secretary to perform certain federal environmental responsibilities under NEPA. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 146 (Gonzalez & Friedman).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
CEQA Judicial Streamlining	Support 7/6/23	CEQA Judiciary Streamlining	This proposal would require that judicial challenges and appeals to certain water, transportation, clean energy, and semiconductor or microelectronic projects under CEQA be completed within 270 days. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 149 (Caballero & Becker).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
Green Financing Programs for Federal IRA Funding	Support 7/6/23	IRA Federal Funding for GHG Reducing Projects	This proposal would authorize IBank and the DWR to utilize IRA funding to finance projects that reduce GHG emissions. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 124 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review).	Signed into law 7/10/23.

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SB 393 (Glazer)	Support 4/6/23	California Environmental Quality Act	This bill authorizes a CEQA defendant to request disclosure of any contributions a plaintiff received of \$10,000 or more to help fund a legal action relating to a housing development project. It also prevents a CEQA action from being filed against a housing project that was included as part of a larger plan or project already approved under CEQA.	Passed Senate Floor 32-0 05/15/23. Two Year Bill.
SB 517 (Gonzalez)	Support 6/1/23	GO-Biz Freight Coordinator	This bill would establish a Freight Coordinator within the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and require the Governor to appoint the coordinator.	Passed Sen. Floor 40-0 5/25/23. Two-Year Bill.
SB 538 (Portantino)	Support 6/1/23	Caltrans Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation	This bill would require the director of the Caltrans to appoint a Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation, who shall serve as the department’s chief advisor on all issues related to bicycle transportation, safety, and infrastructure.	Passed Asm. Floor 66-6 Pending Action by Governor.
SB 670 (Allen)	Oppose 6/1/23	VMT Maps	would require the CARB, OPR, and Caltrans, to develop a methodology for assessing light-duty VMT and maps to display average VMT per capita in the state at the local, regional, and statewide levels. It would require CARB to update these maps every four years and to provide technical assistance.	Held under submission in Sen. Approps. 5/18/23. Two-Year Bill.
SB 825 (Limón)	Support 4/6/23	MPO Broadband Funding Eligibility	This bill makes certain regional transportation planning entities, including MPOs, eligible for broadband infrastructure planning grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission.	Signed into law 9/8/2023.



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SB 860 (Bradford)	Support 6/1/23	ACP Outreach	This bill would require the CDT Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy to use existing and available materials to create an awareness campaign of broadband discount service and device programs, including but not limited to the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.	Held under submission in Sen. Approps. 5/19/23. Two-Year Bill.



AGENDA ITEM 14
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Jaimee Lederman, Senior Regional Planner
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Subject: Gas Tax Revenue Decline and Zero Emission Vehicle Transition

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 7, 2023, the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) received a presentation on key elements of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and recommended that the Regional Council authorize the release of the draft plan for public comment during their November 2nd meeting. The zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) transition and its implications for transportation finance was among several key issues discussed during the JPC. To further address the questions raised, staff has prepared this report summarizing and building upon previous presentations to the Transportation Committee on the financial plan for Connect SoCal 2024. A more detailed technical report will be available as part of the agenda packet for the November 2nd meeting.

It is important to understand that we are no longer looking forward to the coming ZEV transition, but that it is here, now. In California, the percentage of ZEVs as a portion of total registered vehicles has grown every year, with its largest percentage increase in 2022. Coupled with expanded ZEV options and high gas prices, ZEV sales nationally grew by 66 percent year over year in the second quarter of 2022, even as overall new vehicle sales declined. Further acceleration of this trend is promised as a result of California's Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII), which was adopted in 2022 and requires that by 2035 all new passenger cars, trucks and SUVs sold in California are ZEVs. With this significant regulatory change, the California Air Resources Board estimates that nearly 49.3 percent of the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will be ZEVs by 2035, growing to more than 92.5 percent of the VMT by 2050, the horizon-year for Connect SoCal 2024.

While the aggressive adoption of ZEVs advances the region's air quality and climate goals, ZEV regulations are rapidly accelerating the demise of the traditional gas tax as a viable source for transportation revenue. Excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels are the basis of most federal and state transportation funding sources. Since these taxes are primarily based on cents-per-gallon purchased, they depend on fuel consumption. Increases in conventional fuel efficiency and the adoption of zero emission vehicles will reduce overall fuel consumption. The financial plan assumes that reduction in fuel consumption during the Plan period will result in overall revenue loss of up to \$93 billion compared to 2019 fuel efficiency (state and federal combined).

The transition to a mileage-based user fee (MBUF) to address the waning viability of the gas tax has long been underway by policy makers, and significant steps have been taken at all levels of government to enact MBUF pilot programs to support the transition. SCAG was one of the first Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state to call for a gas tax replacement and has assumed the transition of the gas tax to a new, sustainable source in the Regional Transportation Plan for the last decade. Recent acceleration of vehicle electrification increases this transition's urgency and centers support for a MBUF as a key priority to maintain a state of good repair for the current transportation system, while also setting the foundation for a more sustainable and equitable funding model to meet the region's growing needs.

