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MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, January 4, 2024
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 public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. 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.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 2, 2023

PPG. 9

Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

PPG. 17

ACTION ITEMS

3. REAP 2.0 - Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Funding Awards 30 Mins.
(Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Department Manager and Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Regional Planner)

PPG. 22

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in this report.



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 4. Update on Work from Home Trends and Integration into Connect SoCal
<i>(Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor)</i> | 30 Mins. | PPG. 40 |
| 5. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies
<i>(Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director)</i> | 10 Mins. | PPG. 53 |
| 6. REAP 1.0 Bi-Annual Program Update
<i>(Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Department Manager)</i> | 20 Mins. | PPG. 75 |

CHAIR'S REPORT

(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Ivette Macias, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG Staff)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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.iqm2.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). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
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Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada ¹⁰	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
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Members Not Present

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Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and asked Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, 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 after 5pm on Wednesday, November 1, 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, November 1, 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

Chair Yokoyama pulled Item No. 2 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDARApproval Items

1. Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Meeting

Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

Chair Yokoyama pulled Item No. 2 from the Consent Calendar for discussion. He asked Ms. Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, to provide an update of the CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items, prior to the CEHD membership's vote on the Consent Calendar.

After discussion, staff recommended for the Energy and Environment Committee to discuss Earth Overshoot Day and the CEHD Committee and would include communications and planning strategies for housing production in the January Outlook. Hon. Mirisch recommended a presentation from Professor Max Buchholz who presented at the Demographic Workshop.

3. Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse No: 2022100337)
4. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Overview

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 4. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Henderson, Johnson, Kelly, Kleiman, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, McKeon, Mirisch, Morabito, Mullins, G. Nava, Puza, Reyes, Rhodes, Robles, Shapiro, Shevlin, Tran, and Yokoyama (27)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: Hupp (1)

There were no public comments on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

5. REAP 2.0 – NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards

Chair Yokoyama provided background information of the REAP 2.0 NOFA program, which is part of three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, and part of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 PATH Program Framework. He asked Jacob Noonan, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the call for applications and recommended funding awards.

Mr. Noonan’s presentation included additional background information, and overview of the Call for Applications – NOFA evaluation criteria and guidelines for the 22 of out 28 applications that were deemed eligible for the funding program. He provided details of the applications recommended for funding through the \$45,000,000 NOFA Call for Applications program. A complete summary and list of applications received were provided in the agenda packet.

A MOTION was made (Doby) to approve staff’s recommendation that the Regional Council approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Henderson, Hupp, Johnson, Kelly, Kleiman, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, McKeon, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, G. Nava, Puza, Reyes, Rhodes, Robles, Shapiro, Shevlin, Tran, and Yokoyama (30)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Development Streamlining Efforts – Project Overview

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Nashia Lalani, SCAG staff, along with Consultant, Dr. Edith Medina, Associate Planner from Civic Solutions to present an overview of the Development Streamlining Efforts.

Ms. Lalani and Dr. Medina's presentations outlined an overview of the project's scope and objectives, the project progress, and next steps. It was noted, with respect to CEQA streamlining efforts, the project team developed a series of guidance materials and helpful tools to provide support and technical assistance to local jurisdictions and land use practitioners to further their housing production goals.

The presentation provided highlights of the virtual workshops hosted earlier this year and a few examples of project case studies. It was noted that the next workshop would be held at a SCAG Toolbox Tuesday's session on November 14, 2023.

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including responses that SCAG get ahead of the game in providing guidance materials for commissions, including ALUC and Coastal, as well as policies ensuring residential parking enforcement rules.

Ms. Carvajal noted that the PowerPoint presentation titled, Development Streamlining Efforts, would be provided to the CEHD and posted to SCAG's website.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

7. Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Regional CEQA Streamlining REAP Project

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked David Kyobe, SCAG staff, to provide background information and introduce speakers, Chris Williamson, PhD, Housing Specialist at VCOG, and Hugh Riley, Executive Director, VCOG.

