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***Thursday, February 2, 2023***

***9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.***

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## COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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- 16. Hon. Waymond Fermon**  
Indio, CVAG
- 17. Hon. Margaret Finlay**  
Duarte, RC District 35
- 18. Hon. Mark Henderson**  
Gardena, RC District 28
- 19. Hon. Cecilia Hupp**  
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- 48. Hon. Acquanetta Warren**  
Fontana, SBCTA
  
- 49. Hon. Tony Wu**  
West Covina, SGVCOG
  
- 50. Hon. Frank Zerunyan**  
Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG

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Southern California Association of Governments  
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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

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

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

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**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval Items

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting – January 5, 2023 PPG. 9

Receive and File

- 2. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items PPG. 17
- 3. Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region PPG. 23
- 4. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft SCS Technical Methodology PPG. 38

**ACTION ITEM**

- 5. REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Funding Application PPG. 48  
*(Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)* 20 Mins.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program application template, including the application requirements, scoring methodology, and selection process; authorize staff to release the calls for applications upon approval of SCAG’s full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners; and, authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the application as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners and to enter into agreements with awarded entities under the programs and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 6. Housing Policy Leadership Academy Participant Panel on Surplus and Underutilized Lands 45 Mins. PPG. 78  
*(Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, SCAG)*
- 7. Connect SoCal: 15-Minute Communities 45 Mins. PPG. 105  
*(Grieg Asher, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)*



## COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

### **STAFF REPORT**

*(Jonathan Hughes, Regional Affairs Officer, SCAG Staff)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

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

**Members Present:**

<b>Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair</b>	<b><i>Cerritos</i></b>	<b>District 23</b>
<b>Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair</b>	<b><i>Calabasas</i></b>	<b>District 44</b>
Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Letitia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	GCCOG
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Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
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Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Anni Marshall 20	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG



Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning</i>	
Hon. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
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**Members Not Present**

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Ramon Castro	<i>Imperial County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. George A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Ariel Pe	<i>Lakewood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	CoC
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and asked Councilmember Marisela Nava, Perris, District 69 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Yokoyama provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to [CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov) after 5pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Yokoyama opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

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

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

No reprioritizations were made.

**STAFF REPORT**

SCAG staff Ivette Macias provided a brief report that included information on the status of SCAG’s Subcommittees that were part of the Connect SoCal Development Framework: Racial Equity & Regional Planning, Resilience and Conservation and Next Generation Infrastructure. Ms. Macias noted that the final Subcommittee meetings would be held in January and February 2023 where staff would share recommendations for incorporating racial equity in Connect SoCal. The draft recommendations and a White Paper will be shared at the March 2, 2023, Joint Policy Committee Meeting.

Ms. Macias provided updates regarding the upcoming Regional Council and Policy Committee elections.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the November 3, 2022 Meeting

Receive and File

2. Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)
3. CARB Final 2022 Scoping Plan
4. Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework
5. SCAG’s Draft Digital Action Plan

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

**AYES:** Aitken, Boyer, Clark, DeRuse, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Fermon, Finlay, Henderson, Hupp, Kelly, Kim, LaVere, Lock Dawson, Marshall, Masiel Sr., Meister, Miranda, Mirisch, Morabito, M. Nava, Perez, Schultz, Shapiro, Shevlin, Sobel, Waronek, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (29)

**NOES:** (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Espinoza, McKeon (2)

There were no public comments on this item.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **6. Connect SoCal 2024: A First Look at Local Data Exchange (LDX) Input**

Chair Yokoyama made opening comments providing background information of the LDX update. He asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the Connect SoCal 2024 LDX presentation.

Mr. Kane's presentation provided a brief overview of the Connect SoCal 2024 LDX input, and a summary and of the LDX process status. Presentation highlights included the following:

- The Forecasted Regional Development Pattern Objectives
- LDX Survey and LDX Outreach Conducted
- Summary of LDX Input Received and Survey Responses
- Next Steps toward a Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers.

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

There were no public comments on this item.

#### **7. REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update**

Chair Yokoyama provided brief comments on the REAP 1.0 Biannual Program update. He asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide an overview and update of the Biannual Program. Ms. Johnson's presentation included background information and a program overview which listed

updates since the last was presented to the CEHD Committee at its July 2022 meeting. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background information of the REAP Program Areas and Program Partnerships
- Overview of the \$24.7M housing funding and activities for the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP)
- Recap of the Call for Collaboration Programs and Other Outreach Programs
- The Regional Housing Policy Solutions and Opportunities
- Sustainable Communities Strategies Integration
- Transit Oriented Development Work Program and Partnerships
- Priority Growth Area (PFA) Analysis and Data Tools

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including discussions on clarifying the state defined term, “pro-housing” and its application, and for staff to focus on the realities and success of land use strategies for the region.

Chair Yokoyama asked the Committee members to reach out to Ms. Jenna Hornstock with any additional questions or comments on the REAP 1 and 2 programs.

There were no public comments on this item.

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

#### 8. Community Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Outlook and Future Agenda Items

Chair Yokoyama provided background information on the CEHD Agenda Outlook for FY 2023. He asked Jenna Hornstock, SCAG staff, to share more about the CEHD goals and calendar outlook for the CEHD Committee.

Ms. Hornstock provided an overview and noted that the CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2023 is a detailed version of the 12-month look-ahead that was presented previously at the September 1, 2022 CEHD meeting, in particular, inclusion of land use strategies for consideration in Connect SoCal 2024.

Ms. Hornstock’s presentation focused on the upcoming agenda items captured on the CEHD agenda look-ahead for January – July 2023. Highlights of the Agenda Outlook included the following topics:

- Connect SoCal updates on the plan development process for 2024
- Local Assistance Programs that provide assistance to local partners

- Regional updates that will focus on regional policy issues, such as the upcoming RHNA reform effort and Connect SoCal strategies
- Next steps that would include staff's effort to review and update land use strategies and related policy areas for Connect SoCal 2024; to refine strategies and policies and develop the implementation strategies for the draft plan.

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including discussions that focused on support for the FY23 Agenda Outlook, utility investments and funding availability to support housing infrastructure for local jurisdictions, in addition to comments regarding potential impacts of energy sprawl and the environmental impacts on the region.

There were no public comments on this item.

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

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

Chair Yokoyama welcomed all the CEHD members to the first meeting of 2023 and recognized Councilmembers Ashleigh Aitken, City of Anaheim, Casey McKeon, City of Huntington Beach and Joseph Morabito, City of Wildomar to the CEHD Committee.

Chair Yokoyama provided a brief overview of the 2023 Sustainability Awards Call for Nominations. He noted that SCAG was accepting nominations for the 2023 SCAG Sustainability Awards through Thursday, January 10, 2023, and that the winners of the SCAG Sustainability Awards would be presented at the 2023 Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 4-5, 2023.

Chair Yokoyama reminded everyone that SCAG was working closely with subregional organizations (COGs) to fill vacancies on the Regional Council and Policy Committees. He asked that they please reach out to SCAG or subregional staff if they or their colleagues were interested in serving.

Chair Yokoyama noted that the next meeting of the CEHD would be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and that he looked forward to everyone's participation.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Topics on "Community Resilience" was requested.





**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers  
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE]

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

**2022-23**

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Aitken, Ashleigh	Anaheim, District 19								1					1
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra, District 34	1	1		1	1								4
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG													
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33			D	1	1	1	D	1					4
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, District 40	1	1	A	1	1	1	A	1					6
Castro, Ramon	Imperial County, CoC			R				R						
Clark, Letitia	Tustin, District 17	1	1	K	1		1	K	1					5
De Ruse, Steve	La Mirada, District 31	1	1			1	1		1					5
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt.					1	1		1					3
Dunn, Lucy	Ex-Officio, Business Representative								1					1
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG								1					1
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG		1			1			1					3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, District 35		1		1		1		1					4
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, District 28	1	1			1	1		1					5
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	D	1		1	D	1					5
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, District 2	1	1	A	1	1	1	A	1					6
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14	1	1	R	1	1	1	R	1					6
LeVere, Matt	Ventura County, CoC	1	1	K	1	1	1	K	1					6
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1				1							3
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68		1		1	1	1		1					5
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1		1	1			1					5
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians				1		1		1					3
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, District 64								1					1
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, WCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Miranda, Bill	Santa Clarita, SFVCOG	1	1		1		1		1					5
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.		1		1	1	1		1					5
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG								1					1
Nava, George A.	ICTC					1								1
Nava, Marisela	Perris, District 69	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Nguyen, Kim B.	Garden Grove, District 18	1	1			1								3
Pe, Ariel "Ari"	Lakewood, GCCOG	1	1		1									3
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.				1		1		1					3
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, District 51			D				D						
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC			A				A						
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach, District 29			R				R						
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG		1	K	1	1		K						3
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA	1	1			1	1		1					5
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, District 44	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Sobel, Andy	Santa Paula, VCOG	1			1	1			1					4
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG				1	1	1		1					4
Warren, Acquanelta	Fontana, SBCTA		1		1	1	1		1					5
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1	1											2
Yokoyama, Frank Aurelio	Cerritos, District 23	1	1		1	1	1		1					6
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1				1	1		1					4
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>34</b>					

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY 2022-23 (Minutes of the January 5, 2023 Meeting)



Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Director  
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Subject: CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) on April 7, 2022. Following the Regional Council adoption of the Framework on June 2, 2022, staff developed a 12-month look ahead for the CEHD, to realize the goals and discussions committed to in the Framework and develop consensus around the policy priorities that will become final recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024. The look-ahead was also provided to the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) at the 2022 EAC Retreat. The attached revised look ahead for the CEHD provides updated information for the remainder of FY 2023. The look-ahead will be updated monthly as a receive and file item, reflecting agenda items covered and any modifications needed.*

**BACKGROUND:**

**What is Connect SoCal 2024?**

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

SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data as well as enhanced strategies and investments based on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020. The pillars of Connect SoCal—the *Core Vision* and *Key Connections*—are anticipated to continue into the next plan. The *Core Vision* centers on

maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets. The *Key Connections* augment the *Core Vision* of the plan to address trends and emerging challenges. These *Key Connections* lie at the intersection of land use, transportation and innovation to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. For this plan development cycle, SCAG staff will focus on process improvements and data updates and refinements. However, in developing Connect SoCal, SCAG must continue to monitor and reexamine trends and emerging issues to put forth a plan that addresses the region’s evolving needs, challenges and opportunities. Thus, the plan will be augmented with consideration of emerging issues, to be discussed through three Policy Subcommittees in Fall and Winter 2022.

**Connect SoCal 2024: Status Update**

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

Phases of Connect SoCal 2024 Development



**Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024**

In July 2021, the Executive Administration Committee convened for a strategic planning session. One action identified during that session was to create a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024, in particular as a strategy to engage SCAG’s Policy Committees in the data, emerging issues and policy recommendations that will be presented in the plan. The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the Community Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) on April 7, 2022 and was adopted by the Regional Council at the June 2, 2022 meeting. In furtherance of the adopted Policy Development Framework, staff have developed “look aheads” for each of the three Policy committees (CEHD, TC and EEC) organized around three areas: Connect SoCal, Local Assistance Program and Regional Updates.

### **CEHD Committee Look Ahead and Framework**

Building on the Policy Framework and the commitment to creating more transparency and engagement in the policy development process, staff developed a 12-month look ahead for the Community, Economic and Housing Development (CEHD) Policy Committee to provide a framework and approach to the committee's agenda from July 2022 through July 2023, and to present an overview of future topics.

The framework organizes content into three programmatic areas:

- 1. *Connect SoCal:*** Items within this area will center on efforts to implement Connect SoCal 2020, updates on the plan development process for 2024, and discussion of key policy issues and emerging trends for the 2024 Sustainable Communities Strategy portion of Connect SoCal. Presentations will offer best practices, lessons learned and emerging trends in key policy areas centered on land use, housing and economic development. Throughout 2022, presentations will focus on current implementation efforts for Connect SoCal 2020 as well as status updates on the development of Connect SoCal 2024.

Through the Local Data Exchange process currently underway, staff are conducting one on one meetings with each of the 197 cities and counties in the SCAG region and also asked cities and counties to complete a survey to identify opportunities, barriers and challenges to meeting the growth projections and GhG reduction targets in Connect SoCal. The results of this survey will be presented to the CEHD Committee in February 2023, likely through the Joint Policy Committee meeting. Based on the findings of this process, the Connect SoCal programmatic area of the CEHD agenda will focus on exploration of policy ideas and identification of solutions to address opportunities and challenges raised by cities and counties. These policies and strategies will be developed with input from the CEHD committee and included as the land use strategies in Connect SoCal 2024.

- 2. *Local Assistance Program:*** In this programmatic area, staff will present informational and action items related to programs that provide assistance to local partners. Currently, the main programs that will be highlighted through the CEHD committee are: the in-progress \$47 million REAP (Regional Early Action Planning) Grant program and the development and implementation of REAP 2, with a focus on the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program component.
- 3. *Regional Updates:*** This programmatic area will focus on regional policy issues, such as upcoming RHNA reform effort, Connect SoCal strategies such as Neighborhood Mobility Areas, implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) through SCAG's one-time state funding, and the related coordination with the State's new Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) program. Committee members may also recommend other policy topics for exploration.

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The look ahead is tracked to when the draft 2024 Connect SoCal will be published. Staff will ensure that the various policy and strategy recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024 will be reviewed and discussed by SCAG's policy committees through June 2023, as the draft plan will be seeking feedback through broader public participation channels beyond that date. This look ahead is a draft, and topics and panels may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members.

