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MEETING NO. 665 - IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION ONLY

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***Thursday, May 2, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.***

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
Sinatra Ballroom
74-855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Thursday, May 2, 2024
9:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Art Brown, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program

(The Honorable Ray Marquez, Chair, Scholarship Committee)

PPG. 11

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Award.

2. Resolution No. 24-665-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PPG. 15

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 24-665-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY2024-25) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly;
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY2024-25 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY2024-25 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the FTA.



CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – April 4, 2024 PPG. 105
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-027-C01, eFTIP Software as a Service (SaaS) Application PPG. 120
5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-030-C01, Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling & Analysis Platform PPG. 132
6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships PPG. 141

Receive and File

7. May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 146
8. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 237
9. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 245

BUSINESS REPORT

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

(The Honorable Art Brown, President)

- *Recognition of Outgoing Regional Council Members and Policy Committee Members*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Rachel Wagner, Senior Government Affairs Officer
(213) 236-1960, wagner@scag.ca.gov
Subject: 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Award.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Scholarship Committee at its meeting on April 15, 2024 recommended a total of eleven (11) students total to receive the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Award: One (1) student each from Riverside and Ventura Counties; two (2) students each from Imperial and Orange Counties; and three (3) students from Los Angeles County. Two of these awards may be funded by the California Transportation Foundation. This year, SCAG received one hundred and fifteen (115) applications in total, and forty-four (44) of those were forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for further evaluation.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2009, the Regional Council approved the SCAG Scholarship Pilot Program, which is intended to provide financial support to a select group of high school and community college students and offer local planning experience that students can use to develop their long-term career goals. Now in its eleventh year, the program is open to high school seniors and community college students who reside in the six-county SCAG region. Students applying are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must be enrolled in higher education. To apply, students are required to submit a completed application form; a minimum 500-word essay, describing their interests in urban planning and public policy; two (2) letters of recommendation; and a current transcript of records.



In addition to a monetary award of \$4,000, awardees may be invited to attend and be recognized during a Regional Council meeting. Students may also work with SCAG staff to pursue an internship with local government agencies, based on availability.

Applications for the SCAG Scholarship Program were due electronically by Friday, March 22, 2024. SCAG received a total of one hundred and fifteen (115) applications from throughout the SCAG region. There were twenty-four (24) from Imperial County, fifty-one (51) from Los Angeles County, eight (8) from Orange County, ten (10) from Riverside County, nine (9) from San Bernardino County, and thirteen (13) from Ventura County. Applications were screened based on the minimum requirements and on the interests described in the essay portion. Although many of the applicants met the minimum requirements, primarily those students that exhibited some interest in planning, public policy, public service, and/or government were selected to be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.

The Scholarship Committee was comprised of eleven (11) Regional Council members from throughout the region and two (2) members representing academia:

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Ray Marquez, Chair | Representing San Bernardino County |
| 2. Valerie Amezcua | Representing Orange County |
| 3. Keith Eich | Representing Los Angeles County |
| 4. Margaret Finlay | Representing Los Angeles County |
| 5. Jan C. Harnik | Representing Riverside County |
| 6. Kathleen Kelly | Representing Riverside County |
| 7. Vianey Lopez | Representing Ventura County |
| 8. Steve Manos | Representing Riverside County |
| 9. Andrew Masiel | Representing Tribal Representation |
| 10. Luis Plancarte | Representing Imperial County |
| 11. David Shapiro | Representing Los Angeles County |
| 12. Dr. So-Ra Baek | Cal Poly Pomona |
| 13. Dr. James Moore | University of Southern California |

Staff forwarded forty-four (44) applications, consisting of nine (9) from Imperial County, eighteen (18) from Los Angeles County, three (3) from Orange County, five (5) from Riverside County, four (4) from San Bernardino County, and five (5) from Ventura County to the Scholarship Committee for further evaluation. The Scholarship Committee was asked to evaluate the applications and recommend at least one (1) student each from Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties and at least two (2) students from Los Angeles County, to receive the scholarship awards. The Committee had the option to further recommend two additional recipients from any county for discretionary scholarship awards, and the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) generously sponsored two additional awards for a total of eleven (11).

Committee members reviewed the applications and made recommendations based on the interests described in the essay, career goals, and other activities in each student’s respective school and community. After considerable discussion and acknowledging the especially competitive applicant pool this program year, the Scholarship Committee, at its meeting on April 15, 2024, opted to recommend the Regional Council award nine (9) students receive a 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Award:

- Imperial County Alexandra Garcia (Imperial)
- Imperial County Camila Garcia (Calexico)
- Los Angeles County Navin Parmar (Calabasas)
- Los Angeles County Owen Rusk (Newhall)
- Orange County Joshua Lou (Cypress)
- Orange County Yaretzi Vazquez-Frias (Orange)
- Riverside County Gina Namkung (Murietta)
- San Bernardino County Bryan Moreno (Adelanto)
- Ventura County Camilo Garcia (Oxnard)

Apart from the nine (9) SCAG-funded awards, the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has once again partnered with SCAG to provide funding for two (2) additional scholarship awards. The California Transportation Foundation was founded in 1988 to create a charity that would support the Caltrans community, but later expanded to serve private sector and other public transportation agency employees as well. The Committee consulted with academia representative Dr. James Moore as a representative of CTF to help determine which students would receive the California Transportation Foundation-funded 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Awards:

- Los Angeles County Sod-Erdene Gadal (Los Angeles)
- San Bernardino County Brianah Torres (Oro Grande)

The Committee requested an additional scholarship recipient should funding be made available. Staff informed the members there was no additional funding in the program to support ten total scholarships. The Committee asked if private funding could be used to support the additional \$4,000 for another Los Angeles County awardee. SCAG Scholarship Program and related staff support has been—and continues to be—funded from the SCAG General Fund. Should funding be made available, the Committee recommended the following applicant:

- Los Angeles County Nathan Lopez (Santa Fe Springs)

The primary source of the General Fund is the collection of SCAG’s annual membership assessments, and the use of the General Fund is determined by SCAG’s Regional Council and

General Assembly. Each year, the General Fund Budget is reviewed and approved by the Regional Council and is subsequently adopted by the General Assembly. The Scholarship Program is included as part of the General Fund Budget. While the California Constitution prohibits gifts of public funds under Article XVI, Section 6, the prohibition does not preclude expenditures and disbursements for public purposes even if a private person incidentally benefits from that expenditure or disbursement (also known as the “public purpose exception”). There is case law to support that the appropriation of public money for the public purpose of furthering the education of the young is not a gift of public funds. Therefore, staff concludes that the use of the General Fund to pursue SCAG’s Scholarship Program is not an unconstitutional gift of public funds and falls within the rule of “public purpose exception.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SCAG Scholarship Program cost for nine (9) scholarship awards is \$36,000, funding for which is included in the FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget.



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

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

Subject: Resolution No. 24-665-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final
Comprehensive Budget

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 24-665-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY2024-25) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly;
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY2024-25 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY2024-25 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the FTA.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 24-665-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY2024-25) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly;
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and
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STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 6 and 7, 2024, the EAC and RC, respectively, approved the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget, which included the FY 2024-25 Draft Overall Work Program (OWP), the



General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget, the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Budget, the Indirect Cost Budget, and the Fringe Benefits Budget. Additionally, the Regional Council authorized the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a 30-day public comment period and the transmittal of the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment to the SCAG General Assembly for adoption on May 2, 2024.

The FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget meets SCAG’s primary responsibility requirements and furthers the implementation of our long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal. The FY 2024-25 Draft OWP was submitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA for their review and comment. The comments received from Caltrans were addressed and incorporated into the FY 2024-25 Final OWP. The Final OWP also includes an annual self-certification form in which SCAG certifies that its transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$403.7 million, which is \$26.3 million or 7% more than the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget. The changes between the Draft and Final Budget are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 below.

DISCUSSION:

The FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget is \$403.7 million, \$26.3 million more than the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget. **Table 1** summarizes funding source changes between the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget. The changes to funding sources resulted in a net increase to the budget of \$26.3 million. **The increase is primarily due to the carryover adjustments in the amount of \$13.6 million, as well as the programming of new grants and other changes in the amount of \$12.6 million.**

Table 1. FY 2024-25 Funding Sources			
FUNDING SOURCES	FY25 Draft	Draft vs Final	FY25 Final
Recurring Funding Sources			
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	25,324,480	4,294	25,328,774
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	14,767,244	193,056	14,960,300
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	8,053,620	468,307	8,521,927
TDA	11,245,201	311,046	11,556,247
General Fund	3,089,698	-	3,089,698
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	8,754,060	(259,019)	8,495,041
One-Time/Special Grants and Third-Party Contribution Funding Sources			
Federal Other	1,251,084	12,106,190	13,357,274
State Other	3,743,986	500,000	4,243,986
SHA - Climate Adaptation Grant	299,959	-	299,959
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grants	265,859	-	265,859
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants	203,004,546	-	203,004,546
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	11,801,600	4,767,314	16,568,914
In-Kind Commitments	5,999,607	(292,968)	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	76,320,636	8,482,154	84,802,790
SUBTOTAL	373,921,580	26,280,374	400,201,954
Fringe Benefits Carryforward	1,912,094	-	1,912,094
Indirect Cost Carryforward	1,588,234	-	1,588,234
SUBTOTAL	3,500,328	-	3,500,328
Indirect Cost Budget Change/Allocated Indirect Cost Change	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	377,421,908	26,280,374	403,702,282

Table 2 summarizes the expenditure changes between the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget. The changes to expenditures resulted in a net increase of \$26.3 million.

Table 2. FY 2024-25 Expenditures			
EXPENDITURES	FY25 Draft	Draft vs Final	FY25 Final
Salaries & Benefits	47,424,741	-	47,424,741
Consultants	55,531,469	14,902,090	70,433,559
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	171,664,739	-	171,664,739
In-Kind Commitments	5,999,607	(292,968)	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	75,342,907	8,482,154	83,825,061
Other Costs	21,458,445	3,189,098	24,647,543
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	377,421,908	26,280,374	403,702,282

The Comprehensive Budget is comprised of several Budgets, including:

- OWP Budget;
- FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget;

- TDA Budget;
- General Fund Budget;
- Fringe Benefits Budget; and
- Indirect Cost Budget

The \$26.3 million increase between the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget is entirely within the OWP Budget. Only budget-neutral changes were incorporated into the other budget programs.

Overall Work Program (OWP)

The Draft OWP was released for a 30-day public comment period, from March 7 to April 8, 2024, and submitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA for their review and comment. No comments were received from the general public. The comments received from Caltrans were addressed and incorporated into the Final OWP. The Final OWP also includes an annual self-certification form in which SCAG certifies that its transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements. Following approval of the EAC and RC, the FY 2024-25 Final OWP will be submitted to Caltrans no later than May 10, 2024.

The FY 2024-25 Final OWP budget is \$396.1 million, \$26.3 million more than the Draft OWP budget. **Attachment 3** includes a list of budget changes for the Final Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP.

Table 3 summarizes the funding source changes between the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final OWP Budget.

Table 3. FY 2024-25 OWP Funding Sources			
OWP FUNDING SOURCES	FY25 Draft	Draft vs Final	FY25 Final
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	24,201,340	-	24,201,340
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning Carryover	1,123,140	4,294	1,127,434
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	10,175,296	(197,351)	9,977,945
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning Toll Credit	1,863,300	197,351	2,060,651
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning Carryover	2,728,648	193,056	2,921,704
Federal Other	1,251,084	12,106,190	13,357,274
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	8,754,060	(259,019)	8,495,041
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	8,053,620	468,307	8,521,927
SHA - Climate Adaptation Grant	299,959	-	299,959
TDA	10,470,936	311,046	10,781,982
State Other	3,743,986	500,000	4,243,986
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grants	265,859	-	265,859
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants	203,004,546	-	203,004,546
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	11,801,600	4,767,314	16,568,914
In-Kind Commitments	5,999,607	(292,968)	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	76,042,907	8,482,154	84,525,061
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	369,779,888	26,280,374	396,060,262

- 1) 0.02% or \$4,294 increase for FHWA PL, and 1.31% or \$193,056 increase for FTA 5303 due to consultant carryover adjustments;
- 2) 967.66% or \$12.11 million increase for Federal Other due to an addition of Year 4 Department of Energy (DOE) Clean Cities grant funding as well as the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding. The DOE Year 4 funding was programmed and approved as part of the FY 2023-24 Budget Amendment 2, following the FY 2024-25 Draft Budget preparation. The SS4A grant funding is newly added to the FY 2024-25 Final Budget to reflect the recent grant award. The grant agreement for the SS4A funding is currently pending execution and is anticipated to be executed in early FY 2024-25;
- 3) (2.96%) or (\$259,019) decrease for CRP funding due to the match shift noted in 5) below;
- 4) 5.81% or \$468,307 increase for SB1 Formula Funds due to consultant carryover adjustments;
- 5) 2.97% or \$311,046 increase for TDA due to consultant carryover adjustments as well as shifting the required match for CRP staff costs from in-kind contributions to TDA funding;
- 6) 13.35% or \$500,000 increase for State Other due to programming the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant funding for a project to support the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study and Landscape Analysis White Paper. Programming of the SALC grant funding was approved as part of the FY 2023-24 Budget Amendment 2. The grant agreement is currently pending execution and is anticipated to be executed in late FY 2023-24;
- 7) 40.40% or \$4.77 million increase for MSRC LMFP due to carryover adjustments. The subrecipients under the MSRC LMFP program are eligible for reimbursement only after they complete the project. Most of the projects are scheduled to be completed in FY 2024-25; hence, most of the grant funding is being carried over to FY 2024-25;
- 8) (4.88%) or (\$292,968) decrease for In-Kind Commitments primarily due to the match funding source shift described under the bullet point 5) above for the TDA changes; and
- 9) 11.15% or \$8.48 million increase for Cash/Local Other due to the required match adjustments due to the carryover adjustments, as described under bullet point 7) above for the MSRC LMFP changes. This represents the contributions from the LMFP subrecipients.

Table 4 summarizes the expenditure changes between the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final OWP Budget.

Table 4. FY 2024-25 OWP Expenditures			
OWP EXPENDITURES	FY25 Draft	Draft vs Final	FY25 Final
Salaries & Benefits	57,275,344	1	57,275,345
Consultants*	52,032,032	14,902,090	66,934,122
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	171,664,739	-	171,664,739
In-Kind Commitments	5,999,607	(292,968)	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	75,342,907	8,482,154	83,825,061
Other Costs	7,465,259	3,189,097	10,654,356
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	369,779,888	26,280,374	396,060,262
*Consultants includes Consultants and Consultant Toll Credits			

- 1) 28.64% or \$14.9 million increase for carryover adjustments. This includes \$8.81 million for the newly programmed SS4A consultant cost, \$4.77 million for the LMFP carryover, \$0.5 million for the SALC consultant cost, and the remaining \$0.82 million for the CPG, SB1, and TDA consultant carryover adjustments;
- 2) (4.88%) or (292,968) decrease for In-Kind Commitments primarily due to the match funding source shift for CRP staff costs from in-kind contributions to TDA funding, as described in the funding source changes above;
- 3) 11.26% or \$8.48 million increase for Cash/Local Other due to the required match adjustments as a result of the carryover adjustments, as described in the funding source changes above; and
- 4) 42.72% or \$3.19 million increase for Other Costs due to account for the costs associated with the SS4A grant project, such as travel and off-site storage, as well as set aside to reserve funding needed to support the SS4A-related labor costs in the out years. The set-aside labor budget is temporarily programmed under the Other Costs category and will be shifted from the Other Costs category to Salaries and Benefits as the grant enters its out years.

The OWP line item expenditures are described beginning on page 27 of the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget, and the FY 2024-25 Final OWP is available online at <https://scag.ca.gov/financial-overall-work-program>.

There were no increases and/or decreases to the General Fund Budget, the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget, the TDA Budget, the Indirect Cost Budget, and the Salaries & Fringe Benefits Budget between the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget and the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget guides the management of the agency’s financial resources. The OWP is SCAG’s transportation planning grant application for federal and state funds and



contract for the state fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. Approval of the budget document will allow SCAG to receive federal and state planning funds for FY 2024-25.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 24-665-1 Approving the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget
2. FY25 FINAL_COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET_May 2, 2024 RC Mtg
3. List of Budget Changes - FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-665-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, SCAG has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget that includes the following budget components: the Overall Work Program (OWP); the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; the TDA Budget; the General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; and the Fringe Benefits Budget; and

WHEREAS, the OWP is the basis for SCAG’s annual regional planning activities and budget; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the OWP Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG for the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), and the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is also eligible to receive other Federal and/or State grant funds and/or local funds for certain regional transportation planning related activities. For such funding upon award, the funds are implemented through the OWP and SCAG and the applicable Federal or State agency shall execute the applicable grant agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, SCAG’s Regional Council authorized release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a thirty-day public comment period on March 7, 2024, and submitted the Draft OWP to Caltrans, the Federal Transportation Agency and the Federal Highway Administration for review and comment. All comments received to the Draft OWP have been addressed and incorporated into the FY 2024-25 Final OWP within the Comprehensive Budget as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget, along with its corresponding staff report and this resolution, has been reviewed and discussed by SCAG’s Regional Council on May 2, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget is approved and adopted.

Attachment: Resolution No. 24-665-1 Approving the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget (Resolution No. 24-665-1 Approving the Fiscal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of the FY 2024-25 OWP to the participating State and Federal agencies.
2. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2024-25 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) to the participating State and Federal agencies.
3. SCAG pledges to pay or secure in cash or services, or both, the matching funds necessary for financial assistance.
4. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to execute all related agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council.
5. The SCAG Bylaws give the SCAG Executive Director authority to administer the Personnel Rules. In accordance with that authority, the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP to implement the Personnel Rules.
6. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make and submit to the applicable funding agencies, the necessary work program, and budget amendments to SCAG's FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, based on actual available funds and to draw funds as necessary on a line of credit or other requisition basis.
7. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to submit grant applications and execute the applicable grant agreements and any amendments with the applicable Federal or State agency and to implement grant funds through SCAG's OWP, and this includes submittal and execution of the required Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) with Caltrans, as part of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Programs, which includes a grant project entitled, "The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan."
8. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2024-25 OWP that do not affect the delivery of regional transportation planning tasks, activities, steps, products, or the funding amounts listed on the OWPA.
9. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; the Fringe Benefit Budget; FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; and the TDA Budget that do not exceed the overall funding amounts approved by the SCAG Regional Council and the participating State and Federal agencies.

10. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2024-25 TDA Budget, including exceeding the TDA Budget approved by the Regional Council, for the purpose of allocating additional funding to projects that are included in the approved OWP, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the OWP approved by the Regional Council.

11. The Executive Administration Committee, if authorized by the General Assembly through the General Fund budget adoption, and to be consistent with such delegation from the General Assembly, is delegated authority and authorized to make amendments to the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance.

12. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute subrecipient agreements (e.g., memorandum of understanding) and related documents, on behalf of the Regional Council, involving the expenditure of funds programed under the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 2nd day of May, 2024.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel



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SECTION I
OVERVIEW

ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.

The annual budget consists of the following:

- Overall Work Program (OWP)
A federal, state, and locally funded budget consisting of projects related to regional planning in the areas of transportation, housing, and the environment.
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Discretionary & Formula Grant Budget
A budget for federal grant funds of which SCAG is the designated recipient and must pass through to eligible public agencies for specialized transportation programs and projects.
- TDA Budget
A locally funded budget consisting of direct projects that are both inside and outside of the OWP and FTA Discretionary & Formula Grant budget programs.
- General Fund Budget (GF)
A budget that utilizes SCAG members' dues for activities not eligible for federal and state funding.
- Indirect Cost Budget (IC)
The budget for the administrative and operations support of SCAG.
- Fringe Benefits Budget (FB)
The budget for the fringe benefits and leave time of SCAG employees.

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SCAG, founded in 1965, is a Joint Powers Authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and under state law as the Multicounty Designated Transportation Planning Agency for the six (6) county Southern California region. Through SCAG, city and county governments throughout Southern California come together to develop solutions to common problems in transportation, housing, air quality, and other issues. To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

SCAG's primary responsibilities include the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); the annual OWP; and the transportation-related portions of local air quality management plans. Under the federal Clean Air Act, SCAG is responsible for determining if regional transportation plans and programs conform with applicable state air quality plans. SCAG's additional functions include the intergovernmental review of regionally significant development projects and the periodic preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

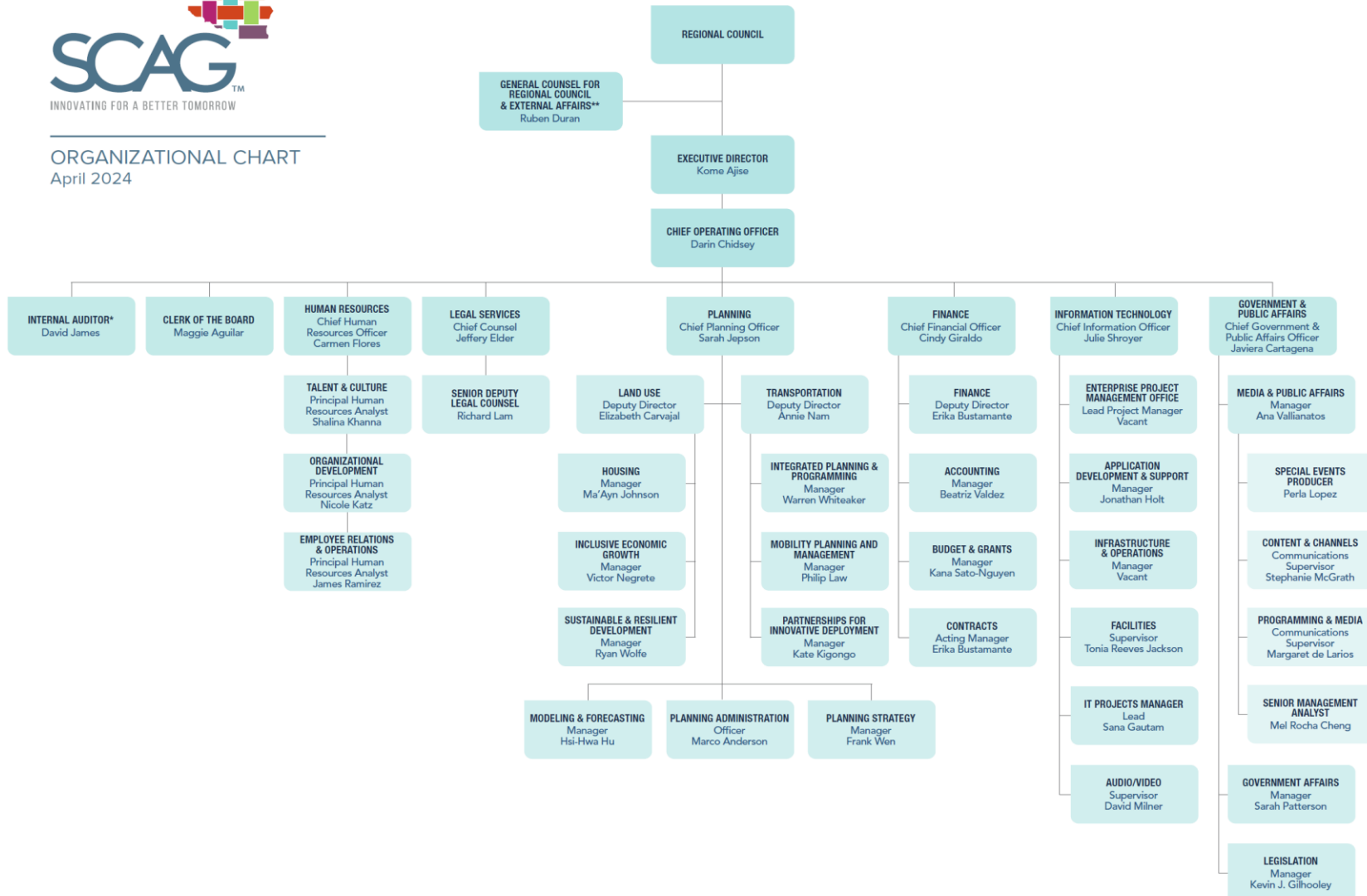
In addition to the six (6) counties and 191 cities that make up SCAG's region, there are six (6) County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) that hold the primary responsibility for programming and implementing transportation projects, programs, and services in their respective counties. The agency also operates via a number of critical partnerships at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition to its federal and state funding partners, including but not limited to, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Aviation Administration, California Transportation Commission, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), etc., SCAG's planning efforts are closely coordinated with regional transit operators, Tribal Governments and fifteen sub-regional Councils of Governments (COGs) or joint power agencies that represent SCAG's cities and counties.

The framework for developing the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations. The FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget supports Strategic Plan Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products. All the work programs funded in the budget support at least one of the seven Strategic Plan Goals.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART April 2024



* Takes direction from the Audit Committee
** Takes direction from the Regional Council

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STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

Vision Statement

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future.

Mission Statement

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

Core Values

Be Open

Be accessible, candid, collaborative, and transparent in the work we do.

Lead by Example

Commit to integrity and equity in working to meet the diverse needs of all people and communities in our region.

Make an Impact

In all endeavors, effect positive and sustained outcomes that make our region thrive.

Be Courageous

Have confidence that taking deliberate, bold, and purposeful risks can yield new and valuable benefits.

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

GOAL #1

Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Objectives

- A. Create plans that enhance the region’s strength, economy, resilience, and adaptability by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and air pollution.
- B. Be the leading resource for best practices that lead to local implementation of sustainable and innovative projects.
- C. Ensure quality, effectiveness, and implementation of plans through collaboration, pilot testing, and objective, data-driven analysis.
- D. Identify partnership opportunities with the private sector to yield public benefits.
- E. Facilitate inclusive and meaningful engagement with diverse stakeholders to produce plans that are effective and responsive to community needs.
- F. Partner with the broader research community to ensure plans are informed by the most recent research and technology.

GOAL #2

Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

Objectives

- A. Cultivate dynamic knowledge of the major challenges and opportunities relevant to sustainability and quality of life in the region.
- B. Develop and implement effective legislative strategies at both the state and federal levels.
- C. Advocate for the allocation, distribution, and expenditure of resources to meet the region’s needs.
- D. Promote and engage partners in a cooperative regional approach to problem-solving.
- E. Act as the preeminent regional convener to shape regional, state, and national policies.

GOAL #3

Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Objectives

- A. Develop and maintain models, tools, and data sets that support innovative plan development, policy analysis, and project implementation.
- B. Become the information hub of Southern California by improving access to current, historical, local, and regional data sets that reduce the costs of planning and increase the efficiency of public services.
- C. Allocate resources to accelerate public sector innovation related to big data, open data

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and smart communities with a focus on social equity in the deployment of new technologies across the region.

- D. Develop partnerships and provide guidance by sharing best practices and promoting collaborative research opportunities with universities, local communities and the private sector regionally, nationally, and internationally.
- E. Facilitate regional conversations to ensure data governance structures are in place at the local and regional level to standardize data sets, ensure timely updates of data, and protect the region's data systems and people.
- F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.

GOAL #4

Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Objectives

- A. Promote information-sharing and local cost savings with enhanced services to member agencies through networking events, educational and training opportunities, technical assistance, and funding opportunities.
- B. Provide resources and expertise to support local leaders and agencies in implementing regional plans.
- C. Expand SCAG's ability to address local and regional planning and information needs by prioritizing regular engagement with members to develop innovative, insight-driven, and interactive tools.
- D. Promote data-driven decision making, government transparency, and information as public engagement tools to increase opportunities for the public to inform local and regional policy.
- E. Identify, support, and partner with local champions to foster regional collaboration.

GOAL #5

Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Objectives

- A. Integrate the Strategic Plan into SCAG's day-to-day operations by defining roles and responsibilities across the agency.
- B. Prioritize a diverse and cooperative environment that supports innovation, allows for risk-taking, and provides opportunities for employees to succeed.
- C. Encourage interdepartmental collaboration through the use of formal and informal communication methods.
- D. Adopt and support enterprise-wide data tools to promote information sharing across

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the agency.

- E. Anticipate future organizational needs of the agency by developing a systematic approach to succession planning that ensures leadership continuity and cultivates talent.
- F. Invest in employee development by providing resources for training programs, internal mentorship opportunities, and partnerships with universities.
- G. Foster a culture of inclusion, trust, and respect that inspires relationship-building and employee engagement.

GOAL #6

Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long- range regional planning.

Objectives

- A. Leverage cutting-edge communication tools and strategies to maximize connectivity and sustain regional partnerships.
- B. Produce clear and consistent communications, media, and promotional campaigns that exemplify agency values and standards.
- C. Enhance the SCAG brand as a respected and influential voice for the region increasing awareness of agency's work and purpose.
- D. Practice robust public engagement, conducting proactive outreach to traditionally underrepresented communities as well as long-term stakeholders.

GOAL #7

Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

Objectives

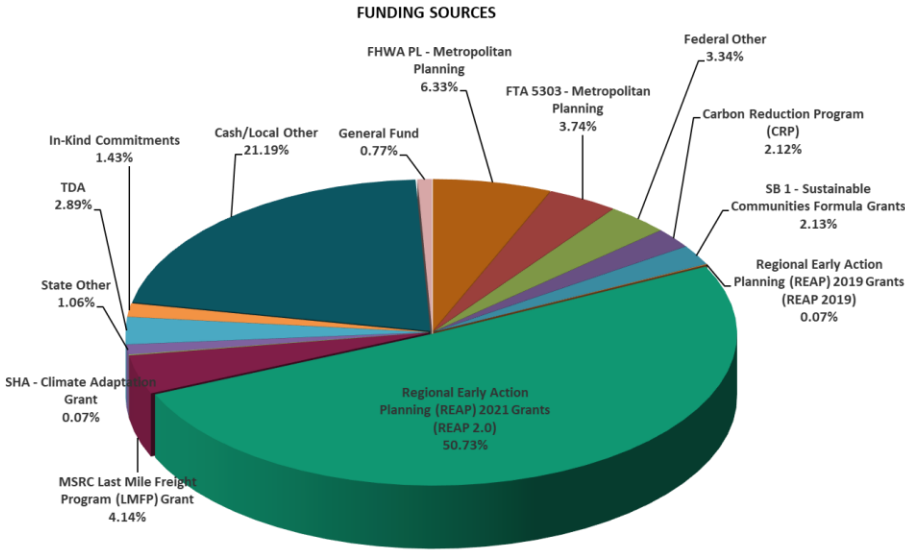
- A. Pursue innovative funding opportunities for planning and infrastructure investments.
- B. Maximize efficiency and effectiveness in resource allocation to maintain adequate working capital, appropriate reserves, and investments, and utilize resources in a timely and responsible fashion.
- C. Pioneer best practices and streamline administrative processes to better support agency activities.
- D. Focus resources to maintain and expand programs that are aligned with agency values.

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Budget Funding Sources

SCAG receives most of its recurring funding from the Federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), which consists of Metropolitan Planning Funds from FHWA (FHWA PL) and FTA (FTA Section 5303) as well as Sustainable Communities Formula funds. In recent years, SCAG received the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2019 (REAP 2019) and 2021 (REAP 2.0) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which represents more than 50% of the total funding sources for the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget. More information on funding sources is detailed on pages 20-25. The following chart illustrates the source and relative value of SCAG's funding sources.



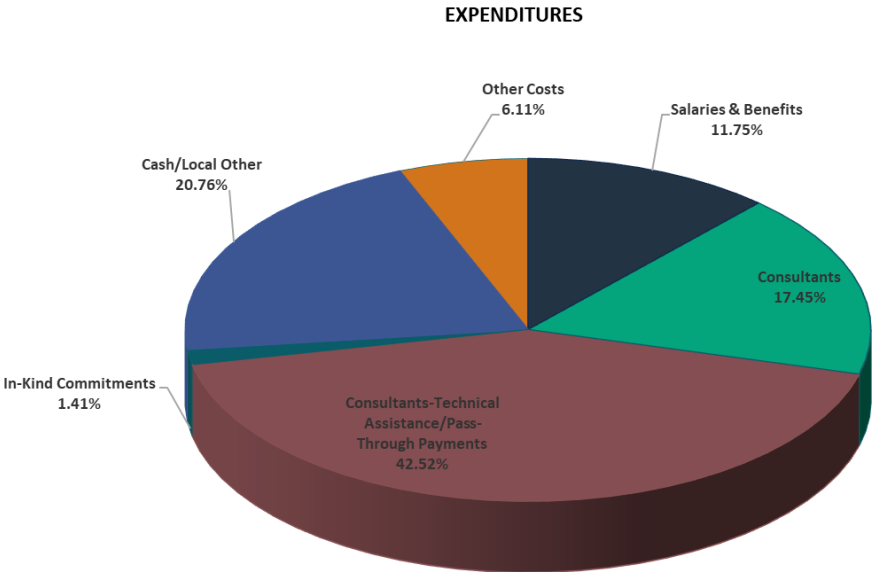
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General Fund	3,089,698
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Fringe Benefits Carryforward	1,912,094
Indirect Cost Carryforward	1,588,234
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	403,702,282

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Budget Expenditures

SCAG allocates its budget into seven major expenditure categories. The following chart illustrates the relative values of each category. Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments include the resources being allocated to the regional partners through the Call-for-Projects such as Sustainable Communities Program Call 4 and REAP 2.0 programs. Lastly, Other includes direct and indirect non-labor costs (see pages 12-13). The Consultants category in the chart and table below consists of the following cost categories: Consultant, Consultant Toll Credit, and Consultant IC REAP Admin (see page 12).