BACKGROUND:

Transportation Funding from Fuel Excise Taxes Continue to Decrease

Excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels are the basis of most federal and state transportation funding sources. Since these taxes are primarily based on cents-per-gallon purchased, they depend on fuel consumption. The Federal gas tax was last updated in 1993 and is not indexed to inflation. The revenues have historically been sustained by additional travel from population growth, while per-capita revenues have been steadily declining.

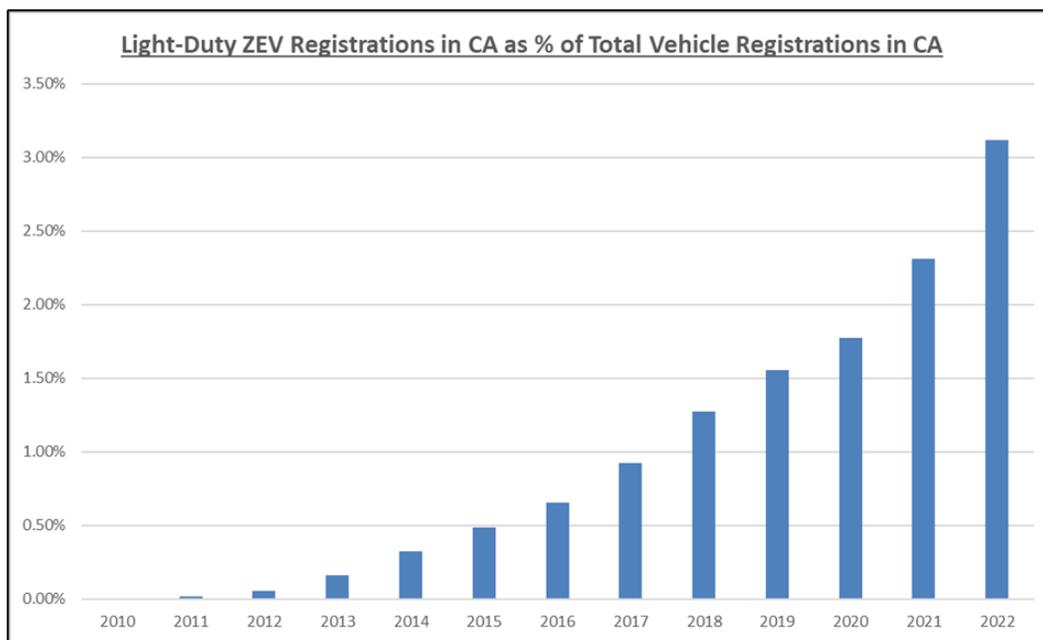
The Federal Highway Trust Fund provides federal highway and transit funding from a nationally imposed 18.3 cent-per-gallon gasoline excise tax. The federal gas excise tax today is levied at the same nominal cent-per-gallon rates that they were in the fall of 1993, 30 years ago, and are not adjusted for inflation. If it had been adjusted to account for inflation, the current federal gas tax would be approximately 37-cents-per-gallon—more than double the current federal rate. Since 2008, the Trust Fund has failed to meet its obligations and has required the United States Congress to make transfers from the General Fund to keep it solvent.

California Senate Bill (SB) 1 (2017) increased the level of state-imposed excise taxes and indexes these taxes to inflation using the statewide value of the Consumer Price Index. SB 1 also includes a supplemental yearly registration fee for alternative fuel vehicles beginning at \$100 in 2020 and similarly indexed. Still, SB 1 does not fully address the fuel tax-based revenue loss projected over

the course of the Plan due to increases in vehicle fuel efficiency and the increased adoption of alternative fuel and powered vehicles and resulting reduction in fuel consumption. Recent research found that the optimal annual fees to recover the loss revenues from zero emission vehicle (ZEV) penetration would range from \$241 (in 2021) upwards.¹

Zero Emission Vehicle Market Penetration Undermines the Gas Tax as a Viable Source of Transportation Funding

It is important to understand that we are no longer looking forward to the coming ZEV transition, but that it is here, now. In California, the percentage of ZEVs as a portion of total registered vehicles has grown every year, with its largest percentage increase in 2022.



Federally, as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress approved financial incentives (in the form of tax credits) to encourage consumers and governments to buy ZEVs, and these incentives will last until 2032 under the current bill. Coupled with expanded ZEV options and high gas prices, ZEV sales grew by 66 percent year over year in the second quarter of 2022, even as overall new vehicle sales declined.

