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MEETING OF THE

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

***Thursday, February 6, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

The Energy & Environment 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. James A. Johnson, Chair)

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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1. Sustainability Joint Work Program with Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
(Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning)

Attachment 10 mins.

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Recommended Action: Recommend Regional Council approval of the SCAG/Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Sustainability Joint Work Program.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Southern California Regional Energy Network
(Howard Choy, General Manager, Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability)

Attachment 30 mins.

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3. Best Practice for Implementing Solar Systems through a Power Purchase Agreement
(Robert Sausedo, Vice President, Business Development Local Government, PsomasFMG, LLC)

Attachment 30 mins.

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4. 2014 Imperial County PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) Update
(Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff)

Attachment 10 mins.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

(Hon. James A. Johnson, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EEC is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

DATE: February 6, 2014

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

FROM: Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning 213-236-1838,
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SUBJECT: Sustainability Joint Work Program with Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Recommend Regional Council approval of the SCAG/Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Sustainability Joint Work Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
SCAG and ICTC staff have developed a Sustainability Joint Work Program to better coordinate the activities of the two agencies and support the implementation of the approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS).

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; b) Develop external communications and media strategy to promote partnerships, build consensus and foster inclusiveness in the decision making process; and c) Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward

BACKGROUND:
The 2012 RTP/SCS was adopted on April 5, 2012. Since that time, SCAG has worked collaboratively with partner agencies, including the six (6) County Transportation Commissions in the region to advance and implement key policies and strategies in the Plan. This cooperative effort includes the development of agreements and joint work programs committing to initiatives of mutual interest, along with other activities such as the convening of an ongoing CEOs Sustainability Working Group.

SCAG's approach for the upcoming 2016 RTP/SCS will be to record progress made on implementation action, particularly at city and county levels, and identify next steps. As such, these focused follow-up efforts, along with other activities, are of critical importance for future planning.

ICTC staff has developed a Joint Work Program in collaboration with SCAG staff. On December 11, 2013, the ICTC Board passed a resolution recognizing this Joint Work Program with SCAG.

REPORT

Highlights of the Program include:

1. First Mile/Last Mile Strategic Plan for Border Crossing Stations
2. The development of a Countywide Safe Routes to School Inventory
3. Conservation Planning Policy
4. Active Transportation funding
5. Complete Streets Policy Development

The Joint Work Program with ICTC is the third such coordination of effort between SCAG and a county transportation commission (CTC) in the SCAG region subsequent to the adoption of the 2012 RTP/SCS. On October 4, 2012, the Regional Council approved a resolution and Joint Work Program with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). As part of today's Regional Council meeting, the RC will be considering the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). At this time, SCAG is continuing to work with staff from the remaining three (3) CTCs on developing sustainability joint work programs for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The item commits SCAG to joint work efforts with ICTC subject to future separate and on-going budget development actions and/or agreements.

ATTACHMENT:

SCAG-ICTC Sustainability Joint Work Program, as previously approved by ICTC

**RESOLUTION 121113-7G OF
THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC)**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION BETWEEN IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC) AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO IMPLEMENT THE 2012-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS)

WHEREAS, the development of a regional Sustainable Communities Strategy is required by state law under California Sustainable Communities Strategy and Climate Protection Act, commonly referred to as Senate Bill 375, and is a critical element of achieving statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals established in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Núñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006);

WHEREAS, a regional Sustainable Communities Strategy is a component of the Regional Transportation Plan that specifies how the GHG reduction targets established of a region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will be achieved;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2012, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council unanimously approved the region's first RTP/SCS;

WHEREAS, the adopted RTP/SCS includes land-use and transportation strategies that will support the region in meeting the established GHG reduction targets of 8% per capita by 2020 and 13% per capita by 2035;

WHEREAS, the Air Resource Board on June 4, 2012 accepted the Sustainable Communities Strategy as having met the GHG target;

WHEREAS, by virtue of having met the state established GHG target, local governments in the SCAG region may choose to access a streamlined process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for certain types of qualifying development projects;

WHEREAS, the RTP/SCS provides additional co-benefits including reducing land consumption, infrastructure costs, household costs, health incidences as well as improving mobility and creating jobs;

WHEREAS, SCAG developed the RTP/SCS in collaboration with the Imperial County Transportation Commission, other County Transportation Commissions, and local governments from the six county Southern California region through a bottoms-up, collaborative process that engaged a wide range of stakeholder groups, elected officials, special interest groups, and the general public through a series of workshops and public meetings;

WHEREAS, the RTP/SCS addresses many challenges including projected growth, changing demographics, climate change adaptation, housing needs, and transportation demands;

