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MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

***Thursday, April 4, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

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Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
April 2013

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	* 20. Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
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	23. Hon. John Mirisch	Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
	* 24. Hon. Carl Morehouse	Ventura	District 47
	25. Hon. Gene Murabito	Glendora	SGVCOG
	* 26. Hon. Kris Murray	Anaheim	District 19



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April 2013

Members

Representing

27. Hon. Ray Musser	Upland	SANBAG
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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA APRIL 4, 2013

The Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair)

ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (10 mins.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker’s card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

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| 1. <u>Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Meeting</u> | Attachment | 1 |
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ACTION ITEM/DISCUSSION ITEM

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| 2. <u>Sustainability Subcommittee Recommendations</u>
<i>(Hon. Pam O’Connor, Chair)</i> | Attachment | 30 mins. | 6 |
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Recommended Action: Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the Sustainability Subcommittee recommendations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 3. <u>Update on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool</u>
<i>(Ping Chang, SCAG Staff)</i> | Attachment | 25 mins. | 10 |
| 4. <u>Summary Report from Subcommittees</u> | | | 12 |
| 5. <u>Update-Presentation on Administration Draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan</u>
<i>(Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs)</i> | Oral Report | 15 mins. | |

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA APRIL 4, 2013

INFORMATION ITEMS - continued

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6. <u>Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program Presentation</u> <i>(Rick Bishop, Executive Director, WRCOG)</i>	Attachment 30 mins.	15
7. <u>Estimated Time Spent by Local Jurisdictions to Participate in SCAG's Local Input Process for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Update</u> <i>(Simon Choi, SCAG Staff)</i>	Attachment 20 mins.	24

CHAIR'S REPORT

(Hon. Paula Lantz, Chair)

- 2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly Update

STAFF REPORT

(Frank Wen, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

The next CEHD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

All Policy Committee Members are invited to attend the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly, May 2-3, 2013, to be held at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, 78455 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**March 7, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

Members Present

Hon. Josue Barrios, Cudahy	GCCOG
Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Carol Chen, Cerritos	GCCOG
Hon. Steven Choi, City of Irvine	District 14
Hon. Rose Espinoza, City of La Habra	OCCOG
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte (Vice-Chair)	District 35
Hon. Debbie Franklin, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea	OCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte	SGVCOG
Hon. Tom Hansen, City of Paramount	GCCOG
Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands	District 6
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona (Chair)	District 38
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest	OCCOG
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora	SGVCOG
Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines, Bellflower	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia	SGVCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Sam Allevato, City of San Juan Capistrano	OCCOG
Hon. James Butts, Inglewood	SBCCOG
Hon. Mike Leonard, Hesperia	SANBAG

Members Not Present (Cont'd)

Hon. Charles Martin	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow	SANBAG
Hon. Susan McSweeney, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. John A. Mirisch, Beverly Hills	WSSCOG
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 AM., and stated that she would be presiding over the meeting as Chair Paula Lantz would be arriving late. Hon. Becky Shevlin led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Hon. Randon Lane announced that he has joined the Transportation Committee and expressed his appreciation to the CEHD members. Hon. Lane stated that he enjoyed his time serving on the Committee, as well as serving on the RHNA Subcommittee.

Vice-Chair Finlay introduced three (3) new CEHD members: Hon. Debbie Franklin representing WRCOG; Hon. Rose Espinoza, representing OCCOG; and Hon. Tom Hansen representing Gateway Cities COG.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Meeting

Receive and File

2. Summary Report from Subcommittees
3. List of Jurisdictions that Participated in the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Housing Element Assistance Workshop

Hon. Debbie Franklin asked that she be noted as “present” at the February meeting. Jane Embry, Assistant to the Committee, will reflect her attendance in the minutes and on the attendance sheet.

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment to the February minutes and attendance sheet. The MOTION was SECONDED (McCullough) and APPROVED by a majority vote. Hon. Rose Espinoza abstained.

INFORMATION ITEM

4. 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) Growth Forecast: Planning & Policy Implications

Steve Levy, Director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, provided an overview of policy and planning implications for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecast along with the new California Department of Finance (DOF) projections to be released on January 31, 2013. Mr. Levy stated that the most significant demographic characteristics of the projected population in the region will be the aging of the population, particularly the baby boomer generation and shifts in ethnic composition. Mr. Levy stated that another shift worth noting is that some of the aging population is downsizing to smaller units in high-amenity areas. Mr. Levy further stated that the growth forecast is the foundation of SCAG’s responsibility to transportation and overall land use planning.

