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EXECUTIVE/ ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 4, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Tribal Govt Regl Planning Board Representative
 - 18. Ms. Lucy Dunn**
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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
3:00 PM

The Executive/Administration 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 Jan Harnik, 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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be acted upon with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361
(Ruben Duran, BB&K Board Counsel)

PPG. 8

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – November 30, 2022
3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-016-C01, Strategic Media Relations Services
4. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
5. 2023 Legislative Platform Update

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Receive and File

6. REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update
7. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
8. CFO Monthly Report

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INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

PPG. 73



10. 2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

PPG. 86

CFO REPORT
(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
(The Honorable Jan C. Harnik, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee
Meetings Under AB 361

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 30, 2022 and January 4, 2023 meetings relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

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 March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Notwithstanding this summer's declines in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations, and the relaxing of COVID-19-related requirements, there has been a recent increase in Los Angeles County of both COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday, and the State of Emergency is still in force (although the Governor indicated that he intends to end the state of emergency on February 28, 2023). Additionally, variants such as variant b.a.5 and other omicron variants (such as BQ.1 and BQ.1.1.) have shown continued presence through test results in the region. Public health officials are urging residents to exhibit care as winter months proceed, when more indoor congregation occurs. Public health officials have advised to continue to be vigilant in practicing hygiene and wearing masks in public locations. Recent reports indicate that Los Angeles County may issue an indoor mask order should certain health metrics trigger. Indeed, to continue assisting in managing this ongoing public health situation, local public health officials still recommend social distancing and other measures, as further discussed below, as a means to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Amendments to the Brown Act in Government Code section 54953(e) (hereafter, "Section 54953(e)") allow legislative bodies to conduct remote/teleconferenced meetings without posting the location of teleconferenced meeting sites or making such sites available to the public (as is required by Section 54953(b)(3)), provided that certain conditions facilitating "real time" public participation and other requirements are satisfied. SCAG's Regional Council Policy Manual permits the holding of remote and teleconferenced meetings in the manner permitted by Section 54953(e). Teleconference meetings include meetings that are held in a "hybrid" manner (that is, with both remote and "in-person" participation, and where the public is not permitted to attend in-person).

This staff report includes findings that the EAC and RC can to continue meeting remotely. Action by the EAC and RC will facilitate and authorize all of SCAG's legislative bodies (the RC, EAC, Policy Committees, other committees, subcommittees and task forces) to continue utilizing teleconference/videoconference meetings for a thirty-day period. Further continuation of this practice would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances and make findings accordingly.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency based on the threat cause by COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. The President of the United States issued a Proclamation Declaring a National State of Emergency Concerning COVID-19 beginning March 1, 2020. Thereafter, the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency

pursuant to Government Code Section 8625 in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis on March 4, 2020. At this time, this proclamation is in force, notwithstanding declines in COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations from much higher rates during winter of 2022, and the general relaxing or retiring of COVID-19-related requirements. Thus, the declared state of emergency presently continues with respect to COVID-19. On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom indicated that he intends to end the state of emergency on February 28, 2023.¹

COVID-19 variants, including the b.a.5 variant and sub-variants derived from the omicron variant (such as variants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1), demonstrate that the virus continues to transmit in public places, as evidenced by test results. Further, tracking has shown an increase in regional hospitalization for COVID-19 in recent months, especially in Los Angeles County where the Los Angeles Public Health Officer has reported both COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday.² The Los Angeles County Public Health Officer has stated that Los Angeles County continues to monitor case numbers and the Public Health Officer has not ruled out mandatory masking or other prophylactic measures in the future, should circumstances warrant.³ The public health officer also continues to advocate for social distancing as a prudent and reasonable means to assist in controlling COVID-19.⁴

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which amended the Brown Act's teleconferencing provisions, Section 54953(e) allows legislative bodies to meet virtually without posting the remote meeting locations and without providing public access at such locations (as is generally required by section 54953(b)(3)), provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. Additionally, Section 54953(e) imposes transparency requirements to the

¹ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/10/17/governor-newsom-to-end-the-covid-19-state-of-emergency/#:~:text=SACRAMENTO%20%E2%80%93%20Today%2C%20Governor%20Gavin%20Newsom,used%20o%20combat%20COVID%2D19> (accessed December 8, 2022). The governor's statement indicated February 28, 2023 was selected to give "the health care system needed flexibility to handle any potential surge that may occur after the holidays in January and February, *in addition to providing state and local partners the time needed to prepare for this phaseout and set themselves up for success afterwards.*"

² <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-12-08/a-january-mask-mandate-looms-if-la-covid-19-wave-worsens-but-will-people-mask-up-again> (accessed December 8, 2022).

³ http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_SaferReturnWorkCommunity.pdf (visited December 8, 2022) (noting "Public Health will continue following the County's COVID-19 Response Plan to recommend or require future mitigation measures should the County's designation on the CDC's Community Level framework increase to Medium or High and the County's COVID-19 transmission level substantially increases in the future.")

⁴ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/BestPractices/> (visited December 8, 2022) (noting that in business locations it is recommended to "Limit indoor occupancy to increase the physical space between employees at the worksite, between employees and customers, and between customers.")

management of remote and teleconference public meetings held under this section. Specifically, Section 54953(e) imposes two requirements for remote public meetings:

1. Public agencies hosting teleconference meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) in lieu of traditional in-person or teleconferenced meetings must permit direct “real time” public comment during the teleconference and must leave open the opportunity for public comment until the comment period is closed during the ordinary course of the meeting. The opportunity to make public comment must be of a sufficient duration to allow actual public participation.
2. Any action by the governing body during a public teleconference meeting held under Section 54953(e) must occur while the agency is actively and successfully broadcasting to members of the public through a call-in option or an internet-based service option. If a technical disruption within the agency’s control prevents members of the public from either viewing the meeting of the public agency or prevents members of the public from offering public comment, the agency must cease all action on the meeting agenda until the disruption ends and the broadcast is restored.

SCAG has implemented the requirements for conducting public meetings in compliance with the prior executive orders and Section 54953(e). Teleconference accessibility via call-in option or an internet-based service option (via the Zoom Webinars platform) is listed on the published agenda for each meeting of SCAG legislative bodies, and on SCAG’s website. Further, SCAG provides access for public comment opportunities in real time at the time noted on the agenda. The holding of remote meetings in compliance with Section 54953(e) promotes the public interests of facilitating robust public participation on a remote platform and, further, protecting the public, SCAG’s members and its employees when congregating indoors and against recent variants (including variants b.a.5) that pose health risks. Providing remote meetings also allows for the fully participation of SCAG’s governing board members and staff who otherwise have tested positive, are mildly ill, and would be unable to personally attend meetings at SCAG’s offices but for the accommodations in Section 54953(e). In the spring and summer of 2022, SCAG meetings have included remote participation of either staff or committee members who have been ill with COVID-19 and, but for remote participation, would not have attended in person due to communicable illness.

Since the enactment of Section 54953(e), the EAC, SCAG’s Policy Committees, its other committees and the RC have met pursuant to provisions in Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(A) because a declared state of emergency currently exists and County of Los Angeles Public Health Department and the City of Los Angeles currently recommends a variety of social distancing measures (including recommended, but not presently required, masking, recommending avoidance of crowded indoor spaces and social distancing, especially in cases where, as is the case here, the vaccination status of

persons outside your household is unknown).⁵ The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by current local health order recommendations to continue adhering to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated.⁶

SCAG's legislative bodies may continue meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e) if certain findings are periodically made and provided, further, that such meetings continue to be held pursuant to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 54953. The required findings include: (1) the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (2) that either (i) state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing or (ii) an in-person meeting would constitute an imminent risk to the safety of attendees.

SCAG's Regional Policy Manual permits holding teleconference/videoconference meetings and permits the President to waive certain requirements in the Policy Manual where state law permits such waiver. Likewise, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make decisions and take actions binding on SCAG if such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council. (Art. V.C(3)(a).) Given the RC's next regular meeting will not occur until January 5, 2023, SCAG's Bylaws authorize the EAC to make the findings contained in this staff report to permit legislative bodies to meet on January 5th prior to the RC meeting.

If the findings below are made, all SCAG legislative bodies (i.e., the RC, EAC, Policy Committees and other SCAG committees, subcommittees and task forces) are authorized to meet pursuant to Section 54953(e) for thirty days. Further continuation beyond this period would require the EAC and/or RC to reconsider the then-current circumstances.

FINDINGS:

The recommendations in this staff report are based on the following facts and findings, made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), which are incorporated into the recommended action taken by the EAC and RC, as noted above:

⁵ See <https://coronavirus.lacity.org/> (visited December 8, 2022) Los Angeles County Public Health Department notation that social distancing is still a recommended practice.

⁶ See <https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph1781/files/page/file/20220304%20SAFER%20LA%20ORDER%202020.03.19%20%28REV%202022.03.04%29.pdf> (City of Los Angeles Mayoral Order), noting "All persons living and working within the City of Los Angeles should continue to always practice required and recommended COVID-19 infection control measures at all times and when among other persons when in community, work, social, or school settings, especially when multiple unvaccinated persons from different households may be present and in close contact with each other, especially when in indoor or crowded outdoor settings." Also, noting "Consistent and correct mask use (covering nose and mouth) is especially important indoors when in close contact with others (less than six feet from) who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or whose vaccination status is unknown."

1. The EAC and RC have reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency initially declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, relating to the COVID-19 public health crisis and find that the declaration currently remains in effect. The continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public, consistent with continued social distancing recommendations, and will facilitate the purposes of such social distancing recommendations by preventing large crowds from congregating at in indoor facilities for extended periods of time. Given that the vaccination status of meeting participants (including members of the public) is not known, it is prudent to use caution in protecting the health of the public, SCAG's employees and its membership where, as here, adequate virtual means exist to permit the meeting to occur by teleconference/videoconference with the public being afforded the ability to comment in real time.⁷ Additionally, continuing virtual meetings allows for the fully participation of SCAG's governing board members and staff who otherwise have tested positive, are mildly ill, and would be unable to personally attend meetings at SCAG's offices but for the accommodations in Section 54953(e). Allowing the continued participation of mildly ill persons by remote means while they isolate promotes the public interest and, in fact, has permitted staff and governing board members to fully participate in prior meetings.
2. The EAC and RC find that state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as exemplified by the discussion and footnoted provisions above. Further the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and City of Los Angeles continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, including recommendations to avoid crowded indoor spaces and to maintain social distancing, especially in cases where the vaccination status of persons outside a person's household is unknown. The continued importance of social distancing measures is exemplified by recent health order recommending the need to continued adherence to public health measures and recognition that local agencies and businesses may desire to adhere to more stringent health protocols than formally mandated.

⁷ See

<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph1781/files/page/file/20220304%20SAFER%20LA%20ORDER%202020.03.19%20%28REV%202022.03.04%29.pdf>, noting "People at risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults and unvaccinated individuals with underlying medical conditions associated with higher risk for severe COVID-19—and members of their household, should defer participating in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures, including wearing face masks and social distancing, may not occur or will be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces. For those who are not yet fully vaccinated, staying home or choosing outdoor activities as much as possible with physical distancing from other households whose vaccination status is unknown is the best way to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission."



CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the actions described above be taken based on the findings contained in this staff report. Should further remote meetings pursuant to Section 54953(e) be warranted, the EAC and/or RC are required to reconsider the circumstances and make findings to continue holding meetings in this manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



**NO. 649
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting both in person and 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. Jan Harnik, President		RCTC
Hon. Art Brown, 2nd Vice President	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President’s Appt.	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Nithya Raman, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jan Harnik called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Harnik asked Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings under AB 361

There were no public comments on this item.

Board Counsel Duran provided brief comments on the reasons to continue holding virtual Regional Council and Committee meetings.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) acting on behalf of the Regional Council (RC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, and Solache (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. REAP 2.0 Authorization to Apply for Full Funding Program

There were no public comments on this item.

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, reported that SCAG was eligible to receive approximately \$246 million in formula grant funding through the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2.0) and that over the last 18 months, SCAG staff had worked under the direction of the Policy Committees, EAC, and Regional Council to conduct outreach and develop a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program to submit for full funding. She addressed the major milestones in the program development process which were outlined in the report. She also explained that they were asking for their 1) authorization to submit a full funding application to HCD by their December 31st deadline; 2) approval of the program budget that they would submit to HCD; and 3) authorization to hire the limited term staff that was needed to implement the program once it was approved by

HCD. She highlighted elements (Core Objectives) and major program areas that were in the report and noted that the report also included a summary of 1) all the outreach that they had done and all the agencies and stakeholders that they have engaged; and 2) the draft program schedule, which outlines the timelines for when they would expect to initiate calls for projects to select projects within these different program areas.

Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, asked how many staff they were thinking about temporarily hiring.

Ms. Jepson reported they had hired 13 limited term staff to support the program, and with the budget that was outlined they were looking to hire about 10 more people to support the program implementation.

Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director of Finance, clarified that the current staffing plan looks at about 30 limited term staff and that the ones Ms. Jepson had mentioned had already been on boarded with their authorization in February. She stated they had some current limited term staff that they were looking to extend that were currently supporting REAP 1.0 and would continue to support REAP 2.0. She stated they also had a couple of new ones that were part of the staffing plan.

Regional Council Member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, asked if staffing would be deployed out in the rest sub regions. She also moved the item for approval.

Ms. Jespon stated staff would conduct a variety of different activities to support the delivery of this program. She stated that staff would work to do outreach in their communities and work with the applicants to make sure that they can apply for the resources. She noted that these were the planning staff that would be both developing the programs and would be out in the community supporting implementation. She also noted that they would also have some administrative staff added to support the development of the MOU's, all the accounting, and all of the activities that need to happen for them to successfully deliver the \$247 million program of which 85% of the funding was going directly to partner agencies.

Second Vice President Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, expressed that a quarter billion dollars was a lot for 30 staff but hoped that as the program grows, they could look at the overhead compared to what kind of numbers they were getting out of the programming. He sated he was glad to hear that at least 85% plans to get out in the field.

Ms. Jepson explained that administrative costs were about 5% and the other portion was for other programs that SCAG was going to manage directly and hire consultants to support additional work in communities. She stated that programs like the Regional Data Platform (RDP) were a resource they provided to local jurisdictions to support their local planning. She explained that some of these

resources would support the expansion of the RDP and some other new data tools that they wanted to bring to the region to support planning work. She clarified that it was programs that they were developing to do work directly with communities in planning.

Second Vice President Hagman stated he thought this was a great opportunity for them and to bring this to the Regional Council as it gets developed. He stated he was fully supportive of them receiving the grant and them doing their mission. He seconded the motion by Regional Council Member Robertson.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC), acting on behalf of the Regional Council (RC): (1) approve the REAP 2.0 Program Budget as presented in Attachment 2 of the staff report, (2) authorize the Executive Director or their designee to hire Limited Term staff needed to implement REAP 2.0 program, and (3) adopt Resolution No. 22-649-1 authorizing the Executive Director or their designee to submit the Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2.0 (REAP 2.0) Full Application to the State Partners by the December 31, 2022 deadline. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – November 2, 2022
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-017-C01, Supporting Infrastructure for Zero Emission Heavy Duty Vehicles
5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 23-019-C01, Strategic and Technical Services for SCAG's REAP 2.0 Transportation Initiatives

6. Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Grant Application in Partnership with Metrolink
7. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

8. CFO Monthly Report

Second Vice President Curt Hagman asked about the two contracts on the Consent Calendar because he noticed they had the same company and wondered if there were a lot of competitors.

