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# Press Release

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## **SCAG OPENS NEW REGIONAL OFFICE AT OCTA IN ORANGE, CA**

**LOS ANGELES – October 10, 2008** – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) today announced the opening of a new regional office in Orange, CA. Located at 600 S. Main Street in the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) building, the regional office will offer public meetings and workshops regarding SCAG’s current plans and upcoming projects and serve an essential role in strengthening relationships with local planning partners.

Located in the heart of Orange County, the City of Orange is home to thousands of businesses ranging from Fortune 500 companies to family-owned stores. Orange maintains a small town ambiance with its historic downtown area featuring antique stores, restaurants and art galleries and which draw visitors from throughout Southern California. Chapman University, the oldest university in Orange County, also is located in Orange.

“There are few things that can take the place of a face-to-face meeting,” said Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director of SCAG. “The opening of this Orange County office represents the first in a series of steps for SCAG to connect in a real and meaningful way with the elected officials, business and community leaders and local planning partners in our region. We are very excited to debut our first satellite office in Orange County at OCTA and are strongly committed to representing and serving all members throughout this area.”

“Regional planning does not take place in a vacuum,” said Richard Dixon, Lake Forest Council Member and SCAG President. “We want to strengthen our relationships with local government at all levels and generate greater interest and support for regional planning. You can expect to see more outreach activities, workshops and public meetings that will educate and

provide information on how SCAG and regional planning aligns with the long-term growth plans of Orange County while maintaining local control.”

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**About SCAG**

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 188 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](http://www.scag.ca.gov).