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EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Salaries & Benefits	47,424,741
Consultants	70,433,559
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	171,664,739
In-Kind Commitments	5,706,639
Cash/Local Other	83,825,061
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LINE ITEM BUDGET

Comprehensive Line Item Budget: FY22 through FY25

GL Account	Line Item	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
500XX	Staff	\$ 21,547,217	\$ 25,657,565	\$ 30,793,976	\$ 32,166,544	4%
543XX	Consultant	21,050,899	23,281,839	68,161,127	68,372,908	0%
54302	Non-Profits/IHL	411,147	32,760	-	-	-
54303	Consultant TC	2,414,792	3,462,669	6,452,570	2,060,651	-68%
54304	Consultant - Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	-	-	196,000,000	171,664,739	-12%
54340	Legal	371,814	456,833	986,339	1,234,169	25%
54360	FTA Pass-Through Payments	3,529,241	1,218,653	200,000	-	-100%
55201	Network and Communications	200,437	140,957	179,548	213,950	19%
55210	Software Support	955,508	1,158,528	1,892,709	629,337	-67%
55220	Hardware Support	405,200	76,210	693,826	283,826	-59%
55240	Repair-Maintenance	24,216	37,788	55,000	55,000	0%
55250	Cloud Services	521,103	-	-	1,395,040	-
55251	Cloud Support	276,956	1,371,857	2,754,062	338,998	-88%
55270	Software Purchases	2,399	-	-	-	-
55271	Owned Software	9,613	661,683	579,348	606,493	5%
55275	Co-location Services	148,884	167,948	171,997	171,997	0%
5528X	3rd Party Contributions	4,443,110	5,310,141	5,753,843	89,531,700	1456%
55310	Furniture & Fixture Principal	264,368	160,241	-	-	-
55315	Furniture & Fixture Interest	14,799	2,606	-	-	-
55320	Audio-Visual Equipment Principal	149,033	117,205	-	-	-
55325	Audio-Visual Equipment Interest	10,804	2,673	-	-	-
55400	Office Rent / Operating Expense	2,378,341	2,462,907	2,442,665	2,589,665	6%
55410	Office Rent Satellite	130,937	133,825	295,142	304,142	3%
55415	Off-Site Storage	14,601	19,828	14,124	105,600	648%
55420	Equipment Leases	60,851	53,265	100,000	100,000	0%
55430	Equipment Repair-Maintenance	845	-	2,000	2,000	0%
55435	Security Services	72,459	86,138	100,000	100,000	0%
55440	Insurance	356,854	386,453	370,000	390,000	5%
55441	Payroll / Bank Fees	27,685	45,336	32,500	51,000	57%
55445	Taxes	829	1,195	1,000	1,000	0%
55460	AV, IT or Facilities Materials & Equipment < \$5,000	9,020	1,234	205,000	154,000	-25%
55510	Office Supplies	35,159	25,781	73,800	76,300	3%
55520	Graphic Supplies	4,802	1,485	8,000	4,000	-50%
55530	Telephone	1,226	636	-	-	-
55540	Postage	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	0%
55550	Delivery Services	9,833	11,722	15,000	20,000	33%
55580	Outreach/Advertisement	45,169	23,546	56,000	108,000	93%
55600	SCAG Memberships	183,394	238,139	231,600	260,700	13%
55610	Professional Memberships	7,409	8,000	13,000	21,000	62%
55611	Professional Dues	1,384	3,656	8,750	3,250	-63%
5562X	Resource and Materials, GASB96 & non-GASB96 Subscriptions	278,614	456,914	521,000	2,905,195	458%
55630	COVID Facility Expense	9,760	6,898	53,740	-	-100%
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance	-	-	15,000	15,000	0%
55700	Depreciation - Furniture & Fixture	63,775	31,887	250,000	300,000	20%
55710	Depreciation - Computer	240,427	391,196	-	-	-
557XX	Amortization - Software & Lease	108,382	161,713	75,000	75,000	0%
55730	Capital Outlay	1,026,796	9,887	-	-	-
55800	Recruitment - Advertising	20,661	37,534	65,000	65,000	0%
55801	Recruitment - Other	24,628	19,026	45,000	45,000	0%

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GL Account	Line Item	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	% Incr. (Decr)
55810	Public Notices	25,093	82,541	58,000	-	-100%
55820	In-House Training	995	23,951	70,000	70,000	0%
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events	6,725	13,698	24,500	28,500	16%
55840	Training Registration	53,434	73,176	99,000	98,000	-1%
55860	Scholarships	-	88,000	44,000	44,000	0%
55910	RC/Committee Meetings	-	-	15,000	5,000	-67%
55912	EAC Retreat	19,248	33,936	40,000	20,000	-50%
55914	RC General Assembly	651,713	842,215	661,500	848,225	28%
55915	Demographic Workshop	-	-	28,000	28,000	0%
55916	Economic Summit	25,000	150,317	158,000	188,000	19%
55920	Other Meeting Expense	43,187	110,458	121,750	219,250	80%
55930	Miscellaneous Other	14,679	32,322	60,500	60,700	0%
55931	Miscellaneous Labor	-	-	529,675	1,744,498	229%
55932	Miscellaneous Labor Future	-	-	13,065,549	7,393,647	-43%
55936	Engagement Committee	8,633	19,986	20,000	20,000	0%
55937	Employee Recognition	3,935	4,583	15,000	15,000	0%
55938	Department Allowances	13,149	8,548	15,000	15,000	0%
55940	Stipend-RC Meetings	234,230	227,690	245,000	301,683	23%
55950	Temporary Help	87,552	90,763	186,000	160,000	-14%
56100	Printing	3,368	2,313	51,500	26,300	-49%
5810X	Travel - Outside & International	39,765	138,950	351,000	402,100	15%
58101	Travel - Local	12,998	36,659	76,878	83,578	9%
58110	Mileage - Local	11,928	32,588	61,700	60,900	-1%
581XX	Staff Lodging Expense & Fees	3,378	14,813	13,000	15,500	19%
58800	RC Sponsorships	99,540	125,228	165,000	165,000	0%
59090	Expense - Local Other	32,389,195	284,227	49,942	-	-100%
60041	Vacation Cash Out	66,896	85,119	75,000	86,000	15%
6011X	PERS	6,463,636	7,048,671	8,385,649	8,904,791	6%
60120	Retirement-PARS	79,956	81,555	80,752	82,367	2%
60200	Health Insurance - Active Employees	1,670,985	1,877,241	2,904,612	3,147,400	8%
60201	Health Insurance - Retirees PAYGO	560,166	565,996	703,491	767,068	9%
60202	Health Insurance - Retirees GASB 45	138,981	134,696	-	-	-
60210	Dental Insurance	205,163	243,614	327,592	292,842	-11%
60220	Vision Insurance	61,891	67,563	91,550	82,796	-10%
60225	Life Insurance	114,835	134,418	123,106	143,383	16%
60240	Medicare Tax Employers Share	316,450	373,931	439,451	460,587	5%
60250	Medicare Tax ER - Interns	3,666	4,315	4,495	4,495	0%
60255	Social Security ER - Interns	7,565	16,916	23,715	19,220	-19%
60300	Tuition Reimbursement	25,956	24,298	43,776	33,776	-23%
60310	Transit Passes	8,927	25,584	50,000	35,000	-30%
60315	Bus Passes NT - Interns	125	777	8,073	1,000	-88%
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	67,355	-	15,000	15,000	0%
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	5,500	-	5,167	5,172	0%
60366	Technology Allowance	51,655	271,694	388,080	390,600	1%
60367	Technology Allowance Intern	2,985	20,994	28,933	28,962	0%
60400	Workers Compensation Insurance	146,286	158,739	146,286	158,739	9%
60405	Unemployment Compensation Insurance	3,869	744	35,000	35,000	0%
60410	Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	68,746	13,812	16,836	12,636	-25%
60415	SCAG 457 Match	107,693	111,197	434,750	439,750	1%
60450	Benefits Administrative Fees	69,975	73,835	85,605	90,913	6%
60500	Automobile Allowance	20,700	20,700	20,700	20,700	0%
	Total	105,883,088	81,739,729	350,340,780	403,702,282	15%

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET LINE ITEM

The following chart provides a description of each budget account/line item.

Account/Line Item	Description
500XX Staff	Staff wages including non-worktime.
54300 Consultant	Outside experts retained to provide special expertise.
54301 Consultant – Other	Same as 54300 above. Outside experts retained to provide special expertise, specifically for IT services.
54302 Non-Profits / IHL	Partnerships with non-profit organizations and institutes of higher learning (IHL).
54303 Consultant TC	Same as 54300 above. Toll credits are used in lieu of local matching funds, which allows for work to be 100% funded with federal funds.
54304 Consultant – Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	Outside experts retained to provide special expertise as well as pass-through funding to partner agencies.
54315 Consultant IC – REAP Admin	Same as 54300 above. 5% administration costs that are incurred by outside experts.
54340 Legal	Outside legal experts retained to provide special expertise.
54360 FTA Pass-Through Payments	FTA Payments received by SCAG but passed through to other agencies.
55201 Network and Communications	Fees paid for any network infrastructure including network circuits, internet, and VoIP systems and calling plans.
55210 Software Support	Fees paid for telephone support and updates of SCAG’s high-end desktop and network software.
55220 Hardware Support	Fees paid formaintenance and repair contracts on SCAG’s computer servers.
55240 Repair – Maintenance	Processes that do not enhance function or extend the useful life of an asset are expensed as repairs.
55250 Cloud Services	Monthly recurring costs for cloud compute and storage capacity.
55251 Cloud Support	Fees paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is managed in the cloud by a 3rd party provider or is related to cloud provided software or services.
55270 Software Purchases	Fees paid for initial software purchase.
55271 Owned Software	Fee paid for any software, licenses, or software support that is installed to or used for SCAG owned servers in our datacenters or private cloud infrastructure.
55275 Co-location Services	Fee paid for any services, products, features, or support that are provided by an IT co-location or data center provider.

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Account/Line Item	Description
5528X 3rd Party Contribution	Like-kind contributions from other agencies that are match for SCAG's grants.
55310 Furniture & Fixtures Principal	Principal portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.
55315 Furniture & Fixtures Interest	Interest portion of furniture and fixtures debt service payments.
55320 Audio-visual Equipment Principal	Principal portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55325 Audio-visual Equipment Interest	Interest portion of audio-visual equipment debt service payments.
55400 Office Rent / Operating Expense	Rent and operating expenses paid for SCAG's main office.
55410 Office Rent Satellite	Rent paid for SCAG's satellite offices.
55415 Off-site Storage	Fees paid for off-site storage.
55420 Equipment Leases	Fees paid for copier, telephone, postage, equipment, etc.
55430 Equipment Repairs – Maintenance	Fees paid to outside vendors to repair SCAG owned equipment.
55435 Security Services	The cost of physical security services at SCAG's locations.
55440 Insurance	SCAG's liability insurance premiums.
55441 Payroll / Bank Fees	Fees paid for payroll processing & bank services.
55445 Taxes	Personal property taxes levied on SCAG's assets.
55460 AV, IT or Facilities materials & equipment <\$5,000	Used to buy capital equipment with unit costs under \$5,000 (it's not necessary to capitalize and depreciate).
55510 Office Supplies	Routine office supplies and paper for copy machines.
55520 Graphic Supplies	Materials used in the production of documents for agency communications, presentations, etc.
55540 Postage	Postage and delivery fees.
55550 Delivery Services	Cost of outside courier delivery and other non-USPS services.
55580 Outreach / Advertisement	Cost of advertising and public outreach for SCAG programs and services.
55600 SCAG Memberships	Pays for SCAG to belong to various organizations.

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55610 Professional Memberships	Fees paid on behalf of SCAG employees to belong to certain professional organizations.
55611 Professional Dues	Dues paid on behalf of SCAG employees for professional licenses (Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor or State Bar).
5562X Resources and Materials, Non-GASB96 & GASB96 Subscriptions	Fees for book purchases, subscriptions and data acquisition.
55630 COVID Facility Expense	Pays for facility expenses related to COVID 19.
55631 ADA & Safety Compliance	Pays for ADA and safety compliance expenses.
55700 Depreciation – Furniture & Fixtures	The general fund buys assets that have a cost greater than \$5,000 using account 55730, Capital Outlay. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to a grant using this account.
55720 Amortization – Lease	To account for amortization of leasehold improvements.
55730 Capital Outlay	Fixed asset purchases greater than \$5,000. The cost is recovered when depreciation is charged to a grant.
55800 Recruitment – Advertising	Advertising in certain journals and publications regarding job opportunities at SCAG.
55801 Recruitment – Other	Moving expenses and cost of sponsoring foreign employees (visas).
55810 Public Notices	Legal advertising that SCAG must undertake to support certain programs or grants.
55820 In House Training	Used to provide access to outside training opportunities or to bring experts for in-house training.
55830 Networking Meetings / Special Events	Cost of informational events attended by SCAG staff and elected officials.
55840 Training Registration	Training registration cost for staff.
55860 Scholarships	Contributions by SCAG to offset the educational expense of selected students.
55910 RC / Committee Meetings	Pays for the food and other expenses associated with hosting RC and committee meetings.
55912 EAC Retreat	The EAC holds an annual off-site retreat. This budget pays for the actual meeting expenses such as meals and conference facilities.
55914 RC General Assembly	Pays for General Assembly expenses such as meals and conference facilities, as required the by the SCAG Bylaws.

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Account/Line Item	Description
55915 Demographic Workshop	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual workshop that addresses demographic issues.
55916 Economic Summit	Pays for the meeting expenses of the annual summit that addresses economic issues.
55920 Other Meeting Expense	Pays for other expenses related to meeting support.
55930 Miscellaneous Other	Pays for other minor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere.
55932 Miscellaneous Labor, Future	Pays for other labor expenses not categorized elsewhere for the future budget.
55936 Engagement Committee	Pays for employee engagement committee activities and projects.
55937 Employee Recognition	Pays for employee recognition activities.
55938 Department Allowances	Pays for employee recognition activities by department managers.
55940 Stipend-RC Meeting	Stipends paid to RC Members for attending meetings.
55950 Temporary Help	SCAG occasionally uses employment agencies to provide short term staffing.
56100 Printing	Pays for outside printing costs of SCAG publications and brochures.
58100 Travel	Pays for staff and RC travel on behalf of SCAG projects.
58101 Travel – Local	Travel inside the SCAG region.
58102 Travel – International	Travel outside of the United States.
58110 Mileage	Cost of automobile travel at the IRS rate per mile.
58120 Travel Agent Fees	Travel agent fees billed by Concur for online or phone reservation.
58150 Staff Lodging Expense	General funds used to pay for staff lodging expenses, under certain conditions, greater than state or federal guidelines.
58800 RC Sponsorships	General funds allocated to events supported by RC actions.
59090 Expense-Local Other	Cash contributions from local agencies for projects funded with federal pass-through funds from SCAG.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60041 Vacation Cash Out	Vacation cash-out program for staff and management.
6011X Retirement-PERS	Pays for employee share of contributions to PERS.
60120 Retirement-PARS	SCAG contribution to the supplemental defined benefit retirement plan.
60200 Health Insurance – Active Employees	SCAG contribution for employee health insurance.
60201 Health Insurance – Retirees PAYGO	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to CalPERS.
60202 Health Insurance – Retirees GASB 45	Retiree health insurance premiums paid to the California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust, as computed by an actuary.
60210 Dental Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee dental insurance.
60220 Vision Insurance	SCAG contribution for employee vision insurance.
60225 Life Insurance	SCAG cost of life insurance for each benefit-eligible employee.
60240 Medicare Tax Employer Share	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60250 Medicare Tax ER – Interns	SCAG pays a percentage of 1.45% (of payroll) contribution to Medicare for all employees hired after 1986.
60255 Social Security ER – Interns	Employer’s share of social security on wages paid.
60300 Tuition Reimbursement	All employees can participate in a tuition reimbursement program for work related classes.
60310 Transit Passes	All employees who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60315 Bus Passes NT – Interns	Interns who utilize public transportation to commute are eligible to be reimbursed up to a specified maximum.
60360 De Minimis Employee Exp	Stipends paid to employees related to COVID-19.
60365 De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	Stipends paid to interns related to COVID-19.
60366 Technology Allowance	The allowance covers phone usage, offset employees’ cost of burden utilizing internet and electricity/water while working remotely.
60367 Technology Allowance Intern	Same as 60366 above but for intern staff.
60400 Workers Compensation Insurance	This is mandated insurance for employees that provides a benefit for work-related injuries.

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Account/Line Item	Description
60405 Unemployment Comp Insurance	Payments for unemployment insurance claims filed by former employees.
60410 Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	Pays for SCAG’s Employee Assistance Program.
60415 SCAG 457 Match	SCAG staff, managers and directors receive matching funds for 457 Plan deferred compensation contributions.
60450 Benefits Administrative Fees	Pays for third parties who administer SCAG’s cafeteria plan.
60500 Automobile Allowance	Allowances payable to executives in accordance with employment contracts.



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THE FLOW OF FUNDS

Traditionally, the majority of OWP recurring funding has come to SCAG via the Federal appropriations process. Some funding has been directly allocated to SCAG, and some has “passed through” via Caltrans. In recent years, SCAG’s non-recurring funding flow has expanded due to the direct allocation from the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2019 and 2021. In addition, SCAG has secured various discretionary competitive grants to support its work plan and activities.

SUMMARY OF FUNDING SOURCES

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)

In 1997, FHWA/FTA instituted a transportation planning funds process called CPG. In California, the four CPG fund sources are described below.

1. FHWA Metropolitan Planning (FHWA PL)

Metropolitan Planning funds, otherwise known as PL funds, are available for MPOs to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 U.S.C. 134, including the development of metropolitan area transportation plans and transportation improvement programs.

The state must make all federally authorized PL funds available to the MPOs in accordance with a formula developed by the state, in consultation with the MPOs and approved by the FHWA.

2. FTA Metropolitan Planning, Section 5303 (FTA §5303)

All MPOs with an urbanized area receive FTA §5303 funds each year to develop transportation plans and programs. The percentage of the California apportionment of FTA §5303 each MPO receives is determined by a formula agreed to by the MPOs, Caltrans and FTA.

The FTA §5303 formula has two components, a base allocation and a population component, which distributes funds according to the MPO's percentage of statewide urbanized area population as of the most recent decennial census.

3. FHWA State Planning and Research Part I – Strategic Partnership Grants (SP&R)

Funds transportation planning studies in partnership with Caltrans that address the regional, interregional and statewide need of the State highway system, and assist in achieving other State goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive

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selection process.

4. FTA State Planning and Research, Section 5304 Strategic Partnerships – Transit (FTA §5304)

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation planning projects, with a focus on transit, in partnership with Caltrans of regional, interregional and statewide significance, that support achieving the Caltrans Mission and other State Goals. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants include the State Highway Account (SHA) funds as well as Senate Bill (SB) 1 funds that are deposited into the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection as well as a formula-allocation process.

1. State Highway Account

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP/SCS, contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals; funds local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerability through the development of climate adaptation plans. Caltrans awards these grants through an annual, competitive selection process.

2. Sustainable Communities SB 1 Formula Grants

Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, is a transportation funding bill that will provide a reliable source of funds to maintain and integrate the State's multimodal transportation system. Beginning in FY 2017-18, approximately \$12.5 million in Sustainable Communities Formula Grants from SB 1 reside under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and are allocated via formula (consistent with the FHWA PL formula) to the 18 MPOs. These funds are for local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP/SCS, contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving other State goals.

Local Funds

Each funding source described above requires that local cash or in-kind services be provided as a match. SCAG uses a combination of the following sources to meet the match requirements:

Transportation Development Act (TDA)

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties to allocate

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up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region. As the largest source of recurring non-federal funding received by SCAG, TDA is used to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds.

Cash Match/Local Funds

Funding from local agencies is provided to SCAG to serve as matching funds to the CPG and other grants that require local match for consultant expenditures as a condition of receiving grant funds. For example, the CPG requires a match of 11.47%. Cash/local contributions are also used to augment various projects.

In-Kind Match

The CPG and other grants accept in-kind match, as well as cash match, to fulfill the local match requirement for staff costs that is a condition of receiving grant funds. In-kind match includes services, such as staff time, provided by a local agency to support the work funded by a grant.

Special Grant Funds

SCAG receives various discretionary grant funds to carry out a wide array of planning programs such as the Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, Clean Cities Coalition, Last Mile Freight Program, and Caltrans Local Assistance Active Transportation Program.

AB2766/Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Funds

State Health & Safety Code Section 44225 (AB2766) established MSRC to develop a work program to fund projects that help reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air District. MSRC provides to SCAG the financial assistance which supports Last Mile Freight Program.

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Funds

California OTS competitively awards to various agencies for projects that increase awareness of traffic rules, rights, and responsibilities among different age groups.

Department of Energy (DOE) Funds

The Department of Energy provides financial assistance to fund projects that provide technical aid and targeted outreach, within the coalition's territory, to raise awareness and foster a greater understanding of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies to increase the market and decrease petroleum dependence.

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Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds

ATP was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP program is funded from various federal and state funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act. Caltrans provides administrative oversight for the Programs and ensures that the terms and conditions of the California Transportation Commission’s guidelines.

Congressionally Directed Project

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) appropriated funding for Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP), which included a set-aside for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending. Caltrans provides administrative oversight for this program. SCAG received an award in the amount of \$480,000 under this program to support Highways to Boulevards Regional Study.

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program

The California 2019-20 Budget Act, also known as Assembly Bill (AB) 101, appropriated two new one-time programs to provide regions and jurisdictions with grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to increase housing planning and accelerate housing production to meet housing needs as determined by the sixth Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Up to \$47.5 million is available for SCAG under the REAP 2019 for eligible activities.

As part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140, the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) was established to build on the success of the REAP 2019, but to expand the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments. Up to approximately \$246 million is available for SCAG under the REAP 2.0 for eligible activities.

California Workforce Development Board Grant Funds

Through the State of California mid-year budget revise process, AB129 allocated one-time funding of \$3.5 million to SCAG, to be administered through the California Workforce Development Board, to implement several core recommendations of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS).

California Energy Commission Grant Funds

The California Energy Commission (CEC) released a solicitation to fund applied research and development (AR&D) and technology demonstration and deployment (TD&D) activities through the creation of a Research Hub for Electric Technologies in Truck Applications (RHETTA). Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) led the application effort

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and subsequently secured \$13 million in grant funds. Of this, \$0.6 million is being sub-awarded from EPRI to SCAG. The larger study led by EPRI will demonstrate and evaluate corridor-based charging strategies for zero-emission truck solutions, and SCAG’s work will focus on the study of supporting infrastructure for medium and heavy duty zero-emission trucks.

Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Program Funds

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the program is designed to play an integral role in helping to bridge the broadband affordability gap. SCAG received \$0.5 million in grant funds to advance the ACP on a regional scale through collaboration with local jurisdictions, community-based organizations, local businesses, community leaders and other stakeholders.

Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant Funds

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC) awarded SCAG \$996,058 in grant funds under the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Program which supports tribes and local agencies in California to expand broadband services to unserved and underserved communities. The funding will be used to conduct Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG region where the assessment would determine and provide high-level design for a maximum of three shovel-ready projects located within underserved communities.

Carbon Reduction Program Funds

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a new program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It funds transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. For each fiscal year, 65 percent of CRP funding to the State is apportioned annually by population to MPOs and RTPAs (Local CRP funds). SCAG, as the MPO, is responsible for the selection of Local CRP-funded projects in the SCAG region. Following discussion with key stakeholders and consistent with the Regional Council approval, 65 percent of the Local CRP funds will be made available through a Call-for-Projects process and SCAG will retain and use 35 percent of the Local CRP funds to support various projects that achieve regional transportation goals and objectives.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) is a component of the Strategic Growth Council’s Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program. It supports the California’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals by making strategic

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investments to protect agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG intensive uses. The funding will be used to develop a Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study and Landscape Analysis White Paper for SCAG's six county region.

Safe Streets and Roads for All

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The funding will be used to fund three initiatives over five years: the Regional Safety Action Plan, the Go Human Safety Program, and Quick-Build demonstrations.

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OWP BUDGET DOCUMENT

The core regional transportation planning document is the OWP, and its core product is the completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The OWP is developed by SCAG on an annual basis and serves as the planning structure that SCAG must adhere to for the state fiscal year, which is July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year. The OWP includes three component pieces:

1. Regional Prospectus

The prospectus section provides the context for understanding the work activities proposed and gives information about the region. It includes, but is not limited to:

- The region’s regional planning approach
- The agency’s organizational structure and interagency arrangements
- An overview of governmental and public involvement
- The progress made towards implementing the RTP/SCS

2. Program/Work Elements

The Program/Work Element identifies specific planning work to be completed during the term of the OWP, as well as a narrative of previous, ongoing, and future year’s work to be completed. It also includes the sources and uses of funds.

3. Budget Revenue & Expenditure Reports

These summary reports list all the work elements in the OWP by funding sources and expenditure category.

The OWP, in conjunction with the Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the regional planning Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA), constitutes the annual funding agreement between the State and SCAG. Although the OWP includes all planning projects to be undertaken by SCAG during the fiscal year, the OWPA and MFTA only include the CPG and Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants, including SB1 grants, described above.

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OWP LINE ITEM BUDGET

The OWP Budget can be viewed in two ways: The first table is a line item budget displaying how the OWP budget is allocated. The second table shows the same budget by project and major budget category.

Cost Category	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	\$ 13,761,841	\$ 14,058,233	\$ 296,392
543XX Consultant	64,358,640	64,873,471	514,831
54303 Consultant TC	6,452,570	2,060,651	(4,391,919)
54304 Consultant Technical Assistance /Pass-Through Payments	196,000,000	171,664,739	(24,335,261)
54340 Legal	415,164	79,278	(335,886)
55510 Office Supplies	-	2,500	2,500
55210 Software Support	909,000	-	(909,000)
5528X Third party contribution	5,753,843	89,531,700	83,777,857
55415 Off-site storage	9,124	100,600	91,476
55460 AV, IT or Facilities materials & equipment purchases < \$5K	1,000	-	(1,000)
55520 Graphic supplies	4,000	-	(4,000)
55580 Outreach/advertisement	56,000	108,000	52,000
55610 Professional membership	1,000	-	(1,000)
5562X Resource materials, GASB 96 & Non-GASB 96 Subscriptions	350,000	1,063,900	713,900
55810 Public notices	58,000	-	(58,000)
55830 Networking meetings/special events	4,000	4,000	-
55920 Other meeting expense	34,000	36,500	2,500
55930 Miscellaneous other	24,000	26,500	2,500
55931 Miscellaneous labor	460,387	1,662,008	1,201,621
55932 Miscellaneous labor, future	13,065,613	7,346,670	(5,718,943)
56100 Printing	8,500	3,300	(5,200)
58100 Travel	177,500	199,100	21,600
58101 Travel-local	10,000	10,000	-
58110 Mileage	12,000	12,000	-
Sub-total	\$ 301,926,182	352,843,150	\$ 50,916,968
51000 Fringe benefits	9,034,823	8,983,845	\$ (50,978)
51001 Indirect costs	31,284,880	34,233,267	\$ 2,948,387
Total	\$ 342,245,885	396,060,262	\$ 53,814,377

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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This table shows the same budget by program and major budget category.

Program		FY25 Proposed Budget				
		Total *	Other Costs	Consultant	Consultant TC	Consultant TA
010	System Planning	1,742,894	1,715,597	27,297	-	-
015	Transportation Finance	747,741	597,741	150,000	-	-
020	Environmental Planning	1,415,578	1,415,578	-	-	-
025	Air Quality and Conformity	833,752	833,752	-	-	-
030	Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)	3,951,763	3,251,763	200,000	500,000	-
045	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	5,651,262	5,407,962	243,300	-	-
050	Active Transportation Planning	827,341	827,341	-	-	-
055	Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis	2,036,306	1,776,306	260,000	-	-
060	Corridor Planning	428,332	428,332	-	-	-
065	Sustainability Program	2,251,749	1,399,398	710,000	142,351	-
070	Modeling	8,968,465	8,618,465	150,000	200,000	-
080	Performance Assessment, Monitoring & Strategy	611,233	611,233	-	-	-
090	Public Information and Communications	5,321,472	4,543,472	-	778,000	-
095	Regional Outreach and Public Participation	5,443,522	4,943,222	60,000	440,300	-
100	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities	4,283,601	2,017,268	2,266,333	-	-
115	Clean Technology Program	439,885	439,885	-	-	-
120	OWP Development and Administration	1,310,058	1,310,058	-	-	-
130	Goods Movement	5,678,457	1,960,556	3,717,901	-	-
140	Transit and Rail Planning	1,242,539	1,136,786	105,753	-	-
156	Climate Adaptation Planning	306,058	6,099	-	-	299,959
225	Special Grant Projects	12,841,408	3,446,964	9,394,444	-	-
230	Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning	615,879	550,879	65,000	-	-
235	Local Information Services Program	695,726	695,726	-	-	-
267	Clean Cities Program	106,190	106,190	-	-	-
275	Sustainable Communities Program	5,286,226	871,776	2,049,670	-	2,364,780
280	Future Communities Initiative	253,319	103,319	150,000	-	-
290	Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities	8,202,611	4,379,850	3,822,761	-	-
300	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program - AB 101	265,859	265,859	-	-	-
303	Economic Empowerment	291,038	291,038	-	-	-
305	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0	203,004,546	11,879,546	22,125,000	-	169,000,000
310	Planning Strategy Development and Implementation	5,700,781	5,652,281	48,500	-	-
315	Last Mile Freight Program - MSRC	100,780,155	84,161,241	16,618,914	-	-
320	Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation Grant	1,679,455	979,455	700,000	-	-
325	Regional Pilot Initiatives	2,845,061	836,463	2,008,598	-	-
Total Costs		396,060,262	157,461,401	64,873,471	2,060,651	171,664,739

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*Includes indirect costs, fringe benefits, non-labor, and in-kind match

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PROGRAM/WORK ELEMENTS

The following section summarizes the OWP Programs and the Strategic Plan goal(s) each program supports.

010 System Planning

Managers: Warren Whiteaker & Philip Law

Program Objective:

Transportation System Planning involves long-term planning for system preservation, system maintenance, optimization of system utilization, system safety, and strategic system expansion of all modes of transportation for people and goods in the six-county region, including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) is the primary vehicle SCAG uses to achieve our transportation system planning goals and objectives. As the MPO for this region, one of SCAG's major responsibilities is to develop, administer, and update the RTP/SCS. The primary objective of this work element is to ensure SCAG is fulfilling its roles and responsibilities in this area as the designated MPO and RTPA for this region. SCAG will ensure that Connect SoCal 2024 is consistent with state and federal requirements while addressing the region's transportation needs.

Strategic Plan:

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015 Transportation Finance

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

This work program is critical to addressing some of SCAG's core activities—specifically, satisfying federal planning requirements on financial constraints, ensuring a reasonably available revenue forecast through the RTP/SCS planning horizon, and addressing system-level operation and maintenance cost analyses along with capital cost evaluation of transportation investments. In FY 2024-25, this work program will continue the refinement of the Connect SoCal financial plan and

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provide support for key financial strategies throughout the region.

Strategic Plan:

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020 Environmental Planning

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SCAG prepares environmental documentation to ensure regulatory compliance with applicable federal and state environmental laws, monitors changes in environmental compliance requirements, and provides tools and services related to CEQA and CEQA streamlining efforts to support local jurisdictions. SCAG serves as the lead agency responsible for preparing the RTP/SCS Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and addendums, and ensures completion of environmental documentation, such as Categorical Exemptions, for SCAG's existing programs, as needed. Staff works closely with local and regional agencies and stakeholders and conducts consultation and public outreach during the preparation of environmental documentation.

The Intergovernmental Review (IGR) program provides informational resources to regionally significant projects, plans, and programs to facilitate the consistency of these projects with SCAG's adopted regional plans, to be determined by the lead agencies; functions as a clearinghouse for applications for federal grants and financial assistance programs, federally required state plans, federal development activities, and environmental documents; serves as an internal resource for submitted project information to support the Connect SoCal update and regional performance monitoring and assessment; and coordinates internal input to integrate performance monitoring in the review of environmental documents for regionally significant projects.

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025 Air Quality and Conformity

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

The Air Quality Planning and Conformity program oversees and performs regional transportation conformity determinations and related air quality planning, analysis, documentation, and policy implementation in the SCAG region. This includes preparing transportation conformity analyses for RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments; fulfilling federally required interagency consultation, processing and acting as clearinghouse for particulate matter (PM) hot spot analyses for transportation projects through the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG); monitoring, participating in, and reporting on relevant federal, California, and regional air quality rulemaking; collaborating with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and local air districts on development of air quality management plans/state implementation plans (AQMPs/SIPs); identifying and proactively addressing potential conformity failures and potential highway sanctions; developing SCAG's portion of South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (commonly known as Appendix IV-C); ensuring the timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs); and participating in the development and implementation of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) work programs.

Strategic Plan:

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030 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a federally mandated four-year program of all surface transportation projects and programs that will receive federal funding or are subject to a federally required action. The FTIP is a key programmatic tool that helps to implement the RTP/SCS. The 2023 FTIP was federally approved for transportation conformity on December 16, 2022, and the 2025 FTIP is anticipated to be federally approved for transportation conformity in December 2024. The FTIP is developed to incrementally implement the programs

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and projects in the RTP/SCS in accordance with federal and state requirements. The FTIP is amended on an ongoing basis, as necessary, thereby allowing projects consistent with the RTP/SCS to move forward toward implementation. SCAG continues to work with consultants to enhance the functionality of the eFTIP database to ensure requirements for programming and performance monitoring are consistent with federal guidance.

Consistent with the findings of the region's 2022 Federal Certification Review, SCAG also selects, monitors, and manages Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) federally-funded projects. Selected projects advance Connect SoCal and associated performance targets.

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045 Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Managers: Hsi-Hwa Hu & Jonathan Holt

Program Objective:

Analyzing and visualizing regional geographic data, often on a map, is where many Planning efforts begin. This program provides agency-wide GIS operations and support. It fosters widespread use of geographic data in data-driven planning, geospatial analysis, data visualization, GIS mapping, as well as GIS application development by leveraging location intelligence. To enhance GIS workflows, staff applies GIS modeling and analytics techniques to streamline regional geospatial database development and maintenance processes. GIS staff establishes innovative analytical and visualization methodologies to facilitate and support policy and planning analysis. In addition, GIS staff provides professional GIS technical support and training to SCAG staff. To support SCAG's ongoing role as a Regional Information Center, the program manages and maintains regional geospatial data and information for policy and planning analysis for Southern California and provides data and visualization services and support to better serve the needs of the agency and stakeholders.

Additional goals include developing cutting-edge web-GIS applications and tools for information

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sharing and innovative planning; developing and managing SCAG’s Enterprise GIS and RDP systems (including GIS hardware/software, GIS database, GIS analysis, and GIS applications); developing and implementing GIS governance and GIS data management standards and providing value-added GIS technical services and products to our local jurisdictions.

