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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
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Thursday, July 2, 2020
1:00 PM

The Regional Council 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 Rex Richardson, President)*

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on Racial and Social Justice and SCAG's Policy Statement [to be distributed under separate cover]
2. Call for Collaboration Partnership Program
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD COMMITTEE:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 20-623-1, to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the California Community Foundation that would provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Approve Resolution No. 20-623-1, to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the California Community Foundation that would provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program.

3. 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program
(The Honor Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, Scholarship Committee)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program Award.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

4. Connect SoCal Update
(Kome Ajise Executive Director)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the Meeting - May 7, 2020
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-049-C01, Security Guard Services
7. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value:
Contract 19-007-C01, Transit Asset Management Target Setting
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

9. SCAG Request for Delay for Local Housing Element Updates
10. Highlights of the 31st Annual Demographic Workshop
11. Green Region Initiative - Sustainability Map Update
12. July State and Federal Legislative Update
13. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and
Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

BUSINESS REPORT

(Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

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AGENDA ITEM 2 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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July 2, 2020

To: Community
Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, Executive Management,
213-236-1835, Ajise@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Call for Collaboration Partnership Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD COMMITTEE:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 20-623-1, to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the California Community Foundation that would provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL:

Approve Resolution No. 20-623-1, to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the California Community Foundation that would provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program.

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:

In the wake of the pandemic and its disproportionate impact on low-income and minority communities, President Rex Richardson has outlined opportunity areas and a work program for Recovering and Reimagining a Resilient Region. Central to this framework is bringing new voices to the table and fostering innovative partnerships and collaborations that leverage the strength of the region’s diversity to realize an inclusive economic recovery. Complementary to the President’s priorities and as part of its broader Housing Program, the Regional Council set aside \$1 million out of the \$11 million allocation of the region’s early application for the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) grant to establish the Call for Collaboration partnership program with the intent to support new partnership models and engage a wider range of stakeholders to advance the region’s housing goals.

SCAG has the unique opportunity to partner with the California Community Foundation (CCF) and other non-profit entities to implement the partnership program, leveraging SCAG’s resources 1:1

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with other funds, to increase the reach and impact of the program. The Call for Collaboration would fund projects that go beyond traditional planning tools and promote collaborative partnerships, particularly with community based organizations (CBO), and to also elevate local conversations on racial equity and justice in housing need and economic recovery. It would be designed to advance the President's vision for listening and convening, as the foundation for catalyzing innovation, opportunity and change. If the partnership is approved by the Regional Council, the Call for Collaboration is anticipated to launch in the Fall 2020, augmenting subregional and local planning efforts supported by REAP, and other state funding programs, to update housing elements and accelerate housing production.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP grant, which was part of the Governor's 2019 Statewide Budget bill, directs approximately \$47 million to SCAG to develop activities and programs that accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region. There is a wide range of activities that are eligible for funding under the REAP planning grant. Generally, activities focus on programs and plans designed to promote pro-housing policies, streamline the housing approval process, and remove barriers to development. The Regional Council voted in February 2020 to set-aside half of the region's REAP funding to support Subregional Partnership Programs to align regional resources with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocations. Other activities approved by the Regional Council as part of SCAG's early application for REAP include the development of regional data tools, regional outreach efforts, finalization of the RHNA allocations, and technical assistance offered to local jurisdictions through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program. The REAP grant is intended to have a net-positive effect on housing throughout the region but due to SCAG's large size, there are challenges in focusing on smaller individual projects, particularly those that specifically partner with CBOs. However, the collective impact of smaller projects can have a significant effect on regional housing supply and CBO engagement is central to ensuring all voices are heard in planning processes designed to serve Southern California's diverse communities as we work together to also address inequities inherent in access to housing.

To bridge the gap between large-scale regional programs and more community-oriented projects, and to align with the President's priorities for *Recovering and Reimagining a Resilient Region*, SCAG staff is proposing to partner with the California Community Foundation (CCF) and other non-profit foundations to develop the Call for Collaboration program. Rather than focusing on traditional methods of planning, financing, and development, this collaborative effort will promote inclusive community-based and community-driven approaches. SCAG would contribute \$1 million as pass-through funding to the program that would be matched 1:1 by CCF, the Irvine Foundation, and other donors. To align with the priorities set by SCAG President Rex Richardson, the Call for Collaboration would be designed to seek innovative and strategic models to shape and execute a vision for increasing housing stock in a sustainable and equitable way that promotes racial equity

and justice in the marketplace and less greenhouse gas emissions from unsustainable development patterns.

The Call for Collaboration would feature multiple awards with a range of award amounts and advance the themes and phases in President Richardson's work program to Listen, Convene and Catalyze innovation and opportunity. A minimum of \$50,000 is recommended for awards, though smaller amounts could be awarded based on the project scope. These awards are intended to seed community-based strategies for collaboration and engagement. Larger awards would be available to expand and implement already existing partnerships or initiatives. In addition to having a positive effect on housing supply, projects can also focus on preservation and anti-displacement initiatives. Activities that position racial equity and justice as the foundation for housing plans and policies and elevate the role of CBOs in housing and economic recovery will also be encouraged to mitigate structural and historical disparities. All awarded projects must promote equitable growth strategies in communities. Selected projects will be awarded throughout the SCAG region based on the amount and quality of applications received. All projects funded by SCAG's contribution to the program must qualify as an eligible housing planning activity as described by the REAP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published by HCD on February 27, 2020. Examples of potential awards include community engagement and educational activities, infrastructure planning to support housing development, anti-displacement policies that complement activities that promote housing production, and the implementation of innovative programs that promote affordable housing production and preservation.

In order to move the program forward, SCAG staff is requesting approval of the attached Resolution No. 20-623-1 which would authorize the for the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the California Community Foundation to provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program. Pending the authorization from the Regional Council, CCF will provide the grant administration through a procured consultant. A consultant will also be procured to provide technical assistance to awarded projects. The program launch and application period is anticipated by Fall 2020, with review and award announcements following the application period. Awarded projects are expected to commence by early 2021 with an expected completion date of December 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (21-300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 20-623-1 CCF



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RESOLUTION NO. 20-623-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CCF) TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CALL FOR COLLABORATION PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties;

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") is authorized to provide up to \$47,471,023 to SCAG under the Regional Early Action Planning grant program (REAP), the regional component of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (as described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.02);

WHEREAS, SCAG submitted an application for a Request for Advance Allocation to receive \$11,867,755 (up to 25% of the amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.02(b) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.03(a)) per Regional Council Resolution No. 20-618-1, which was signed on February 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Department approved SCAG's application for a Request for Advance Allocation on April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, complementary to the SCAG President's priorities and as part of the broader Housing Program, SCAG has included the exploration of collaboration with community-based partners to support community-driven approaches to accommodate more housing as part of its proposed activities under its Request for Advance Allocation;

WHEREAS, SCAG will partner with the California Community Foundation and other non-profit entities to fund projects that go beyond traditional planning tools and promote collaborative projects, particularly with community-based organizations (CBO), and also to elevate local conversations on racial equity and justice in housing need and economic recovery; and

Attachment: Resolution No. 20-623-1 CCF (Call for Collaboration Partnership Program)

WHEREAS, the Call for Collaboration program will award grants of various amounts to projects that meet the program objectives and propose an innovative approach to planning, including those that promote community-driven and equitable growth strategies through partnerships among CBOs, non-profit institutions, and local governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that;

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to program and set aside \$1,000,000 as pass-through funding out of the \$11,867,755 available from the Request for Advance Allocation to establish the Call for Collaboration program; and

2. SCAG's Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized by the Regional Council to negotiate, finalize and execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to an agreement with the California Community Foundation to provide grant funding for the Call for Collaboration program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 2nd day of July, 2020.

Rex A. Richardson
President, SCAG
Councilmember, Long Beach

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Justine Block
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 3 REPORT

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July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: The Honorable Cheryl Viegas-Walker,
Chair, Scholarship Committee
Subject: 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program Award.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Scholarship Committee at its meeting on June 15, 2020 recommended up to ten (10) students total to receive the 2020 SCAG Scholarship Award: One (1) student each from Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties; two (2) students from Los Angeles County; one (1) additional recipient from Los Angeles County; one (1) additional recipient from San Bernardino County; and one (1) additional recipient—whose award may be funded by the California Transportation Foundation—from Riverside County. This year, SCAG received ninety-three (93) applications in total, and thirty (30) of those were forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for further evaluation.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2009, the Regional Council approved the SCAG Scholarship Pilot Program, which is intended to provide financial support to a select group of high school and community college students and offer local planning experience that students can use to develop their long-term career goals. Now in its tenth year, the program is open to high school juniors and seniors and community college students who reside in the six-county SCAG region. Students applying are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must be enrolled in higher education, if graduating. As part of the application, students are required to submit a completed application form; a minimum 500-word essay, describing their interests in urban planning and public policy; two (2) letters of recommendation; and a current transcript of records.

In addition to a monetary award of \$4,000, recipients traditionally also participate in a two-week

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internship with SCAG or a local planning agency. The purpose of the internship is to introduce students to a career in urban planning and local government, and scholarship recipients traditionally are expected to perform light office work and attend meetings with a designated mentor. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the internship requirement has been waived for the 2020 award year. Students will be invited to attend and be recognized during a Regional Council meeting.

Applications for the SCAG Scholarship Program were originally due (postmarked) by Friday, April 3, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline was extended to Friday, May 8. SCAG received a total of ninety three (93) applications from throughout the SCAG region. There were nine (9) applications from Imperial County, thirty-one (31) from Los Angeles County, thirty-four (34) from Orange County, nine (9) from Riverside County, eight (8) from San Bernardino County, and two (2) from Ventura County. Applications were screened based on the minimum requirements and on the interests described in the essay portion. Although a majority of the applicants met the minimum requirements, those students that exhibited some interest in planning, public policy, and/or government were selected to be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.

The Scholarship Committee was comprised of thirteen (13) Regional Council members from throughout the region and two (2) members of academia:

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| 1. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair | District 1 |
| 2. Margaret Finlay | District 35 |
| 3. Jan Harnik | RCTC |
| 4. Clint Lorimore | District 4 |
| 5. Ray Marquez | District 10 |
| 6. James Mulvihill | District 7 |
| 7. Frank Navarro | District 6 |
| 8. David Pollock | District 46 |
| 9. Rex Richardson | District 29 |
| 10. Lyn Semeta | District 64 |
| 11. Marty Simonoff | District 22 |
| 12. Alan Wapner | SBCTA |
| 13. Mr. Randall Lewis | Ex Officio, Business Representative |
| 14. Dr. Dohyung Kim | Cal Poly Pomona |
| 15. Dr. James Moore | University of Southern California |

Staff forwarded thirty (30) applications, consisting of three (3) from Imperial County, nine (9) from Los Angeles County, eight (8) from Orange County, four (4) from Riverside County, four (4) from San Bernardino County, and two (2) from Ventura County, to the Scholarship Committee for further evaluation. The Scholarship Committee was asked to evaluate the applications and recommend one (1) finalist each from Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties, and two

(2) finalists from Los Angeles County. Committee members reviewed the applications and made recommendations based on the interests described in their essay, career goals, and other activities in each student's respective school and surrounding community. At its meeting on June 15, 2020, the Scholarship Committee recommended that the following students receive a 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program Award:

- Imperial County Aaliyah Felix (El Centro)
- Los Angeles County Ashley Anderson (Covina)
- Los Angeles County Doyup Kwon (Torrance)
- Orange County Chloe Niebla
- Riverside County Mirabella Smith (Canyon Lake)
- San Bernardino County Ysabella Sardillo (Apple Valley)
- Ventura County Kimiko Stafford (Thousand Oaks)

Once the Scholarship Committee finalized its slate of recommendations to be forwarded to the Regional Council, the Committee discussed whether they wanted to consider any applicants for an additional discretionary scholarship award. After a short deliberation, Committee members recommended that the two following students also receive a 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program Award:

- Los Angeles County Emily Hardesty (Long Beach)
- San Bernardino County Andrea Hansen (Chino Hills)

Apart from the SCAG-funded awards, the California Transportation Foundation has once again committed to maintaining its generous partnership with SCAG, this year spending reserve funds to provide for 1 additional scholarship award. The California Transportation Foundation was founded in 1988 to create a charity that would support the Caltrans community, but later expanded to serve private sector and other public transportation agency employees as well. After a short deliberation, Committee members recommended that the following student receive the California Transportation Foundation-funded 2020 SCAG Scholarship Program Award:

- Riverside County Chiari Palagi (Riverside)

The SCAG Scholarship Program and related staff support has been—and continues to be—funded from the SCAG General Fund. The primary source of the General Fund is the collection of SCAG's annual membership assessments, and the use of the General Fund is determined by SCAG's Regional Council and General Assembly. Each year, the General Fund Budget is reviewed and approved by the Regional Council and is subsequently adopted by the General Assembly. The Scholarship Program is included as part of the General Fund Budget.



While the California Constitution prohibits gifts of public funds under Article XVI, Section 6, the prohibition does not preclude expenditures and disbursements for public purposes even if a private person incidentally benefits from that expenditure or disbursement (also known as the “public purpose exception”). The expenditure of public funds for a public purpose is not considered to be a gift of public funds. California courts have held that expenditures of public funds for education are a public purpose. Therefore, staff concludes that the use of the General Fund for SCAG’s Scholarship Program is not an unconstitutional gift of public funds and falls under the “public purpose exception.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SCAG Scholarship Program cost for nine (9) scholarship awards is \$36,000. Funds are included in the FY 2019-2020 General Fund Budget.



AGENDA ITEM 4 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

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

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, Executive Management,
213-236-1835, Ajise@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Connect SoCal Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-621-1 certifying the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and approving Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes only. The Resolution postponed for up to 120 days the date by which the Regional Council would be asked to consider approval of Connect SoCal in its entirety and outlined a series of activities to be undertaken by staff prior to reconsideration of the plan for all other purposes, including but not limited to submittal to the California Air Resources Board (ARB). The Resolution provided direction to staff to report back to the Regional Council within 60 days on progress related to items in the Resolution, including modifications to the Sustainable Communities Strategy and associated modeling analysis.

Staff has conducted additional outreach and completed all activities directed by Resolution No. 20-621-1. As a result of this work and input from stakeholders and local jurisdictions, staff are integrating the necessary technical modifications to the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) data to address the Regional Council's direction and is preparing recommendations for addressing the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the agency's broader work plan to implement Connect SoCal and prepare for future updates. Given the limited-nature of the technical modifications within a regional planning context, SCAG staff intends to recommend that the Regional Council proceed with adoption of Connect SoCal in its entirety once modifications to the SCS data have been modeled. Given the feedback heard to date and constraints of the 120 day

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timeline, staff is not recommending any changes to the policies or strategies in the plan itself but rather recommends emergent issues continue to be studied and addressed as part of a future plan update.

*The Final Connect SoCal and PEIR approved for federal conformity purposes and proposed for approval for all other purposes is available on-line at:
<https://www.connectsocial.org/Pages/Connect-SoCal-Final-Plan.aspx>.*

The timely adoption of Connect SoCal in its entirety once limited modifications to the SCS data have been modeled will enable SCAG staff to proceed with the distribution of the Draft RHNA Allocations to local jurisdictions and submit Connect SoCal to ARB for confirmation that the plan meets greenhouse gas reduction targets—ensuring the region’s eligibility and competitiveness for state transportation funding programs.

BACKGROUND:

On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-621-1 certifying the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and approving Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes only. The Resolution postponed for up to 120 days the date by which the Regional Council would be asked to consider approval of Connect SoCal in its entirety and for all other purposes, including but not limited to submittal to the California Air Resources Board (ARB). The Resolution established the following expectations during this timeframe:

- Allow for more time to review Connect SoCal and consider its implications in light of the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region as requested by many stakeholders;
- Staff shall work with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions;
- Staff shall identify and quantify all differences within the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and locally-approved General Plans and quantify the increase (or decrease) in housing, jobs or population between Connect SoCal and each local General Plan within 60 days; and
- Staff shall provide a progress report describing modifications to the SCS and associated modeling and analysis within 60 days.

This report provides information on SCAG staff’s progress to fulfill these expectations. Additional details are available in the attachments to this report.

1) Pandemic Outreach & Feedback

Since the May 7th meeting, staff has been engaging in several outreach activities to learn more from stakeholders about how they have been impacted by COVID-19 and learn how Connect

SoCal can best be positioned as a tool for recovery and regional resilience. Activities include engagement with regional planning working groups, direct outreach to specific stakeholders, focus groups with community-based organizations (CBOs), a public survey, and a public virtual town-hall.

The two focus groups with seven community-based organizations (CBOs), have reiterated issues raised during the spring 2019 Connect SoCal outreach process as well as daylighted additional concerns in light of recent events. For instance, stakeholders continue to see significant value in maintaining roots and strengthening connections within their established communities, but COVID-19 has amplified concerns about housing availability and affordability, evictions, limited alternative transportation options and displacement. A summary of input from these meetings is being prepared. Participants include: Abundant Housing LA, People for Mobility Justice/ Ride in Living Color, Strategic Actions for a Just Economy, TRUST South LA, Kennedy Commission, Santa Ana Active Streets and Alianza Coachella Valley.

SCAG has also conducted a survey asking stakeholders about the impact of COVID-19 on their communities as well as specific questions relating to SCAG's activities and long-range planning. The survey closed on June 25, 2020. A summary of input will be provided under separate cover in advance of the July Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings. As of the midpoint, (159 responses) the survey responses indicate:

- The top noted impacts of COVID-19 to communities is lack of income to pay rent/mortgage and increased vehicle speeds on local roads
- The top longer-term concern about COVID-19 impact to the community was lack of government funding for services and programs
- On average, 87 percent of respondents noted that the Connect SoCal goals were either the same or more significant in light of COVID-19

Lastly, on June 24, 2020 SCAG held a Virtual Townhall: Regional Dialogue on Connect SoCal and COVID-19 Recovery with small group breakout discussions to learn the specific impacts of COVID-19 in communities across the region and to hear from stakeholders about how Connect SoCal implementation, through the planning resources, research and convening functions of SCAG can help assist in moving the region forward. The event featured a keynote address from President Rex Richardson and a presentation from Planning Director Sarah Jepson. A verbal summary of feedback from this recent convening will be provided at the July Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings. Additional information is available as an attachment to this report.

Next Steps:

Staff is recommending that a **Connect SoCal Implementation Plan** be developed focused on aligning SCAG's work programs with the immediate public health, safety, racial justice and fiscal challenges faced by the region and raised by stakeholders through the outreach process. As a complement to the Implementation Plan, staff will also prepare a **2024 Connect SoCal Emerging Issues Outlook** describing areas of additional analysis to be pursued to better understand the long-term impacts of the pandemic on future plan updates. Both of these items will be presented to the Policy Committees and Regional Council in September. Given the living nature of Connect SoCal and its existing focus on the need to develop regional resilience strategies targeting our most vulnerable communities, SCAG staff is not recommending any specific modifications or clarifications to Connect SoCal in response to the pandemic at this time. Rather, staff recommends that policy changes and plan updates be considered through future board action informed by the Implementation Plan, Emerging Issues Outlook and regular processes for updating the RTP/SCS.

2) Growth Forecast Analysis

The Connect SoCal Growth Forecast is developed based on the guiding principles below, which were established with SCAG's Technical Working Group to align it and Connect SoCal's Forecasted Regional Development Pattern with local general plans. The additional analysis directed by the Regional Council provided the opportunity to confirm the Connect SoCal Growth Forecast data was developed in accordance with the Connect SoCal Growth Forecast Guiding Principles (Guiding Principles), and in particular, Guiding Principle #2, which focuses on consideration of entitlements and General Plan maximum capacities.

Staff also understood from the Regional Council's direction that the board was interested in better understanding the potential increases (or decreases) in housing and jobs resulting from Connect SoCal regional policy implementation. This information is captured by comparing the Connect SoCal neighborhood-level Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) data with the "Local Input" TAZ level data, which is provided by local jurisdictions at the beginning of the planning process to reflect their growth assumptions. Pursuant to Guiding Principle #4, the TAZ level data is ***"utilized to conduct required modeling analysis and is therefore advisory and non-binding, given that sub-jurisdictional forecasts are not adopted as part of Connect SoCal. TAZ level data may be used by jurisdictions in local planning as they deem appropriate and Connect SoCal does not supersede local jurisdiction authority or decisions on future development including entitlements and development agreements."*** It is also important to note that for purposes of determining consistency with Connect SoCal for CEQA, grant or other opportunities, lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project's consistency, and ***"consistency should be evaluated utilizing the goals and policies of Connect SoCal and its associated Program***

Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).” The TAZ level growth forecast data is not referenced or included as part of the goals and policies of Connect SoCal nor is it included in the associated PEIR. The Guiding Principles provide important context for the analysis requested by the Regional Council, especially regarding the use of advisory-only, TAZ level data. These deeply vetted Guiding Principles help distinguish limited technical data modifications from broader Connect SoCal policy changes. For instance, if intended use of the TAZ-Level Growth Forecast data is treated as more than advisory, or if plan data is modified to align with “Local Input,” broader regional policy changes would be needed, since “Local Input” does not comprehensively reflect Connect SoCal’s established regional planning policies.

Board Adopted Guiding Principles for the Connect SoCal Growth Forecast

- 1 Connect SoCal will be adopted at the jurisdictional level, and directly reflects the population, household and employment growth projects that have been reviewed and refined with feedback from local jurisdictions through SCAG’s Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process. The growth forecast maintains these locally informed projected jurisdictional growth totals, meaning future growth is not reallocated from one local jurisdiction to another.
- 2 Connect SoCal’s growth forecast at the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level is controlled to not exceed the maximum density of local general plans as conveyed by jurisdictions, except in the case of existing entitlements and development agreements.
- 3 For the purpose of determining consistency with Connect SoCal for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), grants or other opportunities, lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project’s consistency; SCAG may also evaluate consistency for grants and other resource opportunities; consistency should be evaluated utilizing the goals and policies of Connect SoCal and its associated Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).
- 4 TAZ level data or any data at a geography smaller than the jurisdictional level has been utilized to conduct required modeling analysis and is therefore advisory only and non-binding, given that sub-jurisdictional forecasts are not adopted as part of Connect SoCal. TAZ level data may be used by jurisdictions in local planning as they deem appropriate and Connect SoCal does not supersede local jurisdiction authority or decisions on future development, including entitlements and development agreements. There is no obligation by a jurisdiction to change its land use policies, General Plan, or regulations to be consistent with Connect SoCal.
- 5 SCAG will maintain communication with agencies that use SCAG’s sub-jurisdictional level data to ensure that the “advisory and non-binding” nature of the data is appropriately maintained.