¹ Theodora Konstantinou, Samuel Labi, Konstantina Gkritza, Assessing highway revenue impacts of electric vehicles using a case study, Research in Transportation Economics, Volume 100, 2023,101248, ISSN 0739-8859 (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0739885922000737>)

Connect SoCal 2024 Forecasts Significant Revenue Declines from ZEV Adoption

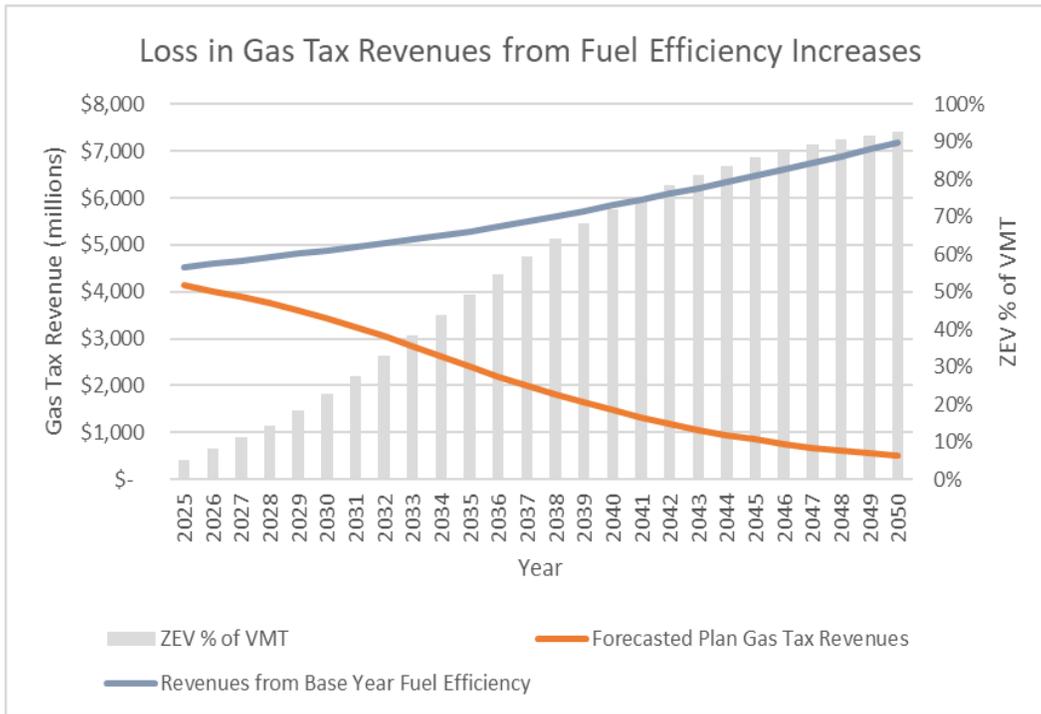
California’s Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) requires that by 2035 all new passenger cars, trucks and SUVs sold in California are zero emission vehicles. The chart below shows the state forecast of the percentage of new vehicle purchases that will be ZEV in each year leading up to the 2035 regulation.

Zero Emission Vehicle Purchase Share



To date, seven states have also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, and multiple automobile manufacturers have pledged to meet similar timelines to curtail traditional vehicle sales.

ZEV regulations will rapidly accelerate the demise of the traditional gas tax as a viable source for transportation revenue. Every EV that replaces a combustion engine vehicle contributes to significant revenue decline. Assuming the fleet mix resulting from the ACCII, overall revenue loss is up to \$93 billion over the life of the Plan compared to base year (2019) fuel efficiency (state and federal combined). As noted previously, the SB 1 supplemental yearly registration fee for alternative fuel vehicles only partially offsets the loss of fuel tax-based revenues. The chart below highlights the impact to gas tax revenues from ZEV market penetration, and does not include supplemental registration fees.



Increasing Costs over the Plan Period Present Further Challenges

The critical need to find alternative revenue sources to replace the gas tax is further exacerbated by increases in the underlying drivers of the cost of building and maintaining the transportation system.

Looking forward, Connect SoCal forecasts a decrease in purchasing power of transportation revenue sources due to cost escalation. The SB 1 CPI adjustment factor provides significant revenue over the life of the Plan, but is not enough to maintain purchasing power as construction materials, labor and other costs are projected to grow at a higher rate than inflation. For transportation capital needs, including rehab and replacement needs for system preservation and maintenance, long-term inflation is projected to grow at 2.3 percent annually, while capital costs are projected to grow at 4.7 percent, based on historical trends. This means a decline in purchasing power of CPI-indexed transportation revenue sources by over 70 percent by the end of Plan period.



As freeway expansion wanes, more costs will shift to system preservation and operations, and we expect these costs to increase over time due to multiple factors. Overall, our region, and the nation, are challenged to maintain a state of good repair of transportation system assets. The compromised condition of our roadways, bridges and transit infrastructure is due to years of underfunding our preservation needs. The ever-increasing backlog of deferred maintenance, and the significantly greater cost to rehabilitate assets compared to maintaining assets currently in a state of good repair, means that our needs will continue to grow at the same time as our primary transportation funding source dwindles.

What Does This Mean for Your Community?