The speakers provided highlights on the Regional California CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation program which was a collaborative effort between VCOG and VCTC. Highlights included an overview of the process for developing the program and how it can be used by jurisdictions.

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including comments regarding VMT CEQA requirements.

Staff noted that today's PowerPoint presentation, titled, Ventura County CEQA Vehicle Miles Traveled Adaptive Mitigation Program, would be provided to the CEHD and posted to SCAG's website.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Yokoyama welcomed Councilmember Zizette Mullins, (Burbank), to the CEHD Committee. He also thanked Councilmembers Celeste Rodriguez, (San Fernando), and Nick Schultz, (Burbank), for their service as they transferred to the Transportation Committee (TC) and to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yokoyama reported that registration was open for the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit, taking place on December 7, 2023 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles. He encouraged the CEHD membership to attend. He also reported that the Call for Applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program was now open through November 6, 2023. He noted that more information could be found on SCAG's website or by contacting Ms. Elizabeth Carvajal, SCAG Deputy Director at carvajal@scag.ca.gov.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs, SCAG Staff, provided updates to the staff report. She reported that SCAG was hosting the Connect SoCal Elected Official Briefings in each county, starting Friday, November 3, 2023.



ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yokoyama noted that the next CEHD Committee would be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023-24

MEMBERS	Representing	2023-24												Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May		
Aitken, Ashleigh	Anaheim, RC District 19		1				1								2
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30		1	1				1							3
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, District 16	1	1	1											3
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG														
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1	1		1	1								5
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40			1				1							2
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	1		1	1								5
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1		1				1							3
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG		1	1				1							3
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt.					1	1								2
Dunn, Lucy	Ex-Officio, Business Representative	1	1	1		1	1								5
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1		1		1	1								4
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1		1		1	1								4
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1	1	1		1	1								5
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1	1	1											3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35		1			1	1								3
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1													1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12		1	1											2
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County, CoC		1			1	1								3
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1		1											2
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1	1		1	1								5
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	1				1							4
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1	1		1	1								5
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1	1		1	1								5
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14		1	1		1	1								4
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1	1		1	1								5
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County, CoC	1		1		1	1								4
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	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, RC District 64	1	1	1				1							4
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.	1	1	1		1	1								5
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians					1	1								2
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA							1							1
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1	1		1	1								5
Nava, George A.	ICTC			1		1	1								3
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1	1		1									4
Pe, Ariel "Ari"	Lakewood, GCCOG	1	1	1		1									4
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.		1												1
Puza, Freddy	Culver City WCCOG					1	1								2
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, District 51														
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC							1							1
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1		1	1								5
Robles, Sylvia	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1						1							2
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1	1											3
Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, District 31	1	1	1											3
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1		1	1								5
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1	1								5
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG		1			1									2
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	1				1							4
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1		1		1									3
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA		1					1							2
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG		1	1											2
Yokoyama, Frank Aurelio	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1		1	1								5
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1	1	1		1									4
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		35	37	40		32	38								

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY 2023-24 (Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Meeting)



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2024

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

Subject: CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal

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 Committee CEHD Outlook, 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. For FY2024, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2023 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.

BACKGROUND:

Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the CEHD on April 7, 2022, and was adopted by the Regional Council at the June 2, 2022 meeting. The Policy Framework is intended to facilitate the engagement of SCAG’s Policy Committees in the data, emerging issues and policy recommendations that will be presented in Connect SoCal 2024. In furtherance of the adopted Policy Development Framework, staff have developed a “Committee Outlook” 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 Outlook and Framework

Building on the Policy Framework and the commitment to creating more transparency and engagement in the policy development process, staff updated the Outlook for the CEHD Policy Committee for FY2024.

The Committee Outlook 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 Connect SoCal Plan. Presentations will offer best practices, lessons learned, and emerging trends in key policy areas centered on land use, housing, and economic development. The FY2024 Outlook summarizes the items that will be coming before the CEHD Committee that will be related to the development of 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 implementation of REAP 2.0, with a focus on the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) and Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 components.
- 3. *Regional Updates:*** This programmatic area will focus on regional policy issues, such as RHNA, 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, Connect SoCal 2024 Growth Forecast, and Regional Economic Analysis. Committee members may also recommend other policy topics for exploration.

