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RACIAL EQUITY AND
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SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, September 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee *Members – September 2022*

- 1. Hon. Mark Henderson**
Chair, Gardena, RC District 28
- 2. Hon. Lorrie Brown**
Ventura, RC District 47
- 3. Hon. Darrell Dorris**
Lancaster, NCTC
- 4. Hon. Ray Hamada**
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Riverside, RC District 68
- 6. Hon. Andrew Masiel**
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- 7. Hon. Marisela Nava**
Perris, RC District 69
- 8. Hon. Kim Nguyen**
Garden Grove, RC District 18
- 9. Hon. Deborah Robertson**
Rialto, RC District 8
- 10. Hon. Colleen Wallace**
Banning, WRCOG
- 11. Hon. Frank A. Yokoyama**
Cerritos, RC District 23

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Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
Thursday, September 15, 2022
9:00 AM

The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee 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 Mark Henderson, Chair)*

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RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

1. SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Overview 10 Mins.
(Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager of Housing and Economic Empowerment, SCAG)

3. The Historic and Contemporary Impacts of Systemic Racism in the United States 80 Mins.
(Charles Brown, Founder and CEO, Equitable Cities and Beth Osborne, Director, Transportation for America)

CHAIR'S REPORT

(The Honorable Mark Henderson, Chair)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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September 15, 2022

To: Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee (RERP)
From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager of Housing and Economic Empowerment
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Overview

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG is currently developing the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan. Three special Regional Council Subcommittees have been created around Next Generation Infrastructure, Resilience and Conservation, and Racial Equity and Regional Planning. Each subcommittee will meet four times between September 2022 and January 2023, with the end goal of identifying recommendations that will inform how these emerging issues are addressed in the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan.

The goal of the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee is to identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in the SCAG region. Over the course of the subcommittee meetings, presentations will be made by staff and experts in the field to spark discussion around how racial equity policies and actions can manifest in the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2020, the SCAG Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2 affirming that systemic racism is a human rights and public health crisis which results in disparities in family stability, health and mental wellness, education, employment, environmental justice, economic development, transportation, public safety, incarceration, and housing and reaffirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in Southern California. The resolution resulted in the formation of an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice which informed the

preparation of SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan, which was adopted by the Regional Council in May 2021. The Racial Equity Early Action Plan set forth goals, defined equity for SCAG, and included a series of early actions for SCAG to pursue to advance racial equity.

Recognizing the significance of racial equity as an emerging issue, in April 2022, the Connect SoCal Policy Development Framework outlined the creation of three new subcommittees that would tackle emerging issues, including racial equity and regional planning.

RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee will convene four times between September 2022 and January 2023. The four meetings will include presentations from staff and subject matter experts, followed by facilitated dialogue amongst Subcommittee members. SCAG has engaged Charles Brown, of Equitable Cities, to facilitate dialogue at each of the meetings. Each meeting will build on the previous and help inform the recommendations that will be presented to the Subcommittee in January 2023. The end result will be a white paper with final recommendations.

Building on the commitment to create transparency and engagement in the policy development process, staff has developed a four month look ahead for the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee to provide a framework and approach to the subcommittee's agenda from September 2022 through January 2023. The subcommittee look ahead can be found in Attachment 1.

The meeting on September 15th will be the first Subcommittee meeting and will focus on the historic and contemporary impacts and outcomes of systemic racism on housing and transportation planning and policy in the United States. The meeting will include a viewing of *Segregated by Design*, a short video that provides a historic overview of how systemic racism shaped housing policies and access to housing, homeownership opportunities for people of color, and racial segregation in the United States. Beth Osborne, Director of Transportation for America, will share a presentation on transportation and racial equity that will be followed up with facilitated discussion led by Mr. Charles Brown.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Look Ahead
2. PowerPoint Presentation - Racial Equity and Regional Planning_Meeting 1

ATTACHMENT 1:

RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE LOOK AHEAD

Meeting Date	Topic
September 15, 2022	The Historic and Contemporary Impacts of Racism in Housing and Transportation Planning and Policy throughout the United States
October 20, 2022	Current day Impacts and Outcomes of Systemic Racism in Housing and Transportation in the SCAG region
November 17, 2022	Best Practices: Mitigating Impacts of Systemic Racism through Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes at the Federal, State, and Local Level
January 19, 2022	Connect SoCal: Review and Finalize Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Recommendations



Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee

September 15, 2022

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Connect SoCal 2024

- Regional Transportation Plan/
Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Updated Every Four Years
- Long-Term Vision & Investment Framework
- Integrated Regional Development Pattern & Transportation Network
- Reduce GHG Emission to Meet Targets for Passenger Vehicles
- Revenues = Costs
- Meets Regional Emission Standards
- Public Involvement

Connect SoCal 2024: Development Update



COMPLETED MILESTONES

- ✓ 2024 RTP/SCS Framework
- ✓ Subregional SCS Framework & Guidelines
- ✓ Relaunched Working Groups
- ✓ Internal Organization, Consultant Support, Technical Infrastructure
- ✓ Connect SoCal Policy Development Framework



MILESTONES FOR 2022

- Goals & Vision
- Performance Measures
- Local Data Exchange
- Project List

Connect SoCal 2024 Special Subcommittees: Overview

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE

RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION

RACIAL EQUITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

PURPOSE

Dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal and provide recommendations to the Policy Committees on how to address these issues in the plan

REPRESENTATION

Members from each county

DURATION

4 meetings between September 2022 and January 2023

SCAG's Commitment to Equity and Social Justice

- July 2020 - SCAG Board adopted [resolution](#)
- Sept. 2020 – Established Special Committee on Equity & Social Justice
- Focused on:
 - SCAG's response to advancing equity across agency's activities
 - Advising SCAG's Regional Council on policies and practices



Racial Equity Early Action Plan

- Early Action Plan critical for ensuring work advances and endures
- Early Action Plan included:
 - Definition of equity
 - Equity goals and strategies
 - Early actions

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RACIAL EQUITY EARLY ACTION PLAN

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SCAG'S RACIAL EQUITY EARLY ACTION PLAN

In July 2020 SCAG's Regional Council made a commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California and established an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity & Social Justice to advise the Regional Council on policies and practices to advance regional equity. The Committee met on a quarterly basis starting in September 2020 and concluding in March 2021. Based on discussions and feedback of the Committee, SCAG staff prepared the Racial Equity Early Action Plan to provide a framework for sharing the Committee's recommendations with the Regional Council. The Racial Equity Early Action Plan establishes a definition of equity, overarching goals, and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices, and activities. It includes actions that can be initiated with existing resources through process improvements, leveraging current work activities, and forming new partnerships, as well as new efforts and programs that would need to be considered through the budget development process. The Early Action Plan is a "living document," with opportunities to identify new actions over time.

DEFINING EQUITY

As central to SCAG's work, racial equity describes the actions, policies, and practices that eliminate bias and barriers that have historically and systemically marginalized communities of color, to ensure all people can be healthy, prosperous, and participate fully in civic life.

GOALS

- Shift Organizational Culture**
Focus SCAG's internal work and practices on inclusion, diversity, equity, and awareness.
- Center Racial Equity in Regional Planning & Policy**
Bring equity into SCAG's regional planning functions.
- Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning Practices**
Promote racial equity in efforts involving local elected officials and planning professionals.
- Activate & Amplify**
Communicate broadly SCAG's commitment to racial equity and join with others in different fields and sectors to amplify impact.

STRATEGIES

Each of these goals is advanced through a focus on the following three strategies:

- Listen & Learn:** Develop a shared understanding of our history of discrimination and the structural barriers that continue to perpetuate the inequities experienced today.
- Engage & Co-Partner:** Create an environment where everyone is included, able to share their experiences, and equipped to talk about racial equity and inequities.
- Integrate & Institutionalize:** Focus on systems change to improve racial equity. Center racial equity in all aspects of work. This involves internal and external systems change.

Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee

GOALS

1. Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal, and
2. Guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's communities.

Racial Equity and Regional Planning: Look Ahead

#	DATE	TOPIC
1	September 15	Historic and contemporary impacts of systemic racism in the U.S.
2	October 20	Systemic Racism in Housing and Transportation Planning and Policy in the SCAG region today
3	November 17	Best Practices for Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes at the Federal, State, and Local Level
4	January 12	Connect SoCal: Final Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee Recommendations (White Paper)

What to Expect

- Presentations
 - SCAG Staff and
 - Subject Matter Experts
- Facilitation by Charles Brown of Equitable Cities
- Subcommittee Discussion and Feedback that will build towards a White Paper



THANK YOU!

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<https://scag.ca.gov/our-work-inclusion-diversity-equity-and-awareness>