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***Thursday, March 5, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.***

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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
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Thursday, March 5, 2026
9:30 AM

The Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee 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 David J. Shapiro, Chair)*

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

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|---|----------|---------|
| 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
<i>(Richard Lam, Senior Deputy Legal Counsel, SCAG)</i> | 10 Mins. | |
| 2. REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Call 2 Funding Awards
<i>(Michael Dietz, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)</i> | 20 Mins. | PPF. 10 |

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council:

1. Approve the Notice of Funding Available for Lasting Affordability Call 2 (NOFA 2) funding awards, as presented in this report.
2. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to issue additional funding awards using the contingency list, depending on the availability of additional funding in the REAP 2.0 Program.
3. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all documents and actions incidental to effectuating the awards and resulting projects, including any revisions to proposed scopes of work and the ability to fully satisfy partial awards via any contingency funds available, as needed, for compliance with the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) program.



3. Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX): Guiding Principles and Process Overview 20 Mins. PPG. 25
(Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the proposed “Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Development Pattern Guiding Principles” and direct staff to conduct a local data exchange process as the technical input opportunity for local jurisdictions for Connect SoCal 2050 with a due date of November 20, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – February 5, 2026 PPG. 37

Receive and File

5. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items PPG. 44
6. REAP 2.0 Program Update PPG. 47

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Connect SoCal 2050: Preliminary Regional Growth Projections 15 Mins. PPG. 51
(Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)
8. Connect SoCal 2050: Vision, Goals, and Policy Review 15 Mins. PPG. 69
(Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG)

CHAIR’S REPORT

(The Honorable David J. Shapiro, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Jonathan Davis, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
RC - Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael Dietz, Planning Supervisor
213-630-1592, dietz@scag.ca.gov

Kome Ajise

Subject: REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Call 2 Funding Awards

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council:

1. Approve the NOFA 2 funding awards, as presented in this report.
2. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to issue additional funding awards using the contingency list, depending on the availability of additional funding in the REAP 2.0 Program
3. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all documents and actions incidental to effectuating the awards and resulting projects, including any revisions to proposed scopes of work and the ability to fully satisfy partial awards via any contingency funds available, as needed, for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priorities: 1) Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future; 3) Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing; and 5) Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report requests that the CEHD committee recommend that the Regional Council approve the NOFA 2 funding awards, as presented in this report, as a subset of the broader REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, and authorize staff to take the actions required to implement the call.

The PATH program was adopted by the Regional Council on November 3, 2022. The NOFA 2 Call for Applications was authorized by the Regional Council on November 6, 2025, and made \$20 million available to augment the original \$45 million awarded by the Regional Council as part of the Notice of Funding Available for Lasting Affordability Call 1 (NOFA 1) on October 13, 2023.

The NOFA 2 program aims to accelerate the infill development of affordable housing, in accordance with the REAP 2.0 and updated PATH program guidelines, through the expansion of regional affordable housing trusts and catalyst funds intended to establish new funding streams for affordable housing development. The Call for Applications was announced on November 17, 2025, and closed on January 20, 2026. In total, 23 applications were received totaling over \$108M in funding requests. Of these, 21 applications were deemed eligible and complete for program funding and were evaluated by the selection panel, consisting of SCAG Housing Department staff, using the scoring methodology provided in the NOFA 2 Funding Application and approved by the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP 2.0 program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140 to confront the statewide housing affordability crisis. The program is designed to implement SCAG's *Connect SoCal* plan by supporting integrated and transformative planning and implementation activities that realize the region's mobility, land use, housing, and environmental goals.

In mid-2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded SCAG a total of \$231.5 million to develop programs that further REAP 2.0 objectives. All projects funded by REAP 2.0 must be in infill areas and meet three primary objectives, which are to: (1) Accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; (2) Affirmatively further fair housing; and (3) reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled through transformative planning and implementation activities that lead to significant beneficial impacts.

On March 2, 2023, the Regional Council approved the PATH program, one of the main programs in SCAG's REAP 2.0 framework. The PATH program includes three funding areas, the NOFA 1 program, and two other pilot programs designed to prepare additional infill lands for housing development.

NOFA 1 – Fully Awarded October 13, 2023, \$45 Million

On June 7, 2023, the NOFA 1 Call for Projects was released. The Call allocated \$45 million to support innovative finance strategies, including the development of Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts (EIFDs), as well as expanding existing and creating new housing trusts and catalyst funds. Eligible applicants were entities that managed an established or planned housing trust or land trust, or catalyst fund for, or have a mission-driven focus on, increasing affordable housing supply and lasting affordability. Staff and consultant costs were allowed to develop and operationalize the innovative funding strategies proposed. On October 13, 2023, the Regional Council awarded \$45 million to 14 applicants from across the region. Today, there are 13 projects totaling approximately \$41.2 million in funding.

NOFA 2 – Call Closed January 20, 2026, \$20 Million

As a result of project reductions across the SCAG REAP 2.0 Program, SCAG was able to release a second round of the program, titled NOFA 2, for \$20 million. On November 6, 2026, the Regional Council approved the updated PATH Guidelines and Application for this second Call for Projects. To support the timely expenditure of REAP 2.0 funds by the December 2026 deadline established by the California legislature, the NOFA 2 Call limited eligibility to applicants that manage an existing housing trust or catalyst fund and can deploy funding through established finance tools or loan programs. Eligible activities focused programmatically on expanding current financing tools in REAP 2.0-eligible infill areas to increase housing supply, choice, and lasting affordability for households at or below area median income. The NOFA 2 Call emphasized project readiness and timely use of funds to ensure awarded resources can be fully expended, in compliance with program requirements, prior to the expenditure deadline.

The NOFA 2 Call for Applications was opened on November 17, 2025, and closed on January 20, 2026. The Call was announced on SCAG's website, in the SCAG housing newsletter, and via a direct e-blast to all members of the SCAG housing interest list. The application, guidelines, and resources were made available on the SCAG REAP 2.0 PATH website (www.scag.ca.gov/path). On December 2, 2025, and December 3, 2025, SCAG hosted information sessions on the NOFA 2 Call Application, and a recording of both the presentation and Q&A sessions was made available for viewing on the REAP 2.0 PATH webpage. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was published on the webpage.

Following the close of the Call, all applications received on time were reviewed for completeness. In total, 23 applications requesting \$108,700,000 in cumulative funding were received. One application was determined to be ineligible, and one was found to be incomplete and therefore not eligible for full evaluation.

The remaining 21 applications were determined eligible and complete and were subsequently evaluated individually for funding by a selection panel consisting of internal SCAG Housing

Department staff using the evaluation criteria, shown below, and scoring rubrics approved by the Regional Council on March 3, 2023, and also included in the funding application.

NOFA Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria		% of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	45%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability	15%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	15%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	15%
2	Equitable Targeted Outreach	10%
2.1	Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness	15%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10%
4.1	Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Priority Populations	5%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10%
5.1	Transformative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5%
5.2	Regional Impact and Applicability	5%
	Total	100%

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following the announcement, and while the call remained open, SCAG staff hosted office hours. In total, more than 30 meetings were held with interested agencies and organizations. 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.

NOFA FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Five applications are recommended for funding through the NOFA 2 Call for Applications at this time, which features a total amount of \$20 million identified as available for funding. At the Regional Council’s direction, maximum awards were capped at \$5 million per applicant to ensure the Call distributes funding to multiple projects across the SCAG region. The complete list of applications received has been provided as Attachment 1.

The following five projects are recommended for funding awards:

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation
National CORE	National CORE Housing Catalyst Fund	\$5 million	1	\$5 million
City of Anaheim	Anaheim Local Housing Trust - Gap Financing for Workforce Housing	\$5 million	2	\$5 million
Orange County Housing Trust	Orange County Ownership Housing Development Fund	\$5 million	3	\$5 million
Community Corporation of Santa Monica & West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation	Southern California High Opportunity Zone	\$5 million	4	\$4 million
Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire	Inland Empire Infill Development and Homeownership Catalyst	\$5 million	5	\$1 million

This recommended action would fund the applications that received the highest scores during the evaluation process, with consideration given to differentiate between new applicants and existing NOFA grantees. As provided in the methodology approved by the Regional Council, in order to maximize the impact of the REAP 2.0 program across the region, the NOFA 2 Call distinguished between two applicant tiers:

- **Tier 1:** Applicants that were not previously granted funding under the NOFA 1 program
- **Tier 2:** Grantees that were previously granted funding for use in a lending program through the NOFA 1 program who are seeking continued funding for that existing lending program

SCAG evaluated and scored all complete and eligible applications. Applications with an average score of 70.00 were determined to have passing scores. Applications that did not receive a passing score are not recommended for funding. Only Tier 1 applications with passing scores were considered for initial funding awards. Passing Tier 2 projects were instead placed on a contingency list. The contingency list combined and ranked any remaining unawarded passing Tier 1 applications in conjunction with passing Tier 2 applications based upon their scores.

The following nine projects are recommended for contingency funding, should any additional funding become available:

NOFA2 Contingency Funding Recommendation

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation
Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire	Inland Empire Infill Development and Homeownership Catalyst	\$5 million	0*	\$4 million
Lift to Rise	We Lift: Housing Catalyst Fund	\$5 million	1	\$5 million
Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust	Affordable Multi-Family Loan Program	\$5 million	2	\$5 million
Orange County Housing Finance Trust	Orange County Housing Finance Trust Revolving Loan Funds	\$5 million	3	\$5 million
City of West Hollywood	Affordable Housing Trust Fund Matching Fund	\$5 million	4	\$5 million
Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust	BGPRHT Affordable Housing Lending Program	\$5 million	5	\$5 million

City of Pomona	Pomona Development Accelerator Fund (PDAF)	\$5 million	6	\$5 million
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Project Pipeline	\$5 million	7	\$5 million
City of Indio	City of Indio's Housing Trust Fund	\$5 million	8	\$5 million

Note: Since the Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire project is recommended for a partial award (\$1 million out of a requested \$5 million) at this time, staff recommends that it also be the first project slated for contingency funding, with the goal of satisfying the entire amount requested for the project (a remaining \$4 million discrepancy).

Of the 21 applications evaluated by the selection panel, the recommended applications are those that successfully demonstrated, with the highest level of certainty, how their proposals would accomplish the following:

- Meet the REAP 2.0 program objectives and SCAG Key Priorities
- Provide transformative and significant beneficial impacts, as defined in the application, through investment in existing finance tools or expanding funding streams that will accelerate infill development that will facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively further fair housing, and result in per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions.

The awards recommended represent investments in a range of financial strategies that would support the development of affordable housing resources across the region. Furthermore, the projects recommended for funding would also contribute to the realization of multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing self-occupancy driving, promoting pedestrian connectivity, and increasing transit ridership. Most importantly, the recommended projects all demonstrate the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, *Connect SoCal*, and PATH program objectives.

A brief summary of each project recommended for funding is provided below:

- **National CORE - National CORE Housing Catalyst Fund:** The project would fund the applicant’s Housing Catalyst Fund, a revolving predevelopment and gap financing tool, to support approximately 2,508 units of affordable housing, dispersed amongst 27 distinct infill projects across Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The investment

includes support for three separate projects comprised of 100% permanent supportive housing.

- **City of Anaheim - Anaheim Local Housing Trust - Gap Financing for Workforce Housing:** The project would expand the capacity of the Anaheim Local Housing Trust Fund to provide gap-financing using residual-receipts loans paired with long-term City-controlled ground leases to support the development of approximately 550 units of affordable workforce housing near job centers, paired with recorded covenants and regulatory agreements that ensure affordability in perpetuity.
- **Orange County Housing Trust - Orange County Ownership Housing Development Fund:** The project would capitalize a revolving loan fund that provides low-cost acquisition, predevelopment, and construction financing to support an estimated 228 units of affordable housing, advancing homeownership opportunities throughout Orange County. The investment would include a focus on “missing middle” opportunities and shared-equity models.
- **Community Corporation of Santa Monica and West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation - Southern California High Opportunity Zone:** The project would expand the Southern California High Opportunity Fund, a revolving predevelopment loan fund, to finance early-stage costs for an estimated 693 housing units across both Los Angeles and Riverside Counties, featuring deep affordability requirements and located on sites less than .25 miles from major transit stops or hubs.
- **Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire - Inland Empire Infill Development and Homeownership Catalyst:** The project would combine supply-side and demand-side approach to advance affordability across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. On the supply side, the investment would expand the Healthy Homes Wellness Fund to provide flexible, early-stage capital to cover high-risk pre-development costs for at least 400 affordable units. On the demand side, the investment would provide down payment assistance for approximately 40 households.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 25-26 Overall Work Program (305.4925.01 - REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ranked List of Applications Received
2. PowerPoint Presentation - NOFA CEHD Presentation

Attachment 1: NOFA 2 Applications Received

Placement	Applicant	Project	Request
1	Lift to Rise	We Lift: Housing Catalyst Fund	\$5 million
2	National Core	National CORE Housing Catalyst Fund	\$5 million
3	City of Anaheim	Anaheim Local Housing Trust - Gap Financing for Workforce Housing	\$5 million
4	Orange County Housing Trust	Orange County Ownership Housing Development Fund	\$5 million
5	Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust	Affordable Multi-Family Loan Program	\$5 million
6	Community Corporation of Santa Monica & West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation	Southern California High Opportunity Zone	\$4 million
7	Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire	Inland Empire Infill Development and Homeownership Catalyst	\$5 million
8	Orange County Housing Finance Trust	Orange County Housing Finance Trust Revolving Loan Funds	\$5 million
9	City of West Hollywood	Affordable Housing Trust Fund Matching Fund	\$5 million
10	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena RHT	BGPRHT Affordable Housing Lending Program	\$5 million
11	City of Pomona	Pomona Development Accelerator Fund (PDAF)	\$5 million
12	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Project Pipeline	\$5 million
13	City of Indio	City of Indio's Housing Trust Fund	\$5 million
Applications below the line are not recommended for funding			
14	City of Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills Transit-Oriented Lasting Affordability	\$5 million
15	Housing Authority of City of Buenaventura	Ventura Housing's Housing Trust Fund	\$5 million