The CEHD Committee members raised questions and discussed the following aging-related issues:

- 1) How the aging population impacts transportation;
- 2) How aging affects labor force participation, postpones retirement, and how these are translated into job growth projections;
- 3) Housing transactions and local government tax revenue and finance;
- 4) Demand, surplus, and price of large single-family housing in suburban areas and the emergence of multi-generational housing;
- 5) Wage and income recovery and growth from the recession; and
- 6) Aging farmers and initiative regarding “from battle field to farm field.”

5. 2013 Local Profiles Update

Ping Chang, Program Manager of Land Use and Environmental Planning, provided an overview of the 2013 Local Profile reports, which will be provided to the Planning Directors and member jurisdictions for review and comment. Mr. Chang stated that the draft Local Profiles will be released next week and the final Local Profile reports are scheduled for release at the SCAG General Assembly on May 2-3, 2013.

Hon. Larry McCallon suggested including in future reports information pertaining to the age of commercial and industrial properties, which would provide a clear picture of the cities’ economy. Hon. McCallon requested that a copy of the city profile report for San

Bernardino be provided to the Planning Director at SANBAG, as well as to the local planning directors.

ACTION ITEM/DISCUSSION ITEM

6. **Sustainability Program Call for Proposals Ranking Criteria**

Peter Brandenburg, Senior Regional Planner, stated that the Sustainability Program will assist cities and counties in local planning projects, and is designed to expand on the success of the Compass Blueprint Program. Mr. Brandenburg stated that there will be three (3) components to the new Sustainability Program: Compass Blueprint, Active Transportation, and the Green Region Initiative. Mr. Brandenburg further stated that project selection criteria will be used to evaluate grant proposals and rank them for available funding. After the release of the call for proposals in April 2013, funded projects will begin in late summer 2013.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the Call for Proposals ranking criteria. The MOTION was SECONDED (Jahn) and unanimously approved.

SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

A written report was provided.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Margaret Finlay noted that this would be the last CEHD meeting for Hon. Josue Barrios and thanked him for his service to the Committee.

STAFF REPORT

Frank Wen, Manager of Research and Analysis, briefly reported on staff's survey of the local jurisdictions to determine how much time they are spending participating in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Growth Forecasting and local review process.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Finlay adjourned the meeting at 11:52 AM.

Minutes Approved By:



Frank Wen, Manager
Research & Analysis

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Attendance Report

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Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended			= No Meeting NM = New Member EA = Excused Absence								
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Allevato, Sam	OCCOG			X															
Barios, Josue	Gateway Cities		X							X									
Butts, James	SBCCOG		X																
Campbell, Don*	ICTC	X						X	X	X									
Chen, Carol	Gateway Cities		X						X	X									
Choi, Steven	City of Irvine (District 14)			X				NM	X	X									
Espinoza, Rose	OCCOG			X						NM									
Finlay, Margaret* (Vice-Chair)	Duarte (District 35)		X					X	X	X									
Franklin, Debbie	WRCOG				X				NM	X									
Garcia, Ron	OCCOG			X					X	X									
Gazeley, James*	Lomita (District 39)		X					X	X	X									
Gonzales, Joseph J.	SGVCOG		X					X	X	X									
Hansen, Tom	Gateway Cities									NM									
Harrison, Jon	District 6					X				X									
Hofbauer, Steve	Palmdale (District 43)		X					X		X									
Jahn, Bill*	SANBAG (District 11)					X		X	X	X									
Lantz, Paula* Chair	Pomona (District 38)		X					X	X	X									
Leonard, Mike	SANBAG					X													
Martin, Charles	Morongo Indians				X														
McCallon, Larry*	Highland (District 7)					X			X	X									
McCullough, Kathryn*	OCCOG			X				X	X	X									
Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie	SANBAG																		
McSweeney, Susan	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG		X																
Mirisch, John A.	WSCCOG		X																
Morehouse, Carl*	VCOG (District 47)						X	X	X	X									
Murabito, Gene*	SGVCOG		X							X									
Musser, Ray	SANBAG					X													
Nielsen, John*	Tustin (District 17)			X															
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo		X							X									
Palinkas, John	Pechanga Indians				X														
Paris, Rex	North L.A. County Subregion		X																
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles		X																
Quach, Andy*	Westminster (District 20)			X															
Reyes, Ed*	Los Angeles		X																
Ring, Bob	OCCOG			X				X	X	X									
Robertson, Deborah*	Rialto (District 8)					X		X	X	X									
Santa Ines, Sonny	GCCOG		X					NM		X									
Shevlin, Becky	SGVCOG		X					X	X	X									
Wilson, Michael	CVAG	X							X										
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DATE: April 4, 2013
TO: Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD)
FROM: Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Sustainability Subcommittee Policy Recommendations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review and recommend Regional Council approval of the Sustainability Subcommittee recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sustainability Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has held six (6) meetings since October 2012 to discuss different components of Sustainability and how they relate to implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In addition to the meetings, subcommittee members and stakeholders were also given the opportunity to provide written comments. Based on the discussions and written comments, SCAG staff developed recommendations that were approved by the Subcommittee on March 18, 2013. This report presents the Sustainability Subcommittee's recommendations.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective c: Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward.