- a. Technical Analysis and Modifications
 - i. Work with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions;

SCAG coordinated an extensive local engagement process, called the Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process, with Southern California’s 197 towns, cities and counties when developing Connect SoCal to create a Growth Forecast dataset that simultaneously respects local land use policies, reflects local entitlements, and advances regional goals. In addressing the Regional Council directives, SCAG has continued to work closely with local jurisdictions and the development community to review how growth is reflected in areas with entitled projects. This valuable effort supplements the detailed and iterative process used to develop Connect SoCal since 2018.

In May and June 2020, SCAG conducted targeted outreach to jurisdictions where quantitative analysis indicated the need for direct discussion, and also welcomed all jurisdictions to again review SCAG’s Growth Forecast to ensure entitlements (with anticipated phasing) were captured and general plan maximums were reflected. In total, twelve jurisdictions provided feedback to SCAG – with 6 asking for adjustments due to general plan capacities or entitlements, and others specifically asking that the Growth Forecast not be changed for their jurisdiction at all.

- ii. Identify and quantify all differences within the SCS and locally-approved General Plans and quantify the increase (or decrease) in housing, jobs or population between Connect SoCal and each local General Plan within 60 days

To address the directive of the Regional Council, SCAG conducted quantitative analysis to compare Connect SoCal’s Growth Forecast (a modeling input for the SCS) with local general plan dwelling unit capacities, and sought feedback from local jurisdictions on general plan capacities and entitlements in late May and early June.

For the quantitative analysis of local general plan dwelling unit capacities, capacities at the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level were calculated utilizing maximum and average dwelling unit densities per acre for each parcel taken from local general plans, and then were summed to the TAZ level. This data was supplemented with capacities from entitlements, large scale specific plans, and “Local Input” (in the event that growth conveyed by jurisdictions was higher than SCAG’s calculated dwelling unit density). Within the time constraints of the review period, staff has confirmed 95% of the 13,257 split TAZs, which account for 97% of the total households reflected in the plan for 2045, do not exceed general plan dwelling unit density

maximums (as calculated utilizing available data). It is important to note that SCAG’s assessment of general plan capacity is an estimate that does not consider all factors impacting development capacity (such as local ordinances for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), density bonuses, and zoning). These factors add additional capacity to TAZs to a degree that cannot be estimated utilizing available data.

To complement the quantitative analysis and as mentioned above, SCAG sought feedback from local jurisdictions on general plan capacities and entitlements during the late May and early June review period. As mentioned previously, six jurisdictions requested adjustments to the Connect SoCal growth forecast to better reflect capacities and/or entitlements.

b. Supplemental Policy Analysis

To complement this technical analysis, SCAG staff conducted further analysis to account for anticipated shifts—increases and decreases—in growth resulting from Connect SoCal policies. This analysis considers differences, within the locally established density ranges—not exceeding general plan capacities, of the growth projected by Connect SoCal as compared to local growth assumptions, or Local Input, provided directly by local jurisdictions. In some cases, the Connect SoCal growth assumptions are equivalent to the Local Input, as SCAG has determined the jurisdiction’s assumptions effectively capture regional policies. In other cases, the development anticipated is increased or decreased in one location and shifted to another location, within the same jurisdiction, to capture anticipated impacts of regional policies. This analysis provides a means to capture increases and decreases in housing and jobs anticipated as a result of Connect SoCal, which staff understood as the primary intent of the Regional Council’s direction.

Table 1 below shows the magnitude of the shift in growth, anticipated as a result of regional policies, within jurisdictions into areas targeted for growth (i.e., Priority Growth Areas) as compared to the locally envisioned growth (“Local Input” as conveyed by jurisdictions in October 2018 at the TAZ level.)

Table 1 – Household and Employment Growth Anticipated to Occur Between 2016 and 2045 in the SCAG Region

Connect SoCal Policy Areas	Growth Anticipated to Occur Between 2016 and 2045	(A) “Local Input” (October 2018)	(B) Final Plan (May 2020)	Difference (B) - (A)
Regional Total	Households	1,621,000	1,621,000	-
	Employment	1,660,000	1,660,000	-
Priority Growth Areas ¹	Households	54%	64%	10%
	Employment	58%	74%	16%
Absolute Constrained Areas ²	Households	13%	10%	-3%
	Employment	14%	9%	-4%
Variable Constrained Areas ³	Households	50%	47%	-3%
	Employment	45%	43%	-2%

1. Includes High Quality Transit Areas, Transit Priority Areas, Job Centers, Livable Corridors, Neighborhood Mobility Areas, Spheres of Influence (outside of constrained areas)

2. Includes tribal lands, military, open space, conserved lands, sea level rise areas (2 feet) and farmlands in unincorporated areas

3. Includes Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), grazing lands, farmlands in incorporated jurisdictions, 500-year flood plains, CalFire Very High Severity Fire Risk (state and local), and Natural Lands and Habitat Corridors (connectivity, habitat quality, habitat type layers)

The land use pattern and future growth distribution at the TAZ level in Connect SoCal is intended to be different from those in the “Local Input” growth distribution to reflect regional planning policies. Connect SoCal’s Growth Forecast and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern, while advisory in nature, envision a future land use and development pattern that will help Southern California to gain resources from the State’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and SB 1 revenue that can help to incentivize sustainable growth at the local level. These shifts contribute to important outcomes for the region as modeled for Connect SoCal. Quantitatively, these shifts also resulted in a reduction of 3.7 million vehicle miles traveled region-wide (VMT) in year 2035 (as compared to “Local Input”) and contributed to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that allowed Connect SoCal to meet Southern California’s target. Without these measures and by not changing any other factors, Connect SoCal will not be able to reach the State’s per capita greenhouse gas reduction target for 2035 of 19% below 2005 levels. Future growth in Very High Severity Fire Risk Areas and areas subject to sea level rise is reduced in comparison to “Local Input,” and many acres of existing farmlands and protected

open space areas are preserved. By 2045, local implementation of Connect SoCal's regional policies would redirect over 200,000 people and over 100,000 jobs to priority growth areas from constrained places such as high severity fire risk areas, natural lands, habitat corridors, and lands vulnerable to sea level rise.

Technical Modifications and Next Steps:

SCAG will be integrating feedback from local jurisdictions on the topics of entitlements and general plan capacities in accordance with the approaches specified in Attachments 1 and 2. Overall, with changes being considered from a total of six jurisdictions, SCAG staff estimate that adjustments will be minor and will not significantly impact the overall regional modeling results of Connect SoCal. Accordingly, SCAG staff expects to recommend that the Regional Council proceed with adoption of Connect SoCal in its entirety once modifications to the SCS data have been modeled, and direct staff to report on any changes in plan performance outcomes.

In addition to responding to Regional Council directives under the Resolution, SCAG is currently conducting stakeholder outreach with the Center of Biological Diversity (CBD) in response to their two comment letters received on May 1, 2020 and May 6, 2020 on the Connect SoCal Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The comment letters sought additional clarification on Connect SoCal's project list, SCAG's funding and implementation authority and environmental analysis for the PEIR. SCAG responded to CBD's first comment letter on May 1, 2020 and has initiated two outreach meetings with CBD. Additionally, SCAG is currently drafting a response to CBD's second comment letter.

SCAG anticipates preparing additional environmental documentation (e.g., PEIR Addendum) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, prior to requesting Regional Council action to adopt Connect SoCal in its entirety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2019/20 Overall Work Program (010.0170.01 RTP Support, Development and Policy Implementation and 020.0161.04: Regulatory Compliance).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. A - Approach for Addressing Entitlements
2. B - Connect SoCal and General Plan Comparison Analysis

SCAG’s Approach for Addressing Entitlements in SCAG’s Tier 2 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level modeling data for Connect SoCal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 7, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-621-1 approving Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes only as part of its action, and directed staff to work with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions, among other directives. This report describes the process SCAG staff undertook to address this particular directive related to entitlements, to meet the requirements of providing a progress report describing anticipated modifications to the SCS and associated approximate modeling and analysis within 60 days of Resolution adoption.

Background:

SCAG’s regional transportation model relies on population, household and employment data at the neighborhood level—Tier 2 Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs)—as part of a complex series of calculations to predict travel behavior and resulting outcomes, like vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions. There are 11, 267 Tier 2 TAZs and 13,257 split city/Tier 2 TAZs in the SCAG region. SCAG coordinates an extensive local engagement process, called the Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process, with towns, cities and counties as part of the development of the plan to create this dataset, so that it respects local general plans while also reflecting the impacts of regional policy. For example, when projecting growth in a TAZ, if there is capacity to place more future growth within a regional Priority Growth Area, within the regulatory framework of a general plan, then staff would determine that this is the best reflection of regional policy.

In addressing the Regional Council directives, SCAG has worked closely with the development community and local jurisdictions to review how growth is reflected in areas with entitled projects. This is a particularly sensitive and challenging process for large-scale developments that may take several decades to come to fruition, but also challenging, because large scale development often comprise their own TAZs so the regional data can be misconstrued as reflecting the growth limits of an entitled project, when it is simply a point-in- time projection of the growth over a 25 year period for regional transportation planning purposes. After another round of engagement and data review with local jurisdictions, seven asked that their Growth Forecast data be revised due to entitlements. SCAG staff are currently working to evaluate feedback and update the data accordingly.

Analysis of Entitlement Data for Connect SoCal

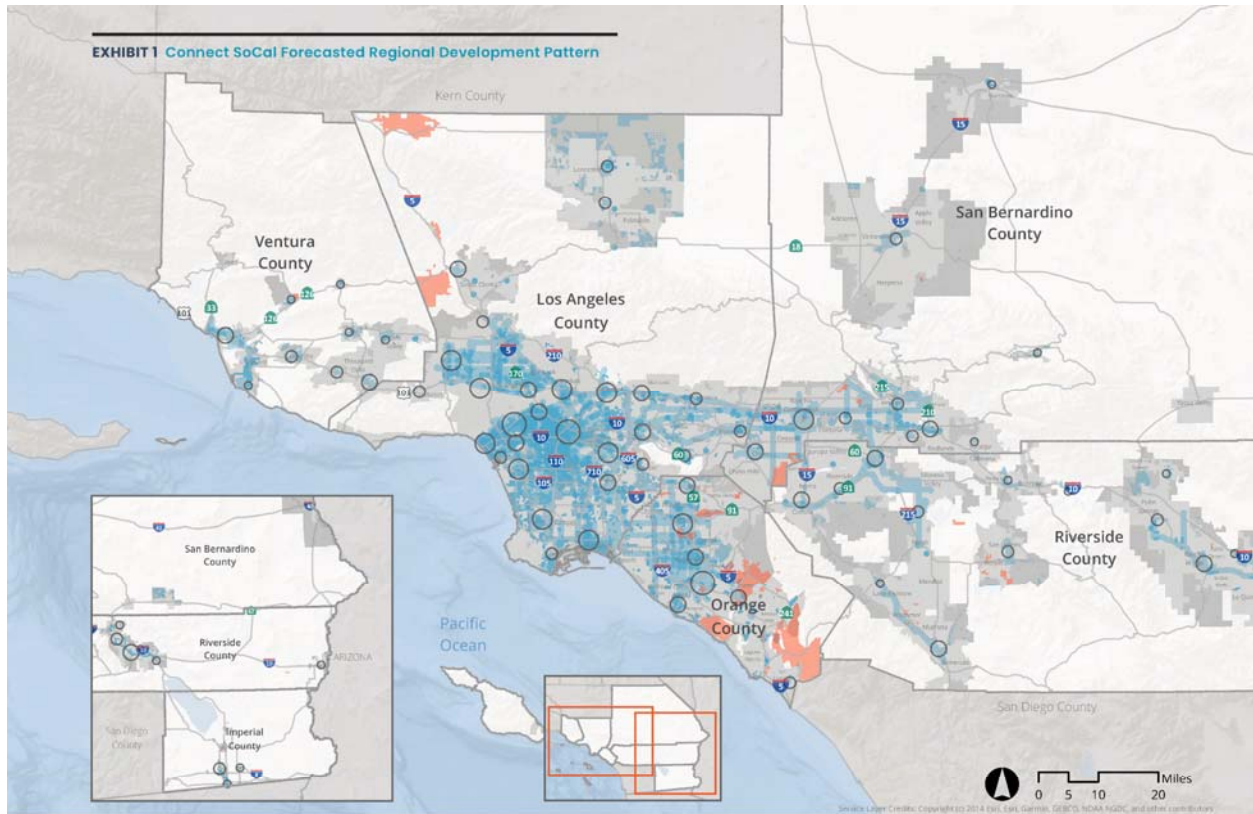
The *Planning Process* that was used for the Final Proposed Connect SoCal plan to capture entitlement data for consideration in the development of the growth forecast for the plan is described below. Indeed, one of Connect SoCal’s Guiding Principles is to “Assure that land use

and growth strategies recognize local input, promote sustainable transportation options, and support equitable and adaptable communities”. SCAG’s *Supplemental Review and Data Refinement Process* follows the *Planning Process* description and includes additional steps that have been taken since May 7, 2020 in accordance with the Regional Council’s direction to augment the planning process to-date with further opportunities for review and to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions.

Planning Process

An important aspect of projecting growth and planning our region's future development is taking into account new housing and employment related projects that are already in the pipeline – both in establishing a geographic database of entitled projects, and in collaborating with local jurisdictions to understand anticipated project impacts on future population, household, and employment growth through Connect SoCal’s 2045 horizon year. To first establish a database of entitled projects in preparing for Connect SoCal, SCAG worked with local jurisdictions and private sector developers early in the process to develop an Entitlements Database - the first of its kind and breadth in the region. This began by engaging with developers in 2016 through an Entitlements Working Group to map the locations and understand intensities of 66 major housing and employment projects. SCAG then met one-on-one with all 197 jurisdictions in 2017 and 2018 to review and supplement this database with additional entitlements – since jurisdictions are the authority on entitled projects and development agreements. SCAG’s towns, cities, and counties were asked to review the dataset by October 1, 2018, and 44 jurisdictions from all six counties offered feedback. In total, SCAG’s dataset grew to 424 projects with entitlements for over 195,000 new single family and multifamily development units. Many of these projects also included plans for employment related uses, with over 132,000 jobs projected based on potential future building square footages. For regional planning purposes, entitlements change frequently and SCAG’s 2018 Entitlements Database includes projects anticipated for near-term entitlement as conveyed by jurisdictions.

All of these entitled projects are depicted within the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern for the Final Proposed Connect SoCal plan, shown as Exhibit 1 in the Sustainable Communities Technical Report:



○ Job Centers ■ Priority Growth Areas ■ Entitled Projects ■ Incorporated Areas ■ Sphere of Influence*

* Priority Growth Areas include Spheres of Influence outside of constrained areas, as discussed further in the SCS Technical Report.

Source: County Transportation Commissions, LAFCO, Local Jurisdictions in SCAG region, SCAG, 2019

The next step in incorporating entitlements in Connect SoCal was understanding the likely phasing of these projects through 2045. Unlike many local general plans, Regional Transportation Plans and Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCSs) do not represent the region’s ultimate “build out.” Since there are many factors impacting the timeframe that bring entitlements to fruition - including market forces, local trends, anticipated phasing of development, amongst others – it was important to engage with local jurisdictions to understand neighborhood impacts and overall growth through 2045. This also supports Connect SoCal’s Guiding Principle to “assure that land use and growth strategies recognize local input, promote sustainable transportation options, and support equitable and adaptable communities.” In total, over 80 percent of SCAG’s 197 jurisdictions provided feedback in 2018 as part of the Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process on the anticipated phasing of population, household, and employment growth from 2016 to 2045. In comparing growth projected from entitlements to each jurisdiction’s overall growth, all 424 projects in the Entitlements Database are reflected in Connect SoCal. Further, Connect SoCal is adopted by SCAG at the jurisdictional level (not at the TAZ level) and jurisdictions have the authority to determine consistency of any project with the plan. Nothing in Connect SoCal

precludes a project from being determined consistent with the SCS, as entitled, by the applicable jurisdiction. Additionally, Government Code §65080 (b)(2)(K) expressly states: “Nothing in a sustainable communities strategy shall be interpreted as superseding the exercise of the land use authority of cities and counties within the region. ...Nothing in this section shall require a city’s or county’s land use policies and regulations, including its general plan, to be consistent with the regional transportation plan or an alternative planning strategy.”

SCAG has been notified of concerns from some stakeholders, including the Building Industry Association (BIA), regarding the representation of entitled projects in the neighborhood level growth forecast dataset. The neighborhood level growth forecast is specifically used for regional modeling purposes and is collaboratively developed with local jurisdictions to ensure growth projections reflect local knowledge of conditions, market forces and other factors contributing to future growth and do not exceed the capacity of local general plans. The data used in the Connect SoCal plan originates from the Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process and represents a local jurisdiction’s best understanding, at that time, of anticipated growth through 2045 taking into account the phasing of entitled projects. The neighborhood level data includes transportation analysis zone (TAZ)-level population, household, and employment growth projections, which are informed by the Entitlements Database. This data is not published in Connect SoCal and is typically released in consultation with local jurisdictions through a defined protocol to ensure it is understood as a tool for regional planning purposes only.

As part of the final review of Connect SoCal modeling data, SCAG conducted an analysis of the Connect SoCal Growth Forecast with the entitlement database to assess the extent to which the growth anticipated from entitled projects was reflected in the plan’s growth forecast to 2045:

- Of the 424 projects in the 2018 Entitlements Database, 10 projects in six jurisdictions were identified where the households or jobs reflected in the Entitlement Database may not have been fully captured in the Tier 2 TAZ level growth projections for 2045
- SCAG understood the primary reason for this difference related to the anticipated phasing of a project, as conveyed and/or reviewed by jurisdictions, recognizing that the build out of the development may not occur or would continue beyond the horizon year of the plan

Additional information on how SCAG worked with these local jurisdictions and others to restore entitlements within the Growth Forecast (based on local feedback) is covered in the next section. More information on the early process and datasets used in the development of Connect SoCal, and the process for requesting data, can be found on-line at <https://www.connectsocial.org/Pages/Local-Input-Process.aspx>

Supplemental Review and Data Refinements

To supplement the planning and review process, SCAG staff worked with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions. Specific and

targeted outreach was conducted to the six jurisdictions impacted to confirm entitlements are expressed and growth is captured as foreseen by local jurisdictions. SCAG accepted modifications to the TAZ-level growth data as conveyed by these jurisdictions to capture entitlements while holding jurisdictional level growth through 2045 constant. SCAG also shared the Entitlements Database with the Entitlements Working Group, which consists of private developers throughout the SCAG region. Some reached out to SCAG staff directly to request data on specific entitled projects to determine if growth at the TAZ-level was reflected consistently with their understanding of development phasing. SCAG worked with these groups, and then got confirmation from impacted jurisdictions to ensure that growth was in line with jurisdictions' understanding of these projects. To ensure transparency in this adjustment process, the TAZ-level Growth Forecast for Connect SoCal was made available to all entities and individuals upon request.

In addition, a letter was sent to all local jurisdictions providing them with directions for accessing their Tier 2 TAZ Growth Forecast data along with SCAG's publicly-accessible 2018 Entitlements Database (<https://www.connectsocial.org/Documents/DataMapBooks/EntitlementsSCAG.pdf>). Jurisdictions were provided the opportunity to submit updated information on entitlements and their phasing through 2045 to SCAG as part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of data available at the regional level on entitlements. Jurisdictions could also provide feedback on issues related to general plan and specific capacities through this process. Adjustments to the neighborhood level growth data to reflect these entitlement updates and general plan capacities were also accepted from local jurisdictions for review by SCAG through June 9. Time for review and comment by local jurisdictions was limited in order to ensure SCAG staff could be responsive to the Regional Council's direction to provide a progress report within 60 days of the May 7 adoption of Board Resolution No. 20-621-1 describing modifications to the SCS and associated modeling analysis. Given this is the third opportunity for review and feedback by local jurisdictions, the advisory nature of the data, and that the process is supplementary to analysis and outreach to address known discrepancies as described above, SCAG staff believes the timeframe was reasonable for addressing the Regional Council's directive.

Following the June 9 deadline, twelve jurisdictions provided feedback to SCAG and six jurisdictions requested edits to the TAZ-level data on the grounds of entitlements or general plan capacities. Others signed-off on SCAG's data as-is in the Connect SoCal plan and requested that additional changes not be made. Importantly, only one jurisdiction of the six initially identified jurisdictions with potential inconsistencies requested revisions after SCAG engaged directly with all six.

Moving forward, SCAG's Entitlements Database will remain a dynamic platform for capturing changes to entitlements for use in future planning updates. The Entitlement Database will be updated and made publicly accessible after this last round for review. Additional enhancements to the Supplemental Review and Data Refinement process may be pursued by staff and based on input from the Technical Working Group and stakeholders. The suggested process improvements will be evaluated and pursued if consistent with Regional Council direction and achievable within established time constraints.

Next Steps

SCAG staff have been reviewing feedback from jurisdictions and will be integrating changes in in the Growth Forecast dataset accordingly for Connect SoCal. Staff will additionally be providing an update on final revisions to the Regional Council, and jurisdictions will be notified of any revisions.

Connect SoCal and General Plan Comparison Analysis

Executive Summary

On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-621-1 certifying the Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and approving Connect SoCal for federal transportation conformity purposes only. On June 5, 2020, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration found that the Connect SoCal met transportation conformity requirements. The May 7th resolution further directed staff to, within 60 days, identify and quantify all differences within the SCS and locally-approved General Plans and quantify the differences in housing, jobs, or population between Connect SoCal and local general plans at the small-area level.

Staff has provided below a summary of the planning process pursued to align Connect SoCal with local general plans following the Growth Forecast Guiding Principles, which were developed with input from SCAG's Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Policy Committee and Technical Working Group. The extensive planning process involved numerous exchanges with local jurisdictions to confirm alignment with general plans, in combination with a quantitative analysis of housing capacity for quality control purposes. These exchanges and SCAG's most recent internal quality control analysis provide reasonable assurance the data used in Connect SoCal meets SCAG's principle to not exceed maximum densities of general plans. Within the time constraints of the review period, staff has confirmed 95% of the Transportation Analysis Zones, which account for 97% of the total households reflected in the plan, do not exceed general plan maximums at the TAZ-level (as calculated by SCAG utilizing available data). Note that SCAG's assessment of general plan capacity is an estimate that does not consider all factors impacting development capacity (such as parcel setbacks, floor area ratios, density bonuses, or local ordinances for accessory dwelling units (ADUs)). Indeed, SCAG's analysis often shows an underestimate of capacity at the TAZ level when compared to "Local Input" from jurisdictions. For the remaining TAZs, SCAG staff have engaged with local jurisdictions to seek feedback on any needed revisions – both in fall 2019 and summer 2020. Additionally, SCAG is presently seeking feedback from the TWG.