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16	Long Beach Community Investment Company	Backyard Builders ADU Loan Program	\$5 million
17	People's Self-Help Housing Corporation	People's Self-Help Housing Corp. Homeownership Opportunity Fund (HOF)	\$5 million
18	Ontario Housing Authority	Ontario Housing Authority Transit Corridor Loan Fund	\$5 million
19	City of Palm Springs	City of Palm Springs Affordable ADU and Multi-Family Affordable Housing Project Forgivable Loan Program	\$5 million
20	City of Calabasas	City of Calabasas Affordable Housing Trust Fund - Infill Land Acquisition and Leveraging Program	\$3 million
21	City of Pasadena	Lake Avenue Homebuyers Fund	\$3 million
N/A	San Gabriel Valley Community Land Trust	Eaton Fire SGVCLT Rebuild Program	\$3.7 million
N/A	San Bernardino Council of Governments	San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust - Pipeline Implementation Program (SBRHT - PIP)	\$5 million



Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2 (NOFA 2)

Funding Recommendations

March 5, 2026

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Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

Recommend that the Regional Council take the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL:

1. Approve the NOFA 2 funding awards, as presented in the report.
2. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to issue additional funding awards using the contingency list, depending on the availability of additional funding in the REAP 2.0 Program
3. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all documents and actions incidental to effectuating the awards and resulting projects, including any revisions to proposed scopes of work and the ability to fully satisfy partial awards via any contingency funds available, as needed, for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

NOFA 2

\$20,000,000

Eligible Applicants

- Existing Housing Trusts and Catalyst Funds focused on Lasting Affordability

- Funding for existing affordable housing lending programs:
 - Land acquisition
 - Predevelopment, Permanent, Bridge, Gap Financing
 - Homeownership
- Potential to issue additional awards if funding becomes available

Evaluate in two tiers:

- I. New applicants, not awarded in NOFA 1
- II. Existing NOFA 1 grantees

Timeline

NOFA 2 Call for Applications	Date
Application Opening and Materials Available	November 17, 2025
Application Period, Consultation and Office Hours	November 17, 2025 – January 20, 2026
Information Sessions	December 2 & December 3, 2025
Application Due Date	January 20, 2026
Evaluation Period	January – February 2026
Regional Council Considers Funding Awards	March 5, 2026
Awarded Applicants Must Execute the MOU, Meet All Requirements, and Receive Funding	July 31, 2026
Reporting Period Through	December 31, 2026

Technical Support and Community Engagement

- Announcing the call:
 - SCAG website
 - SCAG Housing Newsletter
 - Direct e-blast to SCAG housing interest list
- Two informational sessions
 - Recordings posted online
- Office hours throughout
 - Over 30 meetings with interested agencies and organizations
- Built upon extensive foundation of engagement for NOFA 1 and broader REAP 2.0 program

Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation criteria same as NOFA 1

Funding Requested, Geographic Distribution

County	Applications	Funding Requested	Funded
Los Angeles	10	\$44,700,000	
Riverside	3	\$15,000,000	
San Bernardino	2	\$10,000,000	
Orange	3	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000
Ventura	2	\$10,000,000	
Imperial	0	\$-	
Multiple	3	\$14,000,000	\$10,000,000
Total	23	\$108,700,000	\$20,000,000

544%
Over-Subscribed

Funding Recommendations (All Tier 1)

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**Recommended to fully fund Neighborhood Housing Services first if contingency becomes available*

Contingency List (Tier 1 and 2, By Score)

APPLICANT	PROGRAM	COUNTY	AMOUNT
Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire	Inland Empire Infill Development and Homeownership Catalyst	Riverside, San Bernardino	\$4 million (To satisfy full request after partial award)
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AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
From: Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor
213-236-1828, kane@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX): Guiding Principles and Process Overview

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the proposed “Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Development Pattern Guiding Principles” and direct staff to conduct a local data exchange process as the technical input opportunity for local jurisdictions for Connect SoCal 2050 with a due date of November 20, 2026.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To support the development of Connect SoCal 2050, the Local Data Exchange, or LDX, process aims to exchange local information for regional purposes with all local jurisdictions in Southern California. A key purpose of this process is the requirement that SCAG “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region” as a core element of the sustainable communities strategy. Prior to initiating the LDX, staff is seeking board approval of guiding principles and the process for developing the forecasted development pattern with an input deadline of November 20, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

As required by federal and state law, SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2050 will build from the previous plan (Connect SoCal 2024) adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in April 2024. This will include updates of fundamental data from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies and refinement of strategies and investments based on input from stakeholders and leadership by SCAG’s Policy Committees and Regional Council.

Specifically, Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 7506).”

To support the development of Connect SoCal 2050 and related regional planning activities, the **Local Data Exchange**, or **LDX**, process aims to exchange local information for regional purposes with all Southern California jurisdictions. One-on-one meetings between SCAG staff and local jurisdictions will begin in April 2026 and **input is due to SCAG by November 20, 2026** to ensure sufficient time for review, modeling, policy development, and draft plan preparation during 2027.

This bottom-up approach ensures that local jurisdictions are actively involved in the development of SCAG’s regional plans and that the data are accurate and consistent across the region. As Connect SoCal data and models guide plan implementation and local funding opportunities for jurisdictions, LDX is one part of ensuring that local and regional plans are mutually reinforcing.

Proposed Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern Guiding Principles

LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions on technical inputs to Connect SoCal 2050 and to generate a forecasted regional development that will be:

1. **Rooted in local planning policies.** The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point, or ceiling, for growth and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the development pattern with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.
2. **Aligned with state policy.** The forecasted regional development pattern will reflect the housing element process and be assessed against SCAG’s SB 375 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.
3. **Steered by a regional vision.** The forecasted regional development pattern will further focus growth in areas supported by Regional Planning Policies adopted by the SCAG Regional Council and follow regional and county forecast totals as guided by SCAG’s Demographic Panel of Experts.

The LDX Process

In order to collect sufficient technical input to model the impacts of the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (FRDP) and other plan elements pursuant to 65080(b)(2)(B) above, and to

provide ample region-wide information for SCAG policy committees to develop Connect SoCal 2050 policies and strategies, staff develops a local data exchange process. Referred to as the “local input process” during the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS and prior plans, this process begins with SCAG preparing materials for local review, including a set of preliminary data and maps specific to each local jurisdiction, along with a planning survey to better understand local planning, existing conditions, and trends. The data and maps will be provided for local review through a jurisdiction-specific Data/Map Book that describes the context, definition, methodology, and data sources.

Beginning in April 2026, SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST), a cross-departmental group of planning staff, will reach out to meet one-on-one with all 197 local jurisdictions in the SCAG region to review preliminary data/maps, provide an overview of Connect SoCal 2050, and discuss local planning updates. Meetings will be scheduled to run from April through September, and each jurisdiction will have a dedicated staff point-of-contact. To inform local jurisdictions of the upcoming process, SCAG will begin providing an introductory LDX presentation at subregional technical advisory committees beginning in March 2026.

Following the release of LDX materials and one-on-one meetings, jurisdictions are asked to review the preliminary data/maps and complete a survey. During the LDX process, local jurisdictions will be asked to provide updates and corrections to data within their purview, such as land use and development patterns. Remaining data and maps consist of third-party data related to regional objectives and/or regional plan development. These layers are included for reference.

Preliminary Data/Maps for Local Review

As was the case for Connect SoCal 2024, Connect SoCal 2050 data and maps are organized into six categories:

- land use,
- transportation,
- geographical boundary,
- Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs),
- Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and
- preliminary growth forecast.

Staff refreshed the data and maps within each category with recently available updates, and included some new data and maps related to local planning and adopted Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Planning Policies.

The preliminary data and maps will be available online through jurisdiction-specific Data/Map Books which provide context, definitions, methodology, and data sources for the maps presented.

Exhibit 1: Preliminary Data and Maps for review during LDX

Category	Data/Maps
Land Use	General plan land use, specific plan land use, existing land use, zoning, 6 th cycle housing element sites, residential development activity
Transportation	Major transit stops, Transit Priority Areas, High Quality Transit Corridors, functional classification roads, regional dedicated transit lanes, *regional bikeways, *regional truck routes, *mobility hubs
Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs)	GRRAs consolidated map, climate hazards, habitat areas, agriculture, conserved areas
Priority Development Areas (PDAs)	Priority Development Areas category
Preliminary Growth Forecast	Jurisdiction-level projections of households and employment (2024-2050), Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ)-level projections of households and employment (2024-2050)
Geographical Boundary	City boundary and sphere of influence, census tract boundary, TAZ boundary

Note: SCAG is seeking input on all maps under the land use and preliminary growth forecast categories. In addition, we ask local jurisdictions to provide updates or corrections to transportation maps identified by an asterisk.

Local Data Exchange Survey

In addition to the data and maps, local jurisdictions will be asked to provide feedback on the trends, existing conditions, and local planning in the SCAG region through a qualitative survey. The survey is organized into five sections:

- Land Use & Housing,
- Transportation,
- Environmental,
- Implementation, and
- Data.

The survey is provided as both a Word document and online survey so that jurisdictions of various sizes and internal structures can review as best suits them. In an effort to reduce the burden on jurisdictions and encourage a higher response rate, the survey has been updated and streamlined to remove irrelevant questions, and open-ended text response answers were converted to multiple choice responses where possible. Staff is hopeful that these changes will improve the Connect SoCal 2024 response rate of 46 percent (90 jurisdictions).

Steps Following LDX

The deadline for local jurisdictions to submit their input is November 20, 2026. Upon receiving input, SCAG will evaluate the data and information received pursuant to the guiding principles above.

Separately, SCAG will seek input from county transportation commissions to update data and maps related to the region’s planned transportation infrastructure as part of the adoption of a new RTP/SCS.

Data and maps reviewed during the LDX process and LDX survey responses will also inform policy development and will be used for modeling in accordance with the state and federal requirements of Connect SoCal 2050. Following the LDX process, SCAG will continue to collaborate on plan development with stakeholders, working groups, and the public through anticipated plan adoption in Spring 2028.

Exhibit 2: Major LDX and Connect SoCal 2050 Milestones

EVENT	DATE
Schedule meetings and begin subregion-level outreach	Beginning March 2026
Finalize and complete LDX data	March 2026
Launch Local Data Exchange. Data made available for local review through Data/Map Books	April 2026
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FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - LDX_CSC2050

Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX)

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March 2026

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Local Data Exchange (LDX): A Local Input Process for Connect SoCal

• What is LDX?

- Through the LDX, SCAG aims to meet and exchange *local information for regional purposes* with all Southern California Jurisdictions.

• Why LDX is used?

- A key purpose is to support SCAG in meeting the requirement to “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region.” The LDX is also the primary opportunity for local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of Connect SoCal, ensuring that the data are accurate and consistent across the region.

• How LDX works?

- SCAG prepares jurisdiction-specific GIS data and maps and a survey. SCAG aims to meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to discuss the data and plan development. For Connect SoCal 2050, meetings will begin in April 2026 and input is due to SCAG by November 20, 2026.



Connect SoCal 2050 Preliminary Milestones*



* Draft - Subject to Change

Statutory Requirement on *Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (FRDP)*

- Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG:

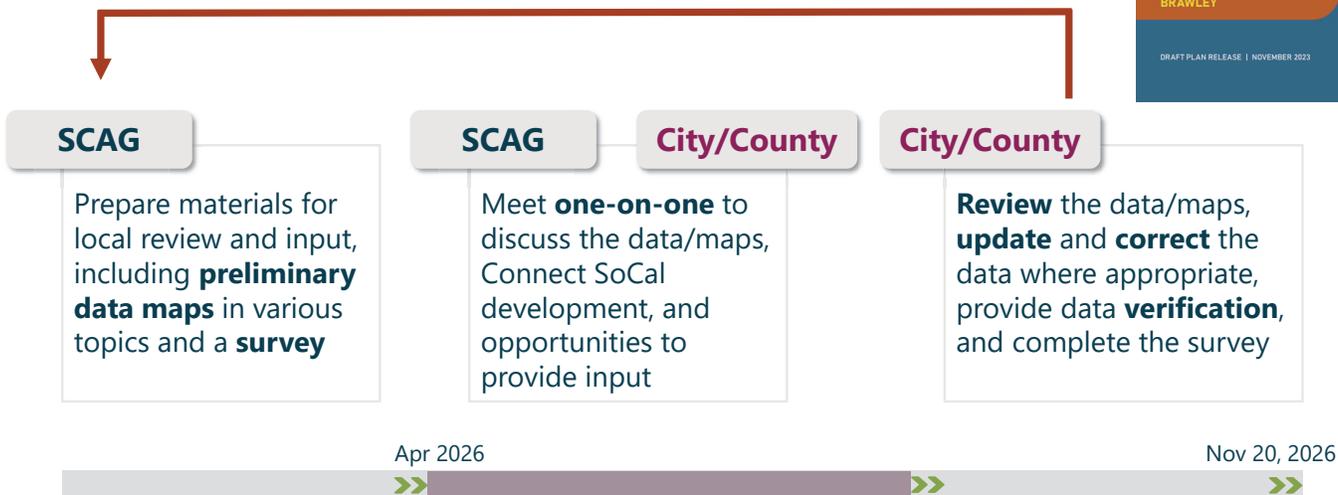
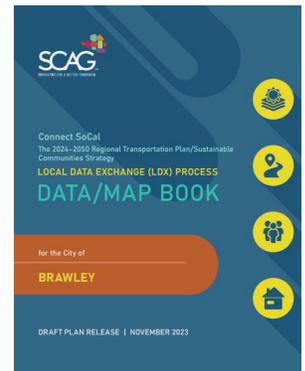
"set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 706)."