WHEREAS, the RTP/SCS includes a land-use strategy and growth forecast that focuses growth in High-Quality Transit Areas and along main streets, downtowns and other appropriate infill locations;

shifts development from single-family towards multi-family residential development to reflect recent market trends; and promotes the implementation of Compass Blueprint Demonstration projects and other supportive land use implementation;

WHEREAS, the RTP/SCS includes transportation policies and investments that reflect the investments being made by the County Transportation Commissions through 2035; triples the amount of funding available in the previous RTP to support Active Transportation; emphasizes and provides additional resources for transportation demand management strategies and transportation systems management; maintains a focus on efficient goods movement; and establishes a financial plan that addresses deferred maintenance and includes new revenue sources and innovative financing techniques to transition our fuel tax-based system to a more direct, user fee approach;

WHEREAS, while SCAG develops the RTP/SCS, the land-use and transportation changes within it are largely driven by the actions of local governments and County Transportation Commissions, like the LACMTA, that program the majority of transportation funds flowing into the region;

WHEREAS, it is therefore critical that the ICTC be engaged in the implementation of the plan in order for the plan's benefits to be realized, as well as, to ensure the region continues to make progress that can be reflected in the 2016 RTP/SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB through the AB 32 Cap-and-Trade Program will be providing funding for programs and projects throughout the state that reduce GHG emissions and help implement local climate action plans;

WHEREAS, the ICTC and SCAG currently collaborate on a broad range of initiatives to advance common transportation objectives, and it is in the interest of both agencies to continue to leverage resources toward achieving the common goals expressed in the RTP/SCS towards creating a more sustainable transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Imperial County Transportation Commission that the Executive Director is authorized to initiate and/or continue the following RTP/SCS implementation activities, to be referred to collectively as the **SCAG-ICTC RTP/SCS Joint-Work Program**:

Planning Work/Products

1. Develop **First-Last Mile Strategic Plan** improving intermodal access for pedestrian and transit at existing and planned Ports-of-entry between Mexico and Imperial County.
2. Support SCAG in developing a **Conservation Planning Policy**, as recommended in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. This policy is intended to build upon already-established programs that assist with more efficient transportation project delivery, including but not limited to, OCTA's Measure M Environmental Mitigation Program and Riverside County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plans (MSHCP). The policy will explore opportunities to optimize the use of transportation mitigation funds to support natural land restoration, conservation, protection and acquisition, and will offer GHG emissions reduction benefits. The deliverables will likely include identification of priority conservation areas and the development of regional mitigation policies or approaches for the 2016 RTP/SCS. ICTC will coordinate with SCAG on the development of policies appropriate for Imperial County in

conjunction with proposals for more comprehensive habitat preservation/conservation approaches.

3. Develop a **Countywide Safe Routes to School Plan** to help local communities identify SRTS needs and to prioritize the most cost-effective and competitive projects. The Inventory will: document current SRTS efforts and needs; coordinate with agencies, organizations, and stakeholders for exchange of information and ideas; and identify options for pursuing additional funding sources to increase SRTS investment in Imperial County.
4. Explore opportunities, together with SCAG, to expedite Active Transportation funding planned in the RTP/SCS for local infrastructure to support the operation and expansion of Bus/Bus Rapid Transit systems and for improved bicycle/pedestrian connectivity county-wide. ICTC will develop a funding strategy for specific Active Transportation priority projects in the NMTP and identify specific funding opportunities for each project, such as grant applications, calls for projects, and allocation of Federal, State, and local formula funds, as appropriate.

Advocacy

5. Seek funding and **support legislative initiatives** to assist local agencies with planning, programming, and/or capital funds to implement Compass Blueprint projects or other innovative, multimodal approaches.
6. Support local jurisdictions in developing Climate Action Plans (CAPs) that would serve as the local implementation and monitoring documents for the reduction of greenhouse gases in response to Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. ICTC will collaborate with local jurisdictions to develop templates jurisdictions may use as starting points for incorporation of specific schedule, funding, and implementation action items into their CAPs.
7. Work with state and federal representatives to **Develop Legislation** in support of the above activities and the broader goals of the RTP/SCS.

