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# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Thursday, March 3, 2022
9:30 AM

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

# CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (The Honorable Jorge Marquez, Chair)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)**

This is the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time. Public comment for items listed on the agenda will be taken separately as further described below.

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#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**



#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – January 6, 2022

#### Receive and File

- 2. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024
- 3. Connect SoCal's Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) 101
- 4. California Air Resources Board: Sustainable Communities & Climate Policy Update
- 5. SCE Charge Ready New Construction Rebate

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6. Expanding Homeownership in the SCAG Region - Panel on Production Solutions (*David Kyobe, Associate Regional Planner*)

60 Mins.

7. Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) - Planning Grant Program (Mary Collins, Just Transition Program Manager, Office of Planning and Research)

20 Mins.

8. Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange Soft Launch *(Kevin Kane, Program Manager)* 

15Mins.

CHAIR'S REPORT (The Honorable Jorge Marquez, Chair)

STAFF REPORT
(Jonathan Hughes, Regional Affairs Officer, SCAG Staff)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**ADJOURNMENT** 



# AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

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March 3, 2022

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD) THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

#### **Members Present:**

Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair	Covina	RC District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair	Cerritos	RC District 23
Hon. David Avila	Yucaipa	SBCTA
Hon. Drew Boyles	El Segundo	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Juan Carrillo	Palmdale	District 43
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#### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler Alhambra District 34 Hon. Al Austin, II Long Beach GCCOG Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto Coachella District 66 Hon. Michael C. Carroll Irvine District 14 Hon. Ramon Castro Imperial County CoC Hon. Paula Devine Glendale District 42 Gardena Hon. Mark Henderson District 28 Hon. George A. Nava Brawlev ICTC Garden Grove District 18 Hon. Kim Nguyen Needles **SBCTA** Hon. Edward Paget Hon. Nithya Raman Los Angeles District 51 Hon. Gabriel Reves San Bernardino County CoC

Hon. Rex Richardson Long Beach District 29



#### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jorge Marquez called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA Representative, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Marquez provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to <a href="mailto:cehbpublicComment@scag.ca.gov">CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov</a> after 5pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Marquez opened the public comment period and asked members of the public to use the "raise hand" function on the computer or \*9 by phone and wait for SCAG staff to announce their name or phone number. Chair Marquez noted that due to the number of public speakers today, the public may verbally address the CEHD for a total of 3 minutes on all items on the agenda.

Chair Marquez thanked everyone for participating remotely and reiterated that anyone on their computers to speak by using the "raise hand" function and/or wait for SCAG staff to announce their name or phone number. He noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received by email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Marquez closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

No reprioritizations were made.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the November 4, 2022, Meeting

#### Receive and File



- 2. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures
- 3. 2021 Student Showcase

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AVILA, BOYLES, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DIXON, ESPINOZA, FINLAY,

FISCH, HUANG, HUPP, KELLY, LEVERE, LEANO, LOCK DAWSON, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MEISTER, MIRISCH, M. NAVA, O'NEIL, PARK, PE, PEREZ, POSEY, SANTA INES, SCHULTZ, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, SOBEL, SPEAKE, WARONEK, WARREN, WHITE, WU,

AND ZERUNYAN (37)

**NOES:** (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. Expanding Homeownership Opportunities Panel

Chair Marquez provided a brief overview and noted that staff invited two panelists to provide information on the critical components of expanding access to homeownership and about programs that support homeownership. He asked Jenna Hornstock, SCAG staff, to introduce both speakers.

Ms. Hornstock provided brief introductions and introduced to the Committee Molly Ellis, Training and Outreach Manager, California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and Clemente Mojica, President and CEO, Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services (NPHS, Inc.).

Each panelist shared their presentation, which included an overview of a variety of homebuyer assistance programs; community-based services, including loan programs, down-payment assistance programs, home-buyer counseling; and a variety of first mortgage products to help all families with the opportunity to achieve housing and economic security.

The panelists and SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including observations that focused on public outreach methods, ADU utilities



and infrastructure concerns, and opportunities to identify homeownership solutions within multifamily complex units.

The Committee thanked the panelists for their important presentations and expressed appreciation to SCAG staff for bringing topics that focus on implementable solutions at the local and regional community levels.

The Committee asked staff to provide clarification on Senate Bill 9, particularly requirements related to the lot split provisions and language on owner-occupied requirements. In addition, the Committee noted it would be helpful to have a factsheet or summary page highlighting the various homeownership programs to distribute to their staff and homeowners in their communities. Staff concurred and noted that further information would be provided.

There were no public comments on this item.

The comprehensive staff report, including PowerPoint presentations, was included in the agenda packet.

5. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Bi-Annual Status Report

Chair Marquez provided an introduction of the REAP program update. He asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide some background information and present highlights of the REAP Bi-Annual Status Report.

Ms. Johnson's presentation included an overview of the REAP program implementation activities and a summary of the following items:

- REAP Program Administration Outline
- Regional Housing Policy Solutions
- Partnerships and Outreach
- Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration
- Transit Oriented Development Work Program

There were no public comments or additional discussions from the Committee on this item.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**



Chair Marquez noted that in lieu of the regular CEHD meeting on February 3, 2022, there would be a meeting of SCAG's Joint Policy Committees (JPC).

#### **STAFF REPORT**

SCAG staff Jonathan Hughes reminded the Committee that SCAG's Housing Policy Leadership Academy would be kicking off soon and that interested Members should contact staff. He also noted that the 2022 Regional Conference and General Assembly is scheduled to place in person, May 4-6, 2022, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs, in Palm Desert, CA.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee requested a report that identifies the impact global investments and global investors have on first-time homeownership.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Carmen Summers** 

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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#### COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2021-22

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE		41	37		42	39	33		41					<u> </u>



#### **AGENDA ITEM 2**

**REPORT** 

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

March 3, 2022

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)

Transportation Committee (TC)

Regional Council (RC)

From: Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager II

(213) 236-1918, dominguezs@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:**

Information Only - No Action Required

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, EEC, TC AND RC:**

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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In July 2021, the Executive Administration Committee convened for a strategic planning session. One action identified during that session was to create a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. SCAG will build from the strategies and policies established in Connect SoCal 2020, such as the Core Vision and Key Connections. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region's evolving needs, challenges and opportunities. The attached draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 outlines the approach for policy development with the existing Policy Committees and three new subcommittees.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

What is Connect SoCal 2024?



SCAG prepares a long-range RTP/SCS every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable growth.

SCAG's next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. The pillars of the Connect SoCal—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are anticipated to continue into the next plan. The *Core Vision* centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets. The *Key Connections* augment the *Core Vision* of the plan to address trends and emerging challenges. These *Key Connections* lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. For this plan development cycle, SCAG staff will focus on process improvements and data updates and refinements. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues in order to put forth a plan that addresses the region's evolving needs, challenges and opportunities.

#### **Connect SoCal 2024: Status Update**

As described at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, SCAG is now entering into the "Data Collection and Policy Development" phase of plan development.

Throughout 2022, staff will be continuing with research to better understand the trends and existing conditions in the region. This phase also includes steps to understand the existing conditions and planning occurring at the local jurisdiction level through the Local Data Exchange process and engagement with County Transportation Commissions on the Project List later this year. Over the course of the next year and in the first half of 2023, SCAG staff will be seeking direction from our policy makers, through the relevant Policy Committees, on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 to augment and help better align plans and investments across the region.

#### Phases of Connect SoCal 2024 Development



#### Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024



In July 2021, President Lorimore convened a strategic planning session for the Executive Administration Committee and executive staff to establish high-level work goals and priorities for work planning for the year. The resulting EAC Strategic Work Plan identified elevating and expanding policy leadership as a central measure to advancing the EAC's goals and priorities. Among the tasks assigned to staff to expand policy leadership was the development of a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Per the EAC Strategic Work Plan:

"Working with the Executive Officers and the Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs to develop a Policy Development Framework for 2024 Connect SoCal that identifies priority policy issues for deeper discussion and establishes a sub-committee structure for policy education, engagement, and consensus building to guide visionary policy development (March 2022)"

The attached draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 includes the preliminary plan vision and goals, key policy priorities, and an outline for the focus and responsibility of each Policy Subcommittee and three new sub-committees to consider opportunities to incorporate new policy direction and priorities identified by the board since 2020 into the regional plan.

#### **Next Steps**

In April 2022, SCAG staff will share this draft Policy Development Framework with each Policy Committee to solicit feedback and input before seeking a recommendation for adoption by the EAC and RC in June 2022.

Following adoption, SCAG will circulate a survey to all members, anticipated in June of this year, to assess interest in policy issues and in serving on one of the sub-committees. Following the results of this survey, SCAG will work with the President and Executive Officers establish the sub-committees and prepare a more detailed policy committee agenda outlook for each of the Committees to illustrate the progression of policy discussions leading up to plan analysis and production in Summer 2023.

Later this year, SCAG will be onboarding a consultant to assist with Public and Stakeholder Engagement for the plan. Early deliverables from that work will include educational materials to help stakeholders better understand the regional planning process as well as issue papers to inform the policy development process.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

#### ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

## **Draft Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024**

Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. Prepared in response to direction by the Regional Council, the Draft Policy Development Framework presents the Draft Plan Vision and Goals, Policy Priorities to be expanded and refined through the planning process to advance the vision and goals, and a policy development leadership structure and outlook to foster policy education, engagement, consensus building and decision-making.

#### DRAFT PLAN VISION AND GOALS

In January 2022, staff began engaging with stakeholders through the Regional Planning Working Groups on the draft Goals & Vision for Connect SoCal 2024.

The draft Vision is meant to capture what we want the region to be by 2050 and is supported by four draft Goals, each centered around a key theme (Mobility, Communities, the Environment, and the Economy). These goals will each be further defined by supporting sub-Goals. In addition, staff aim to integrate overarching through lines of Equity and Resilience across the goals.

#### **DRAFT VISION STATEMENT**

Option 1: A healthy, equitable and resilient region that works together to plan effectively for the challenges of tomorrow.

Option 2: A healthy, accessible and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future.

#### **DRAFT GOALS**

Mobility: Build and maintain a robust transportation network.