Proposed LDX and FRDP Guiding Principles

- LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions on technical inputs to Connect SoCal 2050 and to generate a forecasted regional development that will be:
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Local Data Exchange: the Process

- Data with local input + survey responses will inform the development of upcoming RTP/SCS;
- Local Data/Map Books will be updated.



Local Data/Map Book



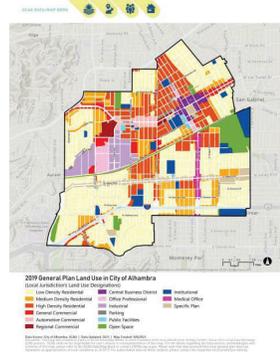
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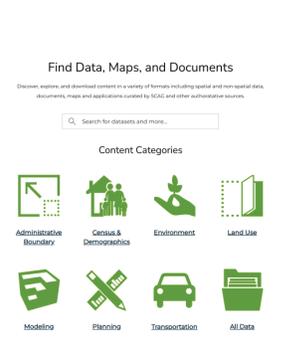
Data Description



Methodology



Map Example: General Plan Land Use



Data available via SCAG's [Content Library](#)

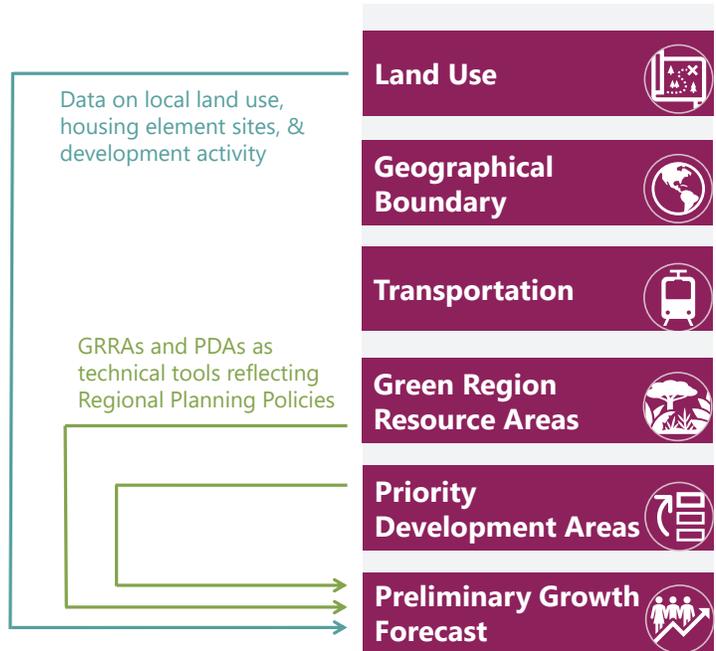
Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

- Six categories of data/maps:
 - Local jurisdictions may update/correct data that fall within local purview
 - Additional regional data provided as a reference
- LDX serves as a two-way information exchange process to provide *transparency* into regional plan development process as well as *data*, *resources*, and *tools*.



Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

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Specific Plan land use	Sphere of influence	Transit Priority Areas (TPA)	Climate Hazards (flood, fire hazard, sea level rise)		Employment 2024-2050
Existing land use	Census tract	High Quality Transit Corridors (HQTC)	Habitat (aquatic resources, wildlife corridors, habit value)		
Zoning code		Dedicated Transit Lanes	Agriculture (farmland)		
6 th cycle housing element sites	Travel Analysis Zone (TAZ) geography	California Road System			
Residential development activity		*Mobility Hubs			
		*Regional bikeways			
		*Regional truck routes			

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Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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. David Shapiro, Chair	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Joe Baca	<i>Rialto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Debbie Baker	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Gary Gardner	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 2
Hon. Mike Goodsell	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. John Grass	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG



Hon. Megan Kerr	<i>Long Beach, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Betty Martinez Franco	<i>Irvine, Pres, Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran	<i>Chino Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	
Hon. Sheila Rossi	<i>South Pasadena</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	District 7
Hon. Valerie Vandever	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	District 8
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Judy Woolsey	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Hon. Valerio Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District16
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable David Shapiro called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. He asked Councilmember John Gabbard, Dana Point, RC District 12, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Shapiro opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Shapiro closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 5, 2026

Receive and File

2. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

Chair Shapiro noted for the record that there was a typographical error on page 10 of the minutes. Member Wendy Bucknum represents District 13, not District 40.

MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1 and Receive and File Item 2 as amended, with corrected minutes. Motion was SECONDED (Hupp) and passed by the following roll call vote:



AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Bucknum, Eich, Elias, Engler, Gabbard, Garcia, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, Kerr, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Moran, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Tran, Warren, Wood, Woolsey and Wu (36)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Community Development Funding Programs

Chair Shapiro noted that the Committee would hear presentations from three speakers who would share best practices and resources related to community development funding programs. The presentations focused on Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) and Brownfield Redevelopment programs, and how these programs can be strategically leveraged to address local needs and align with the region’s long-term planning goals.

Three speakers presented on this topic: First: Anikka Van Eyl, SCAG staff, introduced the concept of community development funding programs and discussed the challenges cities face in financing community development projects in the post-redevelopment era. Next: Diana Sasser, Managing Director, Grow America, presented the brownfield redevelopment and financing tools for community and economic development funding programs, including information on Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and Jeanette Ortega, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, City of Placentia, presented best practices on work to develop an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) in the City of Placentia, and the Old Town Streetscape Master Plan.

Speakers and Staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including comments related to EIFD financial strategies, investments and implementation considerations. A request for future discussions or a presentation on Nexus studies to help illustrate the potential financial impacts to cities was raised. Additional discussions focused on costs and grant resources associated with Brownfield Redevelopment programs and infill project sites. The meeting concluded with a request for SCAG’s Government Affairs team to provide updates on any new redevelopment initiatives and for staff to share the EIFD 101 case study document—with examples and supporting resources.

CEHD members expressed their appreciation to the speakers for delivering thorough, and insightful presentations.

There were no public comments on this item.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentations were included in the agenda packet.

4. Connect SoCal 2050: Process Preview

Chair Shapiro provided background information stating that one of SCAG's key responsibilities was to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy or RTP/SCS, every four years. He asked Camille Guiriba, SCAG staff to provide a presentation outlining the process and timeline for developing Connect SoCal 2050.

Ms. Guiriba provided an overview of the process, timeline and next steps for developing the *Connect SoCal 2050*, outlining key milestones, major deliverables, and anticipated challenges. She noted that the Connect SoCal 2050 was being prepared for adoption by the Regional Council in spring of 2028. She highlighted that one of the core challenges was the requirement from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to update greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, as mandated every eight years under Senate Bill (SB) 375.

Ms. Guiriba along with Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, discussed the status of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, noting that SCAG anticipated to receive the official Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) in fall 2026. It was noted that upon receipt of the determination, staff would develop a RHNA schedule and present it to the Regional Council at a future meeting.

Staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including questions relating to the RHNA allocation process, the CARB's updated GHG reduction target numbers, and the timeline and guidance for developing Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) maps under SB 79.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director (Land Use), reported that SCAG was actively monitoring and engaging with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on critical deadlines and terms. Staff further noted that once formal guidance was received, SCAG would develop the TOD map, followed by stakeholder engagement, and visibility, and present the map to the Regional Council.

CEHD members thanked Ms. Guiriba for the presentation.

There were no public comments on this item.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentations were included in the agenda packet.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shapiro welcomed Councilmember Cynthia Moran (Chino Hills) to the CEHD.

Chair Shapiro provided an update on several ongoing SCAG initiatives and highlighted upcoming events, including the Chair and Vice Chair Elections. He noted that information regarding the nomination process, along with the deadline for submitting nominations, was distributed to members via email on January 20, 2026. He noted that staff was available for questions and to reach out to Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board, at aguilarm@scag.ca.gov for information.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Davis, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, provided announcements and an overview of the 2026 SCAG Student Showcase program, which was currently open for submissions. He noted that the submission window would remain open until March 12, 2026. Additional information about the program and submission requirements was available on the SCAG website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee at 10:56 a.m.

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE]

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2025-26

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1			1		1			1				4
Amezcu, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16													
Baca, Joe	Rialto, SBCTA				1		1			1				3
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18	1			1		1			1				4
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40				1									1
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1								1				2
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG				1									1
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)				1		1			1				3
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1								1				2
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1			1		1			1				4
Elias, Shaunna	Glendora, RC District 33				1		1			1				3
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1			1									2
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG						1							1
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35				1		1							2
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1												1
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG				1		1							2
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12									1				1
García, Victoria	San Fernando, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)				1		1			1				3
Gardner, Gary	Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2	1			1		1			1				4
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC	1			1		1			1				4
Grass, John	Brawley, ICTC	1			1		1			1				4
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1					1			1				3
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda, OCCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1			1		1			1				4
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1			1					1				3
Kerr, Megan	Long Beach, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)				1		1			1				3
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC				1		1			1				3
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1					1			1				3
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Martinez Franco, Betty	Irvine, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)				1		1			1				3
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov Reg Planning Board						1			1				2
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1			1		1			1				4
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians						1			1				2
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)									1				1
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians													
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG						1							
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)													
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51													
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1			1		1			1				4
Rossi, Sheila	South Pasadena, AVCJPA				1		1			1				3
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1			1					1				3
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1			1		1			1				4
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG	1					1							2
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1			1		1			1				4
Valerie Vandever	San Jacinto, WRCOG				1		1			1				3
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1			1		1							3
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA				1		1			1				3
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24	1			1		1			1				4
Woolsey, Judy	Yucaipa, SBCTA	1			1		1			1				4
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1			1		1			1				4
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1			1		1			1				4
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1			1									2
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		33			41		42			42				



AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director (Land Use)
213-236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov
Subject: CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In April 2024, SCAG’s Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024. Following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed a 12-month CEHD Outlook to carry forward the policy priorities and Implementation Strategies of Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2026, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2025 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat, survey responses from CEHD members, and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item and can be pulled by the Chair for discussion at the request of members for input and modifications.

BACKGROUND:

The work of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the leadership from the agency’s Policy Committees and Regional Council is driven by SCAG’s legally mandated duties as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, the long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal 2024 as well as, the agency Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Administrative Committee on May 1, 2024.

Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Outlook and Framework

The Policy Committees help to further the implementation of Connect SoCal by advising on policy, research or resource programs. The Policy Committees will also be informed and advise on broader regional leadership items as needed. In addition, as appropriate within the scope of each Policy Committee, the 2026 Presidential Priorities are incorporated in the Outlook.

- Clean Transportation Technology
- Housing Production
- Regional planning in support of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CEHD Agenda Outlook March 2026

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2026

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

Date	Agenda Items
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Production Data (Demographic Update) Expanding Homeownership – Alternative Ownership and Financing Models*
Oct	No Meetings
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown revitalization economic development strategies Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies Notice of Funding Availability for Lasting Affordability Call
Dec	Joint Policy Committee Meeting: Economic Update
Jan	No Meetings

*Presidential Priorities

- Housing Production
- Regional planning in support of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2026

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

Date	Agenda Items
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Community Development Funding Programs
Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 Notice of Funding Availability for Lasting Affordability Call Funding Recommendations Community Land Trusts* Community Hubs and Placemaking Strategies* Connect SoCal 2050: Vision, Goals, and Policies Review Connect SoCal 2050: Preliminary Growth Forecast Connect SoCal 2050: Local Data Exchange Launch
April	Joint Policy Committee
May	General Assembly
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing production strategies * Community Hubs and Placemaking Strategies*

*Presidential Priorities

- Housing Production
- Regional planning in support of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games



To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
CEHD – Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
EEC – Energy and Environment Committee
TC – Transportation Committee
RC – Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Kome Ajise

From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director (Land Use)
213-236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

Subject: REAP 2.0 Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, CEHD, EEC, TC, AND RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program invests in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. SCAG has been working with grantees to make steady progress in delivering the \$231.5M REAP 2.0 program, including refining the final project list with grantees. This report summarizes the program status.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP 2.0 program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2019 (REAP 1.0) and expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allows for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting infill development to facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability. The program tackles key barriers to meeting regional housing needs and state policy goals—such as limited land availability, financing gaps, and insufficient infrastructure—through targeted funding and technical assistance.

REAP 2.0 Program Progress Updates

At the time of this report, all but one MOU are executed with the remaining MOU expected to be executed by late spring. Currently, the REAP 2.0 Program include 86 projects totaling approximately \$178.4M in suballocations, with an additional approximately \$20M expected to be allocated as part

of the second Notice of Funding Availability for Lasting Affordability Program which will be considered for approval by the CEHD and Regional Council at their March 2026 meetings.

Status of Current Programs

The REAP 2.0 program currently includes 86 projects totaling approximately \$178.4M. A status update by program area is provided below.

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

The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) grant prioritizes housing planning that aims to close the racial equity gap and include partnerships with community-based organizations. The CEEEJ program currently includes five REAP 2.0 funded Housing and Land Use Strategies projects totaling approximately \$2M. All grantees have executed MOUs with SCAG and work is underway.

In the last quarter, SCP CEEEJ project teams made progress on technical analyses and held public workshops / advisory committee meetings to engage local stakeholders on technical findings and inform development of final deliverables.

Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0

The Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Program includes approximately \$24.5M in funding to sub-regional partners for eligible activities supporting member jurisdictions with implementing housing element work plans and strategies for increasing affordable housing. This program is anticipated to include 20 projects with SCAG's subregional partners.