Coordination

8. Appoint a representative to the **Regional Sustainability Working Group**, an effort initiated by the CEOs of County Transportation Commissions and led by SCAG, to actively work on the implementation of the RTP/SCS, document and monitor progress, and develop recommendations for opportunities in upcoming 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.
9. Continue collaborative efforts to improve **Performance Measurement and Monitoring** of the benefits and co-benefits (health, greenhouse gas reduction, etc.) of transportation projects and plans through efforts such as: monitoring of travel time on major highways through upgrades to the Imperial County Transportation Plan; monitoring of transit performance; collection of bicycle use data through the bicycle data clearinghouse; monitoring of milestones for the County Transportation Plan.
10. Continue to support SCAG and collaborate with regional stakeholders on the Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Readiness Plan, to identify the best locations for charging infrastructure based on market demand and travel patterns. The Regional PEV Readiness Plan will become part of a larger effort to support regional sustainability while promoting

economic development within the green technology sector. SCAG will continue to work with a diverse group of stakeholders to serve as a clearinghouse for zero and near-zero emission vehicle resources and implementation strategies. The key deliverables include a Regional PEV Readiness Plan and two model Subregional PEV Readiness Plans (South Bay and Western Riverside COGs). This effort is funded with grants obtained from the California Energy Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy.

11. Support the SCAG RTP/SCS through the coordinated development of complete streets policies and implementable strategies by identifying the following: achievable opportunities for deployment of complete streets strategies in a way that recognizes the diversity of urban and rural contexts in Imperial County; principles for integration of “complete streets thinking” into arterial network and land use planning within the County; specific locations that could serve as opportunities for low cost “early action” complete streets projects; possible incentives for the planning and development of complete streets projects in the County.

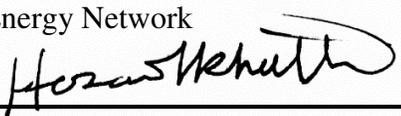
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on December 11, 2013.

By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:
By: 

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Secretary to the Commission

DATE: February 6, 2014
TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
FROM: Grieg Asher, Program Manager, 213-236-1869, asher@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Southern California Regional Energy Network

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Howard Choy, General Manager, Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability, will present an update on the Southern California Regional Energy Network.

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 Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) is a local government regional energy network (REN) pilot project serving public agencies and their constituents in the Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Company (SCG) service territories. Mr. Choy will discuss the Regional Energy Network and its growth potential for local governments in the SCAG region.

The County Office of Sustainability (COS) implements environmental and sustainability programs and services for County departments, residents, businesses and local governments including: energy efficiency, green building and climate change programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENT:
None

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DATE: February 6, 2014
TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
FROM: Jonathan Nadler, Manager, 213-236-1884, nadler@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Best Practice for Implementing Solar Systems through a Power Purchase Agreement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Robert Sausedo, Vice President, Business Development Local Government, PsomasFMG, LLC., will discuss options for local jurisdictions to use Power Purchase Agreements for implementation of solar photovoltaic systems.

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.

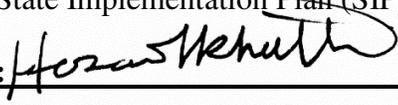
BACKGROUND:
Mr. Sausedo will discuss how to utilize a Power Purchase Agreement to implement a no upfront cost approach to implementing solar photovoltaic systems (solar collectors, solar on buildings, etc.). Power Purchase Agreement Financing can be used for systems as small as 200 kilowatts and well into several megawatts. The goal of a Power Purchase Agreement is to create a no-cost option to build the system that provides power to the end user. This program represents an opportunity for local governments to implement energy conservation programs without facing additional financial burdens.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENT:
None

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DATE: February 6, 2014
TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
FROM: Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager, 213-236-1994, luo@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: 2014 Imperial County PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), the 2014 Imperial County PM2.5¹ State Implementation Plan (SIP) is under development to address the 2006 PM2.5 national ambient air quality standard in the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area. Staff will present a brief overview of the requirements and status of the 2014 Imperial County PM2.5 SIP.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) in 2006. Subsequently, EPA finalized area designations for the PM2.5 standard, effective December 14, 2009. As part of the area designation, the urbanized portion of Imperial County has been designated by EPA as a 24-hour PM2.5 nonattainment area. Per EPA's Implementation Guidance released on March 2, 2012, the state implementation plan (SIP) to address the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard was required to be submitted to EPA by December 14, 2012 for each nonattainment area. However, in response to a court ruling in litigation against U.S. EPA regarding its PM2.5 implementation rules, U.S. EPA published a proposed rule on November 21, 2013 that sets December 31, 2014 as the new submission deadline for the PM2.5 SIP.

The 2014 Imperial County PM2.5 SIP is being prepared by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Because the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area is adjacent to Mexico and impacted by emissions from across the border, the SIP is prepared under the provisions of the CAA Section 179(B). Per CAA Section 179(B), the SIP is required to attain and maintain the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard by the attainment date "but for emissions emanating from outside of the United States." The Draft SIP is tentatively scheduled to be released for a 30-day public review in April 2014 with subsequent adoption by the ICAPCD Governing Board in May 2014. ARB Board is tentatively scheduled to adopt the SIP in June and then submit to EPA.

