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SCAG to Offer Up to \$1 million for Local Initiatives in Active Transportation, Green Region and Integrated Land Use

Los Angeles, CA. – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) released today guidelines and applications for its 2016 Sustainability Planning Grants Program Call for Proposals. As approved by the Regional Council, SCAG’s governing board, the grants will range from \$50,000 to \$1 million in the categories of Active Transportation, Integrated Land Use and Green Region Initiative. The goal of the Sustainable Planning Grants program is to promote the implementation of the goals, objectives and strategies of the recently adopted 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS). The 2016 RTP/SCS is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals.

Sample projects include bicycle, pedestrian and safe routes to school plans, open streets demonstration projects, climate action plans, adaptation studies and visioning projects that promote sustainable development. Proposals will be evaluated based on project need, goals, objectives, outcomes and community support. All SCAG-member jurisdictions, including cities, counties and Councils of Governments (COGs) and federally recognized Native American tribes in the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura are encouraged to apply.

Since 2005, the Sustainability Planning Grants program (formerly known as Compass Blueprint) has strengthened partnerships with cities and local municipalities by providing consultant services as well as financial and technical resources to selected projects, free of charge. This program recognizes sustainable solutions to local growth challenges, and has resulted in local plans that promote sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use. The most recent call in 2013 resulted in over 70 funded projects that range from bicycle master plans to urban forestry initiatives.

The deadline for submitting a project for consideration is Nov. 18, 2016. A webinar for potential applicants will be held on Oct. 13. For guidelines, application forms and submission information, please visit the Sustainability website at <http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx>.

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About SCAG

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG, please visit: www.scag.ca.gov.