The Committee Outlook 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 April 2024. The topics and panels covered 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. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that the agenda item be pulled for discussion, or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the CEHD and the considerations noted above.

At the November meeting, CEHD Policy Committee members requested the following items be included in a future CEHD meeting:

- Presentation from Professor Max Buchholz

The above items will be evaluated based on the criteria noted above and discussed with the Chair/Vice Chair.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CEHD Outlook January 2024

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July - Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Performance Measures Connect SoCal Outreach update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1 Program Bi-Annual Status report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHNA Reform (Action)
Sep	<p align="center">Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review EAC: REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update (Action)</p>		
Oct - Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update REAP 1: Preservation Study REAP 2: NOFA and HIPP Funding Awards (Action) REAP 1: VCOG and VCTC Regional CEQA Streamlining Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEHD 12-Month Outlook Inclusive Economic Contracting Toolkits IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan - Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies • Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions • Connect SoCal Summary of Comments and Revisions Approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1: Bi-Annual Report • REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Update • REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update • REAP 1: Preservation Study • REAP 2: RUSH Funding Awards (Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment • IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update • SoCal Demographic Update
Mar	Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Final Review		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect SoCal Final Adoption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update • REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IERS Grant Update: Economic Analyses • IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment • IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update
May	General Assembly		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeownership Strategies (Speaker) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP2 – PATH & SRP2 Program Updates • REAP 1 – SRP Project Panel • United Way ProHousing Toolkit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IERS Grant Update



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Department Manager
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Subject: REAP 2.0 - Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Funding Awards

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in this report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council: 1) approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California's policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 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 that the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) and Regional Council approve the funding award recommendations for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. On November 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved the RUSH Pilot Program as one of the three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, which is part of the SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. The Call for Applications was authorized by the Regional Council on March 2, 2023, and made \$35,000,000 available for projects meeting the REAP 2.0 and PATH program guidelines and accelerating infill development of affordable housing through investments in non-transportation utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements.

Following the Regional Council’s approval of the updated PATH Program Guidelines on September 7, 2023, the Call for Applications for RUSH was announced on September 11, 2023, and closed on November 6, 2023. In total, 18 applications were received. Of these, 17 applications were deemed eligible for program funding and were evaluated by the selection panel consisting of SCAG staff using the scoring methodology provided in the RUSH Funding Application and in accordance with the adopted REAP 2.0 PATH Program Guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

On July 7, 2022, the SCAG Regional Council approved SCAG’s Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program Development Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to SCAG through the REAP 2.0 state grant program. SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework combines coordinated and transformative housing development and finance, land use and transportation strategies to help achieve California’s housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. RUSH is one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, which realizes the Housing Supportive Infrastructure program included in the Framework and the Key Connection that bears the same name in the adopted 2020 Connect SoCal Plan. Through its three funding areas, the PATH program creates the foundational conditions for housing to be realized at scale across the Southern California region.

The RUSH Pilot Program, one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, aligns with the State’s REAP 2.0 Program Objectives which are to:

- Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability;
- Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

PATH Program Structure



REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING (RUSH):

The \$35M competitive grant program is focused on utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that will support jurisdictions in meeting the housing production goals defined in the 6th cycle RHNA and housing elements and that meet REAP 2.0 Program Goals and Objectives. Of the \$35M, the program allocated \$30M to the capital projects category, with a maximum award of up to \$10M per applicant, and the goal to fund at least three (3) projects in the region. The remaining \$5M was allocated to the planning projects category, with maximum awards between \$800K- \$1M, and the goal of funding at least six (6) projects in the region.