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Supports Goal #6 – Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

050 Active Transportation Planning

Manager: Philip Law & Frank Wen

Program Objective:

SCAG will continue to research and explore opportunities and partnerships to implement the core regional active transportation strategies. In addition, SCAG will develop partnerships and strategies that are coordinated with the deployment of shared mobility services to advance complete streets goals and reduce the use of Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOVs) for short trips. SCAG will also work with Caltrans, counties, and individual cities to fund local active transportation plans and multi-jurisdictional active transportation projects that are part of Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS.

SCAG will also continue to manage the Regional Active Transportation Program, including providing technical assistance to project sponsors, managing planning and program grants, tracking project delivery, and preparing program amendments, as necessary. SCAG will provide leadership and input at the state and regional levels to ensure future funding cycles align with regional planning goals. Through continued collaboration with the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans and the Southern California county transportation commissions, SCAG will

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also work to improve the application and allocation procedures.

Efforts will also be continued to expand and support the capability to measure the impact of active transportation investments, including through better data collection, modeling, and co-benefit analysis (focusing on greenhouse gas emissions, public health, and the economy).

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055 Regional Forecasting, Socioeconomic Technical & Policy Analysis

Managers: Ryan Wolfe & Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

The key focus of this work element is to collect, compile, assess, analyze, and research socioeconomic, technology advancement, and demographic data and their trends, develop value-added information products, including but not limited to regional and county-level population, household and employment estimates and projections to inform regional planning and policy development.

This program also addresses the following: promote and advance in-house research and capacity with training and teaching research methodology, data, analytical tools - GIS, statistics, and programming across the agency. Collaboration with universities, research institutes and planning partners and peer agencies jointly conduct research and data sharing on important and emerging regional challenges and issues. Serve as the regional data and information hub, promote data and information driven decision-making process and outcome. Additional program objectives include actively promoting and advocating for SCAG’s innovative planning practices and experiences across the nation and internationally by organizing and conducting summits, workshops, symposiums, participation, presentation at key conferences, and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

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060 Corridor Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Staff will provide input to the RTP/SCS on the design concept and scope of major transportation corridor investments, as identified upon the completion of corridor planning studies conducted under this work element and in partnership with other agencies. Staff will also initiate and/or support our partners in developing comprehensive, multi-modal and sustainable corridor plans that will meet the needs of the region, including providing a greater diversity of mobility choices and a well maintained, sustainable and safer transportation system. Additionally, staff will ensure that corridor planning studies are completed in accordance with federal transportation planning requirements as identified in 23 CFR 450. Lastly, staff will engage with state and local partners, including Caltrans and local jurisdictions, on efforts to reconnect communities by planning for the removal, retrofit, or mitigation of existing transportation facilities (e.g., highways or rail lines).

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065 Sustainability Program

Manager: Ryan Wolfe

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Program Objective:

SCAG's Sustainability Program is a core effort for implementing the Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS. The program demonstrates that the region can achieve mobility, air quality, and public health goals through local land use and policy changes along with targeted transportation investments. The program also focuses on developing regional resiliency strategies; explores pressing issues and possible challenges Southern California's residents may face in the coming decades, including climate change impacts to public health; furthers the region's ability to model the impacts of transportation and land use changes on public health; and considers ways to address potential disruptions to anticipated regional development patterns and transportation investments.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #1 – Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

070 Modeling

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

Provide data and modeling services for the development and implementation of the RTP/SCS, FTIP, and other major land use and transportation planning initiatives. Analyze socioeconomic data and build analytical foundations for planning activities. Develop small area demographic and employment growth forecast through collaborating with local jurisdictions and peer planning agencies and building consensus. Continue to provide small area socioeconomic data for scenario planning and transportation modeling. Provide member agencies tools and data to analyze the impacts of their land use and planning decisions. Develop, maintain, and improve SCAG's forecasting and modeling tools to more effectively forecast small area growth, impacts of alternative scenarios, regional travel demand and estimate resulting air quality. Maintain a leadership role in the Southern California modeling community by coordinating the Region's modeling activities. Provide technical assistance and data services to support planning analysis of member agencies and other public institutions. Promote model consistency through an active subregional modeling program. Continue ongoing modeling collaboration with SCAG's partners to advance the region's modeling practices.

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Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #3 – Be the Foremost Data Information Hub for the Region.

080 Performance Assessment, Monitoring, & Strategy

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

Provide performance assessment and monitoring of the SCAG region that is consistent with federal performance-based planning, monitoring, and reporting guidance. Ensure the region is on track toward achieving the goals of the 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) and in the implementation of Connect SoCal. Performance Assessment, Monitoring, and Strategy tasks including the collection and analysis of data needed to identify and evaluate regional growth and development trends, transportation system performance, environmental quality, regional sustainability and climate resilience, public health, housing affordability, and the socioeconomic well-being of people in the region.

The results of the regional performance monitoring and assessment program provide the basis for informed policy making, investment planning, and the effective implementation of Connect SoCal. To support this effort, SCAG is in the process of developing a regional performance monitoring dashboard application to enhance the visualization, communication, and reporting of regional performance relative Connect SoCal objectives. The provision of assistance to local jurisdictions in the implementation of the revised CEQA transportation impact assessment requirements established through SB 743 is also included in this task item. This program also coordinates with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the management of the annual local data collection process in support of the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS).

On environmental justice (EJ), SCAG staff will monitor potential changes to EJ and equity requirements and related policies (i.e. SB1000, AB617, Justice40 Initiative), provide support services to member agencies, as needed, to ensure regulatory compliance, and provide on-going outreach opportunities with local jurisdictions and stakeholders to showcase equity in action best practices and discuss and solicit input on environmental justice and equity concerns relevant to the region by means of the Equity Working Group and equity focused Toolbox Tuesdays. SCAG staff will use these outreach opportunities to monitor implementation of EJ policies and incorporation of equity considerations and assist local jurisdictions that may benefit from SCAG's

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wide range of EJ and equity analysis and data. Lastly, SCAG staff will continue to conduct outreach with local jurisdictions and stakeholders and consultation with SCAG's Policy Committees to further improve on the Equity Analysis for Connect SoCal 2024.

Strategic Plan:

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090 Public Information & Communications

Manager : Ana Vallianatos

Program Objective:

Develop and execute a comprehensive external communications program that informs the region’s diverse audiences about SCAG programs, plans, initiatives, and services. SCAG's communications strategies facilitate the agency's transportation planning activities by helping to inform the general public, media, agency stakeholders and partners about the existence, purpose and potential impact of these activities, and to convey this information in ways that are engaging and easy to understand for general audiences. SCAG communicates through various email and social media channels, engagement with local media, video production, websites, print collateral and workshops/events.

Strategic Plan:

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095 Regional Outreach & Public Participation

Manager: Sarah Patterson & Carmen Fujimori

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Program Objective:

Provide support for federal and state mandated public outreach for SCAG’s planning activities. Engage regional stakeholders in the SCAG planning and programming process through the support, assessment, and enhancement of outreach efforts to local governments, tribal governments, and members of the various stakeholder entities, including academia, business, community, and environmental groups, as well as other interested parties. The SCAG Regional Offices are critical components in these efforts, with SCAG staff assigned to an office in each county in the SCAG region.

Strategic Plan:

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100 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities

Manager: Philip Law & Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

Under this program, staff will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support deployment and integration of technologies and Smart Cities strategies, to achieve regional goals including mobility, equity, and sustainability. SCAG will plan for and support ubiquitous regional broadband deployment, access and adoption to provide the necessary infrastructure and supporting policies for Smart Cities Strategies and other transportation planning initiatives and will work towards documenting and disseminating the benefits of these strategies equitably throughout the region. SCAG will continue engaging with regional stakeholders on ITS and ITS related matters, including use and maintenance of the updated Regional ITS Architecture. Additionally, SCAG will maintain the web-accessible Architecture and provide documentation to maximize its usability and ensure on-going maintenance. SCAG will seek to provide training and educational opportunities to stakeholders on ITS related topics in partnership with FHWA/Caltrans as opportunities become available.

Strategic Plan:

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Californians.

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Supports Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

115 Clean Technology Program

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Through the Clean Technology Program, SCAG will work towards the Connect So Cal long term vision of a zero-emission transportation system, using cleaner mobility options where zero emission options are not feasible. SCAG will identify and create plans, policies, and tools to support demonstration, deployment and integration of clean mobility strategies consistent with regional goals including equity and sustainability; to continue engaging with regional stakeholders on clean mobility related matters, develop planning tools, provide technical assistance, and prepare the region for funding opportunities to support this objective; and to develop and convey Clean Mobility strategies in the Connect SoCal update and support modeling efforts on clean mobility assumptions and analysis.

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120 OWP Development & Administration

Manager: Kana Sato-Nguyen

Program Objective:

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Develop, administer, and monitor the Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP is a required function of SCAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for this region and provides a detailed description of the planning activities that will be completed by the MPO and its partners in the fiscal year.

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

130 Goods Movement

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

This work program focuses on integrating freight related transportation initiatives into the regional transportation planning process, including efforts to refine and support the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy. This includes but is not limited to a systems level plan for inland port strategies, along with strategic operational approaches to address increasing supply chain volatility and to prepare for major events. Under this program, SCAG will plan and advocate for funding, policies, and programs to optimize the intermodal goods movement network through increases in economic efficiency, congestion mitigation, safety and air quality improvements, mitigation of community impacts, and enhancements to system security.

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140 Transit and Rail Planning

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

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SCAG supports and engages transit and rail operations in corridor and regional planning efforts and in further refining the transit and rail strategies for inclusion in future updates to Connect SoCal. In FY 2024-25, SCAG will continue to implement FTA requirements for performance-based planning and coordinate with transit operators to address transit safety and transit asset management (TAM). SCAG will continue to assess and monitor regional transit system performance and work with transit operators through the Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee to ensure stakeholder input and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the SCAG MOUs with the transit operators.

Strategic Plan:

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156 The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Manager: Ryan Wolfe

Program Objective:

To encourage local and regional identification of transportation system vulnerabilities and climate-related risks to existing transportation infrastructure, identification of adaptation planning projects that address climate risk impacts to existing transportation infrastructure, and planning for specific climate projects that can be programmed in existing local or regional transportation plans.

Strategic Plan:

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225 Special Grant Projects

Manager: Frank Wen

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Program Objective:

To fund and participate in environmental and transportation specialized projects with funding from discretionary grants and/or local funds contributed by local jurisdictions. Grants assist the region and local agencies to better integrate land use, technology and transportation planning to develop alternatives for addressing growth, sustainability and to assess efficient infrastructure investments that meet community needs. In addition, staff secured a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety to support Go Human, SCAG's Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encourage Campaign. The Campaign was implemented in partnership with the six county health departments and six county transportation commissions, and aimed to increase rates of walking and biking while reducing collisions. The multi-pronged campaign included partnership development with local agencies on temporary safety demonstration projects utilizing Go Human's Kit of Parts Lending Library, safety messaging campaigns and increasing public awareness of traffic safety measures through outreach and engagement. The multi-faceted campaign will include partnering with local agencies on demonstration projects, coordinating safety trainings and workshops, and increasing public awareness of the rules of the road through outreach and advertising partnerships.

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230 Regional Aviation & Airport Ground Access Planning

Manager: Warren Whiteaker

Program Objective:

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The Regional Aviation and Airport Ground Access Planning (Aviation) program focuses on the region’s airports and aviation system primarily from the perspective of airport ground access and the surface transportation system. Although SCAG does not have regulatory or developmental authority over the airports, it does maintain an updated list of airport ground access projects in the regional transportation plan. It also plays a critical consultative and collaborative role with the airports, federal agencies, Caltrans, the transportation agencies and commissions, academic institutions, industry associations, and other transportation stakeholders. During FY 2024-25, staff will continue ongoing work on regional airport and airport ground access planning, and explore new areas of research on aviation systems planning. There will be considerable collaboration with regional partners through ongoing communication and participation on working groups and committees, including the Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), which SCAG manages and convenes.

Strategic Plan:

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Supports Goal #3 – Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

235 Local Information Services Program

Manager: Frank Wen

Program Objective:

The Local Information Services Program mainly focuses on the Local Information Services Team (LIST) and the Toolbox Tuesday Training Series to build local capacity in innovative and integrated transportation and planning tools and resources. LIST aims to (1) link SCAG’s available information products (e.g., data, applications, model policies and best practices, topical white papers, etc.) to help address local needs, (2) provide local jurisdiction staff an opportunity to offer feedback on how SCAG can improve its products to facilitate better collaboration, and (3) coordinate and conduct one-on-one technical assistance meetings with local jurisdictions. Internally, LIST also work closely with subject matter experts at SCAG to provide technical, outreach, education, and

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engagement guidance on a number of proposed applications for local jurisdictions while aligning the objectives between local and regional planning. The Toolbox Tuesdays serve as important opportunities for inter-governmental communication. By bringing together planners from diverse areas of the region, the sessions provide opportunities for local jurisdictions to learn from each other about the successes and failures in new approaches to transportation and land use planning. In a region as vast as SCAG, forums, where staff from dense urban communities can share their concerns and successes with planners from less populated areas, are highly valued. Toolbox Training sessions equip local government planners to think beyond their traditional roles and respond to new mandates that require collaboration and public participation.

Strategic Plan:

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Supports Goal #6 – Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

267 Clean Cities Program

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

Administer the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Clean Cities Program for the SCAG Clean Cities Coalition, including performing outreach and marketing in support of expanding alternative fuels in the SCAG region. Partner with public and private entities to displace petroleum gasoline use by encouraging purchase of alternative vehicles, increasing efficiency of existing fleet vehicles, and reduction of vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Strategic Plan:

Supports Goal #4 – Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

275 Sustainable Communities Program

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Manager: Frank Wen, Philip Law, & Marco Anderson

Program Objective:

The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a proven, recognized and effective framework for deploying essential planning resources throughout the SCAG region. This collaborative initiative provides assistance to local jurisdictions to coordinate sustainable transportation, land use and regional policies and issues in local planning. The SCP seeks to provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active transportation and multimodal planning efforts, sustainability, land use and planning for affordable housing; develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal, the 2024 RTP/SCS; and increase the region's competitiveness for federal and state funds. In FY25, this also includes planning for mobility as a service as well as reconnecting communities previously divided by highway or railway facilities. The SCP aims to address and ensure health and equity in regional land use and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color. The program seeks planning solutions to local growth challenges and results in strategies that promote local and regional sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use, with particular focus on developing and practical strategies to reduce greenhouse gases. It will continue to be a critical tool in achieving SB 375 targets and other State goals aimed at reducing GHG emissions.

Strategic Plan:

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280 Future Communities Initiative

Manager: Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

The Future Communities Initiative includes action items aimed at harnessing the power of new technologies, big data, open data as well as enhanced analytics to promote innovation in regional

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and local planning and reduce transportation demand. Tools and resources provided through the initiative will enable more informed regional and local policy making, increase the efficiency of public service delivery, and ensure the financial sustainability of future cities. The Future Communities Initiative will play a key role in reducing VMT and GHG emissions by modernizing regional land-use and transportation planning tools, fostering data-driven collaboration with SCAG's partner agencies, and providing local agencies with planning resources to pilot new technologies and initiatives to reduce travel demand.

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290 Research, Planning and Engagement for Sustainable Communities

Managers: Ryan Wolfe, Marco Anderson, Ma'Ayn Johnson, Frank Wen, Warren Whiteaker & Hsi-Hwa Hu

Program Objective:

SCAG staff initiated the implementation of Connect SoCal immediately after its adoption, and has since launched research, planning and studies in preparation for the next plan, Connect SoCal 2024. Much of SCAG's research and planning is focused on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips and transportation related GHG through advancing mode shift, transportation demand management, operational efficiency, system accessibility, and integration of future transportation, employment and land use. Research is also focused on aligning land use and encouraging cities and counties to adopt land uses that promote growth in Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas.

Strategic Plan:

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300 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – AB 101

Manager: Ma'Ayn Johnson

Program Objective:

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The REAP 1.0 funding is a one-time planning program that authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing production. SCAG is administering the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance (including housing element data components and policy assessments), subregional partnerships with councils of government, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and planning support offered through the Sustainable Communities Program to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions. The REAP grants program is focused on implementable solutions across land use, financing, development streamlining and other actions that accelerate housing production.

Strategic Plan:

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303 Economic Empowerment

Manager: Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

The Economic Empowerment Program is focused on the implementation of targeted, place-based programs aimed at achieving economic empowerment, environmental and restorative justice across intersectional policy goals identified in the RTP/SCS and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. This program will ensure that the recommendations of the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee inform the strategies and implementation plans in Connect SoCal 2024. The

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staff in this program are also charged with identifying new partnerships, projects and funding sources to develop new programs for implementation of Connect SoCal 2020, the future Connect SoCal 2024, and SCAG’s adopted Racial Equity Action Plan.

Strategic Plan:

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305 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program – REAP 2.0

Managers: Ma’Ayn Johnson, Kate Kigongo, Frank Wen & Marco Anderson

Program Objective:

The REAP 2.0 program seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership between the state, its regions, and local entities. REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program was developed through an inclusive and equitable outreach process with a variety of strategies to reach a wide range of regional stakeholders. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program combines coordinated and transformative housing development, finance, land use, and transportation strategies to help achieve California’s housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. This program includes several projects across three major Program Areas, including Early Program Initiatives, Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program, and the Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP).

Strategic Plan:

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Supports Goal #7 – Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

310 Planning Strategy Development and Implementation

Manager: Frank Wen & Marco Anderson

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Program Objective:

This program will develop a strategic framework for coordinating the implementation, monitoring, and performance assessment of the current Connect SoCal (Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) alongside coordinating the integration of existing strategies, emerging trends and technologies across all SCAG departments to develop of the next Connect SoCal. This project will coordinate and advance planning division priorities and major work programs, and coordinate projects that fall in different departments. Additionally, this program will foster partnerships with federal, state, regional, and local agencies. To accomplish above objectives, the Planning Strategy Department will coordinate planning teams in the following program areas: Connect SoCal Development, Connect SoCal Strategies, and Performance Measurement and Monitoring., Local Planning and Program Assistance, and Local Jurisdiction Technical and Information Assistance.

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315 Last Mile Freight Program – MSRC

Manager: Philip Law

Program Objective:

SCAG has partnered with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) to establish the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP). The LMFP is intended to achieve immediate

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reductions in criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from commercially deployed vehicles/equipment serving the last mile delivery market. The LMFP will inform both industry and the public regarding zero-emissions/near-zero emissions vehicle/equipment and supporting infrastructure performance and how this information can be used to scale emissions reductions to contribute to regional air quality goals.

Strategic Plan:

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320 Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation Grant

Manager: Victor Negrete

Program Objective:

Using \$3.5 million in one-time State-grant funding from the California Workforce Development Board, implement recommendations developed in the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on July 1, 2021. The five deliverables are focused on strategies that support expansion of the number of, and access to, middle wage jobs, strengthen supply chains and access to contracting opportunities for small businesses, expand construction apprenticeships and training, provide regional data to support both state efforts and broader inclusive economic growth efforts, and address human capital needs to realize economic opportunity.

Strategic Plan:

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325 Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI)

Manager: Kate Kigongo

Program Objective:

To demonstrate innovative, next generation technologies and models of regional significance, specifically those with the potential to change transportation and housing paradigms towards

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building more sustainable communities. RPI relies on partnerships with the public sector (local jurisdictions, transit agencies, County Transportation Commissions, etc.) to permit, construct and operate these pilots, and with private sector vendors to implement the pilots. This multi-pronged program explores concepts such as accelerating active transportation improvements and the adoption of e-bike programs, Universal Basic Mobility, adoption of open-loop fare payment systems, and the improvement and expansion of mobility hubs across the region, among other priorities.

Strategic Plan:

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FTA GRANT BUDGET

FTA DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA GRANT BUDGET

Program Overview

SCAG is the Designated Recipient of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Grants under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for the large urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations of 200,000 or more (according to the latest U.S. Census) in the SCAG region. Under the reauthorization bill that was signed into Law on November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill), funding is authorized for 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants Program and U.S.C. Section 5312 National Research & Technology Program to SCAG due to being the Section 5307 Designated Recipient.

As the Designated Recipient, SCAG is responsible to apply for and pass through Section 5339 and Section 5312 grant funds for specialized transportation programs and projects, which provide capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, fixed guide-way, as well as to construct related facilities and purchase related equipment. All the pass-through projects were completed over the last several Fiscal Years. In FY 2024-25, the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget includes only cash contributions (no federal funding) to support compliance monitoring for the post-implementation project.

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant line item budget.

Cost Category	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX Staff	\$ 2,047	\$ 4,152	\$ 2,105
54300 SCAG Consultant	\$ 218,719	\$ 213,719	\$ (5,000)
54360 Pass Through Payments			
Riverside Transit Agency	200,000	-	(200,000)
ATNs'	-	-	-
54360 Total	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ (200,000)
55930 Miscellaneous Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
55931 Miscellaneous Labor	\$ 69,288	\$ -	\$ (69,288)
55932 Miscellaneous Labor Future	\$ -	\$ 46,977	\$ 46,977
59090 Exp Local Other			
Riverside Transit Agency	49,942	-	(49,942)
ATNs'	-	-	-
59090 Total	\$ 49,942	\$ -	\$ (49,942)
Sub-total	\$ 539,996	\$ 264,848	\$ (275,148)
51000 Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,373	\$ 2,701	\$ 1,328
51001 Indirect Costs	\$ 4,693	\$ 10,180	\$ 5,487
Total	\$ 546,062	\$ 277,729	\$ (268,333)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

TDA PROGRAM BUDGET

TDA BUDGET

Program Overview

State of California Public Utilities Code Section 99233.2 authorizes the Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties to allocate up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent of their local transportation funds to SCAG as the multi-county planning agency for the region.

SCAG uses TDA to fund various activities in the Overall Work Program, as shown beginning on page 20, as well as other direct activities. SCAG uses TDA to fund local initiatives and to provide cash match as needed for projects funded with state or federal funds. For Other Work Program Budget, TDA funds SCAG signature events such as General Assembly, Demographic Workshop as well as Economic Summit.

Line Item Budget

In FY 2024-25, the TDA budget includes \$11,556,247 for consultants and staff-related costs to support local transportation planning projects as well as SCAG signature events.

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The following table shows the TDA Budget line item budget for OWP and Other Work Program.

	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
REVENUES:			
TDA Revenue	5,397,327	5,967,359	570,032
Transfer from Fund Balance	319,225	5,588,888	5,269,663
Total Revenues	5,716,552	11,556,247	5,839,695
Overall Work Program (OWP)			
EXPENDITURES:			
500XX Staff	962,805	1,458,290	495,485
54300 SCAG consultant	656,233	3,364,150	2,707,917
54302 Non-Profits/IHL	-	-	-
54304 Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	229,400	271,240	41,840
54340 Legal	164,520	79,278	(85,242)
55210 Software Support	5,735	-	(5,735)
55520 Graphic Supplies	4,000	-	(4,000)
55460 AV, IT or Facilities Materials & Equipment < \$5,000	1,000	-	(1,000)
55620 Res Mats/Non GASB 96 subscriptions	-	450,000	450,000
55580 Outreach/Advertisement	6,000	102,000	96,000
55830 Networking Meetings/Special Events	-	4,000	4,000
55610 Prof Membership	-	-	-
55621 Subscriptions (GASB 96)	-	613,900	613,900
55840 Training Registration	1,000	-	(1,000)
55914 RC General Assembly	-	-	-
55915 Demographic Workshop	-	-	-
55916 Economic Summit	-	-	-
55920 Other Mtg Expense	-	26,500	26,500
5593X Miscellaneous other/Miscellaneous Labor	9,000	9,026	26
55950 Temporary Help	-	-	-
56100 Printing	-	2,500	2,500
5810X Travel	36,000	143,500	107,500
58110 Mileage	-	12,000	12,000
58150 Travel lodge>Per Diem	-	-	-
Sub-total	2,075,693	6,536,384	4,460,691
51000 Fringe benefits - Reg Staff	643,284	812,245	168,961
51003 Fringe benefits - Intern	-	24,163	24,163
51001 Indirect Cost	2,247,193	3,409,190	1,161,997
Total for OWP	4,966,170	10,781,982	5,815,812
Other Work Program			
EXPENDITURES:			
500XX Staff	47,919	52,124	4,205
54300 SCAG consultant	172,800	20,000	(152,800)
55621 Subscriptions (GASB 96)	-	36,275	36,275
55840 Training Registration	-	-	-
55914 RC General Assembly	208,190	340,715	132,525
55915 Demographic Workshop	18,200	18,200	-
55916 Economic Summit	128,250	128,250	-
56100 Printing	16,000	-	(16,000)
58110 Mileage	4,000	4,000	-
58150 Travel lodge>Per Diem	13,000	13,000	-
Sub-total	608,359	612,564	4,205
51000 Fringe benefits - Reg Staff	32,146	33,899	1,753
51001 Indirect Cost	109,877	127,802	17,925
Total for Other Work Program	750,382	774,265	23,883
Total Expenditures	5,716,552	11,556,247	5,839,695

*Totals may not add due to rounding

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

GENERAL FUND BUDGET (GF)

Program Overview

The General Fund (GF) has been established to: provide support to the Regional Council (RC) and its Subcommittees for the costs of stipends and travel; fund costs not eligible for grant reimbursement; provide a source of working capital; finance program expenditures, which must be paid prior to sending requisitions to certain federal and state grantors; and authorize establishment of, and borrowing from, a line of credit. The General Fund is not an available resource to fund project costs otherwise chargeable to grants.

The RC is responsible for conducting the affairs of SCAG pursuant to Article V (A) 4 of the By-Laws. Among other duties, the RC reviews and may revise, amend, increase, or decrease the proposed annual GF budget as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer. The RC submits the approved GF budget to members of the General Assembly (GA) at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for review. After the adoption of the budget and the annual assessment schedule by the GA, the RC controls all GF expenditures in accordance with the budget.

Membership Dues Assessments

The By-Laws require the Executive Director to annually submit the GF budget to the RC. Upon its adoption, the GA fixes membership assessment for all members of SCAG in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the GF budget. The membership dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines of the By-Laws.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund revenues and expenditures by task.

		FY23 Actual	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	FY24 Adopted To FY25 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	348,089	349,754	380,014	30,260
	Cities	1,885,704	2,011,702	2,251,020	239,318
	Commissions	88,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	\$ 2,342,293	\$ 2,469,956	\$ 2,739,534	\$ 269,578
	Interest	189,880	55,086	87,459	32,373
	Other	39,291	41,800	41,800	-
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	393,971.00	340,000	367,273	27,273
Transfer From/To Fund Balance	860,266.00	182,905	(146,368)	(329,273)	
Sub-total	\$ 1,483,407	\$ 619,791	\$ 350,164	\$ (269,627)	
Total Revenues		\$ 3,825,700	\$ 3,089,747	\$ 3,089,698	\$ (49)
EXPENDITURES:	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	43,408.48	26,738	-	(26,738)
	EAC Retreat	33,936.25	40,000	20,000	(20,000)
	Legal Services	128,238.60	164,840	150,000	(14,840)
	Miscellaneous Other	850.32	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	35,694.19	20,000	35,000	15,000
	Professional Memberships	-	-	-	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	-	15,000	5,000	(10,000)
	Stipends	227,690.00	245,000	301,683	56,683
	Travel - Outside	9,053.87	50,000	50,000	-
	Travel - International	18,791.84	-	-	-
	Travel - Local	20,979.84	46,000	46,000	-
	Mileage - Local	12,513.07	25,000	25,000	-
	Task sub-total	\$ 531,156	\$ 632,578	\$ 632,683	\$ 105
Task .02 Legislative	Legislative:				
	Staff Time	10,845.55	34,086	35,959	1,873
	Federal/State Lobbyist	228,000.00	228,000	228,000	-
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	70.00	2,000	500	(1,500)
	Networking Meeting/Special Events	1,765.00	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	38,787.73	15,000	45,000	30,000
	Travel - Outside	5,474.69	10,000	10,000	-
	Travel - Local	154.05	-	200	200
Mileage - Local	118.73	500	200	(300)	
Task sub-total	\$ 285,216	\$ 289,586	\$ 319,859	\$ 30,273	

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General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY23 Actual	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	FY24 Adopted To FY25 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .03 RHNA	RHNA:				
	Staff Time	-	53,688	-	(53,688)
	Legal Services	-	-	273,556	273,556
	Task sub-total	\$ -	\$ 53,688	\$ 273,556	\$ 219,868
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	SCAG Consultant	30,900.00	26,500	-	(26,500)
	Legal Services	231,115.05	220,000	460,000	240,000
	Software Support	153,424.66	-	-	-
	Off-Site Storage	3,868.70	-	-	-
	Bank Fees	18,386.80	15,000	15,000	-
	Office Supplies	25.10	-	-	-
	SCAG Memberships	173,177.68	-	-	-
	Professional Memberships	7,999.74	11,500	900	(10,600)
	Sponsorships	118,728.00	-	-	-
	Networking Meeting/Special Events	430.00	-	-	-
	Scholarships	88,000.00	-	-	-
	Economic Summit	150,317.49	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	19,382.04	50,000	50,000	-
	Miscellaneous Other	31,471.37	20,000	20,000	-
	Travel - Outside	1,214.70	2,500	2,500	-
	Travel - Local	883.25	1,500	1,500	-
	Mileage - Local	1,263.80	500	500	-
Staff Lodging Expense	13,872.41	-	-	-	
	Task sub-total	\$ 1,044,461	\$ 347,500	\$ 550,400	\$ 202,900
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	5,562.89	12,141	12,846	705
	SCAG Consultant	14,034.63	43,200	43,200	-
	General Assembly	724,639.79	453,310	507,510	54,200
	Other Meeting Expense	352.80	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous Other	-	1,500	1,700	200
	Printing	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
	Travel - Local	267.22	-	-	-
Mileage - Local	146.88	1,000	1,000	-	
	Task sub-total	\$ 745,004	\$ 515,151	\$ 566,256	\$ 51,105
Task .10 Capital Outlay >\$5K	Capital Outlay >\$5K				
	Capital Outlay	168,167.52	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	\$ 168,168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	7,234.50	72,642	7,166	(65,476)
	Task sub-total	\$ 7,235	\$ 72,642	\$ 7,166	\$ (65,476)

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General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY23 Actual	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	FY24 Adopted To FY25 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	-	4,845	5,011	166
	Other Meeting Expense	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Miscellaneous Other	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Travel-International	11,157.14	-	-	-
	Mileage - Local	-	500	500	-
Task sub-total		\$ 11,157	\$ 8,845	\$ 9,011	\$ 166
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Outreach/Advertisement	-	-	-	-
Task sub-total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	1,936.90	34,962	3,154	(31,808)
Task sub-total		\$ 1,937	\$ 34,962	\$ 3,154	\$ (31,808)
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Employee Engagement Program				
	Engagement Committee	19,985.71	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	4,582.55	15,000	15,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	-	50,000	50,000
	Department Allowance	8,548.19	15,000	15,000	-
Task sub-total		\$ 33,116	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
Task .29 Special Events	Special Events				
	SCAG Consultant	-	-	\$ 20,000	20,000
	Scholarships		44,000	44,000	-
	Demographic Workshop		9,800	9,800	-
	Economic Summit		29,750	59,750	30,000
	SCAG Memberships		127,600	130,100	2,500
	RC Sponsorships	6,500.00	165,000	165,000	-
	Task sub-total		\$ 6,500	\$ 376,150	\$ 428,650
Total for all tasks		\$ 2,833,950	\$ 2,381,102	\$ 2,890,735	\$ 509,633
Allocated Fringe Benefits	52,597	160,398	41,711	(118,687)	
Allocated Indirect Costs	170,778	548,247	157,252	(390,995)	
Total		\$ 3,057,325	\$ 3,089,747	\$ 3,089,698	\$ (49)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET (FB)

Program Overview

Fringe benefits (FB) are employee-associated costs such as leave expenses (vacation, holidays, personal floating holidays, sick leave, etc.), health plan expenses, retirement plan expenses, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, bus/rail/carpool expenses, tuition reimbursement expenses, technology allowance, and deferred compensation expenses. These costs are expressed as a rate for full-time regular staff. The rate is the pooled costs of the fringe benefits divided by the total salaries for full-time regular staff.

To participate in SCAG's fringe benefits program, staff must hold benefits-eligible positions as regular, at-will or limited-term positions. Some of these programs provide staff and their families with financial protection if they become ill or disabled. These programs also allow staff and their family to recreate and spend time together. Others are designed to aid them in preparing for retirement or in meeting educational costs they incur for themselves.

The employee-associated costs are related to SCAG's full-time staff to generate a fringe benefits burden rate. The fringe benefits burden is applied to all staff charges in OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget, General Fund, and Indirect projects.

A rate is applied to all OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget, General Fund and Indirect cost salaries, e.g., for every \$1,000 of salaries, the FB budget is \$650.352 (65.0352%).

Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employees may be eligible for SCAG's limited fringe benefits. Part-time staff, interns, and temporary employee benefits are calculated separately and are not part of the fringe benefits burden rate.

FRINGE BENEFITS BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Fringe Benefits line item budget.

GL Account	Line Item	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
60002	Sick leave	537,332	573,861	36,529
60004	PFH	680,951	741,963	61,012
60003	Holiday	1,251,499	1,399,452	147,953
60001	Vacation	1,773,195	1,731,769	(41,426)
60032	Sick - Interns	10,333	10,333	-
60041	Vacation Cash Out	75,000	86,000	11,000
6011X	PERS	8,385,649	8,904,791	519,142
60120	PARS	80,752	82,367	1,615
60200	Health insurance - actives	2,904,612	3,147,400	242,788
60201	Health insurance - retirees PAYGO	703,491	767,068	63,577
60210	Dental insurance	327,592	292,842	(34,750)
60220	Vision insurance	91,550	82,796	(8,754)
60225	Life insurance	123,106	143,383	20,277
60240	Medicare tax employers - regular staff	439,451	460,587	21,136
60250	Medicare tax employers - interns	4,495	4,495	-
60255	Social security tax employers - interns	23,715	19,220	(4,495)
60300	Tuition reimbursement	43,776	33,776	(10,000)
60310	Bus passes - regular staff	50,000	35,000	(15,000)
60315	Bus passes - interns	8,073	1,000	(7,073)
60360	De Minimis Employee Exp	15,000	15,000	-
60365	De Minimis Employee Exp Interns	5,167	5,172	5
60366	Technology Allowance	388,080	390,600	2,520
60367	Technology Allowance Intern	28,933	28,962	29
60400	Workers compensation	146,286	158,739	12,453
60405	Unemployment compensation Insurance	35,000	35,000	-
60410	Miscellaneous employee benefits	16,836	12,636	(4,200)
60415	SCAG 457 match	434,750	439,750	5,000
60450	Benefits administrative fees	85,605	90,913	5,308
60500	Automobile allowance	20,700	20,700	-
		18,690,931	19,715,575	1,024,644

*Totals may not add due to rounding

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

INDIRECT COST BUDGET (IC)

Program Overview

The Indirect Cost Budget is established to provide funding for staff salaries, fringe benefits and other non-labor costs that are not attributable to an individual direct program project, except on a pro-rata basis. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) is prepared in accordance with the guidelines of SCAG’s federal cognizant agency, FTA, and requires their approval as well as Caltrans approval.