Transportation Partnership Programs

The Transportation Partnership Programs include \$80M for the Regional Pilot Initiatives Program and 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. This program funds 30 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. Staff continue to work collaboratively with the CTCs to monitor project scopes, timelines, and budgets.

A project highlight from the last quarter is the ongoing construction of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center. ICTC received multiple state and federal funding grants to implement the project, including \$1 million for right-of-way acquisition from REAP 2.0. SCAG staff toured the ongoing construction in January 2026. Scheduled for completion in Spring 2026, the project will improve transit and transportation access in Calexico's downtown core.

Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)

The PATH Program includes three separate calls for projects; each is described in greater detail below.

Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands

The Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program includes \$6.7M to 9 projects to scale up development of available land and implementing large corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives. All MOUs are executed with work underway. In the last quarter, HIPP project teams made progress on technical analyses and held workshops to engage public on technical findings and inform development of final deliverables.

Notice of Funding Available for Lasting Affordability

The Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) includes approximately \$41.2M to 13 projects in support of innovative housing finance, trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources. All MOUs are executed. As noted above, SCAG released a second Notice of Funding Availability for Lasting Affordability with up to \$20M available and the ability to award additional funding-making the total allocation for this program \$61.2M. The call will prioritize new grantees and focus on existing catalyst and housing trust funds that are ready to receive funding. In addition, staff recommend creating a contingency list of projects that can receive funding, should additional REAP 2.0 funding become available. This list of initially awarded projects is on the CEHD and Regional Council agendas at their March 2026 meetings.

To date, \$13.9M has been deployed by three regional housing trusts into local affordable housing lending programs and progress has been made to establish three new regional housing trusts.

Regional Utilities Supporting Housing

The Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) program includes approximately \$24M for nine projects that focus on investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that will support jurisdictions in basic utility infrastructure needed for housing: water, wastewater, stormwater management and electricity.

All projects have executed MOUs at this point and are working to advance the projects. Five of the nine are capital projects. This includes Palm Desert and Soboba that will provide stormwater drainage improvements, LADWP that is constructing electric utility improvements to support affordable housing developments, San Bernardino County that is building a sewer extension, and Calipatria that is upgrading a water pump station. Each of these projects will support the delivery of new housing units in the region. Similarly, the four additional RUSH planning projects will focus on laying the utility planning foundation necessary for subsequent utility improvements that are needed for future housing growth.

Milestones for upcoming quarter

The County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program anticipates several milestones in the next quarter. Active SGV, a subgrantee of LA Metro and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is expected to launch their Go-SGV E-Bike share lending library. Additionally, LA Metro intends to award the Metro Bike Share expansion contract to deploy hundreds of new bike share bikes throughout Los Angeles.

In the coming quarter, the Lasting Affordability Program expects additional regional housing trusts to deploy an additional \$8.8M to local affordable housing lending programs.

The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) grant program anticipates the City of Lancaster's Transit Oriented Development Zones Update to wrap up in the next quarter, making it the first Housing and Land Use project in the program to be completed. The remaining four projects will continue technical planning work, engagement activities, and preparing for board and council presentations as they move toward plan completion and adoption prior to the December 2026 expenditure deadline.

RUSH projects will continue to move forward in the next quarter. Four of the nine projects are projected to be completed by the end of FY 26 with the remainder to be completed prior to the December 2026 expenditure deadline.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will take the second NOFA for the Lasting Affordability Program funding recommendations before the CEHD and Regional Council for consideration and continue to provide regular updates to the Regional Council and Policy Committees on the REAP 2.0 program, with an anticipated next update in fall 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 25-26 Overall Work Program No. 305 – Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0.



AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2026

To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
From: Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor
213-236-1828, kane@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Connect SoCal 2050: Preliminary Regional Growth Projections

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kevin Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In its role as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, SCAG must project future (usually 25+ years) housing and transportation for a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Conformity with the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Section 7401 et seq.) requires that SCAG use the latest planning assumptions and most recent population and employment estimates. In its role as the Council of Governments (COG) for state planning purposes, SCAG must coordinate RTP development with a statutorily required Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This forecast becomes the technical underpinning of much of the policy work associated with the development of the RTP/SCS.

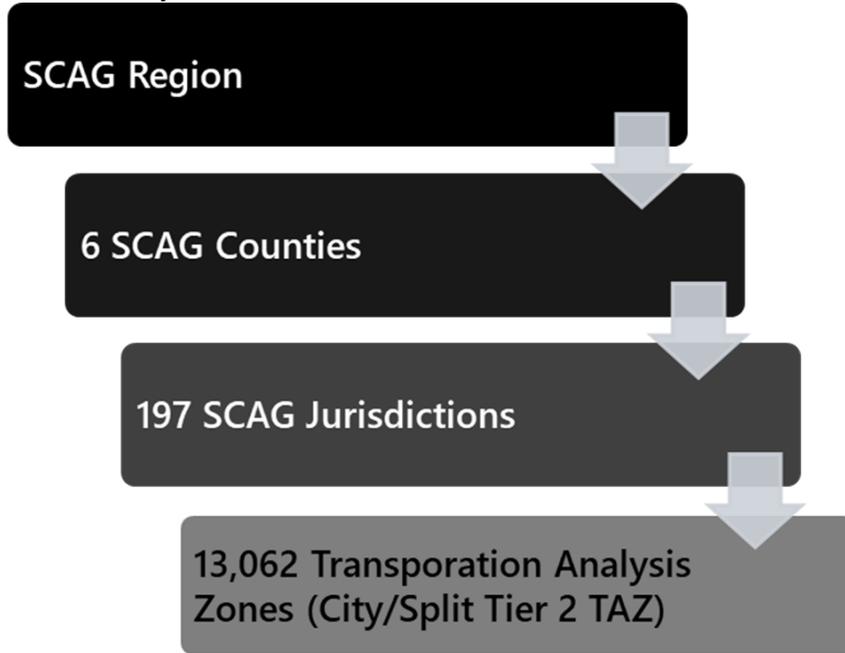
With the help of an expert panel and expert consultants from the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) and the California Economic Forecast (CEF), staff developed a preliminary projection of population, household, and employment growth for Connect SoCal 2050's 2024-2050 time horizon for the region and its six counties.

BACKGROUND:

Connect SoCal 2050 necessarily links regional, national, and global-scale demographic and economic trends with projects and developments taking place in the neighborhoods of local jurisdictions across Southern California. This report is concerned with regional and county forecasting (see Exhibit 1). The process for disaggregating these projections to jurisdictional and sub-jurisdictional levels, and integrating with subsequent Plan development steps, are detailed in a separate presentation

covering the Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern pursuant to California Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B).

Exhibit 1. Key Forecast Levels



This growth forecast is a balanced, long-term vision for future population, household, and employment growth. The required time horizon is far longer than economic and business cycles, longer than the eight-year Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle for housing planning, and longer than the time horizon envisioned by many local land use plans. Gauging future outcomes this far into the future is best served by foundational demographic indicators (i.e., births, deaths, and migration) as well as how Southern California compares to the rest of the nation economically.

Producing any long-range projection requires making assumptions in the face of future uncertainty. While uncertainty may seem particularly high in light of the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), increased sociopolitical polarization, and unpredictable international relations, the reality is that any three-decade period is likely to have dramatic disruptions such as 1970s stagflation, 1980s banking crisis, 1990s digital revolution, and 2000s Great Recession.

Long-range forecasting can and must use the best available expert opinion to assess the effects of existing and likely future policy and other conditions which can change the future levels of population, households, and jobs. This includes, for example, the future of federal immigration policy, the

likelihood and potential scope of future childcare-supportive policy, changes in state housing policy, as well as technological and environmental change.

Unlike a purely demographic forecast, which would be concerned with projecting population alone, SCAG’s mandate to assess future transportation and housing conditions necessitates the development of a balanced forecast of households and employment as well. Put simply, there must be a plausible number of people for the jobs, and sufficient housing for the people.

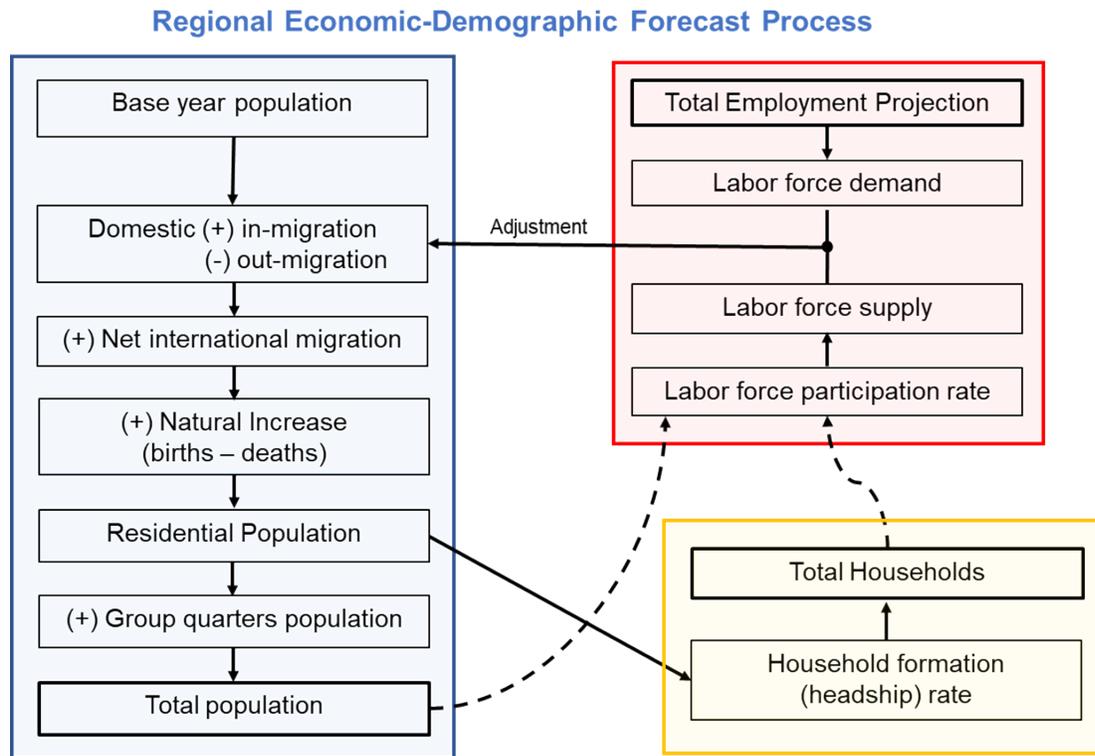
SCAG held a Demographic Panel of Experts meeting on September 9, 2025 to consider plausible and likely levels of seven key inputs to SCAG’s long-range forecast. Panelists included economists and demographers representing industry, academia, and government (Exhibit 2). Two outside experts, Beth Jarosz of the Population Reference Bureau and Mark Schiepp of the California Economic Forecast, moderated along with SCAG staff.

Exhibit 2: Participants in the Demographic Panel of Experts

Name	Affiliation
Billy Leung	Regional Economic Models, Inc.
David Swanson	UC Riverside
Deborah Diep	Cal State Fullerton, Center for Demographic Research
Dowell Myers	University of Southern California
Hans Johnson	Public Policy Institute of California
Jerry Nickelsburg	UCLA Anderson Forecast
Linda Wheaton	California Housing Policy Specialist (Emeritus)
Manfred Keil	Claremont McKenna College
Mary Prichard	Los Angeles Unified School District
Michael Lens	UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs – Housing
Shannon Sedgwick	Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation
Somjita Mitra	California Dept. of Finance, Economics Research Unit
Tina Kim	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Wallace Walrod	Orange County Business Council
Walter Schwarm	California Dept. of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

Input assumptions included **jobs, births, deaths, immigration, domestic migration, labor force participation, and household formation**. Exhibit 3 illustrates how modeling by the staff and consultant team balances these assumptions into an integrated forecast.

Exhibit 3: Regional Forecast Process and Interrelationships



Prior to their meeting, panelists were surveyed on their opinions of future trends. Overall, panelists acknowledged broad unknowns in some areas (e.g. the future of immigration policy) and showed greater consensus in others (e.g. a rebound in birth rates is highly unlikely). Generally, they expect conditions that would result in substantially lower population and job growth than projected in past plan development cycles, and moderately lower household growth. The accompanying presentation (slide 3) shows how the state Department of Finance’s population projection for the SCAG region has decreased dramatically over the past three quadrennial planning cycles.

Births

Birth rates in the SCAG region, California, and the US have been falling for more than a decade—especially amongst younger mothers. The region’s total fertility rate – which is a synthetic measure of how many children the average woman is expected to have in her lifetime and needs to be slightly above 2 in order to maintain a stable population – was roughly 1.43 in 2024. During the 2010s, annual births in the SCAG region averaged 236,634, though over 2023-2025 they have averaged 184,455 (see accompanying slide 4).

In a survey sent to the experts prior to the panel, respondents expect SCAG birthrates to fall over the next 30 years for across all age groups. Experts cited low birthrates across the U.S. and globally. Lower birth rates in sending countries mean there will be fewer immigrants who could come to the United States and the SCAG region. Furthermore, those that do arrive are likely to have fewer children thereafter. Additional evidence supporting a low future fertility rate assumption was cited by the expert panel—first, the expected declines in young adult population, and second, international evidence that policy is generally unable to increase fertility rates to replacement levels. The forecast assumes birth rates will continue to fall for the next decade after which rates are held constant. By 2050 the region’s total fertility rate is projected to reach 1.27.