- Support investments that are well-maintained and operated, coordinated, and resilient, and result in improved safety and air quality and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ensure reliable, accessible, affordable, and appealing travel options are readily available, while striving to enhance equity in the offerings in high need communities.
- Support planning for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Communities: Develop, connect and sustain communities that are livable and thriving.

- Create human-centered communities in urban, suburban, and rural settings to increase mobility options and reduce travel distances.
- Produce and preserve diverse housing types in an effort to improve affordability, accessibility, and opportunities for all households.

Environment: Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow.

- Develop communities that are resilient and can mitigate, adapt to, and respond to chronic and acute stresses and disruptions, such as climate change.
- Integrate the region's development pattern and transportation network to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Conserve the region's resources.

*Economy*: Support a sustainable, efficient, and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all residents.

- Improve access to jobs and educational resources.
- Advance a resilient and efficient goods movement system that supports the economic vitality of the region, attainment of clean air, and quality of life for our communities.

After engaging with stakeholders to add to, edit, and modify the above draft statements, staff will bring these draft Vision and Goals concurrently to each Policy Committees in June 2022 alongside draft plan Performance Measures.

#### **POLICY PRIORITIES**

The Draft Policy Priorities are based upon policy direction established in Connect SoCal 2020 and recent Regional Council actions to address three of the emerging issues facing the region. The pillars of Connect SoCal 2020—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are outlined below followed by a summary of the emerging issues and related actions.

#### **CORE VISION**

Rooted in the 2008 and 2012 RTP/SCS plans, Connect SoCal's *Core Vision* centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets.

- Sustainable Development
- System Preservation & Resilience
- Demand & System Management

- Transit Backbone
- Complete Streets
- Goods Movement

Many of the policies and strategies summarized as the *Core Vision* of the plan are reflective of the policies and projects developed at the local level and gathered by SCAG through the plan development process (through the Local Data Exchange with Local Jurisdictions and Project List submissions from County Transportation Commissions). The Core Vision strategies will be discussed during plan development to identify barriers to implementation and opportunities for enhancement.

#### **KEY CONNECTIONS**

Connect SoCal 2020 introduced *Key Connections* that build on the *Core Vision* to leverage technology or advance policy needed to accelerate reaching plan goals. Key Connections identify critical regional strategies to "close the gap" between what could be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone, and what must be done to meet increasingly aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. The Key Connections lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation, aiming to coalesce policy discussions and advance promising strategies for leveraging new technologies and partnerships to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. The policies and strategies identified as *Key Connections* became the focal point for SCAG implementation efforts in directing research priorities and local technical assistance.

- Smart Cities & Job Centers
- Housing Supportive Infrastructure
- Go Zones

- Accelerated Electrification
- Shared Mobility & Mobility as A Service (MaaS)

In developing both the Core Vision and Key Connections, SCAG works with stakeholders, identifies trends and data in the region, assesses local best practices and researches the efficacy of different strategies. SCAG also needs strategic input and direction from Policy Committee members and the Regional Council.

#### **EMERGING ISSUES**

There are three salient and interconnected challenges facing our region: equity, resilience, and the economy. Actions by SCAG's Regional Council over the past year and a half provide a policy foundation for work on the next plan development and expanded policy focus on these emerging issue areas.

#### **Equity**

On July 2, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2<sup>1</sup> on Racial and Social Justice, affirming SCAG's commitment to meaningfully advance justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and establishing the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to advance social justice throughout the agency.

On May 6, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan<sup>2</sup>, the purpose of which is to guide and sustain SCAG's regional leadership in service of equity and social justice. It reflects discussions and feedback provided to the Special Committee on the definition of equity and overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices and activities.

#### Resilience

On January 7, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-628-1<sup>3</sup> on Climate Change Action that affirms a climate change crisis in Southern California and identifies actions for SCAG to undertake, including: developing a regional resilience framework, initiating a regional climate planning network, and developing a regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP).

#### **Economy**

On July 1, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Final Report and Recommendations<sup>4</sup>, which identifies five core principles to drive SCAG's work and to act as a lens for identifying recommendations:

- 1. Center the economic recovery strategy on racial and gender equity; focusing in reducing the racial wealth gap;
- 2. Focus on rebuilding the middle class with high road employment;
- 3. Ensure that all strategies contribute to a climate ready region;
- 4. Tailor strategies to the needs of both industry sectors and geographic subregions; and
- 5. Bring new and diverse voices to the table.

On February 4, 2021, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 21-629-2<sup>5</sup> to establish a Broadband Action Plan to assist in bridging the digital divide. The Broadband Action Plan includes incorporating

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070220agn01.pdf?1602368143

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc050621fullpacket.pdf#page=91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://scaq.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc010721fullpacket.pdf#page=12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc070121fullpacket.pdf#page=13

https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rc020421fullpacket.pdf#page=13

broadband planning, data and research findings, and strategies, as appropriate, into existing SCAG programs and future Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies.

#### POLICY DEVELOPMENT: LEADERSHIP & OUTLOOK

Policy discussions that occur during SCAG's Policy Committee meetings provide valuable direction to staff on areas for further research, potential strategies to address regional challenges, and priorities for what to include in the proposed plan.

Staff will bring forward informational and discussion items related to the relevant *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*; highlighting context and data from staff research; perspectives from academics, researchers or policy experts; and insights from local practitioners. Presentations may also focus on current subregional efforts and best practices to address the Connect SoCal 2020 Key Connections, as well as emerging trends and new issues related to each *Core Vision* or *Key Connection*. The plan issue areas organized by Policy Committee are outlined in the table below.

#### MAIN POLICY COMMITTEES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE					
Core Vision							
• System Preservation & Resilience	Sustainable Development	Sustainable Development					
<ul> <li>Demand &amp; System Management</li> </ul>							
Transit Backbone							
Complete Streets							
Goods Movement							
Key Connections							
Go Zones	Smart Cities & Job Centers	Accelerated Electrification					
<ul><li>Shared Mobility &amp; MaaS</li><li>Smart Cities &amp; Job Centers</li></ul>	Housing Supportive     Infrastructure						
		Environmental Compliance					
		• PEIR					
		Transportation Conformity					
		Environmental Justice					
		SB 375 Technical     Methodology					

#### **JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE**

The issues facing the region are intersectional and often do not neatly fit within one committee. For that reason, it is occasionally necessary to hold a Joint Policy Committee meeting of members from all three Policy Committees (Transportation; Community, Economic, Human Development; and Energy and

Environment) to share pertinent information, discuss key plan development issues or seek coordinated actions or recommendations.

#### SPECIAL CONNECT SOCAL 2024 SUB-COMMITTEES

As discussed at the February 2022 Joint Policy Committee Meeting, there are a number of trends disrupted by the pandemic and emerging issues setting the context for the next Connect SoCal. To help dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal, SCAG will establish three new sub-committees.

These three sub-committees will be comprised of members from each county as well as select non-voting members representing business or civic leaders with unique and valuable perspective on the given sub-committee focus area.

These sub-committees will prepare and make recommendations to SCAG Policy Committees on how to address these emerging issues within Connect SoCal 2024.

NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE	RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
Purpose: Build on the recommendations for the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy to identify ways Connect SoCal can ensure opportunities for all; and explore solutions for making the most of existing infrastructure to maintain and improve levels of service such as through innovations in Broadband and System Demand Management.	Purpose: Advance the direction set in the SCAG Regional Council Resolution on Climate Change Action to consider opportunities for enhanced conservation and how can Connect SoCal support our communities in adapting to changing conditions or mitigating risks to become more resilient.	Purpose: Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how our planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's environmental justice communities.



### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

**REPORT** 

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March 3, 2022

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S** 

APPROVAL

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)

Transportation Committee (TC)

Regional Council (RC)

From: Karen Calderon, Senior Regional Planner

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**Subject:** Connect SoCal's Program Environmental

Impact Report (PEIR) 101

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#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

Information Only - No Action Required

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, TC, AND RC:**

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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The SCAG region's long-range regional transportation plan/sustainable communities strategy (RTP/SCS) (entitled Connect SoCal 2024) is currently in development. This will require preparation of the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (2024 PEIR or PEIR). The purpose of the PEIR is to provide information to the public and decisionmakers about the potential significant environmental impacts of the RTP/SCS and identify ways to avoid or reduce significant impacts by using feasible alternatives and mitigation. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the programmatic environmental analysis for the Connect SoCal PEIR evaluates potential environmental effects consisting of direct and indirect effects, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts resulting from the Plan, and includes mitigation measures to offset any identified potentially significant adverse environmental effects.

The 2024 PEIR will be under the oversight of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), who will be responsible for reviewing the Draft and Final PEIR (including mitigation measures and feasible alternatives) and approving release of all associated documents and notices. This staff report clarifies the relationship between Connect SoCal and the PEIR and provides an overview of





what to expect in the upcoming 2024 PEIR to provide context for future PEIR updates. A summary of the contents and environmental factors considered, approach to alternatives, and key milestones for the PEIR is described below. Staff is currently working on the acquisition of a CEQA Consultant to assist SCAG with the preparation of a legally defensible PEIR. The 2024 PEIR is tentatively scheduled to officially begin in the fall this year, with the Notice to Proceed. Staff is currently preparing a detailed policy committee agenda outlook which will include details of how this body will be kept informed of key PEIR updates.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

CEQA and its implementing regulations (CEQA Guidelines) require SCAG as the Lead Agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for any discretionary government action, including programs and plans, that may cause significant environmental effects. Connect SoCal is a long-range comprehensive plan for the region's multi-modal transportation system, with the next update scheduled for 2024. Preparing the Plan is one of SCAG's primary statutory responsibilities under federal and state law. A regional transportation plan is the mechanism used in California by both Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to conduct long-range (at least 20-year) planning in their regions. SCAG must adopt an RTP and update it every four years, or more frequently, if the region is to receive federal and/or state transportation dollars for public transit, streets/roads, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements As SCAG is responsible for developing. In addition, per state law, Connect SoCal must include a Sustainable Communities Strategy that demonstrates compliance with California Air Resources Board greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets from cars and light duty trucks.