While none of the plan's Growth Forecast Guiding Principles speak to minimum densities of local general plans, as a matter of practice, the households and jobs forecasted in each transportation analysis zone do not fall below existing conditions in 2016 (except in few cases where demolitions are anticipated by jurisdictions and may not be replaced), which could be considered a minimum density threshold of local general plans. Otherwise establishing a minimum density threshold that would require growth to be placed at the minimum threshold wherever capacity exists within general plans is inconsistent with state laws that guide regional planning and incongruent with the principles of growth forecasting, which rely on demographic and economic factors that influence the demand for growth, not solely the existence of supply or available capacity.

To complement this analysis and as outlined in the May 7 staff report, SCAG staff conducted further analysis on shifts in growth—increases and decreases—resulting from Connect SoCal policies. This analysis considers differences, within the locally-established density ranges, which do not exceed general plan capacities, of the growth projected by Connect SoCal compared to local growth based on general plans, or "Local Input", provided directly by local jurisdictions. In some cases, the Connect SoCal growth

assumptions are equivalent to the “Local Input”, as SCAG utilized 64 jurisdictions “Local Input” data in the Connect SoCal Growth Forecast for instances where jurisdictions showed higher growth in Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) and lower growth in Absolute Constrained Areas (ACAs) that better achieved the policies of the Plan. In other cases, SCAG increased or decreased projected growth in one location and shifted to another location within the same jurisdiction to better follow regional planning policies and achieve larger greenhouse gas reductions. This analysis provides a means to capture increases and decreases in housing and jobs anticipated as a result of Connect SoCal, which staff understood as the primary intent of the Regional Council’s direction.

Background

The formulation of the Connect SoCal Plan’s Growth Forecast and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern has been informed by several engagements with regional stakeholders, including the involvement of thousands of Southern Californians through one-on-one briefings/data review sessions with local jurisdictions, regional planning working groups, outreach to traditionally-underrepresented groups through community-based organizations, and numerous public workshops. In responding to stakeholders’ diverse priorities, the Connect SoCal Plan’s Growth Forecast reflects jurisdictional-level input on future development received from Southern California’s towns, cities, and counties through SCAG’s one-on-one engagements with all 197 jurisdictions.

To help achieve essential regional outcomes, including federal air quality/transportation conformity and per-capita greenhouse gas reductions, the Plan includes regional policies to achieve a Forecasted Regional Development Pattern that concentrates new development within a given jurisdiction in areas showing the highest impact for decreasing per-capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and for improving the safety and viability of multiple modes of transportation. Connect SoCal’s Growth Forecast and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern reflects jurisdictional growth totals in 2045 as provided by jurisdictions and aims to reduce future development in areas within a jurisdiction that are particularly sensitive to new expansion, such as areas vulnerable to adverse natural events like wildfires and sea level rise, as well as areas rich with resources like open space and farmlands. While jurisdictions will not be obligated to modify land use policies, general plans, or regulations to implement Connect SoCal strategies, SCAG anticipates providing resources in the coming years to encourage improved local alignment with the collective regional vision and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern.

Comparison of Connect SoCal Growth Forecast with General Plan Capacities

In late fall 2019 and prior to the November 2019 release of the Draft Connect SoCal Plan, SCAG sought feedback from local jurisdictions on our draft growth forecast of population, household and employment growth through 2045. This review, which culminated in three years of iterative feedback and communication on local policies and plans, was requested to ensure that (1) entitled projects and anticipated phasing of their development were properly incorporated in the final Connect SoCal’s Growth Forecast and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern, and that (2) projected growth did not exceed the maximum densities of current local general or specific plans. Instructions to local jurisdictions for this effort made it clear that TAZ-level revisions would be given consideration if they were related to these criteria (entitlements or maximum planned densities), and that requests for

revisions to overall jurisdictional growth would not be accepted. After this six-week opportunity for review, 55 jurisdictions provided feedback to SCAG (28 percent of the region’s towns, cities, and counties).

Based on the Regional Council’s May 7, 2020 directive, SCAG has conducted a quantitative assessment of housing capacity at the TAZ-level for quality control purposes based on available data, which is in many cases limited. Within the time constraints of the recent review period (May-June 2020), staff has recently confirmed 95% of the Transportation Analysis Zones, which account for 97% of the total households reflected in the plan, do not exceed general plan maximums (as calculated utilizing available data). SCAG’s calculation of general plan capacity utilizes available data and does not consider other factors impacting actual development capacity – such as parcel setbacks, floor area ratios, density bonuses, or local ordinances for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Therefore, SCAG’s calculation of general plan capacity should be understood as an estimate and it is generally used as benchmark for identifying any potential issues with the data.

To establish this benchmark, general plan capacity was calculated by aggregating parcel-level densities or ranges of densities to the TAZ level. In local general plans, jurisdictions have the option of identifying a “density” for any given housing-related use or can indicate that uses have a range of potential development densities with a “low-” and “high-” end of units per acre for a given general plan land use classification. For SCAG’s analysis, quantitative data for “density” and “high” levels of development were utilized to calculate capacity maximums for parcels and this information was then aggregated to the TAZ level based on the number and general plan land use classification of each parcel within a given TAZ. For context, there are nearly 5 million parcels in the SCAG region and over 13,000 TAZs. The number of parcels within a TAZ can range from one to 21,269 based on the size of the TAZ and the nature of the built environment within the TAZ.

To gauge the accuracy of the calculation of maximum housing densities within a given TAZ, SCAG compared the calculated maximum to input provided by jurisdictions (“Local Input”). In many instances, local jurisdictions indicated that there was more capacity for growth within a TAZ than SCAG had calculated utilizing available data, further indicating that a technical analysis of capacity based on general plan densities and “high-end” ranges is not an accurate measure for tabulating overall growth capacity within a TAZ. This does not indicate that jurisdictions’ data is incorrect.

While there are limitations to SCAG’s analysis, the quality control analysis would suggest that the Connect SoCal TAZ data is aligned with SCAG’s Growth Forecast Principle:

“Connect SoCal’s growth forecast at the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level is controlled to not exceed the maximum density of local general plans as conveyed by jurisdictions, except in the case of existing entitlements and development agreements”.

However, for further clarification, SCAG initiated a final round of review for jurisdictions to evaluate the TAZ-level Growth Forecast and provide recommended revisions on the topics of entitlements or maximum planned capacities while retaining jurisdictional-level growth totals. Twelve jurisdictions provided feedback to SCAG and six requested TAZ-level revisions due to maximum planned capacities or entitlements. SCAG staff are presently working to incorporate revisions and update the TAZ-level Growth Forecast accordingly.

Comparison of Connect SoCal Growth Forecast with “Local Input” Growth Forecast

While Connect SoCal should not exceed the development capacity of General Plans as conveyed by jurisdictions, the forecasted growth at the neighborhood-level varies from the “Local Input” growth projections in order to reflect regional planning policies that target growth in areas with more multi-modal options—like near transit, job centers, and walkable communities—and reduce growth in sensitive habitats, such as open space areas, farmland, and areas at risk for wildfires and sea level rise. These regional planning policies focus growth near “destinations” and mobility options, and help to achieve Connect SoCal’s air quality, mobility, and greenhouse gas reduction benefits. They are also reflective of recommendations from SCAG’s Policy Committees and a wide array of local stakeholders, and only result in a shifting of growth at the sub-jurisdictional level for the Growth Forecast. These regional planning policies include:

- Emphasize land use patterns that facilitate multimodal access to work, schools, and other destinations;
- Focus on jobs-housing balance to reduce commute times and distances and expand job opportunities near transit and along center-focused main streets;
- Plan for growth near transit investments and support implementation of first/last mile strategies;
- Promote the redevelopment of underperforming retail developments and other outmoded nonresidential uses;
- Prioritize infill and redevelopment of underutilized land to accommodate new growth, increase amenities and connectivity in existing neighborhoods; and
- Encourage design and transportation options that reduce the reliance on and number of solo car trips (this could include mixed uses or locating and orienting close to existing destinations).

Table 1 below shows the magnitude of the shift in growth, anticipated as a result of regional policies, within jurisdictions into areas targeted for growth (i.e., Priority Growth Areas) as compared to the locally envisioned growth (“Local Input as conveyed by jurisdictions in October 2018 at the TAZ level.

Table 1 – Household and Employment Growth Anticipated to Occur Between 2016 and 2045 in the SCAG Region

Connect SoCal Policy Areas	Growth Anticipated to Occur Between 2016 and 2045	(A) “Local Input” (October 2018)	(B) Final Plan (May 2020)	Difference (B) - (A)
Regional Total	Households	1,621,000	1,621,000	-
	Employment	1,660,000	1,660,000	-
Priority Growth Areas ¹	Households	54%	64%	10%
	Employment	58%	74%	16%
Absolute Constrained Areas ²	Households	13%	10%	-3%
	Employment	14%	9%	-4%
Variable Constrained Areas ³	Households	50%	47%	-3%
	Employment	45%	43%	-2%

1. Includes High Quality Transit Areas, Transit Priority Areas, Job Centers, Livable Corridors, Neighborhood Mobility Areas, Spheres of Influence (outside of constrained areas).
2. Includes tribal lands, military, open space, conserved lands, sea level rise areas (2 feet) and farmlands in unincorporated areas.
3. Includes Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), grazing lands, farmlands in incorporated jurisdictions, 500-year flood plains, CalFire Very High Severity Fire Risk (state and local), and Natural Lands and Habitat Corridors (connectivity, habitat quality, habitat type layers)

The breadth of this shift reflects the aim of the Plan to encourage concentrated development patterns across the region and is illustrated by the following comparison of TAZs experiencing growth. In Connect SoCal, household growth is projected to occur in approximately 55% of the region’s TAZs, as compared to Local Input, which shows growth in 76% of the region’s TAZs. Thus, the Plan’s household growth is greater in some of the region’s TAZs compared to “Local Input” due to the shifts in growth into Priority Growth Areas. This shifting of growth within the Plan affected about 31% of the overall household growth in the region, with 500,904 of the 1,621,902 households projected to occur between 2016 and 2045 within Priority Growth Areas (as compared to “Local Input”). In terms of jobs, employment growth is also more concentrated in the Final Plan, which projects growth in 47% of the region’s TAZs as compared to “Local Input”, which reflected growth in 79% of the region’s TAZs. This shift affected about 40% of the employment growth in the region, with 669,558 of the 1,659,857 new jobs projected in the Plan between 2016 and 2045 in Priority Growth Areas (as compared to “Local Input”). While growth was increased in some areas within a jurisdiction, the total, jurisdictional-level growth for households and employment is the same for both Connect SoCal and “Local Input” for every jurisdiction in the SCAG region.

The land use pattern and future growth distribution at the TAZ level in Connect SoCal is intended to be different from those in the “Local Input” growth distribution to reflect regional planning policies. Connect SoCal’s Growth Forecast and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern, while advisory in nature, envision a future land use and development pattern that will help Southern California to gain resources from the State’s Green House Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) that can help to incentivize sustainable growth at the local level. These shifts contribute to important outcomes for the region as modeled for Connect SoCal.

Quantitatively, these shifts also resulted in a reduction of 3.7 million vehicle miles traveled region-wide (VMT) in year 2035 (as compared to “Local Input”) and contributed to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 0.8% percentage points. Without these measures and by not changing any other factors, Connect SoCal would not have achieved the State’s per capita greenhouse gas reduction target for 2035 of 19%. Future growth in Very High Severity Fire Risk Areas and areas subject to sea level rise is reduced in comparison to “Local Input,” and many acres of existing farmlands and protected open space areas are preserved.

This summary provides context for the extent of changes that might be expected at the regional level if the regional planning policies in Connect SoCal are implemented. The detailed, TAZ-level Growth Forecast used for modeling purposes in Connect SoCal is available upon request. As SCAG has repeatedly indicated, the data is advisory in nature and not adopted as part of the Plan. Instead, Connect SoCal is adopted at the jurisdictional level. Furthermore, there is no requirement that general plans be consistent with Connect SoCal. Per Government Code §65080 (b)(2)(K): “Nothing in a sustainable communities strategy shall be interpreted as superseding the exercise of the land use authority of cities and counties within the region. ...Nothing in this section shall require a city’s or county’s land use policies and regulations, including its general plan, to be consistent with the regional transportation plan or an alternative planning strategy.”

Next Steps:

This report is provided for review by the Regional Council on July 2, 2020. All jurisdictions will be receiving a letter from SCAG regarding this analysis and the results of the modifications to the Growth Forecast for Connect SoCal.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Bill Jahn, President	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Rex Richardson, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 2nd Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Supervisor Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. James Predmore		ICTC
Hon. Miguel Pulido		OCTA
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit		Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	<i>Baumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5

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Members Present - continued

Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Charles Puckett	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Stacy Berry	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Jeannine Pearce	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45



Members Present - continued

Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Tim Holmgren	<i>Fillmore</i>	District 47
Hon. David Ryu	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Hector Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present

Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer

Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked Councilmember Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Jahn opened the Public Comment Period for items not on the agenda. He announced that comments would be limited to one and a half minutes for each speaker.

Dr. Holly Osborne, a resident of Redondo Beach, commented on COVID-19 and the role of density in its spread. She recounted her proposal made at the March 5, 2020 Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and stated that the Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology does not benefit high-density cities. She recommended a hybrid model in which high-density and low-density cities apply different methodologies.

There being no other public comment speakers, President Jahn closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Nominations for the 2020-21 SCAG Officer Positions

President Jahn introduced the item and asked Nominating Committee Chair Alan Wapner, SBCTA, to provide a report.

Nominating Committee Chair Wapner outlined the process of the Nominating Committee in considering nominations. He announced that the Nominating Committee recommended the following candidates for 2020-21 SCAG Officer positions: current First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, for the position of President; current Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, for the position of First Vice President; and Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, for the position of Second Vice President.

A MOTION was made (Wapner) to approve the nominations for the SCAG 2020-21 Officer positions as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Nagel) to nominate Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, for Second Vice President. The motion was SECONDED (Bacerra).

Board Counsel Ruben Duran clarified the process for nominations from the floor and stated that the substitute motion should be taken up first.

Nominees for Second Vice President Peggy Huang, TCA, and Jan Harnik, RCTC, made brief statements to the Regional Council regarding their qualifications.

SCAG staff confirmed that no public comments were received for Agenda Item No. 1.

The floor was opened to comments from Regional Councilmembers. Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35; Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19; Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1; Regional Councilmember Linda Parks, Ventura County; Regional Councilmember Stacy Berry, Cypress, District 18; Regional Councilmember Michael Carroll, Irvine, District 14; First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29; and Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, commented on the candidates.

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner made a MOTION TO AMEND to approve the nominations for the SCAG 2020-21 President and Vice President positions as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Motion to amend was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, McCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PARKS, PEARCE, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON,

RYU, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TA, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (64)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35; Regional Councilmember Hon. Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2; and Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, provided further comments on candidates.

A vote was taken for the two (2) nominations received for the position of SCAG 2020-21 Second Vice President: Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC; and Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA. Regional Councilmembers were directed to vote by stating the name of their selected nominee, whether “Harnik” or “Huang.” Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik for SCAG 2020-21 Second Vice President was approved by the following roll call votes:

HARNIK: BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, CURTIS, FINLAY, HADJINIAN, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JAHN, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, PEARCE, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, RYU, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHARIF, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER and WAPNER (36)

HUANG: ASHTON, BACERRA, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, GAZELEY, HENDERSON, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JUDGE, NAGEL, O’NEIL, PACHECO, PARKS, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, TA, TALAMANTES, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (28)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

President Jahn offered congratulations to the approved SCAG 2020-21 Officers: current First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, for the position of President; current Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, for the position of First Vice President; and Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, for the position of Second Vice President.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC; Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA; First Vice President Rex Richardson; and Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale District 4, provided remarks.

2. Proposed Final Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR))

President Jahn noted that all policy committees unanimously forwarded recommendations for adoption of Resolution No. 20-621-1 to the Regional Council. President Jahn introduced Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide a brief report on the nature of Connect SoCal. Mr. Ajise then introduced Director of Planning Sarah Jepson to share a presentation on Connect SoCal. Ms. Jepson began by highlighting differences between the Draft Connect SoCal and the proposed Final Connect SoCal. Based on comments received, clarifications were made to confirm local control and authority of general plans; reinforce housing variety and affordability; and clarify source and use of entitlement data. Language was also added about the process for adding projects and amending the Plan, emission reduction strategies, transportation conformity and response to the pandemic.

Ms. Jepson explained the recommendation for a 120-day delay in approving the Plan in its entirety, except as required for federal transportation conformity purposes, in order to have deeper conversation with stakeholders about issues they are facing in light of the pandemic. Longer-term impacts will be included in the Plan update, beginning next spring. Ms. Jepson then reviewed technical updates made to the proposed Final Connect SoCal, shared an overview of plan performance and explained the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). She concluded by outlining recommended actions for the Regional Council and next steps for federal and state review.

President Jahn opened the Public Comment Period for Agenda Item No. 2 and provided instructions for public comments. Board Counsel Ruben Duran provided further clarification on public comment procedures per SCAG's Bylaws.

Richard Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council, spoke on behalf of a coalition of business groups and commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Melanie Schlotterbeck spoke on behalf of multiple conservation and community groups and commented in support of the natural and farmland policies included in Connect SoCal.

Tracy Hernandez, BizFed, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Jeff Montejano, Building Industry Association of Southern California, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Maria Salinas, LA Chamber of Commerce, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, commented in support of the natural and farmland policies included in Connect SoCal.

Mike Lewis, Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Leonora Camner, Abundant Housing LA, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Ron Miller, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Justin Robertson, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1 and future updates to promote public health and address COVID-19.

David Wheatley, resident of Los Angeles, commented in support of additional focus on historic preservation and community engagement.

Connor Medina, Orange County Business Council, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Brad Jensen, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Megan Kirkeby, California Department of Housing and Community Development, commented and provided information on housing elements' due date, which is scheduled for October 15, 2021.

Bill Sadler, Public Health Alliance of Southern California, commented in support of the integration of public health within all elements of the Plan, including investments in active transportation and transportation safety.

Elizabeth Hansburg, People for Housing Orange County, commented on goals for RHNA and spoke to the difference between density (dwelling units per acre) and housing overcrowding in viral transmission.

Luis Portillo, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Dr. Holly Osborne, a resident of Redondo Beach, commented on the impact of density on public

health considering COVID-19 and suggested a new RHNA algorithm.

Christine Bos, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Anthony Dedousis, Abundant Housing LA, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Robert Ackerman, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, commented in support of adding airport regionalization in the Aviation Element of Connect SoCal.

Laura Foote, YIMBY Action, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Kristopher Fortin, Santa Ana Active Streets, commented in support of further consideration of COVID-19 impacts within Connect SoCal.

Demi Espinoza, Safe Routes Partnership, commented in support of support of further consideration of COVID-19 impacts within Connect SoCal.

Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran announced that 112 comments for Agenda Item No. 2 were received before the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, May 6. These comments have been posted to SCAG's website, and a link was shared with committee members. Mr. Duran read into record comments received after the deadline from Richard Lambros et al., Southern California Leadership Council et al; Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs; Daniel Poineau, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Ann Bickerton, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Ryan Koyanagi, resident of Pomona, CA; Michael Dworsky, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Chris Edgar, resident of Ladera Ranch, CA; Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Matt Stauffer, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Gregory Dina, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Denny Schneider and Robert Acherman, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion; Anthony Dedousis, Abundant Housing LA; Jerard Wright, BizFed; Jordan Fanaris, resident of Venice, CA; and David Wheatley, resident. Mr. Duran noted that these

comments will also be posted to SCAG's website.

Regional Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, asked whether COVID-19 data can be compiled prior to planned report by staff in 60 days and how the proposed delay will affect the RHNA timeline. Kome Ajise reiterated Megan Kirkeby's comment that the delay will possibly affect RHNA and, given the deadline for housing elements, limit cities' time available to prepare housing elements. He elaborated on the amendment process for Connect SoCal to incorporate information beyond the delay period. Regional Councilmember Sahli-Wells further commented on the interconnectedness between health and housing policy.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented that the Regional Council was previously told that Connect SoCal adoption cannot be delayed, and given current delay included in staff's current recommendation, alternate RHNA methodologies could have been further considered.

Regional Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, commented in support of the 120-day delay as part of Resolution No. 20-621-1 to consider impacts of COVID-19.

Regional Councilmember Jeannine Peace, Long Beach, District 30, commented in support of further discussion around impacts of COVID-19 while limiting delay in adopting Connect SoCal.

Regional Councilmember Steve Tye, Diamond Bar, District 37, commented in support of staff's recommendation, including 120-day delay.

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, acknowledged staff's preparation of Connect SoCal and commended stakeholders who have engaged with SCAG, generating input which has been incorporated within Resolution No. 20-621-1.

A MOTION was made (Richardson) to adopt Resolution No. 20-621-1. Motion was SECONDED (Lorimore).

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, made a friendly amendment to his Motion, allowing SCAG staff to make non-substantive corrections to Resolution No. 20-621-1. Second Vice President, Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R.

MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PARKS, PEARCE, PLANCARTE, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TA, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (54)

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

3. COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

A report was not provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final Comprehensive Budget
5. 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures
6. Minutes of the Meeting - March 5, 2020
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-035-C01, IT Managed Services
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-021-C01, Federal Advocacy Services
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-034-C01, Heat Island Reduction with Urban Greening and Cool Streets
10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 17-026-C1 Amendment 5, Professional Auditing Services
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-047-C01, Omnitrans Bus Stop Safety Improvement Plan
12. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
13. SB 1291 (Senate Committee on Transportation) - FTIP Submissions
14. AB 2011 (Holden) - West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority and SB 1390 (Portantino) - Montclair to Ontario Airport Construction Authority

Receive and File

15. May State and Federal Legislative Monthly Update

16. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

17. CFO Monthly Report

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 5, “6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures.”

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided a clarification on Agenda Item No. 4, “Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final Comprehensive Budget,” stating that the vacation cashout benefit for staff will be implemented as a pilot for FY 2020-21 and will be reviewed next year.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6-16. Motion was SECONDED (Tye). The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O’NEIL, PEARCE, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (52)

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Regarding pulled Agenda Item No. 5, Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, stated that the CEHD Committee voted to adopt the 6th Cycle RHNA Appeal Process, with a request that the President remove ex-officio members from the RHNA Appeals Board.