BACKGROUND:

At the April 5, 2012 meeting, the Regional Council unanimously approved a motion to form various Subcommittees as part of the implementation strategy for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. These Subcommittees are: 1) Active Transportation; 2) Goods Movement; 3) High-Speed Rail and Transit; 4) Public Health; 5) Sustainability; and 6) Transportation Finance.

The goals of the Subcommittees are to facilitate the exchange of information and policy development around their respective emphasis areas, identify regional priorities, and facilitate the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. The Subcommittees may consider other related tasks.

At the commencement of the Sustainability Subcommittee, five (5) components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategies, and investments. Subcommittee meetings and dialogue were held on the five components presented, the considerations for each component, and potential recommendations/actions were provided. In addition to the meetings, Subcommittee members were also given the opportunity to provide written comments.

After reviewing the dialogue of the Subcommittee meetings and the written comments provided, SCAG staff developed a set of policy recommendations for the Sustainability Subcommittee. These recommendations were brought to the Subcommittee for deliberation and approval. The Sustainability

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Subcommittee approved the policy recommendations at their sixth meeting, a joint meeting of the Active Transportation, Public Health and Sustainability Subcommittees, on March 18, 2013, and took action to forward these recommendations to the CEHD Committee for review and recommended approval by the Regional Council. The recommendations are attached with this report and pending input from the CEHD Committee, it is anticipated that these recommendations will be presented at the Regional Conference and General Assembly May 2-3, 2013 and the Regional Council at its June 6, 2013 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds related to the work of the Sustainability Subcommittee are included in the FY 2012/13 budget.

ATTACHMENT:

Sustainability Subcommittee Policy Recommendations

Sustainability Subcommittee

Sustainability Subcommittee Policy Staff Recommendations

At the commencement of the Sustainability Subcommittee, five components were presented for members to consider, discuss and define for a final deliverable to the SCAG Policy Committees. The components were: definitions, needs assessments, performance measures, strategy, and investments. Four subcommittee meetings and dialogue was held on the five components presented, and potential recommendations/actions were provided. The following four recommendations represent the output of comments and discussions held at the meetings of the Sustainability Subcommittee along with input provided by ex-officio members and stakeholders. These recommendations are intended to strengthen the on-going implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. These recommendations are not final, but rather will be taken to Policy Committees, and eventually to the Regional Council for deliberation and potentially for approval.

1. Adopt the following as a definition of sustainability which recognizes the importance of local decision making, yet fosters regionally significant sustainability

- **Sustainability-** We work with our partners, local governments, and stakeholders to achieve a quality of life, inclusive of economic well-being, that provides resources for today's generation while preserving an improved quality of life for future generations

Next Steps: Disseminate local definition throughout the organization, and its deliberative bodies. Pending further discussion and action by CEHD and Regional Council include language in drafting the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

2. Consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to sustainability, as defined

- Provide technical foundation for any potential improvements to performance measures and indicators by conducting research and identifying best methods for RTP/SCS alternatives evaluation and monitoring
 - Focus on strengthening the location efficiency indicator to guide sustainable development including, for example, jobs / housing fit and active transportation accessibility to neighborhood services
 - Collect and refine data on fleet transformation from internal combustion engines to alternative fuels vehicles
 - Build off of on-going research including state and other efforts
- Develop performance monitoring program for tracking 2012-2035 RTP/SCS implementation

Next Steps: In consultation with technical working groups, modeling experts, and other partners determine performance monitoring and measurement best practices for consideration. Continue improving the performance monitoring and assessment program.