An IC rate, approved by FTA and Caltrans, is applied to all productive staff salaries and fringe costs. For example, for every \$1,000 of direct salaries and fringe, the IC budget is \$1,485.69 (148.5690%). A review of the comprehensive line item budget chart beginning on page 12 shows the impact of this concept. Notice that the budgets for the OWP, FTA Grant Budget, TDA Budget and General Fund include allocated funds for the indirect costs which represents each budget component’s share of funding the Indirect Cost program.

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

Line Item Budget

The following table shows the Indirect Cost line item budget.

GL Account		Cost Category	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Proposed	Incr (Decr)
500XX	Staff		12,489,756	13,530,521	1,040,765
5XXXX	SCAG consultant		3,113,268	2,974,518	(138,750)
54340	Legal		186,335	271,335	85,000
55201	Network and Communications		179,548	213,950	34,402
55210	Software support		983,709	629,337	(354,372)
55220	Hardware support		693,826	283,826	(410,000)
55240	Repair- maintenance		55,000	55,000	-
55250	Cloud Services		-	1,395,040	1,395,040
55251	Cloud Support		2,754,062	338,998	(2,415,064)
55271	Owned Software		579,348	606,493	27,145
55275	Co-location Services		171,997	171,997	-
55400	Office rent / Operating expense		2,442,665	2,589,665	147,000
55410	Office rent satellite		295,142	304,142	9,000
55415	Off-site Storage		5,000	5,000	-
55420	Equipment leases		100,000	100,000	-
55430	Equip repairs and maintenance		2,000	2,000	-
55435	Security Services		100,000	100,000	-
55440	Insurance		370,000	390,000	20,000
55441	Payroll / bank fees		17,500	36,000	18,500
55445	Taxes		1,000	1,000	-
55460	AV, IT or Facilities Materials & equipment <\$5K		204,000	154,000	(50,000)
55510	Office supplies		73,800	73,800	-
55520	Graphic Supplies		4,000	4,000	-
55540	Postage		10,000	10,000	-
55550	Delivery services		15,000	20,000	5,000
55600	SCAG memberships		104,000	130,600	26,600
55610	Professional memberships		1,500	20,100	18,600
55611	Professional dues		8,750	3,250	(5,500)
5562X	Resource materials, GASB 96 & Non-GASB 96 Subscriptions		169,000	1,804,520	1,635,520
55630	COVID Facility Exp		53,740	-	(53,740)
55631	ADA & Safety Compliance		15,000	15,000	-
55700	Depreciation - furniture & fixture		250,000	300,000	50,000
55720	Amortization - lease		75,000	75,000	-
55800	Recruitment advertng		65,000	65,000	-
55801	Recruitment - other		45,000	45,000	-
55820	In House Training		70,000	70,000	-
55830	Networking Meetings/Special Events		20,500	24,500	4,000
55840	Training Registration		98,000	98,000	-
55920	Other meeting expense		1,250	1,250	-
5593X	Miscellaneous		13,000	95,546	82,546
55950	Temporary help		186,000	160,000	(26,000)
56100	Printing		23,000	23,000	-
58100	Travel		111,000	140,500	29,500
58101	Travel - local		19,378	25,878	6,500
58110	Mileage		18,200	17,700	(500)
	Sub-total		26,194,274	27,375,466	1,181,192
51000	Fringe benefits - regular staff		8,304,738	8,728,070	423,332
51003	Fringe benefits - interns		26,885	13,290	(13,595)
	Total		\$ 34,525,897	36,116,826	\$ 1,590,929

*Totals may not add due to rounding; 5XXXX line includes Consultant and Other Consultant

INDIRECT COST BUDGET

Indirect Cost Work Areas

The Indirect Cost budget is spread across several functional work areas within the agency. The following chart describes each work area.

Group	Work Area	Activities
Administration	Finance	Finance is responsible for all financial activities of the agency, including accounting, budget & grants, investment policy, contracts, procurement, internal audits, and directing outside audits.
	Human Resources	Human Resources (HR) is responsible for staff recruitment, employee relations, training, employee benefits, maintaining personnel records, and administration of personnel rules and systems.
	Information Technology	Information Technology (IT) supports IT operations, computers for office staff, modeling and GIS capabilities, phone systems, video conferencing, and networks, as well as Facilities/property management for all of SCAG offices.
	Planning	Planning Administration supports activities that are not directly related to specific projects, such as the overall administration of the Planning Division, and efforts involved in the Policy Committee meetings.
Agency-wide Management		The Agency-wide Management section is responsible for the management of staff, the budget, and the day-to-day operations of the departments. The Executive Director is the official representative of the agency and its policies.
Legal Services		Legal Services is responsible for all internal and external legal affairs of SCAG.
Government and Public Affairs	Legislation	This unit is responsible for interfacing with the legislative processes at the federal and state levels.
	Regional Services & Media and Public Affairs	The primary responsibility of this unit is to maintain and expand governmental, community and private sector participation in the regional planning work of SCAG. This is done by working with cities and counties, local government officials, community, and business interest groups.



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SECTION III
APPENDICES

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2024-25
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	33,833	7,939
LOS ANGELES	997,999	165,934
ORANGE	132,114	42,333
RIVERSIDE	401,693	77,701
SAN BERNARDINO	297,482	64,029
VENTURA	92,063	22,078
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SUB-TOTAL	1,955,184	380,014

CITIES (191)

ADELANTO	36,656	5,309
AGOURA HILLS	19,770	2,844
ALHAMBRA	81,303	11,167
ALISO VIEJO	50,766	7,160
ANAHEIM	328,580	43,859
APPLE VALLEY	74,996	10,339
ARCADIA	55,503	7,782
ARTESIA	16,093	2,361
AVALON	3,351	540
AZUSA	49,483	6,992
BALDWIN PARK	70,368	9,732
BANNING	31,250	4,600
BARSTOW	24,918	3,519
BEAUMONT	56,590	7,924
BELL	33,370	4,878
BELLFLOWER	76,924	10,592
BELL GARDENS	38,447	5,544
BEVERLY HILLS	31,658	4,653
BIG BEAR LAKE	4,914	745
BLYTHE	17,265	2,515
BRADBURY	889	217
BRAWLEY	27,539	4,113
BREA	48,184	6,822
BUENA PARK	83,517	11,457
BURBANK	104,535	14,465
CALABASAS	22,808	3,242

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	POP CITIES	2024-25
CALEXICO	38,697	5,577
CALIMESA	10,962	1,688
CALIPATRIA	5,975	884
CAMARILLO	69,309	9,593
CANYON LAKE	10,949	1,686
CARSON	92,186	12,594
CATHEDRAL CITY	51,433	7,248
CERRITOS	47,887	6,783
CHINO	93,137	12,719
CHINO HILLS	77,058	10,610
CLAREMONT	36,759	5,323
COACHELLA	42,462	6,071
COLTON	53,154	7,474
COMMERCE	12,036	1,829
COMPTON	93,719	12,796
CORONA	157,005	21,349
COSTA MESA	111,183	15,337
COVINA	50,350	7,106
CUDAHY	22,270	3,172
CULVER CITY	39,682	5,706
CYPRESS	49,818	7,036
DANA POINT	33,155	4,850
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	32,608	4,778
DIAMOND BAR	53,381	7,503
DOWNEY	111,261	15,347
DUARTE	22,796	3,241
EASTVALE	69,514	9,620
EL CENTRO	44,445	6,331
EL MONTE	106,377	14,706
EL SEGUNDO	16,928	2,471
FILLMORE	16,899	2,467
FONTANA	213,851	28,807
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	56,987	7,977
FULLERTON	142,873	19,494
GARDEN GROVE	171,183	23,209
GARDENA	59,809	8,347
GLENDALE	191,284	25,846
GLENDORA	51,159	7,212
GRAND TERRACE	12,814	1,931
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	13,546	2,027

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	POP CITIES	2024-25
HAWTHORNE	85,702	11,744
HEMET	89,918	12,297
HERMOSA BEACH	19,018	2,745
HESPERIA	100,041	13,875
HIDDEN HILLS	1,731	327
HIGHLAND	55,984	7,845
HOLTVILLE	5,502	822
HUNTINGTON BEACH	195,714	26,427
HUNTINGTON PARK	53,281	7,490
IMPERIAL	21,496	3,070
INDIAN WELLS	4,774	726
INDIO	90,837	12,418
INDUSTRY	427	156
INGLEWOOD	106,248	14,689
IRVINE	303,051	40,509
IRWINDALE	1,483	295
JURUPA VALLEY	104,983	14,523
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	19,930	2,865
LA HABRA	61,835	8,613
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,505	822
LA MIRADA	47,899	6,784
LA PALMA	15,332	2,262
LA PUENTE	37,356	5,401
LA QUINTA	37,979	5,483
LA VERNE	32,056	4,706
LAGUNA BEACH	22,445	3,195
LAGUNA HILLS	30,525	4,505
LAGUNA NIGUEL	64,702	8,989
LAGUNA WOODS	17,450	2,539
LAKE ELSINORE	71,973	9,943
LAKE FOREST	87,127	11,931
LAKESWOOD	80,154	11,016
LANCASTER	173,376	23,496
LAWNDALE	30,882	4,552
LOMA LINDA	25,228	3,810
LOMITA	20,092	2,886
LONG BEACH	458,222	60,867
LOS ALAMITOS	12,129	1,841
LOS ANGELES	3,766,109	495,351
LYNWOOD	66,228	9,189
MALIBU	10,512	1,629

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	POP CITIES	
MANHATTAN BEACH	34,284	4,998
MAYWOOD	24,546	3,470
MENIFEE	110,034	15,186
MISSION VIEJO	91,846	12,550
MONROVIA	37,539	5,425
MONTCLAIR	37,494	5,419
MONTEBELLO	61,645	8,588
MONTEREY PARK	59,288	8,278
MOORPARK	35,151	5,112
MORENO VALLEY	208,289	28,077
MURRIETA	109,998	15,181
NEEDLES	4,756	724
NEWPORT BEACH	83,411	11,443
NORCO	25,037	3,785
NORWALK	101,153	14,021
OJAI	7,493	1,083
ONTARIO	180,717	24,459
ORANGE	139,063	18,995
OXNARD	197,477	26,658
PALM DESERT	50,615	7,141
PALM SPRINGS	44,092	6,285
PALMDALE	165,917	22,518
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	12,935	1,947
PARAMOUNT	52,178	7,346
PASADENA	136,988	18,722
PERRIS	78,948	10,858
PICO RIVERA	60,975	8,500
PLACENTIA	52,507	7,389
POMONA	149,721	20,393
PORT HUENEME	21,356	3,052
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	173,545	23,519
RANCHO MIRAGE	17,012	2,482
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	41,030	5,883
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	47,066	6,675
REDLANDS	71,972	9,942
REDONDO BEACH	68,407	9,475
RIALTO	102,985	14,261
RIVERSIDE	313,676	41,903
ROLLING HILLS	1,669	319
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,446	1,208

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	POP CITIES	2024-25
ROSEMEAD	50,022	7,063
SAN BERNARDINO	223,230	30,037
SAN BUENAVENTURA	107,341	14,833
SAN CLEMENTE	63,237	8,796
SAN DIMAS	34,079	4,971
SAN FERNANDO	23,487	3,331
SAN GABRIEL	38,466	5,547
SAN JACINTO	54,103	7,598
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	35,089	5,104
SAN MARINO	12,206	1,851
SANTA ANA	299,630	40,060
SANTA CLARITA	230,659	31,012
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,570	2,686
SANTA MONICA	91,720	12,533
SANTA PAULA	31,423	4,623
SEAL BEACH	24,647	3,484
SIERRA MADRE	10,821	1,670
SIGNAL HILL	11,431	1,750
SIMI VALLEY	124,174	17,041
SOUTH EL MONTE	19,461	2,803
SOUTH GATE	92,628	12,652
SOUTH PASADENA	26,273	3,947
STANTON	39,084	5,628
TEMECULA	108,899	15,037
TEMPLE CITY	35,813	5,199
THOUSAND OAKS	122,967	16,883
TORRANCE	143,057	19,519
TUSTIN	79,558	10,938
TWENTYNINE PALMS	25,929	3,902
UPLAND	78,376	10,783
VERNON	205	127
VICTORVILLE	137,193	18,749
VILLA PARK	5,790	860
WALNUT	27,553	4,115
WEST COVINA	107,893	14,905
WEST HOLLYWOOD	34,793	5,065
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	7,919	1,139
WESTMINSTER	90,498	12,373
WESTMORLAND	1,989	361
WILDOMAR	36,336	5,267
WHITTIER	87,291	11,952

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	POP CITIES	2024-25
YORBA LINDA	67,068	9,299
YUCCA VALLEY	21,635	3,088
YUCAIPA	53,991	7,583
SUB-TOTAL	16,569,609	2,264,183
<u>TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS (16)</u>		
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	27,090	4,054
AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	0	150
CABAZON BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	192	125
CAHUILLA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	229	130
CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE	464	161
COLORADO RIVER RESERVATION	1,213	259
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE	253	133
FORT YUMA (QUECHAN TRIBE) RESERVATION	1,876	346
MORONGO-MISSION INDIANS	1,243	263
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	582	176
RAMONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	137	118
SANTA ROSA BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	131	117
SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	567	174
TORRES MARTINEZ BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	119	116
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SUB-TOTAL	34,096	6,623

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<u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,182,056	25,000
RCTC	2,439,234	25,000
VCTC	825,653	10,000
ICTC	179,476	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,137,164	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	8,763,583	108,500
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		2,759,320

SCAG SALARY SCHEDULE

	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum	
			Hourly		Hourly		Hourly	
1	Accountant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
2	Administrative Assistant	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
3	Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
4	Applications Administration Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
5	Applications Analyst Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
6	Applications Administrator	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
7	Assistant Modeler	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
8	Assistant Regional Planner	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
9	Associate Modeler	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
10	Associate Regional Planner	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
11	Audio/Video Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
12	Benefits Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
13	Budget and Grants Analyst	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
14	Chief Counsel	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
15	Chief Financial Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
16	Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
17	Chief Human Resources Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
18	Chief Information Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
19	Chief Operating Officer	\$261,221.67	\$125.59	\$318,690.44	\$153.22	\$376,159.21	\$180.85	Monthly
20	Chief Planning Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
21	Chief Strategy Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
22	Clerk of the Board	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
23	Communications Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
24	Community Engagement Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
25	Contracts Administrator	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
26	Creative Designer	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
27	Database Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
28	Department Manager	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
29	Deputy Clerk of the Board	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
30	Deputy Director (Division)	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
31	Deputy Legal Counsel	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
31	Deputy Legal Counsel *applies to employees hired before 12/31/2022	\$122,304.00	\$58.80	\$140,670.40	\$67.63	\$159,036.80	\$76.46	Monthly
32	Executive Assistant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
33	Executive Director ^	flat	---	flat	---	\$382,000.00	---	Monthly
34	Facilities Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
35	Finance Associate	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Monthly
36	GIS Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
37	GIS Applications Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
38	GIS Database Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
39	Government Affairs Officer	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
40	Human Resources Analyst I	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
41	Human Resources Analyst II	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
42	Internal Auditor	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
43	IT PMO Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
44	IT Project Manager	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
45	IT Projects Assistant	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Hourly
46	Lead IT Help Desk	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
47	Lead Projects Manager	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
48	Lead Systems Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
49	Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
50	Management Analyst	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
51	Modeling Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
52	Office Assistant	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly

SCAG SALARY SCHEDULE

	Classification	Ranges						Time Base
		Minimum	Minimum Hourly	Midpoint	Midpoint Hourly	Maximum	Maximum Hourly	
53	Office Services Specialist	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
54	Payroll Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
55	Planning Administration Officer	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
56	Planning Supervisor	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
57	Principal Accountant	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
58	Principal Budget and Grants Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
59	Principal Contracts Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
60	Principal Human Resources Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
61	Principal Management Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
62	Principal Modeler	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
63	Principal Planner	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
64	Public Affairs Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
65	Senior Accountant	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
66	Senior Administrative Assistant	\$64,399.93	\$30.96	\$75,669.92	\$36.38	\$86,939.91	\$41.80	Hourly
67	Senior Applications Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
68	Senior Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
69	Senior Audio/Visual Technician	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
70	Senior Budget & Grants Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
71	Senior Contracts Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
72	Senior Creative Designer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
73	Senior Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
74	Senior Deputy Legal Counsel	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
75	Senior Economist	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
76	Senior GIS Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
77	Senior GIS Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
78	Senior Government Affairs Officer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
79	Senior Human Resources Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
80	Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
80	Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst *applies to employees hired before 12/31/2022	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
81	Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
82	Senior Management Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
83	Senior Modeler	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
84	Senior Network Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
85	Senior Office Services Specialist	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Monthly
86	Senior Public Affairs Specialist	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
87	Senior Regional Planner	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
88	Senior Systems Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
89	Solutions Architect	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
90	Special Events Producer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
91	Web/Content Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly



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List of Budget Changes

Project Task No.	Project Task Name	Category	Budget Change	Indirect Cost	General Fund	TDA (non-OWP)	CPG FHWA_PL	CPG FTA_5303	FY23 SB1 Formula	FY24 SB1 Formula	TDA	CRP	Federal Other	State Others	MSRC	In-Kind Commitments	Cash/Local Other	OWP Page No.	Justification
010.0170.01	RTP Amendments, Management and Coordination	Staff	-				-									-		Pg. 1 of 174	FTE adjustment
010.1631.02	Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Planning	Other																Pg. 5 of 174	Task Manager update
010.1631.04	Congestion Management Process (CMP)	Staff	4,851				4,295									556		Pg. 6 of 174	FTE adjustment, Task Manager update
015.4907.01	Research Design Framework for Transportation Pricing and Incentives Pilots	Staff	-															Pg. 14 of 174	FTE adjustment
015.4909.01	Regional Transportation Plan Technical Support	Staff	-															Pg. 15 of 174	FTE adjustment
065.4876.01	Priority Agricultural Lands	Consultant	500,000											500,000				Pg. 70 of 174	Consultant carryover adjustment
065.4878.01	Natural & Agricultural Lands Policy Development & Implementation	Consultant	142,351					142,351										Pg. 72 of 174	Consultant carryover adjustment
090.0148.01	Public Information and Communication	Consultant	55,000					55,000										Pg. 98 of 174	Consultant carryover adjustment
100.4911.01	Smart Cities Strategic Plan	Staff	(29,821)								26,056	(26,056)				(29,821)		Pg. 118 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
100.4911.02	Transportation User Fee - Planning Groundwork Project Phase II	Staff	(26,280)								23,265	(23,265)				(26,280)		Pg. 120 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
100.4911.03	SB743 Mitigation Support	Staff	(6,273)								5,555	(5,555)				(6,273)		Pg. 122 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
100.4911.04	Supporting Infrastructure for Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy-Duty Truck Study	Staff	(13,281)								11,757	(11,757)				(13,281)		Pg. 123 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
100.4911.05	Express Travel Choices Phase III	Staff	(6,882)									(6,092)				(790)		Pg. 125 of 174	FTE adjustment
100.4911.05	Express Travel Choices Phase III	Staff	(5,577)								4,938	(4,938)				(5,577)		Pg. 125 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
120.0175.01	OWP Development & Administration	Staff	(1)								(1)							Pg. 135 of 174	Rounding adjustment
130.0162.20	Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan	Staff	(73,920)								65,442	(65,442)				(73,920)		Pg. 141 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
130.0162.21	Last Mile Freight Program Phase 2	Staff	(12,969)								11,481	(11,481)				(12,969)		Pg. 143 of 174	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
140.0121.01	Transit Planning	Staff	(121,306)					(107,392)								(13,914)		Pg. 146 of 174	FTE adjustment
140.0121.02	Passenger Rail Planning	Staff	121,305					107,392								13,913		Pg. 148 of 174	FTE adjustment, Task Manager update
140.0121.08	Transit Performance Monitoring and Target Setting	Staff	(4,851)					(4,295)								(556)		Pg. 150 of 174	FTE adjustment
225.3564.14	SCP 2019 Local Demonstration Initiative	Staff/Consultant	53,443								53,443							Pg. 3 of 87	Consultant carryover adjustment
225.4955.01	Safe Streets and Roads for All	Staff/Consultant	12,000,000								-		12,000,000					Pg. 8 of 87	Programming the new grant, SS4A
230.0174.05	Regional Aviation Program Development and Implementation in support of RTP/SCS	Staff	27,526				24,369									3,157		Pg. 153 of 174	FTE adjustment
267.1241.04	SCAG and DOE/NETL Clean Cities Coalition Coordination	Staff	-								(106,190)		106,190					Pg. 10 of 87	Shifting funding source from TDA to DOE Clean Cities in anticipation of the Year 4 DOE award
275.4892.02	Sustainable Communities Program - 2020 Call 1 (ATP Cycle 5)	Staff	(4,399)								(4,399)							Pg. 18 of 87	FTE adjustment
275.4893.01	Mobility as a Service (MaaS) and Transit Pilot Feasibility (FY 23 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	35,000						30,985		4,015							Pg. 20 of 87	Consultant carryover adjustment
290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Staff	6,882									6,092				790		Pg. 29 of 87	FTE adjustment
290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Staff	(16,472)								14,583	(14,583)				(16,472)		Pg. 29 of 87	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
290.4896.02	Regional Resiliency Analysis (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-															Pg. 37 of 87	Steps and products update
290.4896.02	Regional Resiliency Analysis (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	120,000						106,236		13,764							Pg. 37 of 87	Consultant carryover adjustment
290.4913.02	Civic Spark Climate Fellows (FY24 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	42,000								4,817							Pg. 40 of 87	Consultant carryover adjustment
290.4914.01	Land Use Alternatives Development (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	150,000						132,795		17,205							Pg. 43 of 87	Consultant carryover adjustment
290.4915.04	Connect SoCal-Development of 15-Minute Community Strategies (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	181,981						161,108		20,873							Pg. 49 of 87	Programming a new task, consistent with the change proposed in the FY24 OWP Budget Amendment 2
310.4874.01	Connect SoCal Development	Staff	(13,764)				(12,185)									(1,579)		Pg. 163 of 174	FTE adjustment
310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(13,764)				(12,185)									(1,579)		Pg. 166 of 174	FTE adjustment
310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Consultant	48,500								48,500							Pg. 166 of 174	Consultant carryover adjustment
315.4898.01	Last Mile Freight Program (MSRC)	Consultant	13,249,468												4,767,314		8,482,154	Pg. 80 of 87	Consultant (Subrecipients) carryover adjustment
325.4950.01	Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI)	Other	-															Pg. 86 of 87	Task Name update
325.4950.01	Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI)	Staff	(108,373)								95,942	(95,942)						Pg. 86 of 87	Match fund source update from in-kind to TDA
700.4743.05	General Assembly TDA / RC General Assembly & GASB 96	Staff	-																Reallocated the budget within the task in 700.4743.05 from GL 55914 - RC General Assembly to GL 55621 - GASB 96 Software Subscriptions.
810.0120.08 / 810.0120.04	Accounting / Human Resources	Staff	-																Transferring \$390,000 GL 55440 - Insurance (JPIA) from 810.0120.08 Accounting to 810.0120.04 Human Resources. The policy is managed by the HR Department.
810.0120.12	Budget & Grants	Staff	-																Budget neutral transfer correction of professional dues to professional membership.
TOTAL			\$ 26,280,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,294	\$ 193,056	\$ 431,124	\$ 37,183	\$ 311,046	\$ (259,019)	\$ 12,106,190	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,767,314	\$ (292,968)	\$ 8,482,154		

Attachment: List of Budget Changes - FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget (Resolution No. 24-665-1)



NO. 664
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

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

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

Members Present

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| Hon. Art Brown, President | <i>Buena Park</i> | District 21 |
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Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
 Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
 Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director of Finance
 Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
 Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
 Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
 Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
 Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
 Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel
 Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
 Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

There were no public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged SCAG received five comments on Connect SoCal 2024 and 68 on the REAP, which were received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline, and posted on the website and transmitted to the members of the Regional Council.

Seeing no public comment speakers for items not listed on the agenda, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Counsel Duran reported there was a need to reorganized agenda items. He indicated they would group items No.s 1, 3, and the Consent Calendar for a single vote and act on Item No.2 separately. He further clarified that they first needed to act on Item No. 2 to certify the final Environmental Impact Report.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Certify the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337) for Connect SoCal 2024

The following public comments speakers provided comments in support if Items No. 2 and No. 3.

- Richard Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council
- Elissa Diaz, Senior Public Policy Manager at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Chris Wilson, Los Angeles County Business Federation

- Nayiri Baghdassarian, Director of Public Policy, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Amy Peake, Rebuild SoCal Partnership
- Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
- George Boutros, Government Affairs Officer, Orange County Business Council
- Carlos Rodriguez, Building Industry Association of Southern California

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, indicated she would provide the presentation on both Item No.s 2 and 3.

Board Counsel Duran acknowledge this was correct and noted they would just act separately on Item No. 2.

Before the presentation, Ms. Jepson noted that there were two minor errors in the agenda packet. She noted that on agenda packet page 41, the PEIR Resolution included a reference to Appendix “X” and had been corrected to read “Appendix H”. She also noted that on agenda packet page 282, slide 24, there was an error to the PEIR Resolution Number and had been corrected for this presentation. She further noted that the PEIR Resolution number was correct in the rest of the agenda packet.

Ms. Jepson reported that SCAG staff presented a summary of the changes to the draft Connect SoCal 2024 to the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) and that the members discussed proposals for consideration in the next Plan including autonomous vehicles, urban air mobility, the environment beyond climate change and new mobility such as scooters, as well as other comments related to transit. She noted that at the conclusion of the discussion, the JPC voted to recommend that the Regional Council approve the proposed final 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal 2024 or Plan), the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment and the associated proposed final transportation conformity analysis. She shared that the final proposed Connect SoCal 2024 was made available to the public the previous Thursday, and prior to that on Monday, March 25, SCAG posted the final PEIR and notified stakeholders. She noted they would be seeking two actions, one to certify the PEIR and the second to adopt Connect SoCal 2024.

She explained that Connect SoCal 2024 was meant to serve as a compass – it was not prescriptive or regulatory but provided guidance to align policies and investments across the region to achieve shared goals. She further explained that long-range planning, and the process to develop this Plan required that they examine the existing conditions of where they are today. She shared that they inventoried adopted local plans to understand each community’s plan for the future, then SCAG pursued research and analyzed trends to understand what the future could look like and coordinated extensively with stakeholders across the region to understand where they wanted to go. She noted this final proposed plan met all their state and federal requirements and would allow the region to continue moving forward with much needed transportation projects. She emphasized

that it also provided a compass for moving forward together and collaborating regionally, which was necessary to bridge the gap between where they can go alone and what they can achieve together.

Her presentation also included an overview of SCAG's role in the region, the vision and goals, and a view into the Plan's vision for the future centered around four goals for each of the key pillars of the plan: Mobility, Communities, Environment and Economy. She shared that once the plan was adopted, the work would begin to move forward and advance each of these goals. She noted that Connect SoCal outlined implementation strategies for SCAG to either lead, partner or support other implementing agencies in moving toward the vision and goals. She also provided a few highlights on the four goals (Mobility, Communities, Environment and Economy) and how they aim to realize them and their role, as SCAG, in getting there. She also emphasized that all of SCAG's work in mobility, communities, the environment, and the economy, will work together to move toward a brighter future for the region. She also noted that collaborating at a regional level can enable them to tackle these and other challenges by scaling up solutions and sharing best practices across the hundreds of local agencies in Southern California. She also shared that the implementation of the Plan will require significant investment, with \$751.1 billion allocated to maintaining the current network and providing more travel options throughout the region. She also noted that implementing the plan means a more efficient development pattern where houses and jobs are located in areas with multiple transportation options and access to jobs and opportunities which will lead to less delay in their daily travel, reduced GHG emissions from passenger vehicles, and direct economic impacts like new jobs from their investments and increased regional competitiveness. She also noted that plan implementation efforts will depend on collaboration and policy leadership; federal funding administration; data collection, analysis, and research; and local technical assistance.

With respect to the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), she indicated that the Plan triggered CEQA. She noted that since 2012 they have met their CEQA requirements through a program level Environmental Impact Report and that this proposed final PEIR complied with all the CEQA requirements. She explained that public participation was a core part of the CEQA process, and that since the beginning, they have leveraged and created opportunities to engage with stakeholders beyond the CEQA requirements and those of Assembly Bill 52. She noted that on March 7, the JPC moved to recommend the Regional Council to certify the Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 at the April meeting. She explained that the major PEIR Developments since March JPC meeting were that SCAG staff made progress on two major milestones for the PEIR, completion and posting of the proposed Final PEIR and additional CEQA-required information. She reemphasized that on March 25, 2024, staff posted the proposed Final PEIR on SCAG's PEIR website, which included response to comments for all comments, which complies with the 10-day requirement under CEQA to provide a written response to comments made by public agencies. She noted that the proposed Final PEIR was comprised of three components: 1) the complete Draft PEIR, combined

with two new chapters; 2) Chapter 8, Response to Comments; and 3) Chapter 9, Clarifications and Revisions. She further noted that the complete proposed Final PEIR included 10 technical appendices and totaled over 15,000 pages. She also provided a brief overview of additional CEQA-required information for the Final PEIR.

She also noted the next steps and indicated that it involved the Regional Council's certification of the PEIR and the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, followed by the submission of a CEQA Notice of Determination, and submittal of the RTP and FTIP Consistency Amendment to the respective state and federal regulatory agencies. Lastly, she acknowledged the public comments that were received prior to the 5:00 p.m. deadline and noted that the team addressed the recent comments on the plan and confirmed no substantive changes were required.

Board Counsel Duran stated that they were offering the final opportunity for public comment before members of the Regional Council asked questions and/or deliberated on the item. He noted there were public comments called for Item No. 2 but because Ms. Jepson had offered a comprehensive report on Item No.s 2 and 3, they were requesting that public comment on Items 2 and 3 be taken.

Pam O'Conner, former SCAG President, shared that she was President in 2012 when they passed the first RTP/SCS. She expressed she was happy to see the robust process that started and had only gotten better with all the engagement with the stakeholders. She shared this was a complicated process. She indicated that she hoped it would be a unanimous vote.

The following public comments speakers provided comments in support if Items No. 2 and No. 3.

- Eli Lipmen, Executive Director for Move LA
- Victor Reyes, on behalf of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association
- Helen Higgins, Friends of Coyote Hills
- Melanie Schlotterbeck, on behalf of the Natural and Farmlands Coalition organized by Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, expressed support for the plan; however, noted that they were disappointed by the short review period. She also noted that SCAG needed to deepen its analysis on sea level rise impacts on transportation and utilities infrastructure as this ongoing stressor required robust policies and mitigation measures for resilience. Lastly, she urged SCAG to expand the policy to incorporate planning for the inevitable impacts of climate disasters on transportation assets, such as sea level rise, wildfires, and landslides.

Regional Council Member Lauren Meister, West Hollywood, District 41, asked staff to address Mr. Silver's comment related to RAMP. Ms. Jepson addressed the question and noted that the Regional Council spent a lot of time working on the Regional Advanced Mitigation Plan (RAMP). She

explained that SCAG developed the RAMP Policy Framework which outlined SCAG's role and responsibilities for advancing RAMP in the region. She emphasized that SCAG's role was not to be an implementing agency but rather would work with other implementing agencies, such as a Metro or Orange County Transportation Authority, to support their RAMP programs or establishing new RAMP programs in the region. She noted that SCAG's role was to provide the tools, resources, and the encouragement to support the implementing agencies in moving forward with RAMP programs.

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn, Business Representative, reported that she was very pleased to report that in addition to her role serving as a Regional Council Business Representative, she was also Chair of SCAG's Global Land Use and Economics Council (GLUE Council), which was comprised of the business leaders from Southern California and the SCAG region. She shared that after two years of working with staff and studying the Connect SoCal Plan, she was pleased to report that by consensus the GLUE Council had unanimously agreed to support the Plan and appreciated working with staff, Kome, and Sarah over the last couple of years to address issues and concerns. She emphasized that it was critically important for the economic prosperity of Southern California. She highlighted that the memo from her as Chair was included in their supplemental materials and outlined the business principles that were addressed, as well as the support of this Plan. She urged a support vote from the Regional Council.

Regional Council Member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, echoed her support of the overall project. She also noted that the 2012 approval had been a struggle but was happy to see that they had more people to move this forward. She also noted that there was still a need for a rail system into San Bernardino.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to adopt Resolution No. 24-664-1 and associated exhibits, which reflect the following: (1) Certify the Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024; (2) Adopt Exhibit A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; (3) Adopt Exhibit B: Findings of Fact; (4) Adopt Exhibit C: Statement of Overriding Considerations; and (5) Direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the Final PEIR certification. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Alexander, Allen, Anthony, Becerra, Boyer, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Dumitru, Eich, Frometa, Gabbard, Gazeley, Goodman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelley, Kelly, Kim, Krupa, Leon, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, McKeon, McOsker, Meister, Michael, Nava-Froelich, Plancarte, Rebollar, Rhodes, Robertson, C. Rodriguez, Saleh, Sandoval, Saro, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner, Wood and Yokoyama (56)



NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

The vote for Item No.1 is reflected below with item No. 3 and the Consent Calendar.

1. Nomination and Election of 2024-25 SCAG Officer Positions

There were no public comments on Item No. 1.

Board Counsel Duran reported that in accordance with SCAG’s Bylaws, the Nominating Committee met in March to consider nominations for the upcoming officer positions which were for President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. He indicated that the Nominating Committee was bringing forward for their consideration the following names and positions: 1) Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, for President; 2) Cindy Allen, City of Long Beach, District 30, for 1st Vice President; and 3) Ray Marquez, City of Chino Hills, District 10, for 2nd Vice President.

Regional Council Member Robertson made a motion to approve the item.