Leyton Morgan, Contracts Manager, explained the two items were completely separate and the first item for Cambridge had six competitors. He stated that they had originally awarded the contract to another firm, but they were not able to come to an agreement with them, so they went to Cambridge. For the second item, Cambridge was the only proposer, even though they went out for bid couple of times to try to get someone else.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 3 through 7; Receive and File Item 8. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Ms. Bustamante reported that the CFO report in the agenda packet included several charts on the progress of finance and procurement activities and a list of planning contracts awarded for the fiscal year. She noted that they also included in the report an update on our investment earnings as required by SCAG's investment policy which was adopted by the Regional Council in 2018. She reminded them that earlier this year SCAG opened a new investment account with the Local Agency Investment Fund with Regional Council approval. Lastly, she reported that the budget development process for the next fiscal year was in its final stage, and they had budget decisions coming in December. She indicated they were on track to bring back the draft budget in March.

Regional Council Member McCallon asked about the status of membership dues. Ms. Bustamante indicated they were at 50% collected and were hoping to have all dues collected in December or January at the latest.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik provided updates on the fall legislative meeting series which included meetings with Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor and Assemblymember Mike Fong, and the participation of the Board Officers and several Regional Council Members. Discussions with Senator Ochoa Bogh (Oh-Cho-Uh Bohg) were focused on needed funding to address infrastructure needs due to population growth in her district. With Assemblymember McKinnor, discussions were focused on securing funding for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project and including zoning overlay for religious institutions to build housing on their properties. With Assemblymember Fong, discussions were focused on addressing housing and infrastructure needs in the region. She also reported that SCAG's Legislative team hosted a webinar with information on federal funding resources available to our region as part of the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act. She also noted that the special "Money Monday" edition of the "Toolbox Tuesday" series aired on November 21 and was available on SCAG's website. She provided an update on the 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit scheduled for the next day at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles. She stated that they would be presenting new economic research about our region's ability to weather a potential recession, as well as interesting panel discussions about the region's strengths and emerging sectors. She also provided a reminder about upcoming meetings in January and noted that they would be welcoming the public back to attend our meetings in person. She also highlighted the slightly modified schedule – as determined by decisions at the last Regional Council meeting. She noted that the Regional Council meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, would start at its new regular time at noon, and run until 2:00 p.m. Lastly, she reminded members that the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 3 p.m. and wished everyone happy holidays.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise provided updates on the stated agency meetings with executive leadership at the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the California Office of Planning Research (OPR), the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) on November 8 and 9. He explained that the conversations focused on challenges and opportunities for achieving housing, climate and safety goals in Southern California and the role SCAG can play in supporting local implementation of state policies, which included work SCAG is proposing to fund in its REAP 2 application. He also provided an update on the Connect SoCal Subcommittees which have been diving deeper into key topic areas to develop recommendations for the next regional

transportation plan in 2024. He reported that the subcommittees next and final meetings would be in January, where they would review white papers and recommendations to be submitted to the SCAG Regional Council in March. Mr. Ajise also provided an update on the RAMP-ATG and stated that the Framework was accepted by the RAMP Advisory Task Group during its last meeting on November 16. He explained that the draft policy would now be forwarded to SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council early next year, as well as shared with Transportation Committee and Community, Economic and Human Development Committee. He stated that as the RAMP policy framework is finalized, they would revisit efforts to develop a tool to help stakeholders make early and informed decisions about infrastructure, growth and conservation, and mitigation requirements in our regional plan. He also noted that the current contract with the Nature Conservancy had expired, and staff would initiate a competitive procurement process where the selected consultant would also facilitate the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee. Lastly, he provided an duplicate on outreach activities in the region which included: a meeting with VCTC to discuss the REAP CTC Partnership Program; participation in a panel at CoMotion LA on creating public-private partnerships to facilitate more sustainable communities; SCAG staff presenting a SCAG-sponsored scholarship at the WTS LA annual scholarship dinner; participating in a RAND panel about leveraging investments related to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics to benefit underserved communities; presenting at the annual California Transportation Association conference, hosted by Omnitrans and held in Ontario; housing staff sharing their expertise in presentations to Leadership Today and HomeAid Orange County; and having a speaker at the Eye on DEI event hosted by the Orange County PRSA.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:36 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2022-23																		Total Atten To D
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	30-Jun	1-Jul	JULY	AUG	15-Aug	31-Aug	OCT	NOV	30-Nov	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, President, Chair		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						8
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County									1	1						2
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1						8
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1						9
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC		TCA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1						8
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1						5
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0						8
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						10
Hon. Nithya Ramen, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0						7
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1						6
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Man	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0						8
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - November 30, 2022)



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-016-C01, Strategic Media
Relations Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 23-016-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$603,225 with Lambert 20/20 Communications, Inc. DBA The 20/20 Network, to provide strategic media relations services. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The consultant will provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward bettering the quality of life for residents across its region. This will include building the agency's credibility and trust in the eyes of key regional, state and national leaders, as well as the general public.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$200,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
The 20/20 Network/ 23-016-C01	The consultant will provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating pointed coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward	\$603,225



bettering the quality of life for residents across
its region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$100,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, and the remaining \$503,225 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 OWP budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 23-016-C01
2. Contract Summary 23-016-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-016-C01

Recommended Consultant: Lambert 20/20 Communications, DBA The 20/20 Network

Background & Scope of Work: As part of its overall effort to create regional plans and support implementation, SCAG requires a strong and sustained relationship with the media. This includes strategies for creating and leveraging media opportunities to develop a consistent narrative that supports SCAG’s influence and leadership in fostering collaboration among Southern California’s land use and transportation planning community.

The consultant shall provide strategic media relations services by developing story pitches and generating coverage to support SCAG in accomplishing its goals of creating compliant regional plans and fostering regional collaboration to implement them, toward bettering the quality of life for residents across its region. Their services will also include building the agency’s credibility and trust in the eyes of key regional, state and national leaders, as well as the general public.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Fostering public understanding of long-range regional planning;
- Showcasing innovative programs, projects and studies led and funded by the agency; and
- Encouraging participation and further reach of information from SCAG events.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$603,225
	The 20/20 Network (prime consultant)	\$312,000
	Cause Communications (subconsultant)	\$190,700
	David Lang & Associates (subconsultant)	\$100,525

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed through December 31, 2025

Project Number(s): 090-0148.02 \$100,000
Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303.

Funding of \$150,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, and the remaining \$503,225 is expected to be available in the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 OWP budget in Project Number 090-0148.02, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 1,703 firms of the release of RFP 23-016 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 28 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:

The 20/20 Network (2 subconsultants)	\$603,225
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After receiving only one (1) proposal, staff surveyed 27 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Five (5) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reason these firms did not respond were the firms lacked required expertise to perform the scope of work. Further, from this feedback, it suggests that staff could not have done anything differently to get a better response. Note staff advertised the RFP for thirty-eight (38) days via PlanetBids. Staff subsequently requested and received Caltrans concurrence to proceed evaluating the single offer received.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the one (1) proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the one (1) proposal, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Ana Vallianatos, Manager, Media & Public Affairs, SCAG (Project Manager)

Margaret de Larios, Lead External Communications & Media, SCAG

Elizabeth Carvajal, Manager, Housing & Economic Empowerment, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended The 20/20 Network for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated comprehensive and broad range of services and solutions that will meet SCAG's requirements. Specifically, the consultant was able to respond to all tasks adequately, demonstrating expertise in working with the media as needed to perform in many of the areas required in the scope of work. This includes a full range of activity from planning media strategy, developing content, and working with media;
- Demonstrated extensive experience with projects of similar size and scope, specifically, the consultant is the incumbent firm providing similar services to SCAG. Their sub-consultant, Cause Communications also has extensive experience handling challenging issues in the public sector; and

Provided a detailed technical approach describing how they will complete the scope of work deliverables which includes flexible long-term approaches and specific tactical lists.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For January 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 23-016-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$603,225 with Lambert 20/20 Communications, Inc. DBA The 20/20 Network, to provide strategic media relations services. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
The 20/20 Network (prime consultant)	Yes - form attached
Cause Communications (subconsultant)	No - form attached
David Lang & Associates (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-016

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: The 20/20 Network
Name of Preparer: Steve Lambert
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: 23-016 **Date Submitted:** October 19, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

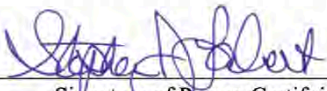
Name	Date	Dollar Value
Alan Wapner	July 21, 2022	\$1,000

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Steve Lambert, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Partner of (firm name) The 20/20 Network, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 19, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


 _____ 10/19/22
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-016

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Name of Firm: Cause Communications
Name of Preparer: Carrie Spencer
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: 23-016 **Date Submitted:** October 19, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

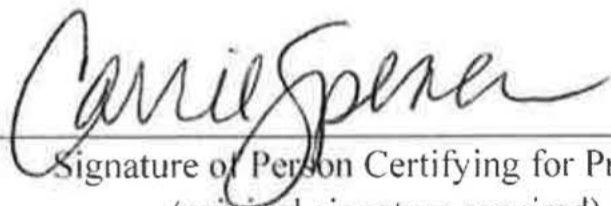
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Carrie Spencer, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Operations Director of (firm name) Cause Communications, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated October 12, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

10/12/2022

Date

NOTICE

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-016

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: David Lang & Associates
Name of Preparer: David Lang
Project Title: Strategic Media Relations Services
RFP Number: No. 23-016 Date Submitted: Oct. 12, 2022

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) DAVID C. LANG, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) PRESIDENT of (firm name) DAVID LANG & ASSOCIATES, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated Oct. 12, 2022 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

David Lang _____ Oct. 12, 2022 _____
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov
Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$15,000 to sponsor 1) the California Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000).

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:

At its December 20, 2022, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$15,000 to sponsor 1) the SGC & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: SGC & Milken Institute's 2023 Catalyst Conference
Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** Up to \$15,000

The SGC, in partnership with the Milken Institute, will host the inaugural 2023 Catalyst Conference on February 1 and 2, 2023, at the California Natural Resources Headquarters in Sacramento. The SGC is a cabinet level Committee that was statutorily created to coordinate and work collaboratively with public agencies, communities, and stakeholders to achieve sustainability, equity, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all Californians. The SGC supports community design that makes it easier for Californians to walk, bike and use transit through over \$1.5B in investments in various programs and initiatives. The Milken Institute, the conference co-host, is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank focused on accelerating measurable progress, with a focus on financial, physical, mental, and environmental health.



The 2023 Catalyst Conference will bring together community leaders, funders, government policymakers, and academics to explore proven models that build capacity and catalyze infrastructure planning and implementation in frontline communities in California, as well as innovative public-private partnerships that deepen investment and accelerate decarbonization.

During this moment of historic investments totaling over \$54B from state and federal governments, the Catalyst Conference will create space for peer-to-peer learning, partnerships, and the development of new standards and bold ideas that catalyze resilient, healthy, and thriving communities for all. SCAG staff recommends sponsoring the conference at the “Bronze” level, which will cost up to a maximum of \$15,000. However, SCAG staff is still negotiating the commitment and benefits package, so the final sponsorship amount may be lower. Thus, staff recommends the RC approve “up to \$15,000” for this sponsorship.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the sponsorship for up to \$15,000 for 1) the SGC & Milken Institute’s 2023 Catalyst Conference (up to \$15,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on December 20, 2022. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$15,000 to sponsor the SGC and Milken Institute’s 2023 Catalyst Conference is included in the approved FY 22-23 General Fund Budget.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

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 2023-2024 California State Legislative Session and the 118th Congress will convene the week of January 1, 2023. In advance of the start of these new sessions, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a comprehensive update to agency’s adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform.

At the LCMC, staff recommended removing redundant and outdated points, updating language, and increasing the conciseness of certain points. In addition, staff recommended the inclusion of new sections on Technology & Data, Transit & Rail, and Water. Staff also recommended that the former Economic Development and Economic Opportunity sections be merged into one. Other individual points were recommended for inclusion to respond to emerging issues in Sacramento or Washington, D.C.

The Legislative Platform was discussed at the LCMC’s November and December meetings. At the December 20, 2022 LCMC meeting, the Committee unanimously voted to forward a support recommendation on the 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform to the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and Regional Council (RC). If approved, staff will immediately work to advance these priorities in the coming year.

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, staff recommends a comprehensive update to the agency’s State and Federal Legislative Platform. As part of this update, staff from the Legislation Department leads an outreach effort to all SCAG planning departments to identify opportunities to improve the platform to respond to new and emerging issues in preparation for coming year. Proposed changes include adding new sections, removing outdated sections, adding new priorities, and improving the delivery and conciseness of existing priorities. Staff presented its initial recommendations at the November 15, 2022 LCMC meeting to gather feedback and further direction from the Committee. After the November meeting, staff incorporated the committee’s feedback and conducted targeted engagement with some member jurisdictions, stakeholders, and partner agencies.

At the direction of the Committee, staff drafted a policy statement which expresses the region’s desire to support legislative solutions to regional and statewide issues in collaboration with the State. This policy statement was separately discussed and included as a preface to the Legislative Platform, at the recommendation of the LCMC.

Staff presented a final draft 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform at the LCMC’s December 20, 2022 meeting with a recommendation to approve. After a staff presentation, the LCMC unanimously voted to forward the 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform to the EAC and RC with a recommendation to approve. If approved, staff will immediately work to identify and create opportunities to advance these priorities in the 2023 year.

The recommended updates to the sections of the legislative platform are highlighted in the following tables:

<u>State</u>	
Active Transportation	Affordable Housing & Housing Production
Broadband Access	Building Resilience
Cap & Trade	Congestion Reduction
Economic Development Expanding Economic Opportunity & Economic Development *MERGED*	Expanding Opportunity
Freight & Goods Movement	Government Efficiency
Project Streamlining	Public Health
Racial Justice	Technology & Data
Transit & Rail *NEW*	Transportation Development Act
Transportation Funding	Transportation Safety
Water *NEW*	
<u>Federal</u>	

Affordable Housing, Homelessness & Local Government	Aviation
Broadband Access *EXPANDED*	Environment & Air Quality —Air Quality, Environment, & Water
Freight & Goods Movement	Project Streamlining
Public Health	Public-Private Partnerships
Public Transit & Mobility Transit & Rail	Racial Justice
Surface Transportation Policy & Funding	Technology & Data *NEW*

The proposed changes to the state and federal platforms are summarized below.

STATE

Starting with the State Legislative Platform, the LCMC recommends adding a policy statement on local knowledge and collaboration as a preface to the Legislative Platform. The recommended language for the policy statement is as follows:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) seeks to work in partnership with the State on locally tailored solutions to address issues of regional and statewide concern.