3. Support regulatory framework and project delivery financing that allows for sustainable development

- Provide local examples of workable CEQA practices to statewide entities engaged in CEQA modernization discussions
- Provide support to local jurisdictions in local approval processes for TOD, in-fill and other types of sustainable development
- Engage in the development of replacement local investment tools for Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA)
- Continue to encourage and facilitate Public Private Partnerships (PPP) as a local community development strategy
- Continue to support research, and/or dissemination of best practices (e.g. through Sustainability Program grants) of dynamic local regulation of Parking, Multi-Modal Level of Service, and Complete Street best management practices
- Should jurisdictions be considering adopting or revising a local Climate Action Plan (CAP), encourage and assist them to do so in connection with General Plan updates, to ensure regulatory consistency

Next Steps: Report to Legislative Committee. Identify and assist local agencies that are adopting available CEQA amendments and local jurisdictions implementing alternative financing. Train local planners through SCAG Programs. Develop model ordinances and sample policy language through relevant Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects. Promote the California Infrastructure Funding & Financing website that SCAG developed through the Compass Blueprint Program.

In addition to these three areas the Sustainability Committee found common ground with the Active Transportation and Public Health Subcommittees in supporting the promotion of Active Transportation.

4. Seek opportunities to promote transportation options with an active component/physical activity

- Support goals and principles of Active Transportation Work Plan, as it pertains to sustainability
- Promote active transportation as a means to encourage active and healthy lifestyles
- Support and seek opportunities to promote safety in active transportation
- Identify and assist jurisdictions planning for transit, active transportation, and transit oriented development (TOD) by providing regional case studies, and economic development data
- Support deployment of zero or near-zero emissions vehicle technology

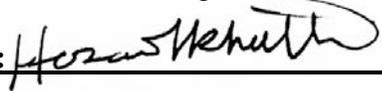
Next Steps to 2016 RTP/SCS Development: Develop cost effective investments and strategies that promote active life style as part of 2016 RTP/SCS development process, subject to further stakeholder input and technical review, and work with transportation finance division to quantify costs and identify funding.

DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

FROM: Ping Chang, Program Manager, chang@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1839

SUBJECT: Update on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Office of Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has developed a proposed method for evaluating the combined impacts of pollution on communities, known as the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen). Cal/EPA has statutory responsibilities to address environmental justice. The tool is intended to be used by Cal/EPA to prioritize, focus resources, and help Cal/EPA comply with statutory mandates related to environmental justice. It will also be used to identify impacted communities for investment opportunities pursuant to Senate Bill 535. As set forth in a guidance document prepared by Cal/EPA, the tool is not intended to be a substitute for focused risk assessment for a specific area or site, nor will the results of the tool be used for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) purposes. At the time of the preparation of this report, the CalEnviroScreen has not been finalized. SCAG staff will continue to monitor the process and apprise the EEC and CEHD Committee of any new developments.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports Strategic Plan Goal 2. Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities.

- a. Develop, monitor or support state legislation that promotes increased investment in transportation programs in Southern California.

BACKGROUND:
CalEnviroScreen presents a screening methodology to identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and presents the statewide results of the analysis using the screening tool. CalEnviroScreen uses existing environmental, health and socioeconomic data to consider the extent to which communities across the state are burdened by and vulnerable to pollution. The results generated by CalEnviroScreen represent the confluence of a numerous environmental, economic, social, and health related factors.