The updated 12-Month Look Ahead is included as Attachment 1, highlighting items covered to date, any modifications made, and new items for upcoming meetings through June 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. CEHD Lookahead

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

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

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July to Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Draft Goals and Performance Measures</li> <li>ü Local Data Exchange (LDX) and Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü REAP 1.0 Program Bi-Annual Status report</li> <li>ü REAP 2.0 Draft Subregional Partnership Guidelines</li> <li>ü REAP 2.0 Draft PATH Program</li> <li>ü Panel on HQTAs Projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü SCAG's Role in Economic Development</li> <li>ü CEHD 12-Month Lookahead</li> </ul>
Oct - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Final Performance Measures and Monitoring</li> <li>ü LDX and LIST Status Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Call for Collaboration Panel</li> <li>ü REAP 2.0 – Adoption of PATH Program</li> <li>ü Vienna Social Housing Field Study – Summary Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Neighborhood Mobility Areas</li> </ul>

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY 2023

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

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





Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)  
**From:** Lijin Sun, Principal Planner  
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**Subject:** Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity  
Challenges in SCAG Region

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*At the July 2022 Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) meeting, SCAG staff provided a comprehensive update on the causes and implications of the region-wide transportation conformity lockdown, multi-agency efforts to resolve it, and staff's proactive amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to reduce impacts of the conformity lockdown. This staff report will provide a status update on major activities and significant progress made since the July 2022 EEC staff report including the next steps. The transportation conformity lockdown is expected to be lifted after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves updated Coachella Valley ozone conformity budgets anticipated around April 2023.*

*As a separate issue and at the November 2022 EEC meeting, SCAG staff provided a comprehensive update on federal Clean Air Act (CAA) highway sanction clocks in the SCAG region due to EPA's disapprovals of air quality state implementation plans (SIPs) prepared by local air districts and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). This staff report will provide a status update on additional active and anticipated highway sanction clocks in the SCAG region, major activities by impacted air districts to address their respective SIP disapprovals, and SCAG staff's proactive efforts to tackle the highway sanction clocks. Staff will continue to closely monitor the progress of local SIP issues, take any necessary actions including interagency consultation to turn off these highway sanction clocks, and report back to the EEC, the Transportation Committee (TC), and/or the Regional Council (RC) as appropriate.*

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**BACKGROUND:****I. Transportation Conformity Lockdown****1. *Causes of Transportation Conformity Lockdown***

SCAG develops RTP/SCS every four years, FTIP every two years, and their amendments from time to time. Pursuant to the federal CAA, RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments are required to demonstrate transportation conformity. Specifically, transportation conformity means that the regional transportation plans, programs, and projects will not cause new violations of the national air quality standards, worsen the existing violations, or delay the timely attainment of the standards.

Under the EPA's Transportation Conformity Regulations, RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments must pass five required conformity tests: consistency with the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 as amended, regional emissions analysis, timely implementation of transportation control measures, financial constraint, and interagency consultation and public involvement.

As part of the conformity determination, SCAG is required to use the state emission model (EMFAC) developed by ARB and approved by EPA to calculate regional emissions from SCAG's RTP/SCS or FTIP; In addition, regional emissions from RTP/SCS or FTIP are required to not exceed the applicable motor vehicle emissions budgets established by ARB and found adequate or approved by EPA.

ARB updates EMFAC model about every three years to reflect the latest planning assumptions and adopted air quality regulations. Due to significant technical changes in the EPA's then-recently approved EMFAC2017, regional emissions increased significantly in many nonattainment areas within the SCAG region even though the underlying travel activity projections remain the same. As a result, the entire SCAG region is currently under the transportation conformity lockdown. The conformity lockdown is impacting over \$26 billion worth of transportation projects, including critical transit projects because SCAG cannot add new projects or amend current projects under the lockdown.

**2. *Major Activities and Progress to Fully Resolve Transportation Conformity Lockdown***

Since the July 2022 EEC meeting, significant progress has been made in two critical areas that are needed to fully resolve the conformity lockdown. On a separate and parallel track and in collaboration with the six County Transportation Commissions (CTCs), SCAG staff proactively initiated two rounds of amendments to RTP and FTIP to reduce impacts of the conformity lockdown. Consequential progress has been made in SCAG's RTP and FTIP amendments.

*a. EMFAC2021*

Pursuant to EPA's Transportation Conformity Regulations, conformity determination for SCAG's RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments must be based on the latest emission model developed by ARB and approved by EPA. At SCAG's request, ARB and EPA had accelerated the development, submittal, and approval of the new emission model, EMFAC2021. On November 15, 2022, EPA approved EMFAC2021 and EPA's approval was effective immediately. As a result, EMFAC2021 can be used for regional transportation conformity analysis in California starting November 15, 2022. However, as previously reported, EMFAC2021 can significantly, but not fully, resolve the conformity lockdown.

*b. Coachella Valley Air Plan with Updated Transportation Conformity Budgets*

On the other essential action to fully resolve the conformity lockdown, the management, legal, and planning staff of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), ARB, EPA, and SCAG have been working closely to identify and evaluate several approaches. Since the July 2022 update, the four agencies have identified that a Coachella Valley air plan with updated conformity budgets would most expeditiously resolve the conformity lockdown.

Critical efforts and multiple public processes are required of the South Coast AQMD, ARB, and EPA. In August 2022, the South Coast AQMD staff initiated its public process and development of the Coachella Valley air plan with updated transportation conformity budgets, published it for 30-day public review, and held a public consultation meeting before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted it on November 4, 2022. Although the South Coast AQMD still needs to develop and submit to EPA other elements of the Coachella Valley air plan, in terms of the updated transportation conformity budgets, the South Coast AQMD has completed their process in November 2022.

On a separate and parallel track, ARB staff initiated their public process in August 2022, published their staff report on the Coachella Valley air plan in October 2022 for 30-day public review, and accelerated their review of the air plan submitted by the South Coast AQMD. On November 17, 2022, the Coachella Valley air plan with updated transportation conformity budgets was approved by ARB Board and subsequently submitted to EPA for final review and approval. ARB completed their public process in December 2022.

Significant process has been made in EPA's concurrent process. In October 2022, EPA initiated their process for the required consultation with tribes in Coachella Valley. In anticipation of the submittal

from ARB, EPA staff has been conducting advance review to expedite the required EPA public process as appropriate. On December 21, 2022, EPA accelerated release of the updated transportation conformity budgets for the Coachella Valley air plan for 30-day public review.

Multiple actions are required of EPA to complete their public process. Upon completion of the public comment periods, EPA staff will respond to any comments received, complete their adequacy review process, inform ARB in writing of EPA's adequacy finding of the updated Coachella Valley transportation conformity budgets, and publish a Federal Register notice to inform the public of EPA's finding. Due to the multiple actions in EPA's public process, the effective date of the updated transportation conformity budgets, which is required to fully resolve the conformity lockdown, is currently anticipated in mid-April 2023 as reported at the respective EEC, TC, and RC meetings on January 5, 2023. However, it is possible and even likely that the mid-April 2023 timeframe could be bumped up in time for the RC adoption of Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and the 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 at its meeting on April 6, 2023, as a result of EPA's accelerated release of the updated conformity budgets for public review.

*c. SCAG Staff's Proactive Efforts to Reduce Impacts of the Transportation Conformity Lockdown*

In addition to the efforts to resolve the conformity lockdown, SCAG staff has been taking proactive actions to minimize its impacts. In collaboration with the six CTCs in SCAG region, SCAG staff proactively initiated in June 2021 a concurrent Connect SoCal 2020 (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP to allow urgent new transportation projects and changes to existing transportation projects to avoid conformity lockdown.

On October 6, 2022, the RC approved the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP including the associated transportation conformity determinations as recommended by the EEC. On December 16, 2022, SCAG received federal approval of the conformity determinations for the Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP. The accelerated development and approval of the 2023 FTIP and the Connect SoCal Consistency Amendment #2 allow nearly \$36 billion worth of important transportation projects to avoid the impact of the transportation conformity lockdown.

To further reduce impacts of the conformity lockdown and in collaboration with the six CTCs in the SCAG region, SCAG staff proactively initiated in March 2022 the development of one additional round of amendments to Connect SoCal 2020 and 2023 FTIP. Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 are to process additional urgent new transportation projects and changes to existing transportation projects, totaling over \$26 billion, that could not be included in the accelerated Connect SoCal 2020 Consistency Amendment #2 and the 2023 FTIP.

At their respective meetings on January 5, 2023, the TC recommended and then the RC approved the release of the draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 3 and the 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment for a 30-day public review and comment period. On the same day, the EEC recommended and then the RC approved the release of the associated transportation conformity analysis as part of the draft amendments for the same 30-day public review and comment period.

Upon completion of the required public review, SCAG staff will respond to any public comments and finalize draft amendments in time for the TC and the EEC to recommend RC adoption in the April/May 2023 timeframe as soon as the conformity lockdown is lifted. It is important to note that the RC may not adopt RTP and FTIP amendments before EPA's final approval of updated conformity budgets.

Staff will continue to work closely with EPA staff and proactively identify and take any necessary actions to ensure EPA's timely approval of the updated Coachella conformity budgets. Staff also plans to request expedited federal review and approval around May 2023 to allow important transportation projects to move forward with implementation as soon as possible.

## II. Federal Clean Air Act Highway Sanction Clocks in the SCAG Region

### 1. *Background*

Pursuant to federal CAA, local air districts and the ARB are responsible for preparing air quality SIPs in California to fulfill air quality planning requirements to attain applicable national ambient air quality standards established by EPA. A SIP deficiency (e.g., SIP disapproval or finding of failure to submit a required SIP) and, if finalized by EPA, will trigger a CAA mandated 24-month highway sanction clock automatically upon effectiveness of the EPA action. Further, if the SIP deficiency is not corrected within the 24 months, the CAA mandated highway sanction would be imposed in the impacted area.

A highway sanction is prohibition on federal approval highway projects or award of any grants in the sanctioned area unless projects or grants are for improvement in safety. It is also important to note that a highway sanction could be imposed even the underlying SIP disapproval is not transportation related. For example, the 2012 Imperial County Highway Sanctions in the SCAG region were triggered by EPA's disapproval of a rule of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District that is not directly related to any transportation plan, program, or project.

A highway sanction clock will be turned off and a highway sanction will not be imposed if the EPA determines that a subsequent SIP submission corrects the identified deficiencies before the highway sanction imposition deadline.

At the November 2022 EEC meeting, SCAG staff provided a summary of then six active highway sanction clocks that were triggered in October 2022 after the EPA finalized disapprovals of air quality SIPs concerning local rules of four local air districts in the SCAG region, and staff’s efforts to prevent imposition of highway sanctions.

2. Status Update of Highway Sanction Clocks in the SCAG Region and Progress to Date

Since the November 2022 EEC update, additional information about anticipated and active highway sanction clocks has become available. Efforts have been made by impacted local air districts to correct underlying deficiencies identified in the respective SIP disapprovals. In addition, EPA has proposed an additional SIP disapproval concerning various local rules of one local air district that is already impacted by three active highway sanction clocks.

As of mid-January 2023, there are seven active and two anticipated highway sanction clocks impacting four out of five air districts within the SCAG region. Table 1 is an update on active highway sanction clocks and progress to date to turn off the clocks and prevent imposition of highway sanctions. Table 2 is an update on anticipated highway sanction clocks.

**Table 1: Update on Active Highway Sanction Clocks within the SCAG Region**

Highway Sanction Clocks	Impacted Area	Start Date of Highway Sanction Clock	Impacted Air District	Cause of Highway Sanction Clock and Link to Federal Register Notice	State Date of Highway Sanction if Imposed	Progress to Date
1	Western Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area (Mojave Desert AQMD portion)	10/12/2021	MDAQMD	Limited disapproval of District Rule 1160 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-10/pdf/2021-19435.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-10/pdf/2021-19435.pdf</a>	10/12/2023	Amended Rule 1160 is scheduled for MDAQMD Board adoption in Jan 2023, is expected to fully address deficiencies, and will be submitted for EPA approval upon MDAQMD adoption.
2	South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Jurisdiction	10/24/2022	SCAQMD	Limited disapproval of District Rule 1118 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-22/pdf/2022-20137.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-22/pdf/2022-20137.pdf</a>	10/24/2024	Amended Rule 1118 was adopted by SCAQMD Board on 1/6/2023, is expected to fully address deficiencies, and would be submitted for EPA approval.
3	Western Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area	10/31/2022	Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD); MDAQMD	Disapproval District Rules 315 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20858.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20858.pdf</a>	10/31/2024	Districts staff has been working closely with EPA to develop draft amendments to fully address deficiencies since Oct 2022. Amended Rules will need to be adopted by respective Board before submittals for EPA approvals.
4	SCAQMD	10/31/2022	SCAQMD	Disapproval of Reasonably	10/31/2024	SCAQMD staff has initiated

Highway Sanction Clocks	Impacted Area	Start Date of Highway Sanction Clock	Impacted Air District	Cause of Highway Sanction Clock and Link to Federal Register Notice	State Date of Highway Sanction if Imposed	Progress to Date
	Jurisdiction			Available Control Technology (RACT) demonstration for District Rules 463 and 1178 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-30/pdf/2022-20870.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-30/pdf/2022-20870.pdf</a>		separate public processes to amend Rules 436 and 1178. Amended Rules will need to be adopted by SCAQMD Board anticipated in fall 2023 before submittals for EPA approvals.
5	Ventura County Ozone Nonattainment Area	10/31/2022	Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD)	Disapproval of Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) demonstration for District Rules 71.1 and 71.2 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-30/pdf/2022-20870.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-30/pdf/2022-20870.pdf</a>	10/31/2024	VCAPCD staff has been working closely with EPA to develop draft amendments to fully address deficiencies since Oct 2022. Amended Rules will need to be adopted by VCAPCD Board before submittal for EPA approval.
6	Western Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area	10/31/2022	AVAQMD; MDAQMD	Failure to submit required 2008 8-hour ozone standard contingency measures SIP <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20874.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20874.pdf</a>	10/31/2024	EPA staff is developing guidance. Once available, Districts staff will develop revised contingency measures based on EPA guidance, in conjunction with ARB.
7	Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area	10/31/2022	SCAQMD	Failure to submit required 2008 8-hour ozone standard contingency measures SIP <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20874.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-29/pdf/2022-20874.pdf</a>	10/31/2024	EPA staff is developing guidance. Once available, SCAQMD staff will develop revised contingency measures based on EPA guidance, in conjunction with ARB.

**Table 2: Update on Anticipated Highway Sanction Clocks within the SCAG Region**

Highway Sanction Clocks	Impacted Area	Start Date of Highway Sanction Clock	Impacted Air District	Cause of Highway Sanction Clock and Link to Federal Register Notice	State Date of Highway Sanction if Imposed	Progress to Date
1	SCAQMD Jurisdiction	Effective date of final partial disapproval of District Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107	SCAQMD	Proposed Partial disapproval of District Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-08-22/pdf/2022-17935.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-08-22/pdf/2022-17935.pdf</a>	24 months from start date of highway sanction clock	Amended Rules 1106, 1106.1 and 1107 were adopted by SCAQMD Board on 1/6/2023, are expected to fully address deficiencies, and would be submitted for EPA approval.
2	Western Mojave Desert	Effective date of final	MDAQMD	Proposed Limited disapproval of District	24 months from start	MDAQMD staff has been working closely with EPA to





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	Ozone Nonattainment Area	limited disapproval of District Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305		Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305 concerning the District's New Source Review program <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-11-25/pdf/2022-25382.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-11-25/pdf/2022-25382.pdf</a>	date of highway sanction clock	address underlying deficiencies and has also indicated a potential intent to sue EPA if disapproval is finalized as proposed.