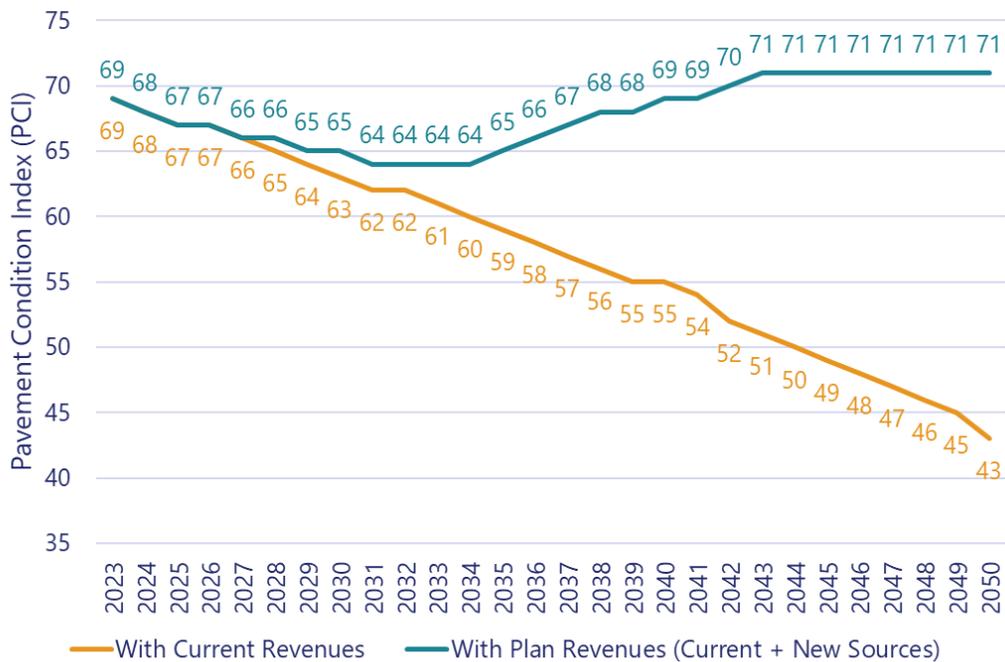
As revenues from the gas tax continue to decrease, the SCAG region cannot keep up with the needs of our current transportation system, let alone plan for investment in innovative mobility. Our region struggles to maintain a state of good repair on local streets and roads, as well as other modes.

The SCAG region is currently failing to attain a state of good repair for our local streets and roads, currently averaging a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) value of 69. As gas tax revenues continue trends to decline towards the ZEV mandate, the region is forecasted to average a PCI of 43 by 2050, a grade of “poor”, if we continue to rely on traditional revenue sources.



SCAG considers this a critical issue that endangers the region’s progress towards economic, mobility and safety goals. Unfortunately, due to significant funding limitations, the condition of our roadways has progressively worsened over time and will continue to worsen without significant investments. Connect SoCal 2024 prioritizes investment of revenue from new funding sources to improving and preserving the condition of regionally significant local streets and roads. Even with an investment of \$87 billion in new sources assumed in Connect SoCal 2024, an increase of \$30 billion over the 2020 Plan, we are still barely maintaining local streets and roads at a PCI of 71, just over the threshold for a state of good repair.

Regional Average PCI Projections

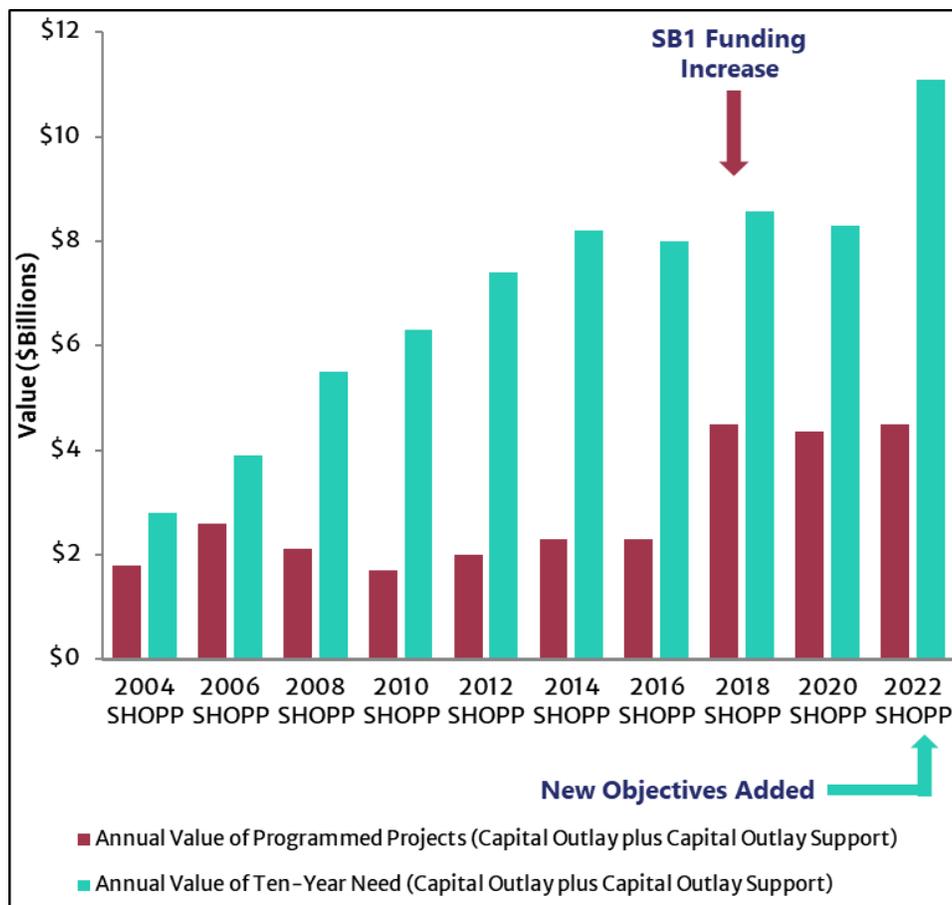


Similar challenges with meeting operational needs and maintaining a state of good repair extend to all surface transportation modes.