Cal/EPA and OEHHA expects the tool to enable state decision makers to focus their time, resources and programs on those portions of the state that are in greater need of assistance due to their higher environmental burdens and greater vulnerability to, or reduced ability to withstand, these burdens as compared to other areas. Specifically, CalEnviroScreen will inform Cal/EPA's implementation of the mandate to identify communities per SB 535 for the purposes of targeted investment of a portion of California Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds. CalEnviroScreen is also anticipated to be useful in the

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administration of Cal/EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grant Program, and may guide other grant programs as well as environmental educational and community programs throughout the state. Of note, as set forth in a guidance document prepared by Cal/EPA and discussed in stakeholder meetings, the tool is not intended to be a substitute for focused risk assessment for a specific area or site, nor will the results of the tool be used for CEQA purposes.

SCAG held a Cal/EPA workshop on December 12, 2012 in cooperation with other interested stakeholders intended to offer businesses, local governments and other stakeholders the opportunity to receive relevant information and provide input to Cal/EPA on the draft CalEnviroScreen. The workshop was well attended with several members of the Regional Council, staff from various jurisdictions and agencies, representatives of interested groups and other stakeholders participating in the workshop. Our members and stakeholders engaged in a constructive question and answer session with Cal/EPA. As a follow up, a second Cal/EPA workshop was held at SCAG on February 5, 2013 to provide an overview of the second draft of CalEnviroScreen released for public review. Cal/EPA Secretary Matthew Rodriguez of Cal/EPA made opening remarks and participated at the workshop. Arsenio Mataka, Assistant Secretary at Cal/EPA, and Allan Hirsch, Chief Deputy Director at the OEEHA presented information on the second draft CalEnviroScreen tool and Guidance Document and addressed questions from the audience. SCAG President Glen Becerra presided over the workshop and offered that SCAG serve as a vehicle for future outreach.

A summary of the SCAG workshops and related information is available on SCAG's website at <http://www.scag.ca.gov/new.htm#calEPAwksp>.

More detailed information on CalEnviroScreen and the on-going public process is available on the OEHHA website at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/index.html>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2012/13 Overall Work Program (13-055.SCG01531.01 and 080.SCG00153.04).

ATTACHMENT:

None

DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Community Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
Energy Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)

FROM: Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair, Active Transportation Subcommittee
Hon. Barbara Messina, Chair, Goods Movement Subcommittee
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair, Sustainability Subcommittee
Hon. Gary Ovitt, Chair, Transportation Finance Subcommittee
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, Public Health Subcommittee
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Chair, High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Summary Report from Subcommittees

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only - No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Active Transportation Subcommittee, Goods Movement Subcommittee, High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee, Public Health Subcommittee, Transportation Finance Subcommittee, and Sustainability Subcommittee have been meeting since September 2012. Presentations by SCAG staff, industry professionals, and other stakeholders have provided background information, and input on issues facing the region relevant to each Subcommittee to facilitate implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and develop recommendations for the next RTP/SCS. In an effort to keep all Regional Council and Policy Committee members informed, this final monthly report summarizes the work of the Subcommittees.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Improve regional decision-making providing leadership and consensus building on key plans and policies.

BACKGROUND:

At its April 5, 2012 meeting, the Regional Council (RC) approved the formation of six (6) Subcommittees as part of the implementation strategy for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Charters for each Subcommittee were approved by the RC at its July 5, 2012 meeting. SCAG President Glen Becerra appointed to each of the Subcommittees both RC and Policy Committee members, representing the six SCAG counties, as Subcommittee members. Hon. Becerra also appointed representatives from the private sector (including non-profit organizations) and stakeholder groups as ex-officio members. The Active Transportation Subcommittee, Goods Movement Subcommittee, High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee, and Transportation Finance Subcommittee report to the Transportation Committee (TC). The Public Health Subcommittee reports to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). The Sustainability Subcommittee reports to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD). The Subcommittees began meeting in September 2012 with a goal of completing their discussions by February 2013 so that

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recommendations may be presented to TC, EEC, and CEHD on April 4, 2013, at the Regional Conference and General Assembly May 2-3, 2013, and to the RC on June 6, 2013.

The following represents a summary of the recent Subcommittee meetings:

Active Transportation Subcommittee

5th Meeting, March 1, 2013

The Active Transportation Subcommittee recommended the policy framework be forwarded to the TC, who thereafter would forward the recommendations to the RC for adoption. The recommendations include: develop a definition of “active transportation”, which recognizes the varying types and needs of active transportation users; consider and refine the availability of data and information to evaluate the RTP/SCS and its alternatives relative to active transportation policy; develop with partner agencies, a methodology for selecting and prioritizing regionally supported active transportation projects; and seek opportunities to promote and support transportation investments with an active transportation component.