*3. Staff's Efforts to Address Highway Sanction Clocks to Prevent Imposition of Highway Sanctions in the SCAG Region*

Highway sanction has serious consequences. It could impact many important transportation projects including critical transit projects. A highway sanction was imposed in Imperial County ten years ago in 2012 due to similar reasons. SCAG staff at all levels takes these EPA actions and the highway sanction clocks very seriously and will engage as needed with management, legal, and planning staff of the impacted air districts and EPA to identify paths forward to turn off highway sanction clocks to prevent imposition of highway sanctions.

Because these highway sanction clocks are concerning SIPs developed by local air districts, corrective actions by impacted air districts and subsequent approvals by EPA are required to turn off these highway sanction clocks. SCAG staff has been meeting and will continue to meet as necessary with staff of impacted air districts to discuss and track progress of their efforts and timelines to correct SIP deficiencies.

In addition, at SCAG staff's request, staff representatives of the impacted air districts have been reporting and will continue to report on their efforts to address the underlying issues at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings.

Finally, SCAG conformity and FTIP staff has been performing internal evaluation and informal interagency consultation on impacts of highway sanction and will provide periodic updates to the EEC, the TC, and/or the RC as appropriate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (23-025.0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).





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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity Challenges in the SCAG Region



# Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Regional Transportation Conformity Challenges in the SCAG Region

Energy and Environment Committee

February 2, 2023

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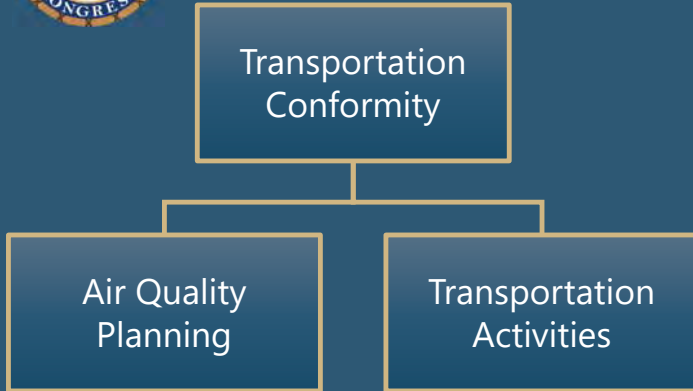


## TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY LOCKDOWN

# Background - Transportation Conformity



## Federal Clean Air Act



**DRAFT AMENDMENT #3**  
 INCLUDING THE  
 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION  
 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
 CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT #23-03  
 JANUARY 5, 2023



# Background - Transportation Conformity Lockdown

- Due to significant technical change in ARB's previous emission model (EMFAC2017)
- In effect region-wide since August 2021
- Serious impacts on regional transportation plan, program, and projects
- Multi-agency efforts at all levels to resolve the conformity lockdown



# Significant Progress & Next Step in Two Critical Areas to Resolve Conformity Lockdown



Area 1: US EPA approved ARB's new emission model (EMFAC2021)



Area 2-1: SCAQMD developed, adopted, and submitted to ARB Coachella Valley Air Plan with updated conformity budgets



Area 2-2: ARB approved and submitted to US EPA Coachella Valley Air Plan with updated conformity budgets



Area 2-3: US EPA accelerated release of updated conformity budgets for public review



Next Step: US EPA approval of updated conformity budgets

# Significant Progress & Next Steps in SCAG's Proactive Efforts to Reduce Impacts of Conformity Lockdown



Accelerated development, adoption by RC, and federal final approval of 2023 FTIP & Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 to avoid impact of conformity lockdown on \$36 billion worth of transportation projects



Proactive development and RC authorized release of Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 & 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 to allow \$26 billion worth of additional transportation projects to move toward implementation as soon as lockdown is lifted



Next Steps: (1) RC adoption of the Connect SoCal and FTIP Amendments pending US EPA approval of updated Coachella conformity budgets; (2) Federal approval of the Connect SoCal 2020 and FTIP Amendments



## HIGHWAY SANCTION CLOCKS IN THE SCAG REGION

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### Background - Highway Sanction Clocks and Highway Sanctions

- Mandated by federal Clean Air Act upon US EPA's disapproval of or finding of failure to submit a required air quality state implementation plan (SIP) prepared by local air districts and ARB
- 24-month highway sanction clock automatically triggered upon effective date of US EPA final action
- Impacted local air district or ARB must correct deficiencies in a subsequent SIP submission and receive US EPA approval to turn off highway sanction clock or lift sanction
- Highway sanction will be imposed if highway sanction clock not turned off within 24 months
- Highway sanction impacts highway capacity projects, and thus economy and jobs

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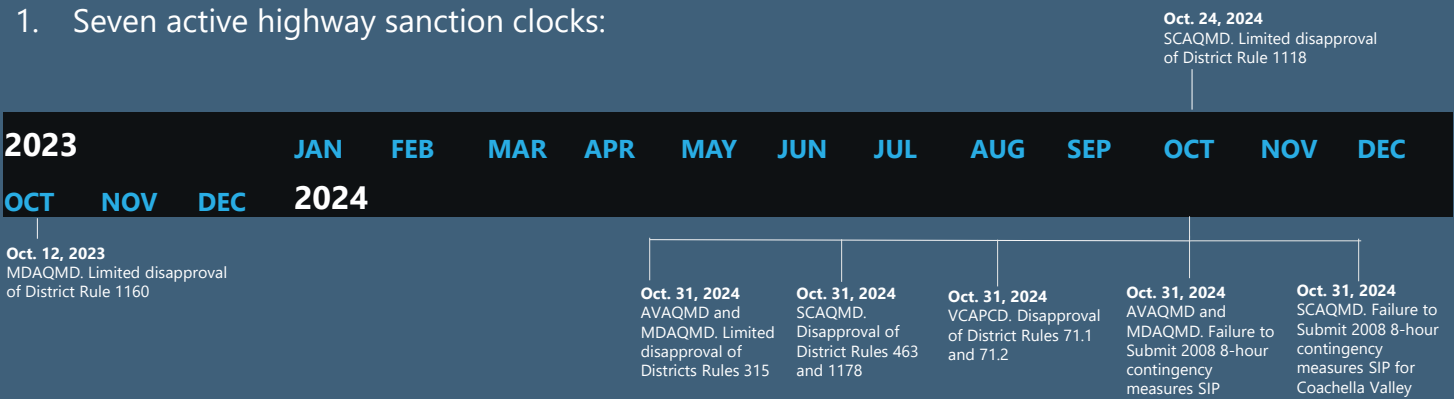
## Status Update

- One new active and two new anticipated highway sanction clocks since November 2022 update
- Total seven active and two anticipated highway sanction clocks in the SCAG region (as of mid-Jan 2023)
- Impacting four out of five air districts in SCAG region
- Involved 14 local districts rules and two required SIPs



## Start Dates of Highway Sanctions If Imposed

### 1. Seven active highway sanction clocks:



### 2. Two anticipated highway sanction clocks: Start dates will be 24 months from effective dates of EPA's final SIP disapprovals

## Major Efforts to Address Highway Sanction Clocks

SCAG staff has been meeting with staff of impacted local air districts

Staff of impacted local air districts have been providing ongoing status updates at monthly SCAG Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG) meetings

Some impacted local air districts have been amending involved local rules to address identified deficiencies

SCAG staff has been providing status updates and performing internal evaluation and informal interagency consultation on potential impacts of highway sanctions

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# THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

<https://scag.ca.gov/air-quality-planning-program>

<https://scag.ca.gov/transportation-conformity>

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Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Connect SoCal 2024: Draft SCS Technical Methodology

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

Information Only – No Action Required

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

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*As part of Connect SoCal 2024 development and prior to starting the formal public participation process, SCAG is required to submit to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) a draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Technical Methodology which explains how SCAG will estimate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions from strategies in the plan. SCAG is submitting an initial draft SCS Technical Methodology to CARB in February 2023 and will work with them to refine the document as needed in advance of the final submission with the Sustainable Communities Strategy after the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 in April 2024.*

**BACKGROUND:**

As required by federal and state law, SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, will incorporate important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based on, and intended to strengthen, the plan adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2020.



Pursuant to California Government Code Section § 65080(b)(2)(J)(i), prior to starting the formal public participation process required by Senate Bill (SB) 375, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must develop and submit to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) the technical methodology it intends to use to estimate the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Upon receipt of the technical methodology, CARB is required to respond to the MPO with timely written comments, including a specific description of any aspect of the technical methodology that it concludes will not yield accurate estimates of the GHG emissions and remedies. The MPO is encouraged to work with CARB until the state board concludes that the technical methodology operates accurately.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY DRAFT TECHNICAL METHODOLOGY:**

Fulfilling the state requirement, SCAG is submitting a draft of its SCS Technical Methodology to CARB in February 2023 before initiating the SB 375 required formal public participation process in March 2023.

CARB requires a specific structure to the Technical Methodology that describes the following:

- How SCAG is addressing CARB’s recommendations from the last SCS
- Existing Conditions
  - Notable Changes in Planning Context
  - Key Regional Issues Influencing RTP/SCS Policy Framework
- Population, Household, and Employment Growth Forecasts
- Modeling Background and Assumptions
- Approaches for quantifying GHG emission reductions for potential Connect SoCal strategies

The strategies from Connect SoCal 2020 are carrying forward into the new plan. As part of updating the SCS Technical Methodology, SCAG staff has been reviewing how we define the strategies and improving the approaches to quantify GHG reductions. GHG reductions for strategies are either calculated through one of two ways:

- 1) SCAG’s activity-based model
- 2) off-model methodologies that are based on guidance from CARB or literature review of academic research.

The table below shows all strategies by the type of GHG reduction quantification approaches.

Modeled	Off-Model
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion Pricing</li> <li>• Express Lane Pricing</li> <li>• Improved Bike Infrastructure</li> <li>• Infill development and increased density near transit infrastructure</li> <li>• Mileage-Based User Fee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved Pedestrian Infrastructure</li> <li>• Mobility Hubs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Car Share</li> <li>○ Bike Share/Micromobility</li> <li>○ Microtransit</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Safe Routes to School</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Transit Capital Projects</li> <li>• Shorter trips through land use strategies such as job/housing balance</li> <li>• Transportation Demand Management</li> <li>• Job Center Parking Strategy</li> <li>• Multimodal Dedicated Lanes*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking Deregulation</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle Incentives</li> <li>• Co-working at strategic locations</li> <li>• Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) for Job Centers</li> </ul>
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\*previously off-model

As staff has been able to obtain more data and make the model more sophisticated, we have been able to bring the Multimodal Dedicated Lanes strategy, which was previously quantified off-model, into modeled analysis for this cycle.

Other changes of note to the Technical Methodology since the last cycle:

- The Mobility Hubs strategy merges three strategies (Car Share, Bike Share/Micromobility, and Microtransit) that were previously separate
- The Pedestrian Infrastructure now incorporates urban greening as a factor in reducing vehicle emissions.
- The Safe Routes to School strategy focuses on encouragement programs and no longer includes the engineering component of the program. This was done to prevent double counting of emission reductions by the Improved Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure strategies.
- A new geography for Parking Deregulation strategy: The geography of this strategy has expanded from the previous RTP/SCS which focused on deregulation in TPAs. With the passage of Assembly Bill 2097 eliminating parking minimums within a half mile of public transit, SCAG has updated the geography of this strategy for it to reach other transit accessible areas in the region beyond the new law.
- New locations for co-working sites: staff is re-evaluating the potential locations of co-working sites beyond traditional job centers as previously identified.

**PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS:**

Staff presented and shared a draft of the Technical Methodology at the Technical Working Group and Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee meetings in November.



SCAG is submitting the draft of the Technical Methodology to CARB this month (February 2023) in advance of the start of the formal public participation process. With public workshops planned to begin in March 2023, this marks the transition to the Outreach and Analysis phase of Connect SoCal plan development.

Following receipt of initial feedback from CARB on the SCS Technical Methodology, SCAG staff will continue to work with them to refine the document as needed and the GHG quantification methodologies. The final SCS Technical Methodology will be submitted with the SCS following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 in April 2024.

The draft of the Technical Methodology is available on SCAG’s Connect SoCal “Drafts & Documents” webpage at <https://scag.ca.gov/drafts-documents>.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Draft Technical Methodology



**Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner**  
Draft Technical Methodology  
February 2, 2023

## What is the Technical Methodology?



- Methods for calculating passenger greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
  - Explains how SCAG will estimate GHG reductions from Connect SoCal using the activity-based model or off-model methods
- Required by California Air Resources Board (CARB)
  - Every MPO must submit a draft to CARB prior to starting their formal public participation process
  - Connect SoCal 2024 public workshops to start in March 2023

SCAG's 2035 GHG  
Reduction Target:  
**19% from  
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# What is in the Technical Methodology?



- Addressing CARB’s Previous Recommendations on Connect SoCal 2020
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## Baseline

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## Off-Model Analysis

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## What has changed since last cycle?



### Connect SoCal 2024 is carrying forward the strategies from 2020

Some strategies are being refined to reflect updated research, regulation and implementation context:

- **Mobility Hubs:** Merging 3 previously separate strategies
- **Pedestrian Infrastructure:** Incorporating urban greening
- **Safe Routes to School:** Focusing on encouragement
- **Parking Deregulation:** Updating geography
- **Co-working:** Identifying new locations

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## Which strategies are modeled?



- Pricing
  - Congestion Pricing
  - Express Lanes
  - Mileage-Based User Fees
- Capital Improvements
  - Improved Bike Infrastructure
  - New Transit Projects
- Land Use
  - Infill Development
  - Density Near Transit
- Policies and Programs
  - Transportation Demand Management
  - Job Center Parking
- Multimodal Dedicated Lanes\*

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## What strategies are quantified off-model?



- Improved Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Mobility Hubs
  - Car Share, Bike Share/Micromobility, and Microtransit
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Parking Deregulation
- Electric Vehicle Incentives and Infrastructure
- Co-working
- Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) for Job Centers

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## What's Next?



**February 2023**

Submit draft  
Technical  
Methodology  
to CARB

**Ongoing**

Continued SCAG staff refinement of strategies;  
review and feedback by CARB staff

**April 2024**

Submit final  
Technical  
Methodology  
with SCS  
submission to  
CARB

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# Questions? Comments?