Regional Council Member Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, congratulated the three recommended candidates. He expressed that SCAG was without a doubt well positioned for the future with these three candidates. He second the motion.

President Brown clarified that that their motion was to approve Item No.s 1, 3 and the Consent Calendar.

Both Regional Council Members Robertson and Yokoyama confirmed that was the case.

3. Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy)

Public Comments were included with Item No. 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – March 7, 2024

5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG Region
6. Resolution No. 24-664-3 Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including Overall Work Program (OWP)
7. SCAG ATP Cycle 7 Regional Guidelines
8. Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan

Receive and File

9. April 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update
10. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Transportation Control Measure Reasonably Available Control Measures Analysis for Inclusion in Draft 2024 Coachella Valley Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Area State Implementation Plan
11. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Update & Prioritization Principles
12. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold
13. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Robetson) on **Item No. 1:** that the Regional Council elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2024-25 officers subject to ratification by the General Assembly; **Item No. 3:** Adopt Resolution No. 24-664-2, which reflects the following: (1) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 (2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy); (2) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 as required for federal transportation conformity purposes; (3) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 as required for SB 375 purposes; and (4) Adopt the Consistency Amendment No. 23-26 to the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and **Consent Calendar:** Items 4 through 8; and Receive and File Items 9 and 13. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Alexander, Allen, Becerra, Boyer, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Dumitru, Eich, Frometa, Gabbard, Gazeley, Goodman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelley, Kelly, Kim, Kleiman, Krupa, Leon, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, McKeon, McOsker,

Meister, Michael, Nava-Froelich, Plancarte, Rebollar, Rhodes, Robertson, C. Rodriguez, Saleh, Sandoval, Saro, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner, Wood and Yokoyama (56)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

BUSINESS REPORT

Lucy Dunn, Business Representative, noted that her report was at the end of the agenda packet. She briefly touched upon the implosion of California's insurance market and thought that it was something they needed to take a closer look at. She indicated that they were seeing the insurance market impact the office marketplace as well. She expressed that she thought that they may need to do a deeper dive into how they help the Insurance Commissioner pass the regulations that he needs to keep insurers here in the State. She noted that this was critically important to housing as a key principle and key objective for the Southern California region. She also reported that HCD had just come out with their dashboard which indicated that since 2017 there had been over 200 new housing laws. She also noted that as of April 1, 2023, their actual housing units had collapsed to a 10-year low. She also shared that they received a great report on ADU's at the CEHD Committee. She indicated that ADU's had increased but it seemed to be masking the drop in multi-family and single-family units. She also commended Mayor Bass because her Executive Directive seemed to have facilitated expedited shelter and a hundred percent affordable housing projects which had eliminated some regulatory burdens and streamlined approvals in issuance of building permits.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown reported that there was still time to register for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly. He noted the event was May 2nd and 3rd at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert. He shared that this event was a unique opportunity to gather with elected officials and business and community leaders across the region. He noted that the full event agenda was posted, which included information on the panels and topics related to implementing the vision in Connect SoCal 2024. He also reported that he was pleased to join a delegation of SCAG leaders for the annual Sacramento Summit at the state capital on March 19th and 20th. He shared that this year's trip focused on three important goals: 1) protecting the Regional Early Action Planning grant program 2.0 from proposed budget cuts; 2) supporting Assembly Bill 2485 to increase transparency and accuracy in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination process; and 3) honoring promises to fund the Active Transportation Program and Infill Infrastructure Grant program to support regional goals on climate, housing, and safety. He thanked First Vice President Curt Hagman, Second Vice President Cindy Allen, Immediate Past



President Jan Harnik and all the Regional Council members and staff who joined him in advocating for Southern California. Lastly, he reminded the members that the next meeting of the Regional Council was scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Palm Desert.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise congratulated the Regional Council on the actions they took and expressed he appreciated their leadership and guidance up to this point. He also recognized staff and the work they did, as well as all the stakeholders. He also took a moment to recognize Sarah Dominguez and Karen Calderon for their work on Connect SoCal. He also reminded the Regional Council of the EPA's proposed disapproval of the Air Districts 1997 ozone standard. He indicated that collectively as a region they had come together and were on the same page regarding their approach with the EPA. He indicated that they had submitted letters to the EPA asking them not to disapprove the plan because it triggered a highway sanction that would mean that they have no Federal action on projects that are not exempt under the Federal Clean Air Act. He also noted that they were asking the EPA to relent on their action to disapprove and to partially approve the plan so that they can continue to work together on pathways to resolve the underlying issues. He indicated that the EPA had until July 1st to make the decision. He also provided an update on REAP and noted that since the Governor's proposed budget had been released, they had put all projects on hold. He shared that the program had been designed to do the work that needed to be done to promote housing production and noted that they were well on their way to suballocate \$193 million. Additionally, they had leveraged another \$115 million for a total of \$300 million that was already in play before the announcement came out to cut the program in half. He explained that if the program was cut in half, that would mean that they would only be left with \$123 million which was less than what they had already obligated in their program. He indicated that they really had a good reception from the legislators and their staff on the reprogram when they were in Sacramento. He noted that they would continue to push on this front to see how they can restore some of those resources, if not in the immediate year as intended originally, maybe over time given that they were in a budget deficit. He also shared that in the agenda packet there was a list of the projects they had been working on.

President Brown thanked the Regional Council for passing the Connect SoCal items which were very important and for their understanding of the process. He thanked staff for everything that they did and for all the hard work with the COGs and agencies. He noted that the business community and the environmentalists were on their side.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, expressed she was sorry about not being able to vote as there were not enough members physically present (to vote under the “just cause” provision). She indicated that she would have voted in favor of all the items.

Regional Council Member Meister, announce that on April 20th the city of West Hollywood would be hosting a Water Wise Work Symposium where they would explore the fundamental role that water plays in supporting life in the city. She indicated that they would also examine the key challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. She shared that they had several wonderful presenters and acknowledged Kim Clark, SCAG Planning Supervisor, who would be presenting and thanked her for her participation. She indicated that if they could not join, they would also be recording it and would share with SCAG.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the meeting of the Regional Council at 1:19 p.m.

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Regional Council Attendance Report																
2023-2024																
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date		
Aitken, Ashleigh	OCTA	0	1		0	0	1			1	0	1		4		
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, RC District 7	1	1		1	1	0		0	0	0	1		5		
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1	1		1	0	1		1	0	1	1		7		
Amezcuca, Valerie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1	1		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		2		
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, RC District 34	1	0		1	0	0		0	1	1	0		4		
Anthony, Konstantine	Burbank, RC District 42	1	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	1		2		
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	0	1		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		1		
Bass, Karen	Los Angeles, (Member at Large)	0	0		0	0	1		0	0	0	0		1		
Becerra, Elizabeth	Victorville, RC District 65	1	1		0	1	0		1	1	1	1		7		
Blumenfield, Bob	Los Angeles, RC District 50	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40	0	0		1	0	1		1	1	1	0		5		
Brown, Art	Buena Park, RC District 21	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	D	1	1	1	D	1	1	1	1		9		
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
de Leon, Kevin	Los Angeles, RC District 61	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	0	1		0	0	0		0	0	1	1		3		
Dumitru, Jon	Orange, RC District 17	0	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		8		
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1	1		1	1	0		1	1	1	1		8		
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	0		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		8		
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1	1	A	0	1	1	A	1	1	1	0		7		
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	0	0		0	0	0		1	1	0	1		3		
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12		1		1	0	0		0	1	0	1		4		
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1	1		1	1	1		0	1	1	1		8		
Goodman, Marshall	La Palma, RC District 18	1	0		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		8		
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1	1		1	1	0		0	1	1	0		6		
Harnik, Jan C.	RCTC	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Harris-Dawson, Marqueece	Los Angeles, RC District 55	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Hernandez, Eunisses	Los Angeles, RC District 48	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1	1		1	1	0		1	1	1	1		8		
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57	0	0	R	0	0	0	R	0	0	0	0		0		
Judge, Mike T.	Simi Valley, VCTC	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1	1		1	1	0		1	1	1	1		8		
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14	0	1		0	1	1		1	1	1	1		7		
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1		1	1	1		0	1	1	1		8		
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles, RC District 49/Public Transit Rep	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
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Lee, John	Los Angeles, RC District 59	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		
Leon, Carlos A.	Anaheim, RC District 19								1	1	1	1		4		
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, RC District 68	0	1		1	1	1		1	1	0	1		7		
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	1		1	1	1		1	0	1	1		8		
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1	1		0	1	1		1	1	1	1		8		
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov. Reg. Plng. Brd.	1	0		0	1	0		1	1	1	1		6		
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	0	0		0	1	1		1	1	1	1		6		
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1	1		1	0	1		1	1	1	1		8		
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62	1	0		1	1	0		1	0	0	1		5		
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, RC District 9	1	1		1	1	1		0	1	1	1		8		
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1		1	1	0		0	0	0	0		4		
Nava-Froelich, Maria	ICTC	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9		
Navarro, Frank J.	Colton, RC District 6	0	0		1	1	0		1	1	1	1		6		
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, RC District 66	1	1		1	0	1		1	1	1	0		7		
Padilla, Imelda	Los Angeles, RC District 53				0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0		

Attachment: RC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 4, 2024)

Park, Traci	Los Angeles, RC District 58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Price, Curren D.	Los Angeles, RCDistrict 56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
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Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, RC District 31	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Solache, José Luis	Lynwood, RC District 26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Soto-Martinez, Hugo	Los Angeles, RC District 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Wagner, Donald P.	Orange County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA/SBCOG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	8
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24			1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6
Yaroslavsky, Katy	Los Angeles, RC District 52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-027-C01, eFTIP Software
as a Service (SaaS) Application

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-027-C01 in a not to exceed amount of \$1,898,460 with EcoInteractive, LLC, to provide and upgrade the current Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Software as a Service application that will continue to serve and support the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and users at SCAG for the purpose of programming existing and new projects, generating queried reports, conducting basic analytics, and maintaining draft and approved amendment organization. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a federally mandated six-year program of all surface transportation projects that will receive federal funding, are subject to a federally required action, and/or are regionally significant regardless of funding source. SCAG is responsible for developing the FTIP for submittal to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the federal funding agencies. Consistent with the requirements of the Consolidated Planning Grant (Federal Transit Administration) that funds this project, the consultant shall provide and upgrade the current eFTIP Software as a Service application that will continue to serve and support the CTCs and users at SCAG for the purpose of programming existing and new projects, generating queried reports, conducting basic analytics, and maintaining draft and approved amendment organization. The FTIP for the SCAG region is developed in partnership with the six CTCs representing the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura as well as Caltrans Districts 7, 8, 11, 12 and Headquarters.



BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
EcoInteractive, LLC. 24-027-C01	The project will provide and upgrade the current eFTIP Software as a Service application that will continue to serve and support the CTCs and users at SCAG for the purpose of programming existing and new projects, etc.	\$1,898,460

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this contract is budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 030-0146.02, pending budget approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-027-C01, EcoInteractive
2. Conflict of Interest Forms 24-027-C01, EcoInteractive

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-027-C01

Recommended Consultant:

EcoInteractive, LLC

Background & Scope of Work:

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a federally mandated six-year program of all surface transportation projects that will receive federal funding, are subject to a federally required action, and/or are regionally significant regardless of funding source. SCAG is responsible for developing the FTIP for submittal to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the federal funding agencies.

Consultant shall continue providing and upgrading the current FTIP Software as a Service application that will continue to serve and support the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and users at SCAG for the purpose of programming existing and new projects, generating queried reports, conducting basic analytics, and maintaining draft and approved amendment organization.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Improved performance and maintainability.
- Enhanced ease of use for SCAG and CTC staff. For example, updated version allows FTIP amendment and financial plan control by letting SCAG users create and edit amendments with amendment status, and the ability to lock and unlock amendments for CTCs.
- Vendor responsiveness to SCAG and federal requirements for additional features and reports.
- Ability to directly upload federally approved amendments to Caltrans database (CTIPs).
- Link module/component for Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or long-range project entry with a 1:1 or 1: many relationships to FTIP projects. Linking of project fields reflected with each FTIP project entry to a RTP project entry.
- Call for projects module that would enable projects being considered for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ), and/or Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding to be submitted for evaluation by SCAG staff and, if approved, incorporated into the FTIP.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal: GOAL 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$1,898,460
EcoInteractive, LLC (prime consultant)	\$1,499,460
CrowdPlat, Inc. (subconsultant)	\$399,000

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2025, with four optional 12-month Terms.

Project Number(s):

030-0146B.02
Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Funding for this contract is budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 030-0146.02, pending budget approval.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 1,331 firms of the release of RFP 24-027-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 40 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:

EcoInteractive, LLC (1 subconsultant)

\$1,898,460

After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed 39 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Six (6) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reasons these firms did not respond was they did not have the required expertise and could not fulfill the DBE requirements. Note: staff advertised the RFP the normal four (4) week period plus an additional two (2) weeks. Staff requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed evaluating the single offer received. Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the one (1) offeror.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Pablo Gutierrez, Planning Supervisor Integrated Planning & Programming, SCAG
- Warren Whiteaker, Department Manager Integrated Planning & Programming, SCAG
- Agustin Barajas, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
- Gurpreet Kaur, Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended EcoInteractive, LLC for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated a complete understanding of the project, specifically EcoInteractive met the requirements outlined in the RFP. EcoInteractive also demonstrated that they can continue to provide a high-quality product, including any enhancements to the eFTIP platform and develop all new modules outlined in the RFP in a timely manner.
- Provided a strong technical approach as follows:
 1. Presented a clear focus on continuing to provide ongoing SaaS and upgrading the current e-FTIP system;
 2. Addressed and included all required and desired elements and several enhancements were articulated;
 3. Thoroughly described how it will address all of SCAG's project tracking technology requirements (both required and desired);
 4. Demonstration of the new platform was detailed, including the ability for SCAG staff to add fund sources, RTP ID's, without having to send the request to the Consultant;
 5. Provided a comprehensive presentation on the updated platform and draft updated modules on how our two new modules (CMAQ/STBG/CRP) call for

projects application and linkage between the FTIP and the new RTP Long Range project listing platform; and

6. Provided a new mapping application and Public Comment enhancement on the public site, which can be of great use to SCAG when an FTIP amendment or a new FTIP for public comment is needed.
- Recognized for their work on the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for improving the efficiency and accuracy of each agency's process by providing the tools to aggregate and track federal obligation data and reasonable progress on projects, while also making the data more accessible to their agency's staff and partner/member organizations/agencies. EcoInteractive also has contracts with several MPO's in the state of CA, including a contract with LA Metro and OCTA.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For May 2, 2024, Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-027-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$1,898,460 with EcoInteractive, LLC., to provide and upgrade the current Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Software as a Service application that will continue to serve and support the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and users at SCAG for the purpose of programming existing and new projects, generating queried reports, conducting basic analytics, and maintaining draft and approved amendment organization.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
EcoInteractive, LLC (prime consultant)	No - form attached
CrowdPlat, Inc. (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 24-027

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

Name of Firm: EcoInteractive LLC

Name of Preparer: Jessie Yu

Project Title: eFTIP SaaS Service Application

RFP Number: 24-027 **Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Attachment: Conflict of Interest Forms 24-027-C01, EcoInteractive (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-027-C01, eFTIP Software as a

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

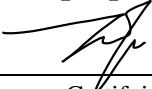
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Jessie Yu, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO of (firm name) EcoInteractive, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 11/30/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


11/30/2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

NOTICE

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

Attachment: Conflict of Interest Forms 24-027-C01, EcoInteractive (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-027-C01, eFTIP Software as a

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 24-027

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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

Name of Firm: CrowdPlat, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Sahil Sarosh

Project Title: eFTIP Service (SaaS) Application.

RFP Number: 24-027 **Date Submitted:** 11/30/23

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Sahil Sarosh, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President and CEO of (firm name) CrowdPlat, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 11/30/23 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Sahil Sarosh

11/30/23

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

Date

NOTICE

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AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-030-C01, Transportation
Safety Predictive Modeling & Analysis Platform

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-030-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$657,000 with Citian, Inc. for the development of a regional Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consistent with the requirements of the California Office of Transportation Safety (OTS) grant that funds this project, the consultant shall complete a plan and support the development of a regional Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform. This project supports the regional transportation safety goals and performance outcomes outlined in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal 2024). The project also supports local jurisdictional transportation safety planning, performance monitoring, and data-centered investment decision-making.

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Citian, Inc. 24-030-C01	The project will develop a web-based regional traffic safety analytical and modeling platform that will be used to assist SCAG and member agencies to better understand local and regional traffic patterns, identify emergent	\$657,000

safety risk areas, and proactively assess future travel safety performance on the regional multimodal transportation network through the use of predictive modeling technology.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$657,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 225.3564.20, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into the FY 2024-25 budget, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-030-C01, Citian
2. Conflict of Interest Form 24-030-C01, Citian

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-030-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Citian, Inc

Background & Scope of Work:

Consistent with the requirements of the California Office of Transportation Safety (OTS) grant that funds this project, the consultant shall complete a plan and support the development of a regional Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform. The project will provide a web-based regional traffic safety analytical platform that will be used to assist SCAG and member agencies to better understand local and regional traffic patterns, identify emergent safety risk areas, and proactively assess future travel safety performance on the regional multimodal transportation network through the use of predictive modeling technology. This project supports the regional transportation safety goals and performance outcomes outlined in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal 2024). The project also supports local jurisdictional transportation safety planning, performance monitoring, and data-centered investment decision-making.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Provide insights into historical and current travel behavior trends in the SCAG region and anticipate future transportation safety performance to prevent fatalities and serious injuries before they occur;
- Generate recommendations for appropriate and feasible safety performance improvement mitigation at high-risk locations;
- Support local safety planning and investment decision-making to focus safety investments at specific locations where they are most needed;
- Promote the alignment of local safety planning activities with priorities identified in Connect SoCal.

Strategic Plan:

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

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$657,000
Citian (prime consultant)	\$657,000

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through September 30, 2024

Project Number(s):

225.3564.20 \$887,976
Funding source: California Office of Transportation Safety (OTS) Grant.

Funding of \$887,976 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225.3564.20, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 3,280 firms of the release of RFP 24-030 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 48 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following six (6) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Citian (no subconsultants)	\$657,000
Streetlight Data, Inc. – (1 subconsultants)	\$574,304
Vianova LLC – (1 subconsultants)	\$713,725.94
Accenture LLP– (no subconsultants)	\$798,750
Michelin Mobility Intelligence – (2 subconsultants)	\$848,989
Community Logiq Software (2 subconsultants)	\$858,430

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Mike Gainor, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
- Courtney Aguirre, Planning Supervisor, SCAG
- Annaleigh Ekman, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

- The PRC recommended Citian, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically the PRC agreed that Citian presented strong qualifications, experience, and demonstrated a strong understanding of the needs of the project, specifically regarding the traffic safety analytical and predictive modeling elements of the proposal.
 - Provided the best technical approach, for example the Citian ‘CRASH’ platform demonstrates the full range of technical needs of the project, including mapping, travel behavior analysis, demographic context, and spatial analysis. In addition, the real-time traffic dataset may be customized to accommodate the specific needs of the SCAG region.
 - Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed. While another proposal (Michelin) offered a similarly robust suite of analytical and predictive modeling functionality, the Citian proposal was offered at a significantly lower cost.
 - Proposed the lowest most realistic price to perform all the scope of work. Of the proposals that demonstrated the ability to provide the full range of analytical and predictive modeling requirements of the project, Citian offered those services at the lowest cost.

Although other firm(s) proposed a lower price(s), the PRC did not recommend this/these firm(s) for contract award because this firm(s):

- The traffic dataset that would be provided through that firm did not fully meet the safety predictive modeling and traffic analytical needs of the project. Other proposals provided real-time dynamic traffic safety analytical datasets that were more amenable to the predictive modeling requirements of the project. While StreetLight proposed a lower cost, they did not propose a technical approach that fully met the RFP scope relative to the real-time traffic data analysis and predictive modeling requirements that are integral to the project.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For May 2, 2024 Regional Council Approval**

This sentence/paragraph must be identical to the “Recommended Action” in the Staff Report.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

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

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 24-030

RFP No./Contract No. No. 24-030

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Name of Firm: Citian Inc.
Name of Preparer: Steven Houh
Project Title: Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling & Analysis Platform
RFP Number: No. 24-030 Date Submitted: January 29, 2024

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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

YES NO

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

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Attachment: Conflict of Interest Form 24-030-C01, Citian (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-030-C01, Transportation Safety

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

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

YES NO

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

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Steven Houh, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Executive Officer of (firm name) Citian Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated _____ is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


 _____ 1/29/2024
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

NOTICE

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

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AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$41,000 for memberships and sponsorships with 1) the Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), 2) FuturePorts, 3) University of California, Riverside California Grid Readiness Consortium, and 4) 2024 Mobility 21 Summit.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its April 16, 2024, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$41,000 for memberships with 1) the Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC) (\$20,000), 2) FuturePorts (\$5,000), 3) the University of California, Riverside California Grid Readiness Consortium (\$9,500), and to sponsor the 4) 2024 Mobility 21 Summit (\$6,500).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC)
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$20,000

Established in 2005, The Southern California Leadership Council is comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the seven counties of Southern California, including three former California Governors. The SCLC is currently partnered with many business organizations in the SCAG region, including the LA County BizFed, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Council, and the Ventura County Economic Development Association, among others. The SCLC’s work and strategic partnerships focus on shaping and solving public policy issues such as business vitality, resources (energy, water, and environment), and transportation (goods and people) that are critical to SCAG and the region’s economic vitality and quality of life. The SCLC also co-hosted (with SCAG) the 9th and 10th annual

Southern California Economic Summits. SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise serves on the SCLC Board, and SCAG Board officers and executive leadership regularly attend and participate in SCLC meetings and other activities.

Item 2: University of California, Riverside – California Grid Readiness Consortium
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$9,500

The University of California, Riverside, has proposed forming a California Grid Readiness (CGR) Consortium to provide an independent assessment of California’s grid readiness, as well as identify areas that will need more investment or prioritization to be prepared for the future. This effort seeks to bring together academia, industry, and government agencies who are interested in assessing the readiness of the state of California’s electric grid to address risks and the increasing stress on the power grid due to the massive amount of electrification necessary to achieve the state’s climate goals.

The CGR Consortium seeks to publish a white paper that will assess the state’s grid readiness, as well as identify roadblocks to meeting investment needs, the consequences of inaction, and the benefits of acting to ensure the grid is ready. The CGR Consortium will then work to present the results of the white paper to stakeholders.

The Consortium is designed to support broad collaboration, conduct and create the following activities and deliverables:

- Literature Review and Initial Drafting of White Paper
 - a. Literature Review and Assumptions
 - b. Grid Investment Needs
 - c. Roadblocks to Achieving Grid Investment Needs
 - d. Potential Consequences of Inaction
 - e. Potential Benefits of Action
- Finalizing and Publishing of the White Paper
- Stakeholder Engagement

Consortium members will have access to assessments conducted by the program through periodic member meetings, public conferences/workshops, and distribution of reports.

Member benefits also include:

- Appointment of a member’s representative to the Board of Advisors;
- Overview of CGR-related activities and publications;
- Access to the CGR program’s supported events for outreach and presentation of findings; and
- Copy of the White Paper.

The CGR Consortium already started conducting activities when it launched in December 2023 and is now in the literature review and initial white paper drafting phase, with the completion of all activities slated for November 2024. The CGR is seeking \$150k in funding from industry and stakeholder members, including a \$60,000 contribution from Southern California Edison. Thus, staff recommends contributing \$9,500 to become a member of the CGR's Consortium, which supports efforts in SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies. Of note, this is a one-time payment, as our membership will terminate upon completion of the CGR Consortium's work.

Staff would also like to specify that this membership is being funded via two different sources within SCAG: \$4,500 from the agency's membership budget and \$5,000 from the agency's Last Mile Freight Program Transportation Development Act funds, for a total contribution of \$9,500.

Item 3: FuturePorts
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$5,000

FuturePorts was established in 2005 and serves as a voice for its members in the goods movement supply chain to advocate for a balance between business, environment, and community concerns at the San Pedro Bay Ports (Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach). Their members represent the entire goods movement supply chain, including businesses that support the goods movement industry and labor and trade unions that work at the ports. Their objective is to ensure a healthy economic and environmental future by supporting green growth at the ports. In the dozen years since it was founded, FuturePorts has positioned itself as a leader in the movement for rational and balanced growth, representing business interests at both the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach commission meetings; Los Angeles and Long Beach city council meetings; public hearings; and other community events. They write letters, provide outreach, and engage the support of other business organizations and stakeholders as we work toward common goals of growing and greening our ports.

SCAG has been a sponsor of the annual FuturePorts conference in the past. The growing importance of goods movement to the Southern California economy is making it increasingly necessary for the Agency to maintain its ability to effectively participate in dialogue and discussion on such an important facet of the region's economy.

SCAG staff is recommending that the Agency maintain membership in FuturePorts. This unique membership/sponsorship package, in the amount of \$5,000, includes both membership dues at the "Commodore" level as well as sponsorship of the FuturePorts conference at the "Silver" tier:

Membership dues at the “Commodore” level provide the Agency with the following benefits:

- Eligibility to serve on FuturePorts Board of Directors and Committees;
- Access to member-only communications;
- Reduced registration fee at FuturePorts signature events;
- Three (3) complimentary attendees for all FuturePorts member-only events;
- Recognition at FuturePorts Annual Conference, VIP Reception, and member meetings;
- Opportunity to introduce speaker at member meetings;
- Social media promotion;
- Color logo linked on online membership directory;
- Invitation to policy-maker meetings;
- Premium branding on all communications; and
- Access to custom advocacy.

Sponsorship of the annual FuturePorts conference at the “Silver Level,” which includes:

- Five (5) conference registrations;
- Logo listing in sponsor graphic
- Half-page color ad on Conference Program;
- Tabletop exhibit;
- Listing in Conference mobile app as a Sponsor and Exhibitor;
- Logo listing on PowerPoint “loop” during breaks; and
- Verbal recognition at event.

Item 4: 2024 Mobility 21 Summit
Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** \$6,500

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

- Support practical solutions to Southern California’s transportation challenges;
 - Mobilize regional support for transportation funding and legislative priorities at the federal and state levels;
 - Unite political leaders around common priorities for transportation; and
 - Bring together residents, civic leaders, business groups, and industry experts to inspire them to act and educate them on how to effectively speak out in support of transportation initiatives.
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SCAG is a founding member of Mobility 21, and Kome Ajise, SCAG's Executive Director, is a member of the coalition's board of directors, which includes representation from various other SCAG stakeholders and agencies.

Mobility21 co-hosts an annual conference with SCAG, and this year's 2024 Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit Authors of Innovation will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Last year's Summit, which SCAG attended, focused on the challenge of change in a post-pandemic world. It featured panels such as Building a Safer, Resilient California, Next 100 Years of Transit, Geopolitics to Local Politics: Goods Movement SoCal, Gearing Up for State and Federal Disruptions, and Zero Emissions California: Paving the Way for the U.S. Various panels included members of the SCAG board. Staff recommends sponsoring the conference at the \$6,500 Gold level. As an important note, this funding will be coming from the agency's FY 24-25 budget, and its disbursement is contingent upon the Regional Council approving the FY 24-25 budget this summer. The Gold sponsorship level will provide SCAG with the following benefits:

- Registration and reserved seating for four (4) attendees at the general sessions and luncheon;
- Attendance for one (1) representative at exclusive VIP Reception with Mobility 21 Board of Directors, speakers and special guests;
- Exhibitor table at Mobility 21 Expo and one (1) exhibitor-only registration;
- Logo visibility on a shared slide in the conference sponsor slide show;
- Logo on Mobility 21 sponsor page website;
- Company name on pre-conference advertising, both print and electronic;
- Company name on the event program and other Summit materials; and
- Half-page ad in Summit program.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$41,000 for memberships with 1) the Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC) (\$20,000), 2) FuturePorts (\$5,000), 3) the University of California, Riverside California Grid Readiness Consortium (\$9,500), and to sponsor the 4) 2024 Mobility 21 Summit (\$6,500) to the LCMC at its meeting on April 16, 2024. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$5,000 for membership with FuturePorts is included in the approved FY 23-24 General Fund Budget. \$4,500 of the \$9,500 for the UC Riverside CA Grid Readiness Consortium is included in the FY 23-24 General Fund Budget, and the other \$5,000 is included in SCAG's FY 23-24 Transportation Development Act Last Mile Freight Program budget. \$20,000 to retain membership with the SCLC is included in the approved FY 23-24 Indirect Cost Budget. \$6,500 to sponsor the 2024 Mobility21 Summit is projected to be included in the FY 24-25 General Fund budget.



AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Subject: May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

STATE

Governor Newsom Signs Early Action Budget Bill to Cut Down Budget Deficit

In January, Governor Gavin Newsom and the CA Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) released projections of a state budget deficit estimated to be between \$38 billion and \$73 billion. On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Governor Newsom announced that his office and leaders of the state Senate and Assembly reached an agreement to take early action in April to begin to reduce California’s historic budget shortfall dramatically.

On April 15, 2024, the Governor signed AB 106 into law, which contained provisions agreed upon by the Governor and Assembly and Senate leadership, which will reduce the budget deficit by approximately \$17.3 billion. AB 106 accomplished that reduction through a mix of \$3.6 billion in reductions, \$5.2 billion in revenue and borrowing, \$5.2 billion in delays and deferrals, and \$3.4 billion in shifts of costs from the general fund to other funding sources. Notably, for SCAG, AB 106 did not include cuts to the REAP 2.0 program, which the Governor had initially outlined in his January Budget proposal. However, while this presents a step in the right direction, the state must still address a deficit between \$21 billion and \$56 billion.

As part of California’s annual budget process, the Governor is set to release the May budget revision by the May 15 deadline. The legislature must pass the final budget bill by June 15, and the Governor will have until July 1, the start of the new fiscal year, to sign the budget bill into law. Staff will continue to provide budget updates, especially after the Governor releases the May Budget

revision, which will provide a crucial update on state revenues that will allow the state legislature and the Governor to finalize budget negotiations.

Update on REAP 2.0 Coalition Building Efforts

Since the Governor released his January Budget proposal, SCAG has worked in partnership with CalCOG and our partner Metropolitan Planning Organizations to create a coalition of cities, counties, transportation agencies, tribal governments, and private sector organizations to advocate for the protection of the REAP 2.0 program.

After the release of a REAP 2.0 Advocacy Toolkit in February, SCAG has collected 33 letters to Legislative Leadership that were sent by SCAG region cities, counties, councils of governments, transportation agencies, or tribal governments. While addressed to Legislative Leadership, rank-and-file legislators also received copies of these local letters, which amplified the message throughout the SCAG region's legislative delegation.

On March 19, 2024, the SCAG region's six-county transportation commissions submitted a joint letter to Legislative Leadership highlighting many of the transformative projects funded through SCAG's REAP 2.0-funded "CTC Partnership Program." The letter was signed by the Imperial County Transportation Commission, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Orange County Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Authority, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission.

On April 3, 2024, a SCAG-led coalition of private sector organizations sent a similar letter to Legislative Leadership highlighting the important role that REAP 2.0 plays in funding projects that help the state meet climate, housing, and mobility needs. This letter was signed by the California Alliance for Jobs, City Ventures, Desert Valley Builders Association, Energy Coalition, Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles County Business Federation, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, People for Housing – Orange County, Rebuild SoCal Partnership, Southern California Edison, and Valley Economic Alliance.

SCAG Continues Sacramento Advocacy with "Strike Teams"

Due to the significant lifts of SCAG's legislative priorities this year, SCAG leadership coordinated a "Strike Team" to Sacramento on April 10, 2024. On this one-day trip to Sacramento, RC Member Jenny Crosswhite (Santa Paula) and Legislative Analyst Francisco Barajas met with Senator Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), Assemblymembers Greg Wallis (R-Palm Desert) and Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), as well as staff to Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) and Bill Essayli (R-Corona).

The purpose of the trip was to continue to advocate for the protection of the REAP 2.0 programs and enlist support for AB 2485, SCAG's RHNA reform legislation. A second Strike Team is planned for

April 24, 2024, and staff will provide an update on that strike team in the June State and Federal Legislative Update.

Update on SCAG-Sponsored RHNA Reform Bill AB 2485 (Carrillo)

On March 19, 2024, AB 2485 (Carrillo) was amended with more substantive language replacing “placeholder” language. The bill in print reflects SCAG’s intent to increase transparency measures concerning the RHNA Determination. If passed, AB 2485 would establish procedures for HCD to publish the data sources, analyses, and methodology used in the development of a given region’s RHNA determination on its internet website. Secondly, the bill would require HCD to convene a panel of experts to advise HCD on its data sources, analyses, and methodology used in the development of a given region’s RHNA determination. The panel would include a U.S. Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner, an expert in the region’s demographics, and a representative from the Council of Governments in question.

The bill’s text and the author’s fact sheet are attached to this report.

AB 2485 was double-referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and the Committee on Local Government. AB 2485’s first hearing was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development where it received eight “aye” votes and zero “no” votes! LCMC Chair Patrica Lock Dawson (Riverside) and LCMC Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache (Lynwood) provide testimony in support of this bill.

The bill will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 24, 2024.

The following is a list of entities that have taken official “support” positions on AB 2485: California Association of Councils of Governments, California State Association of Counties, and the League of California Cities, Association of California Cities – Orange County, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, as well as the Cities of Chino Hills, Glendora, La Verne, Lomita, Monrovia, Palm Desert, and Thousand Oaks.