6th and Final Meeting, March 18, 2013

This was a Joint Meeting of the Active Transportation, Public Health and Sustainability Subcommittees. The focus of the meeting was to provide an overview of the next steps of the recommendations and to approve and move forward each subcommittee’s recommendations to their respective Policy Committees for review and recommend approval by the Regional Council. Staff provided a presentation on the next steps of the final Subcommittees’ recommendations. The presentation highlighted the interrelated nature of the subcommittees on SCS principles and goals, how the recommendations will inform the current plan implementation and the 2016-2035 RTP/SCS development, and what the approval process will be for the recommendations. After a joint discussion with the Subcommittees, each Subcommittee chair provided an overview of the focus of their subcommittee’s discussions which led to the each Subcommittee approving their respective final Subcommittee recommendations, and taking action to send them to their respective Policy Committees for review and approval on April 4, 2013.

Goods Movement Subcommittee

6th and Final Meeting, February 25, 2013

Bruce De Terra, Chief, Office of System and Freight Planning, Caltrans reported on MAP-21 Interim Guidance, the State Freight Advisory Committee, and the State Freight Plan. SCAG staff reviewed the key points discussed by the Subcommittee since its first meeting in September 2012. The Subcommittee discussed and approved the draft recommendations. The recommendations are intended to strengthen the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The recommendations include facilitate implementation of MAP-21 freight provisions—including participation in national freight network designation and state freight plan and national freight plan development; facilitate implementation of freight initiatives identified in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS—including monitoring of emerging supply chain trends to adapt key infrastructure strategies as needed; and continue to promote and seek on-going partnerships with regional partners to further advance deployment of near-zero and zero emission goods movement strategies that meet emission reduction, cost effectiveness and safety goals. The Subcommittee’s recommendations will be presented to TC on April 4, 2013.

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High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee

6th and Final Meeting, February 15, 2013

The High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee discussed the proposed transit/rail emergency preparedness and response procedures at Metro and Metrolink and the recently proposed California earthquake early warning system. Presentations were made by SCAG staff on the draft Transit System Performance Report and the draft Passenger Rail Report. The former report is intended to be an annual profile of performance indicators for the region's transit operators. The latter describes the region's passenger rail network, with performance statistics for Metrolink and Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner, and near-term and future rail improvements which will also be updated on a regular basis. The Subcommittee discussed and approved the draft recommendations. The recommendations are intended to strengthen the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The recommendations include: developing a coordinated regional rail vision; identifying and evaluating potential transit best practices; and providing strategies for inclusion in the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS update. The Subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to TC on April 4, 2013.

Public Health Subcommittee

6th and Final Meeting, March 18, 2013

This was a joint meeting with the Active Transportation Subcommittee and Sustainability Subcommittee. For a summary of this meeting, please refer to the Active Transportation Subcommittee section of this report.

Transportation Finance Subcommittee

6th and Final Meeting, March 1, 2013

The Transportation Finance Subcommittee reviewed the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS financial plan and approved the draft recommendations. The recommendations are intended to strengthen the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The recommendations include: continue to investigate cost-efficiency measures for transportation investments; continue to monitor and analyze emerging transportation funding options for multimodal investments; promote and seek on-going partnerships with regional partners, business leaders, and other stakeholders to further SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/SCS financial plan strategies; and continue to investigate and recommend strategies to mitigate cost to taxpayers (including mitigation measures that are not strictly transportation related) over the course of subsequent RTP cycles. The Subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to TC on April 4, 2013.

Sustainability Subcommittee

6th and Final Meeting, March 18, 2013

This was a joint meeting with the Active Transportation Subcommittee and Public Health Subcommittee. For a summary of this meeting, please refer to the Active Transportation Subcommittee section of this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Subcommittees is included in the FY 2012-2013 Budget.