Deaths

Recent data show that mortality trends remain elevated after the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on survey responses, most experts predict death rates to remain constant or fall slightly over the next 30 years. Discussion during the panel of experts centered around apprehension that medical advancements and longevity gains will happen in the future due to recent cuts in research and the financial burden as governments face a large old-age dependency ratio. Based on expert feedback, the forecast holds current death rates constant. Due to an aging population, this results in a higher number of deaths in the region each year going forward.

Domestic Migration

With the exception of the COVID-19 pandemic, over the past 35 years, international migrants have consistently entered the SCAG region, and with a brief exception in the late 1990s domestic migrants have flowed out of the region (see accompanying slide 5).

As part of the discussion on domestic migration, panelists were asked, “What are the most important push or pull factors into or out of the SCAG region?” with the number indicating how many experts considered it important:

- Affordable housing – 6
- Job opportunities -5
- Climate - 4
- Cost of living –2
- Socioeconomic policies - 2
- Educational resources – 1

While the region loses more residents to other states and regions each year than it brings in, the magnitude can shift substantially year-to-year. Expert survey responses predict a moderate outflow of residents across all age groups in the long-run. The Panel of Experts discussed a wide range of factors that could affect domestic migration: climate change, housing affordability in California and

other states, Proposition 13's effect on housing choice, and job availability given AI adoption. Given the wide range of factors, panelists did not come to a consensus on the magnitude of the net outflow.

The forecast assumption made generally followed the California Department of Finance's (DOF) September 2025 projection series and gradually drops domestic out-migration from 2025-2029, holding it constant after 2030 and making minor adjustments based on employment projections.

Immigration

Apart from the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic during which international migration was drastically reduced, the SCAG region has maintained net positive international migration since 1990. Survey responses from most experts anticipate this trend to continue among children and young adults. Survey responses about immigration of older adults were equally split (some believing there will be out, net zero, and net in-migration amongst older adults).

The Panel of Experts pointed to federal policy being the driving source of international migration trends. For this reason, the forecast tied international migration to U.S. Census Bureau population projections. Historically, the SCAG region has accounted for 7 percent of total U.S. immigration. From 2030 onward, the forecast assumes the SCAG region will receive 7 percent of the immigrants in the Census Bureau "main series" population projection. Given current federal government policies on immigration, from 2025 to 2029, which are reflected in DOF's most recent data estimates (E-2 series), the forecast assumes immigration levels slightly below the Census Bureau's "low series" projection. Some panelists noted that, in light of a recent Pew Research Foundation analysis of changes in the US foreign born population during the first half of 2025, this assumption may be optimistic.¹

Household Formation

Household and housing demand are affected by a wide variety of factors, but some basic patterns of household formation vary throughout the life course. The rate of household formation tends to be lowest for the youngest adults, who stay with their families or live with roommates – this rate has fallen for decades as the "transition to adulthood" has been gradually happening at an older age. Older age groups consume more housing per person—especially "empty nesters" or single seniors without a partner. It is for this reason that even if household formation *rates* remain unchanged, an aging population would result in faster household growth and smaller household sizes on average.

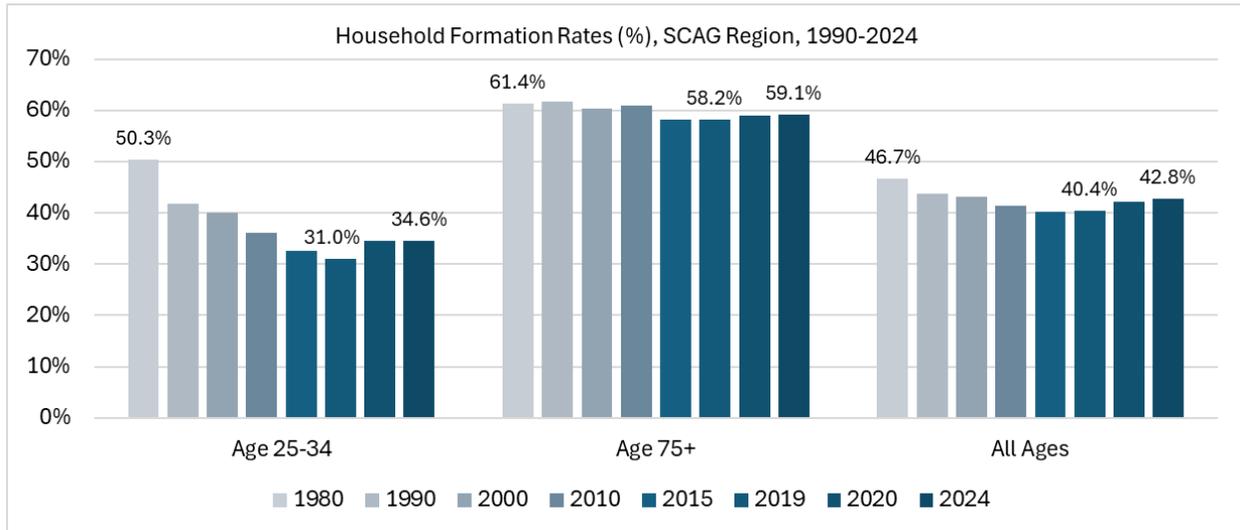
Household formation is also affected by the supply and cost of housing. A substantial portion of the total decline and the decline among younger adults can be attributed to high cost and increasing latent demand.

Regardless of low—and in some recent years, negative—population growth, housing production has stayed relatively consistent in the SCAG region for over a decade. While it is possible that some new

¹ See <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/08/21/key-findings-about-us-immigrants/>

units remain vacant, become short-term rental properties, or are used as second homes, slight increases in household formation rates were observed since 2019 – especially amongst younger adults – which is a reversal of more than three decades of decline (see Exhibit 4).

Exhibit 4: Household Formation Rates



Source: Decennial Census, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, and SCAG estimate (2024)

Survey responses indicate that the majority of expert panelists predict a slowing household growth rate. Most experts anticipate housing growth to be the same as the 2015-2025 average. Regarding the housing supply, experts expect housing types with smaller footprints (multifamily, ADUs, and single family attached) to grow in share of the overall supply. It bears mention that the blend of housing unit types has also evolved rapidly, in part responsive to state and local policies fostering more multifamily and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) construction (see accompanying slide 9).

During the panel, discussion mostly centered on housing supply. Experts were split on the role of ADUs in addressing market needs. They were also split if recent housing policy changes were enough to spur enough new housing development. Given the lack of consensus of the panel of experts, the forecast assumes that the modest increase in household formation rates observed between approximately 2019 and 2024 continues for the next decade. Rates are held constant throughout most of the projection period; however, they are increased modestly in the later years of the forecast in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties to ensure that household totals do not decrease solely on account of anticipated population declines. Further research will be needed to assess the outcome of population decline on household dynamics.

Labor Force and Jobs

Forecasted jobs are based on UCLA Anderson’s Economic short-run forecast and constrained by working age population developed in SCAG’s population forecast. Preliminary projections anticipate decreases in manufacturing and information jobs, due in part to AI adoption. Population-serving industries like health care, leisure and hospitality, and state and local government will continue to grow until a point in the 2030s, after which they will begin to decline, following the trend in population. Expert panelists commented that this initial long-range outlook may be somewhat optimistic.

The forecast uses age, sex, and race/ethnicity-specific labor force participation rates based on Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) projections for the SCAG region with additional adjustments for specific age and race/ethnicity categories in line with Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) trends.

Preliminary Regional Projection

The latest information, modeling approaches, and top expert insights currently yield a long-range growth projection that is very different from prior plan cycles in Southern California; nonetheless, it offers a balanced view of population, household, and employment growth in Southern California to 2050. Region-wide population change is expected to be minimal over the next two and one-half decades, and as such the total number of jobs will be constrained by demographic reality. However, in the long-run, the relationship between additional jobs and additional economic output is likely to be weaker. While the household projection is also lower than in past plan cycles, owing to latent demand and supportive policy, the region is still expected to add 850,000 households by 2050.

A direct implication of the population projection is accelerated aging – the SCAG region median age was 30.5 in 1990, was 38.8 in 2024, and is now expected to rise to 46.4 by 2050. The changing relationship between population and housing is also apparent – while the region’s average household size has long been slightly above 3.0, in 2024 it was 2.84 and by 2050 it is now projected to drop to 2.49. There are significant factors that could change the input assumptions of this forecast; however, it reflects the most likely future outcome given data trends and expert insights available at the time of its development.

The next step in Connect SoCal 2050 forecast development is to allocate these regional and county totals to jurisdictional and sub-jurisdictional levels and meet with local jurisdictions for their review. This important step provides insight into local projects and developments. A second meeting of the panel of experts is tentatively scheduled for Winter 2027 in order to consider the aggregate effect of locally-received information plus any changes in data trends and assumptions since their prior meeting.

Exhibit 5: Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Projections

Total Population

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	184,000	201,000	17,000	9.2%
Los Angeles	9,823,000	9,485,000	(338,000)	-3.4%
Orange	3,151,000	3,150,000	(1,000)	0.0%
Riverside	2,456,000	2,647,000	191,000	7.8%
San Bernardino	2,184,000	2,159,000	(25,000)	-1.1%
Ventura	824,000	805,000	(19,000)	-2.3%
SCAG	18,621,000	18,448,000	(173,000)	-0.9%

Total Households

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	54,000	70,000	16,000	29.6%
Los Angeles	3,518,000	3,931,000	413,000	11.7%
Orange	1,095,000	1,209,000	114,000	10.4%
Riverside	787,000	954,000	167,000	21.2%
San Bernardino	682,000	797,000	115,000	16.9%
Ventura	284,000	310,000	26,000	9.2%
SCAG	6,420,000	7,270,000	850,000	13.2%

Total Employment

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	72,000	74,000	2,000	2.8%
Los Angeles	4,997,000	4,982,000	(15,000)	-0.3%
Orange	1,828,000	1,784,000	(44,000)	-2.4%
Riverside	914,000	1,047,000	133,000	14.6%
San Bernardino	920,000	977,000	57,000	6.2%
Ventura	368,000	354,000	(14,000)	-3.8%
SCAG	9,099,000	9,218,000	119,000	1.3%

Note: Values are rounded to the nearest 1000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Demographic Projections

Connect SoCal 2050: Preliminary Regional Growth Projections

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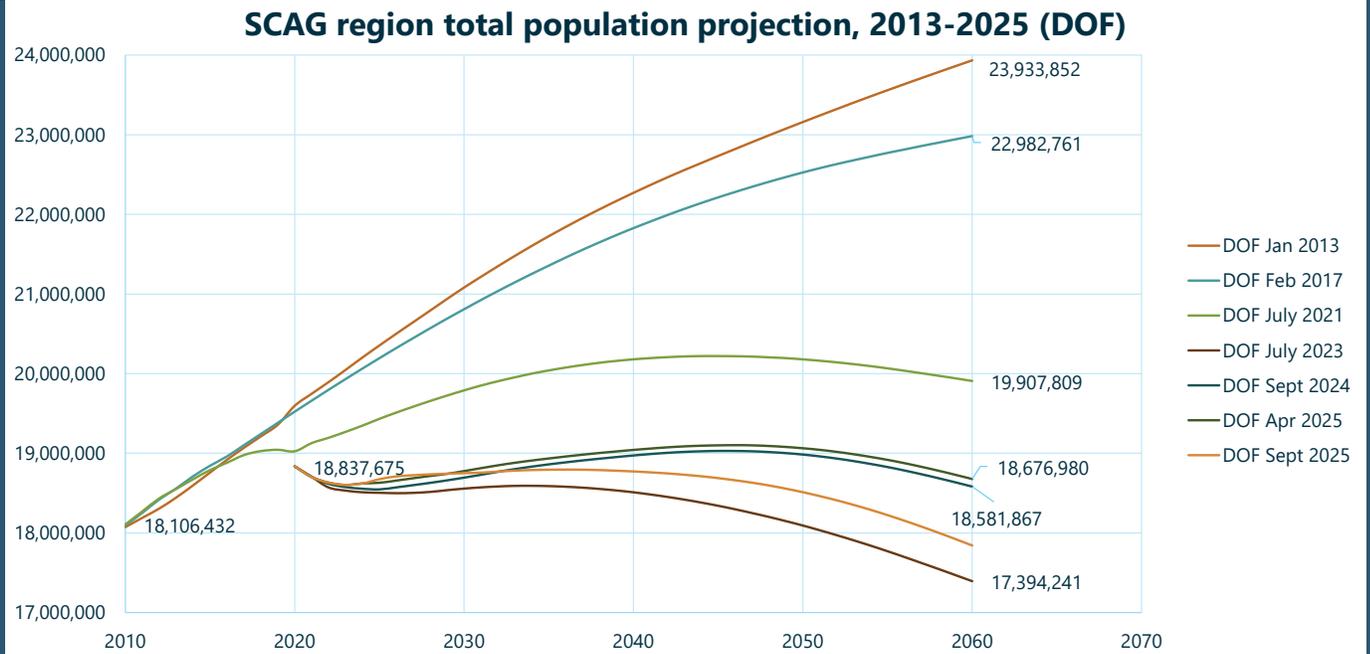
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Envisioning 2050

- **7 main forecast assumptions:**
 - Births and deaths
 - Migration and immigration
 - Household formation
 - Job growth
 - Labor force participation
- **Technical Process**
- **Expert Informed**
- **Basis for Subsequent Policy & Strategy Development**