Eligible Applicants included Cities, Counties, Tribal Governments, and Public Agencies with a role in housing production within the SCAG Region.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Call for Applications was open September 11, 2023, through November 6, 2023. The Call was announced in the SCAG housing newsletter, by a direct eblast to all members of the SCAG housing interest list, and via email to SCAG-region Public Works Directors, City Managers, Council of Governments, Planning Directors, and Tribal Governments. The application, guidelines, and resources were made available on the SCAG REAP 2.0 website (www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021). On October 4, SCAG hosted two public information sessions on the RUSH Program Application (one for capital projects and one for planning projects), and the presentation and questions and answer session were made available for viewing on the REAP 2.0 webpage.

Following the close of the Call, all applications received on time were reviewed for completeness. In total, 18 applications requesting \$68,336,986 in funding were received. Of these, six applications were received for the planning category with a funding request of \$3,301,000, and 12 were received in the capital projects category for a funding request of \$65,035,986. One application from the planning category was determined to be ineligible.

The remaining 17 applications were determined eligible and complete and were evaluated individually for funding by a selection panel consisting of internal SCAG staff using the evaluation criteria presented below and the scoring rubrics approved by the Regional Council on March 3, 2023, and included in the funding application.

RUSH Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria		% of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	45%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability	15%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	15%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	15%
2	Equitable Targeted Outreach	10%
2.1	Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness	15%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10%
4.1	Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Priority Populations	5%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10%
5.1	Transformative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5%
5.2	Regional Impact and Applicability	5%
	Total	100%

To determine the score for each application, the evaluation panel assessed the responses that were provided for each criterion using the scoring rubrics in the funding application. As an illustrative example, the scoring rubric used to evaluate Criterion One, “Lead to Transformative Significant

Beneficial Impact,” is provided below. To assist applicants with this set of questions, the application included the definition for Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact.

Scoring Rubric for Criterion One

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

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following the announcement and while the Call remained open, Staff hosted office hours with interested agencies and organizations. There was no limit in how many office hour meetings could be requested. In total, more than 50 individual meetings were held with 40 individual jurisdictions, and public agencies, including three Tribal Governments. The engagement and technical support provided during the Call for Applications was the continuation of the extensive and inclusive stakeholder engagement conducted in developing the PATH Program and its three funding areas.

Following on the 2021 engagement informing the REAP 2.0 Framework, in May 2022 staff began meeting with subregional partners, representatives from cities and counties, community-based organizations, housing and land trusts, housing authorities, Tribal Governments, and other entities and agencies. These entities were identified because they have been involved in developing land for housing, managing affordable housing programs, and supporting disadvantaged communities, communities that have historically been underserved, and community members living in areas of segregation and high concentrations of poverty across the region. The purpose of these meetings was to identify needs for housing support and to inform the development of the PATH program.

RUSH FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATION

The following 12 applications are recommended for funding through the \$35,000,000 RUSH Call for Applications. The recommendation funds the applications receiving the highest scores and awards \$2,701,000 in the planning category and \$32,299,000 in the capital category. Section 2.6 of the REAP 2.0 PATH Guidelines allows for funds to shift between program categories if a program is undersubscribed. Given that the planning category was undersubscribed by approximately \$2.3M, those resources were shifted to the capital project category. The complete list of applications received has been provided in Attachment 1.

**RUSH Funding Recommendation
Planning Projects**

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation
City of Santa Fe Springs	New Downtown Residential Infrastructure Study and Plans	\$800,000.00	1	\$800,000.00
City of Upland	City of Upland Affordable Housing Utilities Planning	\$303,500.00	2	\$303,500.00
City of Desert Hot Springs	Downtown and Palm Dr. Corridor Infill Development Sewer Area Study	\$500,000.00	3	\$500,000.00
County of Riverside	Cabazon Infrastructure Plan	\$997,500.00	4	\$997,500.00
City of Torrance	Torrance Housing Corridor Utility Infrastructure Study	\$100,000.00	5	\$100,000.00
Total Planning Projects Award				\$2,701,000.00

Capital Projects

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles	One San Pedro Redevelopment Infrastructure	\$4,000,000.00	1	\$4,000,000.00