Because of our region’s rich diversity, we recognize that one size rarely fits all. With over 150 city councilmembers, mayors, and county supervisors serving on SCAG’s Regional Council and policy committees, we believe that the 19 million people of the SCAG region deserve to be represented at the local level and that the best solutions to pressing public policy issues are made in collaboration with the elected officials closest to the people.

SCAG supports legislative efforts that provide funding, resources, and tools that help our region’s 191 cities, six counties, six county transportation commissions, and other member and partner organizations implement locally tailored solutions that address our specific needs and meet statewide policy goals. We support efforts that promote the use of our local knowledge from our lived experiences and oppose efforts that would discount or exclude our important contributions.

The guiding ethos of the points below reflect SCAG’s belief that local levels of government need additional tools and resources to achieve the positive outcomes associated with the policy goals we share with the State.

Additionally, staff recommends updating various sections by adding, removing, and editing specified points. First, in the *Active Transportation* Section, staff recommends editing the first point for

conciseness while maintaining support for the Active Transportation program. Staff also recommends the addition of a new point to support legislation for more local control over local streets that cross state rights-of-way.

Staff recommends significant changes to the *Affordable Housing & Housing Production* section. Recommendations include editing points six, seven, and nine for conciseness while improving the delivery of the existing priorities. Staff also recommends the addition of point eight and twelve. Point eight highlights SCAG's involvement in the Department of Housing and Community Development's regional housing need allocation (RHNA) stakeholder engagement process. Point twelve expresses support for programs and legislation that provide more options for different housing types, including emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive, to help address the homelessness crisis. This point also demonstrates our support for supportive housing, which includes services for the homeless population ranging from workforce development to mental health. On the same issue, staff also recommends adding a new point to the *Public Health* section to support more funding for navigation centers, housing options, and outreach efforts to address the needs of the unhoused. These additions are being recommended to address feedback from the LCMC. Lastly, staff recommends that former point eleven be moved to a new section and that former point nine be removed, as we do not expect the State to offer additional COVID-19 rental assistance.

In the *Broadband Access* section, staff recommends edits to points one and three to improve conciseness and the written delivery of the priority. Staff also recommends the addition of point four to support the integration of broadband, land use, and transportation planning as a strategy to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

In the *Building Resilience* section, staff recommends the addition of point one, which came from the *Cap & Trade* Section that is recommended for removal. Staff also recommends removing former point two and merging that priority into the substantially similar new point two to affirm our support for advocating for resources for member jurisdictions to prepare for and deal with the consequences of natural disasters. Lastly, staff recommends the replacement of language in point four, which maintains support for the investment of General Fund and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund resources for specified purposes.

Next, staff recommends the removal of the *Cap & Trade* Section while keeping point one and moving it to the *Building Resilience* section. Many of these points are no longer relevant, and point one captures the most critical priority for Cap & Trade funds moving into 2023. Thus, this recommendation will help make the platform more concise.

Staff recommends minor edits to points in the *Congestion Reduction* Section for conciseness. Further, Staff recommends merging the former *Economic Development* and *Expanding Opportunity*

Sections into the *Expanding Economic Opportunity & Economic Development* Section and merging the points in both sections while adding in point five from the *Housing* section.

Staff recommends significant changes to the wording of priorities in the *Freight & Goods Movement* Section, including improving the delivery and conciseness of point one by merging former points two and four into point one. Staff also recommends the addition of language into point two to improve its delivery. Staff recommends a minor edit to the wording of point two in the *Government Efficiency* section.

Next, Staff recommends adding a new point five in the *Project Streamlining* section to support streamlining and simplifying the regulatory review process and increased coordination among state and federal agencies. This addition is also being recommended to address feedback from the LCMC. Staff also recommends wording improvements to point four in the *Project Streamlining* Section, points one and four in the *Public Health* Section, and point one in the *Racial Justice* Section.

Staff recommends major changes to the *Technology & Data* Section, including adding new priorities in points two, three, four, and five. Point two expresses support for Smart Cities Initiative funding, point three expresses support for energy resilience policies to minimize the impact of electric vehicles on the power grid, and point five reiterates SCAG's neutrality with respect to different alternative fuel and vehicle types. Staff also recommends minor wording improvements to other points in this Section.

One major staff recommendation includes the creation of the new *Transit & Rail* Section, which expresses support for funding for public transit and rail, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), and transit-oriented development. In the *Transportation Funding* Section, staff recommends removing point four, which is outdated, and minor wording improvements in other points.

Lastly, staff recommends the addition of a *Water* Section with four brand new points. Point one expresses support for taking an "all of the above" approach to addressing the State's drought and water crises, outlining five priority strategies. Point two expresses support for allocating more resources to water infrastructure and point three expresses support for programs that assist low-income communities in making water more affordable. Lastly, point four expresses support for additional flexibility in using state water resources to allow for integrated planning efforts with associated infrastructure. Staff implemented minor edits to various points in the newly proposed *Water* section, as recommended by a SCAG partner agency.

FEDERAL

Staff recommends various changes to the federal platform for consistency with the state platform. These include adding points in the *Affordable Housing, Homelessness, & Local Government* and *Public Health* sections to support more funding and to build more housing to address homelessness

and the needs of the unhoused. This also includes a point in the *Project Streamlining* section to support streamlining, simplification, and collaboration amongst state and federal agencies concerning permitting and regulatory oversight. Staff also recommends updating the *Federal Broadband* Section to contain the same staff recommendations as the *State Broadband* Section.

Next, Staff recommends renaming the *Environment & Air Quality* Section as the *Air Quality, Environment, & Water* Section. Staff recommends adding content to the existing point one in this new Section to improve delivery and adding points four, five, and six, which are a copy and paste of points two, three, and four from the State Platform *Water* Section.

Additionally, staff recommends editing point one in the *Aviation* section to clarify support for funding opportunities from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to help Metropolitan Planning Organizations conduct surface transportation studies and planning activities near airports. This point was clarified to reflect the pending FAA reauthorization bill, which is on the agenda for 2023.

Staff recommends minor changes in the *Freight & Goods Movement* and *Public Health* Sections. Staff also recommends renaming the *Public Transit & Mobility* Section to the *Transit & Rail* Section to ensure consistency with the State Platform. Within this Section, staff recommends adding point two, which is copied from point two in the State Section, and point five, which expresses support for funding and planning opportunities for EV infrastructure that focus benefits on the lowest income households.

Lastly, staff recommends minor changes to points in the *Racial Justice* and *Surface Transportation Policy & Funding* Sections, with the removal of former point eight in the latter, as the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program was already expanding in the Investment Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA). The final staff recommendation in the Federal Platform includes the addition of a *Technology & Data* Section, which is a more concise version of the *Technology & Data* Section in the State Platform tailored for the federal context.

Prior Committee Action

Staff presented the draft 2023 State & Federal Legislative Platform at the November 15, 2022 LCMC as an information item to give the Committee an opportunity to provide feedback and direction. Staff incorporated the Committee's feedback and then presented a final draft to the LCMC at its December 20, 2022 meeting. The Committee voted unanimously (9-0) to forward the 2023 State and Federal Platform for the EAC and RC with a recommendation to approve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the 2023 Legislative Platform Update staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Planning Supervisor
(213) 236-1975, johnson@scag.ca.gov
Subject: REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:
Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMEND ACTION FOR EAC AND RC:
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:
Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The REAP 1.0 funding is a one-time planning program that authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing production. SCAG is administering the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance (including housing element data components and policy assessments), subregional partnerships with councils of government, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and planning support offered through the Sustainable Communities Program to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions.

Staff is providing a bi-annual program status and update on the REAP 1.0 programs.

BACKGROUND:

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was eligible for \$47 million in REAP funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle RHNA.

SCAG has framed the REAP funding into three umbrella categories:

1. Partnerships and Outreach
2. Regional Housing Policy Solutions
3. Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration

This report provides an update on the current and future REAP program implementation activities, organized by each umbrella category, with an additional update on administrative actions related to program implementation.

The last update was presented to the CEHD Committee at its July 7, 2022 meeting and SCAG staff intends to continue providing program updates on a bi-annual basis. In addition, as the REAP funded programs begin to produce results and deliverables, staff will coordinate presentations to the CEHD committee on the impacts and lessons learned in the program.

REAP Program Administration

AB 101 originally required that all REAP 1.0 funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. SB 197, which was enacted on June 30, 2022 and immediately took effect, extended the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline to December 31, 2024. To receive full reimbursement of REAP activities, SCAG must submit all of its processed invoices to HCD by June 30, 2024.

REAP Program Updates***1. Partnerships and Outreach***

There are three programs within the Partnerships and Outreach category of SCAG's REAP funding.

1) Subregional Partnership Program

SCAG set aside approximately \$24 million of its REAP housing funding for the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) to fund subregional partnership planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA. The program is intended to augment resources available through locally received SB 2 and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants and foster subregional collaborations to take advantage of economies of scale in meeting housing goals. The funding amount available for each subregional partner is based on the final RHNA allocation.

Over 70 SRP projects have kicked off and are well underway. Because completion timelines vary, SCAG staff will prepare a closeout report for each individual project. All SRP projects are projected to finish by early 2024 to meet the reimbursement deadlines for the REAP program.

A number of projects have already reached completion. Several have made significant impacts on housing element preparation and have resulted in successful compliant housing elements:

- City of Los Angeles: The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and Assessment of Fair Housing Assessment and Safety Element Update
- The County of Los Angeles: Housing Element Outreach
- San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG): Site Inventory and Site Analysis Tool

Other completed SRP projects include:

- South Bay Cities Council of Governments' SB 330 Supplemental Pre-application Form to Facilitate Replacement Housing – a project that will help produce affordable housing units and prevent displacement of residents
- Ventura County Council of Governments (VCOG) Regional Model Inclusionary Ordinance -- a template for inclusionary housing ordinances for optional implementation by jurisdictions
- SBCOG, Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit -- a toolkit to provide a utility growth capacity plan for certain unincorporated areas to address housing element capacity issues

Over the next year, SCAG anticipates a large number of transformative projects to reach milestones and completion. Highlighted projects include:

- Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)/Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)/VCOG Cross-regional Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Communication Toolkit -- a multi-regional collaborative project to enable jurisdictions to educate the public about opportunities for ADU production and meet common goals
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, GCCOG, OCCOG -- Housing Trust Fund supportive activities
- City of Palmdale (North Los Angeles County) Digital Utility Data Inventory Tool -- a comprehensive utility data inventory and interactive online viewing tool to support the development of housing
- San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Regional Housing Analysis Tool -- a multi-jurisdictional tool to identify areas with low vehicle miles traveled conditions as most suitable for the siting of affordable housing

SCAG will continue to update the CEHD Committee on various SRP projects in upcoming biannual reports and publicize highlighted deliverables as they become available.

2) Call for Collaboration

In partnership with the California Community Foundation (CCF) and other philanthropic organizations, the Call for Collaboration program was designed to fund community-based organizations and non-profit led activities that result in action-oriented planning policies and programs demonstrating a nexus to accelerating housing production. This collaboration fosters diverse community-driven approaches and strategic coalitions to shape and execute a vision for more housing in every community while addressing historic racial inequities.

The Call for Collaboration grantee projects are currently in their final month of the performance period. A technical assistance provider procured by CCF has hosted seven 90-minute trainings on special topics. The technical assistance provider, along with SCAG and CCF staff, hosts a monthly check-in with grantees. CCF and SCAG are collectively conducting a thorough review of grantee progress and identifying additional technical assistance needed. Several projects will conclude in December 2022 and the remaining projects will be completed by March 2023. A presentation on the program was given to CEHD at their October 6, 2022 meeting.

3) Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA)

SCAG procured a consultant team to develop and lead a housing leadership academy that aims to convene, educate, and engage elected officials, local leaders and influential stakeholders on housing issues related to production and preservation of housing. The objectives of this program are to educate and elevate local leadership to proactively contribute to accelerate housing production, develop regional pro-housing coalitions, better utilize housing funding opportunities, implement housing elements, and collaborate with SCAG's emerging housing program. Two subregional partners, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, opted to use a portion of their SRP funds to sponsor their own HPLA cohort as part of their Subregional Partnership Program grant funding, for a total of 8 subregional cohorts.

The first HPLA session kicked off in February 2022. Almost 200 individuals representing a variety of stakeholders from planning commissioners, elected officials, non-profit leaders and service providers completed the program in November and December 2022. The series concluded with a culminating group research project and policy proposal. Some members indicated voluntarily continuing on to work on the initiatives begun in class and will be seeking stakeholder support, local approvals, and funding to execute on the policy recommendations researched.

In addition to the trainings, the leadership academy program included four (4) region-wide convenings on core housing topics that started in November 2021 and concluded in November 2022. Each Forum had approximately 300 participants and the last two Forums were held in partnership with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). National- and local-level speakers were featured and provided an overview of recent Federal and State housing legislation,

along with other important housing topics such as homeownership. Staff will invite some of the HPLA participants to present their policy proposals to the CEHD committee in 2023.

2. *Regional Housing Policy Solutions*

There are three programs in the Regional Housing Policy Solutions category.

1) RHNA Methodology/Allocation

In Summer 2022, SCAG launched an effort to collect public input and develop recommendations to the State as part of the RHNA reform process required under AB101. While HCD has not yet made available its schedule or process for statewide RHNA reform, AB101 and the extension granted by SB 197 require that HCD make recommendations by December 31, 2023. Due to restrictions from HCD on using REAP 1.0 funding for RHNA reform, SCAG will limit its remaining RHNA work under REAP to creating a lessons learned and best practices document on the 6th cycle RHNA.

Using other funding sources, SCAG staff is currently reviewing the collected input on RHNA reform and will develop draft recommendations. Staff will share the draft recommendations as part of another public outreach process in late Spring 2023, after which final recommendations will be proposed to the CEHD and Regional Council for approval. Subsequent to Regional Council approval, staff will prepare a comment letter based on the recommendations and submit it to HCD as part of their Statewide outreach process.

2) Data Tools and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates

In June 2022, SCAG launched a new program offering grant writing assistance for housing-supportive opportunities for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments. In Summer 2022 SCAG procured a consultant to assist jurisdictions in determining candidate projects and provide technical assistance to ensure that the jurisdiction or Tribal Government meets application evaluation criteria for various grants offered by public agencies such as HCD. A call for applications was open between June 6 and July 1, 2022 and shared with subregions, jurisdictions, and Tribal Governments. Four jurisdictions and two Tribal Governments have begun receiving technical assistance, and space is still available for additional recipients. SCAG will continue to reach out to potential recipients until program funds are expended.