FEDERAL

President Biden Signs Final Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Law

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, President Joe Biden signed a \$460 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 24 appropriations “minibus” package containing six of 12 annual appropriations bills to avoid a partial government shutdown, including the FY24 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) bill. All remaining full-year appropriations bills for FY 2024 were signed by the President on Saturday, March 23, 2024, just in time to avoid a partial government shutdown. FY 2024 will end on Monday, September 30, 2024. Below is a summary of key final spending totals:

Department of Transportation

- Federal-Aid Highways Obligation: \$60.095 billion (authorized by BIL)
 - FY23 Amount: \$58.764 billion (authorized by BIL)
 - This account includes funding for FHWA formula programs including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.
 - CA STBG Apportionment: \$1.245 billion
 - CA CMAQ Apportionment: \$526.07 million
- RAISE: \$345 million, in addition to \$1.5 billion in BIL funding
 - FY23 Amount: \$800 million, in addition to \$1.5 billion in BIL funding
 - RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the state and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects.
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Grants (CRISI): \$198.9 million, in addition to BIL funding (\$1 billion)
 - FY23 Enacted: \$560 million, in addition to BIL funding (\$1 billion)
 - CRISI supports a wide range of freight and intercity passenger rail projects to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the Nation’s rail system.
- Transit Formula Grants: \$13.99 billion (authorized by BIL)
 - FY23 Enacted: \$13.634 billion (authorized by BIL)
 - These formula funds support local public transit agencies and help them expand their services.
- Capital Investment Grants: \$2.205 billion, in addition to BIL funding (\$3 billion)
 - FY23 Enacted: \$2.635 billion in addition to BIL funding (\$3 billion)
 - This program funds transit capital investments, including heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, and bus rapid transit (BRT).
 - New Starts Program: \$2.13 billion
 - Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program: Up to \$52 million
- Port Infrastructure Program: \$120.46 million, in addition to BIL funding (\$450 million)
 - FY23 Enacted: \$212.2 million, in addition to BIL funding (\$450 million)
 - This program invests in improving port infrastructure and facilities to stimulate economic growth and address climate change, environmental justice, safety/transportation equity.
- *New* Competitive Highway Bridge Program: \$200 million
 - This program supports highway bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects on public roads that demonstrate cost savings by bundling multiple highway bridge projects.
- Active Transportation Infrastructure and Investment Program: \$0
 - FY23 Enacted: \$45 million
 - This program provides funding to construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities within and between communities.

- Safe Streets and Roads for All: \$1 billion from BIL funding
 - FY23 Enacted: \$1 billion from BIL funding
 - This program improves roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.
- Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG): \$2.89 billion from BIL funding
 - FY23 Enacted: \$2.89 billion from BIL funding
 - The AIG Program provides funding for improving airport infrastructure, specifically to invest in improved runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects.
- Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing): \$100 million
 - FY23 Enacted: \$85 million
 - This program supports communities across the country to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

Congressional House Appropriations Committee Elects New Chair

On March 22, House Appropriations Chair Kay Granger (R-TX) announced that she would step down from her role on the committee. On Tuesday, April 9, the House Republican Steering Committee unanimously elected Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) as the new Chair.

Biden-Harris Administration Releases Budget Request for FY25

President Biden signed the Fiscal Year (FY) 24 appropriations into law on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Although the FY24 cycle is only now coming to a close, the Biden-Harris Administration must already prepare for the next appropriations cycle. On March 11, President Biden released his FY25 budget request. The President's budget proposal is limited by the strict spending caps agreed to by Congress and the White House under the "Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023," which allows for a spending increase of only 1 percent in FY25 compared to FY24.

SCAG Potential FY 2025 Federal Priorities

SCAG Legislative staff is currently working to develop a set of federal priorities for meetings with elected members of our federal delegation and key agency staff in conjunction with our attendance at various conferences and events, including our upcoming annual California Congressional Transportation Reception. A list of priorities is included below.

FY 2025 Appropriations Requests:

- 1) Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)

The ATIP provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities that strategically connect active transportation networks to the essentials of everyday life. It was authorized under the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and serves a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing public health, and making a community a more enjoyable place to live, work and play. The program is subject to appropriations and received \$45 million in FY 2023 and \$45 million in FY 2024.

2) Healthy Streets Program (HSP)

The HSP provides funding for cool and porous pavements and the expansion of tree canopies to address urban heat islands, improve air quality, and reduce stormwater runoff. It was authorized under the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and likewise serves a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving public health, and increasing the quality of life for community members. The program is subject to appropriations and has yet to receive funding.

3) Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for low-income households and up to \$75 per month for households on tribal lands. Created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with an initial investment of \$14 billion, the program has stopped accepting new enrollments due to a lack of funding. The President's FY 2025 budget includes a supplemental request for \$6 billion to continue this critical program. SCAG received a \$500,000 grant from the FCC in March of 2023 to conduct outreach and encourage participation in the ACP. These outreach efforts are on hold until the ACP receives additional funding.

4) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)

PRO Housing is a competitive grant program providing funding to local and regional governments for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. The program was created by Congress in FY 2023 and received \$100 million in the FY 2024 budget. Additionally, it was included in the President's FY 2025 budget with a request for up to \$100 million.

Annual California Congressional Transportation Reception

SCAG will be hosting our annual California Congressional Transportation Reception, in collaboration with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/ Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in Washington, D.C. The reception will be held in conjunction with this year's Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) Annual Meeting, which will be taking place from Tuesday, May 14, through Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The annual reception hosts members of California's legislative delegation and their staff, as well as key

transportation stakeholders and partners from throughout California, in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee room, providing us the opportunity to elevate our priorities to key policymakers.

Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update

In 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. This bipartisan infrastructure law provides \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years, \$110 billion of which is made available through competitive grant funding. These historic levels of investment in transportation grant programs have allowed areas in the SCAG region to apply for funding for critical infrastructure improvement projects.

Below is a current list of open NOFOs issued for transportation and sustainability-related competitive programs:

Program	Deadline	Agency
National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA)	May 6, 2024	DOT Office of the Secretary
Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA)	May 6, 2024	DOT Office of the Secretary
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): Implementation	May 16, 2024	DOT Office of the Secretary
Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment	June 17, 2024	Federal Highway Administration
Bridge Investment Program – Bridge Projects	November 2024	Federal Highway Administration
Bridge Investment Program – Large Bridges	August 1, 2024	Federal Highway Administration
Bridge Investment Program – Planning Grants (Round 3)	October 2024	Federal Highway Administration
PROTECT Grant Program	NOFO Expected Q2 2024	Federal Highway Administration
Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants	April 25, 2024	Federal Transit Administration
Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants	April 25, 2024	Federal Transit Administration
Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants	June 10, 2024	Housing and Urban Development
Green and Resilient Retrofit Program - Comprehensive	May 30, 2024	Housing and Urban Development
Port Infrastructure Development Program	May 10, 2024	Maritime Administration

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update is within the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. AB 2485 (J. Carrillo) - Bill Text
2. AB 2485 (J. Carrillo) - FACT SHEET 3.18.24
3. REAP 2.0 Coalition Letters
4. REAP 2.0 CTC Joint Advocacy Letter
5. REAP 2.0 Private Sector Advocacy Letter

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 19, 2024

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2485

Introduced by Assembly Member Juan Carrillo
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dixon and Joe Patterson)

February 13, 2024

An act to amend Section 65584.01 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2485, as amended, Juan Carrillo. ~~Planning and zoning: regional~~
Regional housing need: need: determination.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, which includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. That law requires, for the 4th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, the Department of Housing and Community Development (department) to determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as specified. That law requires the department, in consultation with the council of governments, to determine the existing and projected need of housing for each region in a specified manner. That law requires the department's determination to be based upon population projections produced by the Department of Finance, as specified. That law also requires the department to meet and consult with the council of governments regarding the assumptions and methodologies to be used to determine each region's housing need and requires the council of governments to provide data assumptions from the council of governments' projections, as specified. That law authorizes the department to accept or reject the information provided

by the council of governments and, after consultation with each council of governments, to make determinations on the council of governments’ data assumptions and the methodology the department will use to determine each region’s housing need. That law requires the department to provide its determinations to each council of governments, as specified.

This bill would require the department to publish on its internet website the data sources, analyses, and methodology, as specified, prior to finalization of the regional determination. The bill would also require the department, for the 7th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, to assemble and convene an advisory panel that includes, among others, an expert on the data assumptions by each council of governments to advise the department on the assumptions and methodology it will use to determine each region housing need. The bill would also require the department to consult with the advisory panel before making determinations on the council of governments’ data assumptions and methodology it will use to determine each region’s housing need for the 7th and subsequent revisions of the housing element. The bill would also additionally require the department to publish its determination on its internet website.

~~Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and specified land outside its boundaries that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. For the 4th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, as specified, existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as prescribed.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65584.01 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 65584.01. For the fourth and subsequent revision of the housing
- 4 element pursuant to Section 65588, the department, in consultation
- 5 with each council of governments, where applicable, shall

1 determine the existing and projected need for housing for each
2 region in the following manner:

3 (a) (1) The department’s determination shall be based upon
4 population projections produced by the Department of Finance
5 and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional
6 transportation plans, in consultation with each council of
7 governments. If the total regional population forecast for the
8 projection year, developed by the council of governments and used
9 for the preparation of the regional transportation plan, is within a
10 range of 1.5 percent of the total regional population forecast for
11 the projection year by the Department of Finance, then the
12 population forecast developed by the council of governments shall
13 be the basis from which the department determines the existing
14 and projected need for housing in the region. If the difference
15 between the total population projected by the council of
16 governments and the total population projected for the region by
17 the Department of Finance is greater than 1.5 percent, then the
18 department and the council of governments shall meet to discuss
19 variances in methodology used for population projections and seek
20 agreement on a population projection for the region to be used as
21 a basis for determining the existing and projected housing need
22 for the region. If agreement is not reached, then the population
23 projection for the region shall be the population projection for the
24 region prepared by the Department of Finance as may be modified
25 by the department as a result of discussions with the council of
26 governments.

27 (2) *The department shall publish on its internet website the data*
28 *sources, analyses, and methodology, including the assumptions*
29 *and factors used in and applied to the Department of Finance*
30 *projections and engagement process with the council of*
31 *governments, prior to finalization of the regional determination*
32 *pursuant to subdivision (b).*

33 (b) (1) At least 26 months before the scheduled revision
34 pursuant to Section 65588 and before developing the existing and
35 projected housing need for a region, the department shall meet and
36 consult with the council of governments regarding the assumptions
37 and methodology to be used by the department to determine the
38 region’s housing needs. The council of governments shall provide
39 data assumptions from the council’s projections, including, if
40 available, the following data for the region:

- 1 (A) Anticipated household growth associated with projected
- 2 population increases.
- 3 (B) Household size data and trends in household size.
- 4 (C) The percentage of households that are overcrowded and the
- 5 overcrowding rate for a comparable housing market. For purposes
- 6 of this subparagraph:
- 7 (i) The term “overcrowded” means more than one resident per
- 8 room in each room in a dwelling.
- 9 (ii) The term “overcrowded rate for a comparable housing
- 10 market” means that the overcrowding rate is no more than the
- 11 average overcrowding rate in comparable regions throughout the
- 12 nation, as determined by the council of governments.
- 13 (D) The rate of household formation, or headship rates, based
- 14 on age, gender, ethnicity, or other established demographic
- 15 measures.
- 16 (E) The vacancy rates in existing housing stock, and the vacancy
- 17 rates for healthy housing market functioning and regional mobility,
- 18 as well as housing replacement needs. For purposes of this
- 19 subparagraph, the vacancy rate for a healthy rental housing market
- 20 shall be considered no less than 5 percent.
- 21 (F) Other characteristics of the composition of the projected
- 22 population.
- 23 (G) The relationship between jobs and housing, including any
- 24 imbalance between jobs and housing.
- 25 (H) The percentage of households that are cost burdened and
- 26 the rate of housing cost burden for a healthy housing market. For
- 27 the purposes of this subparagraph:
- 28 (i) The term “cost burdened” means the share of very low, low-,
- 29 moderate-, and above moderate-income households that are paying
- 30 more than 30 percent of household income on housing costs.
- 31 (ii) The term “rate of housing cost burden for a healthy housing
- 32 market” means that the rate of households that are cost burdened
- 33 is no more than the average rate of households that are cost
- 34 burdened in comparable regions throughout the nation, as
- 35 determined by the council of governments.
- 36 (I) The loss of units during a state of emergency that was
- 37 declared by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency
- 38 Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of
- 39 Division 1 of Title 2), during the planning period immediately

1 preceding the relevant revision pursuant to Section 65588 that
2 have yet to be rebuilt or replaced at the time of the data request.

3 (2) The department may accept or reject the information
4 provided by the council of governments or modify its own
5 assumptions or methodology based on this information. ~~After~~
6 ~~consultation with the council of governments, the department shall~~
7 ~~make determinations in writing on the assumptions for each of the~~
8 ~~factors listed in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph~~
9 ~~(1) and the methodology it shall use and shall provide these~~
10 ~~determinations to the council of governments. The methodology~~
11 ~~submitted by the department may make adjustments based on the~~
12 ~~region's total projected households, which includes existing~~
13 ~~households as well as projected households.~~

14 (3) *For the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing*
15 *element pursuant to Section 65588, the department shall assemble*
16 *and convene an advisory panel to advise the department on its*
17 *assumptions and methodology it shall use. The panel shall be*
18 *composed of all of the following:*

19 (A) *A United States Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner.*

20 (B) *An expert on the data described in subparagraphs (A) to*
21 *(I), inclusive, of paragraph (1).*

22 (C) *A representative from the council of governments.*

23 (4) *After consultation with the council of governments and, for*
24 *the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing element*
25 *pursuant to Section 65588, the advisory panel described in*
26 *paragraph (3), the department shall make determinations in writing*
27 *on the assumptions for each of the factors listed in subparagraphs*
28 *(A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and the methodology it shall*
29 *use and shall provide these determinations to the council of*
30 *governments and publish these determinations on the department's*
31 *internet website. The methodology submitted by the department*
32 *may make adjustments based on the region's total projected*
33 *households, which includes existing households as well as*
34 *projected households.*

35 (c) (1) After consultation with the council of governments, the
36 department shall make a determination of the region's existing
37 and projected housing need based upon the assumptions and
38 methodology determined pursuant to subdivision (b). The region's
39 existing and projected housing need shall reflect the achievement
40 of a feasible balance between jobs and housing within the region

1 using the regional employment projections in the applicable
2 regional transportation plan. Within 30 days following notice of
3 the determination from the department, the council of governments
4 may file an objection to the department’s determination of the
5 region’s existing and projected housing need with the department.

6 (2) The objection shall be based on and substantiate either of
7 the following:

8 (A) The department failed to base its determination on the
9 population projection for the region established pursuant to
10 subdivision (a), and shall identify the population projection that
11 the council of governments believes should instead be used for the
12 determination and explain the basis for its rationale.

13 (B) The regional housing need determined by the department
14 is not a reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions
15 determined pursuant to subdivision (b). The objection shall include
16 a proposed alternative determination of its regional housing need
17 based upon the determinations made in subdivision (b), including
18 analysis of why the proposed alternative would be a more
19 reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions
20 determined pursuant to subdivision (b).

21 (3) If a council of governments files an objection pursuant to
22 this subdivision and includes with the objection a proposed
23 alternative determination of its regional housing need, it shall also
24 include documentation of its basis for the alternative determination.
25 Within 45 days of receiving an objection filed pursuant to this
26 section, the department shall consider the objection and make a
27 final written determination of the region’s existing and projected
28 housing need that includes an explanation of the information upon
29 which the determination was made.

30 (d) Statutory changes enacted after the date the department
31 issued a final determination pursuant to this section shall not be a
32 basis for a revision of the final determination.

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35 **REVISIONS:**

36 **Heading—Line 2.**

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AB 2485: RHNA Transparency Reform Act

PURPOSE

Assembly Bill 2485 seeks to enhance transparency in the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) regional housing needs calculation process by creating an advisory panel and requiring the publication of methodologies used on HCD’s website.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a state-mandated program that requires cities and counties to build new housing for expected population growth over an eight-year planning period.

Initially, HCD first collaborates with regional Council of Governments (COGs) to establish methodologies for calculating housing needs. HCD then communicates its estimations and final determinations to COGs through written statements. Next, COGs distribute needs to local jurisdictions that develop implementation plans.

In March 2022, the State Auditor conducted an emergency audit to examine the RHNA process and identified several errors in HCD’s housing projections, resulting in a decrease in the housing amounts. Specifically, Sacramento COG fell short by 2,484 housing units and Santa Barbara COG by 1,338 units¹.

The State Auditor attributed HCD’s miscalculations to a lack of oversight in staff data entry and a failure to consider all factors required by state law in its estimates. Additionally, the State Auditor stated that shortcomings in calculations and support for HCD’s factor considerations risk eroding public confidence in their ability to provide accurate information to COGs about housing needs.

In 2021, the Orange County COGs filed a lawsuit against HCD, claiming that HCD used inaccurate data rates in their evaluations. In a separate lawsuit,

individuals and nonprofit corporations argued that HCD failed to consider factors required by law in its assessment for the San Francisco Bay Area COGs.

The State Auditor recommended a formal review process and thorough documentation measures to ensure that all RHNA calculations provided to COGs by the HCD are accurate.

EXISTING LAW

Government Code Section 65584.01 requires HCD to meet and consult with COGs regarding the assumptions and methodologies used to determine the region’s housing needs at least 26 months prior to final determinations.

Government Code Section 65584.01 requires HCD to provide COGs with a written explanation of data assumptions and methodologies used to determine RHNA allocations.

SOLUTION

AB 2485 aims for transparency in the RHNA determination process by providing COGs, housing stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties with information on the data sources, analyses, and calculation methods used by HCD. This bill would establish a formal review process by creating an expert panel to advise HCD on its assumptions, data, and analyses prior to a final RHNA determination.

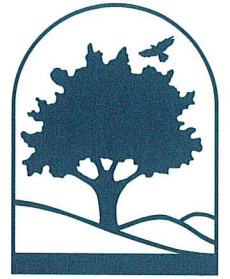
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

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These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on Chino Hills and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the City of Chino Hills' perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Nicholas Liguori, Community Development Director, at (909) 364-2740 with any questions about this letter.

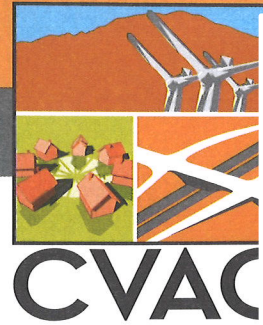
Sincerely,



Cynthia Moran
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RE: **Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding**

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

As the Chair of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), I am writing to strongly urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. The proposed budget places at risk \$19.4 million worth of REAP 2.0 investments for the Coachella Valley that will help improve mobility, address climate change, and improve access to housing. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

CVAG is a joint powers authority comprised of nine cities, four Tribal Nations and the County of Riverside. CVAG has long supported investments in active transportation, housing and transportation infrastructure, to improve the jobs and housing balance and reduce vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions. By strengthening community connections, people in the Coachella Valley have increased opportunities to live a healthier and more active lifestyle. That is why CVAG is building the CV Link, a 40-plus mile multi-modal path across the Coachella Valley.

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Specific to the Coachella Valley, REAP 2.0 projects include:

- \$5 million to Lift to Rise to help build 1,150 affordable housing units.
- \$8 million to the City of Palm Desert, to address severe flooding issues that will support the development of 5,049 housing units.
- \$2.05 million to the City of Coachella to develop a plan for a multimodal transit supportive rail station in the city.
- \$2.05 million to CVAG for vehicle miles travel study.
- \$1.7 million to CVAG to build connections to CV Link, a 40-plus mile multimodal pathway spanning the Coachella Valley.
- \$500,000 to the City of Desert Hot Springs for a plan to develop infill affordable housing in the city's downtown area.
- \$200,000 to study the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District in the City of Desert Hot Springs to fund housing-support infrastructure improvements.

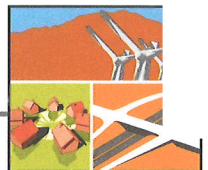
These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts in the Coachella Valley and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California.

Therefore, we respectfully request rejection of the Governor's proposal related REAP 2.0 funding. By protecting this funding, regions throughout the state will be better positioned to address the state's aggressive climate goals and urgent and critical need for affordable and safe housing. If you have any questions, please contact CVAG's Executive Director, Tom Kirk, at tkirk@cvag.org or at 760-346-1127.

Sincerely,


Scott Matas (Feb 14, 2024 07:47 PST)

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Chair



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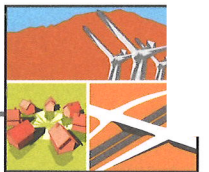
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of City of Eastvale, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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Attachment: REAP 2.0 Coalition Letters (May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update)

In the City of Eastvale, REAP would provide funding to support the development of the Chandler Area Specific Plan. The Chandler Area is a neighborhood on Chandler Street from Hellman Avenue to Archibald Avenue. There is an ongoing interest from developers bring in additional retail and residential units in the Chandler Area, while preserving and honoring the neighborhood’s history and heritage. The Specific Plan will outline detailed policies and regulations for the development of the Chandler Area and provide a framework for land use, infrastructure, transportation, and other key elements.

The project in Eastvale is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

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Thank you for considering the City of Eastvale’s perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact Stephanie Vasquez, Assistant to the City Manager, at svasquez@eastvaleca.gov with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of El Centro, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to the City of El Centro and numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

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In the City of El Centro, REAP would provide \$100,000 to fund a focus housing market study to understand local housing impediments and barriers for developing affordable and market rate housing. Other projects could include \$25,000 for providing in person training for local contractors, engineers, and other development professionals on how to comply with energy efficiency residential building code or stormwater requirements. The goal of the training is to more quickly review, approve, and finalize housing projects by reducing the number of plan reviews and delays resulting from re-inspections due to a lack of familiarity with energy efficiency and stormwater requirements.

The projects proposed in El Centro are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program, including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

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Thank you for considering the City of El Centro's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please get in touch with Cedric Ceseña, City Manager at the City of El Centro, with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,


Sylvia Marroquin
Mayor



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Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

On behalf of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget.

The Gateway Cities COG's mission is to improve the quality of life for the 2.1 million residents of Southeast Los Angeles County. The COG undertakes targeted initiatives in these policy areas: economic development, climate and air quality, housing and homelessness, transportation and health and wellbeing. It convenes its 27 member cities, promoting a collaborative subregional approach to planning and accommodating growth and development within the Gateway Cities subregion. Many local jurisdictions in southeast Los Angeles County are small, under staffed, under resourced, and densely populated with low income people of color. **70% of the census tracts in the subregion are disadvantaged**, based on CalEnviroScreen.

Our jurisdictions find it difficult to apply for grant funding and to establish and maintain new programs and projects. Part of the COG's \$1,228,619 REAP 2.0 allocation was intended to establish a new Technical Assistance Support Team that would **assist Gateway Cities to pursue funding for and to complete subregional projects that support Gateway Cities 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation**. The Team would work collaboratively with Gateway cities to identify eligible projects and scope them; identify matching funds and prepare applications for REAP 2.0 and other funding programs; lead public engagement/outreach to support funding applications; and provide land use modelling, mapping and data analysis services to support funding applications.

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Further, because the majority of the Gateway Cities are members of the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust the COG Board also approved a portion of the COG's REAP 2.0 funding be allocated to support Trust administration and management, in order to reserve the majority of the funding it secures to support capital projects. The Trust's first modest NOFA in 2023 resulted in contingent letters of intent to fund 34 affordable housing units in the subregion, of the roughly 4,000 units that have been identified in the affordable housing pipeline in the subregion.

As you set your priorities for the FY 2024-25 state budget and begin negotiations following the release of the Governor's January budget proposal, the COG urges you to maintain your strong support for investments in housing programs as enacted in previous budgets. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, housing programs must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious housing and climate goals.

Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) – Protect Existing Funding Levels

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's housing and climate goals. In his January budget, the Governor proposes a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0. **This proposal would be devastating to the COG and our member cities, as well as to the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust.** In July 2023, SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application was approved by HCD, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to more than 100 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the Southern California region.

The cities of Long Beach, Montebello and Santa Fe Springs, all COG members, have been awarded REAP 2.0 funding to support inclusionary housing policy development, retail to residential conversion, and creating new infill housing in a newly rezoned area identified in a 6th Cycle Housing Element. The Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust was awarded \$5 million dollars to create a revolving loan program offering low-interest loans for predevelopment expenses to identify, entitle, and secure construction and permanent financing for affordable housing development projects. This proposal includes a match doubling the REAP 2.0 investment. **Anticipated outcomes of the loan program include seven affordable housing developments with 679 affordable housing units, by 2028.**

These transformational initiatives are at risk if funding to the REAP 2.0 program is eliminated, or cut in half. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the COG's perspective on this important matter. Please contact the undersigned, at hdelatorre@gatewaycog.org with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Hector De La Torre, Executive Director
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

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RE: PROTECT DEDICATED REAP 2.0 PROGRAM FUNDING

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California’s climate and housing through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to Indio as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the need to protect this critical funding!

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan H. Montgomery
City Manager

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Irvine, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made in the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you consider the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we acknowledge the enormous budget challenge that the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility targets.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program that aims to accelerate progress on California's climate and housing goals by strengthening partnerships among regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program designed specifically to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as mandated by SB 375 (2008). As a result, regions were given the authority to create programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH), and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating for the City of Irvine, as well as many other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, committing \$246 million to the organization. Since then, SCAG has allocated \$192 million, primarily through competitive programs, to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies outlined in Connect SoCal, the SCAG region's Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy.

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In Irvine, REAP would provide an estimated \$13,290,000 in funding for County Transportation Commission Partnership Program projects that affect our city and the surrounding Orange County communities.

These Orange County projects are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program, including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Ria.

These projects play an important role in increasing housing supply in the short term while also demonstrating innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was created to remove systemic barriers, allowing developers to build units where they are needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will jeopardize the program's integrity and have serious consequences for the City of Irvine and the other cities and counties in Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to cut REAP 2.0 in half while protecting this critical program.

Thank you for considering Irvine's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tammykim@cityofirvine.org or by phone at (310) 701-7446.

Respectfully,

Tammy Kim
Councilmember



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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to respectfully request the Legislature to reject the \$300 million cut to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom’s proposed Fiscal Year 2025 State Budget.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California’s climate and housing goals through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region’s Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

REAP 2.0 is a key part of the state’s strategic investments toward a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of REAP 2019, but expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments including infrastructural investments that support infill development, which facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability. The City was awarded REAP 2.0 funding from SCAG to support efforts to expand the City’s Inclusionary Housing Policy, a commitment in the City’s Housing Element to help address documented fair housing issues. However, due to the state facing a significant budget deficit, funding has been suspended while the state budget is being finalized.

The City is committed to supporting policies and funding that promote the development of affordable and accessible housing. REAP 2.0 plays a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. The City recognizes the state’s current budget challenges and the difficult choices facing the Legislature as it grapples with a significant deficit. However, as California’s housing and climate crises continue to worsen, I respectfully urge the Legislature to reject proposed cuts to the REAP 2.0 program.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
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RE: Protect Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

The City of Mission Viejo recognizes the significant budget challenges the Legislature faces, and amidst these challenges, urges the Legislature to protect statewide REAP 2.0 funding in its FY2024/25 budget. Protection of these funds would financially assist our local and regional planning partners—such as our county transportation commissions and subregions—in implementing projects and programs that achieve statewide housing, mobility and sustainability goals.

REAP 2.0 is a noteworthy statewide program that can show promise in addressing California's climate and housing challenges, through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. When this new round of REAP funding was announced in 2022, SCAG worked immediately with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) to craft a suite of funding programs that could address the region's significant housing need, while concurrently promoting infill housing, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, and reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled.

State HCD approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application in July 2023, formally committing a fair-share, \$246 million allocation to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million of these funds, primarily through competitive programs, to fund 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies, and which would advance the region's attainment of its Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.



It is also important to recognize that the six counties in the SCAG region have their individual and unique needs. Thus, as a SCAG member jurisdiction in Orange County, we have appreciated that SCAG's grant funding programs include allocations to the 15 SCAG subregions and the six county transportation commissions. This approach allows REAP 2.0 funding to directly flow to each of the six counties through tailored, countywide programs developed by the subregions and county transportation commissions, thereby eliminating any "one-size-fits all" bias. In addition, SCAG's REAP 2.0 funding allocation includes financial assistance to housing trusts, and in Orange County, the Orange County Housing Finance Trust was to receive \$4.0 million in REAP 2.0 funding, to provide low to no interest and partially forgivable loans to construct Accessory Dwelling Units, in exchange for a 10-year affordability term.

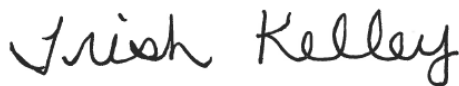
Further, the Orange County Transportation Authority plans to use REAP 2.0 funding to: advance Safe Routes to Schools programs and improvements, through community engagement; and, improve pedestrian and bicycle connections at Orange County intersections, based on equity and crash data.

Also, the Orange County Council of Governments, one of 15 subregions in the SCAG region, earmarked REAP 2.0 funding to develop a gallery of Missing Middle housing with pre-approved plans, to address Orange County's housing need in a manner that would be compatible with community needs and if developed, would promote walkable neighborhoods.

These local, Orange County projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term, while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. We ask that you restore REAP 2.0 funding in the 2024/25 state budget, to enable these projects to move forward.

Thank you for considering the City of Mission Viejo perspective on the statewide REAP 2.0 funding program.

Respectfully,



Trish Kelley
Mayor

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City of Mission Viejo Director of Community Development
OCCOG Executive Director
SCAG Legislative Affairs Manager
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of The City of Montebello, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Region Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's climate and housing through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal government. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to The City of Montebello, as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

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In my City, REAP would provide \$190,000 funding for Montebello's Transformative Corridors Project to conduct an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Feasibility Study to, among other things, determine the viability of using tax increment financing to incentivize new affordable housing and other economic growth initiatives Montebello Transformative Corridors Project. This project is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on The City and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering The City of Montebello's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Director Joseph Palombi via email: JPalombi@MontebelloCA.gov or phone: (323) 877-1200 ex:1598 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Raul Alvarez,

City Manager

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Murrieta I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to the City of Murrieta, as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG’s full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

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In our City, the committed funds provide \$4.1 Million dollars to establish a revolving loan program to fund affordable housing developments. The City of Murrieta has two (2) affordable housing development projects currently under construction and have at least another five (5) existing developments in process looking to obtain funding to proceed. This innovative program would not have just helped the projects under construction or in process but is designed as a program that secures a continuing funding source for future affordable housing developments in our City. The REAP program funding is critical to our local affordable housing developments.

The project in my City is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

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Thank you for considering the City of Murrieta's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Carl Stiehl, City Planner, at CStiehl@MurrietaCA.gov with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Lori Stone
Mayor



February 26, 2024

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of most Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) convenes jurisdictions throughout the County to address land use, energy, mobility, air quality, and water issues facing our residents and ensure our county is represented in regional decision-making. Through implementing effective governance practices we deliver value to our member agencies and the tax-payers of Orange County.

On behalf of ACC-OC President Klopfenstein and the ACC-OC Board of Directors, and OCCOG Chair Wendy Bucknum and the OCCOG Board of Directors, we urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected to meet our collective ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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In Orange County, REAP would provide \$20.9 million for 17 projects including multimodal street re-designs, code updates to support increased density and infill housing, “missing middle” housing, mobility hub networks, transit improvements, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements, community engagement, with technology tools to support affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing as well as to reduce vehicle miles traveled and expand infill development, mixed-use development, and a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program’s integrity and have severe, negative impacts on cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor’s proposal to cut the REAP 2.0 program.

Thank you for considering Orange County’s perspective on REAP 2.0. If you have any questions about our concerns about these proposed cuts or ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or wstrack@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange County

Marnie O’Brian Primmer
Executive Director
Orange County Council of Governments

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REAP would provide more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley. This is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program, including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

As one of the fastest growing regions in the State, these projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on Palm Springs and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering my perspective on the REAP 2.0. if you have any questions. I can be reached at Jeffrey.Bernstein@palmspringsca.gov or 760.323.8200.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Bernstein
Mayor, City of Palm Springs



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MICHAEL M. VARGAS

February 9, 2024

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

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Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

In the City of Perris, REAP would provide around \$4.5 million in funding to the surrounding area with a County Transportation Commission Partnership Program (CTC Program) and a Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2). The RCTC Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study would evaluate transit potential along Interstate 215. The long-term vision of the study is a fully integrated transportation network that allows for multimodal access while leveraging advanced technology. This initial step would be crucial in alleviating traffic on Interstate 215 for Perris residents. The Western Riverside Council of Governments Jurisdictional Technical Assistance will offer support to cities like Perris with programs and activities that will implement local housing element programs and support infill development. This funding would enhance regional partnerships for homelessness solutions, infrastructure capacity enhancement, and energy efficiency programs.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program’s integrity and have severe, negative impacts on Perris and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor’s proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the City of Perris’ perspective on REAP 2.0. Please feel free to contact my office, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Subject: Restore Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener, and Chair Gabriel:

On behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), we respectfully request the Legislature reject the \$300 million rescission of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom's 2024-25 January Budget proposal. The \$300 million rescission eliminates half of a \$600 million investment to advance the implementation of adopted regional plans in support of sustainable housing development and interconnected multimodal transportation systems.

REAP 2.0 is the only state funding program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), which advances smart development across the state and region. As a regional transportation planning agency with an extensive project delivery portfolio, RCTC understands that sufficient state funding for transportation infrastructure solutions is the key to advancing state goals related to climate, housing, and equity.

This proposed rescission comes two and half years after the program was adopted, and much advance work, planning, project selection, and implementation has occurred with the understanding that this work would be reimbursed. The projects in Riverside County were unfunded until REAP 2.0 funding was awarded.

Just by this rescission being included in Governor Newsom's 2024-25 January Budget proposal, \$11 million in innovative projects which intersect at two of the most critical issues in California, transportation and housing, have been shelved. RCTC is already underway on its Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study (\$3 million) and the Riverside Transit Agency was halfway through its GoMicro Microtransit Pilot (\$2.4 million). RCTC was days from awarding a contract for the Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network (\$2 million) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments cancelled its requests for proposals for its Vehicle Miles Travelled Study (\$2 million) and CV Link Community Connectors Analysis (\$1.7 million). This is anecdotal evidence that reducing funding to the REAP 2.0 program will continue to have severe impacts on several high priority programs underway in our region.

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Through these projects, RCTC and other awardees are not only working to address issues related to congestion and air pollution, but also addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities and encouraging sustainable development that produces tangible economic and environmental benefits across Riverside County.

For these reasons, we urge you to protect REAP 2.0 funding and reject the proposed \$300 million rescission of the program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at amayer@rctc.org or (951) 787-7141.

Sincerely,



Anne Mayer
Executive Director

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City of Rialto

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Rialto, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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In Rialto, REAP would provide:

- **\$193,875 for the city’s Catalytic Housing Initiative for Downtown Rialto**
- **\$6,519,868 at part of the Countywide Multi-Modal Complete Streets Program for the cities of Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Twentynine Palms and Upland**
- **The program is helping SCAG contribute \$2,500,000 toward the city’s Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project**

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Thank you for considering the City of Rialto’s perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director, at (909) 820-8008 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



DAVID CARMANY
Rialto City Manager



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In the City of Riverside, REAP would provide \$500,000 for Missing Middle Prototype Plans for Infill Housing Sites through SCAG's Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program. This funding increases accessibility to available infill public-owned and private-owned lands for affordable and mixed-income housing and neighborhood serving uses.