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None

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DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

FROM: Grieg Asher, Senior Regional Planner, asher@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1869

SUBJECT: Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program Presentation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, will present an update on the WRCOG HERO Program. The purpose of the program is to provide energy and water efficiency upgrades to residential and commercial properties.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies

BACKGROUND:
The Western Riverside Council of Governments is a joint powers agency that coordinates policy discussions on various regional issues such as air quality, solid waste, transportation, and the environment. Over the past two years, WRCOG staff has been working to develop the HERO Program. This program is a partnership between WRCOG and Renovate America, Inc. The program's purpose is to provide low interest rate financing to spark the local economy by creating jobs, reduce utility costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program provides HERO Financing for permanently affixed energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy products. HERO Financing is repaid through an assessment on property tax bills over 5-20 years.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENT:
PowerPoint Presentation: HERO



- Creating jobs
- Saving energy
- Improving properties
- Lowering utility bills



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What is the California HERO Program?

- California HERO is a residential and commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- Authorized by state law (AB 811 and AB 474)
- Allows jurisdictions to offer financing to property owners for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation improvements
- Financing to property owners is repaid over time through voluntary annual assessments on the property tax bill



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California HERO Program: Guiding Principles

- Based on successful Program in Western Riverside County: *Proven track record of experience*
- PACE is a funding tool
- Regional / Statewide Program provides economies of scale
- Consistent funding is vital for Program success
- Simplicity of use is vital for broad acceptance
- Contractors in region familiar based on existing Program success
- Summary: Turnkey Program provided at no cost to jurisdictions



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Benefits to property owners

- ✓ Provides access to financing that might not be available through traditional means such as equity loans, etc.
- ✓ Provides “no-money-down” approach to financing improvements
- ✓ Provides savings on utility bills
- ✓ Repayment stays with property (most cases)



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Benefits to participating jurisdictions

- ✓ **Economy** Creates / maintains construction-related jobs
- ✓ **Energy** Reduces / delays the need for costly construction of energy generation / transmission facilities
- ✓ **Environment** Improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ **Financial** No local jurisdictional debt; funding is self-replenishing



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Year 1 results (January 2012 thru March 17, 2013)

Approved Apps: 4,600+

Approved Financing: \$131,000,000 (residential program)

Commercial program just launching

Largest Program in United States



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Program partners

- WRCOG – Program administrator
- Public Financial Management, Inc. – Financial Advisor
- Best Best & Krieger – Bond Counsel
- David Taussig & Associates – Assessment Administrator
- U.S. Bank – Trustee
- Westhoff, Cone & Holmstedt – Placement Agent
- Renovate America – Residential Funding Partner
- Samas Capital – Commercial Funding Partner



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How does it work for the property owner?

- It's a voluntary program
- (wrcog.herofinancing.com): Property owners apply for Program coverage and select improvements desired
- If approved, property owner enters into contract with administrator; all up-front costs are paid and assessment lien is placed on property
- Property owner / subsequent property owner repays through property tax assessment over a period of years



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Examples of eligible improvements

- Heating and air conditioning
- Cool roofs
- Natural gas storage water heater
- Tankless water heater
- Windows and glass doors
- Outside irrigation
- Insulation
- Window filming
- Home sealing
- Lighting control systems
- Solar thermal systems (hot water)
- Solar thermal systems for pool heating
- Photovoltaic systems
- Low flush toilets



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Contractors are key...