3) Housing Policy Solutions Research

Building upon prior internal research efforts which focus on housing policies and fiscal innovations, this work item was established to develop collaboratively funded university studies (“university partnerships”) or other partnerships and engagements that provide research and recommendations on best practices that accelerate housing production. The key deliverables will consist of policy

briefs and periodic white papers on timely topics and best practices. Five efforts are underway or completed for this program:

1. *Other to Residential*: The Other-to-Residential project considers the opportunities and barriers for conversion of underutilized non-residential sites to much-needed residential use in the SCAG region. The underutilized non-residential land uses include retail commercial uses, gas stations, brownfields, and golf courses. The project included a collaboration with students at the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy to expand opportunities for students to engage with planning practitioners and real-world examples. The final product, an Other-to-Residential Toolkit that showcases case studies and best practices in the conversion of non-residential land uses, was presented to the CEHD Committee in June 2022 and released to the public in August 2022. The full Toolkit is downloadable on the SCAG REAP 1.0 website and a full ArcGIS StoryMap will be available in early 2023.
2. *Housing Development Streamlining*: The Housing Development Streamlining Project will offer guidance documents, best practices, workshops, and other materials and resources to support local jurisdictions' efforts to streamline their CEQA and general administrative review processes. Earlier this year the consultant prepared a Recommendation Report based on responses to a questionnaire. Per the feedback received on the Questionnaire, in November 2022 the consultant prepared guidance documents that were published on SCAG's website: <https://scag.ca.gov/development-streamlining-efforts>. A total of 14 guidance documents were published covering a range of topics, including CEQA streamlining, exemptions, and other State laws. Workshop preparation is ongoing and workshops will be scheduled for Spring 2023.
3. *Smart Permitting*: The City of Cerritos pilot program, as a part of the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP), continues making progress on their online permitting platform to accelerate housing production. The consultant team and City staff are working closely together to migrate content, install critical modules, design functional systems, and build the new platform. Several critical "Go Live" launch dates have occurred and allow the project team to process permits in the new environment, in turn expediting processing times, collecting data, tracking progress, and reducing in-person trips to City Hall, usually taken by single-occupancy vehicles. The project timeline was extended, and data findings, best practices, and regional replicability will be the focus of Winter 2023 with a final report anticipated by May 2023. Early results are promising, and the community has positively embraced the new platform and improved permitting workflows.
4. *Tax Increment Financing (TIF)*: An expansion of SCAG's TIF pilot program, this project will provide technical assistance to advance establishment of innovative self-help financing

districts for local jurisdictions that can accelerate housing production, including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs), Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvements Districts (NIFTIs/NIFTI-2s), and Affordable Housing Authorities (AHAs). The project will complete studies for the County of Imperial and City of Barstow incorporating best practices for district establishment and infrastructure financing, and will have a specific focus on implementing housing supportive infrastructure and expanding housing supply. Work kicked off in Fall 2022 and both the County and City have participated in the technical discussions. The project's next steps will be to define the EIFD boundaries and hold public workshops in early 2023.

5. *Preservation Strategy*: The purpose of this program is to develop a series of recommendations for a comprehensive preservation program, focused on both current affordable housing with expiring covenants as well as naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) at risk of converting to market rate. Preservation of expiring covenants and NOAH is a critical component of a robust Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing program as it is a powerful anti-displacement strategy. The project kicked off in September 2022 and work is currently underway, including the finalization of a literature review. As part of the project, a preservation advisory committee made up of professionals in housing development and tenant's rights will be established and hold its first convening in early 2023.

3. ***Sustainable Communities Strategies Integration***

There are three programs in the SCS Strategies Integration category.

1) 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)

This program (<https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program>) was designed to provide resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete local planning efforts that both accelerate housing production as well as enable implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) of Connect SoCal. There are three eligible categories for this program including: (1) implementing ADU programs; (2) Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts; and (3) streamlining housing permitting, parking reduction strategies, housing-related specific plans and other pro-housing policies. Staff assembled the 26 applications received into 12 project bundles based on similar project outcomes and deliverables.

One of the ADU bundles is scheduled to reach completion at the end of December 2022. Deliverables will include an updated ADU ordinance template and an online calculator tool, which will estimate development fees and the overall cost of ADU development for participating

jurisdictions. Additionally, the bundle will produce an ADU development handbook, plans, and a financial assistance report.

Another highlight of the HSD program was the vote on the resolution of intent to establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) by the City of Yucaipa and the City of Covina in December 2022. EIFDs are a type of tax increment financing district that can be used to fund certain public needs, which in this project is to fund infrastructure improvements to support infill housing. The next step of the project scope is to establish a public financing authority, which will oversee the creation of the EIFD.

2) Transit Oriented Development Work Program

LA Metro Partnership: SCAG and Metro are pursuing a Transit Oriented Development/Transit Oriented Communities (TOD/TOC) partnership via an MOU to fund a three-part program that promotes housing production near transit stations. Each part aims to accelerate the delivery of housing and will include evaluating station access, parking strategies, joint development strategies, housing supportive community outreach and a housing innovation “lab.” The goal of the partnership is to plan for nearly 10,000 units of housing on transit-adjacent properties. Currently, SCAG staff is working closely with Metro to develop station site analyses and a framework for the housing innovation lab. A community-based organization (CBO) and community-based developer organization (CBDO) database for site development preparation will be finalized in early 2023.

Metrolink TOD Study: SCAG and SCRRA are partnering through an MOU to identify and encourage transit-oriented housing and redevelopment opportunities throughout Metrolink’s network and around its stations. Particular emphasis is being made to support and add value to the Metrolink Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) capital improvement and service enhancement program. Local cities and county transportation commissions are being included to maximize coordination on issues such as alignment of land development policies and regulations, land ownership and site control opportunities of transit station areas and supporting facilities. This effort includes preparing a station area land-use analysis for the Metrolink station areas that will be included in the 2024 Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

A list of sixteen (16) potential stations based on development opportunities and equity and displacement has been developed and will be narrowed down to eight (8) stations by the end of January 2023. A real estate analysis and strategy on how to incorporate TOD will be conducted on the selected station areas. A stakeholder engagement plan will also be developed in early 2023. The station analysis and strategy will only be conducted for station areas where jurisdictions have expressed interest in participation.

Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC):

The ITC is proposed as a 1.8-mile free-standing, open air, elevated fixed guideway transit system with three stations. Initially, SCAG intended to partner with the City of Inglewood to examine and identify the opportunities for transit-oriented development, including affordable housing, along the ITC Project alignment, and potentially at the ITC maintenance service facility site. The study would have resulted in a toolkit that includes a check list that other parties (transit agencies, municipalities, and development authorities, etc.) may use when considering the proactive preservation and/or integration of transit-oriented or joint-development opportunities into a fixed guideway transit system. However due to administrative issues with the procurement process that may result in missing the REAP expenditure deadline, SCAG has elected to remove this project from the REAP program. Funds will be reallocated to other projects and to cover extended staff time needed to extend the REAP program past its original closeout date.

3) Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis

SCAG has pursued partnerships to further next steps on housing supportive land use analyses and strategy development in PGAs. Staff have focused on partnerships that leverage existing programs and efforts, with an emphasis on the State-funded Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) areas. SCAG has selected two cities, Pomona and Riverside, to partner with in pursuing additional analysis and feasibility studies in connection with their existing TCC grant funds.

The partnership with the City of Pomona will develop a housing land use suitability and infrastructure study to analyze the potential for development of affordable housing on City-owned parcels in the downtown area. The project kicked off in July 2022. The consultant has completed significant public outreach and site visits and is conducting technical studies and analysis. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2023.

The partnership with the City of Riverside originally focused on an infrastructure plan in its identified TCC area. However, after two unsuccessful procurements, SCAG and city staff modified the scope to provide contracted planners to review and expedite housing applications within the original plan area. SCAG staff expects the RFP release for this work in mid-December 2022 and is aiming for kickoff in early 2023. The contract is scheduled for completion in early 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (22-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SR REAP Update Jan 2023



SCAG's Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) *Biannual Program Update*

Ma'Ayn Johnson, AICP
Housing Program Manager
January 5, 2023

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Grant Administration

- Total award amount: \$47M
- Goal and purpose: To increase housing supply and accelerate housing production
- REAP 1.0 Deadline Extension SB 197, July 2022
 - HCD expenditure due date December 2024
 - SCAG invoices must be submitted to HCD by June 30, 2024

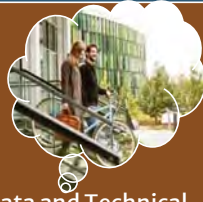
REAP Program Areas

Partnerships & Outreach



- Subregional Partnership Program
- Call for Collaboration
- Housing Leadership Academy

Regional Housing Policy Solutions



- Data and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates
- Grant writing technical assistance
- Housing Policy Solutions Research

Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration



- Sustainable Communities Program
- Transit Oriented Development Work Program
- Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

Other



- RHNA Methodology/ Allocation
- Administration

Subregional Partnership Program

\$24.7M Program
 15 subregional partners
 Over 70 individual projects across the region

Activities across the region include:

- Housing element technical assistance
- CBO outreach for housing planning
- Model ordinance development
- Infrastructure capacity analysis
- AFFH toolkit and strategies
- Housing trust strategy development
- Surplus land inventories
- ADU capacity analysis and strategies



Completed housing element-related projects:
 -City of Los Angeles
 -County of Los Angeles
 -SBCTA/SBCOG

Other completed SRP projects:
 -SBCCOG: SB 330 pre-application form to facilitate replacement housing
 -VCOG Regional model inclusionary ordinance
 -SBCTA/SBCOG: Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit



Upcoming projects:
 -OCCOG/GCCOG/VCOG Cross-regional ADU communication toolkit
 -SGVCOG, GCCOG, OCCOG housing trust fund activities
 -City of Palmdale Digital utility data inventory tool
 -SFVCOG Regional housing analysis tool

REAP Partnership & Outreach Programs

Call for Collaboration

- 15 awards to non-profit and community-based organizations, totaling \$1.25 million
- Several projects will conclude in December 2022
- All projects will be completed by March 2023

Leadership Academy

- Last of 10 sessions held in November 2022
- Almost 200 individuals completed the program and presented on a policy proposal
- Forum #3 and #4 held in August and November 2022
- Staff will invite some HPLA participants to present their policy proposals to CEHD in 2023

Regional Housing Policy Solutions

RHNA Methodology/Allocation

- RHNA reform will continue under a different funding source in 2023

Housing Element Update Data & Technical Assistance

- Online permitting portal platform with the City of Cerritos: Regional replicability and best practices, Winter 2023
- Grant writing technical assistance: Four jurisdictions and 2 Tribal Governments are receiving TA, spots still open

Housing Policy Research

- Other to residential project: Published in August 2022 and online download available, full StoryMap coming in early 2023
- Development streamlining resources and training: Fourteen guidance documents published, workshops scheduled for Spring 2023
- Tax Increment Financing strategies: Kicked off Fall 2022, public workshops in early 2023
- Housing Preservation Strategy: Kicked off September 2022, first convening will be held in early 2023

2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)

\$5M in funding approved for 26 projects

Staff developed “bundles” of scopes of work, to procure consultant teams that will work with cities across similar project types.

As of January 2023

- One ADU bundle has been completed
 - Updated ADU ordinance template
 - Online calculator tool
 - ADU development handbook and plans
- Two cities approved a resolution of intent to establish an EIFD (City of Yucaipa and City of Covina)

Program/Bundle Types

Advancing accessory dwelling unit (ADU) implementation

Housing sustainability districts, workforce housing opportunity zones, and housing supportive tax increment financing districts

Objective development standards for streamlined housing, pro-housing designation program, and parking innovation

Transit Oriented Development Work Program

Partnership with LA Metro

- Station site analyses
- Framework of housing innovation lab
- CBO and CBDO database in early 2023

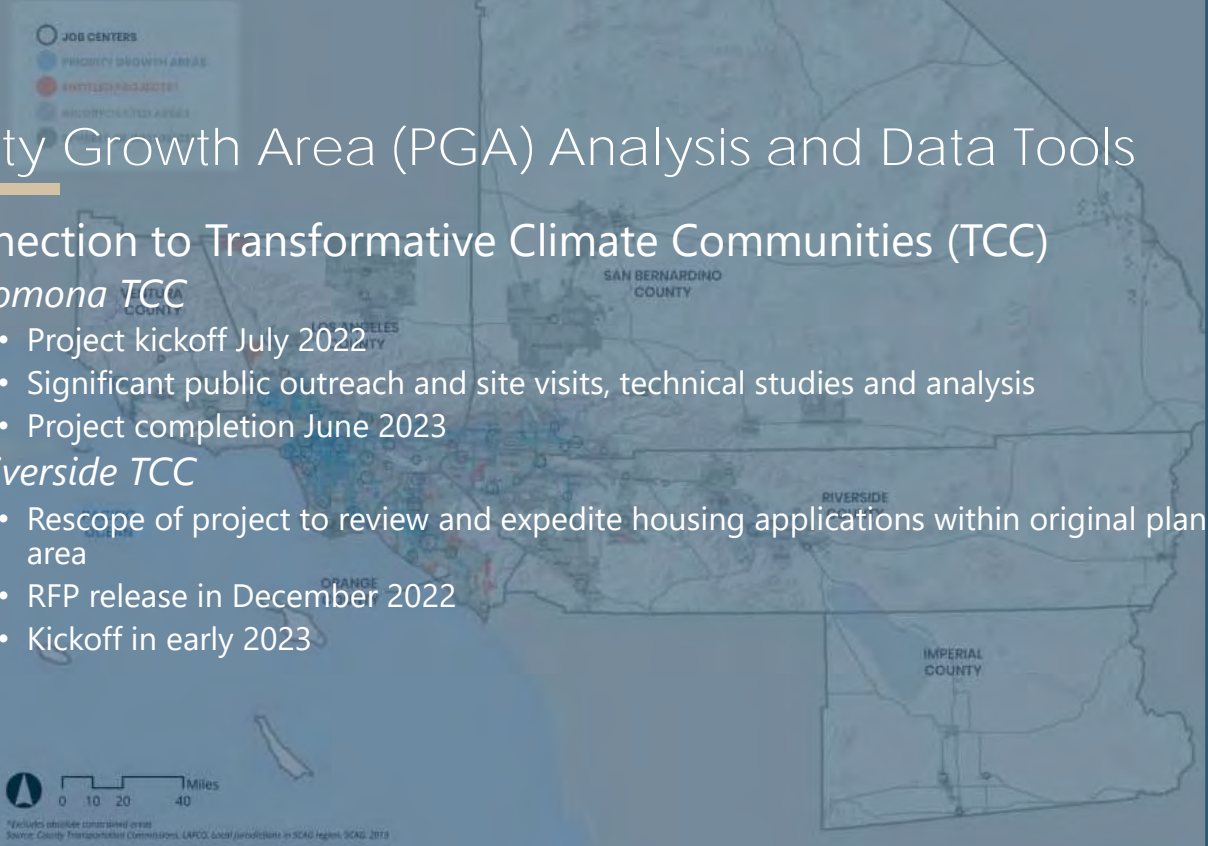
Housing production near transit stations

Partnership with SCRRRA (Metrolink)

- List of potential stations developed and will be narrowed down to 8 in January 2023
- Stakeholder engagement early 2023
- Completely optional participation

Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

- Connection to Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)
 - *Pomona TCC*
 - Project kickoff July 2022
 - Significant public outreach and site visits, technical studies and analysis
 - Project completion June 2023
 - *Riverside TCC*
 - Rescope of project to review and expedite housing applications within original plan area
 - RFP release in December 2022
 - Kickoff in early 2023



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

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AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Leyton Morgan, Department Manager
(213) 236-1982, morganl@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council
Approval Threshold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (PO's) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Softwareone Inc.	FY23 Adobe Renewal	\$19,887
Saba Software Canada Inc.	FY23 82 Additional Saba License	\$9,310

SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
1. KOA Corporation (21-048-MRFP-08)	The Consultant shall develop a Safe Routes to School Plan (Plan) for the City of Duarte to guide the development of a comprehensive network of safe streets surrounding schools. They will assess existing infrastructure and provide recommendations for safety improvements from a multimodal	\$169,951



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	standpoint. They will develop a plan that will provide a vision for improving conditions for non-motorized forms of travel to schools, with the goal of improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity.	
2. The Pinnacle Group (23-010-C01)	Under this agreement, The Pinnacle Group acts as the channel partner and reseller for the purchase of server hardware and support provided by HP Inc. This contract is for a one-time purchase of server hardware and support that SCAG will implement as dedicated backup servers to the IT infrastructure.	\$101,928
3. Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (23-002-C01)	The consultant shall develop and document a conceptual and statistical framework for SCAG's subregional (county-level) job quality index (JQI). The framework will guide SCAG staff's calculation of a county-level job quality index. The framework shall specify the concepts, statistical methods, data resources, and a bibliography to guide the construction of a county-level job quality index. It must also include recommendations for aggregation strategies for a SCAG-region level JQI. The JQI developed by following this framework should be able to withstand the close scrutiny of business leaders, labor leaders, academic experts, and policymakers.	\$75,000
4. Mark Thomas and Company	The consultant shall provide services	\$49,643



SCAG executed the following Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract’s Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
(21-048-MRFP-10)	for the Sustainability Communities Program for the City of Santa Ana. Specifically, the consultant shall develop planning level, conceptual plans and estimates for a minimum of 5 priority projects that the City shall specify. The plans and estimates package will outline the safety improvement countermeasures that will be recommended by the Safe Mobility Santa Ana plan update for the various roadway corridors and intersections as identified therein.	

