

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

May 2012

RC Report

Highlights from the Regional Council Meeting

May 3, 2012



pictured from left to right: Mark Baza (Executive Director, ICTC), Art Leahy (CEO, Metro), Ty Schuiling (Director of Planning, SANBAG), Senator Darrell Steinberg (CA Senate President pro tem), Fran Inman (Commissioner, CTC), Pam O'Connor (Immediate Past President, SCAG), Hasan Ikhtrata (Executive Director, SCAG), Will Kempton (CEO, OCTA), Glen Becerra (President, SCAG)

INFO – Sen. Steinberg Addresses RC

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg addressed the Regional Council and complimented local elected officials on their leadership in passing the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS. Senator Steinberg authored SB 375, the legislation that required SCAG to include the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and integrates transportation planning with land use, as part of regional transportation plans. The Senator called SCAG's 2012–2035 RTP/SCS "bold and courageous" and remains committed to working with SCAG and its members in implementing the plan. The Senator also responded to questions from Regional Council members regarding redevelopment and summarized his legislation on the matter, SB 1151/SB 1156.

ACTION – RC Approves FY 2012-2013 Budget

The Regional Council unanimously approved the FY 2012–2013 Comprehensive Budget. The balanced budget provides planning resources for SCAG's members and funds critical regional planning activities including the coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS, implementation of the Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy, and enhances the geographic information system (GIS) program to better serve the SCAG region. With the RC's approval, SCAG will submit the Overall Work Program (OWP) to our Federal and State funding partners for approval.

From the Executive Director

Additional News for the Month

2012 Regional Conference & General Assembly

On April 4, 2012, the Regional Council adopted the 2012–2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which integrates land use planning with transportation planning using strategies aimed at improving air quality while enhancing the mobility and economic sustainability in the region. With the RC adoption, the Plan was transmitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the California Air Resources Board for their approval.

After nearly two years of unprecedented public outreach, direct engagement and opportunities for public comment on the 2012–2035 RTP/SCS, ideas on how to implement the Plan's vision took center stage as more than 800 elected officials, business and community leaders, and transportation, land use and environmental planning experts gathered April 4 and 5 for SCAG's 47th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

News and media outlets covering the two-day conference included the Associated Press, California Planning & Development Report, The China Press, The Los Angeles Times, Mother Jones, The Press-Enterprise, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Ventura County Star, Wall Street Journal, CBS Los Angeles (CBS-2) CBS San Diego (KFMB CBS-8), KNX 1070 NewsRadio and a number of trade publications and blogs. See photos, presentations and videos from the conference at: www.scag.ca.gov/ga2012.

Upcoming Demographic Workshop Awards

SCAG would like to invite our member agencies and other stakeholders to register for the 24th Annual USC/SCAG Demographic Workshop scheduled for May 21, 2012 at the Davidson Conference Center located on the USC campus. Registration information is available at www.scag.ca.gov/demographics.

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24th USC/SCAG Annual Demographic Workshop

May 21, 2012 at USC-Davidson Conference Center

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25th CVAG General Assembly