Given the regional level of analysis provided in Connect SoCal, a PEIR is the appropriate CEQA document for Connect SoCal and is prepared every four years, concurrent with the Plan. An EIR is a disclosing document that provides information to the public and decisionmakers about the potential significant environmental impacts of a proposed project and the reasons a project is approved even if it will have some significant adverse impacts. The purpose of an EIR is to identify ways to avoid or reduce significant impact(s) by using feasible alternatives and mitigation.

Development of the next Connect SoCal is underway, which requires preparation of the 2024 PEIR. The 2024 PEIR will be a "first-tier" CEQA document designed to consider "broad policy alternatives and program wide mitigation measures" (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15168). The programmatic environmental analysis for the 2024 PEIR will evaluate potential environmental effects consisting of direct and indirect effects, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts resulting from the Plan, and include mitigation measures to offset any identified potentially significant adverse environmental effects. As a first-tier document, the PEIR may serve as a foundation for subsequent, site-specific environmental review documents (including Addendums, Supplemental EIRs, Subsequent EIRs) for individual transportation and development projects in the region (CEQA



Guidelines Sec. 15385). This first-tier regional-scale environmental analysis also helps local agencies evaluate and reduce direct and indirect impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative environmental effects with respect to local projects.

The 2024 PEIR will be under the oversight of the EEC, who will be responsible for reviewing the Draft and Final PEIR (including mitigation measures and feasible alternatives) and approving release of all associated documents and notices.

#### SUMMARY OF CONTENTS FOR THE CONNECT SOCAL PEIR:1

Below is an overview of what to expect in the upcoming 2024 PEIR. A summary of the content typically included in the Connect SoCal Draft PEIR is provided below:

- Executive Summary: This summarizes key information presented in the Connect SoCal PEIR, including a table depicting significant impacts and proposed SCAG and potential project-level mitigation measures for each significant impact discussed in Chapter 3.0 Environmental Impact Analysis.
- Chapter 1.0 Introduction: This chapter provides background information on SCAG's roles and responsibilities. The introduction summarizes the results of the scoping process and describes the PEIR as a first tier Program EIR. This Chapter describes the CEQA process, emphasizing the early identification of stakeholders and engagement through the scoping process. Supplemental materials, including the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Draft PEIR and comments received on the NOP will be attached, as appropriate, in appendices to the Draft PEIR document. It also describes consideration of CEQA streamlining opportunities, the environmental review process, and an overview of the contents of the Draft PEIR.
- Chapter 2.0 Project Description: This chapter provides the location and boundaries of the Draft Plan; states the Draft Plan's objectives; a general description of the Draft Plan; and includes a statement briefly describing the intended uses of the PEIR.
- Chapter 3.0 Environmental Impact Analysis This analysis includes Regulatory Framework; Environmental Setting; Significance Thresholds; Analysis of Direct, Indirect, and Cumulative Impacts; Mitigation Measures; and Level of Significance after Mitigation. Twenty (20) resource categories included in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines are analyzed in this section. (See discussion under *Environmental Factors Considered* for further details)
- Chapter 4.0 Alternatives This chapter describes a range of reasonable alternatives to the Draft Plan, which would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the Plan but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the Plan at a programmatic and region-wide level. (See discussion under *Alternatives* for further details)
- Chapter 5.0 Other CEQA Considerations: This chapter identifies the significant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Table of Contents are subject to change prior to the release of the Draft PEIR. However, it is representative of all the major components that will be considered and is in accordance with the *CEQA Guidelines*.



- unavoidable environmental effects, significant irreversible environmental effects, irreversible damage from environmental accidents, and growth inducing impacts of the Plan.
- Chapter 6.0 Persons and Sources Consulted: This chapter lists the contributors to the preparation of the PEIR and includes a list of sources consulted and used in preparing the Draft PEIR.
- Chapter 7.0 Glossary: This chapter includes acronyms used in the Draft PEIR document.

A summary of contents of the Connect SoCal Final PEIR is provided below:

- Chapter 8.0 Introduction to the Final PEIR: This chapter provides a brief summary of overview of what has occurred since the Draft PEIR and a brief overview of the Final PEIR process.
- Chapter 9.0 Response to Comments: This chapter provides background information on the Final PEIR for the Connect SoCal PEIR and includes public written comments on the Draft PEIR and its responses. It includes Master Responses to comments that recurred in a number of comment letters, and responses to written comments made by public agencies, organizations, and interested parties.
- Chapter 10.0 Clarifications and Revisions: This chapter provides clarifications and revisions to the Draft PEIR including staff-initiated corrections and revisions made because of public comments.
- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) is a standalone document that is prepared in compliance with the requirements of §21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines § 15091 (d) and § 15097. The MMRP, the monitoring plan, applies to the goals, policies, and strategies articulated in the RTP/SCS and related mitigation measures to be implemented by SCAG, and project-level performance standards-based mitigation measures which are within responsibility, authority, and/or jurisdiction of project-implementing agency or other public agency serving as lead agency under CEQA in subsequent project- and site- specific design, CEQA review, and decision-making processes, to meet the performance standards for each of the CEQA resource categories.
- **Findings of Fact** The statement of Findings of Fact is prepared in compliance with the requirements of § 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines § 15091. It describes facts, discussions, and conclusions reached in the environmental review relative to impacts, mitigation measures, and selection of an alternative.
- Statement of Overriding Considerations The Statement of Overriding Considerations is
  prepared in compliance with § 21081 of Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines §
  15093. The existence of significant unavoidable impacts as identified in the Draft PEIR
  requires the preparation of a Statement of Overriding Considerations. The Statement of
  Overriding Consideration explains why SCAG is willing to accept the residual significant





impacts. It describes the economic, social, environmental, and other benefits of the RTP/SCS that override the significant unavoidable environmental impacts. It "reflect[s] the ultimate balancing of competing public objectives when the agency decides to approve a project that will cause one or more significant effects on the environment" (CEQA Guidelines § 15021 (d)).

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS CONSIDERED:**

The PEIR is a programmatic document that analyzes the potential effects of the Plan on the environment. Although Connect SoCal will include individual transportation projects, the PEIR does not specifically analyze environmental effects of any individual transportation or development project. Project-level environmental analyses will be prepared by implementing agencies on a project-by-project basis as projects proceed through the design and decision-making process.

The scope of environmental effects analyzed in the Connect SoCal PEIR are as follows:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology & Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality

- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services (Police, Fire, Schools, Library)
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems (Solid Waste, Wastewater, Water Supply)
- Wildfire

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES:**

CEQA requires that SCAG identify all feasible mitigation measures in the PEIR that will avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects of the project. The Connect SoCal PEIR includes two types of mitigation measures: SCAG mitigation measures and project-level mitigation measures.

SCAG mitigation measures are program wide measures for implementation by SCAG that address the large-scale regional impacts from the variety of projects spread over more than 20 years. In addition, the PEIR identifies project-level mitigation measures for lead agencies to consider, as applicable and feasible, in subsequent project-specific design, CEQA review, and decision-making processes. It is ultimately up to the lead agency to determine the appropriateness of the mitigation measure based on project-specific circumstances.



The project-level mitigation measures identified by SCAG "can and should" be considered by lead agencies in project-specific environmental review documents as appropriate and feasible. This language mirrors CEQA Guidelines section 15091(a)(2), and it is assumed that each lead agency for specific projects would have the ability to impose and enforce these measures (i.e., that they can implement them). Lead agencies for specific projects are responsible for developing project specific mitigation measures and ensuring adherence to such mitigation measures.

Overall, mitigation measures used in the PEIR recognize the limits of SCAG's authority; distinguish between SCAG commitments and project-level responsibilities and authorities; optimize flexibility for project implementation; and facilitate CEQA streamlining and tiering where appropriate on a project-by-project basis determined by each lead agency.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The development of alternatives in a PEIR is focused on avoiding or reducing potentially significant impacts of the Plan while achieving most of the project objectives. The PEIR evaluates three potential alternatives to Plan: a No Project Alternative and another two alternatives that meet the CEQA alternatives criteria. The No Project Alternative is required by Section 15126.6(e)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines and assumes that the Plan would not be implemented.

The No Project Alternative considers continued implementation of the goals and polices of the adopted RTP/SCS and is based on the adopted RTP/SCS regional population, housing, and employment data. The No Project Alternative includes only those transportation projects that are in the first year of the previously conforming FTIP. The growth scenario included in the No Project Alternative, and all alternatives, includes the same regional totals for population, housing and employment.

Each Alternative, except the No Project Alternative, will vary in terms of land use and transportation assumptions and may include variations in land use development patterns or transportation network.

Section 15126.6 of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an "environmentally superior" alternative be selected among the alternatives evaluated in the PEIR. In general, the environmentally superior alternative is the alternative that would be expected to generate the fewest adverse impacts. If the No Project Alternative is identified as environmentally superior, then another environmentally superior alternative shall be identified among the other alternatives.

When approving the Plan, SCAG has the discretion to select one or more alternatives as long as they are within the range of impacts identified in the PEIR.

#### **CURRENT STATUS OF THE 2024 PEIR:**



Staff is working on the acquisition of a CEQA Consultant to assist SCAG with the preparation of a legally defensible PEIR. The CEQA Consultant RFP was release February 2nd, 2022 and the Consultant is expected to be selected and onboarded by August 2022, pending funding approval. The Consultant will assist SCAG in completing the PEIR and provide services to ensure compliance with federal and state planning and environmental laws.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Below are the list upcoming milestones for the 2024 Connect SoCal PEIR. Staff is also preparing a detailed policy committee agenda outlook which will include details of how to keep this body informed of key PEIR updates.

Milestones	Tentative Schedule
Release of the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation	Fall 2022
	Winter 2023 (minimum of 30-day
Scoping Meetings and Comment Period	scoping comment period)
Stakeholder Outreach	Winter and Spring 2023
	Within 30-days after Connect SoCal
Release Connect SoCal Draft PEIR	Release
Connect SoCal PEIR Workshop	Within 30-days after Draft PEIR Release
Public review and comment period of the Connect	At least 45 days after Draft PEIR
SoCal PEIR	Release
Certification for Connect SoCal and Final PEIR	April 2024

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2021/22 Overall Work Program (22-020.0161.04: Environmental Compliance, Coordination & Outreach).