A MOTION was made (Huang) to approve pulled Agenda Item No. 5, with a request that the President remove ex-officio members from the RHNA Appeals Board. Motion was SECONDED (Simonoff). The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG,

JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PEARCE, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TYE, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (45)

AGAINST: SAHLI-WELLS and VIEGAS-WALKER (2)

ABSTAIN: JAHN (1)

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Randall Lewis provided a report on the economy, considering COVID-19's impact from a real estate point of view. He stated that home sales are down 30-40 percent, but sales are still occurring primarily due to low interest rates. Additionally, he noted that leasing activity has been surprisingly strong, and the vast majority of renters continue to pay their rents. In retail, he has seen a wave of bankruptcy filings, which will continue. He reported that, in the office market, tenants are realizing that less space is required, given the recent prevalence of telework and telemedicine.

Mr. Lewis referred to this time as the "great reset" and the "great accelerator," as it may speed up trends which were previously emerging. He urged councilmembers to be cautious with spending in their respective budgets. He projected increased mixed-use conversions and the return of some localized manufacturing, creating associated opportunities for communities. He stressed the role of technology in improving cities. He also expressed the need to fast-track projects, given the need for economic development. Finally, he presented this as an opportunity to change marketing strategies for cities and develop new reputations. He closed with thoughts on SCAG's regional role in involving the health community, further engaging with the business community and supporting resilience within cities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jahn thanked SCAG staff for their work in preparing both the FY 2020-21 budget and Connect SoCal and additionally for positioning SCAG in response to COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise thanked Regional Councilmembers for participating in today's meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S



There were no requests for future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jahn adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 3:57 p.m. in the memory of Dennis Hansberger, former San Bernardino County Supervisor and SCAG President.

Respectfully submitted by:
Peter Waggoner
Clerk to the Regional Council

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL]



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, 213-236-1817,
panas@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-049-C01, Security Guard
Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract 20-049-C01, with American Guard Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$474,400 to provide armed security guard services for three (3) years with two (2) one-year options, for a total of five (5) years.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The consultant shall provide experienced and qualified armed security guard services during regular office hours (8am-5pm, M-F), monthly SCAG Regional Council Meetings, other scheduled meetings at its Los Angeles Headquarters and offsite events that take place at various locations within six southern California counties (Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Imperial). These services shall assist SCAG with maintaining a safe, orderly environment.

BACKGROUND:

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

Consultant/Contract #

American Guard Services, Inc.
(20-049-C01)

Contract Purpose

Inc. Consultant will provide a single/consistent security guard to provide security at our Los Angeles office for regular office hours, monthly SCAG Regional Council Meetings, other scheduled meetings and special offsite events as well.

Contract

Amount

\$474,400

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Funding of \$90,725 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget in project number 810.0120.17 and the remaining funding is expected to be available in the remaining contract fiscal years, subject to budget availability, as follows: \$92,753 in the FY 2021-22 budget; \$94,830 in the FY 2022-23 budget; \$96,957 in the FY 2023-24 budget; and \$99,135 in the FY 2024-25 budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 20-049-C01
2. Contract Summary 20-049-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 20-049-C01

Recommended Consultant:	American Guard Services, Inc.		
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consultant will provide experienced and qualified armed security guard services during regular office hours (8am-5pm, M-F), monthly SCAG Regional Council Meetings, other scheduled meetings at its Los Angeles Headquarters and offsite events that take place at various locations within six (6) southern California counties (Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Imperial).</p> <p>Consultant will also provide an additional security guard to provide security assistance during SCAG’s monthly Regional Council meetings, other special meetings as SCAG determines, and offsite events or when requested in order to maintain consistency of services throughout the term of the contract. These services shall assist SCAG with maintaining a safe, orderly environment. The contract will be for three (3) years with two (2) one-year options.</p>		
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One proactive guard with professional demeanor, uniform, and good communication skills to provide daily security at SCAG Headquarters located at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017;• Two armed guards at Regional Council (RC) Meetings and Special Joint Meetings according to the attached schedule; and• Two proactive guards with professional demeanor and good communications to provide security for offsite events.		
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 4 Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.		
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 60%;">Total not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$474,400</td></tr></table> <p>American Guard Services</p>	Total not to exceed	\$474,400
Total not to exceed	\$474,400		
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2025		
Project Number:	810.0120.17 \$90,725 FY 2021-22		
	Funding source: Indirect Cost		
	Funding of \$90,725 is available in the FY 2020-21 budget in project number 810.0120.17 and the remaining funding is expected to be available in the remaining contract fiscal years, subject to budget availability, as follows: \$92,753 in the FY 2021-22 budget; \$94,830 in the FY 2022-23 budget; \$96,957 in the FY 2023-24 budget; and \$99,135 in the FY 2024-25 budget.		
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 369 firms of the release of RFP 20-049-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 21 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:		

Attachment: Contract Summary 20-049-C01 (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-049-C01, Security Guard Services)

American Guard	\$474,400
Absolute Security International (AIS)	\$349,662
Alltech Industries, Inc.	\$432,430

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. The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Tonia Reeves Jackson, SCAG Facilities Supervisor
 Julie Shroyer, SCAG Chief Information Officer
 Brittany Webber, SCAG Administrative Assistant

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended American Guard for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the most comprehensive approach to addressing the scope of work;
- Demonstrated the most relevant experience, with 22 years of servicing government agencies;
- Demonstrated excellent experience with providing security services to similar government agencies such as the City of Malibu, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Orange County;
- Demonstrated the most advanced technology and organizational capacity to support the security service requirements related to the scope of work.

Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because these firms:

- Did not confirm that they could commit to and identify the name of an armed guard on a 48-hour notice for Regional Council meetings;
- Did not confirm that all guards assigned to SCAG would be armed guards, as required by the RFP;
- Assigned guards for one of the two consultants did not have 5 years of experience, as required by the RFP;
- Did not fully address reallocating resources to meet project schedule;
- Did not provide the same attention to detail in package delivery issues, and procedures that would ensure SCAG staff safety;
- Did not demonstrate the same level of relevant experience working with similar government agencies.

**Conflict Of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For July 2, 2020 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract 20-049-C01, with American Guard Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$474,400 to provide armed security guard services for the three (3) years with two (2) one-year options, for a total of five (5) years.

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
American Guard Services (prime consultant)	No - form attached

Attachment: Contract Summary 20-049-C01 (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-049-C01, Security Guard Services)

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 20-049

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 www.scag.ca.gov. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "OPPORTUNITIES", then "Doing Business with SCAG" and scroll down under the "CONTRACTS" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "ABOUT", then scroll down to "ELECTED OFFICIALS" on the left side of the page and click on "See the list of SCAG representative and their Districts."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Deputy Legal Counsel, 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: American Guard Services, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Gerald Gregory
Project Title: Executive Vice President
RFP Number: 20-049 **Date Submitted:** March 20th, 2020

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- I. 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
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
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Attachment: Contract Summary 20-049-C01 COI (Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-049-C01, Security Guard Services)

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
None	None	None
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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
None	None
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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
None	None
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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
None	None	None

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) Gerald Gregory, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Executive Vice President of (firm name) American Guard Services, Inc., 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 March 18th, 2020 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.


3/18/2020

 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.



AGENDA ITEM 7 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, 213-236-1817,
panas@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's
Original Value: Contract 19-007-C01, Transit Asset
Management Target Setting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Amendment No. 4 to contract 19-007-C01 in an amount not-to-exceed \$47,769, with Cambridge Systematics to continue the Hosting, Maintenance, and Technical Support (HMS) for the TAM database for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to allow more time to award a new procurement (RFP 20-012) for these same services.

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 December 6, 2018, SCAG awarded Contract 19-007-C01 to Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to provide SCAG assistance in setting federally required regional transit asset management targets. SCAG has federally mandated responsibilities for coordination, target setting and progress reporting as part of its metropolitan transportation planning and programming activities, for a number of federally established performance measures including, but not limited to, transit asset management (TAM). The consultant is assisting SCAG with developing regional TAM performance measures and targets for inclusion in Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. This project will also help establish a process for ongoing target setting and evaluation, performance monitoring, and progress reporting for future plans and programs.

This amendment when combined with a previous amendment exceeds \$75,000 and is greater than 30% of the contract's original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated 04/17/20) Section 9.3, it requires the Regional Council's approval.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following Amendment Greater than 30% of its original value:

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<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Transit Asset Management Target Setting (19-007-C01)	The consultant shall continue the Hosting, Maintenance, and Technical Support (HMS) for the TAM database for an additional six (6) months.	\$47,769

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding for Amendment No. 4 should be available in FY 2020-2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget in project number 140-0121B.08.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 19-007-C01 Amendment 4
2. Contract Summary 19-007-C01 Amendment 4 COI

CONTRACT 19-007-C01 AMENDMENT 4

Consultant: Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On December 6, 2018, SCAG awarded Contract 19-007-C01 to Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to provide SCAG assistance in setting federally required regional transit asset management targets. SCAG has federally mandated responsibilities for coordination, target setting and progress reporting as part of its metropolitan transportation planning and programming activities, for a number of federally established performance measures including, but not limited to, transit asset management (TAM). The consultant is assisting SCAG with developing regional TAM performance measures and targets for inclusion in Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. This project will also help establish a process for ongoing target setting and evaluation, performance monitoring, and progress reporting for future plans and programs.

This amendment is necessary to continue the Hosting, Maintenance, and Technical Support (HMS) for the TAM database for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to allow more time to execute new procurement (RFP 20-012) for these services.

This amendment also increases the contract value from \$356,539 to \$404,308 (\$47,769).

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

- A comprehensive inventory of the region’s transit assets;
- An understanding of TAM needs that will support Connect SoCal;
- Consensus among the region’s transit providers on a regional target setting methodology; and
- TAM targets for inclusion in Connect SoCal.

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

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 4	\$47,769
	Amendment 3	N/A
	Amendment 2	N/A
	Amendment 1	\$49,492
	Original contract value	<u>\$307,047</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	<u>\$404,308</u>

This amendment when combined with a previous amendment exceeds \$75,000 and also exceeds 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated 04/17/20) Section 9.3, it requires the Regional Council’s approval.

Contract Period: April 4, 2019 through December 31, 2020

Project Number: 140-0121B.08 \$47,769

Funding sources: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Basis for the Amendment:

This contract value increase supports the continued HMS for the TAM database and reporting tool for the period July 1, 2020 through the contract end of December 31, 2020. SCAG seeks to continue supporting the web-based tool in response to expressions of interest among transit operators in the region to use the tool for ongoing transit asset management and reporting requirements. It should be noted that this is an excellent opportunity for SCAG to provide a valuable resource and service to transit providers in our region.

**Conflict Of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For July 2, 2020 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Amendment No. 4 to contract 19-007-C01 in an amount not-to-exceed \$47,769, with Cambridge Systematics to continue the Hosting, Maintenance, and Technical Support (HMS) for the TAM database for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to allow more time to award a new procurement (RFP 20-012) for these same services.

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)?
Cambridge Systematics (prime consultant)	No - form attached
AMMA Transit Planning (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Arellano Associates (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No./Contract No. 19-007-C01

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 www.scag.ca.gov. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "OPPORTUNITIES", then "Doing Business with SCAG" and scroll down under the "CONTRACTS" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "ABOUT", then scroll down to "ELECTED OFFICIALS" on the left side of the page and click on "See the list of SCAG representative and their Districts."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Deputy Legal Counsel, 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: Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Nicholas Caccamo
Project Title: SCAG Transit Asset Management Target Setting (19-007-C01)
Date Submitted: June 12, 2020

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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) Nicholas Caccamo, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Director of Contracts of (firm name) Cambridge Systematics, Inc., 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 June 12, 2020 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)

June 12, 2020

 Date

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.



AGENDA ITEM 8 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

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

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Policy and
Public Affairs Division, (213) 236-1840, ArtYoon@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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:

At its meeting on June 16, 2020, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$35,772 in memberships for the 1) American Public Transportation Association (\$5,772); 2) Southern California Leadership Council (\$20,000); and 3) Southern California Leadership Network (\$10,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: American Public Transportation Association
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$5,772

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is a leading force in advancing public transportation. APTA members include transit systems, government agencies, manufacturers, suppliers, consulting firms, contractors, and other business partners. To strengthen and improve public transportation, APTA serves and leads its diverse membership through advocacy, innovation, and information sharing. An annual membership provides SCAG with access to the highest-quality tools, resources, and programs, including advocacy efforts, networking and partnership opportunities, the latest industry research and data, and professional development. These benefits are valuable in light of recent and continued work in Congress on providing aid to transit agencies in light of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as transportation reauthorization legislation and spending bills.

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Item 2: Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC) and Center for Economic Development
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$20,000

Established in 2005, The Southern California Leadership Council is comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the seven counties of Southern California, including three former California Governors. The Leadership Council funds, prioritizes, and approves the work of the Center of Economic Development (CED), which is a regional program of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). As a program of the LAEDC, the CED benefits from related work of the LAEDC's acclaimed business assistance, economic research, and consulting programs. The Center's work is funded, prioritized and approved by the Leadership Council to shape and solve public policy issues such as business vitality, resources (energy, water and environment), and transportation (goods and people) that are critical to SCAG and the region's economic vitality and quality of life. The Leadership Council also co-hosts (with SCAG) the annual Southern California Economic Summit. SCAG Board officers and executive leadership regularly attend Southern California Leadership Council meetings.

Item 3: Southern California Leadership Network
Type: Membership **Amount:** \$10,000

The Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN) was founded to advance the region and the state by inspiring, preparing, and connecting leaders to drive change. SCLN does this through its signature Leadership Fellowships, continued leadership development opportunities, and other events to promote lifelong leadership learning. SCAG has been a long-time supporter of a variety of SCLN's programs, including the California Connections Program and their annual Visionaries Luncheon.

SCLN's Leadership Southern California Fellowship Program gives professionals from government, business, academic, and community organizations a unique opportunity to connect on a regional level while also preparing them to be a part of the region in a positive direction through new and innovative partnerships. The curriculum is designed for civic leaders to give them the skills to lead and facilitate diverse teams through conflict into common ground and new initiatives. Fellows will learn to recognize unity that is present in the midst of diversity, conflict, and strife, giving them the skills needed to build consensus and resolve community challenges in a productive, impactful manner.

SCAG staff is recommending that the agency obtain membership at the "Silver" level in the amount of \$10,000, which will provide SCAG with the following:

- Introductory or speaking role for an organizational representative during class orientation or other selected seminar day;



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- Organizational logo on electronic promotions, event-related signage, materials for every seminar, sponsor slide show and SCLN website (with link to organization site);
 - Opportunity for sponsor representative to attend any seminar-related receptions; and complimentary tuition for one participant in the Leadership Southern California 2020-21 fellowship.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$35,772 for memberships/sponsorships is included in the approved FY 19-20 General Fund budget.



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Policy and
Public Affairs Division, (213) 236-1840, ArtYoon@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Request for Delay for Local Housing Element Updates

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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:

The October 2021 adoption deadline for housing elements in the Southern California region is set in accordance with state law. Due to unexpected impacts to city and county staffing as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), nearly every jurisdiction in the SCAG region is experiencing workload capacity issues. According to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), it cannot postpone the housing element adoption deadline because state law does not provide for extensions of that deadline. SCAG submitted a letter to state legislative leadership asking for consideration of a six-month delay for local housing element updates to HCD.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is in the final stages of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, which will cover the planning period October 2021 through October 2029. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, has severely interrupted this work for both SCAG and our member jurisdictions.

SCAG has identified that nearly every jurisdiction in our region has resources and personnel who are stretched thin. Staff with whom we would normally collaborate on the RHNA and other programs, have been pulled from their regular assignments to address the more immediate public health crisis. This creates a challenge in the amount of time that our six counties and 191 cities in our region will need to adopt an effective housing element that can make a real contribution to solving the state's housing crisis.

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The reduction in available staff capacity will limit the ability of local jurisdictions to deliver final housing elements of the quality and caliber needed to fully address the state housing crisis. The recent major disruptions of government at all levels and other operations have precluded progress with most local government functions, including planning. Because of the importance of housing, additional time is needed to complete this work, which will allow communities to develop and adopt quality plans and programs that will enact and sustain progress addressing the state's housing crisis.

In addition to providing an inventory and analysis of sites that are available for housing development, housing element updates must also identify the development of programs that eliminate barriers to housing, assist in development and preservation of lower- and moderate income housing, and address the needs of the homeless population. Housing element updates also require updates of other general plan elements, and accompanying environmental review and certifications.

Finally, making the challenge even more substantial is that our communities will be addressing much higher RHNA numbers this cycle as well as many new state laws for the first time that require more efforts and time from local jurisdictions.

While Governor Gavin Newsom has taken many steps to address COVID-19, the Governor has not addressed the housing element process in any of his recent executive orders.

Funding for housing element preparation and implementation is available for local governments through the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) program, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program, the Transit Oriented Development program, and other programs. In addition to these funding programs, HCD published its Housing Element Sites Inventory Guidebook on June 10, 2020. This resource provides guidance on the new laws adopted since the last housing element planning period and consolidates existing technical assistance related to the required sites inventory analysis into one step-by-step guidebook.

As a result of the unexpected impacts of COVID-19, SCAG submitted the attached letter to legislative leadership requesting consideration of a six-month delay for jurisdictions in the SCAG region to submit their Housing Element updates to HCD. In addition, SCAG joined with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to submit the attached joint letter requesting a delay for the cities in all three regions. Efforts to engage SCAG-region councils of governments, legislative staff, and Members of the State Legislature are on-going.



If an extension were granted by the Legislature and agreed to by the Governor, Housing Element updates would be extended from October 2021 to May 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the SCAG Request for Delay for local Housing Element Updates staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG Housing Element Letter
2. Joint Housing Element Letter



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June 8, 2020

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Re: Request for Extension for Housing Element Submissions and LEAP

Dear Speaker Rendon and President pro Tempore Atkins:

On behalf of the 191 cities and six counties in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region, thank you for your leadership in taking early and aggressive action in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). SCAG is at the ready to assist you and your colleagues in whatever way we can.

Meeting our Region’s Housing Goals in Unusual Times

We concur that the state housing crisis warrants attention despite the challenges of COVID-19. SCAG continues to assist our member agencies to meet their Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which will cover the planning period October 2021 through October 2029. This work includes the development of an allocation methodology that distributes the share for each city and county of the existing and projected housing need in the SCAG region. SCAG is confident that we can meet the statutory requirements related to the RHNA distribution despite having a number that was nearly three times larger than our previous allocation.

Where the challenge exists, however, is in the amount of time that our six counties and 191 cities in our region will need to adopt an effective housing element that can make a real contribution to solving the state’s housing crisis. SCAG has identified that nearly every jurisdiction in our region has resources and personnel who are stretched thin. Staff with whom we would normally collaborate on these and other programs, have been pulled from their regular assignments to address the more immediate public health challenges.

These challenges will limit the ability of local jurisdictions to deliver final housing elements of the quality and caliber needed to fully address the

Attachment: SCAG Housing Element Letter (SCAG Request for Delay for Local Housing Element Updates)

state housing crisis. The recent major disruptions of government at all levels and other operations have precluded progress with most local government functions, including planning. Because of the importance of housing, additional time is needed to complete this work, which will allow communities to develop and adopt quality plans and programs that will enact and sustain progress addressing the state’s housing crisis.

Put simply, more time will be needed if our communities are to create the housing policies that will truly address the crisis. In addition to providing an inventory and analysis of sites that are available for housing development, housing element updates must also identify the development of programs that eliminate barriers to housing, assist in development and preservation of lower- and moderate income housing, and address the needs of the homeless population. Housing element updates also require updates of other general plan elements, and accompanying environmental review and certifications.

Finally, making the challenge even more substantial is that our communities will be addressing many new state laws for the first time that require deeper considerations of affordability. The cities and counties of Southern California—representing half of the state’s population—need additional time (at least six months). The benefit to the state will be better housing elements that last through the year 2029.

Two Policy Requests to Support Local Agency Efforts to Meet State Housing Goals

For this reason, SCAG offers the following two proposals:

- (1) **Extend the deadline for Housing Element Submissions by at least an additional six months.** With the recent adoption of a final RHNA Allocation Methodology, SCAG is now in the final stages of completing the 6th cycle RHNA. The SCAG region’s total determination for the 6th cycle RHNA is 1.3 million units, nearly three times larger than the determination provided under the 5th cycle. For this 6th cycle, housing element updates are subject not only to this substantially larger allocation but also to new statutory requirements. For the SCAG region, housing element updates are due in October 2021.

- (2) **Authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to extend the application deadline for LEAP.** This program is critical to support updating of local plans, environmental review and programs to accelerate housing production. SCAG is supportive of initial trailer bill language relating to Energy, Transportation,

Housing, Local Government, and Labor, released by the Department of Finance, that proposes to extend the LEAP application due date to January 31, 2021.

These two modest changes would support local jurisdictions in updating their housing elements to meet their share of the region's housing need. Our proposed changes would allow cities and counties to devote more time and attention toward this process to support housing's role in post-pandemic economic recovery.

Again, thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented public health crisis. SCAG appreciates the dialogue you have always afforded. If we can provide any additional information on our suggestions outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878.

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise
Executive Director



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June 10, 2020

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Hon. Toni Atkins
 President pro Tempore
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 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Extension for Housing Element Submissions and LEAP

Dear Speaker Rendon and President pro Tempore Atkins:

On behalf of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), we respectfully request additional time for our local jurisdictions to take the steps necessary to thoughtfully plan for their future housing needs. Specifically, in light of the staff capacity and community outreach hurdles currently facing local governments, we support additional time for local jurisdictions to apply for the state Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants and request an additional six-months for our regions’ cities and counties to complete their Housing Element updates for the 6th Housing Element cycle.

We strongly agree that the state’s housing crisis warrants our full attention and we remain committed partners with the state. We also recognize that the unique circumstances relating to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) should not be used as a general reason to delay important requirements and timelines. There are, however, limited and targeted circumstances where some adjustments will help ensure a better outcome, provided that they keep the state and local governments on target toward meeting their goals.

The cities and counties in our three regions must all submit their housing element updates next year. Due to our regions’ Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) schedules, our member jurisdictions are currently right in the middle of their housing element update processes, which

involve detailed planning development and community outreach. We have been working diligently to assist our member agencies and many are making progress. We are also working closely with our jurisdictions to ensure they are prepared for the opportunity for LEAP and Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding, which will further help them in their housing element update processes.

COVID-19 upended this momentum as our member agencies have had to unexpectedly shift to address the crisis. Local jurisdictions had to quickly divert resources and staff and completely rethink effective community outreach events. This has understandably caused a delay in the housing element update process. The current challenges facing cities and counties limit the ability of local agencies to deliver housing elements of the quality and caliber, and with the robust community input, needed to fully address the housing crisis. Housing elements are complex documents that serve as the cornerstone for local policies. To be done right, they require extensive community outreach and input. They provide a site-specific inventory of sites that are available to accommodate their entire RHNA allocation. They also include detailed plans and programs to eliminate local barriers to housing production, preserve and expand existing stocks of affordable housing, and plan for needed shelter housing and homeless programs. As they are developed, other general plan elements must be adjusted so older policies are not in conflict with new housing requirements. Local agencies then go through environmental review and further public outreach. The housing element update this cycle is particularly complex as our member agencies work to make meaningful changes to appropriately address and respond to the housing crisis. Jurisdictions are concerned they may not be able to engage their communities in this process in a meaningful way without additional time.

