MEMO

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TO: Community, Economic & Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: State Infrastructure Bonds Implementation Hearings

BACKGROUND:

SCAG has been providing input and monitoring State Senate committee hearings as they begin to address the implementation of the infrastructure bonds approved by the voters in November. SCAG provided written testimony to the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee hearing on the implementation of the housing bond on February 13th. Redlands Mayor Jon Harrison provided testimony on behalf of SCAG to the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee hearing on the implementation of the water bond on February 27th. Grand Terrace Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia provided testimony to the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee hearing on the implementation of the transportation bond on March 6th.

In summary, these representatives of SCAG testified to the following:

- SCAG region is facing a goods movement crisis and desperately needs its fair share of bond funds for projects that will address mobility and meet environmental requirements;
- Bond funds should be distributed in coordination with regional "blueprint plans," addressing transportation, housing, water and open space; and
- The state should seek the best opportunities to "leverage" the bond funds and achieve performance outcomes.

SCAG will continue to monitor and contribute to this process in order to maximize the allocation of bond funds for the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This information item has no fiscal impact on SCAG.

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