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 or less than 30% of the original contract value

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment’s Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 21-048-MRFP-08
2. Contract Summary 23-010-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-002-C01
4. Contract Summary 21-048-MRFP-10

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-MRFP-08

Recommended Consultant:

KOA Corporation

Background & Scope of Work:

The Consultant shall develop a Safe Routes to School Plan (Plan) for the City of Duarte to guide the development of a comprehensive network of safe streets surrounding schools. They will assess existing infrastructure and provide recommendations for safety improvements from a multimodal standpoint. They will develop a plan that will provide a vision for improving conditions for non-motorized forms of travel to schools, with the goal of improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Developing a Safe Routes to School Plan for the City of Duarte that includes priority projects that can effectively compete for regional, state, and federal funding;
- Improving transportation safety, accessibility, and connectivity for Duarte's most vulnerable community members, children, and by extension, improving conditions for older adults; and
- Contributing to the region's efforts to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. Create plans that enhance the region's strength, economy, resilience and adaptability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$169,951
KOA Corporation (prime consultant)	\$130,766
Safe Routes to School National Partnership (subconsultant)	\$4,342
Safe Moves (subconsultant)	\$34,843

Note: KOA Corporation originally proposed \$277,646, but staff negotiated the price down to \$169,951 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period:

October 1, 2022 through October 1, 2023

Project Number(s):

275-4892UA.01 \$150,458

275-4892E.01 \$19,493

Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Funding of \$169,951 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 (\$150,458) and 275-4892E.01 (\$19,493). Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 and 275-4892E.01, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 20 firms of the release of RFP 21-048 MRFP 08 via emails sent to the Transportation Mobility Planning and Analysis Bench Consultants listed for Discipline 2. A total of 20 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:

KOA Corporation (2 subconsultants)

\$277,646

After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed 19 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Five (5) firms responded to staff's inquiry, which disclosed the main reasons these firms did not respond was that they lacked the qualification and/or experience to meet the scope of work requirements while other firms had other pursuits and time did not allow them to propose. Staff advertised the RFP the normal four (4) week period and an additional two weeks. Staff subsequently requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed evaluating the single offer received.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC did not conduct an interview because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Stephanie Sandoval, Public Works Manager, City of Duarte
- Courtney Aguirre, Program Manager, SCAG
- Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

- The PRC recommended KOA for the contract award because the consultant:
- Demonstrated a solid understanding of the project, specifically the importance of creating a pedestrian and bicycle network that is well connected with the City of Duarte's 10 school sites and the surrounding community;
 - Demonstrated a solid understanding of the local context, including the community's existing demographics and transportation safety hotspots;
 - Detailed how they will prepare conceptual designs for three (3) priority projects, which will support the City of Duarte in its efforts to secure external funding for projects;
 - Provided specific examples of how they will deploy innovative multilingual outreach and engagement efforts, including 10 interactive bike and walk audits (five of which will be student-led), five community workshops, five community leader and organization meetings, and a tactical urbanism demonstration project using SCAG's Kit of Parts; and
 - Demonstrated their experience developing active transportation plans in Southern California, conducting bilingual outreach, and using Go Human's Kit of Parts. KOA has experience with similar projects and have developed Safe Routes to School Plans for Rancho Palos Verdes, Burbank, and Santa Clarita.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-010-C01

Recommended Consultant:	The Pinnacle Group
Background & Scope of Work:	Under this agreement, The Pinnacle Group acts as the channel partner and reseller for the purchase of server hardware and support provided by HP Inc. This contract is for a one-time purchase of server hardware and support that SCAG will implement as dedicated backup servers to the IT infrastructure.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical separation of SCAG's data backup platform from production systems to increase the security of data backups and;• Providing the ability to store all backups offsite.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective: Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$101,928
Contract Period:	August 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Project Number(s):	811.1163.17 \$101,928 Funding source(s): Indirect Funding Funding of \$101,928 is available in the FY 2022-23 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811.1163.17.
Basis for Selection:	<p>It is of critical importance to SCAG operations that backup systems are in place and properly secured should SCAG experience an unforeseen event that causes data loss. SCAG's IT infrastructure supports all of SCAG's business applications daily. This includes Finance Division applications, Microsoft Dynamics GP, Microsoft Customer Relationship Management (CRM), SQL Server databases.</p> <p>In accordance with SCAG's Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially "piggy-backing" on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA Contract 01-137, a competitively bid Master Services Agreement, with The Pinnacle Group.</p>

Attachment: Contract Summary 23-010-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold)

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-002-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.)				
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>SCAG seeks to better understand the economic implications of SCAG’s planning activities. As a core element of the agency’s transportation planning efforts, the economic data and analysis contained within the RTP/SCS are important to a multitude of planning and research efforts at SCAG, such as informing the development of annual regional economic outlooks and other analyses at the nexus of transportation, land use, and economic growth.</p> <p>The consultant shall develop and document a conceptual and statistical framework for SCAG’s subregional (county-level) job quality index (JQI). The framework will guide SCAG staff’s calculation of a county-level job quality index. The framework shall specify the concepts, statistical methods, data resources, and a bibliography to guide the construction of a county-level job quality index. It must also include recommendations for aggregation strategies for a SCAG-region level JQI. The JQI developed by following this framework should be able to withstand the close scrutiny of business leaders, labor leaders, academic experts, and policymakers.</p>				
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The key deliverables for this project are a conceptual and statistical framework (model) for computing a county-level job quality index and the documentation to accompany this framework. The project’s benefits include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A job quality index is a beneficial tool for measuring the growth potential for job markets and provides a means of tracking progress in the development of jobs;• A county-level job quality index captures the specific labor market conditions in the SCAG region and is, therefore, more informative for local policy-making and economic development;• A region-specific job quality index reveals a qualitative dimension of jobs beyond the unemployment rate, wages, and benefits, thus providing regional policymakers a tool for measuring and addressing inequities in regional labor markets, and helps regional employers better compete for workers; and• Building a well-grounded framework unique to the SCAG region allows SCAG to update the job quality index as new data becomes available.				
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goals 3-5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.• Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.• Goal 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.				
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 60%;">Total not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$75,000</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (prime consultant)</td></tr></table> <p>Note: B.E.A.R. originally proposed \$78,900, but staff negotiated the price down to \$75,000 without reducing the scope of work.</p>	Total not to exceed	\$75,000	Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (prime consultant)	
Total not to exceed	\$75,000				
Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (prime consultant)					
Contract Period:	November 1, 2022 through August 30, 2023				

Project Number(s): 320-4902Y2.01 \$75,000

Funding source(s): Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Implementation (CWDB-IERS)

Funding of \$75,000 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 320-4902Y2.01. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 320-4902Y2.01, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 4,581 firms of the release of RFP 23-023-C01 via SCAG’s PlanetBids website. A total of 16 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.) (no subconsultants) \$75,000

Fourth Economy (no subconsultants)	\$37,515
University of Buffalo (no subconsultants)	\$54,614
Inland Empire Economic Partnership (no subconsultants)	\$54,687
Oxford Economics (no subconsultants)	\$98,893

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Gigi Moreno, Senior Economist, SCAG
- Kevin Kane, Program Manager I, SCAG
- Victor Negrete, IERS Department Manager, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended B.E.A.R. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, proposed a specific and reasonable methodological approach for quantifying the unique features of SCAG-region labor markets;
- Provided the best technical approach, for example proposed a spatially detailed approach to capture the diversity in skills and industries in the region; and
- The methods proposed by B.E.A.R allow the consultant to develop a Job Quality Index that accounts for the specific labor markets in the region that may not fit a textbook perspective of what is a “high quality” job. For example, the film industry relies on part-time and/or contract labor. While this might be considered a low-quality job in theory, it is an economically important industry in the region. B.E.A.R’s model can capture unique features of the regional economy. Other proposers did not show this level of detail or nuance in understanding the local labor markets in the SCAG region.

Although the price proposed was not the lowest, it was within the cost range of what the PRC determined it would take to meet the required deliverables. Further,

the PRC did not recommend these firm(s) for contract award because these firms either:

- Did not describe the methods they would apply in developing a Job Quality Index, whereas B.E.A.R provided a detailed description of the methods they would apply and proposes to build the model from Census tract level data; or
- Appeared to be formed specifically for this project and did not demonstrate a history of working together or a history of working on this type of work on behalf of a public agency, where the real-world application of the work product is much more important than in an academic environment.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-048-MRFP-10

Recommended Consultant: Mark Thomas and Company

Background & Scope of Work: The consultant shall provide services for the Sustainability Communities Program for the City of Santa Ana. Specifically, the consultant shall develop planning level, conceptual plans and estimates for a minimum of 5 priority projects that the City shall specify. The plans and estimates package will outline the safety improvement countermeasures that will be recommended by the Safe Mobility Santa Ana plan update for the various roadway corridors and intersections as identified therein.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Helping to further SCAG's regional transportation goals and strategies, including those outlined in the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal) in the Transportation Safety & Security Transportation Technical Report. The City's safety efforts align with the Connect SoCal regional goal of improving mobility, accessibility, reliability, and travel safety for people and goods, and the recommendations that local jurisdictions develop pedestrian safety action plans and consider pedestrian needs in all roadway and transit projects.

Key Deliverables:

- Preliminary Design Plans (up to five (5) project concepts, two (2) rounds of reviews);
- Project Cross-Sections (up to three (3) per project concept);
- Project Renderings (up to five (5) renderings);
- Cost Estimates (one (1) per project concept, draft and final); and
- Summary Memorandum (draft and final).

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

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$49,643
	Mark Thomas & Company (prime consultant)	\$43,949
	KTU&A (subconsultant)	\$5,694

Contract Period: October 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Project Number(s): 275-4892UA.01 \$43,949.00
275-4892E.01 \$5,694.00
Funding source(s): FY22 SB1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and TDA.

Funding of \$49,643 is available in the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 (\$43,949.00) and 275-4892E.01 (\$5,694). Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY24 OWP Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892UA.01 and 275-4892E.01, subject to budget availability.

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-048-MRFP-10 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold)

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff directly e-mailed RFP 21-048-MRFP-10 to 18 firms that are on the Transportation Planning Bench. A total of two (2) firms responded with proposals to the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Mark Thomas and Company (1 subconsultants)	\$49,643
IBI Group (No subconsultants)	\$ (N/A)

This being an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement, proposers were asked to not include their cost proposals with the proposal submissions. The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposals on the basis of qualification only and selected Mark Thomas and Company as the winner.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Cory Wilkerson, Program Manager II, SCAG
- Mauricio Castaneda, Assistant Engineer City of Santa Ana
- Ruben Castaneda, Assistant Engineer City of Santa Ana

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Mark Thomas and Company for the contract award because the consultant:

- Is responsive to the solicitation
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, by providing the best technical approach. For example, the proposal significantly exceeds the scope of work and represents a clearly superior and desirable approach with a high probability of success. The consultant understands the challenges that concept plans have incorporating improvements within the existing right-of-way.
- Cost was not a factor in evaluation of the proposals since this is an A&E procurement. PRC selected the consultant that provided the best technical approach to the project and was best qualified overall based on number of years of experience the firm has delivering on similar projects and projects with higher complexities as well as their qualifications.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov
Subject: CFO Monthly Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

ACCOUNTING:

As of November 30, 2022, 156 cities and 4 counties had paid their FY23 membership dues. This represents 65.30% of the membership assessment. Another round of reminder letters to collect unpaid dues will be mailed in January 2023.

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of interest earnings. As of November 30, 2022, SCAG has earned \$5,714.35 interest from funds invested in the LAC Investment Pool and \$13,910.37 from funds invested in the LAIF account.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

The divisional budget meetings were held to discuss the budget requests for FY 2023-24 (FY24) Comprehensive Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP). The updated budget requests were presented to the Executive Team; the Executive Office is currently evaluating divisional budget requests for inclusion in the draft comprehensive budget. Staff will continue to work on finalizing the FY24 Comprehensive Budget and OWP in the next few months. A draft budget will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) in March 2023.

Staff also continued to seek additional resources by applying for three grant opportunities in December. Staff, in partnership with Metrolink, submitted a grant application to the California Transportation Commission for Metrolink Sustainable Locomotives Project. The project will replace eight (8) aging and polluting Tier 2 diesel locomotives for Metrolink. Staff also submitted a grant



application to the California Public Utilities Commission for Last Mile Project Assessment for SCAG Region. The project will provide critical broadband planning and implementation efforts for the region by developing a methodology to conduct regional analysis and identifying, preparing, and developing preliminary specifications for three shovel-ready last-mile projects. Lastly, a grant application for the REAP 2.0 Full Application was submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as authorized by the EAC on November 30, 2022.

CONTRACTS

In November 2022, the Contracts Department issued four (4) Request for Proposal; awarded five (5) contracts; issued two (2) contract amendments; and processed nineteen (19) Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 216 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month Contracts' staff negotiated \$148,472 in budget savings, bringing the cumulative FY23 savings to \$724,745.