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Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor  
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*Kome Ajise*

**Subject:** REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)  
Program Funding Application

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program application template, including the application requirements, scoring methodology, and selection process; authorize staff to release the calls for applications upon approval of SCAG's full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners; and, authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the application as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners and to enter into agreements with awarded entities under the programs and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

**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. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*This report requests the CEHD committee to recommend that the Regional Council approve the application for the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program and authorize staff to issue the calls for applications. The application (Attachment 1) includes the requirements, scoring methodology, and selection process, which is summarized in this report and in the attached presentation (Attachment 2). The PATH program is anticipated to be competitive, and applications will be scored and evaluated against one another for funding.*

*The Regional Council approved the PATH Program Guidelines on November 3, 2022 with the staff report noting the application would be presented to the CEHD Committee and the Regional*

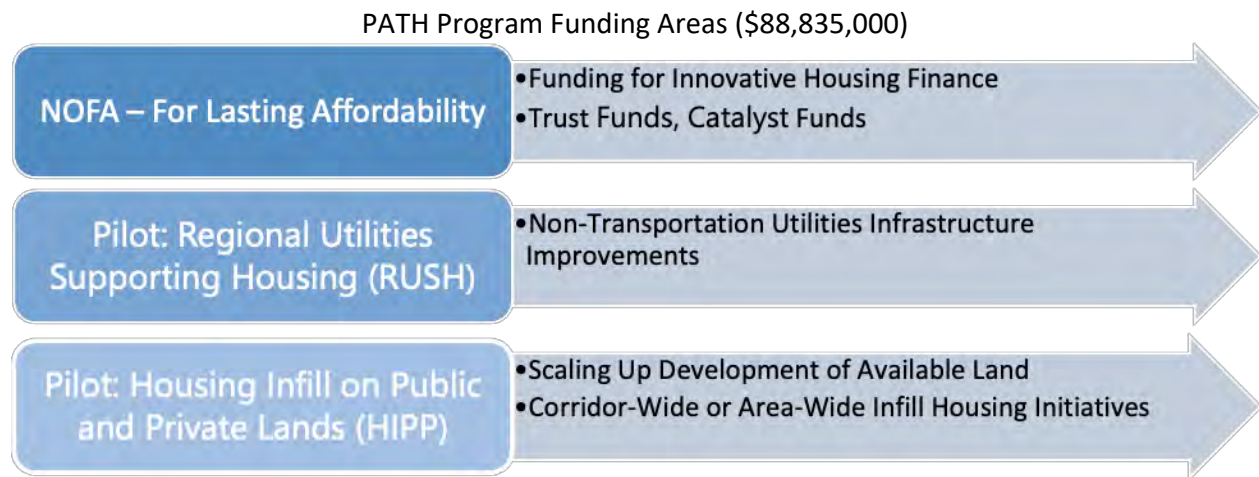
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*Council for consideration in early 2023. The full REAP 2.0 funding application is currently under review by the state partners and will be revised as needed to address feedback received and/or to meet REAP 2.0 program requirements. Following the CEHD committee’s consideration, SCAG staff will share the draft application with, and ask for feedback from, local planning and housing staff and organizations involved in creating the PATH program. The application will then be presented to the Regional Council for its consideration in March 2023. The call for application for each funding area in PATH will be opened once the State Partners have approved SCAG’s full REAP 2.0 application, which is expected by March 31, 2023.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The PATH program will help realize the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Key Connection in the adopted 2020 Connect SoCal Plan by creating the foundational conditions for housing to be realized at scale across the Southern California region. The PATH Program Guidelines include evaluation criteria that encourages the distribution of projects across the SCAG region, which ensures the REAP 2.0 funds lead to regionwide significant beneficial impacts. These evaluation criteria form the basis for the scoring methodology and selection process in the application. All projects must meet all REAP 2.0 funding requirements.

The PATH application template will be used across the three funding areas, which are summarized in the chart below and include the NOFA For Lasting Affordability (NOFA), Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program, and Housing Infill on Public and Private lands (HIPP) Pilot Program. Full descriptions for each of the funding areas and the PATH program are included in the PATH Program guidelines.



**Draft PATH Program Application Template**

The application template includes an introduction providing a statement on the funding area, and information on office hours, technical assistance available, the section process, and how to submit a

complete response. For an application to be considered complete all sections must be filled out completely and the required attachments provided. When each call is announced, the specific application for the funding area will be posted on the SCAG REAP 2.0 website.

#### PATH Application Check List

The application includes the following sections, which must be filled out completely:

- Section 1. Application Terms and Signature
- Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- Section 3. Contact Information and Project Description
- Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5. Administrative Provisions

The following attachments must accompany the completed application (templates are provided):

- Outcomes and Metrics
- Budget and Timeline (that meets the encumbrance and expenditure deadlines)
- Scope and Deliverables
- Project Area Maps (one map identifying Disadvantaged Communities and another map establishing all work will be completed in infill areas per the definition)
- Letter of Support (from a third-party organization that the project meets local housing needs)

#### Selection Process and Scoring Methodology

SCAG staff will review all submitted responses for completeness. If all requirements are not met, the application cannot be considered. All complete applications will be evaluated by a selection panel consisting of subject matter experts who will use a five-point scale to assign a score to each response in the evaluation section. The maximum number of points possible is provided in the following table. Based on information from the State Partners, an application must receive a point score for Criterion 1 and Criterion 2. A score of less than one for either criterion will disqualify an application. The selection panelists' scores for each application will be compiled to produce the final score. The selection panel will then meet to determine the ranking of applications. Applicants will be notified of their score and ranking and provided an opportunity to appeal. The selected applications will be issued a conditional award letter and recommended for funding to the Regional Council. All conditional awards are provisional until approved by the Regional Council, which is anticipated to occur in September 2023.

Application Scoring and Points Possible

<b>PATH Program Evaluation Criteria</b>		<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31.25%</b>
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing supply,</li> <li>• Choice, and</li> <li>• Affordability</li> </ul>	15	18.75%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	6.25%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	6.25%
<b>2</b>	<b>Include Equitable Targeted Outreach</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.50%</b>
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	6.25%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	6.25%
<b>3</b>	<b>Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31.25%</b>
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	6.25%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	6.25%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience completing similar projects</li> <li>• Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget</li> <li>• Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding</li> </ul>	15	18.75%
<b>4</b>	<b>Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.50%</b>
4.1	Priority Populations	5	6.25%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	6.25%
<b>5</b>	<b>Contributes to Regional Transformative Change</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.50%</b>
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	6.25%
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	6.25%
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Calls for Applications – Anticipated Timelines**

The calls for applications will be issued following the SCAG Regional Council’s authorization and the State’s approval of the PATH program and REAP 2.0 application. The Regional Council is scheduled to consider the funding application and to authorize the calls at its March meeting. State approval is anticipated by March 31, 2023. Based on these dates, the following timelines have been developed for the PATH funding areas.

*NOFA and HIPP – Anticipated Timelines*

Calls Issued Separately	April 2023 ( <i>Anticipated</i> )
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

The RUSH pilot program call for applications will be announced following the utilities industry forum, which is anticipated to occur in Spring 2023. The call for applications will use the template application, however some questions in Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria) may be modified.

*RUSH – Anticipated Timeline*

Call Issued	Late Spring (following the utility industry forum)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Early Summer
Final scores determined	Mid- Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

**NEXT STEPS**

In advance of presenting the application template to the Regional Council on March 3, 2023, SCAG staff will seek feedback from stakeholders across the SCAG region. The draft template application will be posted on the REAP 2021 webpage and the outreach and engagement will be summarized as in the final report to the Regional Council.

Upcoming outreach and engagement on the draft application template will include:

- *Email Notices* will be sent to all who have signed up to receive notices from SCAG on housing and to everyone included in email lists from prior REAP 2.0 PATH program outreach,
- *Planning Director and Council of Government (COG) Meetings* will be attended by SCAG staff to present the draft template throughout the month of February,
- SCAG will host a *listening session* available to all interested organizations and entities to share the application and receive feedback, and
- *All written comments* received by February 13, 2023 will be considered in drafting the Regional Council agenda item.

All eligible entities and organizations are encouraged to review the draft application and provide any written comments by 5:00 P.M. on February 13, 2023, to be included in the CEHD Committee agenda item. Email correspondence can be sent to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov).

Following Regional Council approval of the application template and authorization of the calls, SCAG staff will conduct the following:

- *Application Workshop:* At the beginning of each call, SCAG will host a virtual workshop to review the application, check list and selection process. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the SCAG REAP 2021 webpage.
- *Office Hours:* Once a call has been released, SCAG staff will hold weekly office hours to respond to questions and discuss potential projects. Applicants will be able to visit SCAG's REAP 2021 webpage ([www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)) to schedule an appointment.

Staff has conducted extensive stakeholder engagement since 2021 to inform the REAP 2.0 Framework approved by the Regional Council in July 2022, and then to inform development of the PATH program which was approved in November 2022. SCAG staff will continue to engage with the stakeholders, and all interested applicants throughout the application process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item will be included in the FY22-23 OWP, once REAP 2.0 funding is received, with no fiscal impact on the existing budget.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft PATH Application
2. PowerPoint Presentation - REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Draft Program Application



## [TEMPLATE] PROGRAM APPLICATION

*[Add short description for the specific funding area the application is for: NOFA, HIPP, or RUSH].*

Issued: [TBD]

Submit completed applications along with all required attachments to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov)

Responses due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period. SCAG will consider all applications submitted during the application period received at the closing time and day.

More information at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)

Submit questions or request additional information by email with “PATH Application” in the subject line to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov)

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## Introduction

[A short description for the specific funding area in the PATH Program the application will be used for will be included. The PATH Program funding areas include: the NOFA For Last Affordability, the Housing Infill on Public and Private lands (HIPP) Pilot Program, and the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. Information on the PATH Program and the three funding areas is in the PATH Program Guidelines, which are available online at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)] [State REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines are available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/MPO-REAP-2-0-Final-Guidelines.pdf>]

## Office Hours

SCAG staff is available to respond to questions and discuss proposed projects. Staff will begin holding weekly office hours in February 2023. An applicant does not need to have a project fully developed to participate in one-on-one consultations. Efforts will be made to accommodate meeting requests. There is no limit to the number of meetings possible. Interested applicants can visit SCAG’s REAP 2021 webpage at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021) to schedule an appointment.

Please email questions to [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov) with the subject line “PATH Application.” Inquiries made by any other means will not be answered. Effort will be made to respond within two (2) business days. During each call for applications, staff will post all questions received along with responses. This will be done in batches on the REAP 2021 webpage.

Feedback on an application or a proposed project shared by SCAG staff should not be considered an indication the proposed application or project will be awarded funding.

### Selection Process

Each of the three funding areas in the PATH Program will begin with a call for applications. The application will be made available when the call is announced. The call will specify the period of time during which applications will be accepted. While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance that is available. More information is provided below and at [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021).

SCAG staff will review all responses received during an open call in two (2) stages: 1) Completeness (see the application submittal checklist) and 2) Technical Scoring and Evaluation.

The Completeness review evaluates completeness of the application and compliance with the submittal requirements. If all requirements are not met, SCAG staff will notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and will not be considered. Submitted application materials will not be returned. Results of the Completeness review are final and may not be appealed. SCAG may, in its sole discretion, request clarification of any portion of an application from the applicant and its applicant team.

Applications that pass Completeness review move to Technical Scoring and Evaluation, which evaluates projects based on the Project Application Scoring Criteria. All complete applications will be evaluated by a selection panel consisting of subject matter experts using the scoring rubric and evaluation criteria provided in Section 3 and Section 4 of the application. The selection panel may request additional information from applicants related to the scoring criteria. The selection panelists' scores for each application will be compiled to produce the final score. The selection panel will then meet to determine the final ranking of applications. Applicants will be notified of their score and ranking and provided an opportunity to appeal. Selected applications will be issued a conditional award letter and recommended for funding to the Regional Council. All conditional awards are provisional until approved by the Regional Council.

### Selection Process Timelines

The call for applications for each specific funding area will be announced in early 2023, following the state approval of the PATH program and the SCAG Regional Council authorization to release the call. State approval is anticipated by March 31, 2023, while the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving the calls at its March meeting. Based on these dates, the following timelines have been developed for each funding area, subject to change.

#### NOFA

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

HIPP Pilot Program

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

RUSH Pilot Program

Call Issued	Late Spring (following the utility industry forum)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Early Summer
Final scores determined	Mid- Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

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## Application

To be considered for the *[insert specific funding area in PATH]* Program, the applicant must be eligible and file a completed application with all required attachments before the close of the call for applications.

### Submittal Checklist

Please check each box in the lists below as each is completed.

The application includes the following sections, which must be filled out completely:

- Section 1. Application Terms and Signature
- Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- Section 3. Contact Information and Project Description
- Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5. Administrative Provisions

The following attachments must accompany the completed application (templates are provided):

- Outcomes and Metrics
- Budget and Timeline (that meets the encumbrance and expenditure deadlines)
- Scope and Deliverables
- Project Area Maps (one map identifying Disadvantaged Communities and another map establishing all work will be completed in infill areas per the definition)
- Letter of Support (from a third-party organization that the project meets local housing needs)

### Submittal Instructions

Submit the completed application and all required attachments to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov)

The email subject line should be labeled in the following format: "PATH Application\_Applicant Name\_Project Name". The applicant should attach the following to the email as individual, completed files: 1) Application (Signed, PDF), 2) Budget – Timeline – Scope – Deliverable – Measurable Outcomes (Excel Workbook), 3) Project Maps (PDF), 5) Letter of Support (PDF), and 6) Disclosures (Signed, PDF).

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time while the call is open. SCAG will consider all responses submitted during the open call as received at the closing time and day.

### Technical Assistance Available

While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed.

Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance during the open call, which includes information posted on the REAP 2021 webpage, assistance with questions during weekly office hours, and the option to schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss the application, proposed project(s), and submittal requirements.

For information about technical assistance available, visit [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021).

### Section 1. Application Terms and Signature

A person duly authorized to sign for the organization (city manager, general manager, executive director, planning director or equivalent) must sign and certify the application. If this application is selected for funding, the information contained in this application will become the foundation of a funding agreement with SCAG. Applicants should be aware that SCAG may place stipulations on the project as a condition of the approval. These will be noted at the time of the funding recommendation. SCAG can also withdraw funding if the agency does not comply with the terms of the funding agreement.

Funding available under this Program Application is dependent upon SCAG's receipt of Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. In the event funds offered through this Program Application are not available, SCAG, at its sole discretion, may terminate its obligations resulting from this Program Application.

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all applications in whole or in part.

Acceptance by SCAG of an application under this Program Application constitutes agreement by the applicant as to all terms, conditions, requirements, and rules of the application but does not constitute a contract or commitment of any kind.