Expectation for population growth has consistently slowed



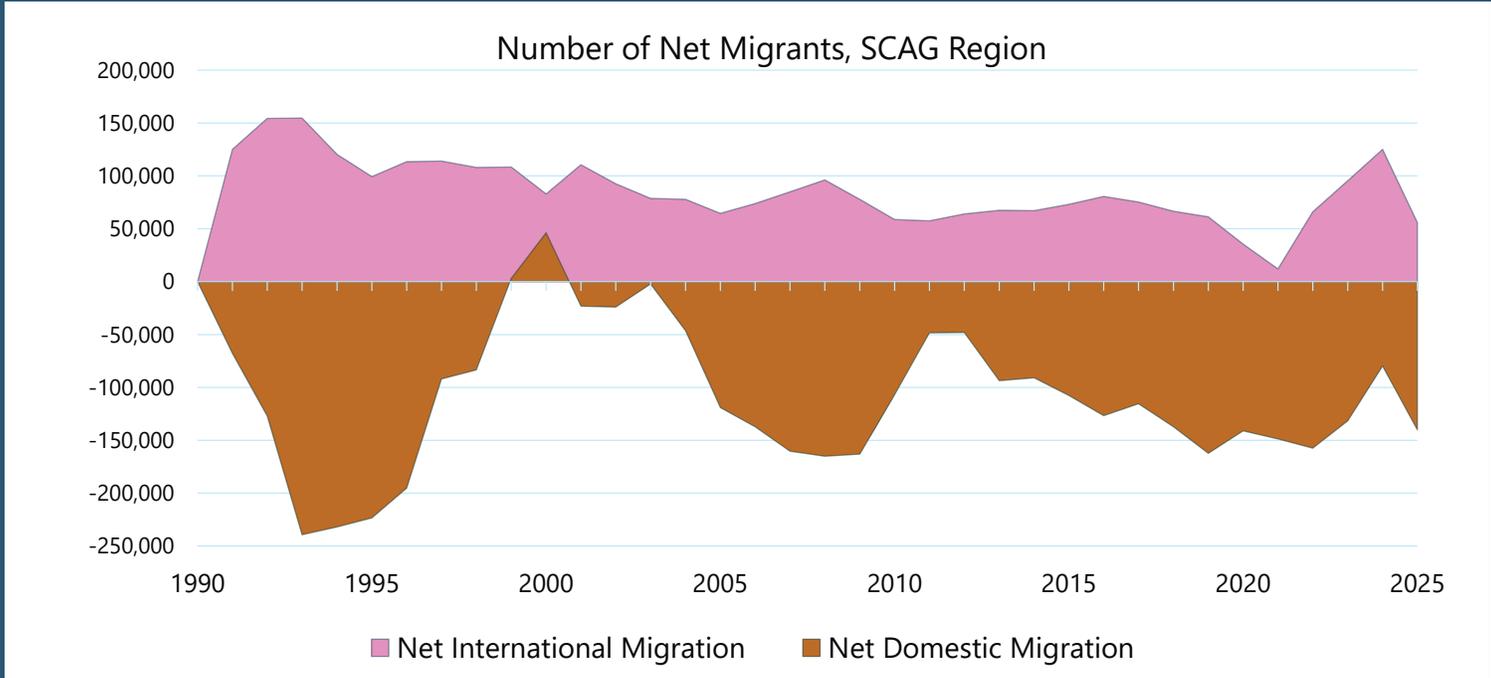
Source: State of California, Department of Finance, P-3 Projections, collected by SCAG from 2013 through Vintage 2024 (2025.9.30)

Components of Population Change, SCAG Region



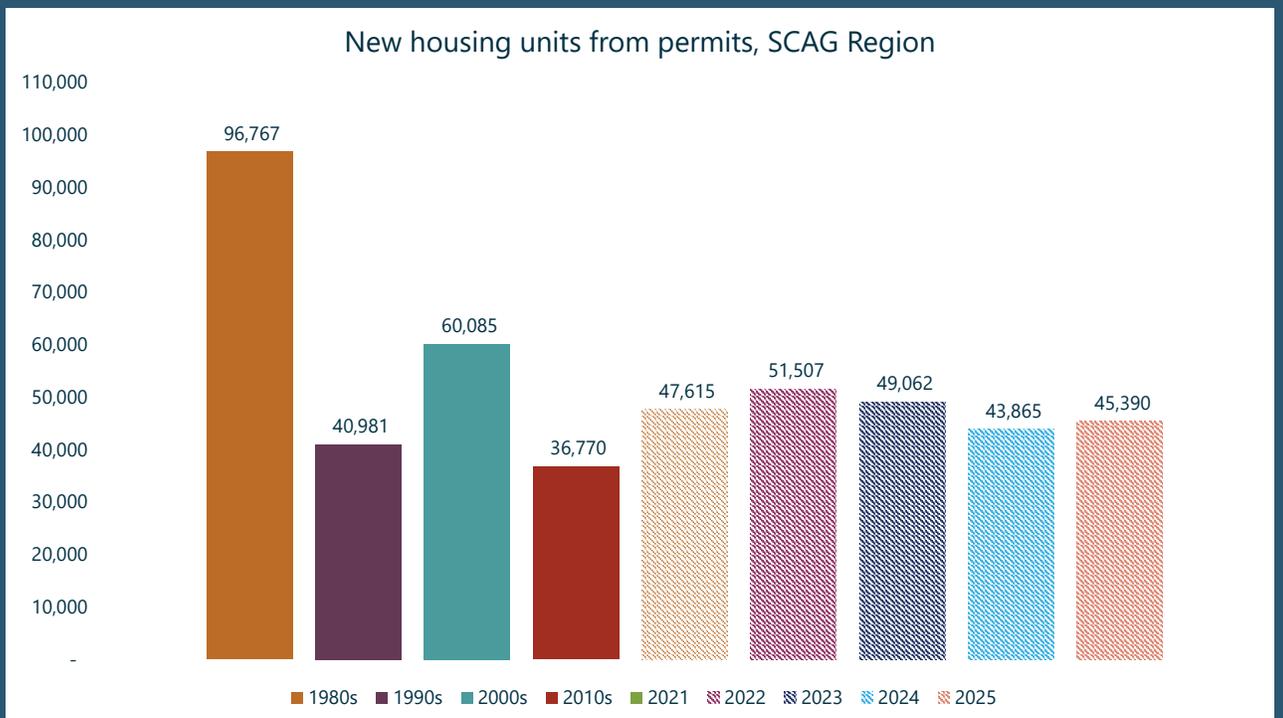
Source: CA DOFE-2

SCAG Region Migration – Long Term



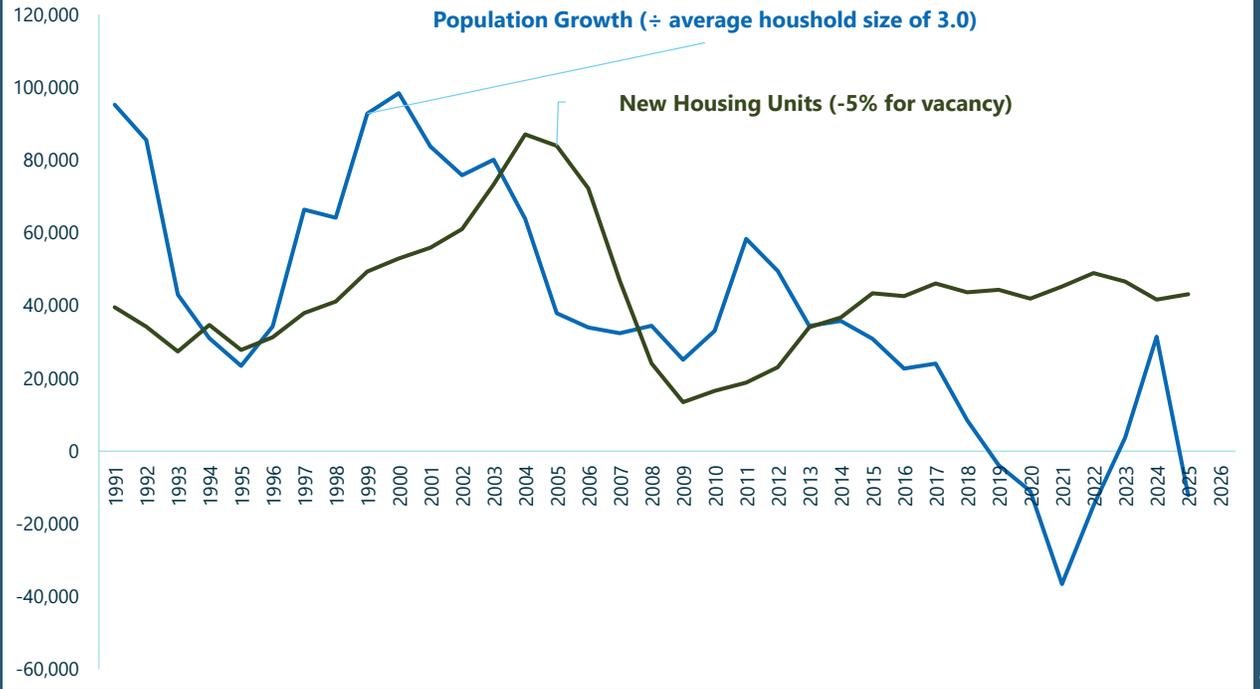
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Comparing recent housing production to prior decades



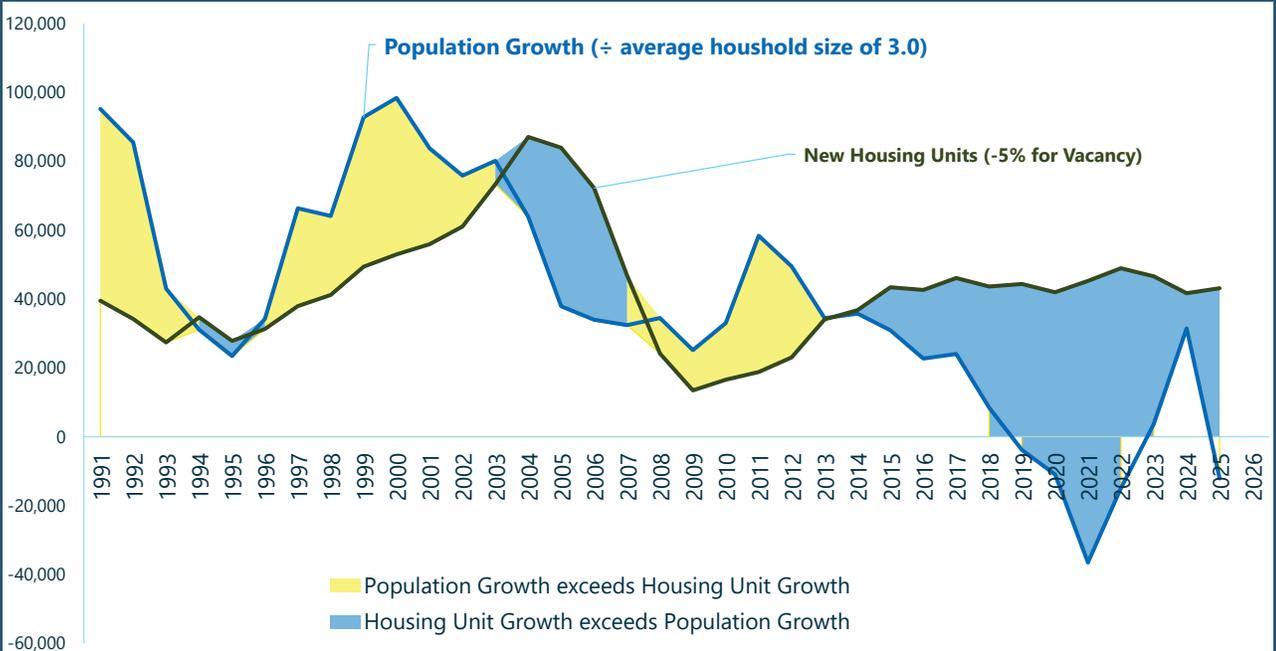
Source: CIRB New Units from permits to 2020; Census Building Permit Survey (BPS) 2021-Present

Comparison of Population vs. Housing Growth, SCAG Region, 1991-2025



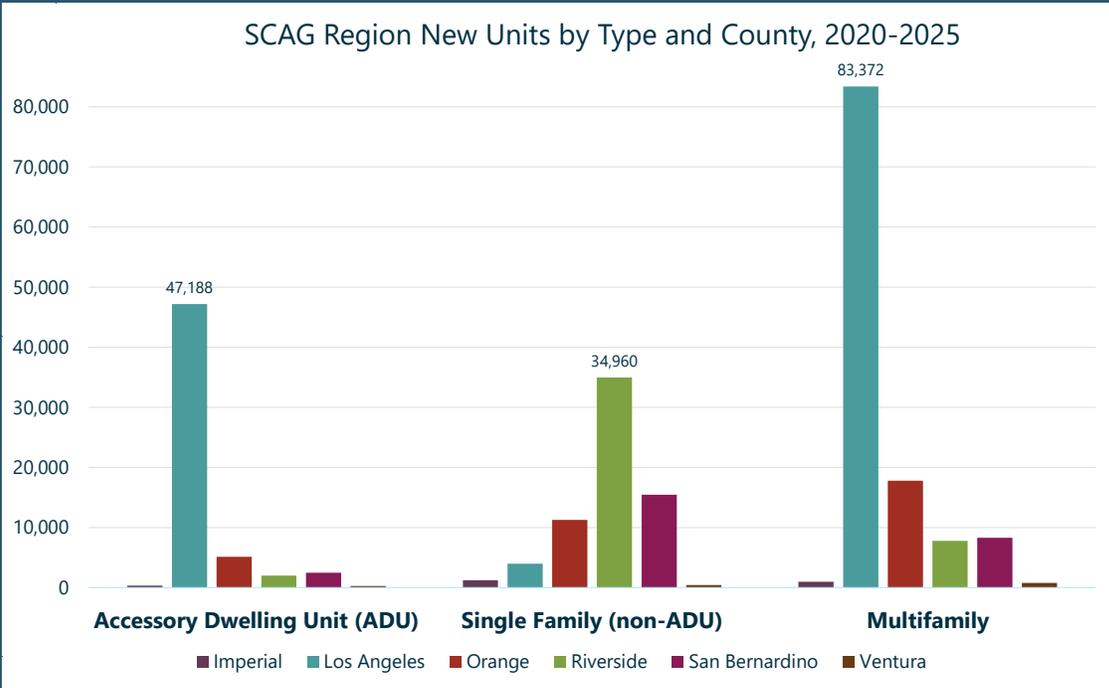
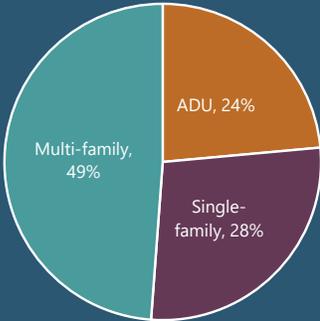
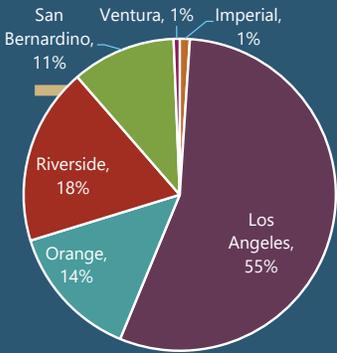
Source: CA DOF DRU E-2 July 2023 population estimates and U.S. Census Building Permit Survey, "New Residential Units from Building Permits Issued"