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
(213) 236-1870, Dillon@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In July 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution NO. 20-623-2, affirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California. The resolution called for the formation of an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to further develop SCAG's response to advancing equity. The Committee met on a quarterly basis starting in September 2020 and concluding in March 2021, culminating in the development of an early action plan. On May 6, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan (Plan), which SCAG has used to guide and sustain SCAG's regional and organizational leadership in service of equity and social justice since its adoption. This report provides a summary of Plan progress to date.

Additionally, the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has convened and met over the past several months to build upon SCAG's equity work to date, as highlighted in this report, and to advance racial equity through Connect SoCal. The November Subcommittee meeting highlighted some of SCAG's equity efforts to date and included presentations from external speakers that were intended to uplift equity-centered best practices and strategies.

BACKGROUND:

The Racial Equity Framework adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in May of 2021 established overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices, and activities. This ensures that SCAG's equity-related work is aligned toward common goals and continues through actions pursued across the agency.

The Framework includes four overarching goals:

1. **Shift Organizational Culture:** Focus SCAG's internal work and practices on inclusion, diversity, equity, and awareness.
2. **Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning:** Bring equity into SCAG's regional planning functions.
3. **Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning Practices:** Promote racial equity in efforts involving local elected officials and planning professionals.
4. **Activate & Amplify:** Communicate broadly SCAG's commitment to racial equity and join others in different fields and sectors to amplify impact.

Each of these goals is advanced through a focus on the following three strategies:

1. **Listen & Learn:** Develop a shared understanding of our history of discrimination and the structural barriers that continues to perpetuate the inequities experienced today.
2. **Engage & Co-Power:** Create an environment where everyone is included, able to share their experiences, and equipped to talk about racial equity and inequities.
3. **Integrate & Institutionalize:** Focus on systems change to improve racial equity. Center racial equity in all aspects of work. This involves internal and external systems change.

The Plan was and is intended to be a living document with opportunities to identify new actions and commitments over time. SCAG understands that the work of advancing equity requires continual listening and learning, and SCAG will utilize input received from the Subcommittee, the strategic plan update process underway and other resources to update the plan.

Attached to this report is a table that provides the Goal, Action, Status and Notes about each element in the current Plan.

In addition, the Subcommittee work presents an opportunity for SCAG to build on equity work to date and identify opportunities to advance racial equity in the region. More specifically, the Subcommittee charge is to identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in the SCAG region. The November Subcommittee meeting was grounded in content and discussion of best practices and equity centered strategies.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 22-23 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development) and in the FY 22-23 Indirect Budget 810-1020.02.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan Fiscal Year 2022-23 Progress Report



SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan Fiscal Year 2022-23 Progress Report

Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Shift Organizational Culture	Develop an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Education and Training Program.	In-Progress	Launched Mental Health Matters program, centering key elements of inclusion and belonging. The first quarterly session launched, September 2022 with three remaining sessions to follow. Executive Team members completed Leading with Equity training facilitated by external Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) consultant. Learning modules identified within the Learning Center titled "A Seat at the Table" centering critical dialogue related to DEIB related topics. Further training curriculum is in development.
Shift Organizational Culture	Conduct an externally led racial equity audit to further inform equity actions.	Planned	This action will be included as part of the update to SCAG's strategic plan which is currently underway.
Shift Organizational Culture	Establish an IDEA Team to oversee and update EAP.	Completed	The IDEA team, consisting of 17 cross-functional SCAG team members, underwent a foundational knowledge workshop series titled "IDEA Foundations," where a shared language of DEI principles was established. With both the addition of a DEIB Principal Management Analyst position in HR, and the execution of a contract between a DEIB consultant firm in Spring, the IDEA team reconvened in July 2022 to continue working toward shifting the organizational culture.
Shift Organizational Culture	Assess and align procurement policies with diversity goals.	In-Progress	A service provider will be procured to facilitate the rewrite of the Procurement manual. An Internal Review Committee has been established to evaluate and inform the rewrite. A member of the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access) Strategies, Policies, and Procedures subcommittee has been included on the Internal Procurement Review committee to ensure the integration of DEIB opportunities to the extent possible.
Shift Organizational Culture	Create an Equity Planning Resource Group to share best practices.	Completed	SCAG has established an Equity Planning Resource Group that is currently focused on developing an equity toolkit to help institutionalize equity in the Planning Division, and the group has also developed an equity resource guide to support local jurisdictions as they take on advancing equity.
Shift Organizational Culture	Develop a Diversity Style Guide on standards for communication.	In-Progress	Media and Public Affairs will partner with the IDEA subcommittee to develop a style guide with DEIB integration.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Shift Organizational Culture	Update SCAG's Strategic Plan to incorporate an equity vision and goals to guide agency work plans.	In-Progress	Consultant is in the data collection phase of the project and this will be incorporated into the implementation phase expected completion in calendar year 2023.
Shift Organizational Culture	Prepare an Inclusive and Equitable Talent Management Strategy.	In-Progress	SCAG Human Resources is currently developing a hiring toolkit to inform the early stages of the employee journey from recruitment to onboarding. The outreach guide will include an outreach guide informing outlets to reach highly diverse candidate pools. Training will be deployed to support the launch and utilization of the toolkit in early 2023. An improved onboarding program is in-development with inclusion of a buddy program to increase belonging within the agency. NEOGOV, the agency's applicant tracking system, is being expanded to support talent management functions including pre-boarding and offboarding. Offboarding will improve data collection as individuals depart the agency through intentional exit surveys. Clarity related to internal mobility is underway through the development of a succession planning framework and defined career mapping. The Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion benchmarks are serving as a framework to inform best practices and measure maturity of DEIB integration.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Offer equity training for Board members, including as part of Board Orientation.	In-Progress	SCAG's equity efforts are incorporated into New Member Orientation presentations and onboarding materials. Resources from GARE and other publications will be shared with members. A formal training program will be proposed to Human Resources as part of their DEI Consultant initiatives.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Include Equity Assessment section in Staff Reports.	Planned	This action will follow the update of SCAG's Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with equity vision and goals and may include the addition of an equity section to the staff report template in MinuteTraq. Evaluating a date when it will become effective (requires advance staff training).
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Prepare Annual Racial Equity Indicators Report.	In-Progress	On November 3, 2022, SCAG released an update of the baseline assessment of racial equity in Southern California. The report highlights past transportation and housing policies and practices that yielded the inequitable conditions that exist today and provided an assessment of existing disparities and inequities. SCAG staff anticipates updating the report annually.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Increase opportunity for participation in Policy Committees; Formalize Committee equity roles.	Completed	Coinciding with the adoption of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan, last May SCAG's Bylaws were amended to expand Policy Committee membership to include Communities of Concern representatives to create a more inclusive governance structure.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Update Public Participation Plan.	Completed	SCAG updated the Public Participation Plan to include several goals and strategies to ensure SCAG's communications are looked at through an equity framework whenever possible. The Regional Council will consider approving the document at its April meeting.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form Regional Policy Working Group dedicated to Equity.	Completed	Quarterly, SCAG staff convenes a Regional Equity Working Group to engage stakeholders on SCAG's equity-focused regional and local planning activities as well as uplift efforts across the region to advance equity in land-use and transportation planning.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Develop equity goals, policies, and metrics as part of Connect SoCal update.	In-Progress	SCAG staff are currently developing Connect SoCal equity-oriented goals and performance measures, and reevaluating the plan's environmental justice analysis by shifting to an equity analysis to further align with SCAG's equity efforts.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Explore developing Research Program with University Partners.	Planned	SCAG staff are developing the scope of work for this effort. Although further work is needed on a holistic scope for the program, specific work elements are being developed. For example, staff is seeking to update its understanding of the travel behavior and travel challenges of low-income residents to improve future planning and support equitable travel initiatives throughout the region. Staff hopes to work with university partners to understand the travel behavior and transportation needs of low-income drivers across the region, examining the relationship between access to reliable transportation and employment status, including consideration of non-commute travel needs including childcare and access to health care and public services. The scope of work would also include strategies specifically to address challenges for unbanked populations and those who do not own smart phones. This effort is intended to serve as a foundation for understanding how to design innovative mobility pilots to increase participation of and benefits to low-income populations. This is particularly critical for understanding the potential of universal basic mobility programs.
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form a Restorative Justice Subcommittee to inform work on Connect SoCal (new).	In-Progress	The Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee was established to identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's communities. The subcommittee has held two of the four required meetings that will culminate in a White Paper with recommendations for infusing racial equity in Connect SoCal.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Center Racial Equity in Regional Policy & Planning	Form Economic Empowerment Program (new).	In-Progress	SCAG hired a new Department Manager and staff to lead this work program. The team will oversee the Sustainable Communities Program Call 4 efforts (projects focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice), the Public Health Fellows program, the Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Tool, and leads the Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee effort.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Support data requests, create tools for information sharing.	In-Progress	SCAG staff are currently conducting outreach to local jurisdictions in the region, including those that are low-resourced and located in Disadvantaged Communities, to introduce the available tools and resources in the Regional Data Platform (RDP). The Local Information Services Team (LIST) at SCAG are ready to provide technical assistance upon request.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Expand Toolbox Tuesday trainings to include sessions on racial equity.	Completed	On a quarterly basis, SCAG hosts equity-focused Toolbox Tuesday trainings for practitioners. To-date, SCAG has held five trainings on the following topics: developing equity baseline conditions reports, conducting equitable engagement, developing and utilizing equity tools developing equity action plans and frameworks, and a demonstration of the recently released Healthy Places Index, Extreme Heat Edition.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide elected officials with fact sheets and tools to promote racial equity.	In-Progress	SCAG's equity efforts are incorporated into New Member Orientation presentations and onboarding materials. Resources from GARE and other publications will be shared with members.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide resources for CBO engagement in Local Planning - e.g., Call for Collaboration, Go Human Mini-Grants.	In-Progress	<p>SCAG has continued to support CBOs through the Call for Collaboration in partnership with three foundations. SCAG provided \$1 million of its REAP 1.0 funding to develop a program that provided capacity-building technical assistance and grants to non-profits and CBOs. Fifteen organizations were invited to engage in land use planning efforts that support the acceleration of housing production, with an emphasis on ensuring principles of equity are included in planning processes, new funding programs, and policies.</p> <p>In September 2022, Go Human completed its Mini Grant Program, which aimed to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, prioritizing Black, Indigenous and People of Color; people with disabilities; and frontline workers, particularly those walking and biking. The program emphasized community-driven co-creation and community engagement. Go Human awarded more than \$350,000 to 26 CBO-identified and led projects, directly engagement more than 300,000 people. Go Human also provided direct resources through the distribution of its Kit of Parts to more than 13 partners and provided robust safety messaging materials and campaigns to more than 25 partners.</p> <p>The 2023 Go Human Safety Strategies contract is anticipated to kickoff in early 2023. The contract includes resources for CBO engagement to</p>
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Build planning capacity in low-resourced jurisdictions by providing staff support - e.g., Civic Sparks, Public Health Fellows.	In-Progress	<p>SCAG staff proposes to leverage the REAP 2021 funding program to utilize fellows in support of REAP 2.0 implementation and capacity building in under resourced jurisdictions. SCAG staff will use the REAP 2021 funding program to provide a Big Data Consulting Practice to provide consulting services to under resourced jurisdictions who may not have capacity to use big data to advance racial equity in local transportation planning.</p>



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Refine equity goals and evaluation criteria used in Sustainable Communities Program (SCP).	In-Progress	Throughout three Calls for Applications completed in 2020/2021, SCAG prioritized equity criteria in the project evaluation and program goals. Specifically, the evaluation criteria required applicants to address anti-displacement strategies and discuss how projects will engage community-based partners and the most impacted communities, including non-English speaking populations. The program goals point to prioritizing disadvantaged communities in alignment with SCAG's resolution on race and equity. Additionally, staff developed an Equity Tool to prioritize outreach to high need areas based on a series of data-driven equity indicators and past funding SCP, to target communities with the highest need and those who historically have not received SCP funding. Finally, SCP piloted opportunities to compensate CBO partners committed to equity to serve as evaluators to ensure projects were assessed with intentional attention to equity.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Provide resources through the Sustainable Communities Program to promote Environmental Justice.	Planned	Developing SCP Call 4, Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice, to support the goals and implementation of the Racial Equity Early Action Plan. Through strategic funding set-asides, this program, SCAG will prioritize resources in historically disinvested areas and communities most impacted by adverse public health outcomes and air quality impacts. This program will catalyze planning activities to support GHG and VMT reduction, advance equity and environmental justice, and provide needed funding to communities with the highest need.
Encourage Racial Equity in Local Planning	Identify opportunities to incorporate equity analysis in development of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).	Completed	Based on the adopted FTIP Guidelines, County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) were encouraged to consider equity in developing their respective County TIPs. In future FTIPs, more advanced database analytics combined with spatial analysis may be utilized to evaluate investments across the region and consider whether they are addressing under resourced or underserved areas. In the near term, SCAG has initiated an FTIP mapping tool through the updated eFTIP database to capture the location and extent of all projects including non-modeled (exempt) projects. Any changes to the FTIP process involving equity will be done in collaboration with the CTCs.



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Activate & Amplify	Collaborate on a public information campaign to promote fair housing, reduce segregation.	Planned	SCAG designated funding for the development of a community outreach and advertising campaign with the goals of creating positive associations with housing development and housing-supportive land use policies. This effort will be modeled on the success of SCAG's Go Human campaign. Staff began to research several similar, active efforts, and found that the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) had been working with a marketing and branding firm on a market segmentation analysis, identifying core values associated with housing development. CZI has finalized their report and is coordinating with three foundations across CA to develop implementation toolkits. The United Way of Greater LA is the lead for the SCAG region and SCAG is working to dedicate REAP2 funding to support development of the toolkits. Kick off is expected in early 2023.
Activate & Amplify	Strengthen relationships with other MPOs.	In-Progress	On a bimonthly basis, SCAG works with others to convene an MPO Equity Working Group to discuss current equity efforts, challenges, and best practices. The past year's meetings have focused on performance measures, partnering with community-based organizations, environmental justice analysis, and equity tools. SCAG also participates in the California Association of Councils of Governments Big MPO + Caltrans meetings to discuss experiences advancing equity and share
Activate & Amplify	Explore opportunities to partner to establish a "Planning University" for Community-Based Organizations & Stakeholders.	Planned	SCAG staff are developing the scope of work for this effort.
Activate & Amplify	Develop an Excellence in Equity Annual Award Program.	Completed	SCAG's Sustainability Awards Program now includes an equity category to highlight projects that advance equity and facilitate the growth of healthy, livable, sustainable, and economically resilient communities.
Activate & Amplify	Develop Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.	Completed	The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) was developed through a rigorous public outreach and engagement process, including 20 convenings with stakeholders from the private, public, and government sectors. The resulting Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Report and recommendations were adopted by the Regional Council on July 1,



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Goal	Action	Status	Notes
Activate & Amplify	Inclusive Economic Growth Implementation Program (new).	In-Progress	Following adoption of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy in July 2021, SCAG was awarded \$3.5 million in State funding to implement IERS core recommendations. SCAG has hired two full time staff and an intern to lead this work, which kicked off Summer 2022. There are 5 deliverables in development for this program with a completion date of



Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
213-236-1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

Subject: 2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan:
Progress Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:
Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:
Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
From June 30 to July 1, 2022, President Jan Harnik convened a retreat for the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of the 2021-2022 EAC Strategic Priorities established during President Lorimore’s term and a discussion of accomplishments, new opportunities for policy leadership, and objectives for the upcoming year. The 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan was subsequently adopted by the EAC in September 2022 and Regional Council (RC) in October 2022.

