

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

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Special Edition

Highlights for the week of March 21

ACTION – Policy Committees Move RTP/SCS Forward

On March 21, 2012, SCAG's Policy Committees convened a joint meeting on the Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The Policy Committees overwhelmingly recommended to the Regional Council the adoption of the Proposed Final 2012 – 2035 RTP/SCS. The plan presents housing and transportation options that encourage creation and revitalization of communities that are bike and pedestrian friendly, affordable and sustainable. This will result in people spending less time in their cars and thereby reducing traffic congestion and pollution and benefiting from a healthier environment.

With the action, the Regional Council will consider adoption on April 4, 2012, at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. To view the complete plan, Summary of Benefits, Economic Analysis fact sheet and other information, please visit

www.scag.ca.gov.

INFORMATION – March 22 California Air Resources Board (ARB) Hearing: SCAG 2012-2035 RTP/SCS

SCAG Board Officers Pam O'Connor, Glen Becerra, Greg Pettis and Larry McCallon traveled to Sacramento and testified on behalf of the Regional Council regarding meeting the Sustainable Communities Strategy requirements of SB 375. Officers testified on the benefits of the plan and that a 9% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions would occur per capita by 2020 and 16% in 2035. ARB reported to the Board that they have analyzed the submitted plan and that SCAG has met the requirements. In addition, executives from San Diego, San Francisco and Sacramento MPOs as well as executives from Metro, the Imperial County Transportation Commission and the California High Speed Rail Authority spoke in support of SCAG's plan. ARB is expected to act on the plan within 60 days. For a summary or to review the entire set of documents, go to www.scag.ca.gov.



SCAG President Pam O'Connor addresses California Air Resources Board March 22, 2012

REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Don't miss SCAG's 47th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly April 4-5 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Registration is free for SCAG Regional Council Members, Policy Committee Members, General Assembly Delegates/ Alternates and all Mayors, Council Members and County Supervisors within the SCAG region.

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