Comparison of Population vs. Housing Growth, SCAG Region, 1991-2025



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Total housing production by type, 2020-2025

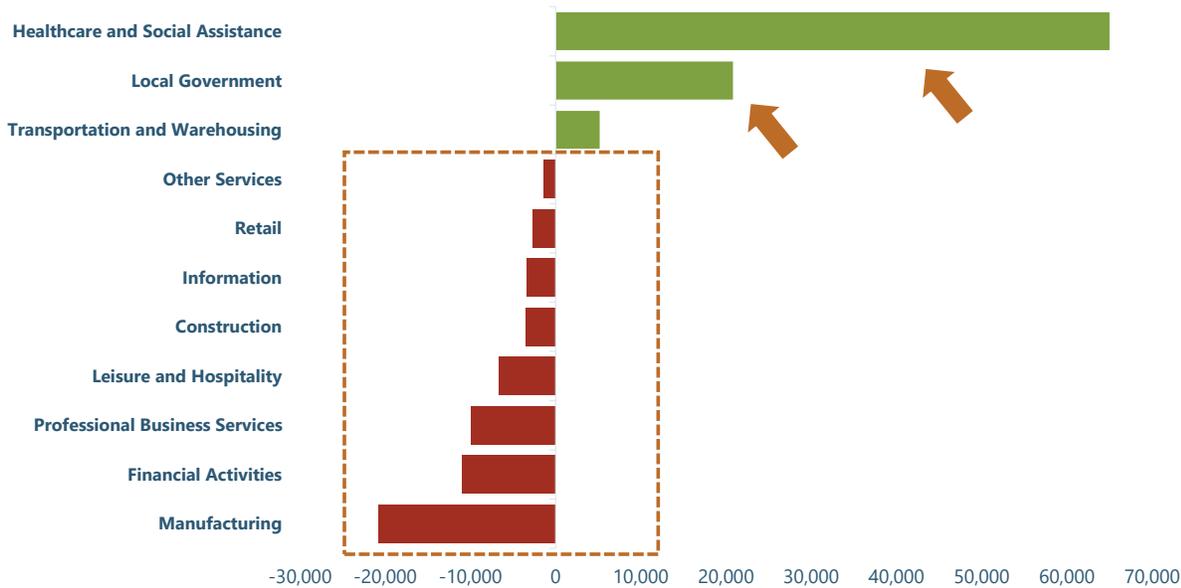


Sources: State of California, Department of Finance, E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State—January 1, 2021-2025. ADU counts are retrieved from DOF Demographic Research Unit Data Hub. ADUs from 2020 through 2021 reflect a nine-month estimate using the decennial census data from April 1, 2020. Residential permits come from the Census Building Permit Survey.

Evidence for the Long-Run Employment Projection

Recent SCAG region job creation limited to healthcare and the public sector

Jobs Created in 2025 by Sector, SCAG Region

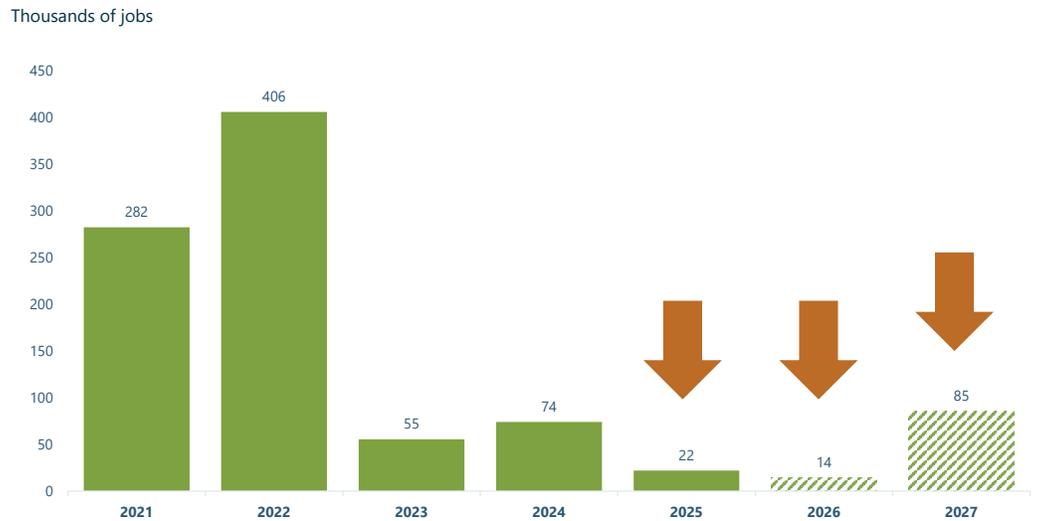


Source: California Employment Development Department. Data for 2025 is annualized based on year-to-date performance relative to the same period in 2024.

Short-Term Outlook from California Economic Forecast

Weakness in job creation continues in 2026; then growth accelerates in 2027

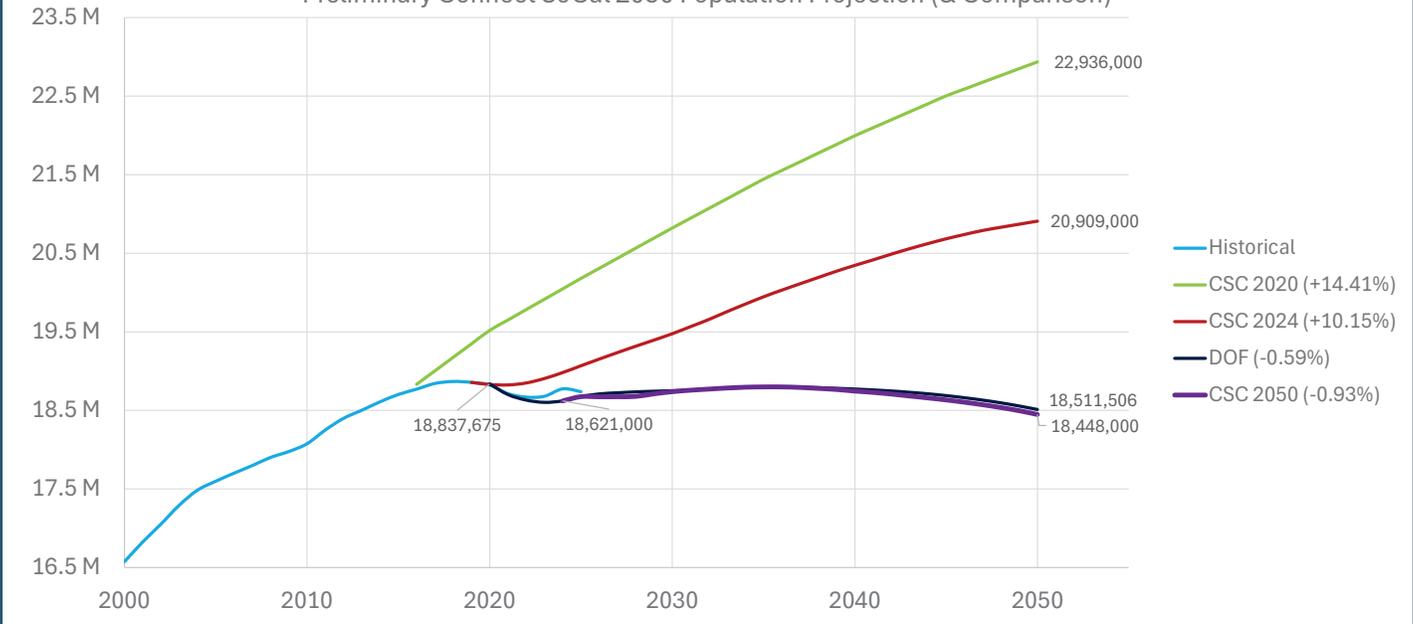
Forecast for Job Creation in SCAG Region



Source: UCLA Anderson Forecast and California Economic Forecast

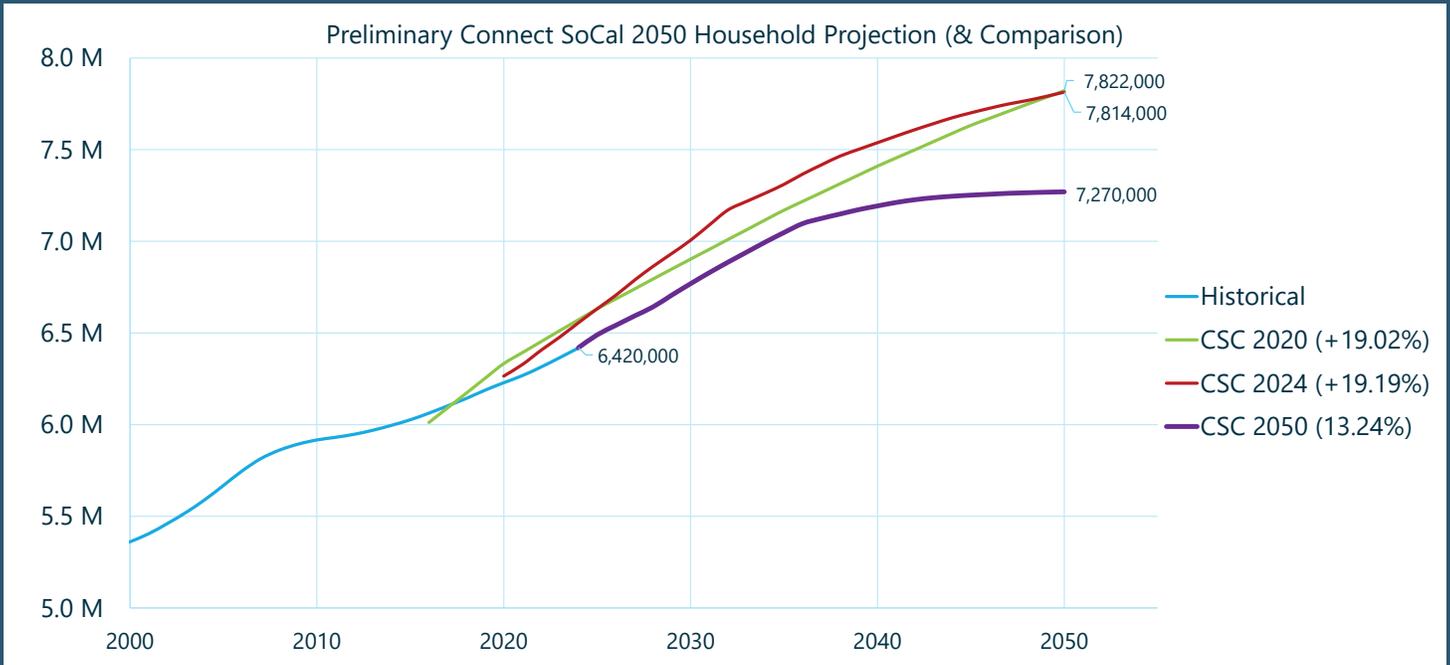
Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Population Projection

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Population Projection (& Comparison)



