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The Nation's Largest Metropolitan Planning Organization Releases Interactive Online Draft Plan

Los Angeles, CA – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) launched what is believed to be the nation's first interactive version of a regional transportation plan – the Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). View the plan at <http://www.scag RTP.net/>.

“The purpose of designing and launching an interactive RTP/SCS (iRTP) is to encourage public participation in our region's planning. Providing the public with 24/7 access to view the entire plan online and comment directly in the body of the text is an example of government transparency, innovation, environmental conservation and agency accountability,” stated SCAG President Pam O'Connor. “I am very proud of the work by SCAG's team in creating and successfully launching the iRTP as they worked through the holidays and right up to New Year's Eve in order to go live in 2012,” commented SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata.

Timeline and Features:

December 20, 2011 – Release of Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS with Technical Appendices

- The plan includes an Executive Summary, the proposed plan and over 20 technical appendices outlining the analysis of the policies, programs and projects.
- The release commences the 55-day public review and comment period.

December 30, 2011 – Release of Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and iRTP

- The Draft PEIR is a comprehensive and defensible evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS in accordance with CEQA guidelines.
- The release commences the 45-day public review and comment period.
- Launch of the interactive version of the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

January 6 – February 14, 2012 – Outreach Workshops with Public Officials and Public Hearings

- SCAG will be conducting two workshops per county and six public hearings.
- A complete list of the workshop and hearing dates, locations and times are available on the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov.
- The public review and comment period ends February 14.

SCAG will convene the 47th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly in Los Angeles April 4 – 5, 2012 to certify the PEIR, adopt the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and elect the new Regional Council Executive Officers.

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About SCAG: SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG's regional efforts, please visit www.scag.ca.gov.