The staff report and attachments provide an update on progress made toward implementing the 2022-2023 Objectives approved in the EAC Strategic Plan and include updated committee outlooks. The updated outlooks reflect work completed by each committee to-date and items scheduled for deliberation and action through the end of the Fiscal Year.

During the EAC retreat, staff also provided briefings on two federal compliance issues impacting transportation conformity and transportation funding in the region. Staff will briefly provide an update on the steps taken to bring the region back into compliance with federal requirements.

BACKGROUND:

From June 30 to July 1, 2022, President Jan Harnik convened a retreat for the EAC to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a review of the 2021-2022 EAC Strategic Priorities established during President Lorimore's term and a discussion of accomplishments, areas for improvement and new opportunities for policy leadership in the upcoming year. Based on board's feedback, staff prepared the 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan with a set of new 2022-2023 Objectives that were subsequently approved by the EAC and RC in the fall. The 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Plan includes outlooks for the regular Policy Committees, the Emerging Technology Committee (ETC), the Connect SoCal Special Committees, and the Regional Council.

Under President Harnik's leadership, the agency has made significant progress toward achieving the EAC's 2022-2023 Objectives across four main priority areas: 1. Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update, 2. Leadership in Resource Deployment, 3. Legislative Action and 4. Technology/Innovation Leadership. The Mid-Year Status Update (see Attachment 1) provides a comprehensive status update related to each objective. In addition, staff has worked with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each policy committee to review and update the regular Policy Committee, the Emerging Technology Committee (ETC), and Regional Council Outlooks to reflect work completed by each committee to-date and identify items to be scheduled for deliberation and action through the end of the Fiscal Year (see Attachment 2). A high-level outlook is also included in Attachment 2 for each of the Connect SoCal Special Committees. The Subcommittees are on track to wrap up in early 2023, followed in March 2023 by a Joint Policy Committee meeting to review the committees' findings and recommendations.

SCAG is also able to report significant progress on addressing the Transportation Conformity lockdown, enabling release of the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03. This is possible due to approval of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB's) new emissions model (EMFAC2021) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and pending mid-April EPA approval of a new air plan with updated transportation conformity budget jointly developed and adopted ARB and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Working collaboratively with our County Transportation Commission partners, SCAG is also addressing the corrective action identified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop a process to ensure compliance with Federal program guidelines and regulations for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. SCAG, in collaboration with the county transportation commissions, have drafted a compliance action plan that will be considered by the Regional Council (RC) in February 2023 for submittal to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA for approval. In Spring 2023, the RC



will consider program guidelines for the administration of CMAQ and STBG funds in the SCAG region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None identified at this time. The work included in the 2022-2023 work plan is budgeted, however, during the year staff may bring back necessary amendments to the budget to address the needs related to the Priority Areas.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Progress Report: 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan
2. EAC Strategic Work Plan Committee Outlooks--January 2023 Update

Progress Report: 2022-2023 EAC Strategic Work Plan

Priority Area 1: Regional Policy Development—Regional Plan Update

Actions:

1. Elevate & Expand Policy Leadership
2. Strengthen Stakeholder Engagement

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update:

1. Provide leadership and direction for update of Agency-wide Strategic Plan.
The SCAG Consultant team has been in the data collection phase for updating the Strategic Plan and that will continue through January 31, 2023, including gathering direct feedback from all Regional Council members during December 2022.
2. Guide “Return to Office” policy to ensure committee meeting format supports rich engagement and dialogue among the Regional Council.
Increased time for Regional Council to discuss/act on issues of region-wide importance by extending Regional Council meetings by ½ hour and re-opening meetings to in person public participation, starting in January 2023.
3. Continue to develop the leadership role of Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs in prioritization of policy issues addressed by the committee through guiding preparation of an annual outlook and regular briefings with SCAG Executive staff to align agendas with priorities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented and discussed Committee Outlooks with each Policy Committee in September. • Held monthly briefings with Chairs and Co-Chairs to review and prioritize items based on the outlooks. • Conducted a mid-year review and revised the Committee Outlooks as part of the EAC Strategic Work Plan update (See Attachment 2)
4. Work with the President and Executive Officers to prepare an annual outlook for the Regional Council to expand and bridge conversations across Policy Committees to provide regional leadership and direction on intersectional issues including water resilience, digital equity, the clean energy economy and workforce development, and supply chain issues, among others.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared annual outlook for the Regional Council and revised through mid-year review to ensure future agenda items address priorities (see Attachment 2) • Agendized focused conversations at RC meetings on regional priorities to provide policy direction and regional leadership. Key actions included the adoption of: 1.) Digital Equity Call for Action to Increase Access to Affordable Broadband (Resolution No. 22-646-2) 2.) Water Resilience 3.) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Regional Project List. • Aligned the program and materials prepared for the 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit with EAC policy priorities. The Summit featured conversations among leading voices in business industry, planning, public policy on strategies to resource the region, including through workforce development, to thrive in the clean energy economy.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging stakeholders to plan for a policy conversation on the challenges facing the logistics sector at the Regional Council in March. Developed Digital Action Plan to be released for public comment and planned for consideration by the Transportation Committee and Regional Council in April.
<p>5. Foster policy leadership on emerging issues by establishing Special Committees for Connect SoCal 2024 to bring forward recommendations to advance equity, resilience and economic goals as directed by the Regional Council</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established three subcommittees to address key emerging issues for Connect SoCal 2024: Next Generation Infrastructure, Resilience and Conservation, and Racial Equity and Regional Planning. Each subcommittee met three times between September 2022 and November 2022, to identify recommendations that will inform how these emerging issues are addressed in Connect SoCal 2024. The final meeting will occur in January (18, 19 and 23) when subcommittee members will review draft White Papers and recommendations. The recommendations are intended to inform the on-going development and policy discussions related to Connect SoCal 2024 and will be taken to the Regional Council in March 2023 for further deliberation.
<p>6. Continue SCAG’s leadership and advancement of an Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy working in partnership with Economic Development Corporations and High Road Transition Collaboratives formed by the State’s Community Economic Resilience Fund program to build more inclusive and resilient economies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with the California Community College Centers of Excellence for Labor Market Research to identify living wage jobs in each county and conduct educational pathway analyses to expand access to these jobs. The county-level reports will focus on jobs that do not require a four-year degree. Hired a consultant to develop an analytical and statistical framework for a Southern California Job Quality Index (JQI). The JQI will identify the characteristics of a high-quality job and measure progress toward equitable access to high-quality jobs in the region. Provided Partnership Agreement Letters for various organizations applying to the State’s Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) program. Continue to attend and participate in CERF meetings throughout the region.
<p>7. Continue to bring elected leaders and community partners together to develop a shared understanding and explore solutions to regional challenges through site visits, mobile workshops and trainings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On August 12th 2022, SCAG hosted a mobile workshop for members of the RC and staff in Ventura County to discuss freight and goods movement at the Port of Hueneme. In December, mobile workshops and tours were held in Imperial County focused on new geothermal and lithium technologies and transportation improvements. There was also a presentation to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors on SCAG’s programs and services. Next quarter, mobile workshops will be held in the remainder SCAG counties with a focus on air mobility, housing, air quality, goods movement, and other regional planning priorities.

Priority Area #2: Leadership in Resource Deployment—Connect SoCal Implementation

Actions:

1. Pursue REAP 2021 Resources
2. Accelerate deployment of general plan development tools
3. Expand communication strategies and outreach

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update:

<p>1. Review and approve guidelines for formula-based and competitive programs and projects to be included in SCAG’s application for REAP 2021 resources.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 7, 2022: RC approval of the REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework establishing the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones and schedule for allocating funds available to SCAG through REAP 2021. • July 7, 2022: EEC Approval of Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call #4 Guidelines for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Projects • September 1, 2022: RC Approval of Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Guidelines • October 6, 2022: EAC Review of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program Development and Budget • November 3, 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TC and RC Approval of Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP) Guidelines ○ CEHD and RC Approval of Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Guidelines • November 30, 2022: EAC Approval of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Full Application and Program Budget • January 5, 2023: RC to consider approval of the SCP Call #4 Guidelines for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Projects
<p>2. Provide direction to staff on continued refinement and enhancement of Regional Data Platform (RDP) to serve local and regional planning needs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST) outreached and conducted one-on-one sessions with local jurisdictions, COGs, and stakeholders in the region to demo RDP tools/resources and gather feedback on how to improve SCAG’s existing tools. Trainings scheduled to align with local priorities and have included: Housing Element Technical Assistance (February – March 2021), Safety Element Technical Assistance (August – December 2021), and Local Data Exchange Process Technical Assistance (February – December 2022). • SCAG LIST continues working with local jurisdictions and SCAG subject matter experts to refine and enhance RDP for the purpose of elevating local and regional planning. New applications and functionalities to be pursued in REAP 2 funding application.
<p>3. Serve as ambassadors and champions of SCAG’s local planning programs to increase awareness, reach and impact of SCAG services to advance regional plans and policies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council leadership and staff held multiple meetings with state and federal representatives during the legislature session and during recess periods.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Council members served as media spokespersons for SCAG sponsored events. SCAG’s Economic Summit garnered a digital outreach of 40 million.
<p>4. Complete RAMP Policy Framework to ensure the Greenprint Tool is aligned with policy objectives</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per the Regional Council’s October 7, 2021 direction, SCAG convened the RAMP Advisory Task Group (RAMP-ATG) on January 28, 2022 and held five meetings culminating in the November 16, 2022 meeting During the course of the RAMP-ATG, members heard presentations from established Regional Advance Mitigation programs in the SCAG region, including the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan as well as the Orange County Transportation Authority’s Measure M advance mitigation program. SCAG staff also shared feedback received from interviews on advanced mitigation efforts and needs with each County Transportation Commission To develop SCAG’s RAMP Policy Framework, consistent with Regional Council direction, SCAG staff conducted multiple feedback sessions and workshops with stakeholders from the public sector, environmental, and business communities. The final draft RAMP Policy Framework was unanimously accepted by the RAMP-ATG on November 16, 2022 and the body voted to forward the framework to the Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee with recommendation for approval In January 2023, SCAG staff will present the final draft RAMP Policy Framework to the Energy & Environment Committee for potential recommendation to Regional Council in February 2023. If adopted, SCAG staff will convene a Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee with membership of local jurisdictions, county transportation commissions, and Caltrans to complete the development of the SoCal Greenprint Tool and present the draft tool for Regional Council’s evaluation and potential public release.

Priority #3: Legislative Action

Actions:

1. Conduct targeted legislative advocacy with members of the State Assembly and State Senate in support of the Regional Council’s and SCAG region’s housing and transportation priorities.
2. Assume regional leadership by advocating for the Infill Infrastructure Grant program.
3. Support regional partners to identify and pursue federal funding opportunities for regionally significant infrastructure projects.

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update

<p>1. Identify, develop, and execute advocacy opportunities to advance the Regional Council’s legislative and budgetary priorities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAG took a formal position on 24 bills during the 2022 legislative year, including 13 support, 11 oppose, and 3 oppose unless amended positions. Of the 24 bills, SCAG accomplished our advocacy goals on 14, equating to a 64-percent rate of success.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since July, SCAG conducted five meetings of the LCMC, including one featuring Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-Pomona) a key member of the House Appropriations Committee. • SCAG was granted a special outreach meeting in support of the agency’s budgetary and legislative priorities with Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Anthony Portantino (D-La Canada Flintridge). • SCAG conducted “Fall Outreach,” a series of targeted meetings with SCAG region legislators who SCAG had not met with during the previous legislative session. President Harnik and the Board Officers met with State Senators Rosalicie Ochoa-Bogh (R-Rancho Cucamonga) and Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), and with Assemblymembers Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), Mike Fong (D-San Gabriel), Vince Fong (R-Bakersfield), and Freddie Rodriguez (D-Chino).
<p>2. Continue to support SCAG region members and partners in funding opportunities that support the implementation of the Connect SoCal.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last summer, SCAG staff launched the “Money Monday” email newsletter, with information on funding and grant opportunities. Complementary to this email newsletter, staff also reinstated the funding and grant opportunities webpage on scag.ca.gov so this information is also available on an ongoing basis. • Staff organized and hosted a special workshop about federal funding resources and application processes on November 21, 2022.
<p>3. Provide leadership on RHNA reform.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per AB 101 (2019), the California Department of HCD is required to conduct statewide outreach to reform RHNA. Per SB 197 (2022), this report is due to the State legislature by December 31, 2023. • To coincide with the State’s efforts, SCAG staff held an outreach process in Summer 2022 to collect public input on RHNA reform. Staff is currently reviewing the input and will be putting together draft recommendations. • Another public input process will be held in early Summer 2023 on the draft recommendations, and SCAG staff will present the final recommendations to CEHD and Regional Council by early Fall. • The approved recommendations will be included in a comment letter to HCD as part of their statewide efforts, though the Department’s schedule has yet to be published.