In light of these circumstances, SANDAG, SACOG, and SCAG respectfully request a six-month extension of the submittal deadline of the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update for the cities and counties in our regions. This reasonable extension provides our cities and counties the flexibility to thoughtfully develop a detailed housing element that achieves the numbers our respective RHNA methodologies assigned them and to find creative solutions to ensure meaningful community engagement. We have limited our request to communities in our regions, or on a similar timeline, in recognition that not all communities are in the same situation. Some regions still have many months before the housing element process starts.

We also support the Administration's proposed Trailer Bill language to extend the application deadline for LEAP grants. This program is critical to support the updating of local plans, the development of programs to accelerate housing production, and the environmental review process. However, the timeline for cities and counties to apply for these funds is fast approaching and less than 20% of local communities have applied to date. We believe these delays are for the same reasons cited above: local agencies are stretched thin.

These two modest changes support local jurisdictions in updating their housing elements to meet their housing need share as they also focus on responding to the pandemic and addressing its longer-term impacts. It is important to note that current development applications on current sites would not be affected and housing development will continue to proceed.

Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented public health crisis. We appreciate the dialogue you have always afforded. If we can provide any additional information on our suggestions outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Wapner, SANDAG Manager of Government Relations, at (619) 699-1994, Christina Lokke, SACOG Policy Manager, at (916) 340-6230, or Kevin Gilhooley, SCAG Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878.

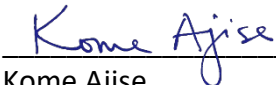
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Kome Ajise
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cc: Gustavo Velasquez, Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development



AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

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

From: John Cho, Senior Regional Planner, Research & Analysis,
(213) 236-1847, choj@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Highlights of the 31st Annual Demographic Workshop

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

For Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC, TC AND RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG staff will provide highlights of the 31st Annual Demographic Workshop, which was jointly held with the University of Southern California (USC) Sol Price School of Public Policy, on June 11 and 18, 2020 as video conferences.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG and USC Sol Price School of Public Policy jointly hosted the 31st Annual Demographic workshop virtually on June 11, and June 18th, 2020 from 1:30 PM to 4:45 PM. With an ever-slowing population growth, this year’s program, “Accelerating Planning to Catch up to 21st Century Demographics” provided the most recent update on demographic trends and their implications as we begin a new decade. Due to COVID-19, the workshop was held as video conferences for the first time. On June 11, presentations included the latest demographic trends such as migration, fertility, and aging statistics and the implications on housing. On June 18, a special focus was given to the impact of COVID-19 on housing and economy along with the updates on progress and challenges the decennial census of 2020 in the midst of COVID-19.

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Over 300 demographers, policymakers, business leaders, and professionals attended the workshop. The PowerPoint and video recordings are posted on the SCAG website (<http://www.scag.ca.gov/demographics>).

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation: 31st Annual Demographics Workshop



31st ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

ACCELERATING PLANNING TO CATCH UP TO 21ST CENTURY DEMOGRAPHICS

Part 1 – June 11, 2020

The Changing Demographic Outlook and Housing Trends



Demographic Check-Up: Continued Slow Growth?

Janna Goldberg, Ph.D. – MODERATOR

- Director of Research, LendingClub

Armando Mendoza

- Data Dissemination Specialist, Customer Liaison & Marketing Services Office, U.S. Census Bureau

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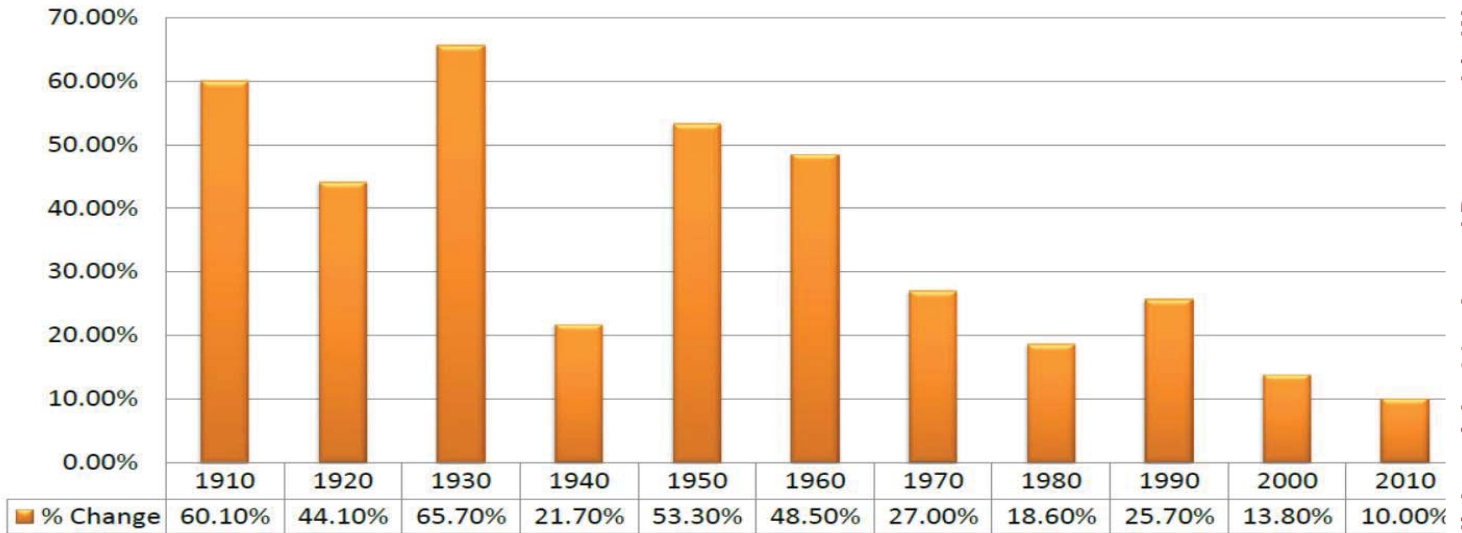
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Walter Schwarm, Ph.D.

- Chief of Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance

Armando Mendoza

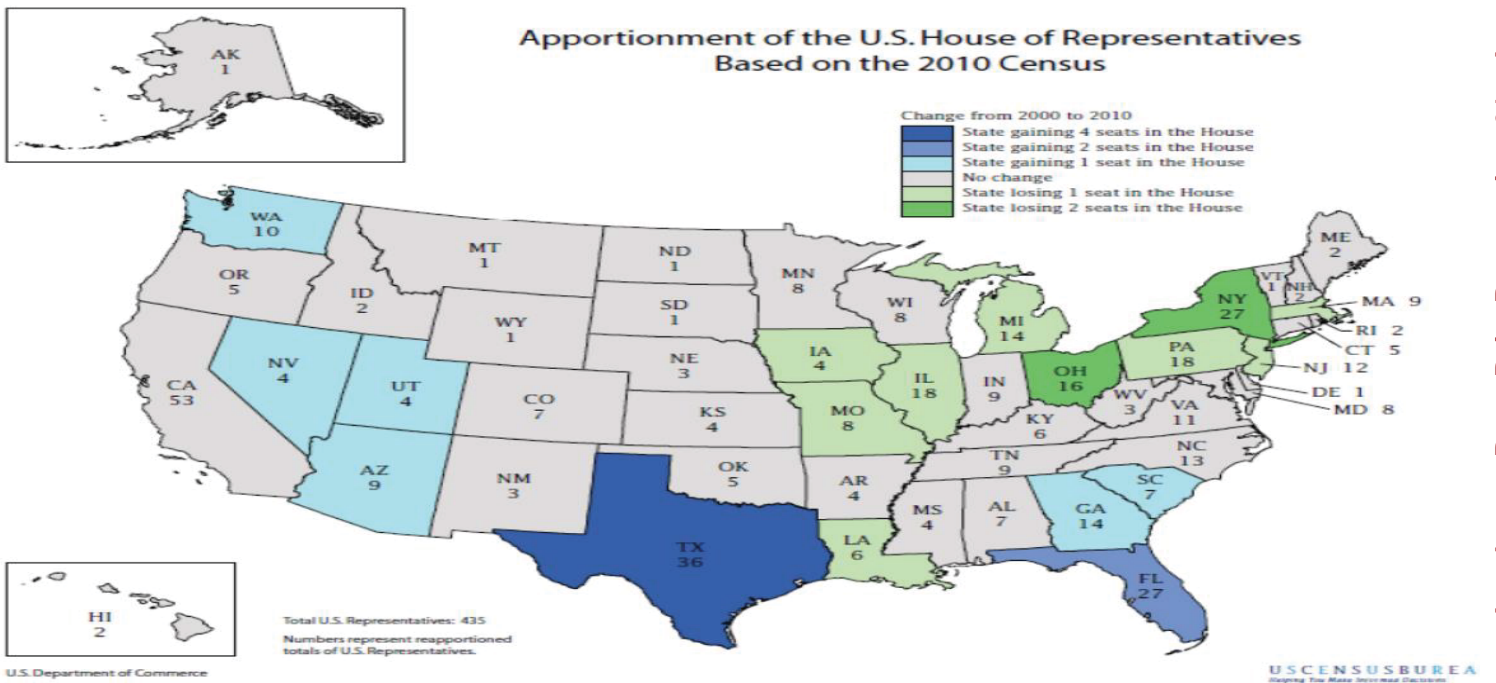
California Resident Population Percent Change




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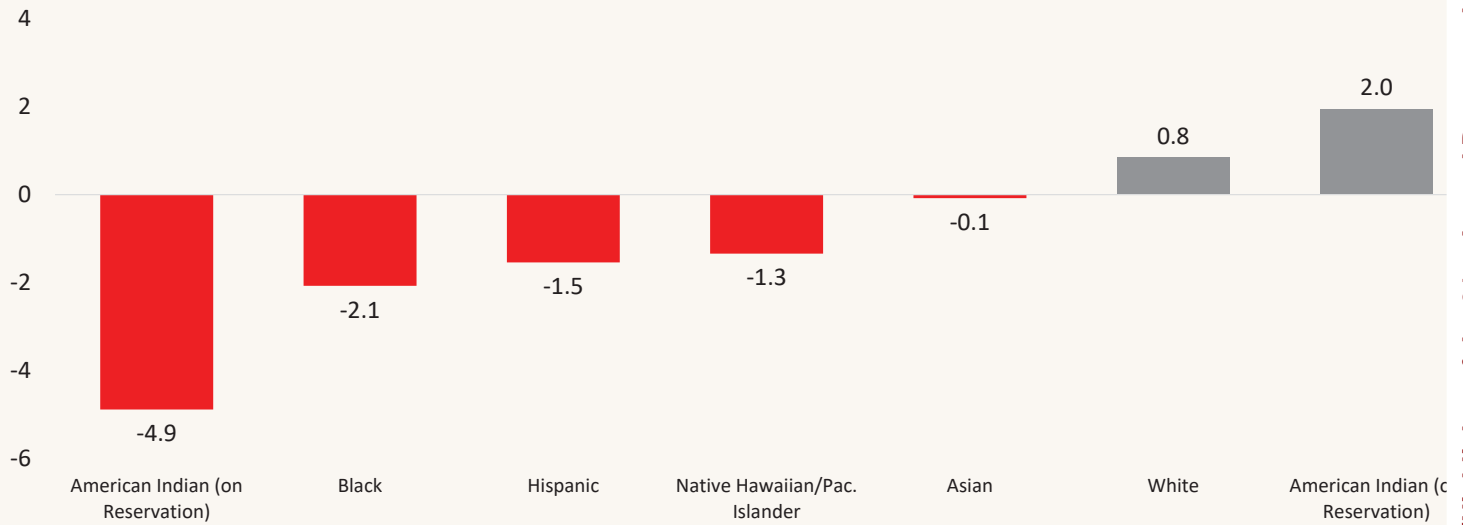
Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives Based on the 2010 Census



Beth Jarosz

Despite systems to ensure complete count, communities of color are disproportionately undercounted.

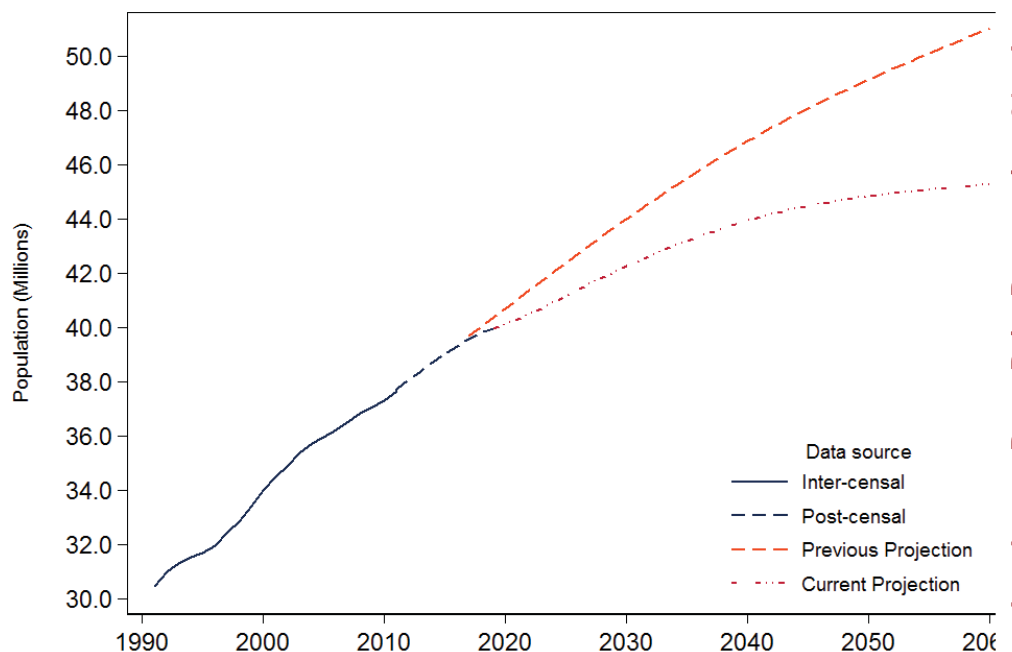
2010 Census Net Undercount Rate, Nationwide



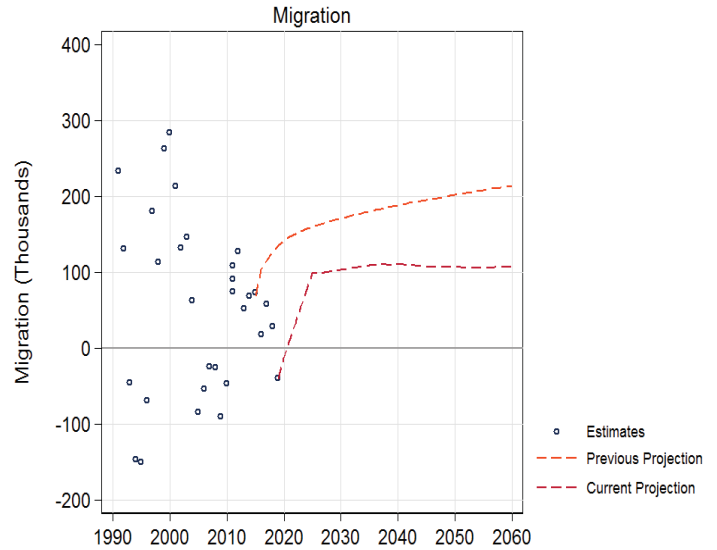
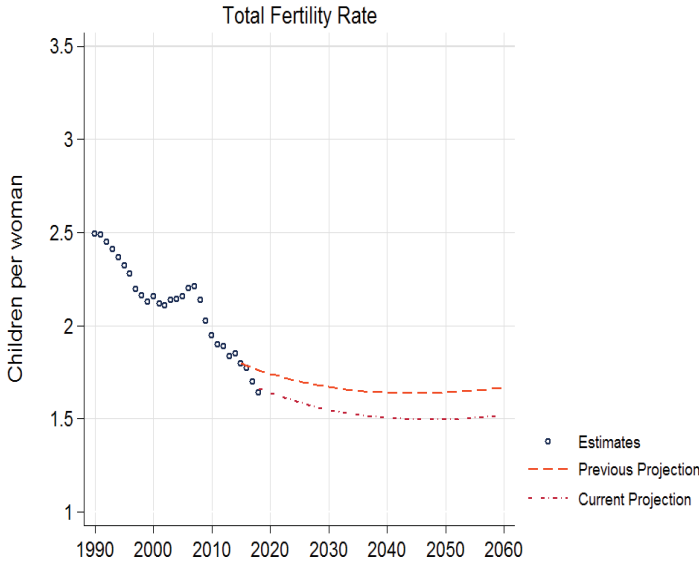
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Population Projections for California

- Total Population: Previous Vs. Current
- Population growth is projected to slow to an average 0.5% per year (down from previous projections of 0.8% per year). At this rate, California will grow from 39.9 million in 2019 to 45.3 million in 2060 (instead of previous projections of 50.6 in 2060).
- The projection reflects both:
 - Lower starting population due to less estimated growth since 2010
 - Net migration of ~ 100,000 per year rather than 200,000
 - Fewer births, compounded by fewer foreign-born migrants
 - Higher deaths from slowing life expectancy gains.



Walter Schwarm



Demographic Change and Housing

Linda Wheaton – MODERATOR

- Senior Housing Policy Advisor, Southern California Association of Governments

Gary Painter, Ph.D.

- Professor and Director of Social Policy, USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation, University of Southern California

JungHo Park, Ph.D.

- Postdoctoral Researcher, Population Dynamics Research Group, University of Southern California

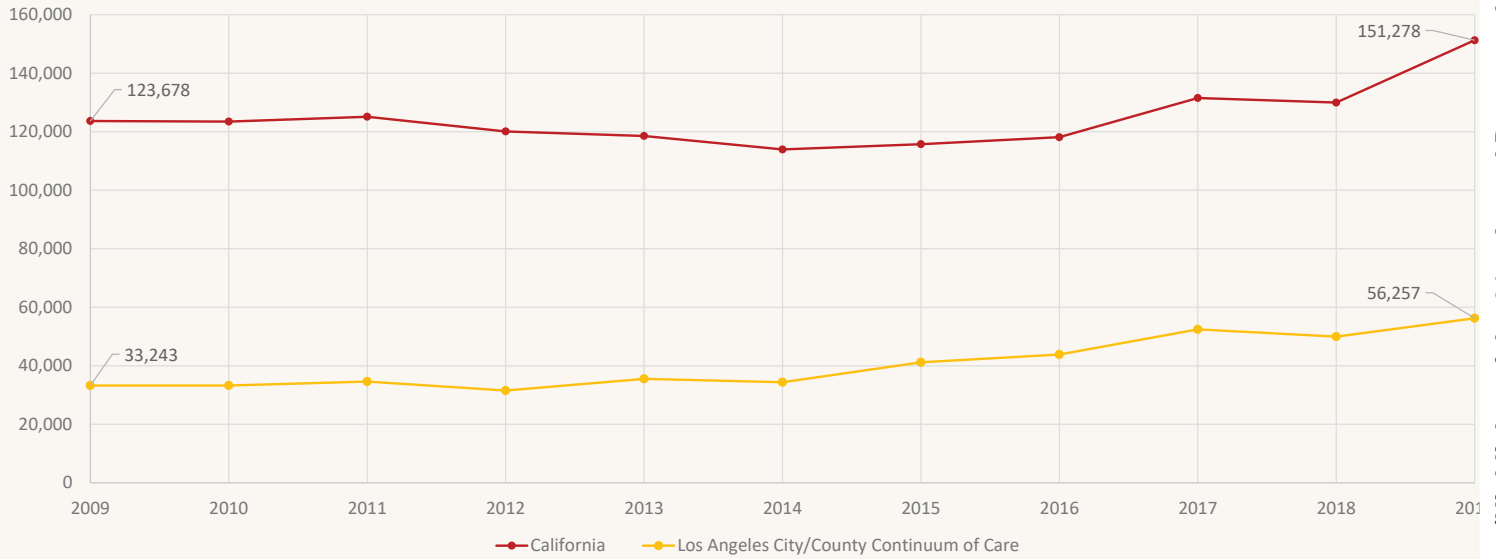
Dowell Myers, Ph.D.

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Gary Painter

What do we know about homelessness in CA?

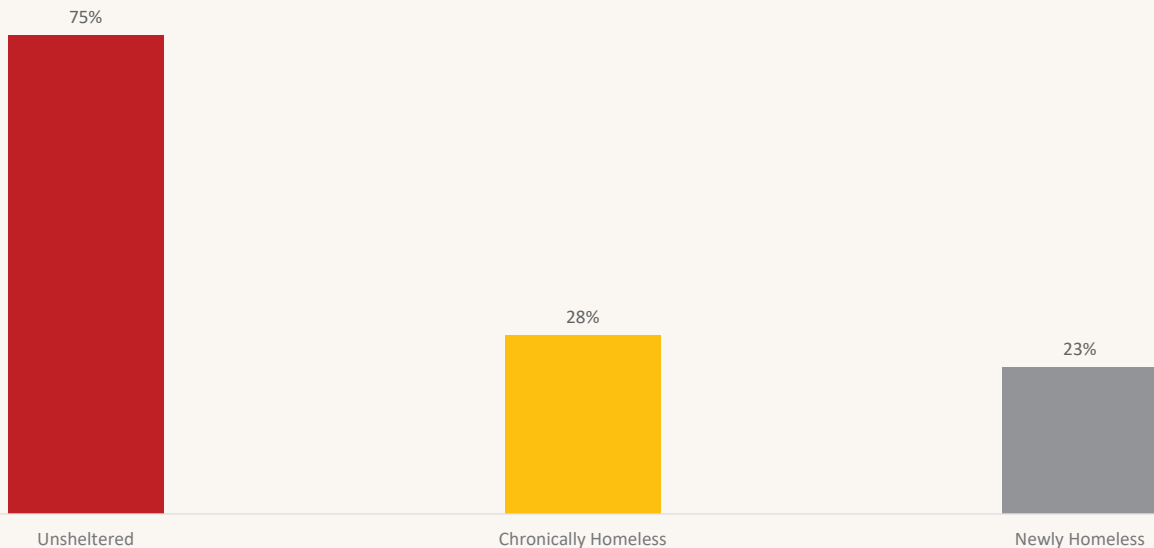
Number of People Experiencing Homelessness, CA vs. LA, 2009-2019



Gary Painter

Who is experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles?