For transit and passenger rail, post-COVID service levels remain lower, and many operators are still working toward pre-pandemic service. Escalating labor costs and costs to maintain transit rider safety are presenting transit agencies with further challenges as they work to add service. Transit agencies benefited from large-scale federal operating support during the pandemic from a series of one-time federal stimulus funding bills that partially compensated for increased costs and decreased farebox revenues. The recent surface transportation funding bill (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) increased transit funding over previous legislation but does not rise

to the level of support in the stimulus bills. Additionally, the 2018 Innovative Clean Transit Rule mandates the purchase of zero-emission buses (ZEBs) by transit agencies, which are more expensive than the current fleet. Beginning in 2029, 100 percent of new purchases by transit agencies must be ZEBs, with a goal for full transition by 2040.

For state highways, passage of SB 1 provides a needed down payment, but viability of the State Highway Account remains another critical issue—State Highway Operation and Protection Plan (SHOPP) funds less than half of state highway maintenance, safety, and rehab 10-year needs. SHOPP needs were updated in this cycle to include additional resiliency needs, increasing the shortfall in available funding to address system preservation.



Connect SoCal 2024 Funding Strategies

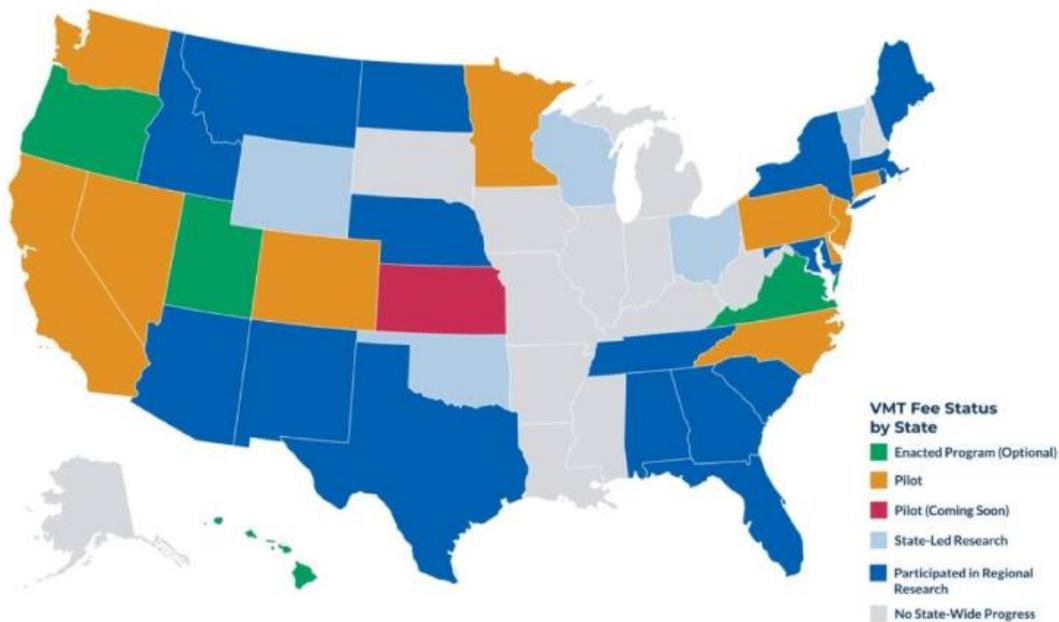
A transition toward a mileage-based user fee (MBUF) system would address the challenges outlined above. Foremost, it would address the critical shortage in traditional transportation funding sources

from fuel efficiency gains and ZEV adoption by replacing the gas tax with a new and sustainable source of funding.

The strategy to shift to a mileage-based user fee is not unique to the SCAG region or California and is seeing growing support nationally at the federal and state level. Federally, support for studying a mileage-based user fee was expanded by the recent IIJA federal legislation, and USDOT is now required under the Act to carry out a nationwide road user charge pilot program. The IIJA additionally continues grant support through the Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection program, and expands eligibility over previous grant programs to include MPOs and local governments. SCAG has been an active supporter of the national program, and this recent expansion will allow SCAG to potentially further work supporting an equitable transition to a mileage-based user fee in the SCAG region.

The map below shows that most states are exploring a transition to a mileage-based fee to address the fundamental issues inherent in the gas tax.