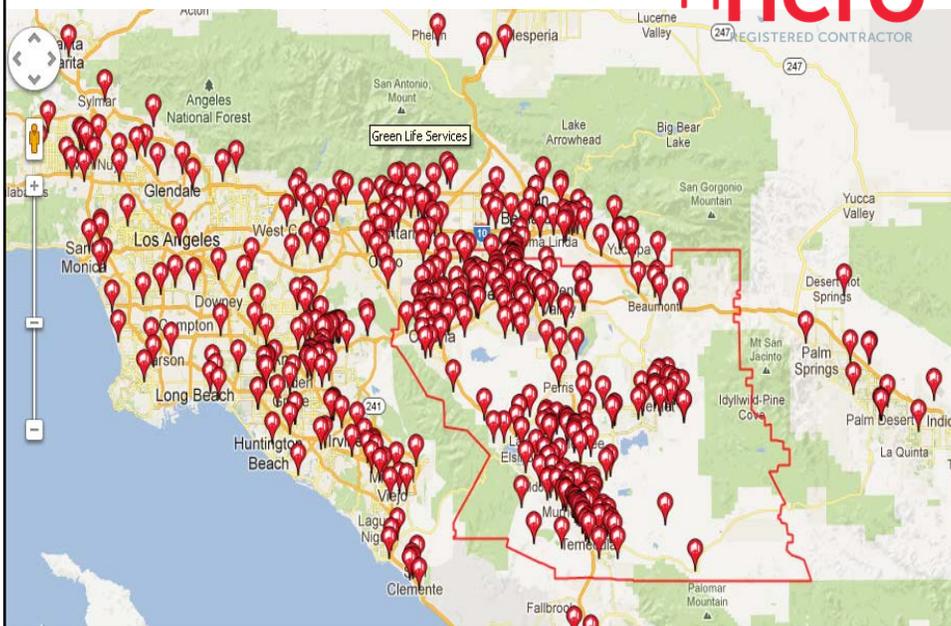


More than 650 participating in the Program

- Must have an active California State License Board (CSLB) license
- Must meet CSLB's bond and workers' compensation insurance requirements
- Must provide evidence of jurisdictional business license if no jurisdictional permit is required for project
- Must register on the website



Participating contractor locations...



Who qualifies to participate?

- Property owners may be individuals, associations, business entities, cooperatives
- Bottom line: Any qualifying owner paying property taxes
 - have clear title to property
 - be current on property taxes
 - be current on mortgage payments
 - have some equity in the property



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What happens when the owner sells the property?

- Assessment obligation may remain an obligation of the property upon sale depending on lender
 - DISCLOSURE, DISCLOSURE, DISCLOSURE

IN ADDITION, ON AUGUST 31, 2010, FANNINE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC STATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT PURCHASE HOME LOANS WITH ASSESSMENTS SUCH AS THOSE OFFERED UNDER THIS PROGRAM, THIS MAY MEAN THAT PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SELL OR REFINANCE THEIR PROPERTIES MAY BE REQUIRED TO PREPAY SUCH ASSESSMENTS AT THE TIME THEY CLOSE THEIR SALE OR REFINANCING.

What's has happened thus far?

- 34 Refinanced and/or sold
- 4 Repaid

** Program will be adjusted to meet any adopted federal regulations.



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How do jurisdictions join the California HERO Program?

Step 1: Jurisdiction needs to adopt a Resolution of Participation to join California HERO Program

- Initiation of validation process
- Once the validation is complete, property owners can begin applying
- 3 – 4 months to launch

Step 2: There is no Step 2!

- Your jurisdiction staff time requirements: Only related to normal permit processing



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Questions?

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DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)

FROM: Simon Choi, Chief of Research & Forecasting, 213-236-1849, choi@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Estimated Time Spent by Local Jurisdictions to Participate in SCAG’s Local Input Process for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
As a follow-up to the request by the CEHD Committee, this report provides information resulting from SCAG’s survey of local jurisdictions regarding the amount of time required for participation, review and input to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) growth forecasting process. Based upon the informal survey undertaken by SCAG staff, it was found that local jurisdictions depending upon its population, spent between one day to 15 weeks in reviewing and providing input related to SCAG’s growth forecasts, SCS development, and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process during the three-year period between 2009 and 2012.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:
As SCAG moves forward with the local review and input process for the development of growth forecast of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, SCAG’s CEHD Committee at its February 7, 2013 meeting, directed staff to survey local jurisdictions regarding the staff resources required to participate in this bottom-up process to review and provide input on SCAG’s Integrated Growth Forecast and land use maps. With help from subregional coordinators and responding jurisdictions, the following table provides the survey results regarding the amount of time spent by jurisdictions on SCAG’s growth forecasts, SCS development and RHNA process during 2009-2012. The table also provides the population size of the responding jurisdictions given that there appeared to be a direct correlation between the size of the jurisdiction and the amount of time spent by the jurisdiction:

Size of Jurisdiction	Minimum	Maximum
Small – Population LT 20,000	25 hours	2 weeks
Medium – Population 20,000-65,000	1 week	8 weeks
Large – Population 65,000+	2 weeks	15 weeks

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It was also noted by some of the subregions and local jurisdictions that current budgetary constraints may challenge some jurisdictions to fully participate in the local review and input process for the 2016 RTP/SCS Update.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2012/13 under 055.SCG00133.05: Integrated Growth Forecasting Data Analysis & Development for 2016 RTP/SCS.

ATTACHMENT:

None