Priority #4: Technology/Innovation Leadership

Actions:

1. Implement and continue to refine the Broadband Work Plan
2. Launch Regional Data Platform
3. Share best practices form the Future Communities Pilot Program
4. Advance innovations and adoption of Agile IT

2022-2023 Objectives/Status Update

<p>1. Advance broadband planning, clean technology and smart cities work initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technology & Innovation Business Unit (newly formed upon approval by Regional Council through FY22 OWP Amendment 2) made progress on major work initiatives as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Addressing the digital divide by drafting a Digital Action Plan, initiating a broadband permit streamlining study, applying for grant funds to support broadband infrastructure, and initiating an outreach process for broadband adoption ▫ Supporting the transition to zero and near-zero emission transportation technologies through the ongoing Passenger Electric Vehicle Charging Station Study, the Clean Cities Coalition, and the forthcoming Supporting Infrastructure for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emissions Trucks Study ▫ Promoting smart cities strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions through the ongoing Future Communities Pilot Program and Sustainable Communities Program Call 3 – Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations.
<p>2. Continue to support and bolster SCAG’s Regional Data Platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the launch of SCAG’s RDP in February 2022, SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST) has been conducting outreach, engaging, providing technical assistance, and responding to inquiries from local jurisdictions and stakeholders. • SCAG is pursuing resources to develop new value-added tools including: a Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Tool, Regional Performance Monitoring Dashboard, Transportation Safety Dashboard, and Big Data Platform.
<p>3. Continue to promote innovation in regional planning and policy guided by the work of the Emerging Technology Committee and through technical assistance programs such as the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Emerging Technology Committee Agenda Outlook, see Attachment 1, has been updated to reflect the work completed and planned to be brought forward to the committee through the end of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Major discussion areas have included: Broadband, Clean Transportation Technology, and opportunities to advance clean energy through opportunities for Lithium extraction at the Salton Sea. • As staff continues work on Connect SoCal 2024, the committee will discuss and provide policy guidance related to Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) and data privacy, technology equity, Clean Transportation Policy and Emerging Technology Guiding Principles. • Using the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP) as a guide, the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI) Call for Projects made significant progress on a variety of tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finished procurement for all awarded projects, which includes five (5) separate contracts ○ Completed kickoff meetings for all eight (8) projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Rialto: Smart Cities Plan for Warehousing and Logistics • LADOT: Curb Zone Data Inventory for Digital Curb Management • City of Long Beach: Curb Space Management Study • City of Stanton: Citywide Curb Management Plan • San Gabriel Valley COG: GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Hot Springs: Downtown and Light Industrial Parking Plan • City of Garden Grove: Curb Data Study • City of Laguna Woods: Mobility Technology Plan ○ Began outreach on several projects, coordinating with regional partners, agencies, community-based organizations, local stakeholders, and special interest groups ○ Initiated critical curb and parking data collection to inform planning and implementation efforts, while also seeking opportunities to integrate any preliminary findings into the draft Connect SoCal 2024.
<p>4. Strengthen SCAG’s leadership in addressing the digital divide through research, partnerships, and advocacy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted a Digital Action Plan • Established a pool of partners through the Request of Qualifications for Prospective Partnerships (RFQPP) Process, for broadband strategic and implementation plans • Took ownership of SoCal Transformation Working Group and participated in several broadband policy and technical working groups • Initiated a Permit Streamlining Project • Initiating a campaign with our partners to promote the Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP) • Integrating or developing broadband related regional policy to support Connect SoCal • Applied to various grant opportunities for broadband last mile implementation and digital equity outreach • Conducted data and mapping analysis to determine areas of greatest need
<p>5. Conduct modeling, outreach, and policy analysis to determine a regional road map for medium and heavy-duty zero emission infrastructure planning.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized agreement with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) as subrecipient to their California Energy Commission (CEC) Research Hub for Electric Technologies in Truck Applications (RHETTA) grant; the Regional Council authorized acceptance of this grant in January 2022. • The grant in part supports SCAG’s forthcoming Supporting Infrastructure for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Trucks study; consultant selection was approved by the EAC on November 30, 2022. • Coordinating with California Freight Advisory Committee on an assessment of key corridors (AB 671) which will be informed by this study.
<p>6. Evaluate and promote emerging technologies which may be beneficial to the SCAG region.</p>
<p>SCAG continues to evaluate and promote emerging technologies through the “smart cities” lens, and both through long-range planning efforts and short-term implementation pilots and studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP) has completed the first half of pilots, with the other half to conclude by June 2023 • Replicable best practices, critical findings, and scalable policies to be promoted through the SCAG region via the Transportation Committee and dissemination of program results

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) and the Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI) program build upon the findings and efforts of the FCPP • The SCMI supports the administration and implementation of transportation dollars utilizing emerging and innovative technologies at the local level • Staff efforts underway to inventory and update “smart cities” policies through a Vision Plan and as a part of the Connect SoCal planning timeline.- • SCAG and its partners completed the Broadband VMT study that will help communities better plan for the transportation impacts of increased prevalence of remote work. • SCAG and UC Davis completed a study of the indirect effects of remote work, including the effects on origin-destinations and when/how “rush hour” occurs differently since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. • Staff have presented the above topics to SCAG’s committees on a regular basis, facilitating conversations and proposals regarding the findings and ramifications of the various projects.
<p>7. Continued evolution of SCAG’s hybrid cloud strategy in support of regional data sharing, Connect SoCal modeling efforts, and enterprise business systems.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling for Connect SoCal 2024 supported with expanded cloud infrastructure and computing resources to achieve efficiency. • Regional Data Platform launched and enhancements currently being developed on SCAG GIS cloud infrastructure.

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Draft 2023 FTIP/Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to Connect SoCal 2020 ✓ Connect SoCal 2024 Project List Solicitation Process ✓ NHS Infrastructure/System Performance Report Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Final Report CHSRA Status Update on Los Angeles-Anaheim Corridor ✓ Southern California Goods Movement Communities Opportunity Assessment: Findings and Tools ✓ Curb Space Management Study Final Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go Human Mini-Grants Award Announcement ✓ REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Final Guidelines and Call for Projects ✓ Future Communities Pilot Program Update: Pilot Progress and Completed Pilot Findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TC 12-month lookahead
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Proposed Final 2023 FTIP and Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to Connect SoCal 2020 TDM Data Standards Final Report ✓ Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core (Baseline) Revenues Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core (Baseline) Costs Moving toward Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) Final Performance Measures and Monitoring Core Strategies: System Preservation/Management Exploring Transportation Pricing & Incentives Via Mobility Wallet: MPO/Caltrans Study Overview ✓ Replacing California's Gas Tax: Road Charge Research Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Office of Traffic Safety Acceptance of Funds (upon award) ✓ Go Human Program Overview ✓ Go Human Mini-Grants Outcomes and Program Recap and New Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Project Nominations for SCAG Region for Submittal to the California Transportation Commission

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan Costs • Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 • Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Final Report • Core Strategies: Transit Focus on Transit & Emerging Shared Mobility Ecosystems (merged with transit item above) • California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) Overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2.0 CTC Partnership Program Project Selection • SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan (Release for Public Comment) 	
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Core Revenues & Costs • Exploring Transportation Pricing and Incentives Via Mobility Wallet • Core Strategies: Complete Streets/AT; Complete Streets Policy • TDM Data Standards Final Report 		
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations 		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 New Funding Strategies • Core Strategies: Goods Movement • Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 CTC Program Project Selection & RPI Program Framework • STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines • SCAG's Digital Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATP Cycle 6 Regional Program Adoption
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Framework • Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan 		

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Local Data Exchange (LDX) and Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 1.0 Program Bi-Annual Status report ✓ REAP 2.0 Draft Subregional Partnership Guidelines ✓ REAP 2.0 Draft PATH Program ✓ Panel on HQTAs Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SCAG's Role in Economic Development • RHNA Reform Draft Recommendations to HCD (process delayed by HCD) ✓ CEHD 12-Month Lookahead
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Final Performance Measures and Monitoring ✓ LDX and LIST Status Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Call for Collaboration Panel • Housing Trust Fund Panel (REAP 2 Development) ✓ REAP 2.0 – Adoption of PATH Program ✓ Vienna Social Housing Field Study – Summary Report • REAP 1.0 HSD Program Summary Report (projects have not progressed enough for a meaningful report) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHNA Reform Final Recommendations to HCD (process delayed by HCD) ✓ Neighborhood Mobility Areas

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDX Update – First Look at Results • Land Use Strategies Overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 - Bi-Annual Progress Report • EFD Program – Summary Panel (moved to June – financing strategies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final RHNA Reform Recommendations timeline pushed by the State
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use Strategy Panels #2-3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-Minute Communities • HPLA Presentations on Surplus and Underutilized Lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 - HPLA Participants Panel • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Applications/Release NOFA and HIPP Pilot 	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations 		
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Strategy Panel #3: Anti-displacement Strategies • Forecasted Regional Development Pattern – Update 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Economic Growth - Progress Update • SoCal Economic Trends Tool
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Strategy Panel #4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Centers, Open Space, Mobility • Financing Strategies • Forecasted Regional Development Pattern – Input Assessment and Recs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1.0 Panel on Financing Strategies (also for land use strategies) 	
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility Investments to Support Housing (Industry Forum findings) • Approval of Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (SB375) • Connect SoCal Policy Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0: Final Application and Release Pilot #2 – RUSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Economic Growth Progress Report

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft Goals and Performance Measures ✓ Equity Analysis Update—Performance Measures ✓ Transportation Conformity Challenges ✓ Planning Context: Water Resilience ✓ Green Region Resource Areas ✗ Regional Resilience Framework (Moved to Subcommittee) ✓ Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR: CEQA Documentation Initiation • Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures (Moved to January: Receive and File) ✓ Transportation Conformity Analyses of Proposed Final 2023 FTIP, Proposed Final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and EJ Projects: Approve Final Guidelines (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Scoping Plan (Moved to February) ✗ SB 150 Report (Moved to February) ✓ Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update ✓ Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report: 2022 ✓ EEC 12-month lookahead
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Planning Context: Energy ✓ Planning Context: Natural & Working Lands ✓ Li Battery Recycling Group Report Overview ✗ Planning Context: Brownfields (Moved to February) ✓ Request to Release Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR Notice of Preparation ✓ Local Data Exchange (LDX) Update ✗ Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 FTIP Modeling Amendment and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #3 (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework (Moved to January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook* for FY 2023

**Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.*

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 FTIP Modeling Amendment and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #3 ✗ Planning Context: Climate Adaptation & Resilience (Moved to Subcommittee report back March JPC) ✗ Strategies for Clean Transportation Technologies (Policy to be recommended by ETC report back April) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework • Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Projects: Approve Final Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Resolution Quarterly Update • Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C RTP/SCS and Transportation Control Measures (Presentation at RC) • Scoping Plan
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Context: Brownfields • Sustainable Communities Strategy Technical Methodology Submittal to CARB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report 	
March (JPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joint Policy Committee (No Regular Committees):</u> Connect SoCal 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations (Action) 		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Analysis Update • PEIR Mitigation Measures • PEIR Alternatives Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2.0 Program Development Progress Report • Electric Vehicle Planning Study: Final Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resolution Update • Sustainable Development and Water--Drought Tolerant Landscaping; Ground Water Infiltration
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasted Development Pattern-Input Assessment and Recommendations • Strategies for Land-Use: Natural and Farmland Conservation (Carbon Sequestration Speaker) • Strategies Climate Adaptation and Resilience 		
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for Land-Use: Housing Support Infrastructure (Water & Energy) • Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Framework 		

Other Items To Be Scheduled:

- Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and EJ Projects: Approve Projects

Attachment: EAC Strategic Work Plan Committee Outlooks--January 2023 Update (2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic

Emerging Tech Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Broadband and Smart Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Permit Streamlining ✓ Smart Cities ✓ Broadband and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction 		
Oct to Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SCAG Studies - Supporting Infrastructure for Medium/Heavy Duty Vehicles, Passenger Electric Vehicle (PEV) Charging Stations ✓ Future Demand for Critical Materials for Zero Emissions Transportation ✓ Lithium and the Salton Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Electric Vehicle Battery Supply Chain and Lithium Supply ✓ Potential for Salton Sea to Provide a Third of the World's Lithium ✓ Regional Economic Resiliency and Equitable Recovery Goals 		

Emerging Tech Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan to March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected/Automated Vehicles (CAVs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Cities, Transportation Infrastructure and CAVs • Industry Outlook • Caltrans and State Regulation • Data and Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Policy Interest in Collecting and Using Data • Data sharing among public and private sector agencies • Legislative Safeguards to Protect Access and Privacy • Clean Transportation Technology Policy (Action) 		
April to June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology and Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to New Technologies • Role of Technology in Addressing Disparity • Emerging Technology Guiding Principles for Connect SoCal (Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for Assessment and Policy Decisions • Local Government and Transportation Agencies Emerging Technology Policy Matrix (Recap of 2020 Connect SoCal) 		

Regional Council Agenda Policy Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Regional Policy/Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Business/ Regional Update
Sept	✓ Digital Equity—Affordable Connectivity Program Call for Action (Action)	✓ REAP 2.0: Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines (Action)	
Oct	✓ EAC Strategic Plan (Action) ✓ Water Resilience (Action) ✓ Proposed Final 2023 FTIP and Proposed Final Draft Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 Connect SoCal (Action/Consent)	✓ ATP Augmentation (Action)	
Nov	✗ Supply Chain—Call to Action ✓ TCEP Regional Project List (Action)	✓ REAP 2.0: Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 Guidelines (Action) ✓ REAP 2.0: CTC Partnership Program & Call for Projects (Action)	
Dec (EAC on behalf of RC)		✓ REAP 2.0: Authorization to Apply for Full Funding (Action)	

Regional Council Agenda Policy Outlook for FY 2023

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Business/Regional Updates
Jan	✗ Lithium/Salton Sea (Information Item) Moved to Emerging Technology Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Projects: Approve Final Guidelines (Action) 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines: Approve Guidelines (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Quality Management Plan Release of the Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and Draft FTIP Consistency Amendment 23-03 (Action)
Feb		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Advance Mitigation Planning White Paper and Policy Framework (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STBG/CMAQ Compliance Action Plan (Action)
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply Chain Panel & Call to Action Resolution 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 23-24 Overall Work Plan & Budget
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Subcommittee Recommendations (Action) Emerging Technology Committee Recommendation—Clean Transportation Technology (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAG's Digital Action Plan (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines (Action) Consideration of Proposed Amendments to SCAG's Bylaws (and possibly amendments to the Regional Council Policy Manual) Nominations and Elections of 2023-23 SCAG Officers

Other Items To Be Scheduled Pending Committee Action:

- Connect SoCal Policy Framework
- REAP 2.0 CTC Program Project Selection (May/June)
- REAP 2.0 Regional Pilot Initiative Framework (May/June)

NextGen Infrastructure Special Committee



GOAL

Build on Connect SoCal 2020 and provide guidance on the priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024, reflecting the rapidly evolving developments across the region specific to the future of mobility and associated implications for public policy. The need for more comprehensive understanding of these developments and consensus building on key regional strategies and policies is even more evident today in preparation for Connect SoCal 2024 as we continue to grapple with the pandemic, a more challenging economic environment, and shifting state and federal priorities with increasing uncertainties across the planning horizon.

MEETING TOPICS

- How has travel changed with COVID and what will this mean for long-range transportation planning?
- (How) should our highway policies and investment strategies evolve to address shifting priorities?
- How do we ensure transit recovery?
- (How) should we better align the way we pay for transportation with equity and resiliency goals?

Resilience & Resource Conservation Special Committee



GOAL

By 2050 the region will add 1.7 million people, with a 15 percent increase in employment. Increased wildfire, extreme heat, drought, and rising sea levels – as well as seismic events – threaten our region's growth and resources. Vulnerable communities will experience particularly acute and disproportionate impacts. Prioritizing strategies and investments now to address future impacts can result in significant health and economic benefits. The Committee will explore how to maximize Connect SoCal's regional strategies and investments to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate and seismic-related hazards on our built and natural systems and increase our region's resilience.

MEETING TOPICS

- How resilience and resource conservation show up today in regional planning, policy, and the preliminary growth forecast?
- Identifying acute shocks and stressors to a sustainable, thriving and equitable future, and creating opportunities to strengthen resilience.
- Tools/best practices that can support climate adaptation, resilient systems and resource conservation
- Reducing impacts on vulnerable communities.
- How Connect SoCal can reinforce resilience and resource conservation centered policies and programs?

Racial Equity Special Committee



GOAL

Identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's Environmental Justice communities.

MEETING TOPICS

- How has systemic racism shaped the built environment?
- What are the outcomes of systemic racism in our region?
Where are we today?
- How can public policy dismantle systemic racism and advance racial equity?
What is the current federal, state, and local landscape?
- How is SCAG tackling systemic racism today?
Are there gaps?
How can we leverage Connect SoCal to fill those gaps?
- Final Racial Equity in Regional Planning Subcommittee Recommendations