- I confirm that I have reviewed the Submittal Checklist and that all application sections and required attachments have been filled out completely and will be submitted together following the Submittal Instructions.
- To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct. If awarded funding from SCAG, I agree that I will adhere to the program guidelines, as well as provide a local resolution evidencing authorization to execute a funding agreement and receive funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name

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## Section 2: Minimum Requirements

The following requirements establish eligibility to apply.

### *Section 1.1: Eligibility*

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

*[Application will include the eligibility requirements for the specific funding area: NOFA, HIPP, RUSH. Refer to the PATH Program guidelines, Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 for the eligibility criteria specific for each funding area]*

### *Section 1.2: Project Meets Infill Definition*

Eligible projects must be entirely located in infill areas per the definition.

Is your project located in an infill area, as defined in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines? [Insert link to definition].

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please describe how the project location meets the definition of infill. Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) (apart from Spheres of Influence) can be used as reference to identify eligible areas, but the totality of the project area must still meet the infill definition. (PGAs are discussed in Chapter 3 of the Connect SoCal 2020 Plan) [1,000-word limit]

Once you have done this, please follow the instructions [instructions for creating and saving an area map will be provided] to create and download a map of your project area that identifies how all activities will meet the definition of infill. This map must accompany your submitted application.

If your project area does not meet the definition of infill, do not proceed. Your project is not eligible.

Section 3: Contact Information and Project Description

*Section 3.1: Applicant Information*

Agency or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Agency/Organization or Mission Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Applications Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

If multiple applications for funding are submitted by your organization, please discuss below your prioritization for the applications. If no other applications are submitted, mark "N/A". [1,000-word limit]

*Section 3.2: Project Name and Location*

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*For projects applying to Scaling Up Development of Available Land, please provide addresses and APNs. For projects applying to Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives, please provide project area boundaries.

Subregion or COG: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Project Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Match/Other Sources (Not Required): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Section 3.3: Project Description*

[Applicants will be prompted to include a description of the proposed project fitting within the specific funding area eligible uses] [1,000-word limit]

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Section 4: Evaluation Criteria (Scored)

All applications that meet the minimum requirements in Section 2 will be scored on how the project meets: (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) provides Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts in relation to the following criteria. The maximum number of points possible for each criterion is provided in the chart below. More detail on each of the criteria is provided below as well as in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines.

Evaluation Criteria		Points Possible	Percent of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25	31.25%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: - Housing supply, - Choice, and - Affordability	15	18.75%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	6.25%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	6.25%
2	Include Equitable Targeted Outreach	10	12.50%
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	6.25%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	6.25%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25	31.25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	6.25%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	6.25%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness - Experience completing similar projects - Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget - Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding	15	18.75%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10	12.50%
4.1	Priority Populations	5	6.25%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	6.25%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10	12.50%
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	6.25%
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	6.25%
Total		80	100%

#### 4.1. Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact (25 Points)

The following set of questions will ask you to describe how the project is a *Transformative Planning and Implementation Activity* (See definition [link to definition]) providing a *Significant Beneficial Impact* that leads to a substantial change in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. Your response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities means:

*Housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting Infill development that facilitates Housing supply, choice and affordability, and other actions that enable meeting Housing goals that also result in Per Capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating Infill development, supporting residents through realizing Multimodal Communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.*

*Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities are meant to address these goals together and to lead to changes in land use patterns and behaviors. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities shall be in furtherance of all of the following:*

- a. *State Planning Priorities, as described in Section 65041.1 of the Government Code.*
- b. *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing pursuant to Section 8899.50 of the Government Code.*
- c. *Facilitating Housing Element compliance for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment pursuant to Section 65302 of the Government Code prepared in accordance with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.*
- d. *A region's Sustainable Community Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, or Alternative Planning Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, as applicable.*

Significant Beneficial Impact means:

*Demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives by establishing and supporting the infrastructure for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT by transforming current corridor-wide or area-wide housing policies, site planning, financial models, predevelopment and development processes, and homeownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner. Significant beneficial impacts must lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors.*

In demonstrating significant beneficial impacts, applicants may consider rates of change (e.g., percent increase over a baseline), the magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets, the proportion of need achieved, and the impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices. Variables or targets may include but are not limited to benefitting households by income group; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; housing units (new construction, preservation/conservation, and rehabilitation); density; infrastructure; infrastructure capacity and accessibility; public space; community amenities; investments; Vehicle Miles

Traveled reduction goals or targets; regional or local equity policies and programs included in an adopted RTP/SCS; and GHG reduction goals or targets.

*4.1.1 Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability (15 points)*

A. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the capacity to achieve housing units. This can be described as, but is not limited to, increased unit capacity in existing and newly zoned residential/mixed-use areas, permitting process improvements and standardizations, and other means of increasing the ability to deliver new housing. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the RHNA. [1,000-word limit]

B. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing choice (5 Points). Describe how the project will expand the types of housing possible. This can include, but is not limited to, increasing the ability to achieve housing types not common but for which there is an identified need in the community. Some examples of housing types include 2-4 unit properties, townhomes, limited-equity and shared equity co-operatives, and mid- and large scale apartments and condominium projects. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

C. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing affordability (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the range of rental and sales price points for housing with an emphasis on assuring lasting affordability for housing at extremely low, very low, low, and moderate ranges. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

*4.1.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) (5 points)*

In your response describe how the proposed project combats discrimination, overcomes patterns of segregation, and fosters equitable and inclusive communities. Please include meaningful actions that address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with integrated and balanced living patterns, and transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity. [1,000-word limit]

*4.1.3 Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (5 points)*

In your response describe how the proposed project promotes development that reduces vehicle miles travelled and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state’s climate targets and goals discussed in the California AB32 Climate Change Scoping Plan (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Measure
5	<b>Exceptional</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are high.
4	<b>Strong</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are moderate.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
2	<b>Limited</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are low.
1	<b>Weak</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
0	<b>Disqualified</b> – does not meet the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, and transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are negligible.

*4.2. Equitable Targeted Outreach (10 Points)*

The response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

*4.2.1 Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)*

Describe the Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities within the project area and outside of the project area that will be served by the project. [1,000-word limit]

*4.2.2 Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement (5 points)*

Describe the project’s approach to developing equitable community engagement strategies, what the proposed strategies include, and how community organizations and/or community leaders will be engaged early in the project to inform the proposed engagement strategies. In your response describe how members of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities have been or will be engaged throughout the proposed project and how their input will shape the project. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – includes an explicit description of how stakeholders will be involved, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
4	<b>Strong</b> - includes a description of how applicant will involve stakeholders, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – loosely describes how stakeholders will be involved, including from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
2	<b>Limited</b> – how stakeholders will be involved is generally described with general details on how affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
1	<b>Weak</b> – engagement is minimal but includes outreach to affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
0	<b>Disqualified</b> – does not include equitable targeted outreach.

*4.3. Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness (25 Points)*

*4.3.1 Local Policy Commitment (5 points)*

Describe how the local policy environment facilitates or supports the funding uses proposed and will accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT. [1,000-word limit]

*4.3.2 Partnerships or Financial Match (5 points)*

Please describe, as applicable, other sources of funding and partnerships invested in the project. For other funding, please include the funding sources and terms. For partnerships, please describe the nature of the partnerships and long-term commitments from the various organizations. In your response, please describe how the project could leverage or act as a catalyst for additional investment. [1,000-word limit]

*4.3.3. Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness (15 Points)*

Describe how your organization will ensure the project is successfully completed by January 30, 2026, and how cost-effective means will be incorporated.

- A. *Experience completing similar projects.* Describe your organization’s experience completing similar projects. If the proposed project will be completed by an applicant team, describe the experience for each organization on the team. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- B. *Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget.* Please outline your organization’s plan to ensure the project is completed on time and on budget. In your response, please discuss how your organization or applicant team will address timing delays or cost overruns. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- C. *Cost Effectiveness.* Please describe the approach for ensuring cost effective uses of the funding requested. Please refer to the scope and budget when discussing how the proposal best utilizes the funding to achieve desired outcomes. Your response should correspond to the information provided in the budget & timeline, scope and deliverables, and outcomes and metrics. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> - Clearly demonstrates extensive local policy, community support, and/or financial investments. Applicant has extensive experience and approach for ensuring the project will be completed successfully. Clearly demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
4	<b>Strong</b> - Clearly demonstrates an amount of policy, partnerships, and/or financial investments. Applicant has experience and approach for ensuring the proposed project is completed successfully demonstrating ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
3	<b>Suitable</b> - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Applicant has experience and reasonably demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
2	<b>Limited</b> - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
1	<b>Weak</b> – Includes possible partnerships, supporting policies, and options for building local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
0	<b>No evidence</b> – lacks partnerships, policy match, or local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.

4.4. Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities (10 Points)

4.4.1 Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)

Identify targeted disadvantaged and historically underserved communities the project will serve. These communities should correspond to the map provided as an attachment to this application (See Section 1.1. Checklist) [include link to instructions for completing and saving a map for the project].

Please reference Section 3.2.4 of the PATH Guidelines to view definitions for these communities as identified by the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. List all Census Tract data below:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0): \_\_\_\_\_
- SCAG Communities of Concern: \_\_\_\_\_
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities): \_\_\_\_\_
- AB 1550 Communities: \_\_\_\_\_

4.4.2 Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Disadvantaged Community Benefits (5 points)

Describe the proposed project and how it benefits Disadvantaged Communities, and how it addresses and intends to repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing security, including housing affordability and reducing displacement and/or expanding access to higher resourced communities. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – will produce tangible benefits for disadvantaged communities, repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing affordability and reduce displacement.
4	<b>Strong</b> – will support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
3	<b>Suitable</b> - will loosely support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
2	<b>Limited</b> – includes some support for disadvantaged communities, minimal improvement in housing affordability or reducing displacement.
1	<b>Weak</b> – indirectly supports disadvantaged communities and does not improve housing affordability or reduce displacement.
0	<b>No evidence</b> - the project does not support disadvantaged communities or has potential to negatively affect housing affordability or increase displacement without providing acceptable mitigation.



*4.5. Contributes to Regional Transformative Change (10 Points)*

In your responses below, describe how the project achieves regional goals with an emphasis on innovations advancing and expanding the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability to meet the 6th Cycle RHNA, implement SCAG’s 2020 adopted Connect SoCal, and meet community needs for housing across the Southern California region. Proposals within similar built environments will be evaluated against one another to ensure projects selected reflect the geographic diversity of the SCAG region.

*4.5.1 Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply (5 Points)*

Describe how the project incorporates innovative approaches to advance and expand the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability locally, and in relation to the Southern California region. [1,000-word limit]

*4.5.2 Advancing the Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (5 Points)*

Describe how the project implements the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) of the Connect SoCal plan (<https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-socal-2020>, beginning on Page 48) to facilitate infill development accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability. In your response describe how the project incorporates SCS, and related, strategies and tools. Also, please describe how the project can be applied in similarly built contexts. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, can be applied in similarly built contexts.
4	<b>Strong</b> – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
2	<b>Limited</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
1	<b>Weak</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are not innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
0	<b>No Evidence</b> – does not implement the SCS or incorporate innovative approaches, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.

## Section 5: Administrative Provisions

### *SCAG's Rights and Responsibilities*

SCAG reserves the right to change the requirements and policies described in this Program Application at SCAG's sole discretion. SCAG is responsible only for what is expressly stated in the Program Application, any authorized written addenda, and any posted Questions and Answers. Such addenda shall be made available to each person or organization via SCAG's REAP 2021 webpage ([www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)). It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure, prior to submission, that their application reflects the most recent addenda information, program requirements, and policies. By submission of an application, each applicant acknowledges receipt of all addenda, if any, that are emailed or posted on the SCAG REAP 2021 website. SCAG is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf if those representations conflict with Program Application requirements.

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SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any application that is incomplete, out of order, lacks required attachments, or contains other content errors, inconsistencies, misrepresented information, or other deficiencies. Forms provided in the Program Application must be used and information provided otherwise may be disregarded at SCAG's discretion. SCAG reserves the right to waive disparities in a proposal if the sum and substance of the application is present. Furthermore, SCAG reserves the right to terminate this program at any time without prior notice.

### *Cost of Application Preparation*

The cost of application preparation shall be borne by the applicant. In no event shall SCAG be liable for any expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of the application.

### *Application is Property of SCAG*

Once submitted, each application becomes the property SCAG and becomes a public record. SCAG is not liable for the public disclosure of any information contained in an application.

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# REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Funding Application

February 2023

Jacob Noonan, Housing Program Manager, SCAG

[WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV](http://WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV)

February 2, 2023 CEHD Committee - PATH Program Draft Template Application

## Recommendation

Recommend that the Regional Council:

- Approve the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program application template, including the application requirements, scoring methodology, and selection process;
- Authorize staff to release the calls for applications upon approval of SCAG's full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners; and,
- Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the application as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners and to enter into agreements with awarded entities under the programs and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters.

# SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework - Overview

\$246 million = SCAG's region's formula share

Obligated by June 2024

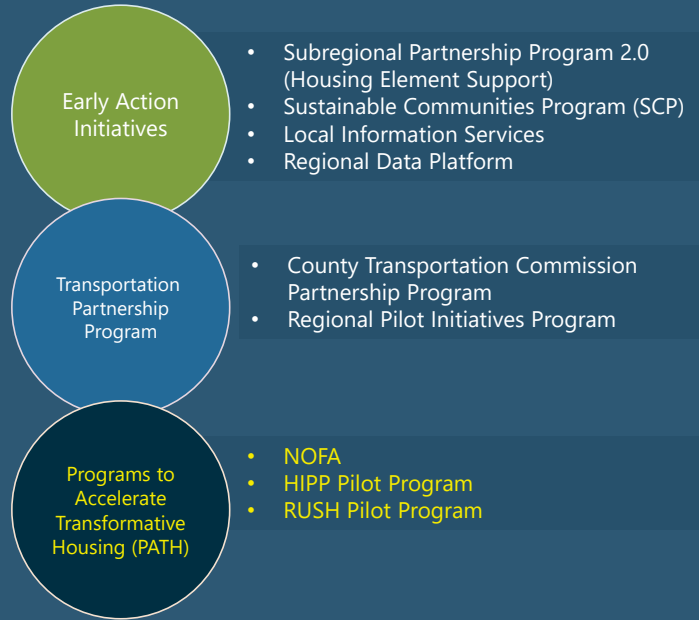
Expended by June 2026

## "Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities"

Accelerating infill development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

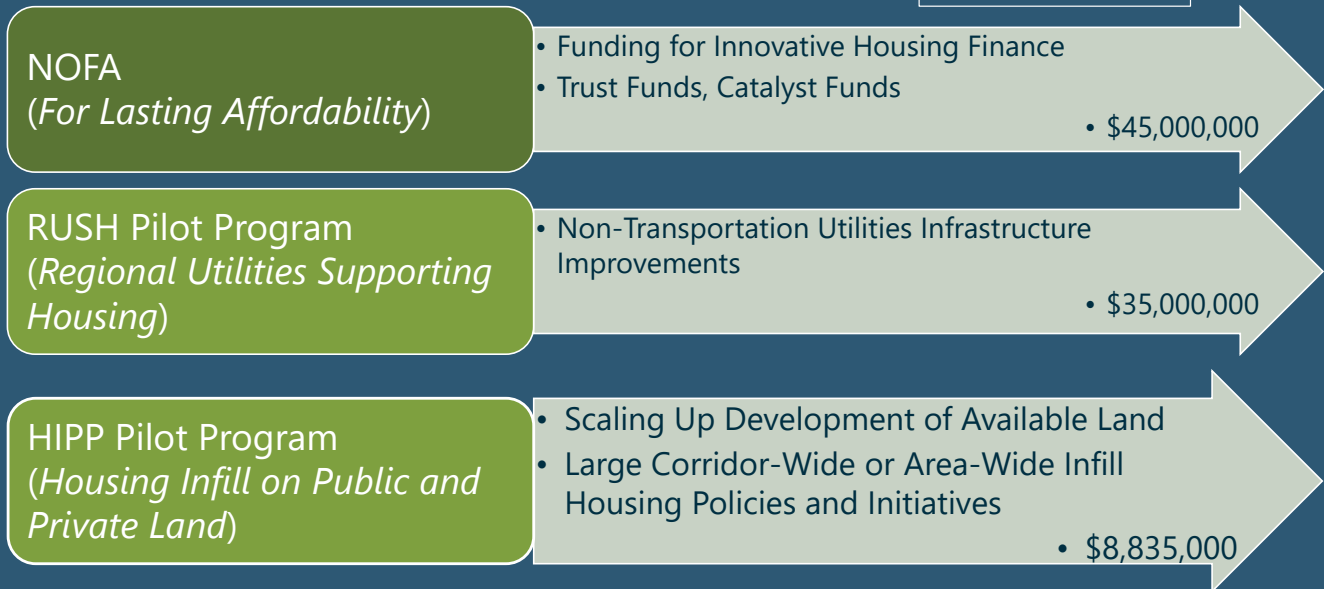
Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled



# PATH Program Funding Areas

**\$88,835,000**



## Submittal Check List

- Responses must be signed by authorized representative
- All sections fully completed
- All attachments included

### Application

- Section 1. Signature & Terms
- Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- Section 3. General Information
- Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5. Administrative Provisions

### Attachments

- Outcomes and Metrics
- Budget and Timeline
- Scope and Deliverables
- Project Area Maps

## Selection Process

- Selection panel will use five-point scale
- A score less than one for either Criteria 1 or 2 disqualifies an application
- Technical assistance available!

	Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible	% of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31.25</b>
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability	15	
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	
<b>2</b>	<b>Include Equitable Targeted Outreach</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	
<b>3</b>	<b>Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31.25</b>
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness	15	
<b>4</b>	<b>Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
4.1	Priority Populations	5	
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	
<b>5</b>	<b>Contributes to Regional Transformative Change</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Calls for Applications

Each Call Opened Separately	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness review	Late May - Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council Considers Funding Awards	September

# Program Milestones



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# THANK YOU

For more information, visit:  
<https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021>

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Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
(213) 236-1884, james@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Housing Policy Leadership Academy Participant Panel on Surplus and Underutilized Lands

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**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:**

*In 2020, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding from Assembly Bill (AB) 101 to provide housing planning and process improvement services to cities and counties. With funding from the REAP grant program and to support the region’s efforts to accelerate housing production and meet the goals of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), SCAG developed the Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA) to offer a series of trainings that will support elected officials, advocates, and interested stakeholders in moving forward a pro-housing development agenda.*

*Staff has invited a panel of participants to present the policy recommendations they developed as part of their final project in the HPLA program. The subject of the policy proposals is focused on redevelopment of surplus and underutilized lands, which is a housing strategy being explored in the development of the land use strategies for Connect SoCal 2024.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Funded by SCAG and offered through the Global Policy Leadership Academy, the HPLA offered a free 10-session, virtual course to 322 people in the region across 8 cohorts, including elected officials, economic development and planning practitioners, business leaders, housing advocates, and community leaders. The HPLA aimed to educate and elevate local leadership to proactively contribute to accelerate housing production, develop regional pro-housing coalitions that lift



equitable growth strategies, better utilize housing funding opportunities, implement housing elements, and collaborate with SCAG's emerging housing program.

Participants met once a month for 10 months to explore the root causes of the housing crisis and discuss best practice policy solutions that address both the physical and social factors of the housing ecosystem. Their work concluded with a culminating group research project and policy proposal. Some members indicated voluntarily continuing to work on the initiatives beyond the sessions and will be seeking stakeholder support, local approvals, and funding to further the policy recommendations researched.

Alongside the training program, SCAG hosted a series of four forums, open to the public, on housing policy issues and trends, federal and state housing legislation, funding trends, and homeownership. Recordings of the sessions are available to the public, and each session saw 200 – 400 attendees.

Today's presentation features HPLA policy proposals that align with land use and growth strategies being explored for inclusion in the upcoming Connect So Cal 2024. The proposals focus on encouraging housing production on surplus and underutilized land, and promoting more housing and jobs closer to each other and to transit. HPLA participants will present the following policy proposals:

- Proposal to rezone institutional land in Pasadena so that nonprofit hospitals, schools and other institutions can have affordable housing built on underutilized property by-right. Presented by Anthony Manuosos, Making Housing and Community Happen.
- Proposal to convert underutilized or vacant non-residential land uses in San Bernardino to residential use. Presented by Sonya Gray-Hunn, Congregations Organizer, Kimberly Calvin, Councilmember, City of San Bernardino, Robert Torres, Vice Mayor, City of Pomona, Jose Zamora, County of San Bernardino, and Jim Mulvihill, CSUSB.
- Proposal that the County of Los Angeles designates two underutilized parking lots used by the San Fernando Courthouse as surplus land and develops affordable and market-rate housing. Presented by Leticia Ramirez, Cesar Chavez Foundation, Adriana Gomez, Aszkenazy Development, Lionel Mares, Tree People, Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, City of San Fernando Education.

The presentation to the CEHD committee will be moderated by Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist at SCAG.

**SPEAKER BIOS:**

Dr. Anthony Manuosos and his wife Jill Shook co-founded a housing justice nonprofit called Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH) in 2018. He currently chairs MHCH's Affordable/Supportive Housing Advocates (ASHA) team. Additionally, Dr. Manuosos serves on the



board of directors for several organizations, including the Friends Committee for National Legislation and Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace.

Sonya Gray-Hunn serves as a Lead Housing Organizer with Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE). Sonya has been a strong champion for grassroots community members, and particularly families whose voices are often left out on critical policy matters.

Dr. James L. Mulvihill, PhD, AICP, is Professor Emeritus at California State University, San Bernardino, specializing in city planning and urban studies. He is a certified city planner (AICP) and has been active in his community and in San Bernardino City government since accepting his CSUSB position in 1981. He served on the SB City Council 2013-2020, and on the SB City Planning Commission 2006-2013. He served on SCAG's Regional Council as District 7 Representative, 2017-2018, and as a SCAG Presidential Appointment 2018-2020, participating on the RHNA ad hoc Committee.

Leticia Ramirez works as a Project Manager in the Housing and Economic Development Fund for the Cesar Chavez Foundation where she manages a curated portfolio of real estate development projects specializing in LIHTC & other modes of affordable housing.

Adriana Gomez has been in the affordable housing industry for over 25 years, assisting development efforts in the city of San Fernando with Aszkenazy Development. Ms. Gomez is the current President of the San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Gomez also serves as a Public Safety and Transportation Commissioner and formerly served as the Chair of the Parks Wellness and Recreation Commission for over 12 years.

Angel Zobel-Rodriguez is a 30-year resident of San Fernando and recent empty nester. Previously, she served on the San Fernando Historic and Transportation Commissions. She has served continuously on the Education Commission since 2015.

Lionel Mares is a 37-year resident of Sun Valley, CA. He is a board member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) and works at a nonprofit. He recently graduated from California State University, Northridge with his Master's in Public Administration (MPA).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - SCAG HPLA

# Rezoning Institutional Land for



## Policy Focus

Rezone institutional land so that hospitals, schools and other institutions in Pasadena can have affordable housing built “by right” on their underutilized property.

# Need....



**Pasadena needs 6,000 units of affordable housing in the next 8 years, according to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RNHA)**

## **Work Force Housing for Teachers and Staff:**

The average public school teacher salary in Pasadena is \$62,366 as of July 26, 2022, but the range typically falls between \$52,088 and \$76,040. Average one-bedroom apt rent: \$2,482. Therefore, a teacher in Pasadena must pay nearly half of his or her income in rent to live here. The need for teacher housing is urgent.



Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City is among just a handful of places in the country with educator housing.

# Need....



## **Hospitals like Kaiser are funding affordable housing for health reasons.**

Health and housing. Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the unhoused population in our city and housing insecurity has serious health consequences for them and for families. That's why Kaiser is funding affordable housing and permanent supportive housing for those who are chronically homeless.



Kaiser invested \$1.1 million in a Los Angeles Family Housing development in the North Hills area of the San Fernando Valley. The Angel Apartments project will transform 22,260 square feet of underutilized commercial space into 53 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless residents, as well as chronically homeless veterans



# Need....



## Affordable housing needed by students and their families.

Rents rose 20% in the last year, forcing many low-income families to leave our city or resort to overcrowding. This has had a negative impact on public schools, which has lost half of its students in the last two decades due in part to rising housing costs.

- Approx. 1 in 5 of California community college students are homeless.
- Over 500 students in PUSD are considered homeless.
- Grad students struggle to pay rent.



# Background...



January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, **Pasadena Planning Commission said they want a zoning code amendment that would allow 100% affordable housing developments, city-wide, not only on church sites but also on all institutional sites such as corporate yards, schools, libraries and hospitals, in zones that do not currently allowing housing. They felt that projects under 75 units should be “by right” and those over 75 should require a minor Conditional Use Permit.**

# Accomplished So Far....



**In July, 2022, by mobilizing overwhelming public support, MHCH persuaded the Pasadena City Council to approve rezoning religious land for affordable housing in commercial zones. This was a limited win since the Council decided not to rezone public/semipublic zones in East Pasadena, an affluent area where there is little affordable housing and few people of color. The Council agreed to revisit this policy in a year to consider whether to expand it.**

# Rezoning Institutional Land for Affordable Housing Explained



This policy streamlines the building process for institutions that want to build affordable housing for low-income families by allowing them to build multifamily densities. This proposed ordinance guarantees by-right approval of projects consistent with all objective standards.

# The policy works, but NIMBYs fight it.... that's why we need it "by right"

**Santa Clara Unified School District's 70-unit Casa del Maestro reduced teacher attrition by two-thirds compared with other nearby districts, and some 80 percent of tenants stayed the full allowable rental term. See <https://www.thompsondorffman.com/casa-del-maestro-santa-clara-affordable-housing-program-gets-a-from-teachers/>**

California lawmakers in 2016 made it easier for districts to build workforce housing on school property, but ***some efforts have stalled over financing and residential pushback. Five workforce housing complexes currently exist in Los Angeles, Santa Clara and San Mateo county school districts.***

After two decades of trying, San Francisco Unified plans to break ground this summer on a 135-unit complex for educators. It could be ready to lease in 2024 — two years behind schedule.

## Fiscal Impact on City



- **Funds for affordable housing do not come from the Pasadena's General Fund. Seed money for projects (typically 5-10%) comes from inclusionary fees paid into the Housing Trust Fund. Other funding could come from the newly established Glendale/Burbank/Pasadena Housing Trust.**
- **Affordable housing brings investment to the city, especially since developers are typically required to have 20% local contractors, hires and materials.**
- **Affordable housing improves quality of life and cost of policing by reducing and/or preventing homelessness.**

# Potential Funding



- 1** Inclusionary fees paid into the Housing Trust Fund. Other funding could come from the newly established Glendale/Burbank/Pasadena Housing Trust.
- 2** State and federal funds such as tax credits.
- 3** Bond funding (in the case of schools).

ANY  
QUESTIONS?







# San Fernando Policy Proposal

Leticia Ramirez  
Adriana Gomez  
Lionel Mares  
Angel Zobel-Rodriguez

## San Fernando's Housing Needs

- 2.4 sq miles in NE San Fernando Valley
- 24,000 residents
- 111-year-old independent city
- 1800 RHNA units
  - Mostly built-out city
  - Unique RHNA allotment

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# City Challenges

## RHNA Unit Requirements

Table 33: Regional Housing Needs Allocation 2021-2029

Income Group	Number of Units	Percentage of Total
Extremely Low-income (< 30 percent MFI)	230	13%
Very Low-income (31–50 percent MFI)	231	13%
Low-income (51–80 percent MFI)	273	15%
Moderate-income (81–120 percent MFI)	284	16%
Above Moderate-income (>120 percent MFI)	777	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Quality Workforce

As a small city, San Fernando struggles to recruit and retain its workforce as witnessed by routine employee turnover and extensions to application filing deadlines. Schools continue to need qualified teachers and staff.

### Community Challenges

Like many cities, San Fernando struggles with the “not in my backyard” mentality among residents, translating to challenges for elected officials and city departments tasked with meeting RHNA allocations.

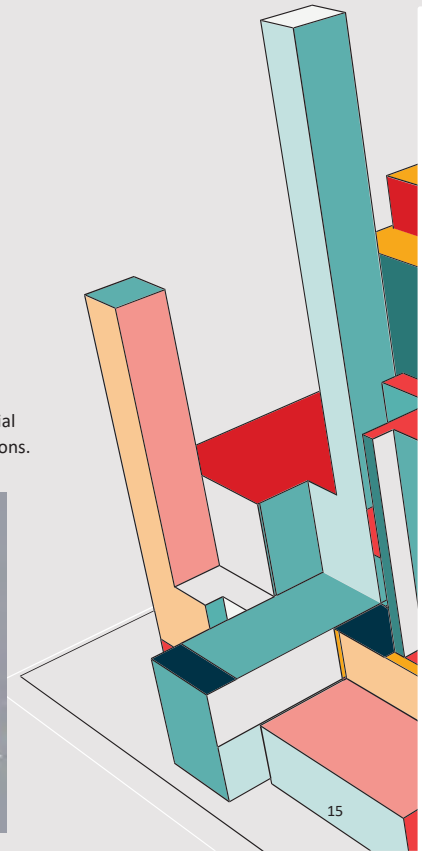
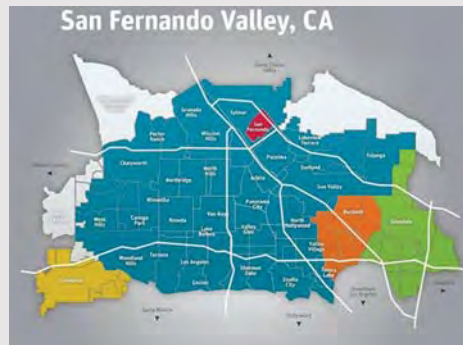
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### Small City

Our city is 2.4 square miles, 24,000 residents with limited resources only recently hiring the first Housing Director.