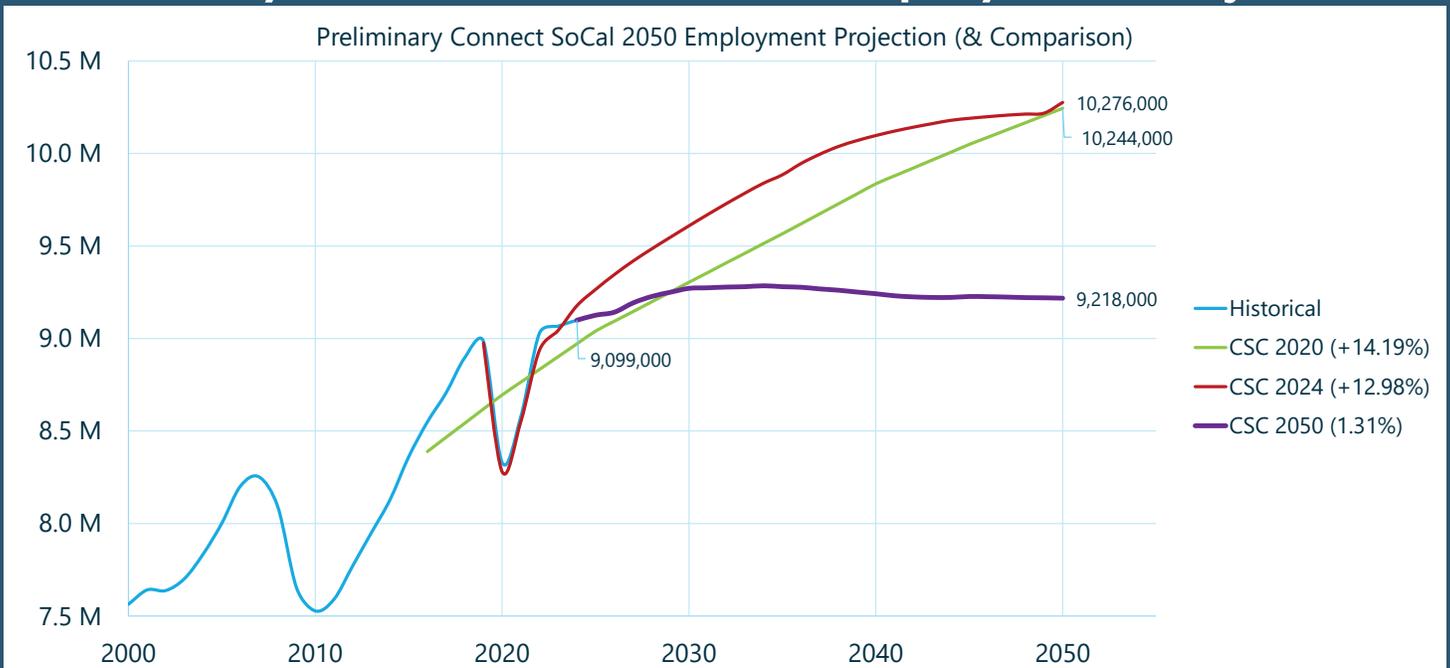
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Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Household Projection



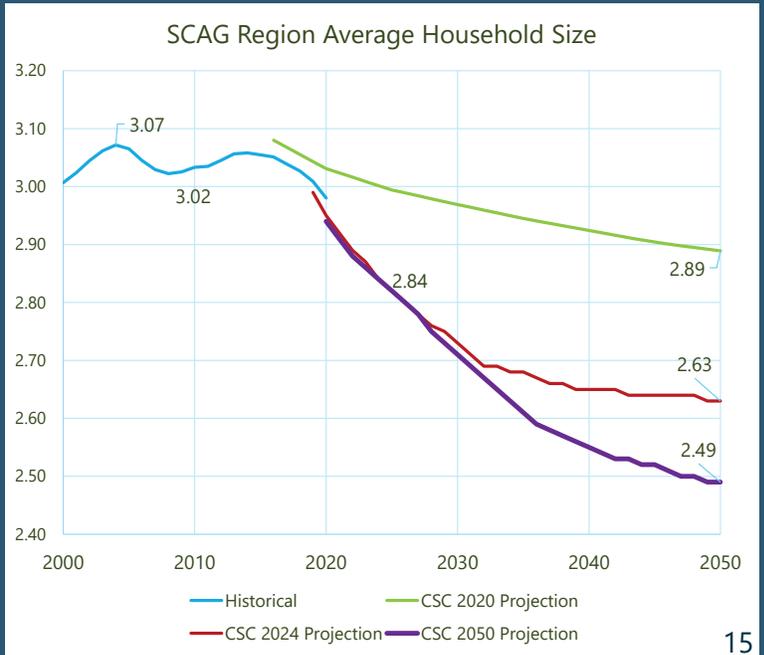
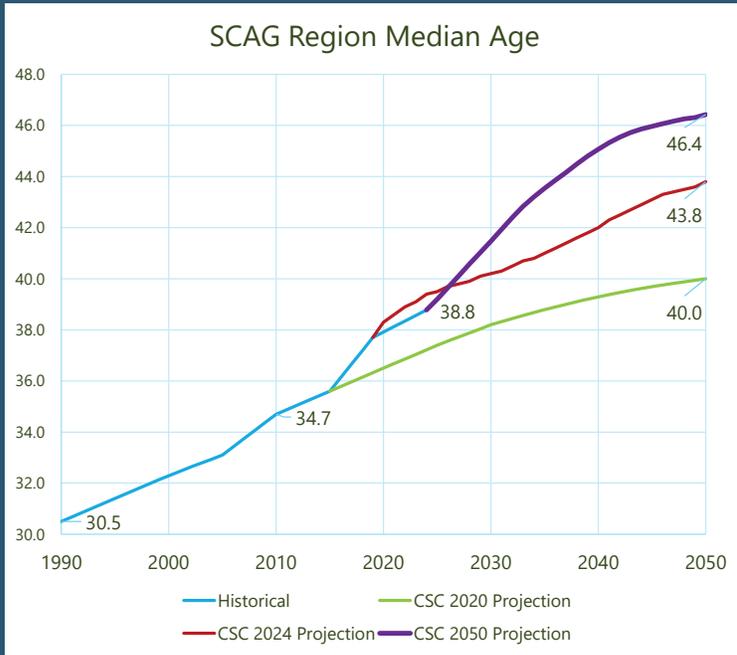
Sources: Percentage increases reflect 2024-2050. Historical series averages CA DOF E5 series to approximate July 1 totals. 2020 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2016-2045, though preliminary projections were conducted through 2050. 2024 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2019-2050.

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 Employment Projection



Sources: Percentage increases reflect 2024-2050. 2020 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2016-2045, though preliminary projections were conducted through 2050. 2024 RTP/SCS plan horizon was 2019-2050.

Key Implications of forecast updates



Note: Historical values interpolated from 5-year intervals.

Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 County Projections

Percent Change 2024-2050





THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

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To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, TC, AND CEHD:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, SCAG must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In April 2024, SCAG’s Regional Council approved the most recent RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024. The next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2050, is being prepared for adoption by the Regional Council by Spring 2028. The purpose of this staff report is to revisit the regional vision, goals, and policy areas as adopted in Connect SoCal 2024 prior to sharing early policy development work on Connect SoCal 2050 to be presented at the April 2026 Joint Policy Committee.

BACKGROUND:

As required by federal and state law, SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2050 will build from the previous plan (Connect SoCal 2024) adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in April 2024. This will include updates of fundamental data from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies and refinement of strategies and investments based on input from stakeholders and leadership by SCAG’s Policy Committees and Regional Council.

As described at the February 2026 Policy Committee meetings, SCAG is now entering into the “Data Collection and Policy Development” phase of plan development. Throughout 2026, staff will be continuing with research to better understand regional trends. This phase also includes steps to

understand the existing conditions and planning occurring at the local jurisdiction level through the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process and through engagement with County Transportation Commissions on the Project List later this year. Over the course of the next year and a half, SCAG staff will seek direction from our policy makers, through the Policy Committees, on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2050 to augment and help better align plans and investments across the region.

Revisiting Connect SoCal 2024

In July 2023, the Regional Council adopted a Policy Development Framework which documented the policy priorities for plan development in Connect SoCal 2024. It represented a refinement of policies that carried over several planning cycles to promote multimodal transportation investments and local development that align with the regional growth vision. The policy direction was represented in a new structure with the following elements:

- The **Vision and Goals** articulate where we want to be in the future.
- **Regional Planning Policies** provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation planning to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. They are intended to serve as a resource for County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and local jurisdictions, who can refer to specific policies to demonstrate alignment with the RTP/SCS when seeking resources from state or federal programs.
- **Implementations Strategies** articulate priorities for SCAG efforts in fulfilling or going beyond the Regional Planning Policies. These are areas where SCAG leads, partners or supports other responsible parties.

This work was guided by collaboration among the Policy Committees, special subject-matter subcommittees, working groups, and stakeholder engagement throughout plan development.

Vision and Goals

SCAG's vision for Southern California in the year 2050 is "A Healthy, Prosperous, Accessible and Connected Region for a More Resilient and Equitable Future." The following goals organized by four main pillars help the SCAG region achieve this vision:

- **Mobility:** Build and maintain an integrated multimodal transportation network
- **Communities:** Develop, connect and sustain livable and thriving communities
- **Environment:** Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow
- **Economy:** Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all people in the region

Regional Planning Policies

While where we want to go may not have changed dramatically in the past two years, what it takes to get there may look different. This can be due to changes in local, state, federal regulations, changes to funding availability, technology and other shifting trends. As SCAG staff collect data on the region over the next year, these findings will help shape conversations with stakeholders and SCAG’s leadership about how policies and strategies may need to shift to tackle the key emerging issues for Connect SoCal 2050.

The table below shows the Regional Planning Policy areas represented under each goal pillar for Connect SoCal 2024 to guide decision-making towards achieving the Vision and Goals.

Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Planning Policy Areas			
Mobility	Communities	Environment	Economy
System Preservation and Resilience	Priority Development Areas	Sustainable Development	Goods Movement
Complete Streets	Housing the Region*	Air Quality	Broadband*
Transit and Multimodal Integration	15-Minute Communities*	Clean Transportation	Universal Basic Mobility*
Transportation Demand Management	Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making*	Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation	Workforce Development*
Transportation System Management		Climate Resilience*	Tourism
Technology Integration*			
Safety			
Funding the System / User Fees			

**New policy area that was added in Connect SoCal 2024*

New and Upcoming

SCAG’s work on Connect SoCal 2050 will be ramping up in 2026. Here are new elements and upcoming items to expect in the coming months as part of the “Data Collection and Policy Development” phase:

- Connect SoCal Futures: New as part of this RTP/SCS cycle, SCAG is undertaking a planning exercise to broaden the lens through which regional transportation and land use strategies are considered in the region. This initiative will explore distinct, plausible Futures that reflect varying social, technological, economic, environmental, and political dynamics. The findings from this exercise will help prioritize policy strategies that are robust across multiple Futures.

By adding an uncertainty lens to the typical planning and modeling processes, Connect SoCal Futures will help SCAG identify blind spots and future-proof Connect SoCal 2050.

- Draft Policy Development Framework: SCAG will prepare a Policy Development Framework for the Connect SoCal 2050 cycle. This will outline the approach to reviewing and updating the policy elements of the RTP/SCS, how we will identify emerging issues to focus on this cycle and the plan development leadership that will inform the policy updates.
 - As part of the plan development leadership component of the framework staff is proposing the creation of a special RTP/SCS subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee is to provide overarching policy making support and guidance to items related to RTP/SCS development (goals, regional planning policies and strategies, public outreach, performance measures). Subject specific items (e.g. transit and rail, housing, etc.) will still route to appropriate Policy Committees.
- Local Data Exchange (LDX): In April, SCAG will launch the LDX process and begin one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions. LDX's bottom-up approach ensures that local jurisdictions are actively involved in the development of SCAG's regional plans and that local data are accurate.

NEXT STEPS:

During the Joint Policy Committee meeting in April 2026, staff will set the stage for policy discussions for Connect SoCal 2050 by providing insight into the state of the region, sharing how demographic trends are expected to impact regional growth, and introducing a draft Policy Development Framework.

FISCAL IMPACT:

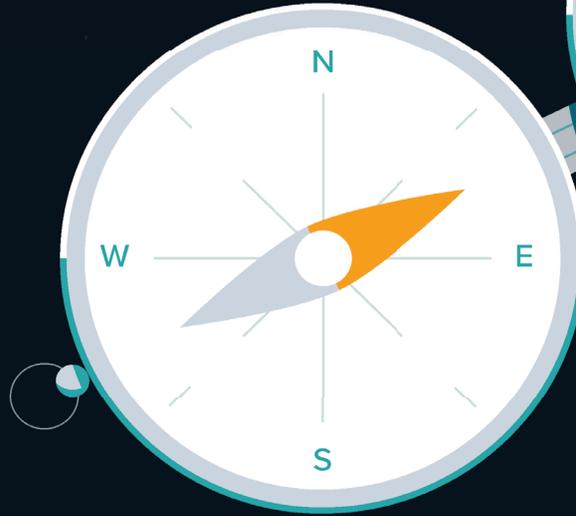
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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation – Connect SoCal Policy Review

Connect SoCal 2050: Vision, Goals, and Policies Review

March 5, 2026



The Southern California Association
of Governments' 2024–2050
Regional Transportation Plan/
Sustainable Communities Strategy

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Connect SoCal 2024 Key Policy Elements

Vision and Goals

What we want the region to be by 2050

Regional Planning Policies

Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

Implementation Strategies

Guide where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation

Connect SoCal Vision and Goals



“A Healthy, Prosperous, Accessible and Connected Region for a More Resilient and Equitable Future”



MOBILITY

Build and maintain a robust transportation network



ENVIRONMENT

Create a **healthy** region for the people of today and tomorrow



COMMUNITIES

Develop, connect and sustain **livable and thriving** communities



ECONOMY

Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional environment that provides **opportunities for all**

Policy Areas



MOBILITY

- System Preservation and Resilience
- Complete Streets
- Transit and Multimodal Integration
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management
- **Technology Integration***
- Safety
- Funding the System/ User Fees

COMMUNITIES

- Priority Development Areas
- **Housing the Region***
- **15-Minute Communities***
- **Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making***

ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable Development
- Air Quality
- Clean Transportation
- Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation
- **Climate Resilience***

ECONOMY

- Goods Movement
- **Broadband***
- **Universal Basic Mobility***
- **Workforce Development***
- Tourism

* New policy area for Connect SoCal 2024

New and Upcoming



- **Connect SoCal Futures:** Considering uncertainty and evaluating which policies and strategies are robust across plausible futures.
What could happen and how can we prepare for it?
- **Draft Policy Development Framework:** Outlining the approach to reviewing and updating the policy elements.
Introducing RTP/SCS Subcommittee
- **Local Data Exchange (LDX) Launch:** Ensuring that local jurisdictions are involved in the development of SCAG's regional plans, and that data are accurate.

THANK YOU!

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