¹ PM2.5 (Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns) is a major air pollutant consisting of tiny solid or liquid particles, generally soot and aerosols. The size of the particles (2.5 microns or smaller, about 0.0001 inches or less) allows them to easily enter the air sacs deep in the lungs where they may cause adverse health effects, as noted in several recent studies. PM2.5 also causes visibility reduction.

REPORT

The 2014 Imperial County PM2.4 SIP will include new motor vehicle emissions budgets, which are an important component relative to regional transportation planning and federal transportation conformity requirements and which set an upper limit of PM2.5 emissions that on-road transportation activities are permitted to emit. The emission budgets established as part of the 2014 PM2.5 SIP process and adopted in the final SIP will become the functioning emissions budgets for transportation conformity for future RTP/Federal Improvement Program (FTIP) and RTP/FTIP amendments after the effectiveness date of the new emission budgets. SCAG staff is working closely with both the ARB and ICAPCD to establish appropriate PM2.5 emission budgets for the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area.

Note that the South Coast Air Basin is the one other area in the SCAG region designated as nonattainment for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard, and the South Coast PM2.5 SIP has been submitted to EPA as part of the 2012 South Coast AQMP in early 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (025.SCG0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).

ATTACHMENT:

None

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
January 2, 2014

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. James Johnson, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

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| Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point (Vice-Chair) | TCA |
| Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead | District 32 |
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| Hon. Jack Terrazas | Imperial County |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro | District 1 |
| Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga | SANBAG |
| Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill | Gateway Cities |

Members Not Present

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| Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles | District 59 |
| Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill | GCCOG |
| Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills | District 10 |
| Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella | CVAG |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet | WRCOG |
| Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians | Tribal COG |
| Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Jeffery Prang, West Hollywood | WSCCOG |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto | District 8 |

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. James Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Hon. Thomas Martin led the EEC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hon. James Johnson announced that there is a new California law, SB 751, which requires all public entities to record votes by name of committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No comments

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Grieg Asher, SCAG Staff, stated that SANBAG has developed an MOU/Joint Work Program, working in consultation with SCAG staff. The MOU was approved by SANBAG's Governing Board on November 6, 2013, and includes sixteen (16) identified activities. The activities are sorted into three (3) categories: 1) planning work; 2) coordination; and 3) advocacy. Highlights of the program include: continued development and implementation of the Countywide Vision for sustainability; the development of a Countywide Safe Routes to School Inventory; study on development and access in key transit corridors; and, collaborative work in conservation and open-space identification and planning.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) and SECONDED (Bertone) to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with SANBAG for the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS). The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Friedman, Genis, Johnson, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Sammarco, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, presented on the requirements; challenges; and status of the South Coast AQMP. He stated that the AQMP is being prepared primarily to address the 2008 8-hour ozone standard by developing a new 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). Upon adoption by the AQMD Governing Board, the AQMP will be submitted to ARB for adoption and then to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. SCAG will develop the required final growth forecasts; travel activity projections; and regional transportation strategy and control measures for the AQMP based on the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS).

3. Advanced Clean Air Technologies Update

Henry Hogo, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Mobile Source Division, SCAQMD provided an update on the development of advanced clean mobile source technologies, with a focus on freight movement. He discussed advanced technologies for on-road heavy duty trucks, passenger and freight locomotives, and ocean-going vessels. He also discussed the funding opportunities available to facilitate development and deployment of advanced technologies.

4. Port of Long Beach Advanced Clean Technologies Implementation Update

Richard Cameron, Acting Managing Director of Environmental Affairs and Planning, Port of Long Beach (POLB) gave an update on advanced clean technologies implemented by the POLB, including those that support significant regional emissions reductions. He provided an overview of the Port's Technology Advancement Program and stated that staff has identified zero emissions technologies and emission reduction technologies for ships as two major priorities under this program.