Map of State Research, Pilots, and Programs



California has already made considerable progress studying a statewide MBUF program. SB 1077 required California to study the potential for a MBUF as an alternative to the gas tax, and the state conducted a nine-month statewide pilot with 5000 participants in 2017. The California Road Charge

Program, as it is officially known, had 85 percent participant satisfaction, and 73 percent of participants found a MBUF more equitable than the gas tax. Caltrans has continued to pursue further feasibility studies for road charge implementation, including exploring how a road charge would work with ridesharing, EVs, and autonomous vehicles, and is planning further piloting of revenue collection mechanisms. Caltrans is also part of RUC America, a consortium of states studying the integration of road user charges across state lines.

A MBUF is levied on the number of miles traveled by an individual vehicle and could directly link usage to transportation spending (similar to existing express lanes in the SCAG region). In the long-term, a usage-based funding system could help allocate resources to maintain and preserve the system. As currently structured, transportation funding is often restricted to a particular dedicated purpose, either for a particular mode, or exclusively for capital or operations), and often time makes it difficult to secure adequate funding to support ongoing maintenance and preservation of capital projects. Spending restrictions limit the ability of local jurisdictions to meet local needs, and will require long-term shift in funding sources and regulations.

A MBUF can address a myriad of existing transportation inequities inherent in our current system, and have the potential to increase equitable mobility if implemented as part of a carefully-designed program of transportation improvements. Currently, ZEV drivers are not paying the same for system usage as drivers of conventional vehicles, an inequity that would be rectified by a MBUF. Additional work by SCAG as part of the Connect SoCal equity analysis demonstrates that a MBUF would not penalize low-income and rural drivers in the SCAG region, who tend to drive less fuel-efficient vehicles. Our work over the past several years has centered equity as a key component of any potential future user charge program. At the core of this strategy is to think about user charges more holistically—not just about roads, but about how pricing is a tool to improve the entirety of the system and how it works together. Connect SoCal 2024 assumes the replacement of the federal and state gas tax with a MBUF by 2035 providing options for countywide measures to augment the federal and state user-fee, as has historically been pursued through California’s network of Self-Help Counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Overall Work Program (015.0159.01: RTP Financial Planning).



AGENDA ITEM 15
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Leyton Morgan, Department Manager
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Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's
Approval Threshold

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (PO's) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Constangy, Brooks, Smith, and Prophete LLP	FY23 Data Privacy Review	\$20,000
Accusource, Inc.	FY24 Accusource Software Renewal	\$10,000
UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies	FY24 UCLA Lake Arrowhead Symposium	\$10,000
Los Amigos De La Comunidad Inc.	FY24 Social Media Services	\$9,900
1-800-Pack-Rat LLC	FY24 Kit of Parts Storage	\$9,527

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
1. DLT Solutions (24-002-C01)	Under this agreement, DLT Solutions will provide Amazon Web Services (AWS) Infrastructure to support Connect SoCal Modeling work and the Regional Data Platform (RDP) through June 30, 2024. Thereafter, cloud	\$308,368



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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
	computing for modeling, aerial imagery, RDP, and internal systems will be under one consolidated contract with AWS.	
2. Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook (23-055-C01)	Under this agreement, Fifth Asset will provide a subscription to their Capital lease software to help SCAG comply with accounting requirements. This is a three-year agreement that includes a prorated amount per year for new software licenses, and a one-time fee for implementation services.	30,372

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 and less than 30% of the original contract value

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.) (23-002-C01)	After completion of the data assessment task for this project (i.e., "Task 3"), SCAG Staff and consultant agreed that reliable, region-specific data required for assigning index weights for computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index are not available. The solution is to conduct a statistically reliable survey of workers in the region. This amendment provides the resources to conduct a statistically reliable survey and allows the consultant and SCAG Staff to complete computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index.	\$49,807

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-002-C01
2. Contract Summary 23-044-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-002-C01 Amendment 1

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-002-C01

Recommended Consultant:	DLT Solutions
Background & Scope of Work:	SCAG has the critical mission of supporting 191 cities and six counties in Southern California with regional governance of transportation, planning and economic development. A significant component of this mission is providing complete and up-to-date data, methods, and tools to member agencies to support local planning activities. Under this agreement, DLT Solutions will provide Amazon Web Service (AWS) Infrastructure to support Connect SoCal Modeling work and the Regional Data Platform (RDP) through June 30, 2024.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	This project directly supports the development and implementation of Connect SoCal Modeling and RDP. Key benefits include flexibly to increase SCAG's computing capacity to meet the specialized needs of the Regional Data Platform, flexible high-capacity data storage, efficient and cost-effective computing resources.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$308,368
Contract Period:	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Project Number(s):	811.1163.24 \$308,368 Funding source: Indirect Cost Program Budget Funding of \$308,368 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811.1163.24.
Basis for Selection:	<p>In accordance with SCAG's Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially "piggy-backing" on the agreement.). SCAG utilized an MSA with the U.S. Communities Contract Number 4400006643 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.</p> <p>As previously stated, this project directly supports the development and implementation of the Regional Data Platform. The AWS infrastructure will enable SCAG to develop and implement a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that will promote more efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region.</p>

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-055-C01

Recommended Consultant: Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook

Background & Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Fifth Asset will provide a subscription to their Capital lease software to help SCAG comply with accounting requirements. This is a three-year agreement that includes a prorated amount per year for new software licenses, and a one-time fee for implementation services.