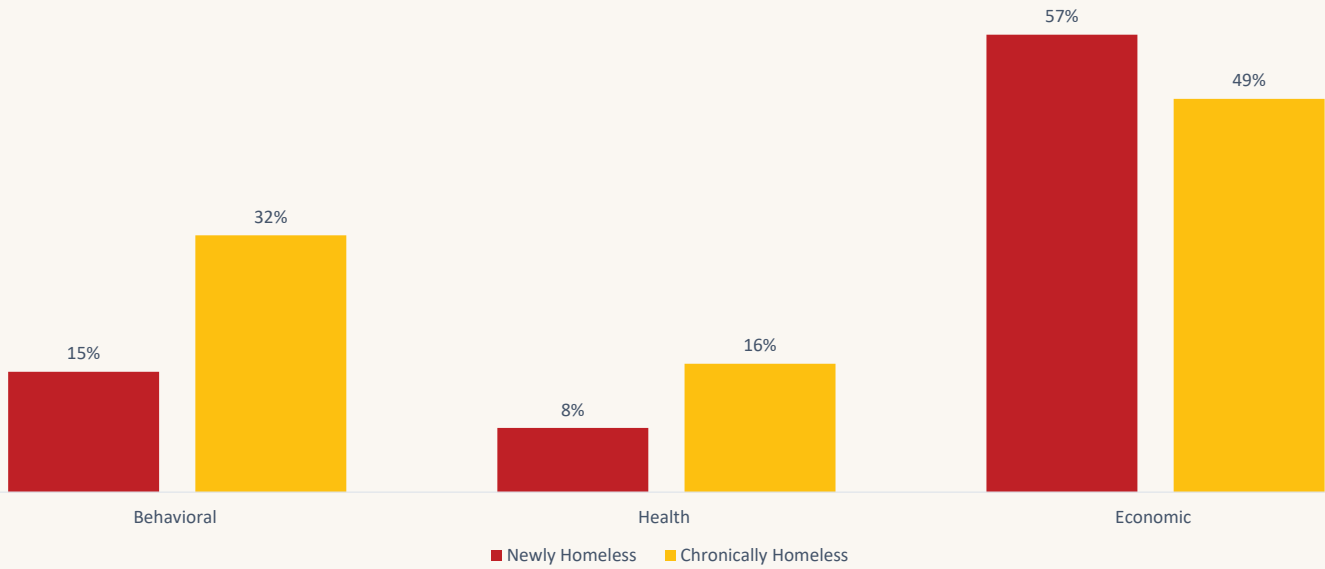
LA Continuum of Care Demographics-2019



Gary Painter

Who is experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles?

Reasons Given For Homelessness among Unsheltered Adults, Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2019



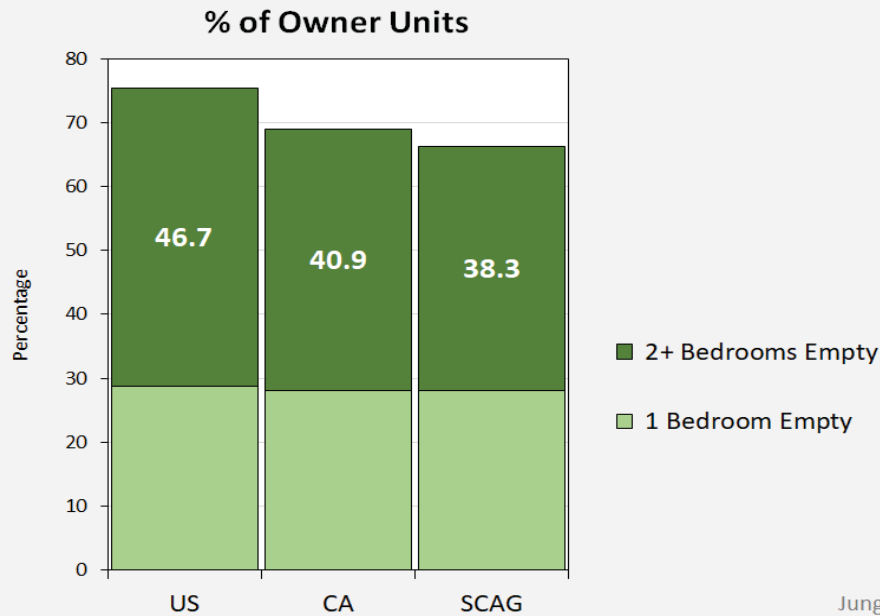
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How did we get here?

- Constrained housing supply
- Severe rent burden
- Institutional and systemic racism

JungHo Park

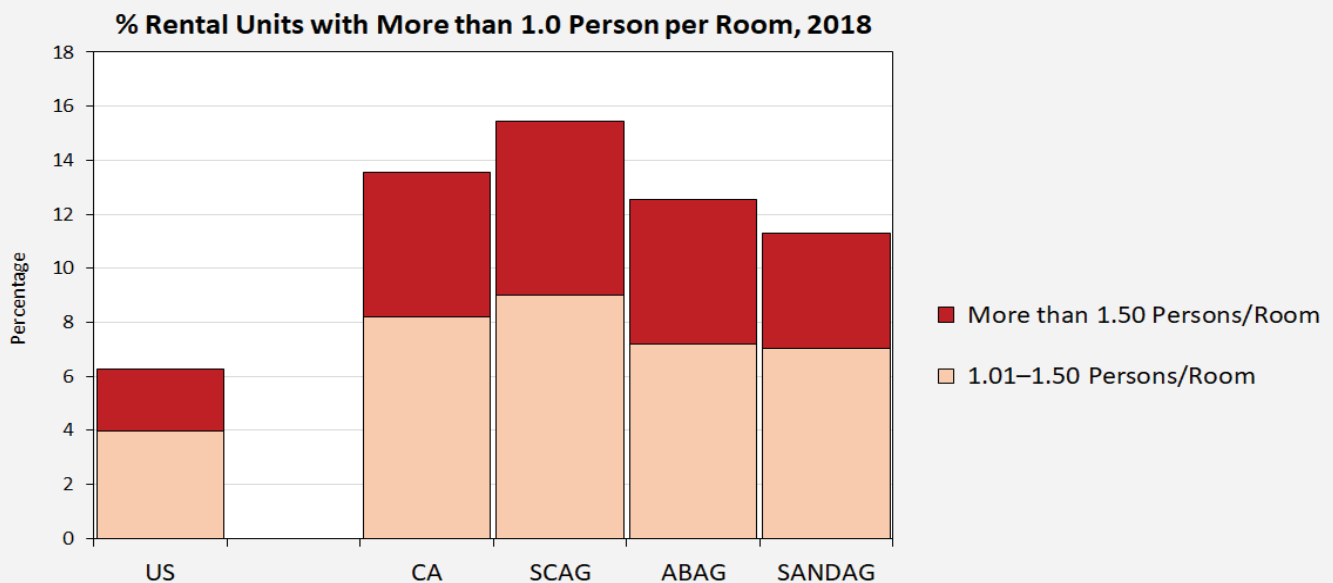
38.3% of Homeowners in SCAG Region Have at Least Two Empty Bedrooms, 2018



JungHo Park, USC PopDynamics
Sources: 2018 American Community Survey IPUMS Microdata files (Ruggles et al., 2020)

JungHo Park

15.5% of Renters in SCAG Region Live in Overcrowded Units, 2.5 Times the National Incidence

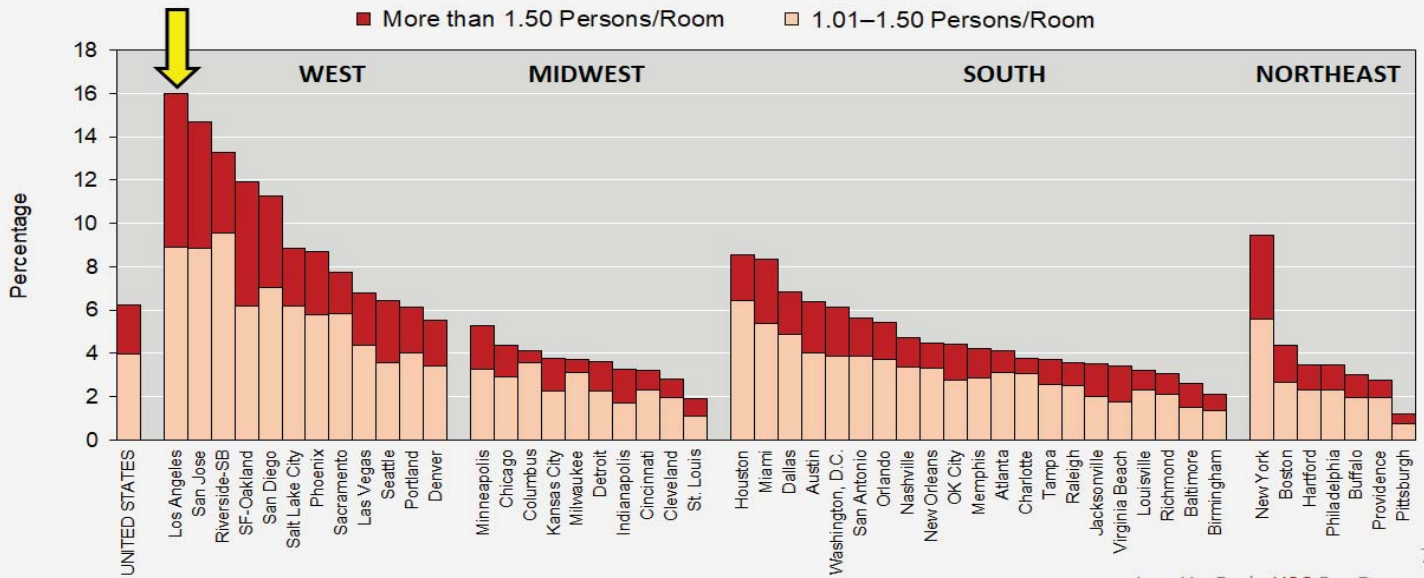


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LA and California Metro Areas *Most Overcrowded* in the Nation

% Rental Units that Are Overcrowded, 2018



JungHo Park, USC PopDynamic

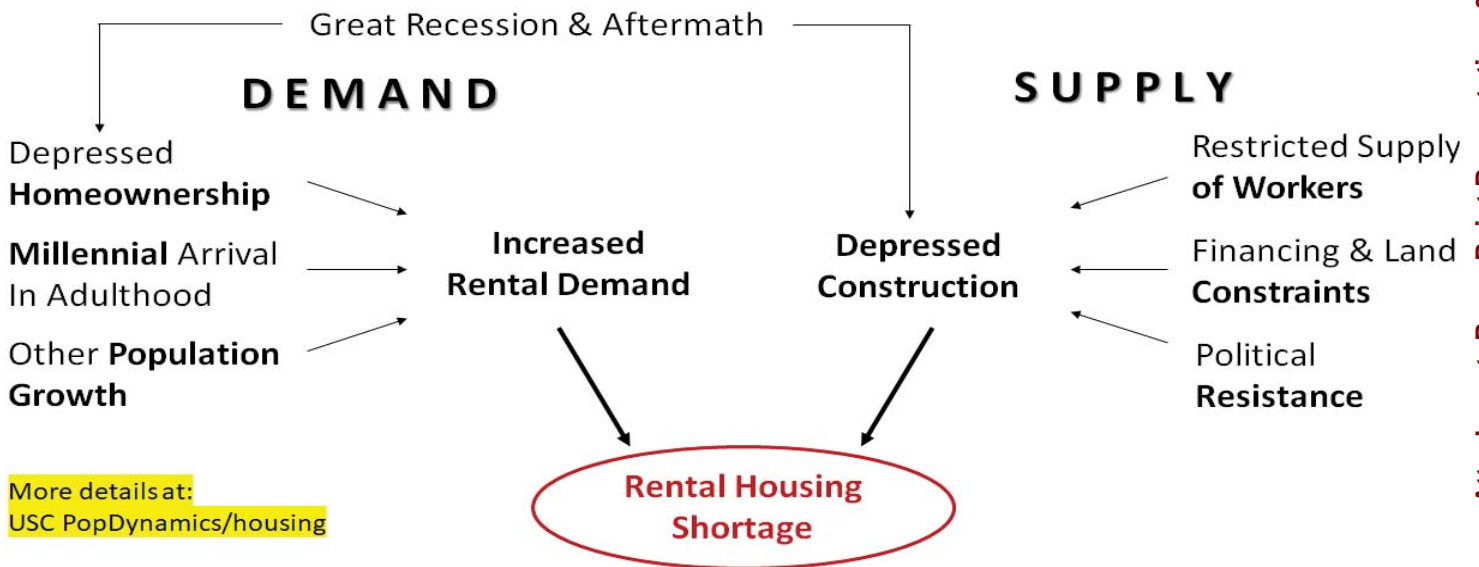
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Dowell Myers

When Growing Rental Demand Meets Limited Housing Supply

Conceptual Diagram for Explaining the Rental Housing Shortage



Dowell Myers

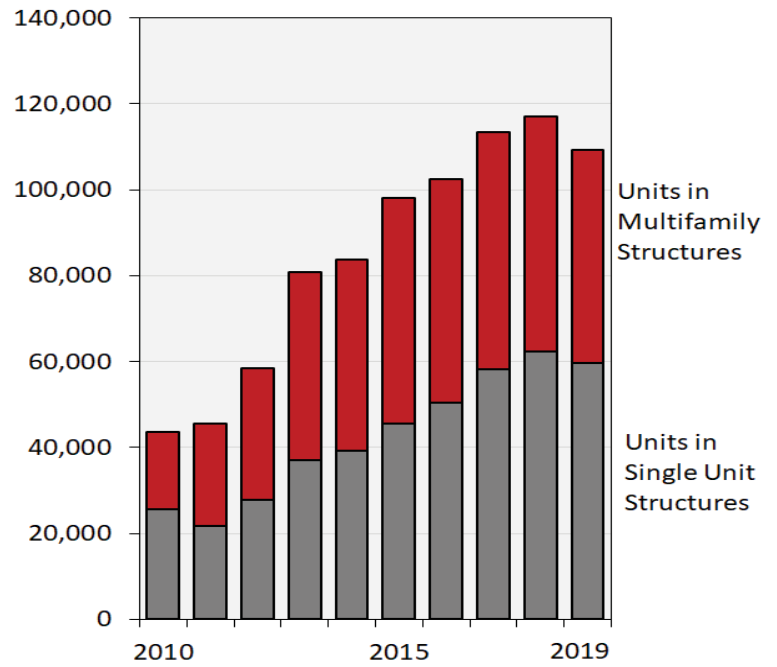
California Statewide

Permits for New Construction
(U.S. Census Bureau)

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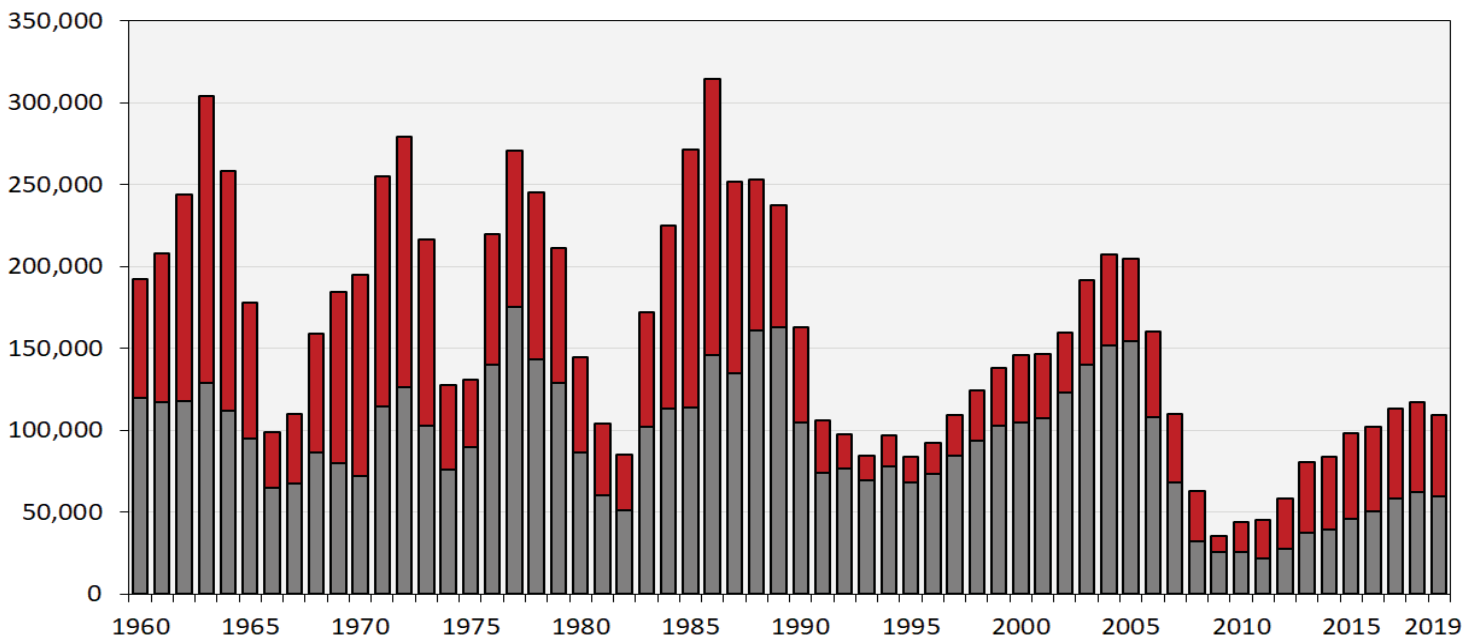
**Too much building!
Too many apartments!**

Unprecedented!



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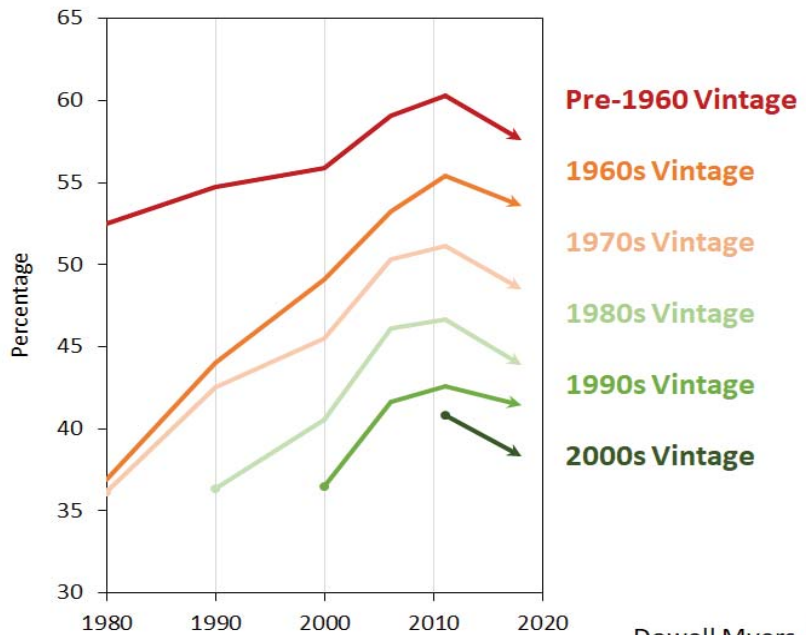
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Tracking the *Rising Share Low-Income* in Apartments

Percent (%) Low-income Tenants in Apartments of Each Vintage, As Time Passes



Sources: USC PopDynamics Analysis of 100 largest metro areas, based on 1980, 1990, and 2000 Decennial Census and 2006 through 2018 ACS IPUMS Files.

Dowell Myers, USC Price

BREAK

Roundtable discussions will commence at 3:45 p.m.

- **Differential Privacy and Census Data**
Jonathan Buttle
- **Housing Planning for the Future**
Sohab Mehmood
- **Introduction to the New Census Bureau Website**
Armando Mendoza



31st ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

ACCELERATING PLANNING TO CATCH UP TO 21ST CENTURY DEMOGRAPHICS

Part 2 – June 18, 2020

Impact of COVID-19 on Housing and the Economy



2020 CENSUS UPDATE



James T. Christy

Assistant Director for Field Operations
U.S. Census Bureau

James T. Christy

2020 Census Operational Adjustments due to COVID-19

Activity/Operations	Original Schedule	New Schedule
<p>Process Apportionment Counts After collection activities are complete, Census Bureau experts run and review output from programs to unduplicate responses, determine final housing unit status, populate any missing housing unit data on household size, and finalize the universe to be included in the apportionment count file.</p>	July 31, 2020 – December 31, 2020	October 31, 2020 – April 30, 2021
<p>Deliver Apportionment Counts to the President By law, the Census Bureau will deliver each state's population total, which determines its number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.</p>	By December 31	Deliver by April 30, 2021
<p>Process Redistricting Data Census Bureau experts run and review programs to populate any missing demographic data for each household, run differential privacy programs to ensure confidentiality, and run tabulation programs for each state delivery.</p>	January 1, 2021 – March 30, 2021	May 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021
<p>Deliver Redistricting Counts to States By law, the Census Bureau will deliver the local counts each state needs to complete legislative redistricting.</p>	By April 1, 2021	Deliver by July 31, 2021

BIG SHIFTS AHEAD FOR HOUSING IN A POST-COVID WORLD



Chris Porter

Chief Demographer

John Burns Real Estate Consulting

Chris Porter

The 4-5-6 Rule for Demographic Predictions

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The 4 Big Influencers

1. Government Policies
2. Economic Cycles
3. Technology Advances
4. Societal Shifts



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During 5 Main Life Stages

1. Childhood
2. Early Career
3. Family Formation
4. Late Career
5. Retirement



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Help Answer 6 Key Consumer Questions

1. Who?
2. What?
3. When?
4. Where?
5. Why?
6. How?

Chris Porter

Housing shifts occurring prior to COVID-19

- Growth shift from cities to suburbs
- Retirees moving to be closer to family
- Migration to warm, affordable regions
- Slowing of immigration
- First-time buyers entering the market
- Single-family homes for renters

Impact of COVID-19 on Economy

Irena Asmundson, Ph.D. – MODERATOR

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Somjita Mitra, Ph.D.

- Chief of Economic Research, California Department of Finance

Richard Green, Ph.D.