### Built Out

As a small, suburban city, it is mostly built-out so potential site collaborations are limited and require creative solutions.



## Proposal

### Courthouse Parking Lots

We propose that the County of Los Angeles / State designate two underutilized parking lots used for the San Fernando Courthouse as surplus land and utilize the Surplus Land Act or Excess Sites ability to develop a mix of low-income, workforce, and market-rate housing as well as a mobility hub to help connect residents to anticipated transit. Lot sizes are 87,999 and 65,375 square feet.

#### State / County Request

Designate parking lots surplus land or excess sites, provide funds for additional trolley loops during the day. The city-run trolley currently services city lots and passes the courthouse so additional funds would support the city’s 2021-26 strategic goals created with community and city collaboration.

#### Local City Request

**Need:** Provide additional [trolleys](#) for the city route during court hours (already part of strategic goals), Coordinate Safe & Active Streets Plan to maximize grant applications, allow use of city-owned parking lots during construction, and apply for ProHousing Designation. When implementing Prohousing policies city projects receive an advantage such as priority processing or funding points when applying for several funding programs.

#### Additional Support

Government and LAUSD coordination to utilize parking lots within the civic center during construction. Local stakeholder support.

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## WORKFORCE HOMES

Units that focus on homes for people making 80-120% of median income. This supports local workers at schools, the courthouse, City Hall, Police Department, and more.

## LOW INCOME HOMES

Units to support elderly, families, and other community members.

## MARKET RATE HOMES

Units to attract new community members to be part of a vibrant neighborhood.

## 180-250 HOMES TOTAL

Roughly 10-14% of the RHNA number

## MOBILITY HUB

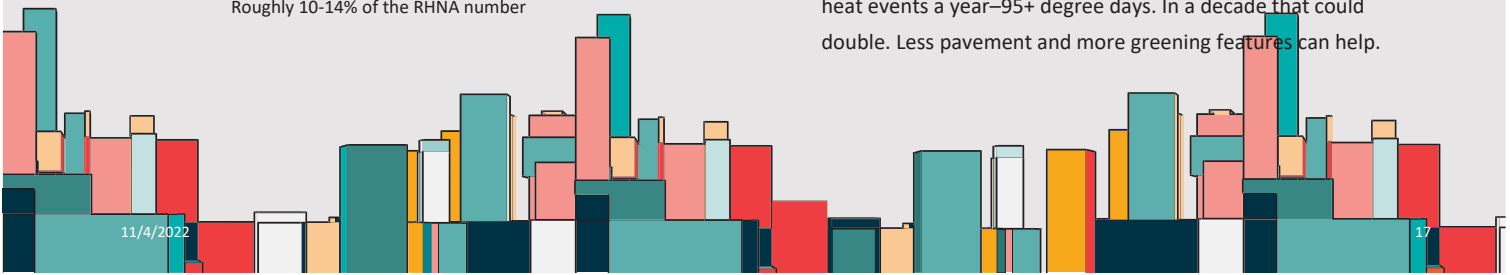
Bike rentals and additional trolley stops to connect the community to the new light rail station scheduled to open in 2028 one block away and the Metrolink one mile away.

## WALKABILITY

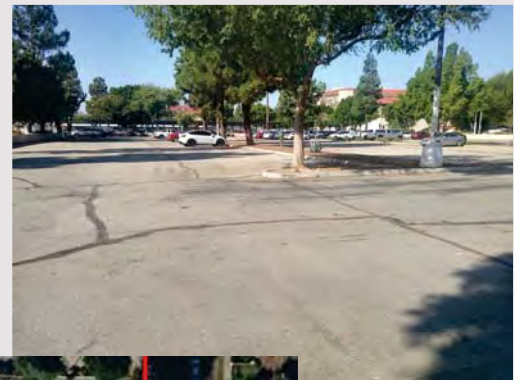
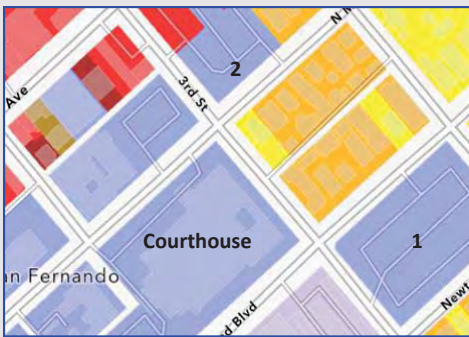
Residential community connecting to the San Fernando Mall, San Fernando Night Market, several parks, restaurants, and more.

## GREENING

Support from the TreePeople, the San Fernando Valley has 50 heat events a year—95+ degree days. In a decade that could double. Less pavement and more greening features can help.

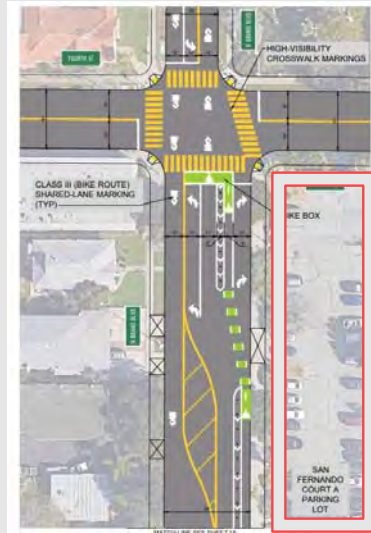


## Existing Lots



Lot 1:	2.02
acres	
Lot 2:	1.50
acres	

# City Investment



# Project Benefits

**180-250 units**

Mixed affordability

workforce, low income, and market rate potential

**Mobility**

Bus/trolley stop  
Bike/scooter rental  
Light rail by 2028

First/Last mile & walkable community

**Greening**

Reduced carbon emissions

Fewer extreme weather days

**Financial**

Economic Investment  
Disposable Income

Jobs, street improvements, etc

# Estimated Costs & Potential Funding Sources

## Estimated Costs:

Land Costs \$0.00 - Land Lease  
 Total Development Costs \$450,000 - 750,000 per unit\*\*

\*\*average based on TCAC 2022 Round 2 in LA County

## Housing

[Low Income Housing Tax Credits \(LIHTC\)](#)  
[Infill Infrastructure Grant \(IIG\)](#)  
[Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities \(AHSC\)](#)  
[AB 1486 \(Surplus Land/Affordable Housing\)](#)

## Mobility

[Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program \(TIRCP\)](#)  
[Integrated Connectivity Project \(ICP\)](#)

## Greening

[Transformative Climate Communities \(TCC\)](#)  
[Urban Greening](#)  
[SB 535](#)

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# Recognized Stakeholders

## Government

State of California  
 City of San Fernando  
 County of Los Angeles

## Community Members

Residents  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Business Community  
 Teachers (UTLA)  
 Paraprofessionals (SEIU)  
 Courtworkers  
 City Workers  
 Civilian PD

## Community Advocates

[Abundant Housing LA](#)  
 United to House L.A.  
 Everyone In (United Way of Los Angeles)  
 Los Angeles Tenants Union (LATU)  
 L.A. Family Housing  
 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)  
 Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)  
 Action  
 People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)

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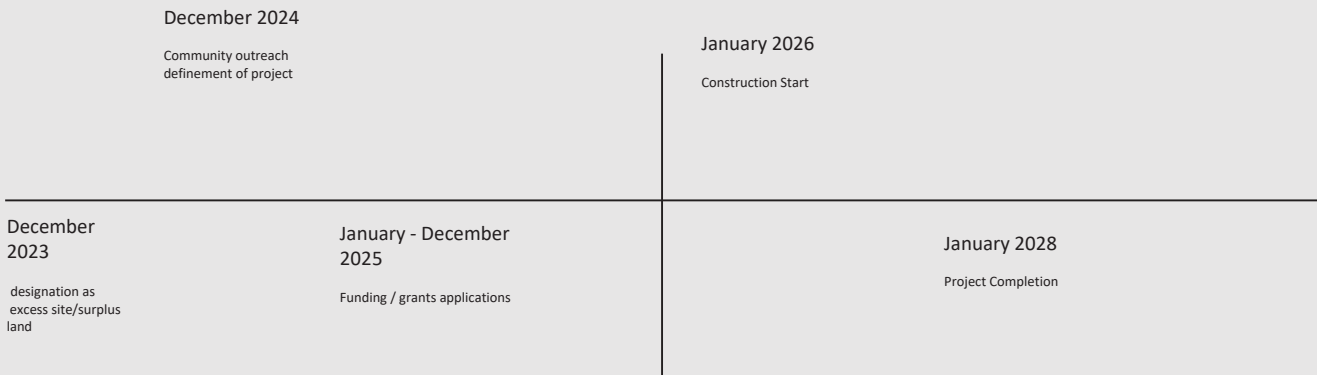
# SWOT Analysis

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strengths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City and County are equally invested, under the RHNA, and incentivized to have more housing.</li> <li>• Less bureaucracy with a small city.</li> <li>• Less blight due to underutilized land/lots.</li> <li>• Less greenhouse emissions due to less traveling.</li> <li>• Yimby’s–housing advocacy groups,</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weaknesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small cities have challenges not having resources and funding opportunities.</li> <li>• Lack of a housing department in government infrastructure.</li> <li>• Anti housing leadership</li> <li>• Lack of city resources and staff.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New funding source pipelines: SuperNofa, HCD, RFPs, TCAC.</li> <li>• Affordable housing as a California mandate.</li> <li>• Additional designation availability through funding i.e. transportation or TOD.</li> <li>• Increase in micro-mobility.</li> <li>• Creates more housing for San Fernando on county land.</li> <li>• Keeps the labor pool local due to added housing opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Threats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities lack oversight due to new state regulations imposed.</li> <li>• <b>Community members concerned about quality of life changes</b></li> <li>• Oversubscription of funds for applicants of funding sources.</li> <li>• Denial of county land and support.</li> <li>• Lack of city resources and staff.</li> <li>• Increase in bureaucracy when adding county lands as potential site options.</li> </ul>

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# Potential Timeline



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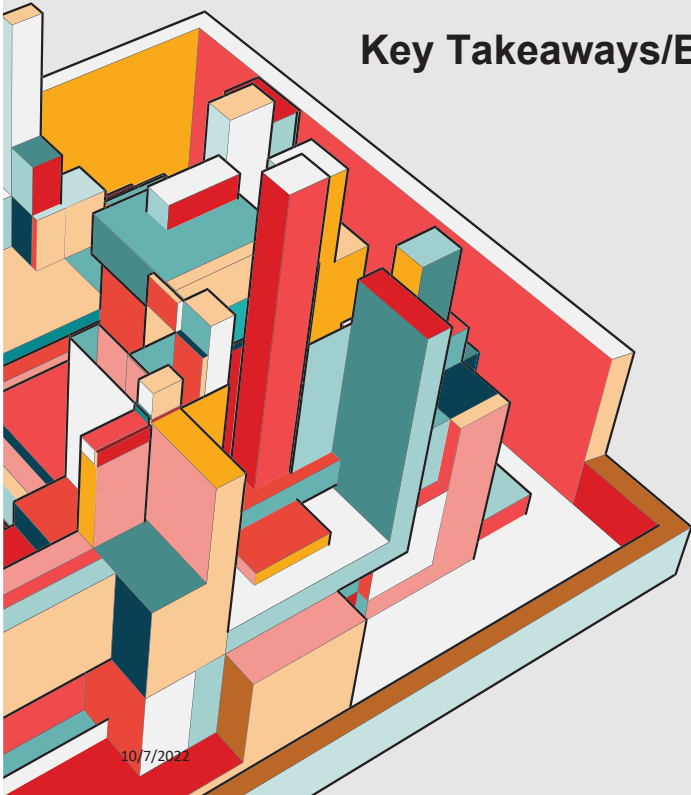
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Affordability	Income Maximum - 1 person	Income Maximum 2 Persons	1 BR	2 BR
60% AMI	\$ 50,040.00	\$ 57,180.00	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,608.00
80% AMI	\$ 66,720.00	\$ 76,240.00	\$ 1,787.00	\$ 2,144.00
100% AMI	\$ 83,400.00	\$ 95,300.00	\$ 2,232.00	\$ 2,680.00
120% AMI	\$ 100,080.00	\$ 114,360.00	\$ 2,679.00	\$ 3,216.00
<b>LAUSD - entry level teaching position \$53,435 - \$84,995</b>				
<b>SPPD Per City Clerk Police Officer Levels 04/18/2022 \$64,092 - \$79,404</b>				
<b>Courthouse Clerk \$38,520 - \$49,032</b>				

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## Key Takeaways/Elevator Pitch



The City of San Fernando and the County of Los Angeles have an opportunity to develop two underutilized parking lots and create homes in our community.

In Los Angeles County

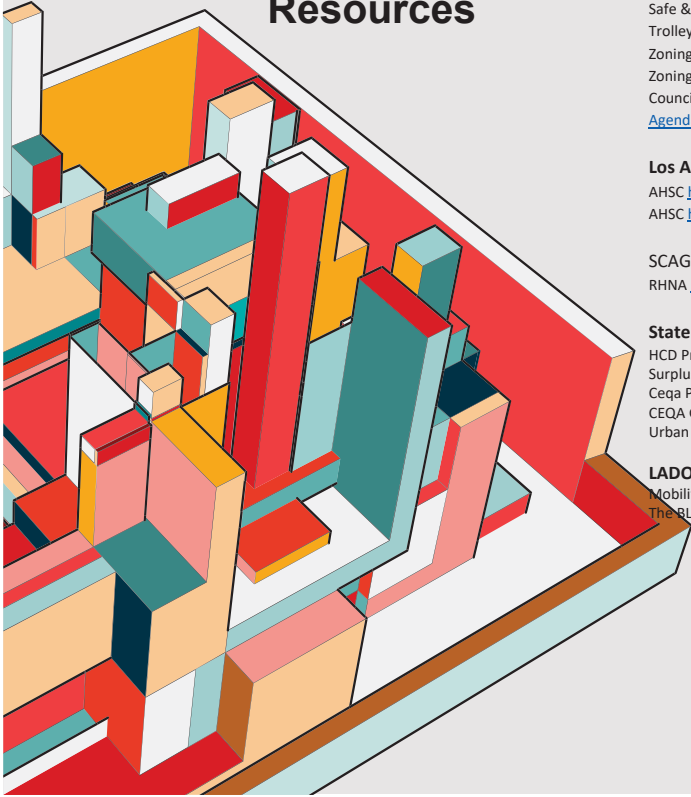
- We believe that every person should be able to choose to live and work in the same community.
- Small cities face challenges in recruiting and keeping talented staff.
- Teacher shortages cause challenges for the school district and for families with children.
- Safe and Active streets connect neighborhoods, reduce greenhouse gasses, and make communities safer.