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Thank you for considering the City of Riverside's perspective on the REAP 2.0 program funding. Please contact me at 951-826-5551 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Patricia Lock Dawson
Mayor, City of Riverside



County Executive
Ann Edwards

**Governmental Relations and
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Elisia De Bord

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February 5, 2024

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**Re: Restore Budget Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021
(REAP 2.0)**

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, Chair Skinner, and Chair Gabriel:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to reject Governor Newsom's January 2024-25 budget proposal to cut \$300 million from the REAP 2.0 program - the sole funding source for Green Means Go (GMG).

Sacramento County writes in support of Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) letter, dated January 25, 2024, outlining the need for the full \$600 million REAP investment to advance the implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and development activities that accelerate infill housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled. Sacramento County is a member of SACOG and was awarded funding for projects through REAP, namely the North Watt Avenue Corridor Plan Special Planning Area Update (SPA Update), which is at risk.

The North Watt Avenue SPA Update area is a key transit corridor and infill development priority for the County. The vision of the SPA Update is to transform the corridor from an auto-oriented commercial strip to a vibrant, economically healthy corridor. A key objective of the SPA Update is to provide for a range of by-right housing types and densities supportive of existing and planned transit in a designated Environmental Justice (EJ) Community. By streamlining review and providing by-right development options, implementation of the SPA Update will reduce vehicle miles traveled and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, while providing much needed housing and investment in an EJ Community; and finally, will further the County's mission of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in our community. GMG funding is critical to ensure that the vision and objectives of the SPA Update are met.

February 5, 2024

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The County understands the difficult budget decisions the Legislature must make, but as California's housing and climate crisis worsens, we ask that the Legislature prioritize infill housing to reach the State's climate goals by rejecting cuts to the REAP 2.0 Program. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



Elisia De Bord
Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

Attachment: SACOG's Letter Dated January 25, 2024

cc: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Greg Chew, SACOG
Audrey Ratajczak, Cruz Strategies

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RE: Restore Budget Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Dear President pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, Chair Skinner, and Chair Gabriel:

On behalf of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), representing six counties and 22 cities, I urge the Legislature to reject the \$300 million cut to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom's 2024-25 January Budget proposal. The \$300 million rescission eliminates half of a \$600 million investment to advance the implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and development activities that accelerate infill housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

SACOG has directed all REAP 2.0 funding to infrastructure projects and local land use planning activities that implement our Green Means Go program, which accelerates infill housing development. SACOG has already awarded the full share of our \$31.8 million to local jurisdictions. **Our REAP 2.0 funding is expected to unlock 8,000 infill housing units, 6,000 of which are projected to be affordable to low- and moderate-income households.**

Green Means Go REAP 2.0 funding is directed to locally-nominated Green Zones—areas that cities and counties have identified for infill development, mostly in older commercial corridors and main streets. In addition to reducing vehicle emissions, Green Means Go will stimulate economic development and improve the region’s quality of life by helping to spur development within a center, corridor, or established community as identified in SACOG's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

SACOG developed Green Means Go at the direction of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to help the region achieve our CARB-mandated 19 percent greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target through our SCS. Green Means Go is a multi-year pilot program

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to lower GHG emissions in the six-county Sacramento region by accelerating infill housing development and reducing and electrifying vehicle trips.

REAP 2.0 is the sole funding source for Green Means Go. SACOG received \$31.8 million from REAP 2.0. The funding rescission will mean a loss of over \$15 million in critical infill housing dollars for Green Means Go and will significantly reduce the number of housing units expected from the Green Means Go funding. SACOG was one of the first regions to have its REAP 2.0 funding plan approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development, and subsequently awarded all of its funding in March 2023 through a competitive process. The program awarded funds to local agencies for capital and planning projects that spur new housing development, with the majority going to capital projects.

Capital Investments \$26.4 million:

- SACOG estimates the Green Means Go capital underground infrastructure investments will unlock 8,000 infill housing units—6,000 of which are low or moderate-income.
- All capital investments and their associated infill housing are at risk from the proposed REAP 2.0 rescission because these projects cannot be reduced in scope without compromising housing development potential.
- Unless the rescission is rejected, funding uncertainty will mean that Green Means Go capital construction projects are unlikely to proceed to construction bids this year. This will mean cancellation or cost increases that make projects infeasible.

Planning Investments \$4.8 million:

- Green Means Go planning awards are needed to set up the next wave of capital infrastructure projects and prepare Green Zone corridors for development.
- Green Zones can accommodate 32% of planned housing growth in the region, creating an estimated 84,000 new homes in climate-friendly locations by 2040.
- Green Zones see a 16% reduction of VMT per capita, double the regional reduction per capita at 8%.

We understand the difficult choices facing the Legislature in this budget, but as California's housing and climate crises continue to worsen, we urge the Legislature to prioritize infill housing necessary to reach the state's climate goals and reject cuts to the REAP 2.0 program. Green Means Go is key to the Sacramento region's commitment and solution to California's housing, climate, and transportation challenges. Green Zones recognize a connection between land use, housing, economic and workforce development, transportation investments, and travel choices.

Thank you for considering our position on this critical matter. We look forward to working with you to ensure our region can develop desperately needed homes in infill areas that will reduce greenhouse gas production. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Bless Sheppard, State Government Affairs, at BSheppard@sacog.org or 916-340-6218 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



James Corless
Executive Director

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February 22, 2024

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RE: SUPPORT for Protecting Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of San Fernando, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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In the City of San Fernando, REAP would provide \$1.125 million to amend the Zoning Code to implement several programs identified in our certified Housing Element and update the 2002 Historic Survey. The proposal for the state to claw back funds concerning because AB 1398 requires jurisdictions to rezone any sites listed in their

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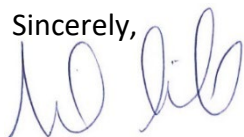
Housing Element Inventory List to accommodate its RHNA allocation by the end of 2024. Through RHNA, the state has imposed an unfunded mandate on local cities and is now threatening to claw back what little funding is available to meet the AB 1398 mandate, which is very disingenuous by the State of California.

The project in San Fernando is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

This letter is also in accordance with the City of San Fernando's Adopted Legislative Policy and 2024 Legislative Platform, specifically to support efforts that provide additional resources for the development of affordable housing programs and procedures for the designation of properties as historic resources (Housing and Homeless Prevention Item No(s) 3, 7).

Thank you for considering the City of San Fernando's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Nick Kimball, City Manager, at nkimball@sfcity.org or (818) 898-1202 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Nick Kimball
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Attachment: REAP 2.0 Coalition Letters (May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update)



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RE: SUPPORT for Protecting Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Santa Paula, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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In the City of Santa Paula, REAP would provide \$1,677,000 million to advance the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan which will improve active transportation connections to housing, transit, education and job centers in the Santa Clara River Valley, along with providing alternative means of transportation in Santa Paula thereby allowing safe, multi-modal access from the west end of the City to the east end.

The project in the City of Santa Paula is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, and infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, among others.

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Moreover, our current adopted Legislative Platform supports this request through the following sections:

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Thank you for considering the City of Santa Paula's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Jonathan Royas, Deputy City Manager, at jroyas@spcity.org or (805) 921-0575 with any questions about this letter.

Respectfully,



Leslie Cornejo
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Senator Monique Limon
The Honorable Assemblyman Steve Bennett
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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating, specifically to the development and implementation of the South Bay Housing Trust. Numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments have other critical projects they have been planning.

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In the South Bay subregion of Los Angeles County, REAP would provide \$989,250 for three important projects related to more housing and GHG reduction. The first project would develop a South Bay Regional Housing Trust which would facilitate the funding of affordable housing units throughout the South Bay through various funding programs. The second project would identify old or underutilized malls and brownfield sites and explored the feasibility of converting those types of parcels into housing. The third project would develop neighborhood micromobility hub pilot projects in disadvantaged communities aimed at reducing GHG emissions and creating opportunities for low cost transportation options.

The projects in our subregion are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program. These projects will play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on our subregion and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the SBCCOG's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach at (310) 371-7222 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Cedric Hicks, SBCCOG Chair
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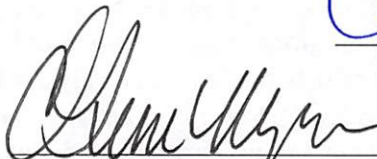

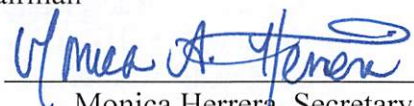
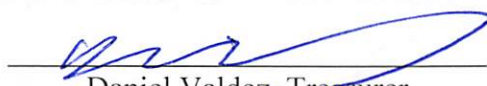

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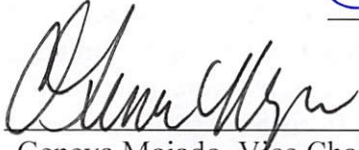
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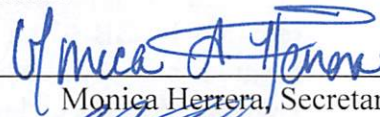
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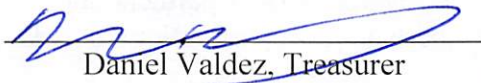
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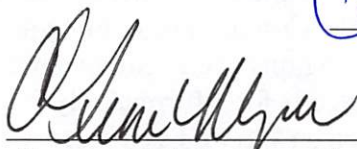
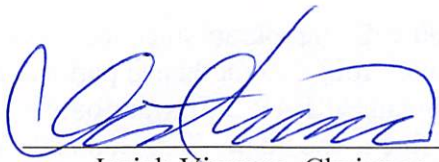

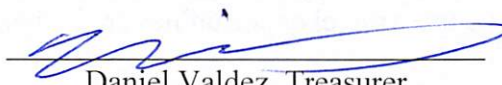

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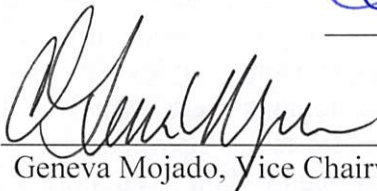
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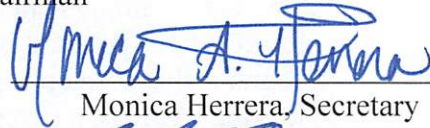
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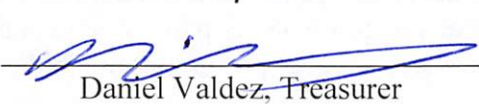
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RE: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' 2024-25 State Budget Priorities

Dear Senate President pro Tempore McGuire, Assembly Speaker Rivas, Senate Budget Chair Wiener, Assembly Budget Chair Gabriel, Senate Sub 4 Chair Padilla, Senate Sub 5 Committee Chair Durazo, and Assembly Sub 5 Chair Quirk-Silva:

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), consisting of 31 incorporated cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County, three municipal water districts, and representing more than 2 million residents encompassing more than 374 square miles, I write to express our collective budget priorities as you work to formulate California's 2024-25 state budget.

While we recognize the budget challenges the Legislature faces this year with a mounting deficit, we urge you to protect critical investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) and the Active Transportation Program (ATP). These resources have allowed SGVCOG and its affiliate local agencies to create a more equitable transportation network and provide much-needed affordable housing units for the region.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward the state's climate and housing development goals through enhanced local, regional, and state partnerships. These funds are specifically tailored to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (Statutes of 2008). For this purpose, regions like ours have been empowered to develop programs to accelerate infill housing to support goals such as Affirmatively Fair Housing and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

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In his January budget proposal, the Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds. If effectively enacted, this funding reversion would be devastating to the SGVCOG region and our affiliate agencies. In July of 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to the SCAG region. Since then SCAG has sub-allocated over \$192 million in competitive program formulas to 118 local projects, which will bring our region closer to fulfilling its state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

SGVCOG has several programs awarded through SCAG using REAP 2.0 funds. These include a \$5,000,000 award of Programs to Accelerate Affordable Housing (PATH) Lasting Affordability funds for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund; \$2,625,469 of County Transportation Commission Partnership Program funds for the Enhanced GoSGV E-Bike Share Program; and \$1,474,700 of Subregional Program 2.0 funds for the SGVCOG's Housing Incubator. The awarded funding will support the development of an estimated 75-150 new units of affordable housing, ensure that clean transportation options accompany the expansion of housing, and provide technical assistance to support the development of additional housing units. All of these programs are important components of sustainable community development and directly support the goal of increasing housing choice and supply. These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. In particular, the impact of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund expands beyond the initial units developed as loan repayments are subsequently reinvested, thereby supporting the long-term sustainable development of affordable housing in the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove systemic barriers for developers to build much needed units. Reducing or delaying funding will only compromise the program's integrity and will set local governments back as we work to achieve housing supply goals. We request that in formulating the Legislature's counter-budget proposal, you reject the Governor's proposed \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds and reinstate this crucial program to its original funding level.

Regarding ATP funds, this program has played a significant role in bike and pedestrian infrastructure, increased safety and mobility for non-motorized users, built safe routes to schools, and developed active transportation plans. Through the first six funding cycles, the SCAG region has received funding for 722 projects totaling \$1.4 billion. The SGVCOG has received nearly \$12 million in ATP funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements at four critical at-grade rail crossings.

The ATP program is a crucial funding source to implement the infrastructure needed to achieve the state's roadway safety and climate goals. Given that nearly all infrastructure projects funded through ATP are safety countermeasures and strategies effective at reducing vehicular speeds and increasing the visibility of vulnerable roadway users, this program is vital to meeting the state's "Toward Zero Death" goal, which aims to reduce the number and rate of roadway fatalities by three percent per year.

The success and impact of ATP has led to it becoming significantly over subscribed. In the most recent funding cycle, Cycle 6, the SCAG region received 147 applications, totaling \$853 million in ATP requests, for just \$93 million in available funds for the Southern California regional portion of the ATP. Despite the high demand for these funds, the Governor's January budget proposes to

reduce the ATP by \$200 million. We urge you to reconsider this proposed funding reduction and ask that you protect the multi-year commitments made to ATP, including the protection of all ATP funds in future cycles.

Thank you for considering the perspective of the SGVCOG and its over 2 million residents as you deliberate on budget solutions for all of California. We look forward to continued partnership in achieving our shared goals of healthy, vibrant communities supported by housing solutions and active transportation options. Should you have any questions, please contact Ricky Choi, Director of Government and Community Relations, at rchoi@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,



Marisa Creter
Executive Director
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

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**RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0)
Program Funding**

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Simi Valley I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we plan to meet the ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals before us.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's climate and housing through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. There are eleven projects proposed in Ventura County, eight of which provide benefits County-wide, including to Simi Valley and its residents. This proposal would be a significant blow to Ventura County and Simi Valley as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

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In Simi Valley, we have been anxiously awaiting the technical assistance that will be provided in the Ventura Council of Governments' plan to implement the 6th Cycle Housing Element Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing program and the Countywide 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and 5-Year Regional Consolidated Plan, the joint efforts of Ventura Council of Governments, Orange County Council of Governments, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to provide the general public with Accessory Dwelling Unit development information to make the process more user friendly, as well as a Countywide Traffic Calming Program.

The projects in Ventura County are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on Simi Valley, and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the City of Simi Valley's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact Samantha Argabrite, Assistant City Manager, at (805) 583-6707 or sargabrite@simivalley.org with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Fred D. Thomas
Mayor

- cc: The Honorable Senator Henry Stern
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the city of Torrance, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to the City of Torrance as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative,

local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

In the City of Torrance, REAP would provide funding for a Utility Infrastructure Study to support the City's Housing Corridor Overlay, which was recently approved by the Torrance City Council to promote housing development in support of the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element.

The project in Torrance is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on Torrance and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the City of Torrance's perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact me with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



George K. Chen
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Twentynine Palms, I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to the City of Twentynine Palms, as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

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In the City of Twentynine Palms, REAP would provide \$400,000 to fund the street design for our affordable housing project.

The project in the City of Twentynine Palms is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on the City of Twentynine Palms and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering the City of Twentynine Palms's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact James L. Bowden, Interim City Manager, at 760 367 6799 ext. 1004 or lbowden@29palms.org with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James L. Bowden". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James L. Bowden
Interim City Manager
City of Twentynine Palms

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to VCTC, as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

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At VCTC, REAP 2.0 would provide \$3.7 million for four mobility projects: an update to the Santa Paula Branch Line trail master plan, which will improve active transportation connections to housing, transit and job centers in the Santa Clara River Valley; a countywide transit stops and train stations inventory and accessibility assessment and capital improvements program, which could be paired with future affordable housing investments to foster inclusive development and boost accessibility and mobility for historically disadvantaged communities ; a community traffic calming and pedestrian and bicycle safety program, which will target areas with excessive vehicle speeds and identify concepts for permanent infrastructure improvements; and a countywide paratransit integration study, which will improve paratransit service and enable residents to maintain their mobility and independence while remaining connected to the community.

VCTC already has invested considerable time and resources into these projects. In December 2023, VCTC's governing board approved a memorandum of understanding with SCAG to accept the award and make necessary budget amendments. Requests for proposals (RFPs) for the Santa Paula Branch Line trail master plan and community traffic calming program already had been released and had to be canceled when the REAP 2.0 program was paused. Likewise, the request for qualifications (RFQ) for the transit stops assessment had been released and then had to be canceled. Due to the complexity of a design-build contract, which was to be used for that project, VCTC already had spent more than \$16,000 in legal fees developing the RFQ and RFP. The final project, the paratransit integration study, already had been incorporated into the update of VCTC's short-range transit plan. That project has progressed to a stage where VCTC has little choice but to continue it and identify another source of funding.

The VCTC projects are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program, including a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, and infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on VCTC, Ventura County and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering VCTC's perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact VCTC Executive Director Martin Erickson at merickson@goventura.org or 805-652-1591, Ext. 123, with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

I write to you on behalf of the City of West Hollywood, a recipient of REAP 2.0 funding, which will provide \$150,000 funding dedicated to exploring the creation of a community land trust to enhance the City's efforts in creating 500 new affordable housing units by 2029.

The City of West Hollywood project is representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program, including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned

housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on West Hollywood and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

Thank you for considering West Hollywood's perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison at 323-848-6364 or via email at hmolina@weho.org with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



John M. Erickson
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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

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The Governor proposed a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget. This proposal would be devastating to the jurisdictions in the WRCOG subregion, as well as numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

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In the WRCOG subregion, REAP would provide nearly \$20 million in funding for projects that increase housing opportunities and GHG reductions. The City of Murrieta is looking to create a revolving loan program offering gap financing for affordable housing projects. The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians is looking to construct a storm water collection system to collect runoff that has

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impacted existing homes and stopped future home development from continuing in the area. RCTC is looking to evaluate transit potential along the Interstate 15, Interstate 215, and along the San Jacinto Branch rail line. RTA is looking to conduct a microtransit pilot program to serve the Hemet/San Jacinto area. Lastly, WRCOG is looking to continue its successful program conducted in REAP 1.0 that assists jurisdictions with the implementation of local housing element programs and support infill development.

These projects are representative of the many innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program including a project by LA Metro to support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

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Thank you for considering WRCOG's perspective on the REAP 2.0. Please contact do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Kurt Wilson, at kwilson@wrcog.us with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Brian Tisdale

City of Lake Elsinore Councilman and
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March 11, 2024

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Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

I am writing on behalf of Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) in Los Angeles County to urge the Legislature to protect the investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program during your deliberations on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the budget challenge that the Legislature now faces, it is important that we protect the REAP 2.0 program to meet our region's ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's climate and housing initiatives by fostering partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor's proposed \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget is detrimental to the WSCCOG, as well as other neighboring cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

Attachment: REAP 2.0 Coalition Letters (May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update)



The REAP funds would provide the WSCCOG with \$330,355 to establish a Regional Housing Trust, as well as support our member cities with technical assistance support to implement their housing elements. This fund is critical to our subregion as the State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) identified the need to produce 9,621 units of affordable housing in our subregion by 2031. A Regional Housing Trust would position our cities competitively to secure matching funds to provide gap financing to accelerate the development of affordable housing projects in our subregion.

These projects play a critical role in increasing the housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region, such as the Regional Housing Trust. REAP 2.0 aims to dismantle systemic barriers that hinder developers from building housing units where they are most needed and planned. Any reduction or delay in funding would jeopardize the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on our subregion and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California.

We respectfully urge you to reject the Governor's proposal to reduce any REAP 2.0 funding and protect this crucial program. Thank you for considering WSCCOG's perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact the WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia V. Estolano with any questions about this letter by email at cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Göran Eriksson", is written over a horizontal line.

Council Member Göran Eriksson
Chair, Westside Cities Council of Governments

CC:
Honorable Board Members of Westside Cities Council of Governments
Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director
Cecilia V. Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director



March 19, 2024

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RE: Protect Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 (REAP 2.0) Grant Program

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

As you continue to set your priorities for the FY 2024-25 State Budget, we urge you to maintain your strong support for the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 (REAP 2.0) grant program, the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the regions’ Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). While we recognize the incredible budget challenges the Legislature now faces, REAP 2.0 must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction, mobility, and housing goals.

In July 2023, the Southern California Association of Government’s (SCAG) full REAP 2.0 application was approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. With this commitment, SCAG developed our REAP 2.0 program through an inclusive outreach process focused on engagement with disadvantaged and underserved communities, by understanding key priorities and refining the program and funding allocation to meet them. Since then, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to more than 100 transformative, local projects that implement the region’s Regional Housing Needs Determination and the dozens of GHG-reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/ SCS) for the Southern California region.

Attachment: REAP 2.0 CTC Joint Advocacy Letter (May 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update)

Connect SoCal is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic and environmental goals. It sets the stage for the region’s ambitious housing plan to accommodate 1.3 million new housing units and includes new mobility strategies to enhance accessibility without adding automobile trips. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 programs support transformative planning and implementation activities that realize these objectives by providing resources to local cities, counties, transportation agencies and other partners to implement Connect SoCal.

As part of the REAP 2.0 program, SCAG created the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program which funds projects that integrate and align Southern California’s mobility and housing opportunities. To help achieve equitable project outcomes, applicants developed engagement plans prioritizing impacted communities and other relevant stakeholders, such as local jurisdictions and community-based organizations (CBOs).

Some of the innovative projects awarded through SCAG’s REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program include the following:

- \$15 million for the “North Hollywood Transit Center,” which will result in improvements to multi-modal transportation options for San Fernando Valley residents and riders to the third busiest station in the LA Metro transit system. The result will accommodate an increase in transit demand from future bus rapid transit services and a planned mixed-use development project that will accommodate 1,500 housing units, a quarter of which will be rent restricted.
- \$4.3 million for the “First Street Multimodal Boulevard Design,” which will complete planning and design work to advance bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements such as protected bike lanes, transit signal priority and bus stop shelters on a four-mile stretch of First Street in Santa Ana.
- \$3 million for the “RCTC Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study,” which will evaluate transit potential along the Interstate 15, Interstate 215, and along the San Jacinto Branch rail line in western Riverside County. The long-term vision of the study is a fully integrated transportation network that allows for multimodal access while leveraging advanced technology.
- \$6.5 million for the “Countywide Multi-Modal Complete Streets Program,” which will fund portions of several multi-modal projects in the cities of Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Twentynine Palms and Upland. These projects will lay the groundwork for developing efficient mobility hubs and addressing infrastructure needs related to affordable housing development.

- \$1.67 million for the “Santa Paula Branch Line Active Transportation – Master Plan Update and Validate Connections to Serve New Housing and Reduce VMT,” which will advance the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan, improving active transportation connections to housing, transit, and job centers in Ventura County.
- \$1 million for the “Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center,” which will construct a new intermodal transportation center in downtown Calexico, California, a major hub for cross-border travel, to consolidate public and private transportation providers in one facility to improve mobility and safety of passengers, increase transit ridership, accommodate zero emission transit vehicles, reduce vehicle emissions and enhance the Downtown Business District.

Projects like these are critical to implementing Connect SoCal. Reducing or delaying funding to them will compromise their integrity and have severe, negative impacts to Southern California and the entire state. We respectfully ask the Legislature to protect this vital program to ensure climate, housing and mobility goals are met.

Sincerely,

Kome Ajise
Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments

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Ventura County Transportation Commission

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April 3, 2024

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RE: Protect Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

As you continue to set your priorities for the FY 2024-25 State Budget, we urge you to maintain your strong support for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) program, which provides funding for innovative projects that address the state’s climate, housing, and mobility needs.

In the 2022 “Progress Report” on the State’s Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act implementation, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) found that Californians are driving more than ever despite State efforts to encourage better linkages between transportation and land-use decisions. Among the reasons attributed to this disparity is the lack of sustained investments in housing, transit, and walking and biking infrastructure. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, climate and housing programs must be protected if the State is to meet its ambitious policy goals.

One such investment is REAP 2.0, a \$600 million program intended to bridge the gap between planning and climate action by funding projects that accelerate progress towards California's housing and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008).

In July 2023, the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) full REAP 2.0 application was approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. With this commitment, SCAG developed their REAP 2.0 program through an inclusive outreach program focused on the engagement with disadvantaged and underserved communities, by understanding key priorities and refining the program and funding allocation. Since then, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to more than 100 transformative, local projects that implement the region's Regional Housing Needs Determination and the dozens of GHG-reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/ SCS) for the Southern California region.

Innovative projects awarded to date through the REAP 2.0 program include the following:

- \$15 million for the "North Hollywood Transit Center," which will result in improvements to multi-modal transportation options for San Fernando Valley residents and riders to the third busiest station in the LA Metro transit system. The result will accommodate an increase in transit demand from future bus rapid transit services and a planned mixed-use development project that will accommodate 1,500 units, a quarter of which will be rent restricted.
- \$6.1 million for the "Stormwater Drainage Project" to help the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians construct a storm water collection system to collect runoff resulting from rain flow from the foothills of the Soboba Indian Reservation. Catastrophic flood events have impacted existing homes and stopped future home development from continuing in the area. Developing the property would create housing security for 96 Soboba Tribal Member families with a current need for housing and an additional 107 families who will have a Reservation housing need over the next five years. In total, the project would support a mixture of 203 townhome, single-family, duplexes, and multi-use apartment complexes.
- \$5 million for the "Ventura County Housing Trust Fund Revolving Long-Term Loan Program" which would support 656 affordable units in infill locations in Ventura County.
- \$5 million for the establishment of the "San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust" to help create an initial loan program providing gap funding for affordable housing projects, which

would support two initial pilot projects (located in the cities of Ontario and Twentynine Palms) offering a combined 250 affordable units.

- \$4 million for the “Affordable ADU Loan Program” in the County of Orange to help expand an existing loan program that provides low-to-no interest, partially forgivable, loans to homeowners to construct an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in exchange for a 10-year affordability term. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the program include 34 ADUs initially and, over the next 20 years as loans are repaid, an additional 240 ADUs.
- \$3.7 million for “Project Powerhouse” in the City of Los Angeles to help eliminate costs for routing power and expedite needs determinations and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power approvals for 100 percent affordable or supportive housing projects by building out public right-of-way utility infrastructure needed to provide reliable electricity to these facilities.
- \$2.5 million for the “Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project” in the City of Rialto to help equip an existing unused water well with a treatment system to provide an additional local water source. When completed, the system will pump treated water into an existing water distribution pipeline and provide water to the entire Rialto Water Service Area, including 4,994 newly zoned housing units identified in Rialto’s 6th Cycle Housing Element.
- \$1.5 million for the “City of Calipatria Delta Street Pump Station” in the City of Calipatria to help design and construct necessary repairs to the Delta Street Pump Station to promote existing and future affordable residential development in the Calipatria Eastside Specific Plan, which can accommodate up to 736 units. Improvements include the installation of an updated electrical control system, a new blower system to remove corrosive gases, upgraded centrifugal pumps and rehabilitation of the wet well concrete and steel support members.
- \$500,000 for the “Ventura County Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan” that will develop an action plan to build more farmworker housing in Ventura County.
- \$250,000 for the City of Long Beach to expand the city’s existing “Inclusionary Housing Program” boundary to high resource areas meeting the REAP 2.0 definition for infill, which could potentially expand the program to a significant portion of the city.

Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program’s integrity and have severe, negative impacts on cities, counties, and tribal governments across Southern California and the entire state. We respectfully ask the Legislature to protect this vital program to ensure climate, housing and mobility goals are met.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S**
Regional Council (RC) **APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's *Kome Ajise*
Approval Threshold

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only - No Action Required

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

BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
California Contract Cities Association	Membership	\$5,000
Foundation for California Community Colleges	Honorarium	\$6,440
Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento	Legislation Summit	\$13,492
National Assoc. of Regional Councils	Membership	\$27,500
Carahsoft Technology Corp.	Managed Detection & Response SW	\$133,164

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
System Metrics Group, Inc. 21-048-C17-MRFP 13 Task Order 1	The consultant shall develop a mobility hub design and provide implementation guidance for a select number of locations to support mobility hub efforts across the region that will contribute to reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.	\$104,828
Brookings Institution	This consultant shall engage tribal leaders and	\$336,500



<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-048-C01	indigenous communities for the development of Tribal Economic Development Strategies and Policies.	

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLOSS, Inc. 23-026-C01, Amend. 2	The consultant shall develop SCAG's visual and written identity and assist in the development of visual and messaging systems, and corresponding templates and guides.	\$106,192

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-048-C17-MRFP 13 Task Order 1
2. Contract Summary 23-048-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-026-C01 Amend. 2

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-C17 (MRFP 13) Task Order 1

Recommended Consultant:	System Metrics Group, Inc.	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The Consultant shall develop a mobility hub design and provide implementation guidance for a select number of locations to support mobility hub efforts across the region that will contribute to reducing vehicle miles traveled (GHG/VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>They will conduct a literature review to document best practices and lessons learned for the successful implementation of mobility hubs and develop mobility hub concept designs that focus on the characteristics of the surrounding areas, as well as the multi-modal connections to provide opportunities for complete streets, walkable communities, and equitable transportation choices.</p>	
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A literature review to document best practices and lessons learned for successful mobility hubs implementation;• A design and implementation guidance document; and• Conceptual designs for up to five (5) mobility hubs and an implementation strategy for the priority projects identified.	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$104,828
	System Metrics Group, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$59,142
	Parsons Transportation Group (subconsultant)	\$45,686
Contract Period:	April 9, 2024 through February 28, 2025	
	275-4893UB.01 \$92,804	
	275-4893E.01 \$12,024	
	Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and Transportation Development Act (TDA)	
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 20 firms of the release of RFP 21-048 MRFP 13 via emails sent to the Transportation Mobility Planning and Analysis Bench Consultants listed for Discipline 2. A total of 20 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>System Metrics Group, Inc. (1 subconsultant) \$104,828</p> <p>After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed 19 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Seven (7) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reasons these firms did not respond was that they lacked the qualification and/or experience to meet the scope of work</p>	

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-048-C17-MRFP 13 Task Order 1 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's

requirements while other firms had limited staff capacity and time did not allow them to propose. Note: Staff advertised the RFP for a four (4) week period and an additional two weeks.

Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer. Staff requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed with evaluating the single offer received. Staff believes that soliciting for a third time was not likely to yield a different result and needed to maintain the project's schedule and therefore proceed to evaluate the one (1) offer.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC did not conduct an interview because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Courtney Aguirre, Planning Supervisor/Mobility Planning/Goods Movement, SCAG

Rachel Om, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Systems Metrics Group Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated a strong understanding of the project, specifically, the firm highlighted their extensive literature review conducted, such as, the Caltrans Statewide Mobility Hub Facilities Improvement Plan, which will be good background for this project. The firm demonstrated knowledge of the importance of establishing key partners and stakeholders to provide succinct feedback for the project;
- Provided a complete understanding of the technical approach, addressing the key tasks for the project and the project timelines and overall schedule in coordination with the project duration;
- Proposed staff with requisite experience, knowledge, and technical expertise for the project. The firm demonstrated experience in leading and delivering on similar projects, such as the Caltrans Statewide Mobility Hub Design and Operations Guide. The proposed project manager has experience working on similar projects, conducting technical analysis, and leading stakeholder engagement efforts; and
- Proposed a realistic cost analysis to perform tasks in the scope of work and demonstrated the ability to deliver the project within the estimated hours and budget.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-048-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Brookings Institution				
Background & Scope of Work:	Consistent with the requirements of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Grant that funds this project, the Consultant shall engage Tribal leaders and Indigenous communities to identify critical economic and demographic data required for the development of Tribal Economic Development Strategies and Policies. They will identify shortcomings in U.S. federal and state data about Native Americans and Tribal Nations and develop actionable recommendations addressing these shortcomings.				
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A publicly accessible research report co-published by Consultant and SCAG to accurately inform the design of future data and policy analysis tools; and• Offer valuable insights to help drive policy change to provide Tribal leaders and Native-led organizations access to more significant resources to meet their own needs as sovereign governing entities.				
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goals 1, 3, 4 and 6: (1) Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; (3) Be the foremost data information hub for the region; (4) Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration; and (6) Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.				
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 60%;">Total not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$336,500</td></tr><tr><td>Brookings Institution (prime consultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$336,500</td></tr></table>	Total not to exceed	\$336,500	Brookings Institution (prime consultant)	\$336,500
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Brookings Institution (prime consultant)	\$336,500				
Contract Period:	March 19, 2024 through December 31, 2024				
Project Number(s):	320-4902Y2.01 \$336,500 Funding source(s): Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Grant Funding of \$336,500 is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024, Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Grant, in Project Number 320-4902Y2.01 and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.				
Request for Proposal (RFP): NA	Sole Source Contract				
Selection Process: NA	Sole Source Contract				

Attachment: Contract Summary 23-048-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold)

Basis for Selection:

The subject contract award is in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, Article IX, Section I (January 4, 2024, page 39), which authorizes the Executive Director or his designee (the Chief Financial Officer) to approve a consultant contract without competition, if the contract is less than \$500,000.

Given the established expertise of the Brookings Institution and their excellent research experience assessing community-specific data needs as a non-partisan, non-profit public policy organization, staff awarded the contract pursuant to Section 3.15 and 3.17 of the State of California Contracts Manual which allows sole sourcing a contract to a non-profit.