5. Update on 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goods Movement Environmental Strategy and Coordination with National and State Freight Planning Efforts

Annie Nam, SCAG staff, gave an update on SCAG's Goods Movement Environmental Strategy and its relation to the ongoing national and state freight planning efforts. SCAG staff will review the progress made since the 2012 RTP/SCS and consider emerging technologies when developing the 2016 RTP Goods Movement Environmental Strategy. SCAG staff is working with agencies, including AQMD and Metro, which are collaborating on demonstrating zero- and near-zero emission freight movement technologies. SCAG is also following recent research and will further study zero-emission truck commercialization serving inland warehouse and distribution market operation parameters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

6. Minutes of the November 7, 2013 Meeting

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7. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule
8. EPA Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan Update
9. Fuel Economy Trends of New Vehicles Sold in the United States
10. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Public Listening Sessions on Reducing Carbon Pollution from Existing Power Plants
11. Comments on FHWA's Interim Guidance on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

A MOTION was made (Bertone) was and SECONDED (Clark) to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Friedman, Genis, Johnson, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pollock, Ramirez, Ramos Watson, Sammarco, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

CHAIR'S REPORT - No report

STAFF REPORT - No report

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

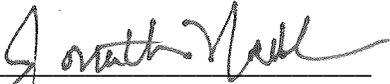
ANNOUNCEMENTS – Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake, announced that the City of Canyon Lake has had an electric charging station for approximately twenty-five (25) years and will be updating the station soon. Additionally, Lake Elsinore will soon be installing three (3) charging stations.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. James Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

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2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

REGIONAL COUNCIL AND POLICY COMMITTEES

| All Regular Meetings are scheduled on the <u>1st Thursday of each month, except for September*</u> | |
|--|---------------------|
| Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM |
| Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Transportation Committee (TC) | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Regional Council (RC) | 12:15 PM – 2:00 PM |

January 2, 2014

February 6, 2014

March 6, 2014

April 3, 2014

**May 1 – 2, 2014
(SCAG 2014 Regional Conference & General Assembly)**

June 5, 2014

DARK IN JULY

August 7, 2014

September 11, 2014*
(Note: League of California Cities Annual Conference in Los Angeles, Sept. 3 – 5)

October 2, 2014

November 6, 2014

December 4, 2014

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DATE: February 6, 2014

TO: Regional Council (RC)
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)

FROM: Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, ikhata@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1944

SUBJECT: SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG is providing a monthly update (attached) regarding successful implementation of the 73 Sustainability Grants to member agencies. Forty-four (44) of the seventy-three (73) approved SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants were funded in the fall of 2013. To date, twenty-seven (27) scopes of work have been developed, and five (5) have selected consultants.

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; and Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies.

BACKGROUND:

On September 12, 2013, the Regional Council approved seventy-three (73) Sustainability Planning Grant projects and directed staff to proceed with funding projects with available funds for Phases I and Phase II projects. Phase III projects will proceed as additional funds becomes available in FY 15.

SCAG staff is providing monthly updates to the Board regarding implementation of the seventy-three (73) grants. To date, twenty-seven (27) scopes of work have been developed in partnership with the cities, eighteen (18) consultant RFPs have been released and five (5) cities have consultants selected.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is included in SCAG's FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget. Staff's work budget for the current fiscal year are included in FY 2013-14 OWP 065.SCG02663.02.

ATTACHMENT:

Summary Progress Chart

| Number | Applicant | Project | Scope | RFP | Selection | Contract |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------|-----|-----------|----------|
| Phase 1 (Available funds) | | | | | | |
| 1 | San Bernardino County | Bloomington Area Valley Blvd. Specific Plan Health and Wellness Element - Public health; Active transportation; Livability; Open space | x | x | | |
| 2 | Los Angeles - Department of City Planning | Van Nuys & Boyle Heights Modified Parking Requirements - Economic development; TOD; Livability | x | x | x | |
| 3 | Los Angeles - Department of City Planning | Bicycle Plan Performance Evaluation - Active transportation; performance measures | | | | |
| 4 | Western Riverside Council of Governments | Public Health: Implementing the Sustainability Framework - Public health; Multi-jurisdiction coordination; Sustainability | x | x | | |
| 5 | Santa Ana | Complete Streets Plan - Complete streets; Active transportation; Livability | x | x | | |
| 6 | San Bernardino Associated Governments | Climate Action Plan Implementation Tools - GHG reduction; Multi-jurisdiction coordination; Implementation | x | x | x | |
| 7 | Riverside | Restorative Growthprint Riverside - GHG reduction; Infrastructure investment; Economic development | x | x | x | |
| 8 | Orange County Parks | Orange County Bicycle Loop - Active transportation; Multi-jurisdictional; Public health | x | x | x | |
| 9 | Ventura County | Connecting Newbury Park - Multi-Use Pathway Plan - Active transportation; Public health; Adaptive re-use | x | x | x | |
| 10 | Imperial County Transportation Commission | Safe Routes to School Plan - Multi-modal; Active transportation | x | x | | |
| 11 | Yucaipa | College Village/Greater Dunlap Neighborhood Sustainable Community - Complete Streets; TOD | x | x | | |
| 12 | Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments | Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Bicycle Master Plan - Active transportation; Public health; Adaptive re-use | x | x | x | |
| 13 | Eastvale | Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Active Transportation | x | x | | |
| 14 | West Covina | Downtown Central Business District - Multi-modal; Active transportation | | | | |
| 15 | Placentia | General Plan/Sustainability Element & Development Code Assistance - General Plan Update; Sustainability Plan | x | x | x | |
| 16 | Paramount/Bellflower | Regional Bicycle Connectivity - West Santa Ana Branch Corridor - Active transportation; multi-jurisdiction | x | x | | |
| 17 | Costa Mesa | Implementation Plan for Multi-Purpose Trails - Active Transportation | x | x | x | |
| Phase 2 (Available funds) | | | | | | |
| 18 | Fullerton | East Wilshire Avenue Bicycle Boulevard - Active transportation; Livability; Demonstration project | | | | |