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - PEIR 101



# Connect SoCal's Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) 101

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### Introduction



- SCAG is the lead agency for the Connect SoCal PEIR.
  - Identifies ways to avoid or reduce significant impact(s) by using feasible alternatives and mitigation
  - Disclosing document that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of implementing Connect SoCal
  - Certification of the PEIR is required before Connect SoCal adoption
- PEIR provides <u>a region-wide program level assessment</u> of potential effects of implementing projects, programs, and policies included in the RTP/SCS.

## **Summary of Contents**



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## Chapter 3.0 – Environmental Impact Analysis



## 20 Environmental Factors

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire

## **Example: Aesthetics**



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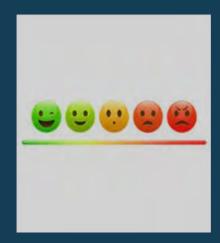
Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?
- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?



## **Determination of Significance**

- No Impact
- Less than Significant
- Less than Significant with Mitigation
- Significant and Unavoidable Impact



## **Mitigation Measures**



## **Mitigation Measures**

- SCAG Mitigation Measures
  - Implemented by SCAG
- Project-Level Mitigation Measures
  - Implemented by local agencies/developers, as applicable
  - Useful for tiering



## **Chapter 4: Alternatives**

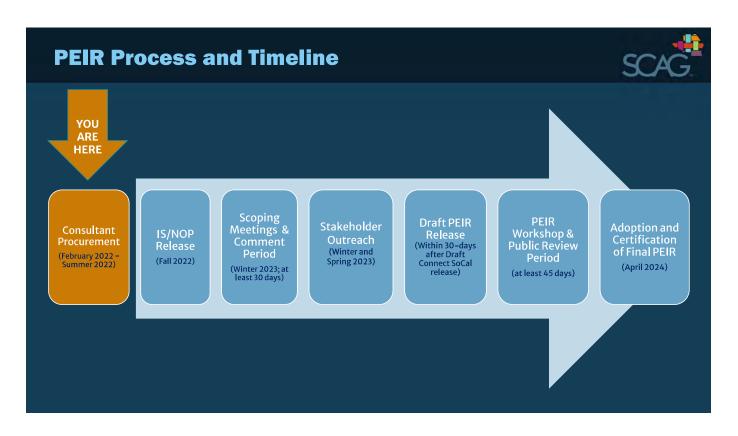


## **Three Alternatives:**

- Alternative 1 No Project Alternative (CEQA requirement)
- Alternative 2
- Alternative 3

## Alternatives CEQA criteria:

- Feasible
- Meet most of the basic project objectives (Plan Goals)
- At least one needs to be environmentally superior







# **AGENDA ITEM 4**

**REPORT** 

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

March 3, 2022

Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

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Transportation Committee (TC)

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager II (213) 236-1918, dominguezs@scag.ca.gov

Subject: California Air Resources Board: Sustainable Communities & Climate Policy

Update

To:

From:

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC and TC:**

Information Only - No Action Required

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:**

Receive and File

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Every four years, SCAG prepares a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known as Connect SoCal. This regional plan is one component of broader suite of statewide requirements and policies that work toward reaching state climate goals. Lana Wong, Air Pollution Specialist, Sustainable Communities Policy & Planning Section, California Air Resources Board, will present on sustainable communities strategies and climate policies in California.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The state of California is a global leader in climate change policy. The actions of local governments and transportation agencies to create more sustainable communities is a crucial piece of implementing and reaching statewide climate goals. This staff report and the accompanying presentation by California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff, aim to provide further context to SCAG's Policy Committee members for the upcoming development of SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 and the related greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction targets for that plan.





California's climate change leadership began with landmark legislation in 2006 with the passage of Assembly Bill 32, which required CARB to develop a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce GHGs to achieve the goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. AB 32 was followed by subsequent supportive and further defining legislation<sup>1</sup>. One of which, Senate Bill 375, directs Metropolitan Planning Organizations, like SCAG, to prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy to achieve GHG emission reductions from light-duty cars and trucks. Connect SoCal 2024 will be SCAG's fourth Sustainable Communities Strategy as part of its Regional Transportation Plan.

Given the significance of the transportation sector in achieving the state's climate goals, making up 41 percent of state GHG emissions, creating more sustainable communities within the SCAG region is a critical component to achieving statewide goals.

There are a number of recent and upcoming efforts at the state level to align the state's investments and priorities with state climate goals, including but not limited to the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the 2022 Sustainable Communities Progress Report, and the 2022 Scoping Plan Update.

CARB staff, Lana Wong, will provide an overview and update on the role of Sustainable Communities Strategies to reach California's climate goals and state level efforts to advance and support communities that reduce VMT and GHG.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including Senate Bill 32 which passed in 2016 and added a new target of 40 percent reduction from 1990 levels by 2030. CARB is required to update the Scoping Plan at least once every 5 years.



# **AGENDA ITEM 5**

**REPORT** 

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March 3, 2022

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

**Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)** 

From: Alison Linder, Senior Regional Planner

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Subject: Southern California Edison (SCE) Charge Ready New Construction Rebate

(NCR)

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:**

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In Connect SoCal, the Accelerated Electrification Key Connection offers a holistic and coordinated approach to de-carbonizing or electrifying passenger vehicles, transit, and goods movement vehicles. SCAG collaborates with multiple regional partners through its Clean Technology Program, the efforts of its internal Accelerated Electrification Key Connection Strategy team, and through its role as the Clean Cities Coalition. Southern California Edison has multiple programs that incentivize and support deployment of electric vehicles throughout the region and works with SCAG to further the vision of a regional de-carbonized transportation system. Naveed Ahmad from Southern California Edison (SCE) will present on the New Construction Rebate (NCR), a new program that targets multi-family residential developers to install EV chargers to allow tenants to charge their EV and offers rebates to cover expenses that go beyond California's CALGreen code. This is part of SCE's larger Charge Ready Program which has the goal of installing 30-40,000 EV ports or connectors over the next four years.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2020 Connect SoCal or Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) introduced five key connections to meet more aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets – one of which is Accelerated Electrification. The Accelerated Electrification strategy offers a



holistic and coordinated approach to de-carbonizing or electrifying passenger vehicles, transit, and goods movement vehicles. The New Construction Rebate program is part of SCE's larger Charge Ready Program, which supports deployment of EV charging infrastructure and is consistent with the goals of SCAG's Accelerated Electrification Key Connection.

SCE's Charge Ready program will add 30-40,000 new electric vehicle (EV) charging ports throughout its service area over the next four years. There are three options within the Charge Ready program designed to assist business and public sector decision-makers install EV charging equipment on their properties – the Charging Infrastructure & Rebate, Turn-Key Installation, and New Construction Rebate. All three program options are designed to focus the benefits of EV charging on marginalized and underrepresented communities, with a minimum of 50 percent of charging ports installed in disadvantaged communities (DAC), as well as a minimum of 30 percent in multi-family dwellings such as apartments and condos. Charge Ready is also designed to cover SCE's entire 50,000 square mile territory, including hard-to-reach rural areas and federally recognized tribal lands.

SCE's Charge Ready NCR program provides qualified participants, generally property owners or developers, with a one-time rebate to offset expenses for EV charging infrastructure improvements that go beyond California's CALGreen code. The program will strive to achieve the installation of up to 15,000 EV charging ports or connectors through the support of site-specific infrastructure projects. Project applications will be accepted for the duration of the four-year program, ending no later than 12/31/2025, or when program funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. The NCR rebate covers some (or all) of the cost of buying and installing approved EV charging stations, up to \$3,500 per hardwired charging port. For more information about this program and other Charge Ready initiatives, please visit sce.com/charge ready.

SCAG staff will continue to collaborate with SCE and other regional partners in achieving the goals of the Accelerated Electrification Key Connection and the broader Connect SoCal Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work under the Accelerated Electrification strategy is funded in the FY22 OWP under task 310.4874.02 Key Connections Strategy Team.

# ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SCE 2

# Applying for SCE's New Construction Rebate (NCR)

Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) – Energy & Environment Committee
Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Energy for What's Ahead™



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# Who are we?



Shant Nahapetian – Senior Advisor, Local Public Affairs



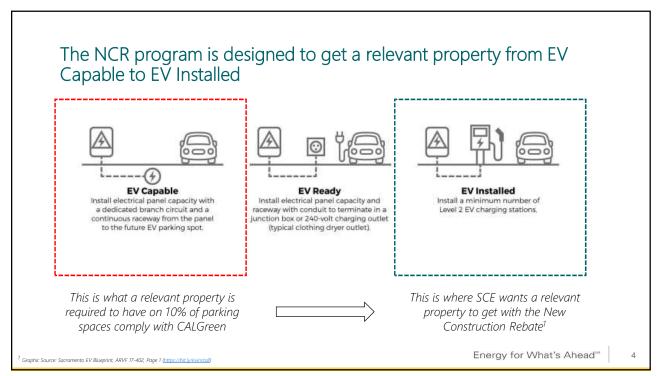
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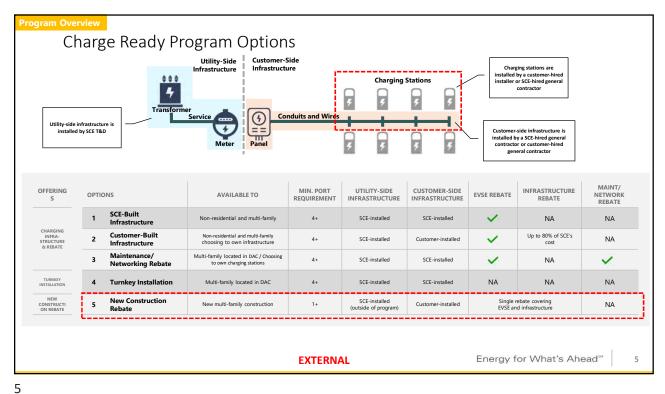


Naveed Ahmad – Senior Advisor, eMobility Business Development & Partnerships

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# I'm interested in applying – what are next steps?