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

- Providing a software that will assist staff be more efficient with the tracking of capital leases and subscription-based Information Technology Systems,
- Calculating amortization schedule, create journal entries, and provide the require information for disclosure notes, and
- Ensuring SCAG’s annual financial statements are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products. Objective: Pioneer best practices and streamline administrative processes to better support agency activities.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$30,372**
Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook (prime consultant)

Contract Period: June 27, 2023, through June 30, 2026

Project Number(s): 810.0120.08 \$30,372
Funding source(s): Funding of \$11,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810.0120.08, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

Basis for Selection: In accordance with SCAG’s Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG’s federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially “piggy-backing” on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with the Contract Number 14-03 (the “Master Agreement”) between DebtBook and Region 14 Education Service Center (“Region 14 ESC”), was put into place on its own behalf and on behalf of other government agencies, and made available through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (“NCPA”).

Attachment: Contract Summary 23-044-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-002-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- Consultant:** Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.)
- Background & Scope of Work:** To implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity) and then-FY20/21 SCAG President Rex Richardson’s Work Plan, SCAG staff developed the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS), adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021. Findings and recommendations were presented to the SCAG Economist Bench, the Global Land Use and Economics (GLUE) Council, and the stakeholders who participated in the convenings. The Economic Bench is a consortium of economic consultants that advise SCAG staff on the economic outlook for the region. The GLUE council is an advisory board of business leaders and elected officials that advises SCAG staff on land use and economic issues.
- This project pertains specifically to the development of a subregional (county-level) job quality index, which SCAG proposed in the IERS report to help measure progress toward high-quality jobs. While numerous strategies were included in the IERS report, the development of a job quality index was elevated as a priority task because it is feasible to implement and aligns with the data needs identified in the Governor’s “California Future of Work Commission Report” circa March 2021 <https://www.labor.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/338/2021/02/ca-future-of-work-report.pdf>.
- After completion of the data assessment task for this project (i.e., “Task 3”), SCAG Staff and consultant agreed that reliable, region-specific data required for assigning index weights for computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index are not available. The solution is to conduct a statistically reliable survey of workers in the region. This amendment provides the resources to conduct a statistically reliable survey and allows the consultant and SCAG Staff to complete computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index.
- Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:** The key deliverables for this project are a conceptual and statistical framework (model) for computing a county-level job quality index and the documentation to accompany this framework. The project’s benefits include, but are not limited to:
- A job quality index is a beneficial tool for measuring the growth potential for job markets and provides a means of tracking progress in the development of jobs.
 - A county-level job quality index captures the specific labor market conditions in the SCAG region and is, therefore, more informative for local policy-making and economic development.
 - A region-specific job quality index reveals a qualitative dimension of jobs beyond the unemployment rate, wages, and benefits, thus providing regional policymakers a tool for measuring and addressing inequities in regional labor markets, and helps regional employers better compete for workers. Building a well-grounded framework unique to the SCAG region allows SCAG to update the job quality index as new data becomes available.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goals 3-5:

- Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.
- Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.
- Goal 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Amendment

Amendment 1

\$49,807

Amount:

Original contract value

\$74,691

Total contract value is not to exceed

\$124,498

Contract Period:

October 27, 2022 through December 31, 2023

Project Number:

320-4902Y2.01 \$124,497.10

Funding source: Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Implementation (CWDB-IERS)

Funding of \$49,807 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number(s) 320-4902Y2.01.

Basis for the Amendment:

After completion of the data assessment task for this project (i.e., “Task 3”), SCAG Staff and consultant agreed that reliable, region-specific data required for assigning index weights for computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index were not available. The solution was to conduct a statistically reliable survey of workers in the region. This amendment provides the resources to conduct a statistically reliable survey and allows the consultant and SCAG Staff to complete computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index.



AGENDA ITEM 16
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 5, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: CFO Monthly Report

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of August 31, 2023, 130 cities, 5 counties, 5 commissions, and 4 tribal governments have paid their FY24 membership dues. We have collected \$1.48M out of \$2.48M billed. This represents 59.88% 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 Fund (LAIF) account, except any outstanding interest gains received in July 2023. The Los Angeles County Investment Pool account was closed in August 2023. SCAG has invested \$16.65M in the LAIF account as of August 31, 2023, and interest earnings will be distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 3.37%. Additionally, SCAG has earned \$59.80 interest from the remaining funds in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool as of August 31, 2023.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On August 31, 2023, staff submitted the FY 2022-23 (FY23) Overall Work Program (OWP) Year-End Package to Caltrans, which included the certification of final expenditures, the final progress report, and the final work products for projects completed in the fiscal year. The final expenditures reported for the year were \$79.4 million or 57% of the FY 2022-23 OWP Amendment 3 Budget.

In September, staff worked on reviewing budget change requests received for Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget. Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 OWP will also include any adjustments to the grant balances to reflect the unexpended CPG and State planning grant balances as of June 30, 2023, which will be confirmed in a reconciliation letter from Caltrans. Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) for review in November.