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|--------|---|--|-------|-----|-----------|----------|
| 19 | Beaumont | Climate Action Plan - GHG reduction | x | | | |
| 20 | Palm Springs | Sustainability Master Plan Update - Leverages larger effort; commitment to implement | | | | |
| 21 | Big Bear Lake | Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan - Multi-modal; Economic development; Open space | x | | | |
| 22 | Western Riverside Council of Governments | Land Use, Transportation, and Water Quality Planning Framework - Integrated planning, Sustainability | x | | | |
| 23 | Anaheim | Bicycle Master Plan Update - Active transportation | x | x | | |
| 24 | Ontario | Ontario Airport Metro Center - Multi-modal; Visualization; Integrated planning | x | | | |
| 25 | Coachella Valley Association of Governments | CV Link Health Impact Assessment - Active transportation; Public health; Multi-jurisdiction | | | | |
| 26 | San Bernardino Associated Governments | San Bernardino Countywide Complete Streets Strategy - Multi-modal; Livability; Multi-jurisdiction | | | | |
| 27 | Chino Hills | Climate Action Plan and Implementation Strategy - GHG reduction; Implementation; Sustainability | x | x | | |
| 28 | Coachella | La Plaza East Urban Development Plan - Mixed-use, TOD, Infill | | | | |
| 29 | South Bay Bicycle Coalition/Hermosa, Manhattan, Redondo | Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan - Active transportation; implementable; good value | | | | |
| 30 | Hawthorne | Crenshaw Station Area Active Transportation Plan and Overlay Zone - Multi-modal; Active transportation; GHG reduction | | | | |
| 31 | Chino | Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Multi-modal; Active transportation | x | | | |
| 32 | Stanton | Green Planning Academy - Innovative; Sustainability; Education & outreach | | | | |
| 33 | Hermosa Beach | Carbon Neutral Plan - GHG reduction; Sustainability | | | | |
| 34 | Palm Springs | Urban Forestry Initiative - Sustainability; Unique; Resource protection | | | | |
| 35 | Orange County | "From Orange to Green" - County of Orange Zoning Code Update - Sustainability; implementation | | | | |
| 36 | Calimesa | Wildwood and Calimesa Creek Trail Master Plan Study - Active transportation; Resource protection | x | | | |
| 37 | Western Riverside Council of Governments | Climate Action Plan Implementation - GHG Reduction; Multi-jurisdiction; implementation | x | x | | |

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|---|---|--|-------|-----|-----------|----------|
| 38 | Lynwood | Safe and Healthy Community Element - Public health & safety, General Plan update | x | | | |
| 39 | Palmdale | Avenue Q Feasibility Study - Mixed-use; Integrated planning | | | | |
| 40 | Long Beach | Willow Springs Wetland Habitat Creation Plan - Open Space; Resource protection | x | | | |
| 41 | Indio | General Plan Sustainability and Mobility Elements - Sustainability; Multi-modal, General Plan update | x | | | |
| 42 | Glendale | Space 134 - Open space/Freeway cap; Multi-modal | | | | |
| 43 | Rancho Palos Verdes/City of Los Angeles | Western Avenue Corridor Design Implementation Guidelines - Urban Infill; Mixed-use; Multi-modal | x | | | |
| 44 | Moreno Valley | Nason Street Corridor Plan - Multi-modal; Economic development | x | | | |
| Phase 3 (Pending additional funds) | | | | | | |
| 45 | Park 101/City of Los Angeles | Park 101 District - Open space/Freeway cap; Multi-modal | | | | |
| 46 | Los Angeles/San Fernando | Northeast San Fernando Valley Sustainability & Prosperity Strategy - Multi-jurisdiction; Economic development; Sustainability | | | | |
| 47 | San Dimas | Downtown Specific Plan - Mixed use; Infill | | | | |
| 48 | Los Angeles - Department of City Planning | CEQA Streamlining: Implementing the SCS Through New Incentives - CEQA streamlining | | | | |
| 49 | Pico Rivera | Kruse Road Open Space Study - Open space; Active transportation | | | | |
| 50 | South Bay Cities Council of Governments | Neighborhood-Oriented Development Graphics - Public outreach | | | | |
| 51 | San Bernardino Associated Governments | Safe Routes to School Inventory - Active transportation; Public health | | | | |
| 52 | Burbank | Mixed-Use Development Standards - Mixed use; Urban infill | | | | |
| 53 | San Bernardino Associated Governments | Countywide Habitat Preservation/Conservation Framework - Open Space; Active Transportation | | | | |
| 54 | Rancho Cucamonga | Healthy RC Sustainability Action Plan - Public health; implementation | | | | |
| 55 | Pasadena | Form-Based Street Design Guidelines - Complete Streets; Multi-modal; Livability | | | | |
| 56 | South Gate | Gateway District/Eco Rapid Transit Station Specific Plan - Land Use Design; Mixed Use; Active Transportation | | | | |