When a decision-maker is ready to submit an NCR application, they can go here to submit. They will need the following to submit the application:

- Approval of the property site owner
- Assuming the property site owner is not submitting the application, approval and authority to sign/submit the application on behalf of the property site owner
- Approval of the terms & conditions of NCR:
  - o <u>Here is a sample</u> of what NCR agreement entails

Note: Best practice is for a decision-maker to submit an NCR application when they think they can get EV charging installed and operational on the property within 3 years of submitting the application, in order to reserve funding.

o Note: The 3-year timing is not a hard deadline – SCE can grant an extension as needed

If a property decision-maker and/or stakeholder wants access to more comprehensive Charge Ready literature, please see links below:

- o New Construction Rebate (NCR)-Specific Program Guidelines
- Comprehensive Charge Ready Program Guidelines
- Basics of Charge Ready Program and EV Charging

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# Thank You!

Please reach out to <a href="mailto:naveed.h.ahmad@sce.com">naveed.h.ahmad@sce.com</a> if questions and/or feedback

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# **AGENDA ITEM 6**

**REPORT** 

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

March 3, 2022

**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

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**From:** David Kyobe, Associate Planner (LT)

(213) 236-1858, kyobe@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Expanding Homeownership in the SCAG Region - Panel on Production

Solutions

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only - No Action Required

### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In July 2021, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS). Under the focus area "Housing Production and Preservation", one of the core recommendations is to explore opportunities to expand homeownership for lower income communities and communities of color. In January 2022 CEHD hosted two speakers from the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and the Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services (NPHS) to present the financing and support programs that their respective organizations provide to expand homeownership opportunities for first time homebuyers, lower income communities and communities of color. To build on the January 2022 CEHD Committee panel discussion and explore innovative ways in which homeownership can be achieved, SCAG has invited two speakers to focus on new and non-traditional approaches to developing homeownership options such as modular housing, townhomes, condominiums, and other forms of delivery.

# **BACKGROUND:**

Housing production is an essential component of a thriving region and is a core area of SCAG's work. In development of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS), staff held 22 focus group convenings to discuss priorities for expanding economic opportunities for lower income communities and communities of color. Stakeholders across the private and nonprofit sectors consistently identified housing affordability and availability as a priority during the IERS stakeholder convenings, pointing to the importance of homeownership in creating opportunities for wealth creation, economic stability and opportunity.



As part of the final recommendations of the IERS, SCAG has committed to convene financial sector, CDFI, and other partners to explore opportunities to expand homeownership for lower income communities and communities of color, such as increased production, accessible financing, and identifying barriers to ownership. Within this effort, the IERS also calls for exploring alternative approaches to building wealth through ownership, including community land trusts, tenants in common and other models.

The two presentations offered to the CEHD Committee are a look at new alternatives to developing homeownership opportunities across the SCAG region, including modular housing, and micro townhomes that may offer a more affordable path to homeownership for first-time and lower-income homebuyers.

The first panelist is Sunti Kumjim, Senior Vice President of Development of MBK Rental Living and President of Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter, who has conducted extensive research on modular housing. Mr. Kumjim has done extensive research on the affordability and scalability of modular housing and will discuss how the urban context has an impact on the overall affordability of this housing type.

The second presenter is Scott Laurie, President and CEO of the Olson Company, an Orange County-based residential developer that over the last three decades has delivered over 11,000 residential units across 80 cities, mostly in Southern California. The Olson Company is one of the few infill-focused developers that focus on enhancing neighborhoods with existing and mature communities. Mr. Laurie will discuss homeownership opportunities outside of the traditional single-family dwelling, including townhomes, condominiums, and other forms of delivery.

### **Speaker Bios**

Sunti Kumjim Senior Vice President of Development of MBK Rental Living and President of Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA). The BIA is a non-profit trade association representing 1100 companies affiliated within the home building industry throughout Southern California and brings extensive knowledge and experience in building and development.

Scott Laurie is President and CEO of the Olson Company and has been in the homebuilding industry since 1996. Mr. Laurie is currently a member of the Executive Committee for the University of Southern California (USC) Lusk Center for Real Estate, and the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and Urban Land Institute Residential Neighborhood Council.





# **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

# ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. PowerPoint Presentation 1- Modular Construction & Affordability
- 2. PowerPoint Presentation 2 Homeownership Opportunities (townhomes, Condominiums, and other forms of delivery)

# Modular Construction & Affordability

A Market Rate Developer's Perspective

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# Modular Construction

- Perspective
- Panelization vs Modular
- Why go Modular?
- The Analysis
- Applicability Towards the Affordability Crisis

# Perspective

- Market Rate Developer
- Product Experience
  - Single Family Detached
  - High Density TOD
- Industry Advocate
  - Building Industry Association- Orange County Chapter President

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# **Panelization**

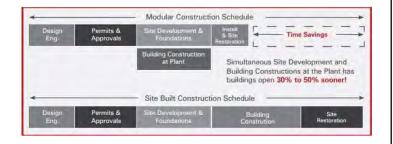


# Modular



# Why Go Modular?

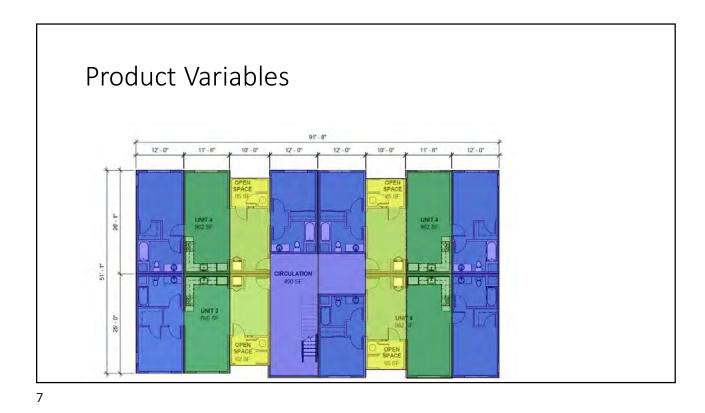
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- Decreased Site Disturbance
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- Improved Safety

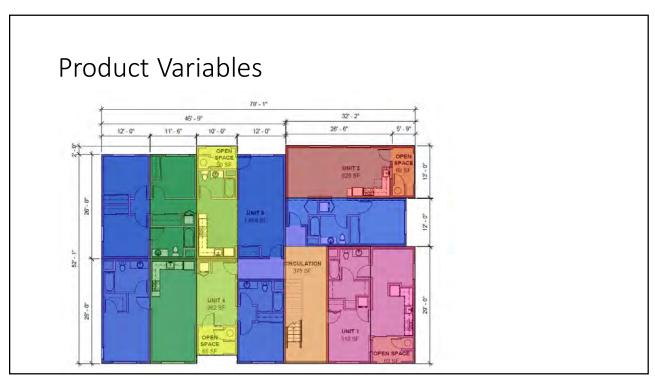


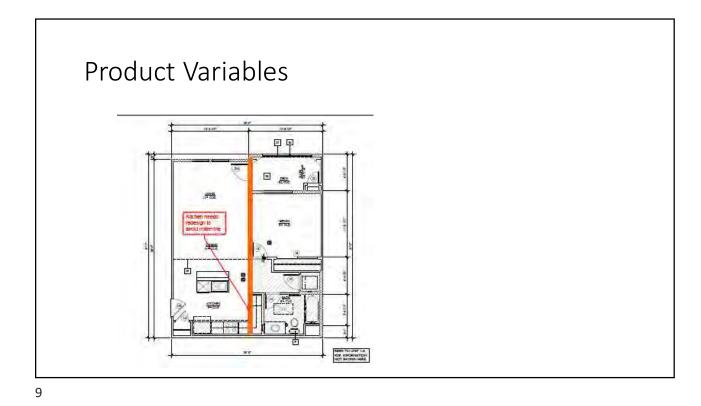
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# The Analysis

- Product/Site Feasibility
  - Product Variables
  - Site Access
- Financial Feasibility
  - Modular Costs
  - Site Costs
  - Exclusions







# Site Access





# Financial Feasibility

- Modular Costs
- Site Costs
- Exclusions

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# Financial Feasibility

- Modular Costs
- Site Costs
- Exclusions

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# Applicability Towards the Affordability Crisis

- Product/Location Constraints
- Financial Viability
- One Solution Does Not Fit All

# Modular Construction & Affordability

A Market Rate Developer's Perspective

# The Olson Company





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# **Olson Strategic Vision**

- For over 30 years Olson's original and singular founding purpose, core to its DNA today, is to create in-town, affordable, transit-oriented new for-sale housing for first-time and move-up buyers in coastal California
- The Company's disciplined purpose and successful track record allow it to see value and execute where others are unable
  - → Proactive deal sourcing
  - → Creative zoning & entitlement solutions
  - → Industry leading design & execution to well-understood buyer segments
  - → Fact based decision making and disciplined for acquisition

### The Olson Difference

### Olson

- Urban Revitalization
- Walking Distance of Jobs, Amenities and Transport Hubs
- In-Town, City Centers Only
- · Land Entitlement
- Partners with Cities / Municipalities
- Utilizes Existing Infrastructure and Utilities
- Community / Neighborhood Creative Entrepreneur
- Environmental Risk Assessment

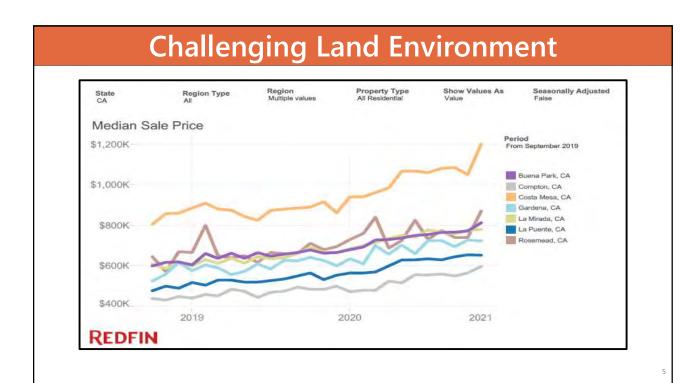
### Others

- Suburban
- Extended Commute Time and Traffic
- Rural Development
- Acquires Entitled / Finished Lots
- Often at Odds with Local Constituents
- Land Development Requires Build Out of New Infrastructure
- Merchant Builder