San Bernardino County (Bloomington)	Bloomington Sewer Extension	\$6,508,000.00	2	\$6,508,000.00
City of Calipatria	City of Calipatria Delta Street Pump Station	\$1,500,000.00	3	\$1,500,000.00
City of Rialto	Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project	\$2,500,000.00	4	\$2,500,000.00
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	Stormwater Drainage Project	\$6,108,797.00	5	\$6,108,797.00
City of Palm Desert	Flood Control Infrastructure for Housing Need	\$8,000,000.00	5	\$8,000,000.00
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)	Project Powerhouse – Supporting Affordable Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles	\$10,000,000.00	7	\$3,682,203.00
Total Capital Projects Award				\$32,299,000.00

Of the applications evaluated by the selection panel, the recommended applications demonstrated with most certainty how the proposed actions met (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) would provide Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts through investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital projects that will accelerate infill development facilitating housing supply, choice and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and resulting in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions.

The awards recommended represent a range of investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital projects that support housing planning efforts and accelerate infill development. These investments also support residents by realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior by reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership, and demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives. This is accomplished by establishing and supporting the non-transportation utilities necessary for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and thereby reducing VMT in a significant and quantifiable manner.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

A summary for each of the recommended projects follows, organized by RUSH project category and county.

Planning Projects

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- **City of Santa Fe Springs. New Downtown Residential Infrastructure Study and Plans** (\$800,000) This project will complete construction plans for public utility and green infrastructure along Telegraph Road in the City of Santa Fe Springs. The project area of 98.7 acres that was recently rezoned from industrial to mixed-use and in need of increased utility capacity to meet the needs of higher density residential. The utility plans will include water, electrical, sewer, storm drains, and broadband. New housing will be supported by green infrastructure that will include street tree canopy, permeable surfaces, and bioswales to capture and redirect rainwater before entering storm drains. This project will allow the continuation of low-and moderate-income residential projects in an area that can accommodate nearly 1,600 new housing units.
- **City of Torrance. Torrance Housing Corridor Utility Infrastructure Study** (\$100,000) This project will identify green and sustainable utility infrastructure to support new housing development within the City's existing Housing Corridor Overlay (HCO). The HCO, approved in 2023 for the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element, allows housing and mixed-use development at a variety of income levels to be permitted by right in seen areas throughout the city. The study will result in identification of existing infrastructure within in HCO and recommendations on essential improvements and green design for developers, assisting in the accuracy and efficiency of developers' ability to design and plan for infill development in the HCO.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- **City of Desert Hot Springs. Downtown and Palm Dr. Corridor Infill Development Sewer Area Study** (\$500,000) This project will conduct a sewer area study for the Downtown area and Palm Drive to support new infill development of local affordable housing while promoting connectivity and sustainability. The study's boundaries include newly-zone mixed use and high density residential vacant land, as well as the Green Day Village project which was recently approved for a 608-unit multi-family housing development. The sewer area study will be conducted in conjunction with the Mission Springs Water District 's new regional water reclamation facility in Desert Hot Springs which is expected to be completed in 2024.

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- **County of Riverside. Cabazon Infrastructure Plan** (\$997,500) This project will produce an Infrastructure Plan for Cabazon, an unincorporated community and job center along the Pass Region in Riverside County. The infrastructure assessment will coordinate the expansion of utility infrastructure necessary (electrical, water, sewer and broadband) to meet the community's Mixed-Use Area (MUA) land use policy, which accommodates up to 1,484 housing units of high-density residential development in the community. The project supports the County's efforts to create a vibrant, resilient community with housing options for those employed in the area.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- **City of Upland. City of Upland Affordable Housing Utilities Planning** (\$303,500) This project will produce both the design and engineering plans for two utility projects needed for the development of 174 affordable housing units constructed on two vacant parcels in Historic Downtown Upland. The first utility project will develop designs to construct a storm drain to capture the anticipated runoff from the future affordable housing sites. Resilience elements, such as permeable pavers, underground stormwater chambers, and bioswales will be incorporated into the plan. The second utility project will relocate overhead electrical transmission lines located on the two sites proposed for affordable housing development to advance resilience by minimizing damage from high winds and storms and reducing exposure of electrical infrastructure to dangerous weather conditions.