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|------------------------------|--|---|--------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 57 | Lancaster | Complete Streets Master Plan - Complete Streets Plan | | | | |
| 58 | Rancho Cucamonga | Feasibility Study for Relocatoion of Metrolink Station - Transit Access | | | | |
| 59 | Santa Clarita | Soledad Canyon Road Corridor Plan - Land Use Design; Mixed Use Plan | | | | |
| 60 | Seal Beach | Climate Action Plan - Climate Action Plan | | | | |
| 61 | La Mirada | Industrial Area Specific Plan - Land Use Design | | | | |
| 62 | Hemet | Downtown Hemet Specific Plan - Land Use Design; Mixed Use Plan | | | | |
| 63 | Hollywood Central Park/City of Los Angeles | Hollywood Central Park EIR - Open Space/Freeway Cap; Multi-modal | | | | |
| 64 | Desert Hot Springs | Bicycle/Pedestrian Beltway Planning Project - Active Transportation | | | | |
| 65 | Cathedral City | General Plan Update - Sustainability - General Plan Update; Sustainability Plan | | | | |
| 66 | Westminster | General Plan Update - Circulation Element - General Plan Update; Complete Streets | | | | |
| 67 | La Canada Flintridge | Climate Action Plan - Climate Action Plan | | | | |
| 68 | Huntington Beach | Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Plan - Electric Vehicle | | | | |
| 69 | Pasadena | Green House Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Evaluation Protocol - Climate Action Plan | | | | |
| 70 | San Bernardino Associated Governments | Countywide Bicycle Route Mobile Application - Active Transportation | | | | |
| 71 | Dana Point | General Plan Update - General Plan Update | | | | |
| 72 | Garden Grove | RE:IMAGINE Downtown - Pedals & Feet - Active Transportation; Infill | | | | |
| 73 | Barstow | Housing Element and Specific Plan Update - Housing; Land Use Design | | | | |
| Program Update Totals | | | Scope | RFP | Selection | Contract |
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DATE: February 6, 2014

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

FROM: Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager, 213-236-1994, luo@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Grant to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Regarding Vehicle Idling Impacts in the Border Area

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 14, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) has received an EPA grant to estimate emissions from northbound idling vehicles waiting at ports of entry and to identify vehicle emissions reduction strategies in the border area. The staff report includes background and summary information about the grant.

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:

On January 14, 2014, the U.S. EPA announced that it has awarded \$461,368 in grants to fund seven (7) environmental projects along the California and Arizona U.S.-Mexico border. The projects include several efforts to track air pollution in the region, restoration of an important estuary, and expansion of a municipal oil recycling program.

The funds were awarded in partnership with the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, under the bi-national U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program: Border 2020. The projects selected address the public health and environmental protection goals of the Border 2020 Program and are part of the overall environmental funding available for the California/Baja California and Arizona/Sonora regions. The funds will be matched by an additional \$354,746 in funding from the recipient organizations.