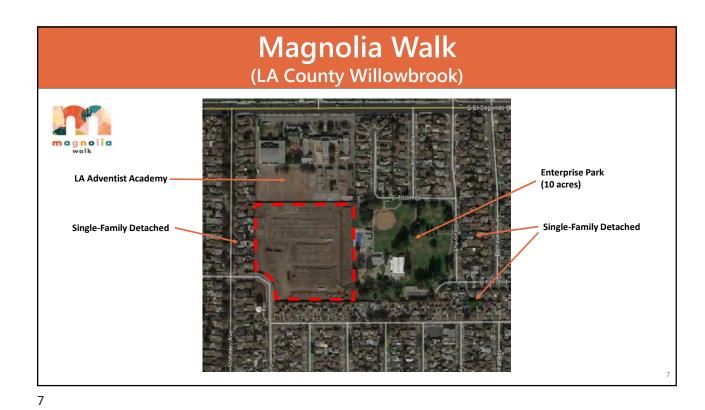
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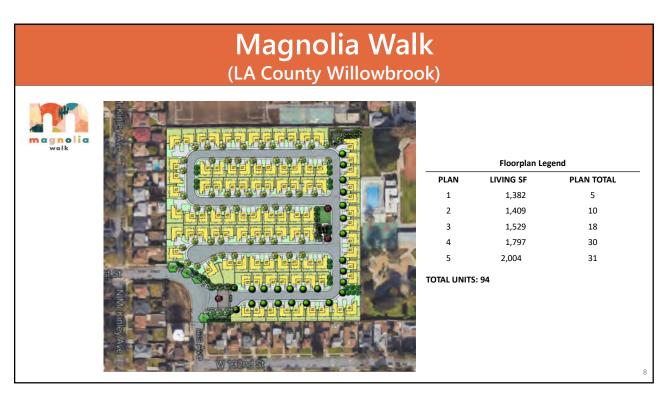
# Magnolia Walk

(LA County Willowbrook)



- 9.55 Acre Site (Previously Elementary School)
- 94 Two-Story Single Family Detached Condos
  - 11 Low Income, 19 Moderate Income
  - · Partnership with the Housing Authority of Los Angeles and the Community Development Commission
- Average Sales Price
  - Affordable Units: High \$300k's
  - Market Rate Units: Mid \$400k's
- Surrounding Features Include:
  - Enterprise Park, USC, LAX Airport, Downtown LA, LA Live, LA Convention Center and Staples Center
  - · Proximity to Numerous Jobs & Freeways
- Start Grading: Q3-2017
- Grand Opening: Q2—2018
- 1st Deliveries: Q4—2018
- · Closeout: 2020



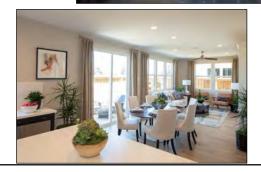


# Magnolia Walk

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# **Jasmine Walk**

(Buena Park)



- 2.35 Acre Site (Former Church Site)
- 53 Three-Story Townhomes
- Projected Average Sales Price Low \$700k's
- Surrounding Features Include:
  - Knott's Berry Farm, Source Shopping Center
  - Downtown Mall Including Krikorian Theatres, Buena Park Metroplex
  - Access to Transit (Freeway & Rail)
- Start Grading: Q2–2021
- Grand Opening: Q1–2022
- Projected 1st Deliveries: Q3-2022
- Projected Closeout: 2023

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# **Jasmine Walk**

(Buena Park)



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# Jasmine Walk (Buena Park) JASMINE JAS

# Expo Walk

(Los Angeles)



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- 2.93 Acre Site
- 78 Three-Story Townhomes
- Average Sales Price Low \$700k's
- Surrounding Features Include:
  - Adjacent to Expo Line Metro Station
  - Neighboring Retail
  - Downtown LA, Staples Center, Dodgers Stadium, The Forum, Griffith Observatory
- Start Grading: Q3–2018Grand Opening: Q3–2019
- 1st Deliveries: Q1–2020
- Closeout: 2021

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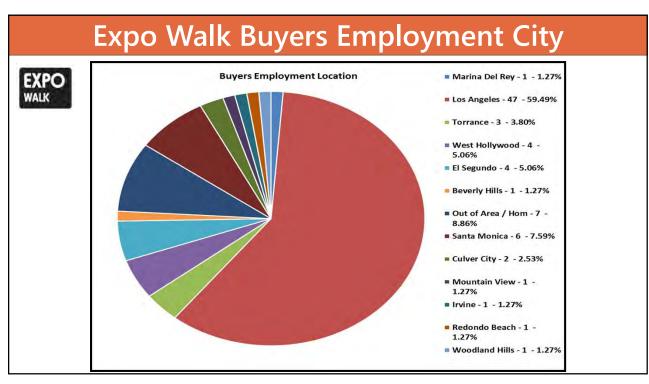




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# AGENDA ITEM 7 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

March 3, 2022

**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

APPROVAL

**From:** Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director of Planning, Land Use

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Subject: Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) - Planning Grant Program

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only - No Action Required

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On September 23, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 162, which established the \$600 million Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) to support communities and regional groups in producing regional roadmaps for economic recovery and transition that prioritize the creation of accessible, high-quality jobs in sustainable industries. The CERF is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program is being rolled out in two phases: (1) Planning Grants to subregional collaboratives to develop integrated recovery and transition plans and then (2) Regional Implementation Grants. Mary Collins from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research will give an overview of the CERF program and share the status of the current Planning Grant phase.

# **BACKGROUND:**

The CERF was created to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians.

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The vision for the CERF program is to:



- Promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians.
- Support communities and regional groups in producing regional roadmaps for economic recovery and transition that prioritize the creation of accessible, high-quality jobs in sustainable industries.
- Align and leverage state investments (e.g., High Road Training Partnerships, infrastructure investments, community capacity building programs), federal investments (e.g., Economic Development Administration's Building Back Better Regional Challenge), and philanthropic and private-sector investments to maximize recovery efforts.

The \$600 Million in CERF funds will be allocated in two phases:

- (1) Regional Planning Grants (13 regional collaboratives\*, \$5M each). The Regional collaboratives are inclusive planning groups that include representation from balanced representation from labor, business, community, government, indigenous communities, economic development, philanthropy, education, workforce, and other partners. These planning grants will fund:
  - Development of localized integrated recovery and transition plans, including analysis
    of industry sectors and labor markets, with actionable research and consultation
    from expert institutions.
  - b. Embedded local coordinator to facilitate ongoing engagement, partnership, and relationship-building activities with business, labor, community, government, education, economic development, and other key stakeholder groups.
  - c. Creation of holistic investment strategy that addresses disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 by diversifying the economy, and developing or growing sustainable industries that create accessible, well-paying jobs. Strategies should complement or expand on plans such as Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)
- (2) Regional Implementation Grants (Approximately \$500M total). Building on the planning work, the implementation grants will:
  - a. Support economic recovery and transition for populations and/or industries disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
  - b. Promote economic diversification, sustainability, and equity. Drive the growth of globally competitive, sustainable industries with well-paying, accessible jobs. Bolster equity outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, and geography
  - c. Example projects include, but are not limited to, the following
    - i. Infrastructure that supports economic diversification and the development of sustainable industries.
    - ii. Entrepreneurship and commercialization programs.
    - iii. Programs to connect small-and-minority owned businesses to industrial hubs and research institutions



Non-profit organizations, District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD), institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education, and Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for CERF funds. At the time of drafting this report, the state planned to release the final application guidelines for the Planning Grants in February 2022. Organizations across the SCAG region have been working to develop their regional collaboratives to prepare for this planning grant application.

# Coordination with the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy

Staff has been carefully tracking the development and rollout of the CERF program to ensure that SCAG can support subregional efforts to secure funding, and to coordinate with the findings and recommendations of the July 2021 RC-adopted Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS). The state has provided SCAG with a one-time grant of \$3.5 million for targeted implementation activities identified in the IERS. Staff is in the process of hiring limited term, grant funded positions to manage and deliver on the implementation activities. This new team will also be charged with participation in, and coordination with, the CERF subregional collaboratives.

# Speaker Bio

Mary Collins is the Just Transition Program Manager from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). She will present an overview of the CERF program and the current status of the funding process.

Prior to joining OPR, Mary Collins was the Managing Director for the American Jobs Project, a non-profit think tank founded by Jennifer Granholm that focused on place-based economic development strategies to decarbonize our economy. She was a Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley, working on the US-Mexico Binational Laboratory. Most recently, Mary was a policy advisor to the Norwegian government and served as a Climate Attache for COP26. She served in Peace Corps Panama, working hand-in-glove with farmers, community members, and the Panamanian government.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

# **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - CERF







# Community Economic Resilience Fund Program (CERF)

Labor and Workforce Development Agency Governor's Office of Planning and Research Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

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# Why CERF?

- 1. Continue recovery from COVID-19
- 2. Business as usual not an option: California's economy is not working for all
- 3. Accelerate the transition to carbon-neutral economy: foster new industry and jobs
- 4. Leverage State and federal Funds







# **CERF Program Objectives**

Promote sustainable & equitable recovery that responds to impacts of COVID-19

Support inclusive economic planning that prioritizes equity, job quality, and sustainability Align and leverage federal and state funding opportunities to maximize recovery efforts







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# **CERF Program Design**

# Phase 1: Planning

# 13 regions, \$5M each

- Inclusive planning processes
- Development of economic recovery and transition plans
- Analysis: cluster, labor market, etc.
- · Locally-embedded coordinator

# Phase 2: Implementation

## Upwards of \$500M total

- Projects that
  - Demonstrate proposed impacts to communities/industries harmed by COVID-19
  - Demonstrate community support
  - Promote state climate goals
  - Support labor standards and job quality
  - Demonstrate clear role in regional strategy
  - Complement existing funding sources







# **CERF** Regions

- 13 regions that will all receive planning and implementation dollars through competitive processes
- Designed to prioritize recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and maintain consistency with existing efforts and definitions
- Administration of program will allow for flexibility to collaborate across these regions and work at different levels









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# **CERF 13 Regions and Corresponding Counties**

- Southern Border: Imperial, San Diego
- Inland Empire: Riverside, San Bernardino
- Los Angeles County
- Orange County
- Central Coast: Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Ventura
- Northern San Joaquin Valley: Merced San Joaquin, Stanislaus
- Central San Joaquin Valley: Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare
- Kern County
- Eastern Sierra: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne
- Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma
- Sacramento: Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
- Redwood Coast: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino
- North State: Butte, Glenn Lasse, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity







# Planning Phase: Primary Roles and Definitions

## High Road Transition Collaborative:

A "Team of Teams" incorporating efforts/leadership from around the region. Must include representation from community, environmental justice, labor, business, economic development, etc.