Capital Projects

IMPERIAL COUNTY

- **City of Calipatria. City of Calipatria Delta Street Pump Station** (\$1,500,000) This project will design and construct necessary repairs to the Delta Street Pump Station to promote existing and future affordable residential development in the Calipatria Eastside Specific Plan, an area with vacant lands that can accommodate up to 736 units. Improvements include the installation of an updated electrical control system, new blower system to remove corrosive gases, upgraded centrifugal pumps, and rehabilitation of the wet well concrete and steel support members. This project will boost needed infill housing development in an area in Imperial County that is expected to see a major boost in job growth.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- **Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. One San Pedro Redevelopment Infrastructure** (\$4,000,000) This project will expand the electrical capacity as the first stage of the One San Pedro Specific Plan site and 327 Harbor Site. The development will replace 478 units of low-density housing and a vacant site with over 1,500 units of new, accessible, and higher density

mixed income housing in this transit-oriented location. The project will fund the initial phase of essential electrical work, which must be installed before the remaining infrastructure work is completed and absorbed at the project level. Current utility capacity prevents the low-density site from being redeveloped into the higher density, One San Pedro community.

- **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Project Powerhouse. Supporting Affordable Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles** (\$3,682,203) This project will provide assistance to approximately (14) 100% affordable or supportive housing projects and build out public right of way utility infrastructure that is needed to provide reliable electricity to these facilities. The project has three objectives: (1) Eliminate costs for routing power to the selected development projects (2) expedite the determination of power needs for 100% affordable housing developers through up-front coordination with a developers' architects; and (3) significantly shorten the time frames for LADWP approvals of a development's on-site electric service plans. The project was created in response to Mayor Karen Bass' Executive Directive to expedite and remove obstacles for developers of affordable housing and shelters.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- **Soboba Luiseño Indian Tribe. Stormwater Drainage Project.** (\$6,108,797) This project will construct a storm water collection system to collect runoff resulting from rain flow from the foothills of the Soboba Indian Reservation. Catastrophic flood events have impacted existing homes and stopped future home development from continuing in the area. By constructing a stormwater collection system, substantial flood waters will be diverted from open space, vacant land and existing homes and channeled into the natural flows of Poppet Creek; allowing vacant land to be developed for future housing.
- **City of Palm Desert. Flood Control Infrastructure for Housing Need** (\$8,000,000) This project will expand the City's utility capacity to mitigate future severe flooding impacting future and existing housing developments along the I-10 corridor in an area that has faced recent flood disasters. The project will ensure the City is able to facilitate current, ongoing and future affordable housing along the corridor and will support 3,386 units currently approved and 1,663 units under review.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- **San Bernardino County. Bloomington Sewer Extension** (\$6,508,000) This project will extend the existing sewer infrastructure within the Bloomington community to support capacity for recently upzoned areas for existing and future housing developments. Bloomington is the county's most populated unincorporated community, with minimal active service connections and several parcels not currently supported by Bloomington's sanitation district. The project

includes the design and installation of sewer mainline, manholes, and sewer tie-ins. This Project will create reliable sewer infrastructure to support the housing policies of San Bernadino County, prioritized in their County Policy Plan and Housing Element.

- **City of Rialto. Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project** (\$2,500,000) This project will equip an existing unused water well with a water treatment system to provide an additional local source of water for the entire City Water Service Area to support infill housing development and provide the community with resilience to drought and climate change impacts. The Project will pump treated water into an existing water distribution pipeline and provide water to the entire Rialto Water Service Area, including 4,994 newly zoned housing units identified in Rialto’s 6th Cycle Housing Element. The Project will also provide resilience to the impacts of climate change, including drought, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by producing water locally.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (305.4925.01 - REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ranking
2. PowerPoint Presentation - RUSH Proposed Funding Recommendation

Attachment 1: RUSH Application Rankings

PLANNING PROJECTS, Eligible Applications, Recommended Applications Shaded in Blue