Developing these underutilized parking lots can create homes; connect community members to nearby jobs with the city, schools, and the courthouse; and provide transportation opportunities for our entire community. The disposable income derived from these households will increase the economic investment in San Fernando.

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# Resources



## San Fernando

Housing Element Draft 6/9/22 <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/housing-elements/docs/san-fernando-6th-subsequentdraft061022.pdf>  
 Safe & Active Streets Draft 12/21 [https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/San-Fernando-Plan\\_01032021.pdf](https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/San-Fernando-Plan_01032021.pdf)  
 Trolley <https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/getting-around/#trolley>  
 Zoning Code [https://library.municode.com/ca/san\\_fernando/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CO\\_CH106ZO\\_ARTIIIZO\\_DIV4MUMIZO](https://library.municode.com/ca/san_fernando/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH106ZO_ARTIIIZO_DIV4MUMIZO)  
 Zoning Map <https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/City-of-San-Fernando-Zoning-Map.pdf>  
 Council meeting packet of 2021-26 strategic goals: <https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/01-17-23-CCSA-Agenda-Packet.pdf>

## Los Angeles County

AHSC <https://ahsc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/County-AHSC-Developer-Guidelines.docx.pdf>  
 AHSC <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/affordable-housing-and-sustainable-communities-program/>

## SCAG

RHNA <https://scag.ca.gov/rhna>

## State of CA

HCD Prohousing Designation Program <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/prohousing-designation-program>  
 Surplus Land [https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/sla\\_guidelines\\_final.pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/sla_guidelines_final.pdf)  
 Ceqa Planning <https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/ceqa-housing.html>  
 CEQA Greening <https://calgreenzones.org/ceqa-and-housing-development/>  
 Urban Greening <https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening>

## LADOT/Mobility Hub

Mobility Hubs <https://ladot.lacity.org/sites/default/files/documents/mobility-hubs-readers-guide.pdf>  
 The BLOC Mobility Hub example <https://view.publitas.com/rdc-s111-inc/mobility-hub/page/1>

## LA Metro

<https://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv/>  
<https://www.metro.net/projects/active-transportation-strategic-plan-atstp/>

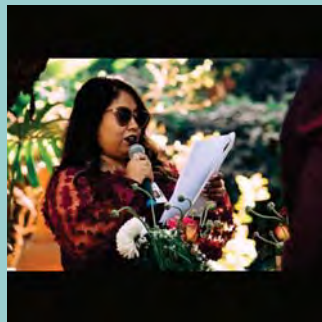
## LATimes

AB 2097 Signed <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-23/newsom-bill-banning-parking-requirement-transit-housing-climate-change>

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**THANK YOU**

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and those who made it this far!

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## SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy

# City of San Bernardino Adaptive Reuse Ordinance Proposal

Group 4 San Bernardino Cohort

Group Members: James Mulvihill, Jose Zamora, Kimberly Calvin, Sonya Gray-Hunn, and Robert Torres

# Our Policy Proposal To The San Bernardino City Council

1. Pass an **Adaptive Reuse Ordinance** to encourage the development of affordable housing in the downtown area
2. **Provide Incentives** to “repurpose” under-utilized commercial strips for affordable housing that has ground-floor amenities like retail, coffee shops and restaurants
3. Establish policies that **Enhance Social Equity**
4. **Expedited approval process** for projects that meet city approved standards



## Senate Bill 6 (“SB 6”) and Assembly Bill 2011 (“AB 2011”)

On September 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed **Senate Bill 6 (“SB 6”) and Assembly Bill 2011 (“AB 2011”)** into law (collectively, the “Bills”). The Bills purport to allow residential development on property zoned for commercial use if a project meets a number of criteria and requirements.

In concurrence to our proposal, SB 6 and AB 2011 were introduced and signed into law in September of 2022. In the legislation is language that allows developers to convert vacant commercial space into housing through a ministerial approval process.



# About The City of San Bernardino

- Population of 222,203 people
- Hispanic or Latino 66.2%, Black 13.2%, 4.01 Asian%, and White 14.4%
- Median household income \$49,287 with 23.7% Population living in poverty
- According to HCD's RHNA program, the City of San Bernardino was allocated 8000+ housing units to produce in the next 8 years



# Unsheltered Homeless in San Bernardino

The City of San Bernardino had the largest numerical increase in Unsheltered Homeless of any jurisdiction in the county.

Unsheltered Homeless: The last PIT count was 2020:

For San Bernardino City	2020: 1056	2022: 1350	+28%
For San Bernardino County	2020: 3125	2022: 3333	+6.6%



## About California's Homeless Crisis

- The State of California estimates there are 116,000 homeless people
- More than half of all unsheltered people in the country were in California (51%)
- Most minority groups, especially African Americans and Indigenous people, experience homelessness at higher rates than Whites



## About California's Housing Shortage

- California's Department of Housing & Community Development estimates that there is a shortfall of 3.5 million housing units across California
- This includes a shortage of 1.3 million housing units in the six-county area under the jurisdiction of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).





# Requested Action from the San Bernardino City Council

- Change Title 19 of the City of San Bernardino’s Development Code, specifically Chapter 19.0401.2 “Residential Zones.”
- Establish a downtown overlay allowing the proposed “other to residential” conversion and limit the use of the proposed policy to San Bernardino’s downtown.
- Other sections of this Chapter will be reviewed and amended based on social equity policies established by the City Council.



## About Vacant Commercial Buildings

- State officials say California needs to build about 310,000 new housing units each year over the next eight years, more than 2 1/2 times the number the state normally builds each year.
- Housing advocates complain that local governments are often content to let commercial buildings sit vacant for years — sometimes for decades — hoping for a replacement that will generate more property taxes, rather than change the law to allow housing there.
- One law lets developers build housing on some commercial land without having to ask permission from local governments, as long as a certain percentage of the housing is affordable. Another law lets developers build all market-rate housing on some commercial land — which would be more lucrative — but the projects would still have to go through an environmental review process.



## Why We Need An Adaptive Reuse Ordinance In The City of San Bernardino ?

- An adaptive Reuse Ordinance will provide the City of San Bernardino with a process to convert underutilized or vacant non-residential land uses to residential use and;
- Be limited to within ¼ mile of the City's Transit Center located at Rialto Avenue and E Street
- Encourage a residential "focus" on the downtown and to support the successful implementation of the "soon-to-be-completed" San Bernardino Downtown Specific Plan
- Support the development of a downtown "community" with a amenities such as restaurants and retail stores
- Eliminate barriers to housing for minorities, disenfranchised communities, and low income people/families

## Examples of Vacant Commercial Property in the City of San Bernardino

Below is the "Sports University" which has been used as a shelter for several hundred individuals -- under squalid conditions since the "American Sports University" closed several years ago.





## Examples of Vacant Commercial Property in the City of San Bernardino

Below is a photo of abandoned commercial strip along D Street in the City of San Bernardino.



## Examples of Vacant Commercial Property in the City of San Bernardino

Below is the "Heritage Building" a classic 1930 Moorish Style Spanish Colonial building at 440 W Court Street just north of San Bernardino City Hall. Vacant for at least 15 years, the building was not secured and was stripped of anything valuable and trashed thoroughly.





## Key Policy Actions to Advance Racial Justice in Housing

For generations, low-income people and people of color have suffered the devastating impacts of segregation, displacement, disinvestment, and predatory investment.

Below are some principles that can help address these areas:

- Pass a “Right to Housing” Resolution: Housing is a basic human need and should be recognized as such in the City of San Bernardino
- Provide a Guarantee Income Program to ensure landlords receive rent and tenants stay in their home
- Establish a Rent Stabilization Board that directs policy, enacts regulations, and hears petition appeals

## Renter Protections Are Critical For Slowing Displacement

Preserving affordability and ensuring renters have a voice against unsafe living conditions. Despite new statewide rent cap and just-cause-eviction protections, most renters in the City of San Bernardino still lack protections to ensure safe and affordable housing. Below are items that the City of San Bernardino could implement in the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance:

- Control rent prices
- Enact “Right to Counsel”
- Require rental registries
- End nuisance evictions
- Remove barriers to housing for people with criminal records
- Enforce and expand anti-discrimination protections



# Estimated Fiscal Impact

- The policy proposed is a legislative act that can be implemented with an affirmative vote of San Bernardino's City Council.
- The City may need to hire a consulting firm specializing in housing policy and rent stabilization
- The City may incur cost to enhance city infrastructure with new developments

# Stakeholder Engagement

- Meet with each San Bernardino City Council Member
- Host Town Hall meetings in each Council Wards
- Host a series of community forums with community members, potential developers, local decision makers, and social justice groups
- Lobby county, state, and federal representatives for funding



# Recommendation

- Adopt the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance
- Direct staff to hire a qualified professional consultant for services to help design, implement and administer the City Council's desired ordinance
- Hold a series of community meetings with local stakeholders
- Encourage city leaders to lobby county, state, and federal representatives for grants and funding opportunities for accessible housing



Southern California Association of Governments  
February 2, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Grieg Asher, Planning Supervisor  
(213) 236-1869, asher@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Connect SoCal: 15-Minute Communities

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**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:**

*In June 2022 the Regional Council adopted the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024, and through this framework staff committed to bringing forward policies and strategies to SCAG’s Policy Committees to support development of the plan. Through the CEHD Lookahead, staff outlined a number of broad policy concepts to explore in the development of the Land Use Strategies Technical Report that will be part of Connect SoCal 2024, including the concept of the “15-minute community”. A panel discussion will explore the broader concept as well as specific strategies that could fit into Connect SoCal 2024’s land use strategies technical report.*

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2022 the Regional Council adopted the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024, and through this framework staff committed to bringing forward policies and strategies to SCAG’s Policy Committees to support development of the plan. Through the CEHD Lookahead, presented in September 2022 and updated monthly, staff has outlined a number of broad policy concepts to explore in the development of the Land Use Strategies Technical Report that will be part of Connect SoCal 2024. This staff report and panel presentation will introduce the concept of the 15-minute community as a core concept to be included in the Land Use Strategies Technical Report.

A 15-minute community is one in which you can access all of your most basic, day-to-day needs within a 15-minute walk or bike ride of your home. For SCAG’s purposes, the 15-minute community

includes access to day to day needs through a range of mobility options that create opportunities to reduce single occupant vehicle trips. It is an aspirational framework for making our cities more inclusive, more equitable, and thereby more effective.

The 15-minute community concept has been identified for consideration because the concept can apply broadly to many types of communities across the SCAG region and touches on a number of land use and policy goals integral to realizing the growth vision in Connect SoCal. More specifically, the 15-minute community:

1. Can exist in different place types, from rural to suburban and urban when the general principles and policies are applied.
2. Can be realized through day-to-day incremental neighborhood changes as well as master planned communities.
3. Have many health and quality of life benefits such as: less commute time, allowing people to have more free time at their disposal; physical and mental health benefits of active travel, cleaner air, easy access to healthy food options, quality green space, and stronger community ties that reduce loneliness.
4. Promotes sustainable and active transportation modes, and by its nature reduces the carbon footprint of residents by reducing the need for long trips. Walkable, accessible neighborhoods can also benefit older people who may lack the physical ability or income to make longer trips.
5. Is designed to help access-focused urban transformations be what we need them to be: ambitious, inclusive, measurable, and effectively implemented.

The policies that staff will explore align with best practices for realizing a 15-minute community and focus on ways that a neighborhood can be connected internally to local places and amenities, as well as externally to larger regional centers, job centers or other destinations.

#### **DISCUSSION PANEL:**

The panel discussion on 15-Minute Communities will feature three different presenters: ARUP, the City of West Hollywood (WeHo), and the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI).

- **ARUP:** Chris Pountney is Associate Director of Arup's London office, specialising in decarbonisation, energy transition and sustainability. Chris was a co-author of the Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods Guidebook produced in partnership with C40 Cities. The guidebook features case studies of 15-minute communities from a wide-range of global cities. Since the guidebook was launched in 2021, Chris has been working to apply the approaches in different global regions, including Europe, Asia and Australia. New training for city decision-makers is currently in production through a collaboration with UNEP and C40 Cities designed to enable the wide-spread adoption of green and thriving neighbourhoods.



- **City of West Hollywood:** Francisco Contreras, is the Long-Range Planning Manager for the City of West Hollywood, where he leads housing, sustainability, mobility, and land use programs for the city. His work creates more inclusive, affordable, sustainable, connected, and vibrant neighborhoods. He is a civic entrepreneur and innovation enthusiast committed to accelerating strategic goals and unlocking the potential of transformation in government.
- **Livable Communities Initiative:**
  - Lindsay Sturman is the co-host of the podcast Bike Talk and the co-founder of the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI), a plan to support housing along livable streets near transit while addressing mobility, traffic and climate. She is a housing, mobility and climate activist and active member of the LA civic group Hang Out Do Good (HODG), and a TV Writer/Producer.
  - Eduardo Mendoza is the policy director for the LCI and a city planner based in Los Angeles. Mendoza received his Master's in Planning from USC. He is a current board member for Abundant Housing Los Angeles c(3) and c(4), he is the acting Board Chair for Inclusive Santa Monica. He is also a demographer who has worked with Children's Hospital Foundation, Lucile Packard Foundation, Haynes Foundation and whose work has been featured on publications such as Cityscape, Slate, and the Wall Street Journal.

Staff will continue to bring forward different land use strategies to the CEHD for consideration and to inform the ongoing development of the land use and policy goals integral to realizing the growth vision in Connect SoCal.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff's work budget and funding for 15-minute Communities are included in the FY 2023-2024 Overall Work Programs (OWP) 290-4915.01 – Connect SoCal.