- Professor and Director & Chair of the Lusk Center for Real Estate, University of Southern California

Steve Levy

- Director and Senior Economist, Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy



31st ANNUAL ACCELERATING PLANNING TO CATCH UP
DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP TO 21ST CENTURY DEMOGRAPHICS



Somjita Mitra

California's Economic Outlook in January



Unemployment at record lows



Almost 10 years of consecutive job growth



1 out of 7 new U.S. jobs in California

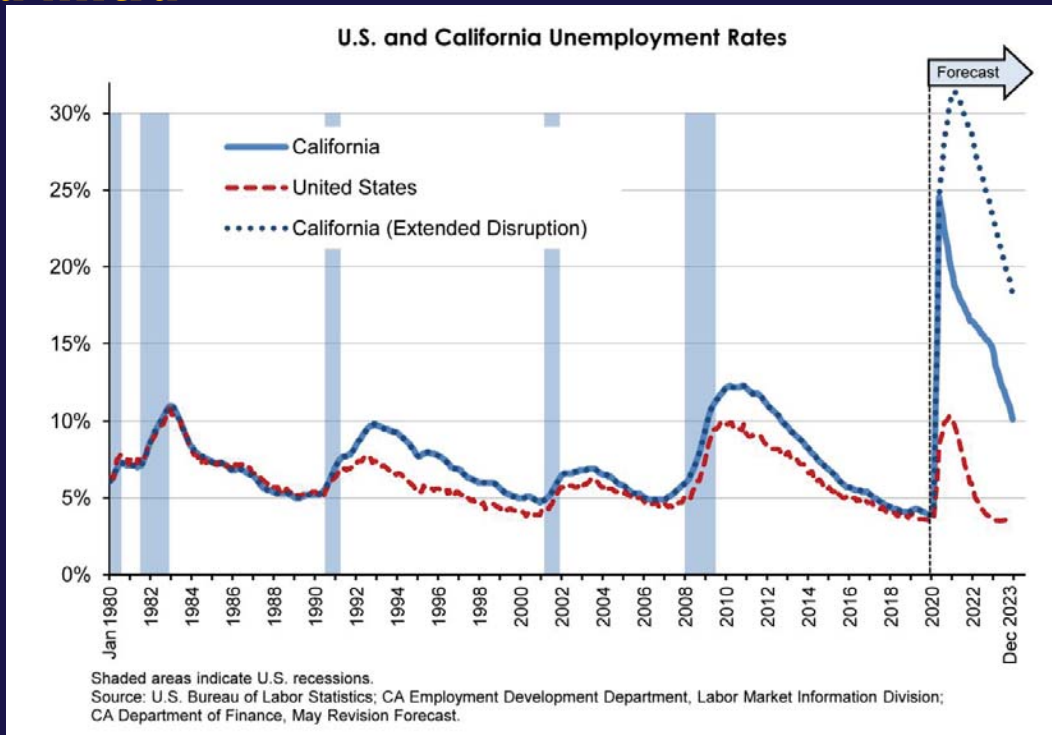


5th largest economy in the world

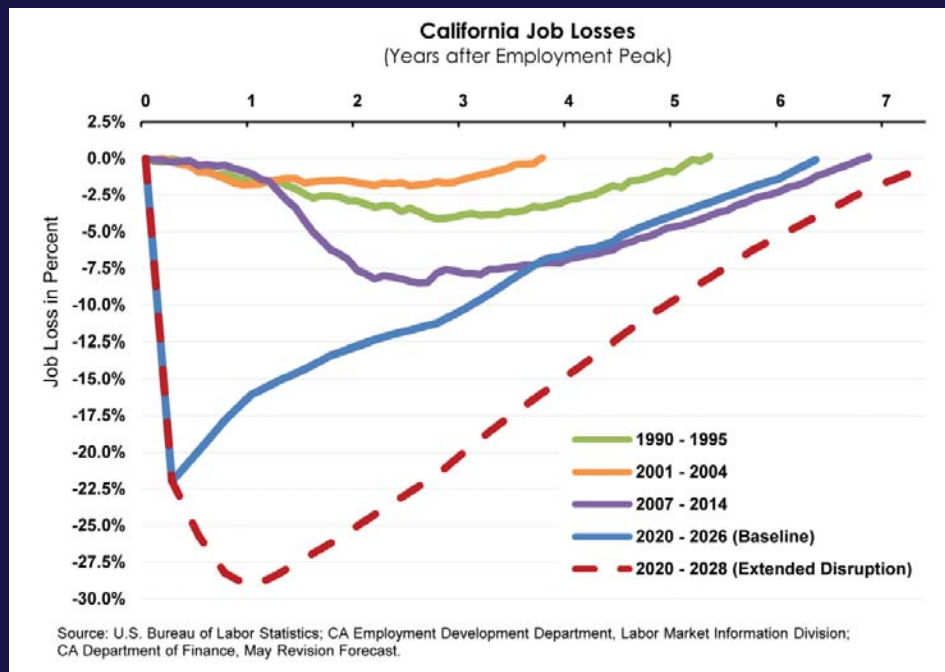


Projected budget surplus \$5.6 billion

Somjita Mitra



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Long-Term Revenue Forecast — Three Largest Sources

(General Fund Revenue — Dollars in Billions)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Average Year-Over-Year Growth
Personal Income Tax	\$99.2	\$94.8	\$76.8	\$76.8	\$81.4	\$87.7	-1.9%
Sales and Use Tax	\$26.1	\$24.9	\$20.6	\$23.7	\$24.6	\$25.4	0.0%
Corporation Tax	\$14.1	\$13.9	\$16.6	\$15.9	\$16.0	\$14.9	1.6%
Total	\$139.4	\$133.6	\$114.0	\$116.4	\$122.0	\$128.0	-1.4%
Growth	6.4%	-4.2%	-14.6%	2.1%	4.8%	4.9%	

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: California Department of Finance, May Revision Forecast

Richard Green

Real Estate

- Owner housing?
- Apartments. Rent collections are down, but this is temporary.
- Industrial. Probably sees an increase in demand at end of crisis.
- Office
 - Are people going to want to continue to socially distance?
 - Do people miss seeing other people at work?
- Retail
 - Lots of comorbidities already
 - This could push more shopping centers to close
 - Grocery anchored places the exception
- Hotels???

Steve Levy

Composition of Job Growth

- There is always uncertainty regarding job trends far into the future.
 - But the question for the impact of COVID on the region's long-term growth is whether any impacts are long lasting and whether they favor or hinder **relative** growth in the SCAG region.
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Steve Levy

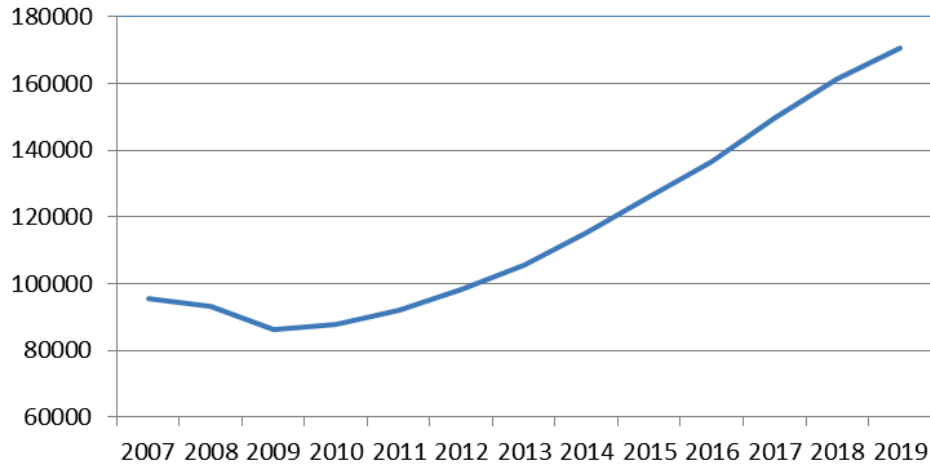
Does the SCAG Region Have a Competitive Set of Industries

- The region benefits from trade from the fast-growing Pacific Rim
- The region is a tourism center
- The region has specialized design firms
- The region is building a tech base
- These sectors performed well in the years since the growth forecast was completed
- While COVID will negatively impact these strengths in the short term, that is unlikely for the 2025—2045 period?

Steve Levy

A Surge in Logistics Jobs

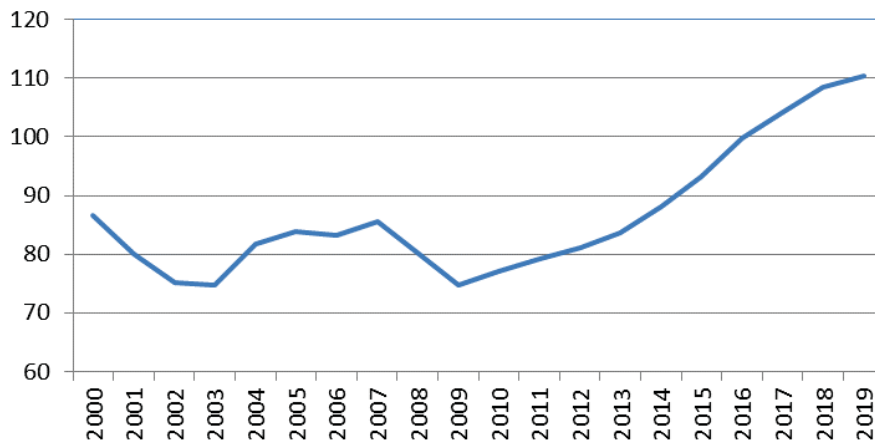
Logistics Jobs in Riv--SB Metro Area



Steve Levy

Air Travel on the Rise

Passengers at Major SCAG Region Airports (Millions)



Steve Levy

Regional Challenges and Responses

- Major challenges continue to be housing that is sufficient and affordable and expanding mobility options
- The Connect SoCal regional plan addresses these challenges directly
- In addition the state has and continues to adopt policies and funding in support of more housing that is broadly affordable
- The response to COVID can accelerate these positive responses

BREAK

Roundtable discussions will commence at 3:45 p.m.

- **The Show Must Go On: LAUSD Planning and Response During COVID-19**
Mary Prichard
- **The Art of Utilizing Data and Technology to Quantify the Impacts of COVID-19**
Tom Vo
- **Post COVID-19 Economic Development Toolkit**
Larry Kosmont & Joseph Dieguez



AGENDA ITEM 11 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Lorianne Esturas, Assistant Regional Planner, Sustainability,
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Subject: Green Region Initiative - Sustainability Map Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

For Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The CivicSpark program is a statewide Governor’s Initiative AmeriCorps program administered by the State of California’s Office of Planning and Research and the Local Government Commission (LGC). SCAG is a regional partner and beneficiary of the CivicSpark program and has hosted CivicSpark Fellows working in the Sustainability Department for the past six (6) years. SCAG’s 2019-20 CivicSpark Fellows—Natalie Arreaga, Amanda Caswell, and Vannesa Reyes Salazar—have prepared this update on the SCAG Green Region Initiative (GRI) map. The goal of GRI is to illustrate the status and progress of the region across 29 sustainability indicators.

BACKGROUND:

To enhance the development of the existing Green Region Initiative Sustainability Indicators project, SCAG partnered with the Local Government Commission (LGC) to host three CivicSpark Fellows. The project provides a visual resource of sustainability progress across the 191 cities and six counties within the SCAG region in both policy and performance. The policies and performance mapped for this project help identify existing best practices across 29 sustainability indicators.

The CivicSpark program is a statewide Governor’s Initiative AmeriCorps program administered by the State of California’s Office of Planning and Research and the LGC. The program places 90 Fellows in local governments around the state to build local capacity around climate, housing, resiliency and water issues. SCAG is a regional partner and beneficiary of the CivicSpark program

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and has hosted CivicSpark Fellows in the Sustainability Department for the past six (6) years.

This year's CivicSpark Fellows have continued work on the GRI Sustainability Indicators project, which charts and maps progress across 29 sustainability topics in every city and county in the SCAG region. The final deliverables of the 2019-20 CivicSpark program year are 3 updated maps, which include one new indicator and one new topic: Electric Vehicle Permitting Streamlining and Urban Greening. Each topic has a new stand-alone map on Senate Bill (SB) 535 Disadvantaged Communities and a Consolidated Map which incorporates all of the Indicator maps and the SB 535 map. The new maps contain detailed descriptions and resources relevant to the individual indicators. Overall, the maps provide a resource for SCAG staff, local governments, and the public to explore best practices in the region, facilitate collaboration, and advance sustainability planning in Southern California.

This project supports the Connect SoCal land use strategy to support local sustainability planning, highlighting best practices around the region and serving as a resource for other cities to replicate existing projects and tailor them to suit their unique needs.

SCAG's partnership with CivicSpark will continue through the 2020-21 program year. The CivicSpark Fellows will continue collecting data on sustainability progress across the SCAG region. The Fellows will also conduct outreach from stakeholders on the map's functionality, purpose, and the indicators as a whole. They will then use this feedback to further refine and update the map. Finally, the Fellows will organize webinars to provide technical assistance for local governments on sustainability best practices in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CivicSpark program is funded jointly by the LGC, and SCAG in its FY 20-21 Overall Work Program (065.137.10).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation: Green Region Initiative v4.0



CivicSpark

Green Region Initiative v4.0 (GRI)

July 2, 2020

Natalie Arreaga
Amanda Caswell
Vannesa Reyes Salazar



Agenda

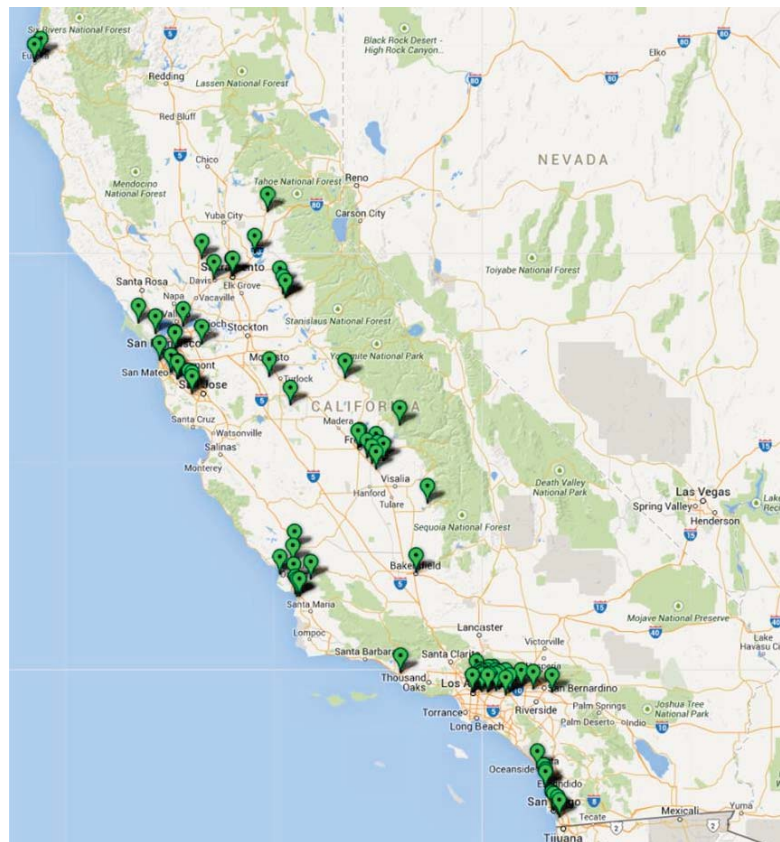
- SCAG, CivicSpark, and the Green Region Initiative
 - SCAG and CivicSpark Partnership
 - Road to Version 4.0
- GRI Version 4.0
 - Climate Action and Adaptation
 - Streamlining Electric Vehicle Permitting
 - SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities and Consolidated Maps
- Next Steps

What is CivicSpark?

- A Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program dedicated to building capacity for local governments to address climate change
 - Managed by Local Government Commission (LGC) in partnership with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
- SCAG has been a CivicSpark partner and beneficiary since 2014 and has hosted 18 Fellows over the course of 6 years



Location of CivicSpark Project Sites and Fellows across California



Green Region Initiative

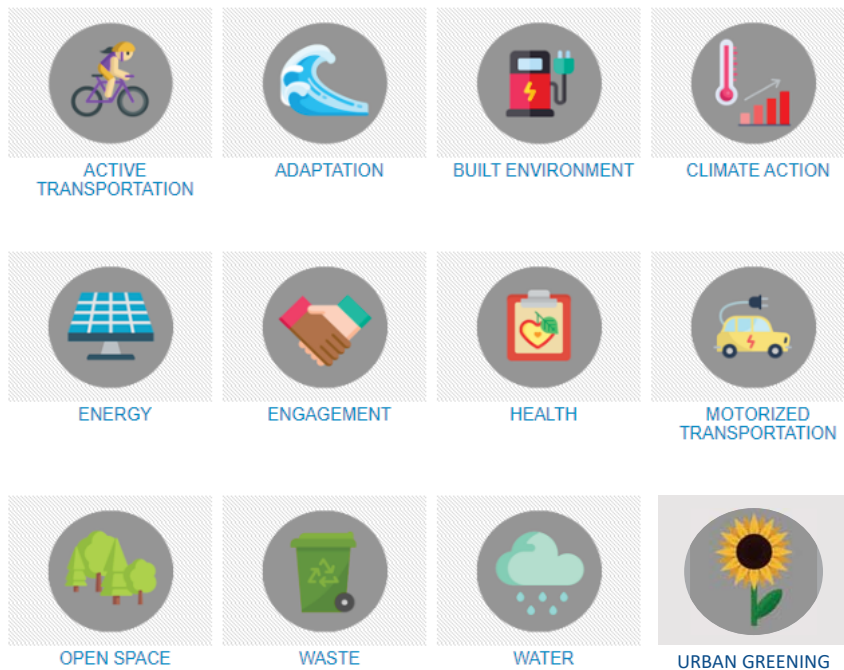
- Define, measure and track sustainability progress within the SCAG region
 - Measures progress through Policy and Performance Categories
- A resource for local governments to
 - Explore best practices
 - Collaborate on programs
 - Assess the needs of communities

Green Region Initiative



Topics and Indicators

Sustainability Indicators



Roadmap to Version 4.0

GRI v1.0
2014-15

Aggregate total of all sustainability plans and progress made across the region



GRI v2.0
2015-16

Separate ranking systems based on policy measures



GRI v3.0
2016-17

Separate ranking systems based on policy and performance measures



Roadmap to Version 4.0

GRI v3.5
2017-18

Improved map performance and additional indicators of Adaptation, Affordable Housing, and Healthy Food Access



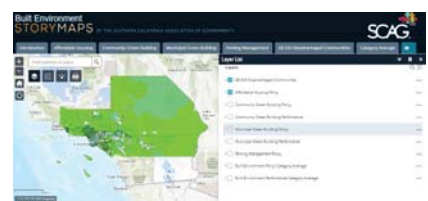
GRI v3.6
2018-19

Updated 11 maps and simplified regional sustainability statistics through utilization of the GRI data



GRI v4.0
2019-20

Updated data in 2 indicators. Additional Electric Vehicle Charger Station Permitting indicator and Urban Greening topic. Incorporated Senate Bill (SB) 535 Disadvantaged Communities map



GRI Version 4.0 Progress

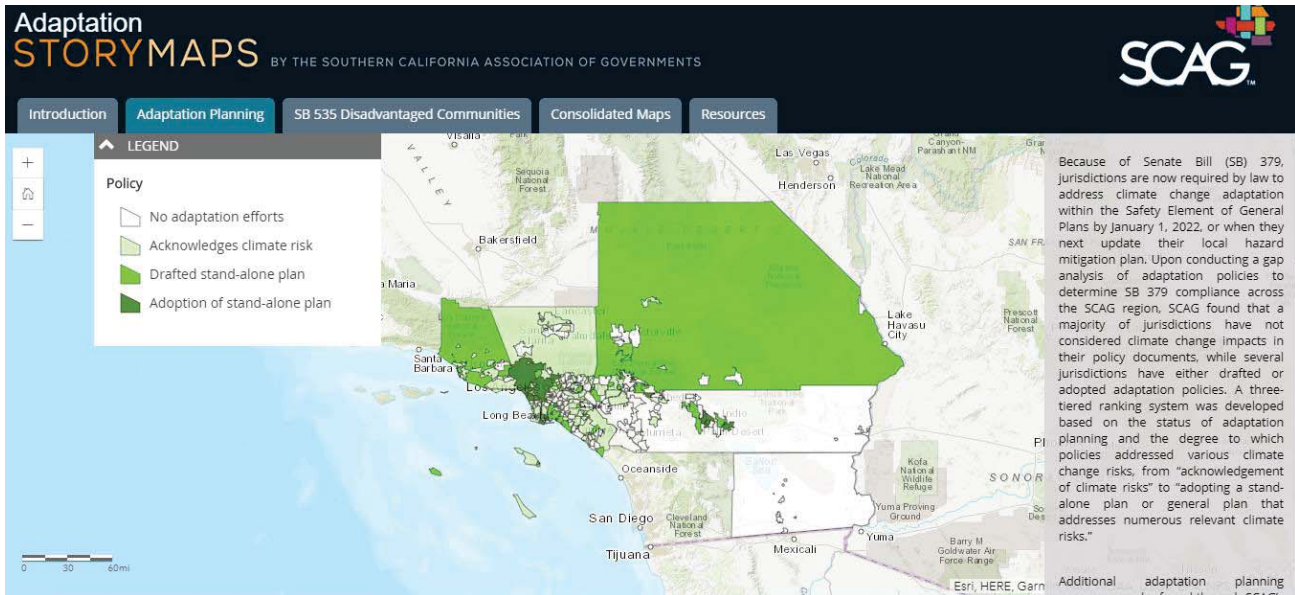
- Enhanced map performance and visualization data
- Addition of new indicator and topic
 - Electric Vehicle Permitting Streamlining found in Motorized Transportation topic
 - Urban Greening was added as a new topic, comprised of the existing Parks, Stormwater Management, and Urban Forestry indicators
- Expanded Database now totals
 - 29 sustainability indicators
 - 12 topics
- Addition of SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Layer and Consolidated Map to each topic