#### **Neutral Convener:**

Lead org tasked to organize inclusive group of stakeholders, facilitate meetings, oversee thirdparty research

#### **Fiscal Agent:**

Intermediary in grant management, has history and capacity to administer federal funds

#### **Coordinator:**

Person hired or contracted by the convener to support outreach and facilitation







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# Planning Phase: Application Requirements and Eligibility

#### Eligibility:

- Non-profit organizations
- District organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)
- · Institutions of higher education or consortium of institutions of higher education
- · Indian Tribes or consortium of Indian Tribes
- Note: for-profit institutions are not eligible to participate as convener or fiscal agent

#### Application Requirements:

- Lead applicant must be entity within defined region that can serve as Convener or Fiscal Agent, or partner with one if necessary
- Lead applicant will complete and submit grant proposal that demonstrates ability to lead an inclusively designed recovery, ability to recruit and organize diverse set of stakeholders, ability to oversee research







# Planning Phase: Overview of Analysis Required

- Priorities for Research and Planning:
  - · Recovery from COVID-19 pandemic
  - Equity
  - Sustainability
  - Job Quality
  - Economic Competitiveness and Resilience
- Analysis Required
  - Regional Summary
  - SWOT Analysis
  - Labor Market Analysis
  - Industry Cluster Analysis
  - Holistic Economic Recovery from COVID-19 and Transition Strategy







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### **Building Inclusive Planning Tables: Points of Consideration**

- 1. Challenges in building inclusive planning tables/population size/geographic challenges
- 2. Resources that will be necessary to ensure meaningfully inclusive planning tables
- 3. How to design and ensure community-driven planning and decision-making
- 4. Thinking about medium-long term outcomes of collaboratives operating in your regions







# **Subregional Dynamics: Points of Considerations**

- 1. Examples of inclusive regional processes that have worked well, and the elements that created success
- 2. Helpful guidance on building new regionally unique planning tables that will include representation from subregional efforts, like a team of teams model
- 3. State's potential role on coordinating efforts on industrial trends that may span various regions
- 4. Anticipated challenges in having to work across the different communities within a region







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# **Timelines and Next Steps**

Month	Program Progress	
December 2021	Release of finalized regions	
December 2021	Draft guidelines for Planning Grants released for public comment	
January 2022	Listening-session webinar for public feedback	
March 2022	Planning Phase Solicitation Released	
March 2022	Bidder's conference webinar on solicitation	
April 2022	Release draft guidelines for public comment: implementation projects	
May/June 2022	Planning phase proposals due (90 days after release)	
June/July 2022	Neutral conveners selected & begin contracting process	
Fall 2022	Release solicitation implementation projects (rolling basis until 2024)	
June 2024	Funds must be encumbered	
October 2026	Funds must be expended	





# Thank you & Q+A

For listserv updates: OPR Home page > E-Lists > Just Transition

For resources and general information: <u>Community Economic Resilience</u> <u>Fund - Office of Planning and Research (ca.gov)</u>









# AGENDA ITEM 8 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation) 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

March 3, 2022

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

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From: Kevin Kane, Program Manager I

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Subject: Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only - No Action Required

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On February 23, 2022, SCAG began an extensive data exchange process with local jurisdictions. The purpose of this process is twofold: (1) To inform SCAG's upcoming 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy ("Connect SoCal 2024") and (2) To provide data, tools, and platforms to assist in local plan development, with the aim of making local and regional plans mutually reinforcing. This bottom-up approach ensures that local jurisdictions are actively involved in development of SCAG's regional plans and that the data used is accurate.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

SCAG relies on input and collaboration from local agencies in developing the RTP/SCS—namely, the projects list that is provided to SCAG by each County Transportation Commission and local data from each of the 191 cities and 6 counties. Throughout the development of the plan, SCAG engages with stakeholders through hosting many different topical working groups and technical advisory committees in addition to direct engagement. In accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 375, SCAG also solicits feedback from the general public including but not limited to workshops on the issues and policy choices at hand in the development of the draft SCS, tentatively scheduled for early 2023. In addition, SCAG brings policy issues and choices as well as emerging trends to the SCAG Policy committees for dialog and feedback.

Preparation, Principles and Process for Developing the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern





The data layers reviewed during the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process will form the basis for the policies and strategies which will be part of Connect SoCal 2024. Of particular focus, Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG "set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 7506)."

SCAG is using the LDX to initiate earlier discussion of the Connect SoCal 2024 forecasted regional development pattern with local jurisdictions by including several data layers based on the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 up front. In past cycles, strategies related to priority development and resource areas were introduced after the conclusion of local review through a separate scenario process. Staff seeks to strengthen the connection of local and regional plans by instead engaging with jurisdictions during the earlier, data development phase.

As in past cycles staff, in consultation with the Technical Working Group (TWG), will conduct a technical assessment of the locally-reviewed forecasted regional development pattern given state and federal requirements. Pending the results of this assessment a separate land use scenario exercise is not anticipated for Connect SoCal 2024 development; however, land use alternatives will be developed in a subsequent step in order to fulfill the requirements of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

SCAG staff proposes the following principles in order to work with local jurisdictions during the LDX process to generate a forecasted regional development pattern which meets these objectives:

- Rooted in local planning policies. The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the forecast with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.
- Steered by a regional vision. The forecasted regional development pattern will integrate growth strategies adopted by the SCAG Regional Council as part of the adoption of Connect SoCal in September 2020 and follow regional and county forecast totals as guided by the panel of experts.
- 3. Aligned with state and federal policy. The forecasted regional development pattern will reflect the 6th cycle RHNA and housing element process and be assessed against SCAG's SB 375 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and federal transportation conformity targets.



**Preliminary Activities.** In preparation for Connect SoCal 2024, staff have been working on several items to lay the groundwork for the Local Data Exchange process and plan development generally. These include the development of regional and county-level growth forecasts, the development of the Regional Data Platform, and the launch of SCAG's TWG for regional planning and growth which began meeting in July 2021.

Local Data Exchange – Soft Launch. On February 23, 2022, SCAG began the Local Data Exchange process by releasing preliminary Data/Map Books (described further below) and local login credentials to the Regional Data Platform LDX module. RDP trainings and subregional outreach will be conducted. The Local Information Services Team (LIST) will be available for technical assistance. This is the first opportunity for local jurisdictions to engage with the core data layers involved in Connect SoCal 2024 development, which are based on data and concepts used in the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 and refined in consultation with the TWG. The objective of this phase is to inform and on-board local jurisdictions and subregional stakeholders of the upcoming process and provide an opportunity to begin reviewing data.

Local Data Exchange – Complete Launch. In May 2022, in conjunction with SCAG's General Assembly, SCAG will complete the launch of LDX by updating Data/Map Books and the RDP LDX site to include preliminary growth forecast information (also known as "SED" or Socioeconomic Data) at the jurisdictional and Tier2 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) levels. A concise survey will also be released to local jurisdictions at this time. Thereafter and in coordination with subregions as applicable, the LIST team will meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to review the data package and feedback opportunities with local staff and provide RDP information and training. In order to be included in Connect SoCal 2024, feedback from local jurisdictions is requested by December 2, 2022.

#### **Local Data Exchange Timeline**

EVENT	DATE
Local Data Exchange (LDX) Soft Launch. Data (except growth) available for	
local review through Data/Map Books and Regional Data Platform (RDP)	
LDX site.	February 23, 2022
Subregional outreach and trainings on LDX and RDP. LIST team available	
for questions and consultation.	Feb – Apr 2022
Local Data Exchange Complete Launch. Data/Map Books and RDP LDX site	Estimated May 4,
updated to include preliminary growth data.	2022
One-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to review the data package	
and feedback opportunity.	Beginning May 2022
Deadline for local jurisdictions to provide feedback for possible inclusion in	
Connect SoCal 2024.	Dec 2, 2022



Regional collaboration on plan development. Continued development of Connect SoCal 2024 strategies with stakeholders, working groups, and the	
general public.	Early 2023
Draft Connect SoCal 2024 release	Fall 2023

#### **Regional Data Platform**

The Regional Data Platform (RDP) (<a href="https://scag.ca.gov/regional-data-platform">https://scag.ca.gov/regional-data-platform</a>) is a collaborative data sharing and planning system designed to facilitate better planning for cities and counties of all levels across the region.

The RDP has been designed with three major components—Accessible Data and Information, Planning and Engagement Tools, and Data Sharing Tools and Workflows. Tools and resources have been produced in each of these categories with the assistance of ten pilot jurisdictions.

The *Data Sharing Tools and Workflows* component has been centered around the LDX process, providing opportunities to local jurisdictions and stakeholders to explore, review, update and comment on data shared with SCAG. Local jurisdiction users with login credentials will have the ability to track submission status and receive direct technical assistance from SCAG.

#### **Local Information Services (LIST) Team**

Responding to jurisdictions' requests for further technical assistance on the RDP and LDX processes, SCAG launched the Local Information Services Team (LIST) comprised of technical staff able to provide customized one-on-one technical and information services and tool demos. LIST aims to:

- 1) Link SCAG's available information products (e.g., data, applications, model policies and best practices, topical white papers) to help address local needs,
- 2) Provide local jurisdiction staff an opportunity to offer feedback on how SCAG can improve its products to facilitate better collaboration, and
- Coordinate one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions during the LDX process.