The Brookings Institution is the natural and sole collaborator for this project because the Consultant:

- Has developed a proprietary approach for combining publicly available data to measure wellness and progress in a specific community and present the results in an accessible way from that community’s perspective;
- Has already created a tool for one group (Black Americans) that will be leveraged to assess data needs of Tribal communities, which eliminates the need and expense of developing the research from scratch;
- Is a non-partisan, non-profit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C. that has a reputation as a trusted resource in the research community and among policymakers and respects Tribal community culture and sensitivity around sovereignty, which will be essential for outreach in Tribal communities; and
- Is uniquely qualified as a trusted, non-partisan and academically rigorous institution to request special, detailed tabulations from various public sources, which will be important to this project because sufficiently detailed data for Tribal communities are not publicly available.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-026-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 2

Consultant:	BLOSS, Inc.								
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On March 24, 2023, SCAG awarded Contract 23-026-C01 to BLOSS, Inc., to further develop SCAG’s visual and written identity, and assist in the development of visual and messaging systems, and corresponding templates and guides. The Consultant shall provide design services for the agency’s large-scale plan documents and other collateral items.</p> <p>This amendment also increases the contract value from \$390,895.00 to \$497,087.50 (\$106,192.50) and extends the contract term from 3/24/24 to 3/24/25.</p> <p>This increase is due to modifications in the Scope of Work for Tasks 3, 5 and 6 that enable the Consultant to perform additional work to enhance the graphic design, information design, and copyediting services.</p>								
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a brand guide that acts as a master organizing structure for SCAG’s plans and programs, which guide numerous creators working within and on behalf of the agency; • Building templates for common types of deliverables regularly produced by the agency, such as fact sheets, informational flyers, program ads, technical white papers, small-scale technical toolkits and/or reports. This can help SCAG’s Media & Public Affairs team to operate more efficiently; and • Enhancing the capacity of the Media & Public Affairs team by providing additional capacity in the form of ongoing copywriting support, production design services for publications and operational consulting to improve the efficiency of content production workflows. 								
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.								
Amendment Amount:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Amendment 2</td> <td align="right">\$106,192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)</td> <td align="right">\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Original contract value</td> <td align="right"><u>\$390,895</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total contract value is not to exceed</td> <td align="right">\$497,087</td> </tr> </table> <p>This amendment does not exceed \$150,000 and 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the Regional Policy Manual (January 4, 2024) Article IX.B, it does not require the Regional Council’s approval.</p>	Amendment 2	\$106,192	Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0	Original contract value	<u>\$390,895</u>	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$497,087
Amendment 2	\$106,192								
Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0								
Original contract value	<u>\$390,895</u>								
Total contract value is not to exceed	\$497,087								
Contract Period:	March 24, 2024 through March 24, 2025								
Project Number:	090-0148B.01 \$106,192.50 Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303								

Attachment: Contract Summary 23-026-C01 Amend. 2 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval

	Funding of \$137,095 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 090-0146B.01, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.
Basis for the Amendment:	With the recent adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, this contract amendment will support the implementation of the plan by providing services to assist the Media & Public Affairs team in aligning agency communication around the plan. Without this modification, SCAG does not leverage an opportunity to pivot to more holistic communication that can bring greater cohesion to public information about its work and demonstrate how various programs fit together in working toward the long-term vision for the region.



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
May 2, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: CFO Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

FY24 Q3 Planning Project Highlights

As part of the CFO's Quarterly Report, SCAG staff will be reporting on a selection of contracts that have closed during the previous quarter to highlight the benefits that SCAG's work brings to local jurisdictions and the region.

22-054-C01 Buena Park Active Transportation Plan KOA CORPORATION

The project developed a community-wide Active Transportation Plan. This plan incorporates active transportation concepts including improving multi-modal infrastructure in the city. In accordance with State Guidelines the plan will provide the recommended actions to increase biking and walking in the City, provide non-motorized travel infrastructure, and provide safer streets to students as well as residents of Buena Park. This project is an example of SCAG working with local jurisdictions to align regional sustainable transportation goals with community-based objectives. This project will also help the jurisdiction prioritize projects and improve competitiveness in anticipation of future state Active Transportation Program (ATP) calls for projects.

21-048-MRFP-10 Safe Mobility Santa Ana MARK THOMAS AND COMPANY

This project developed an Active Transportation Safety plan that recognizes that people should not face additional hazards when traveling simply because they cannot afford to drive or are not old enough to do so. Past and current efforts, vulnerable roadway user collisions are not going down. In fact, bicycle collisions are on a long-term upward trend because ridership has increased while on-street bikeways remain uncommon. Because more than half of our residents don't have access to their own personal vehicles, we are much more reliant on walking, bicycling, and public transit than

other cities in the region. This plan starts to address inequitable transportation access in the city and will serve as a model for other cities.

21-048-MRFP-09 Montebello First Mile/Last Mile (FMLM) Master Plan KTUA

The First-Mile/Last-Mile Plan identified and recommended citywide active transportation and safety improvements to make walking, biking, and rolling more feasible and safer along Montebello's streets near transit stops. Efforts were made to align the Plan with recent planning efforts, Montebello Bus Lines' Comprehensive Operational Analysis, with an emphasis on improving FMLM options within the transit service areas. The Plan was also aligned with the City's Vision Zero approach and the planned stop on the Metro E Line (Gold) Eastside Extension project along Washington Boulevard. The Plan included prioritized project concepts that will be repackaged into grant applications so that the Plan may be implemented expeditiously.

21-048-MRFP-05 Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study ARCADIS

The study was a regional-level collaborative effort between SCAG and the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton. The City of Long Beach study was divided into three parts: engagement, assessment, and policy and strategy consideration. LADOT developed a digital map of the City's traffic signs, painted curbs, and other regulatory tools to help guide the movement of people and goods throughout the city. The tool will also help LADOT govern how private mobility service providers operate in our city in real-time. The City of Stanton completed an inventory and field study of the street network to collect data and inform curb space management in residential, commercial, and industrial neighborhoods. All three studies provided regional resources to support member agencies' curb space management interests/needs and insights on strategies related to curb space management.

21-048-MRFP-08 Duarte Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan KOA CORPORATION

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan identifies a list of infrastructure projects for the City to implement in the surrounding areas of eight schools. The Duarte SRTS Plan aims to encourage students to take part in more physical activity, increase the use of public facilities such as bicycle and walking paths, create safer routes to school, and ensure that streets in the City are designed and maintained with all users in mind. The Plan will assist the city in pursuing future grant opportunities to build out the projects.

21-047-MRFP-39 Imperial County Colonias Infrastructure Plan DAVID WELLS ROLAND HOIST DBA BEAR

This project provided technical assistance to develop an infrastructure plan for the unincorporated communities, Colonias, of Imperial County. A Colonia is a community determined by basic objective criteria, such as lack of potable water supply, lack of an adequate sewer system, or lack of safe and sanitary housing. Each of these characteristics factors into the health risks associated with living in a

Colonia. Nine of fifteen Colonias in the Imperial County are in the unincorporated areas of the County. The plan will assist the county in applying for infrastructure funding.

21-047-MRFP-27 EIFD Barstow & Imperial KOSMONT COMPANIES

Building on a 2019 Preliminary Feasibility Analysis for the County of Imperial Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Pilot Project preliminary analysis, this project was an update of the preliminary tax increment feasibility analysis for the County. The updated analysis incorporated best practices for district establishment and infrastructure financing. The plan will assist the jurisdictions in implementing housing-supportive infrastructure and expanding the housing supply.

21-047-MRFP-07 Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Bundl KOSMONT COMPANIES

This project provided planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement and adopt Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts. The formation of EIFDs will advance the development of more affordable housing in the SCAG region and help jurisdictions meet their RHNA targets.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of March 31, 2024, 188 cities, six counties, seven commissions, and eight tribal governments have paid their FY24 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.46M out of the \$2.48M billed. This represents 99.29% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. During FY 2022-23, SCAG transferred all funds invested in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool to the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account, except for any outstanding interest gains received in July 2023. The Los Angeles County Investment Pool account was closed in August 2023. As of March 31, 2024, SCAG has invested \$21.33 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$522,782.17 in interest income. The interest earnings are distributed quarterly, with an average interest rate of 4.30%. Additionally, SCAG has earned \$59.80 in interest from the Los Angeles County Investment Pool prior to closing that account in August 2023. Furthermore, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance. Interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of March 31, 2024, SCAG has invested \$6.41 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$19,262.44 in interest income.

Grant Billing

During FY 2023-24, staff has prepared and submitted requests for reimbursements of approximately \$36.96 million to the following agencies (\$6.23 million is for work completed in FY

2022-23). Additionally, since the inception of the REAP programs, SCAG received advance funds of \$44.15 million for REAP 1.0 Program and \$8.61 million for REAP 2.0 Program.

1. **CPG Billing: \$33.48 million** to Caltrans for work funded with federal and state grants; \$5.07 million was for work completed in June 2023, while \$28.41 million was for work completed in July 2023 to February 2024. Of the \$33.48 million, \$29.9 million has been received.
2. **MSRC Billing: \$1.25 million** to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee for work funded with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) grant; \$0.20 million was for work completed from February 2020 to April 2022 billed in FY22-23 while \$1.05 million was for work completed from July 2018 to December 2023 billed in FY23-24. The entire amount has been received.
3. **OTS Billings: \$1.08 million** to Office of Traffic Safety for work funded with OTS grants; \$70,367 was for work completed from April 2023 to June 2023, while \$1.01 million was for work completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.
4. **ATP Billings: \$0.79 million** to Caltrans District 7, Office of Local Assistance for work funded with Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants; \$0.64 million was for work completed from September 2022 to June 2023 while \$0.15 million was for work completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.
5. **EPRI Billings: \$0.24 million** to the Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. for work funded with the California Energy Commission (CEC) grant; \$0.20 million was for work completed from January 2023 to June 2023 while \$36,017 was for work completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.
6. **DOE-Clean Cities: \$82,500** to the Department of Energy for work funded with DOE-Clean Cities grant; \$27,500 was for work completed from April 2023 to June 2023, while \$55,000 was for work completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.
7. **LACI Billing: \$18,796** to LA Cleantech Incubator for work funded with the LACI grant that was completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.
8. **WSCCOG: \$16,452** to Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) for work performed for the tasks and deliverables in Exhibit A.2 of M-005-19 (Measure M Westside Mobility Study Update) that was completed from January 2023 to June 2023. Of this amount, \$16,452 has been received.
9. **City of Burbank: \$4,353** to the City of Burbank for work funded with LEAP funds; \$1,119 was for work completed in May 2023, while \$3,234 was for work completed in November 2023. Of the \$4,353, \$1,119 has been received.
10. **ATN: \$1,077** to Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN) for SCAG staff time funded with ATN local funds that were completed from May 2023 to June 2023. The entire amount has been received.
11. **FCC ACP: \$607** to the Federal Communications Commission for work completed from July 2023 to December 2023. The entire amount has been received.

12. **DOE-UCI: \$226** to the Regents of the University of California for work funded with the DOE-Clean Cities grant that was completed from July 2023 to September 2023. The entire amount has been received.
13. **REAP 1.0: \$44.15 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 1.0 as of March 31, 2024. Each \$11.87 million was received in FY21 and FY23, and \$20.41 million was received in FY24. Approximately \$39.36 million has been expended to date (\$4.11 million during FY 2023-24).
14. **REAP 2.0: \$8.61 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 as of March 31, 2024. Approximately \$12.14 million has been expended to date (\$5.1 million during FY 2023-24).

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

Staff completed the development of the FY 2024-25 Final Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP). The proposed Comprehensive Budget will be presented to the Regional Council on May 2, 2024, for approval, and the proposed General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule will be presented to the General Assembly on May 2, 2024.

In addition, during the month of April, staff worked on the FY 2023-24 3rd Quarter OWP Progress Report. This progress report for the OWP projects was submitted to Caltrans before its deadline, April 30, 2024.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

The Contracts Administration Department staff are currently supporting 20 active procurements and 217 active contracts. In March, the Contracts Administration staff executed three (3) contracts and processed 16 Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Additionally, staff issued three (3) Request for Proposals (RFPs):

1. 24-039, Lennox Community Pedestrian Plan
2. 24-041, SPM Transportation Engine Enhancement
3. 24-045, Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Development Service and Subaward Administration Support

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CFO Charts



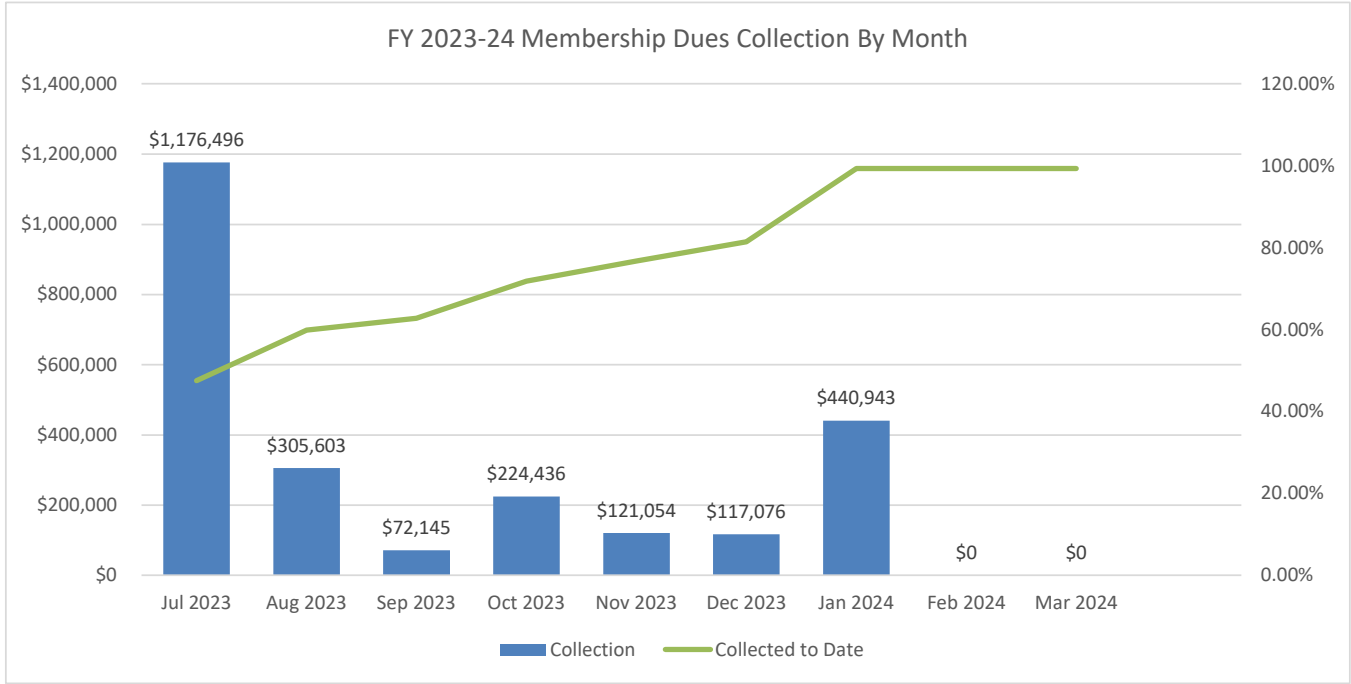
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Quarterly Report

March 2024



Membership Dues & Collections
 July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024



Summary

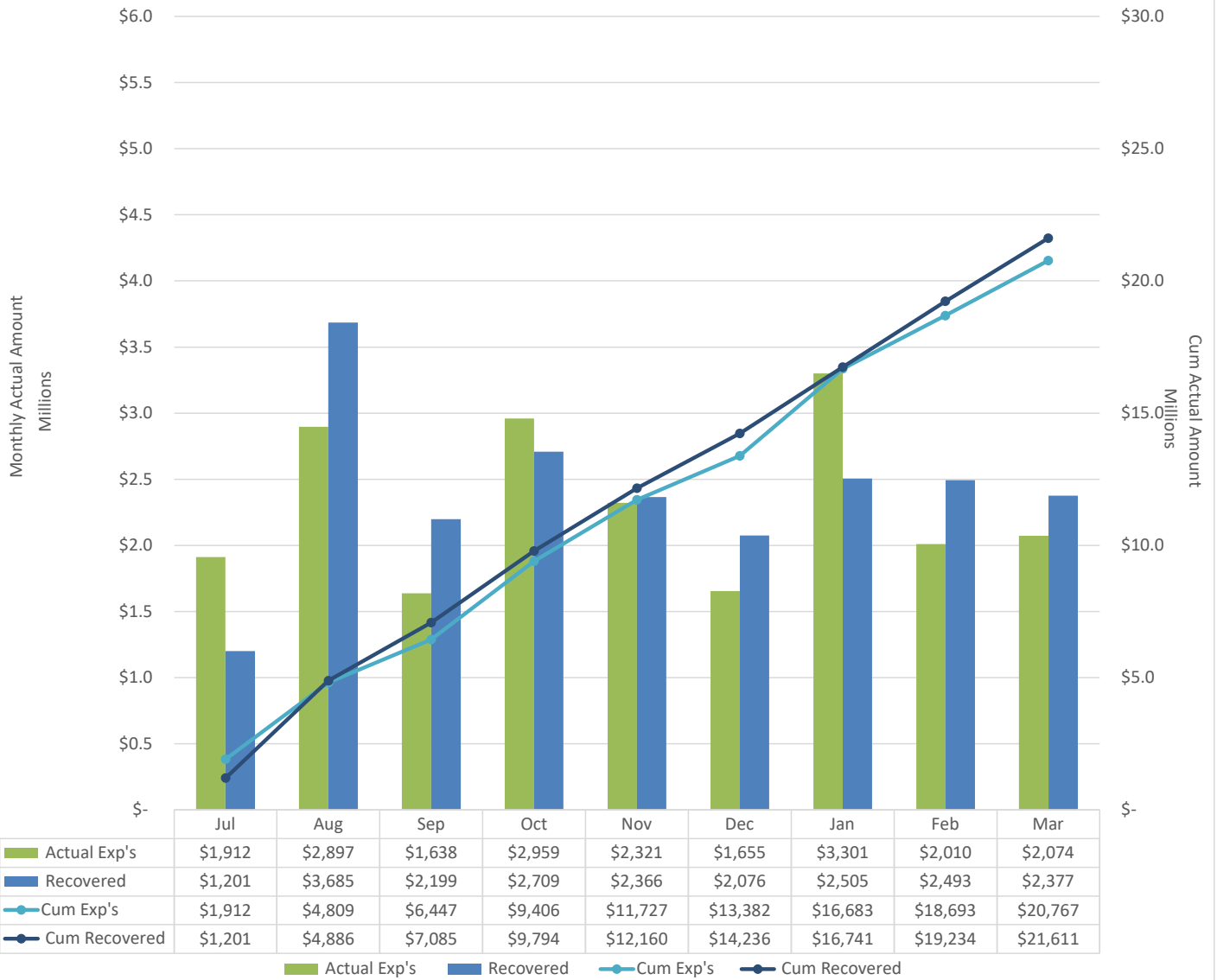
As of March 31, 2024, 188 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions and 8 tribal governments had paid their FY24 dues. This represents 99.29% of the dues assessment.

FY24 Membership Dues	<u><u>\$ 2,475,224</u></u>
Total Collected	<u><u>\$ 2,457,753</u></u>
Percentage Collected	<u><u>99.29%</u></u>

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Indirect Cost & Recovery
July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024



Summary

This chart shows a comparison of Indirect Cost (IC), incurred by SCAG vs. IC recovered from SCAG's grants. Through March 2024, SCAG was over-recovered by \$844,000 due to unspent Indirect Cost budget. The FY 2023-24 IC rate includes a carry-forward of approximately \$2.6 million, which represents an under-recovery of costs from FY 2021-22.



**Consolidated Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2024**

	<u>Dec 31, 2023</u>	<u>Mar 31, 2024</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Cash & Investment	25,450,529	28,844,517	3,393,988 ⁽¹⁾
Other Assets	17,247,659	10,907,502	(6,340,157) ⁽²⁾
Total Assets	42,698,188	39,752,018	(2,946,170)
	-	-	
Total Liabilities	13,628,229	11,452,917	(2,175,312) ⁽³⁾
	-	-	
Fund Balance	29,069,959	28,299,102	(770,857)
	-	-	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	42,698,188	39,752,018	(2,946,170)

(1) The Cash & Investment balance increased by \$3.4M due to receiving Reap 1.0 4th advance funding.

(2) The decrease in other assets is due to a \$5.8M decrease in Accounts Receivable from cash receipts and a \$592k decrease in Prepaid Expenses.

(3) The decrease in liabilities of \$2.2M is primarily due to a reduction in deferred revenue resulting from the recognition of revenues from billing of REAP 1.0.



**Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Quarter Ended March 31, 2024**

	July 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023	July 1, 2023 to Mar 31, 2024	Increase / (Decrease)	Mar 2024 Budgetary Comparison Statement	
				FY 2023-24 Budget	Under / (Over) Budget
Revenues	71,759,908	103,469,472	31,709,563	495,642,811	392,173,339
	-	-		-	
Expenditures:					
Salaries & Benefits	42,906,064	64,833,086	21,927,023	96,275,401	31,442,315
Services & Supplies	13,530,200	24,083,597	10,553,398	399,367,410	375,283,813
Total Expenditures	56,436,263	88,916,684	32,480,420	495,642,811	406,726,127 (1)
	-	-		-	
Change in Fund Balance	15,323,645	14,552,788	(770,857)	(15,323,645)	(29,876,433)
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	13,746,314	13,746,314	-	13,746,314	-
Fund Balance at End of the Period	29,069,959	28,299,102	(770,857)	(1,577,331)	(29,876,433)
	-	-			

(1) Note that multi-year grant revenues and services & supplies expenditures are budgeted in the award year including any beginning Fund Balance. The \$392.17 million revenue variance and the \$406.73 million expenditure variance are predominately related to anticipated implementation timing for various multi-year grants. Any remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to subsequent years of the grant period.

SCAG Contracts FY2023-24



Overview
This chart shows the number of contracts administered from July 2023 to March 2024.



■ Awarded Contracts
 ■ Closed Contracts
 —●— Active Contracts

Summary

As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Administration Department is currently managing a total of 217 contracts. Twenty-five (25) are Cost Plus Fee contracts; one-hundred are (100) are Lump Sum (formerly Fixed Price) contracts, and the remaining ninety-two (92) are Time and Materials (T&M) contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer contracts).



SCAG FY24 Q3 Planning Division (Contracts Awarded, Contracts Closed, and Contracts Administered)

Total Number of Contracts Awarded, Closed and Administered by Quarter:

	FY24 Q1	FY24 Q2	FY24 Q3	FY24 Q4
Contracts Awarded	4	3	6	
Contract Ended	12	20	9	
Contracts Administered	117	100	217	

Contracts Awarded (6)

	Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Consultant	Agreement No.	Award
1.	Transportation Planning	Federal Discretionary Grants Application Support	SCAG Region	Support SCAG’s grant application for the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE).	CPCS TRANSCOM INC	21-048-MRFP-14	\$64,989
2.	Go Human	2024 Go Human Safety Strategies	SCAG Region	Support the implementation of SCAG’s Go Human Community Streets Grant Program.	CIRCULATE PLANNING	24-023-C01	\$311,131
3.	Inclusive Economic Growth	Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities	SCAG Region	Support the development of a region-wide report with recommendations and best practices that address barriers to economic opportunities.	DALBERG CONSULTING US LLC	24-020-C01	\$243,409
4.	Modeling	2023 Regional Travel Survey	SCAG Region	Gather travel behavior data from the SCAG region and use the data for SCAG’s Regional Travel Demand Model.	RESOURCE SYSTEMS GROUP INC	24-010-C01	\$972,676
5.	Inclusive Economic Growth	Tribal Communities Index	SCAG Region	Engage tribal leaders and indigenous communities for the development of Tribal Economic Development Strategies and Policies.	BROOKINGS INSTITUTION	23-048-C01	\$336,500

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**SCAG FY24 Q3 Planning Division
(Contracts Awarded, Contracts Closed, and Contracts Administered)**

Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Consultant	Agreement No.	Award
6. Broadband	Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG Region	SCAG Region	Provide technical assistance for local jurisdictions to establish the groundwork for last-mile infrastructure services, aligning with SCAG's commitment to bridging the digital divide.	BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING	24-024-C01	\$838,708
Total:						\$2,767,414

Contracts Closed (9)

Major SCAG Program or Initiative	Project Name	Region/Agency Serviced	Project Description	Consultant	Agreement No.	Original Award Amt
1. SCP Active Transportation	Buena Park Active Transportation Plan	City of Buena Park	Develop the first city-wide Active Transportation Plan for the City of Buena Park.	KOA CORPORATION	22-054-C01	\$248,977
2. SCP Active Transportation	Safe Mobility Santa Ana	City of Santa Ana	Develop planning level, conceptual plans, and estimates for priority projects in the Safe Mobility Plan.	MARK THOMAS AND COMPANY	21-048-MRFP-10	\$49,643
3. SCP Active Transportation	Montebello First Mile/Last Mile (FMLM) Master Plan	City of Montebello	Develop an FMLM Master Plan for the City of Montebello.	KTUA	21-048-MRFP-09	\$149,997
4. SCP Smart Cities & Mobility Innovation	Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study	SCAG Region	Conduct curb space data collection and inventory in the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Stanton.	ARCADIS	21-048-MRFP-05	\$790,713

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**SCAG FY24 Q3 Planning Division
(Contracts Awarded, Contracts Closed, and Contracts Administered)**

5.	Transportation Planning	Federal Discretionary Grants Application Support	SCAG Region	Provide support for SCAG's grant application for the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.	CPCS TRANSCOM INC	21-048-MRFP-14	\$64,989
6.	Transportation Planning	Duarte Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan	City of Duarte	Develop an SRTS Plan for the City of Duarte to guide the development of a comprehensive network of safe streets surrounding schools.	KOA CORPORATION	21-048-MRFP-08	\$169,951
7.	REAP 1.0 SRP	Imperial County Colonias Infrastructure Plan	Imperial County	Provide technical assistance to develop an infrastructure plan for the unincorporated communities, Colonias, of Imperial County.	DAVID WELLS ROLAND HOIST DBA BEAR	21-047-MRFP-39	\$273,192
8.	REAP 1.0	EIFD Barstow & Imperial	City of Barstow and County of Imperial	Provide technical assistance to advance the establishment of innovative self-help financing districts that can accelerate housing production, including EIFDs.	KOSMONT COMPANIES	21-047-MRFP-27	\$237,662
9.	REAP 1.0	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Bundle	SCAG Region	Provide planning assistance to help jurisdictions implement and adopt Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts.	KOSMONT COMPANIES	21-047-MRFP-07	\$582,638
Total:							\$2,567,762

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SCAG FY24-FY25 Forecast for Planning Consultant Procurements

As of April 17, 2024

Project Name	Project Description	Est. Budget Range	RFP by Quarter
Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Natural and Agriculture Lands + Priority Agriculture Lands Technical Support	Conduct economic/fiscal impacts study for natural and agricultural lands.	Medium	FY24 Q4
Universal Basic Mobility Deployment	Develop and deploy a universal basic mobility program in the SCAG region.	Large	FY25 Q1
Go Human Safety Strategies	Consultant services for implementation of Go Human communications and engagement activities	Large	FY25 Q1
Regional CBO Partnering Strategy	Develop an agencywide CBO Partnering Strategy.	Medium	FY25 Q1
Activity-Based Model (ABM) Development and Support	ABM Enhancement for the 2028 RTP/SCS will be involved in two steps over four years. The first step in FY25 will focus on conducting new Household Survey (HTS) analyses and extending vehicle ownership model to address future policy such as ZEV and developing ABM improvement plan for 2028RTP/SCS (staff). The second step will take from FY26 to FY28 and will focus on ABM improvement and validation to prepare ABM for 28RTP/SCS.	Small	FY25 Q1
Develop Base Year Highway Network from OSM	Develop the new base year network for 2028 RTP using OSM. A two-year project.	Medium	FY25 Q1
Smart Cities Vision/Strategic Plan	Develop a smart cities vision/strategic plan which incorporates findings from SCAG's Programs and establishes a framework which will serve as a foundation for local jurisdictions to support their respective technology plans.	Medium	FY25 Q1
Ongoing TransAM support and maintenance	Support federal performance monitoring and target setting.	Medium	FY25 Q1
Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment	Review readiness of ZEB in the region, review operator rollout plans (ICT) for incorporation into TAM target setting analysis.	Small	FY25 Q1
Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan	Comprehensive assessment of the SCAG region's goods movement system, including infrastructure, intermodal facilities, new technologies, industrial and retail facilities, and supply chain relationships.	Large	FY25 Q1
Regional Scenario Development Process	This project would help the Southern California region to develop robust strategies in the face of uncertainty.	Small	FY25 Q2

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SCAG FY24-FY25 Forecast for Planning Consultant Procurements

As of April 17, 2024

Project Name	Project Description	Est. Budget Range	RFP by Quarter
Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan Development	Development of Action Plan as defined by SS4A guidelines for SCAG region	Medium	FY25 Q2
Alternative Technology Assessment for Freight	Assessment of innovative technologies for freight conveyance	Large	FY25 Q3
15-minute communities: Best Practices in the SCAG region	Develop Best Practices around 15-minute communities in the SCAG region	Small	FY25 Q4

How to Register in SCAG’s Vendor Database to be Notified About SCAG’s Contracting Opportunities

1. Go to scag.ca.gov.
2. Under “Get Involved” (the top middle of the page), click “Contracting & Vendor Opportunities”
3. Scroll down to and click “SCAG Vendor Portal”
4. Scroll down to and click “Go To SCAG Vendor Portal”
5. Click “New Vendor Registration” (top left of the page) and follow the prompts

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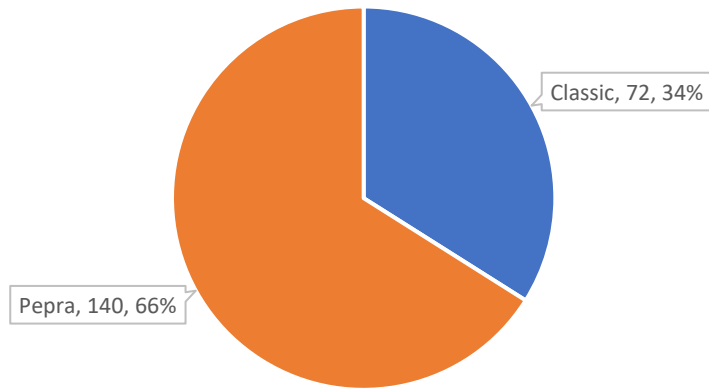
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Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Fellows	Total
Executive Office	9	8	1	0	0	0	8
Human Resources	13	12	1	0	0	0	12
Legal Services	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
Finance	37	34	3	0	0	0	34
Information Technology	30	26	4	1	0	0	27
Gov. & Public Affairs	26	24	2	3	0	0	27
Planning & Programs	119	106	13	11	0	9	126
Total	237	212	25	15	0	9	236

CalPERS Membership





To: Regional Council (RC)

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

Subject: Business Report – May 2024

Here are some highlights from top Southern California business and industry leaders during this past month.

1. **SCAG’s GLUE Council Supports Connect SoCal.** The Global Land Use and Economics Council—SCAG’s business advisory group—weighed in support for Connect SoCal with a letter as well as testimony from its business members at the April 3 Regional Council meeting. Congratulations to all SCAG leadership, and SCAG staff, for approving this comprehensive planning document to guide regional coordination in transportation, housing, and economic development.

Our next GLUE Council meeting will welcome incoming President Curt Hagman and his board leadership members on June 3, 2024 at 10:00 am to noon. We will also transition now to economic items of interest for implementing Connect SoCal including a discussion on hydrogen, the state budget and more.

2. **CA Crime Debate Intensifies for Business.** In a tug-of-war over California's crime policy, a coalition led by retail giants Walmart and Target has amassed over 900,000 signatures to qualify a ballot measure tightening penalties on shoplifting and drug dealing. Dubbed Californians for Safer Communities, the bipartisan group is challenging parts of Proposition 47. Proposition 47 was a ballot measure passed by California voters on November 5, 2014. The law made some non-violent property crimes, where the value does not exceed \$950, into misdemeanors. It also made some drug possession offenses into misdemeanors. The proposed measure would impose felony charges on shoplifters with two prior thefts and enhance sentences for fentanyl dealers. This initiative surfaces amidst escalating retail thefts, including high-profile smash-and-grabs, and rising fentanyl fatalities—San Francisco alone reported over 800 overdose deaths last year. As the November elections approach, the debate intensifies, spotlighting the deep divides over the state’s justice policies. The \$5.4 million campaign reflects significant retail backing and broader frustration among business owners and local officials weary of the crime surge. For more info: <https://casafecommunities.com/>.

In the meantime, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on Tuesday threw his weight behind a package of bills that aim to thwart theft by, among other proposals, allowing restraining orders

to keep people who steal away from certain stores and letting prosecutors aggregate the value of thefts across multiple incidents in determining criminal charges. Whether retailers and legislators negotiate a middle ground remains to be seen to avoid a ballot box battle.

- 3. Anaheim Approves Disneyland Forward.** Disneyland is the largest single site employer in California. When they proposed a \$1.9 billion expansion over the next decade to transform 490-acre campus to create more immersive experiences for guests, everyone takes notice. A second council vote for final approval is expected May 7, 2024. Disneyland was the second-most visited theme park in the world in 2022 with 16.8 million people coming through the gates, according to a report by the Themed Entertainment Association and AECOM. The multiplier effect on economic development for Southern California cannot be ignored. For more info, <https://www.disneylandforward.com/>.
- 4. Development Impact Fees Challenged at US Supreme Court.** On April 12, 2024, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled for Pacific Legal Foundation client [George Sheetz](#) in a case challenging permit fees for homebuilders. The Sheetz case limits how much government can demand from property owners as a condition for obtaining building permits. Impact fees—like the \$23,420 fee that El Dorado County levied on Mr. Sheetz—“have the effect of minimizing the number of housing units that can be constructed for a given amount of investment—less bang for the buck,” columnist Dan Walters writes in [Cal Matters](#). The *Sheetz* decision “is a small step toward reducing some of the costs that make housing so expensive to build in California[.]”

This is an important case for SCAG and cities to follow. Bill Higgins of CALCOG opines that more developers will start to test the limits of the new rule to generally applicable fees (perhaps SB 743, e.g.).