GRI Version 4.0 Progress

Sustainability Indicators



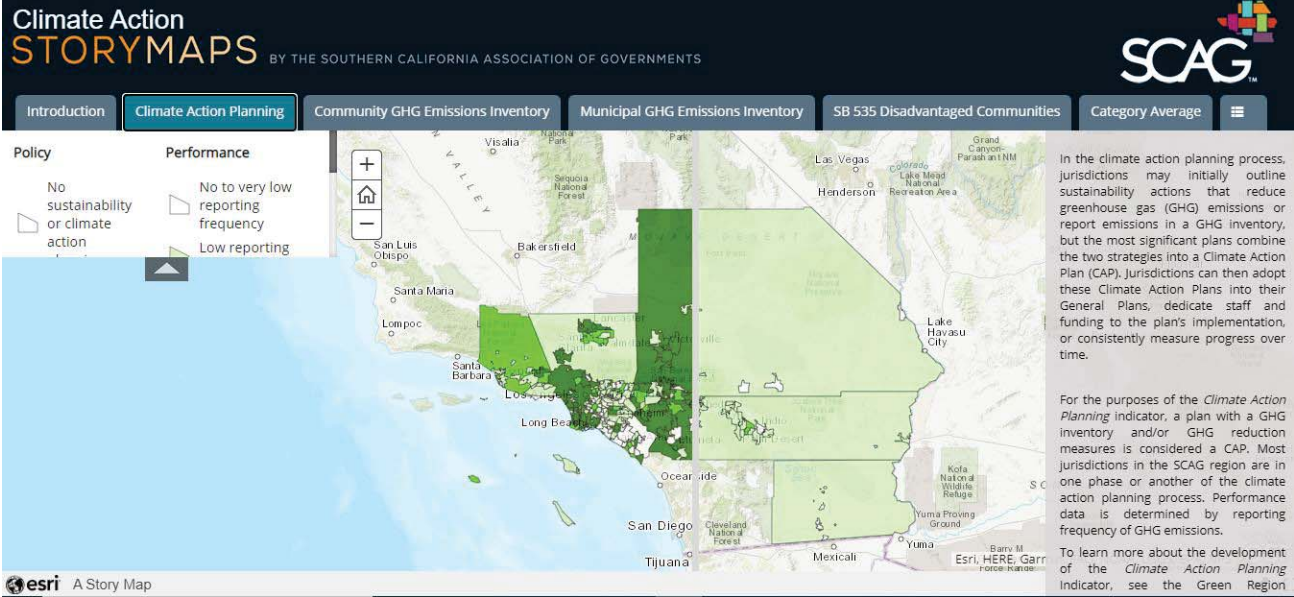
Adaptation Planning



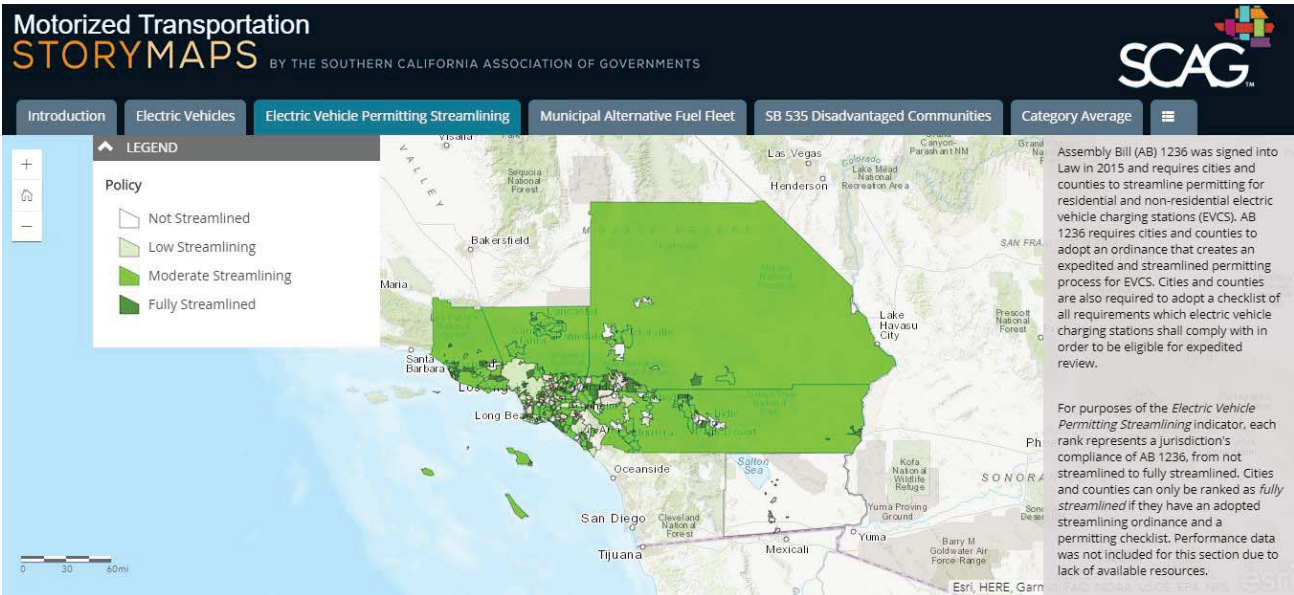
Climate Adaptation and Action

- Conducted gap analysis of adaptation policies in policy documents across the SCAG region
 - Reviewed General Plans, Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, and stand-alone plans (e.g. Climate Action Plans, Sustainability Plans, etc.) of 191 cities and 6 counties in the SCAG region
- Final Regional Climate Adaptation Framework will be available December 2020

Climate Action Planning



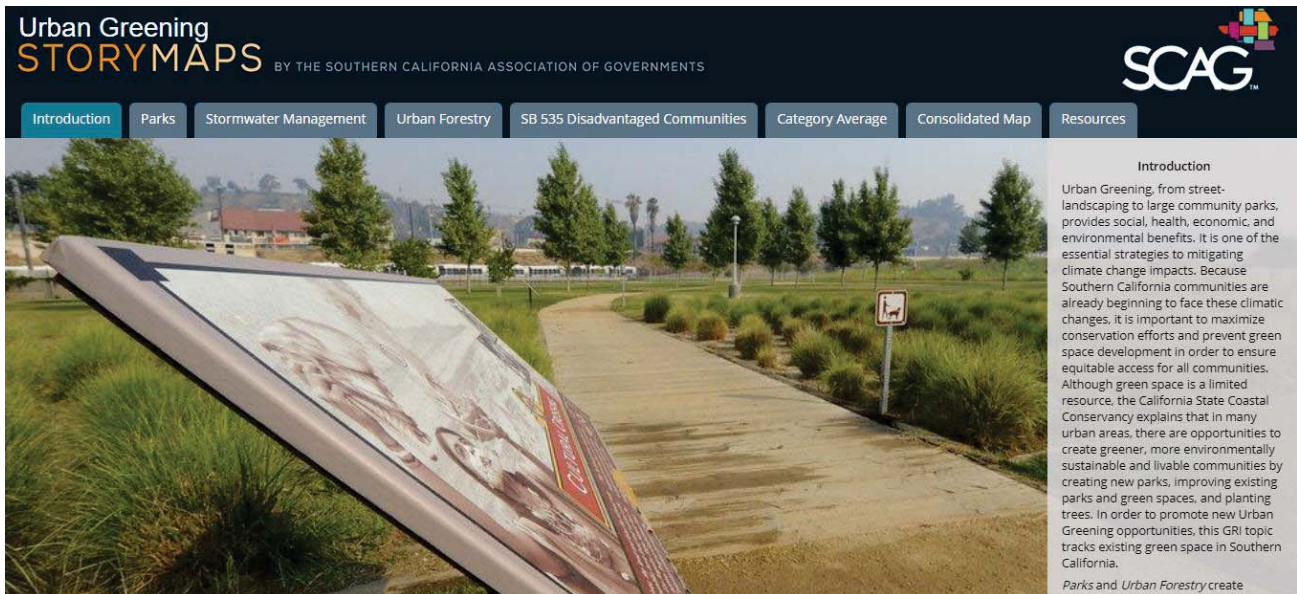
Electric Vehicle Permitting Streamlining



Streamlining Electric Vehicle Permitting

- Research conducted in partnership with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- Companion to the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Guidebook
- Purpose is to
 - Create a shared visual understanding of EV charging station permit streamlining across the state
 - Track compliance with AB 1236
 - Allow communities to use this tool to replicate success

Urban Greening



Urban Greening
STORYMAPS BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

SCAG

Introduction Parks Stormwater Management Urban Forestry SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities Category Average Consolidated Map Resources

Introduction

Urban Greening, from street-landscaping to large community parks, provides social, health, economic, and environmental benefits. It is one of the essential strategies to mitigating climate change impacts. Because Southern California communities are already beginning to face these climatic changes, it is important to maximize conservation efforts and prevent green space development in order to ensure equitable access for all communities. Although green space is a limited resource, the California State Coastal Conservancy explains that in many urban areas, there are opportunities to create greener, more environmentally sustainable and livable communities by creating new parks, improving existing parks and green spaces, and planting trees. In order to promote new Urban Greening opportunities, this GRI topic tracks existing green space in Southern California.

Parks and Urban Forestry create

Senate Bill (SB) 535 Disadvantaged Communities Map

Energy STORYMAPS BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Introduction Community Energy Efficiency Municipal Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy **SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities** Category Average Consolidated Maps

LEGEND
SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities

Based on SCAG's most recent data from 2016, disadvantaged communities (DACs) represent 6.4 million people – 34.2% of the total population in the SCAG region. Within these areas, 23.3% of the population is in poverty, 88.3% of the population is minority, 9.7% of the population are seniors and 26.3% of the population are under the age of 18. By incorporating the DACs map into the GRI, SCAG will be furthering the Three E's of Sustainability (Environment, Equity and Economics) and protect the health and well-being of communities most negatively impacted by environmental injustice.

Senate Bill (SB) 535 requires that 25% of funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund go towards projects that benefit disadvantaged communities (DACs). In 2017, the California Environmental Protection Agency identified DACs based on the results from CalEnviroScreen 3.0, a tool developed by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

Consolidated Map

Built Environment STORYMAPS BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Introduction Affordable Housing Community Green Building Municipal Green Building Parking Management **SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities** Category Average

Find address or place

Layer List

- SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities
- Affordable Housing Policy
- Community Green Building Policy
- Community Green Building Performance
- Municipal Green Building Policy
- Municipal Green Building Performance
- Parking Management Policy
- Built Environment Policy Category Average
- Built Environment Performance Category Average

Next Steps

- Expand Health data
 - Replace HDI (Health Disadvantage Index) with HPI (Healthy Places Index) data
 - Incorporate a Safety Indicator
 - Safe Routes
 - Cool Streets and Cooling Center locations
- Expand Urban Greening data
 - Include Community/Urban Gardens
 - Update Urban Forestry data

Any Questions?
Thank you!

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AGENDA ITEM 12 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Policy and
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Subject: July State and Federal Legislative Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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.

STATE

State Budget Overview

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has impacted the state budget process, leading to a shortened timeframe for budget committee hearings and some initial disagreement between the State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom over spending. The Governor’s initial budget proposal in January was substantially altered given the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 14, 2020, the Governor released his May Revision budget that included several spending reductions in an effort to close a \$54 billion budget deficit. The most severe cuts were in education and social services.

On June 3, 2020, Assembly and Senate Democrats announced that they had reached an agreement on a state budget which largely rejected many spending reductions proposed in the Governor’s May Revision budget. The agreement rejected the reductions to health care and social services that Governor Newsom claimed would occur if the federal government did not provide \$14 billion in relief. The agreement would also increase funding for K-12 schools by nearly \$3 billion. Regarding transportation funding, Assembly and Senate Democrats rejected the Governor’s proposed reduction of \$130 million from the State Highway Account to the general fund.

One immovable date was June 15, 2020, the constitutional deadline by which the Legislature had to pass a budget. By all accounts, the budget passed by the Legislature (SB 74) on June 15 was a placeholder budget in order to continue discussions over a final deal. Legislative leaders and

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Governor Newsom announced that final deal on June 22, 2020. Initial reports indicate that the Governor agreed to lessen the proposed spending reductions from the May Revision budget and rely on a more optimistic economic outlook to protect social services and public schools.

On June 18, 2020, the Assembly adjourned for summer recess until July 13, but will likely be called back earlier to vote on the state budget. In addition, there are plans for the Assembly Budget Committee to meet during the week of June 22 to begin work on budget trailer bills. In the Senate, only floor sessions will be held the week of June 22, unless the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee needs to convene.

SCAG's efforts on the state budget included submitting a letter to Senate Budget Committee Chair Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Budget Committee Chair Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) expressing support for the legislature's increased allocation of federal CARES Act funding for cities and counties, and to establish a floor allocation of \$50,000 per city. The CARES Act, passed by the Congress in March, established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to provide direct federal financial assistance to all fifty states and some units of local government with populations over 500,000 to cover the necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 191 cities in the SCAG region, only one city was eligible for a direct allocation of CRF assistance, however. The legislature's leadership in this area recognizes that that cities need this additional funding and that a minimum allocation ensures that CRF dollars are distributed fairly and equitably, and are a meaningful amount for all jurisdictions.

In addition, SCAG expressed support for the proposed allocation of \$1.3 billion to counties, based on population, to be used toward homelessness, public health, public safety, and other services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. SCAG is supportive of this proposal as all counties would receive an award, and the minimum awards are substantial. The County of Imperial, which did not receive a direct allocation from the CRF, would receive \$18.5 million.

Lastly, SCAG also submitted a letter to Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) in support of maintaining AB 617 Implementation funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 budget, which brings air quality monitoring to a more localized level. The reduced proceeds (\$25 million, compared to \$612 million in February) raised by California's most recent cap-and-trade auction in May jeopardizes AB 617 Implementation given that the May Revision budget does not prioritize this program. AB 617 Implementation furthers the work being done by air districts in the SCAG region. While SCAG does not have statutory requirements from AB 617, recommended practices and approaches developed in the air district community plans have been added to SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) to address environmental justice concerns, among others.

Caltrans Director Formally Confirmed

On May 27, 2020, the Senate Rules Committee confirmed the appointment of Toks Omishakin as Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Director Omishakin was first appointed by Governor Newsom on September 3, 2019. Prior to his appointment, Director Omishakin spent eight years with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) where he successfully implemented environmental, multimodal, and planning policies. Serving as Deputy Commissioner for Environment and Planning, Director Omishakin was responsible for an administrative and project budget of more than \$300 million annually and led the activities of various divisions within TDOT, including Environmental Services, Freight and Logistics, and Long-Range Planning. SCAG's Executive Director submitted a letter in support of Director Omishakin's appointment to the Senate Rules Committee and voiced his support during the public comment period of the committee hearing.

Elections Update

On May 12, 2020, voters headed to the polls for a special election in Congressional District 25 and State Senate District 28 to fill a pair of vacancies. In Congressional District 25, which includes the Simi, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys, Republican Mike Garcia won the election over Democratic Assemblymember Christy Smith. In State Senate District 28, which includes the Coachella and Temecula Valleys, Republican Assemblymember Melissa Melendez won the election over Riverside County Board of Education Member Elizabeth Romero. Neither race tips the balance of power in the House of Representatives nor the State Legislature.

FEDERAL

INVEST in America Act – House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Mark Up

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funds federal highway and public transportation programs through September 30, 2020. On June 3, 2020, Democratic leadership of the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee released their version of the transportation reauthorization bill, the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act" (H.R. 2). The proposed bill would provide a total of \$494 billion over five years for investments in capital infrastructure improvements and focuses on infrastructure resiliency, emissions reduction, and other climate provisions. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first year of the bill is an extension of FAST Act policy and provides \$83.1 billion in additional relief in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 to ensure states, cities, tribes, territories, and transit agencies can administer programs and advance projects. Highway, transit, and safety funds are made available at 100 percent Federal share. Of this amount, \$22 billion is available for operating expenses.

The House T&I Committee considered H.R. 2 over a two-day session starting on June 17, 2020 and considered 177 amendments. The bill was approved on a party-line vote of 35-25. SCAG staff

virtually met with staff from the offices of Southern California Members of Congress who sit on the House T&I Committee to provide feedback on H.R. 2. Congressman Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach) offered two amendments on behalf of SCAG that were ultimately rolled into H.R. 2. The first amendment, Rouda 107, would make metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) like SCAG eligible for a new Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant program. This is a natural area of expertise for SCAG and would be a tremendous benefit for SCAG region jurisdictions looking to implement a TOD in their local community. The second amendment, Rouda 108, would help to ensure that SCAG can participate in the new Metro Performance Program, which provides \$750 million directly to MPOs to advance locally-selected projects consistent with the Surface Transportation Block Grant program.

Also of significance and consistent with SCAG's "regional principles" was the inclusion of an amendment (Carbajal 073) authored by Congressman Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara). This provision increases the amount of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to local implementing agencies from 55 percent in FY 2020 to 60 percent by FY 2025. While SCAG does not receive STP funds, it is an important funding source for our member county transportation commissions that use these funds for projects to preserve and improve conditions and performance on Federal-aid highways, bridges, or other and capital projects.

On June 18, 2020, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) announced that The INVEST in America Act will be merged into a broader \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package and is tentatively scheduled for a vote by the full House before the Independence Day holiday.



AGENDA ITEM 13 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
July 2, 2020

To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, 213-236-1817,
panas@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 -
\$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For 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) more than \$5,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>PO Purpose</u>	<u>PO Amount</u>
Digital Deployment Inc.	FY20 Website Redesign Services	\$47,971
Carahsoft Technology Corp.	FY20/21 DocuSign Software Licenses	\$12,691
Viet Hoang	Management Coaching Sessions	\$5,250

SCAG executed the following Contract more than \$25,000 but less than \$200,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Walker Consultants (20-036-C01)	The City of Beaumont is working on a Downtown Specific Plan and would like to promote economic development in the corridor by changing the street scape, providing centralized parking and encouraging walkability from Egan Avenue through Pennsylvania Avenue. This project will serve as a model for other jurisdictions throughout the region of similar size and characteristics.	\$99,125

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous

SCAG executed the Amendment more than \$5,000 but less than \$75,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Iteris, Inc. (19-039-C01)	This amendment will provide for more truck counts and to purchase historical data from National Data & Surveying Services to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the traffic industry. The data from National Data & Surveying Services will be reconciled with the raw data collected during the effort. The amendment will also expand the previous truck count locations giving the study a more robust analysis hence improving understanding of the freight movement in the selected corridor	\$24,000

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 20-036-C01
2. Contract Summary 19-039-C01 Amendment 1

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 20-036-C01

Recommended Consultant: Walker Consultants

Background & Scope of Work: The City of Beaumont, in support of efforts to stimulate local economies and revitalize commercial districts, is pursuing the Beaumont Citywide Parking Management Master Plan (PMMP). Growth and vitality within Beaumont has exerted pressure on the parking supply, not only in the core commercial area, but also in nearby residential districts. Concern about parking has expanded significantly beyond the commercial core, and has infiltrated many residential neighborhoods.

The City is currently working on a Downtown Specific Plan and would like to promote economic development in the corridor by changing the street scape, providing centralized parking and encouraging walkability from Egan Avenue through Pennsylvania Avenue. The Parking Management Master Plan will work closely to ensure the Downtown Specific Plan corresponds smoothly with parking. This strategy will help the City transition from looking at parking as real estate to parking as a service that is responsive to the needs of each affected neighborhood or corridor. This project will serve as a model for other jurisdictions throughout the region of similar size and characteristics. These objectives will result in more cities in the region contributing to our overall transportation goals.

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

- Outreach and Marketing Strategy;
- Parking Facilities Utilization Study and Parking Standards Recommendation Report;
- Parking Meter Pricing and Residential On-Street Permit Parking Program Recommendation Report; and
- Parking Management Master Plan.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians; Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy; and Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$99,125
	Walker Consultants (prime consultant)	\$59,152
	Arellano (subconsultant)	\$39,973

Note: Walker originally proposed \$111,359, but staff negotiated the price down to \$99,125 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period: May 28, 2020 through February 28, 2021

Project Number(s):	275-4823U5.03	\$87,755
	275-4823E.03	\$11,369

Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA).

Funding of \$15,000 is available in the FY 2019-20 budget, and the remaining \$84,125 is expected to be available in the FY 2020-21 budget in Project Number TBD, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 2,115 firms of the release of RFP 20-036 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 22 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Walker Consultants (1 subconsultant)	\$111,359
Quantum (no subconsultants)	\$63,741
KOA (2 subconsultants)	\$130,294

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 top (2) offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Lyle Janicek, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG
- Christina Taylor, Community Development Director, City of Beaumont
- Robert Vestal, Principal Engineer, City of Beaumont
- Carole Kendrick, Senior Planner, City of Beaumont

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Walker Consultants for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically the intent to focus on the Downtown Area Specific Plan while providing a unique approach to residential parking integration;
- Provided the best technical approach, for example, their proposal included in-house data inventory that utilizes license plate recognition technology to easily identify real-time data analytics on parking usage;
- Proposed the lowest most realistic price to perform all the scope of work; and,
- Provided the best overall value since their average cost per hour (Total cost divided by hours) is lower than the lowest price proposer.

Although one other firm proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because this firm:

- Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, hours, and timeline to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work, specifically the ability to conduct the analysis and inventory at a level that satisfies the city’s expectations.

CONTRACT 19-039-C01 AMENDMENT 01

Consultant: Iteris, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On October 10, 2019, SCAG awarded Contract 19-039-C01 to Iteris, Inc. to develop the Ventura County Freight Corridor Study to identify and prioritize the most significant freight corridors in the County. The project objectives include mitigating impacts associated with freight traffic, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and air quality by planning for a safer, more efficient, sustainable freight connection beyond US 101, and between US 101 and the regional highways (SR 126 and SR 118).

Consistent with the requirements of the Caltrans Regional Planning grant that funds this project, the Consultant shall identify new or alternative freight routes to mitigate the impacts from freight traffic that generates GHG emissions, particulate matter and other criteria pollutants that disproportionately affect disadvantaged communities (DAC) adjacent to these corridors. The project shall help identify approaches to relieve much of the burden on DACs in Ventura County.

This amendment will provide an additional \$24,000 cash match from Ventura County Transportation Commission. The money will be used for more truck counts and to purchase historical data from National Data & Surveying Services to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the traffic industry.

This amendment increases the contract value from \$141,997 to \$165,997 (\$24,000).

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

- The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:
- Identify the primary freight connections beyond US 101 and between the regional highways (e.g. SRs 118 and 126), including primary and arterial roadways as well as, connections outside the County;
 - Improve freight efficiency and increase the competitiveness of California’s freight system by aligning with the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan;
 - Improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement throughout Ventura County and the region for transporters, the community, and the environment; and
 - Freight Corridor Study

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

Amendment	Amendment 1	\$24,000
Amount:	Original contract value	<u>\$141,997</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$165,997

This amendment does not exceed \$75,000 or 30% of the contract’s original value. Therefore, in accordance with the SCAG Procurement Manual (dated 04/17/20) Section 9.3, it does not require the Regional Council’s approval.

Contract Period: October 10, 2019 through December 31, 2020

Project Numbers:

145-4847H1.01

145-4847Q8.01

Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) State Planning and Research, Ventura County Transportation Commission and Port of Hueneme Cash Match.

Amendment funding of \$24,000 is available in the FY 2019-2020, and any unspent funds should be available in FY2020-2021.

Basis for the Amendment:

This amendment will provide for more truck counts and to purchase historical data from National Data & Surveying Services to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the traffic industry. The data from National Data & Surveying Services will be reconciled with the raw data collected during the effort. The amendment will also expand the previous truck count locations giving the study a more robust analysis hence improving understanding of the freight movement in the selected corridor.