Requests can be submitted through the RDP or list@scag.ca.gov.

#### **Preliminary Data/Map Book**

In order to develop Connect SoCal 2024 and meet its associated state and federal requirements, SCAG first prepares a set of GIS maps for local jurisdictions. Several maps are produced by third parties and are curated and provided by SCAG for informational purposes as a consideration in developing local plans. Other maps are draft, prior, or public versions of local data for which SCAG is requesting local review for possible inclusion in Connect SoCal 2024.



The layers below are being shared with local jurisdictions in preparation for Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG is seeking updates and corrections on several layers as indicated below. Additional layers represent regional datasets for which local update and corrections are optional. The remaining layers are third-party data which relate to regional objectives and are included for reference while developing Connect SoCal 2024's forecasted regional development pattern. Additional detail is found in the description of each layer in the Data/Map Book and RDP. In order to be included in Connect SoCal 2024, input from local jurisdictions is due by **December 2, 2022**.

AVAILABILITY	CATEGORY	LAYER NAME	REVIEW TYPE
Feb 2022		General Plan	Update/Corrections
		Zoning	Update/Corrections
	Land Use	Existing Land Use	Update/Corrections
		Specific Plan Land Use	Update/Corrections
		Key Entitlements	Update/Corrections
		Neighborhood Mobility Areas	Optional
	Dutante	Livable Corridors	Optional
Feb 2022	Priority Development	Job Centers	Optional
	Development	Housing Trajectory	Update/Corrections and site
			inventory upload
	Transportation	High Quality Transit Areas	Reference Only
Feb 2022		Transit Priority Areas	Reference Only
160 2022		Regional Bikeways	Optional
		Regional Truck Routes	Optional
Feb 2022	Green Region Resource Areas (SB 375)	Resilience (Flood areas, coastal inundation, wildfire risk)	Reference Only
		Open Space/Habitat (Open space and parks, endangered species and plants, sensitive habitat areas, natural community and habitat conservation plans)	Reference Only
		Administrative/Working Lands (Tribal nations, military installations, farmlands)	Reference Only
Feb 2022	Geographical Boundaries	City Boundary and Sphere of Influence	Reference Only
		Census Tract	Reference Only





		TAZ	Reference Only
Anticipated May 2022	Growth	Jurisdiction-level projections of households and employment (2019-2050)	Update/Corrections
		TAZ-level projections of households and employment (2019-2050)	Update/Corrections

SCAG will accept edits in any form though the easiest and most convenient way to provide review and comments is through the RDP LDX site which provides several options for input:

- Direct editing (no GIS knowledge required)
- Complete file upload
- Complete plan upload
- Comments & feedback

In addition to the topics, layers, and feedback opportunities described above, the Complete Launch of LDX will include a concise survey for local jurisdictions covering additional topics in consideration for Connect SoCal 2024.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work for this item is covered under OWP item 055.4856.01, Regional Growth and Policy Analysis.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Local Data Exchange



# **Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX)**

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February 3, 2022

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# **Connect SoCal 2024: Development Update**

Foundations & Frameworks

Data Collection & Policy Development

2022

Outreach & Analysis

2023

Draft Plan & Adoption

2024

#### **COMPLETED**

✓ Regional & County Forecast

2021

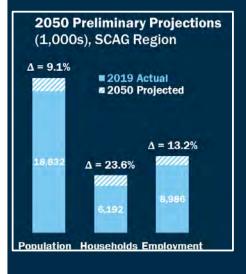
- ✓ Relaunched Working Groups
- ✓ Regional Data Platform Launch

### **LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE (LDX)**

- Soft Launch February 23rd
- Complete Launch May 4th
- Input Deadline December 2<sup>nd</sup>

# **Objective of LDX: Forecasted Regional Development Pattern**

"set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board, and (viii) allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7506)." California Government Code 65080(b)(vii)





### LDX GETS HERE BY BEING:

- ✓ Rooted in local planning
- Steered by a regional vision
- Aligned with state and federa policy

Source: Connect SoCal 2024 Preliminary Forecast

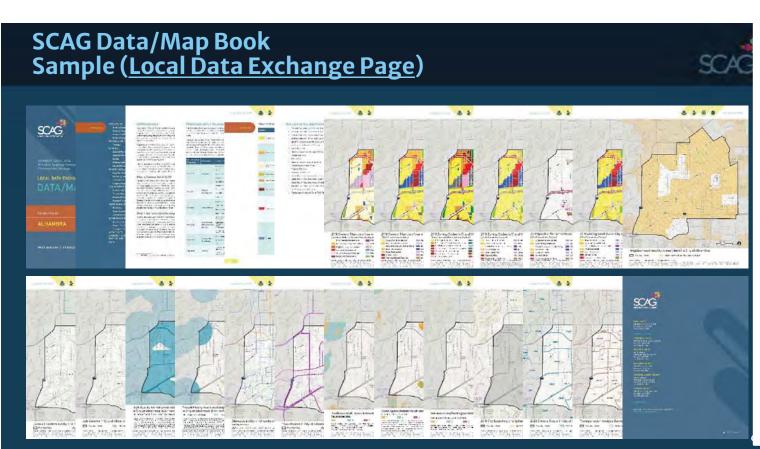
Source: Connect SoCal 2020 Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

### **Simplified Process for Connect SoCal 2024 Connect SoCal 2024 Connect SoCal 2020 Regional and County Growth Regional and County Growth Forecast** Forecast (July 2017) (February 2022) **Bottom-Up Local Input and** Envisioning Process (Oct 2017 -Local Data Exchange Process (Feb - Dec Oct 2018) Includes policies from Connect SoCal 2020 Growth **Sustainable Communities** Strategy (SCS) Scenario Development (2019) **Draft Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (2023) Draft Growth Vision (November** 2019) Final Plan Adoption (2024) Additional Local Review and Final **Growth Vision (by September**

### Local Data Exchange (LDX)

- Main objective: Present and review roughly 30 data layers related to RTP/SCS development:
  - Available in Data/Map Books and RDP
  - Soliciting <u>local update and corrections</u> on core land use layers and preliminary forecast
  - <u>Feedback and editing opportunity</u> on certain regional growth & transportation data
  - Third-party data related to regional growth objectives included <u>for reference</u>
- Also...
  - Only time in the 4-year plan cycle where SCAG "visits" every jurisdiction
  - Chance to share regional priorities and tools
  - Chance to discuss local concerns and visions for the future
    - $\rightarrow$  Chance to align local and regional visions





SCAG Data/Map Book Contents					
ATEGORY	LAYER NAME	REVIEW TYPE	CATEGORY	LAYER NAME	

CATEGORY	LAYER NAME	REVIEW TYPE
	General Plan	Update/Corrections
	Zoning	Update/Corrections
Land Use	Existing Land Use	Update/Corrections
	Specific Plan Land Use	Update/Corrections
	Key Entitlements	Update/Corrections
	Neighborhood Mobility Areas	Optional
Priority Development	Livable Corridors	Optional
	Job Centers	Optional
		Update/Corrections
	Housing Trajectory	and site inventory
		upload
	High Quality Transit Areas	Reference Only
Transportation	Transit Priority Areas	Reference Only
mansportation	Regional Bikeways	Optional
	Regional Truck Routes	Optional

Digital versions of these data layers will be available to local jurisdictions through their RDP LDX login.

CATEGORY	LAYER NAME	REVIEW TYPE
	Resilience (Flood areas, coastal inundation, wildfire risk)	Reference Only
Green Region Resource Areas (SB 375)	Open Space/Habitat (Open space and parks, endangered species and plants, sensitive habitat areas, natural community and habitat conservation plans)	Reference Only
	Administrative/Working Lands (Tribal nations, military installations, farmlands)	Reference Only
Geographical	City Boundary and Sphere of Influence	Reference Only
Boundaries	Census Tract TAZ (Tier2)	Reference Only Reference Only
Growth (available May	Jurisdiction-level projections of households and employment	Update/Corrections
2022)	TAZ-level projections of households and employment (2019-2050)	Update/Corrections

# **Local Data Exchange Process – Outreach**

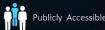


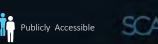
**Most meetings** with local **jurisdictions** will be virtual.

- Subregional and General Outreach February to May 2022
- One-on-one meetings Beginning in May 2022
- Conducted by Local Information Services Team (LIST) <a href="mailto:list@scag.ca.gov">list@scag.ca.gov</a>

# **Regional Data Platform**







RDP Tools and Capabilities	Accessible to
Regional Hub	iii "ii
SoCal Atlas	ήÅ
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Parcel Locator	ĦĦ
Local General Plan Update Site Templates	
Off-the-Shelf Planning & Engagement Tools	į
LDX Website	į
LDX Data Editor	<b>.</b>
LDX Data Sharing	į
LDX Data Reviewer	, i

The RDP became available on February 23 at https://hub.scag.ca.gov

## Regional Data Platform's LDX Tools









A central location for member agencies and other stakeholders to access data sharing tools and related Local Data Exchange resources, view information and statistics on the state of data in the region and request technical assistance from SCAG.

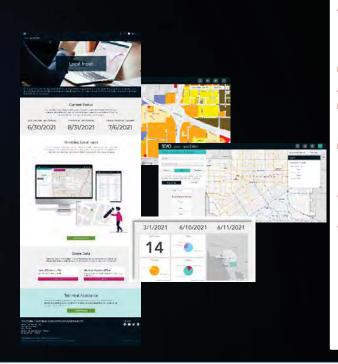
# Data Editor •

A web-based application for jurisdictions and other key stakeholders to explore, review, and update/comment on data shared with SCAG through the Local Data Exchange process for their jurisdiction.

## Data Sharing •

Additional mechanisms for member agencies to provide data to SCAG as part of the Local Data Exchange process, including GIS data file upload and sharing an approved plan in ArcGIS Urban.

A workflow allowing member agencies to review and approve edits to data within their jurisdiction before edits are sent to SCAG and incorporated to the regional layers



# Thank You!

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