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## **SCAG Extends GIS Support Services**

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is expanding GIS support services to all its member cities and key stakeholder agencies. Services will include training, data conversion, simple application development, and other services. SCAG's adopted goals include collaborating with all member jurisdictions and other program participants in order to increase the use of GIS within the region.

SCAG develops socioeconomic data to support its transportation and land use modeling for the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (2012 RTP) and other legislated mandates. As part of this, SCAG conducts outreach to obtain input from the region's 190 cities and six counties. Based upon this local input, SCAG updates the region's general plan, zoning and existing land-use database that it maintains for regional planning activities. These databases will also serve as a basis for forecasting information, such as population, households and employment.

During the outreach process, SCAG staff and local jurisdictions updated information where GIS software was available. To assist cities without GIS resources, SCAG started a Pilot GIS Services program to promote GIS technology, data sharing, data updating, and standardization of GIS data, as well as to establish stronger working relationships with our members in order to facilitate future outreach efforts.

As part of the Pilot GIS Services program, SCAG met with 59 jurisdictions to identify how SCAG could provide GIS assistance to these organizations. SCAG worked in partnership with local jurisdictions to draft individualized scopes of work, which covered GIS training, data sharing, data conversion, simple desktop and web application development and other services according to each jurisdiction's needs.

To date, SCAG has trained nearly 100 participants and conducted five GIS



Introductory trainings in the cities of Palm Desert, El Centro, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Fontana. In addition, they have completed an Advanced GIS and travel demand modeling (Transcad) training. SCAG has also completed web and desktop applications for participating cities in Imperial County. Currently, SCAG is in the process of delivering 16 desktop applications to cities in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In the next few months, staff anticipates holding Introductory and Advanced GIS trainings in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

SCAG is pleased to be able to provide extended GIS support services to its member cities and key stakeholder agencies. For more information about this effort, contact Javier Aguilar at (213) 236-1845 or [aguilar@scag.ca.gov](mailto:aguilar@scag.ca.gov).

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