ICAPCD's project, *Vehicle Idling Emissions Study at Calexico East and Calexico West Ports of Entry*, was submitted by the Imperial County – Mexicali Air Quality Task Force through ICAPCD. The Task Force was created under Border 2012, the most recent U.S.-Mexico environmental program. The Task Force includes a binational group of stakeholders who have been working in the region since 2001. The main goal of the Task Force is to collaboratively identify and prioritize air quality issues that affect the health and well-being of border communities. The project is one of the seven environmental projects that have received the EPA grants. With the grant in the amount of \$98,800, the project will estimate particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from northbound idling vehicles waiting at the Calexico West and East ports of entry. The project will also identify short and long term vehicle emissions reductions strategies in the Calexico/Mexicali area. The project consists of the following six tasks and is

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scheduled to be completed by mid-2015:

1. Coordination of Work Plan with Stakeholders
2. Identify Existing Condition
3. Data Collection
4. Analysis and Documentation of Existing Conditions
5. Identify Potential Emission Reduction Strategies Final Report

SCAG staff will provide updates to the Committee regarding this project as additional information becomes available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT:

None

DATE: February 6, 2014

TO: Environment and Energy Committee (EEC)
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

FROM: Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1817, panas@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 14-556-2 for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Implementing Eco-Logical Project

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 14-556-2, authorizing SCAG to accept FHWA funds to support the Implementing Eco-Logical Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve the attached Resolution No. 14-556-2, authorizing SCAG to accept FHWA funds to support the Implementing Eco-Logical Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG has received a grant award from FHWA, in Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) User Incentive Implementation Assistance Funds ("FHWA Funds"), to deploy the Implementing Eco-Logical Program. The grant will be used for the Regional Habitat Conservation Assessment Methodology and Database project. This project will feed into the development of SCAG's 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy with a focus on the mitigation approaches required under federal planning law. The project will develop a potential assessment methodology to aid in identifying important areas for conservation and develop a regional habitat conservation database that will collect existing and planned plans, programs, studies and data on open space and biotic resources. Furthermore, in order to receive the funds, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) must be the direct recipient of the FHWA Funds and SCAG will be reimbursed as the sub-recipient. Caltrans Division of Local Assistance requires SCAG to submit a governing board resolution that clearly identifies the project and the official authorized to execute the agreement.

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:

SCAG has received FHWA Funds in the amount of \$25,000 to support deployment of the FHWA Implementing Eco-Logical Program. The primary goal of Implementing Eco-logical is to bring early consideration of ecological resources into the standard long-range transportation planning processes of State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and into environmental review processes of State and Federal resource and regulatory agencies. The Eco-Logical approach brings together

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transportation, resource and regulatory agencies to integrate their plans and arrive at a joint set of environmental priorities across the eco-system.

The FHWA Funds will be used for the Regional Habitat Conservations Assessment Methodology and Database project, which will involve consulting services to develop: 1) a regional open space database that will collect, catalog, and organize existing and proposed plans, programs, studies and data on open space and biotic resources; and 2) an assessment methodology to aid in identifying important areas for conservation.

Authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), SHRP2 builds on the success of the first SHRP, which produced, among other innovations, Superpave – a process for creating more durable roads – and new technology for addressing snow and ice. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) has authorized additional funding to support SHRP2 implementation activities.

SHRP2 will continue to launch proven innovations through 2015 as research and pilot projects are completed. By implementing SHRP2 Solutions, the transportation community will more efficiently strengthen the nation's highway system to serve us through the 21st century.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The combined grant program will authorize SCAG to receive \$25,000 in FHWA Funds that will be utilized for the Regional Habitat Conservation Assessment Methodology and Database project.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 14-556-2



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RESOLUTION NO. 14-556-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTING ECO-LOGICAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 et seq., serving the nation’s largest metropolitan planning area comprised of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial Counties; and

WHEREAS, SCAG has received an award of \$25,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) User Incentive Implementation Assistance Funds (“FHWA Funds”), to support deployment of the FHWA Implementing Eco-Logical Program; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of Implementing Eco-logical is to bring early consideration of ecological resources into the standard long-range transportation planning processes of State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and into environmental review processes of State and Federal resource and regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Eco-Logical approach brings together transportation, resource and regulatory agencies to integrate their plans and arrive at a joint set of environmental priorities across the eco-system; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA Funds will be used for the Regional Habitat Conservations Assessment Methodology and Database project, which will involve consulting services to develop: 1) a regional open space database that will collect, catalog, and organize existing and proposed plans, programs, studies and data on open space and biotic resources; and 2) an assessment methodology to aid in identifying important areas for conservation; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the FHWA Funds, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) must be the direct recipient of the funds and SCAG will be reimbursed as the sub-recipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to authorize SCAG to accept and administer the FHWA Funds to support the Implementing Eco-Logical Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the SCAG Regional Council as follows:

1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept the FHWA Funds in the amount of \$25,000 from Caltrans to support the Implementing Eco-Logical Program.
2. That SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to supporting the Implementing Eco-Logical Program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting on the 6th day of February, 2014.

Hon. Greg Pettis
President, SCAG
Councilmember, Cathedral City

Attested by:

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Joann Africa
Chief Counsel