Also, during this month, B&G staff analyzed and validated the requests received for FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget and OWP. The preliminary analysis and data were shared with the Executive Team, and divisional budget meetings to further review and discuss the requests will continue through October. A draft budget will be presented to the EAC and RC in March 2024.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION

In August 2023, Contracts Administration staff issued one (1) Request for Proposal; awarded two (2) contracts; issued seventeen (17) contract amendments; and processed one hundred-ninety-five (195) purchase orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 210 consultant contracts. Contracts Administration staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. It should be noted that for FY 2022-23 staff negotiated a total \$1,628,554 in savings.



To: Regional Council (RC)

From: Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative

Subject: Business Report – October 5, 2023

Here are highlights of top business and industry attention during this past month.

1. **Federal Reserve Declines to Hike Interest Rate.** But points to rates staying higher for longer, expecting one more rate hike by year end. The Fed is projecting inflation to steadily cool, while the labor market remains historically tight, likely to keep inflation stuck above target, according to Citigroup economist Andrew Hollenhorst.

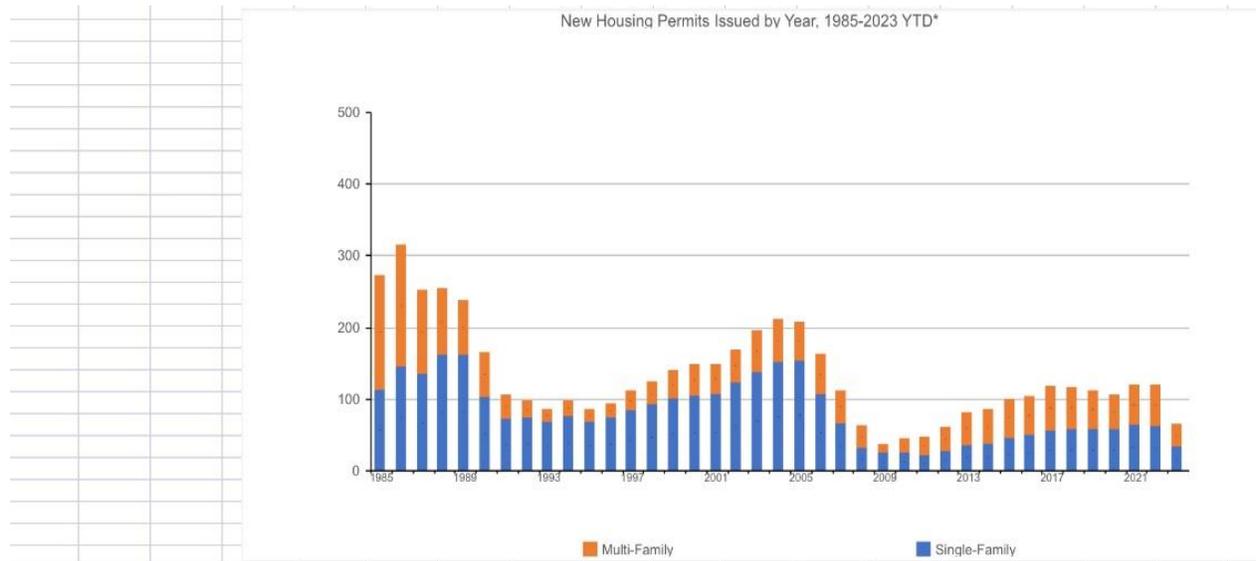
However, by raising past interest rates, **the Fed has been tightening credit.** This is beginning to have a real effect. Almost all of the banks are significantly cutting back their lending for projects such as shopping centers, offices, industrial, etc. and it may mean that development projects are going to be postponed or abandoned.

Cities should continue to check in on the status of projects approved but not yet started.

2. **GLUE Council will meet October 2 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. SCAG's business advisory group, Global Land Use and Economy (GLUE) will meet to review the draft Connect SoCal plan with business leaders. Please join us. We'll also hear an update on insurance, air quality measures and housing issues.**
3. **Business Watches Impending Federal Government Shutdown.** As foretold by the recent Fitch ratings downgrade of federal government, it is troubling to business leaders that a federal government shutdown appears imminent. A functioning economy requires a functioning government. If it happens, it is likely to be significant in duration with no clear path for reopening the government, says the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
4. **Homeowner Insurance Still in Play.** For those following the CA homeowner insurance crisis, and the departure of all major insurance companies from the state, Governor Newsom has issued an executive order directing CA Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara to swiftly stabilize the market. [The governor's EO](#) has some overarching goals — like expanding coverage options and ensuring the state's fallback insurance pool stays fiscally stable —it asks Lara to consider crafting emergency regulations.

Lara always had the ability to do this on his own, but any actions would require rate increases and consumer advocate opposition. However, at the end of session, the legislature refused to act so now the ball is back in Commissioner Lara’s court.

5. CA Makes Little Progress on Housing Permits Issued. Presuming CA needs 180,000 permits issued per year to meet population and jobs, plus more to meet the building deficit, the chart below is troubling to business leaders. Hat tip to Dr. Wallace Walrod for updating this chart.



*YTD represents January to July 2023. Latest data month available from source.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permit Survey