County	Applicant	Project Title	Request	Placement	Recommendation
Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
Los Angeles	City of Santa Fe Springs	New Downtown Residential Infrastructure Study and Plans	\$800,000	1	\$800,000
	City of Torrance	Torrance Housing Corridor Utility Infrastructure Study	\$100,000	5	\$100,000
Orange	--	--	--	--	--
Riverside	City of Desert Hot Springs	Downtown and Palm Dr. Corridor Infill Development Sewer Area Study	\$500,000	3	\$500,000
	County of Riverside	Cabazon Infrastructure Plan	\$997,500	4	\$997,500
San Bernardino	City of Upland	City of Upland Affordable Housing Utilities Planning	\$303,500	2	\$303,500
Ventura	--	--	--	--	--

PLANNING PROJECTS, Applications Not Considered

County	Status	Applicant	Proposed Project	Request
San Bernardino	Not Eligible	Town of Apple Valley	North Apple Valley Specific Plan	\$600,000
Total	1			\$600,000

Attachment: Ranking (REAP 2.0 - Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Funding Awards)

CAPITAL PROJECTS, Eligible Applications, Recommended Applications Shaded in Green

County	Applicant	Project Title	Request	Placement	Recommendation
Imperial	City of Calipatria	Delta Street Pump Station	\$1,500,000	3	\$1,500,000
Los Angeles	Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles	One San Pedro Redevelopment Infrastructure	\$4,000,000	1	\$4,000,000
	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)	Project Powerhouse – Supporting Affordable Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles	\$10,000,000	7	\$3,682,203
	City of Lakewood	Lakewood RUSH Sewer Upgrade Project	\$6,808,689	10	
	City of Norwalk	The Walk	\$10,000,000	11	
Orange	--	--	--	--	--
Riverside	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	Stormwater Drainage Project	\$6,108,797	5	\$6,108,797
	City of Palm Desert	Flood Control Infrastructure for Housing Need	\$8,000,000	5	\$8,000,000
	City of Moreno Valley - Moreno Valley Electric Utility	Nason Street Loop Tie for Aquabella Urban Center	\$1,135,000	9	
San Bernardino	San Bernardino County (Bloomington)	Bloomington Sewer Extension	\$6,508,000	2	\$6,508,000
	City of Rialto	Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project	\$2,500,000	4	\$2,500,000
	City of Fontana	Downtown Spring St. Improvements - Electric Utilities Undergrounding and Sewer Main Installation	\$6,275,500	8	
	City of Adelanto	Wastewater treatment Plant Optimization	\$2,200,000	12	
Ventura	--	--	--	--	--

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Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Funding Recommendation

REAP 2.0 - PATH Program

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RUSH Funding Recommendations

Recommendation

For CEHD:

- Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in this report.

For Regional Council:

- That the Regional Council: 1) approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

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PATH Program (Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing)

\$88,835,000

RUSH (Regional Utilities Supporting Housing) Pilot Program

• Non-Transportation Utilities Infrastructure Improvements
• \$35,000,000

Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) For Lasting Affordability

• Funding for Innovative Housing Finance
• Trust Funds, Catalyst Funds
• \$45,000,000

HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private Land) Pilot Program

• Scaling Up Development of Available Land
• Large Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives
• \$8,835,000

\$35,000,000

RUSH Program Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- SCAG Counties or Cities
- Tribal Governments (within the SCAG Region)
- Public Agencies with role in housing production (within the SCAG Region).

- Investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that:
 - **Support housing production** goals, increase capacity for a sizable number of housing units and address housing affordability
 - **Embed resilience and adaptation** (such as green infrastructure) that can support system utility capacity and reduce overall housing production cost.

RUSH Project Categories

Infrastructure Planning:

- \$5 Million
- Maximum awards between \$800,000-\$1 million
- Plans, programs and green infrastructure plans that support increased utility capacity in areas designated for residential development in Housing Elements

Capital Projects:

- \$30 Million
- Maximum award of \$10 million.
- Projects that address current and future utility restrictions in housing development through upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater, and dry utilities systems and enable continued infill

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RUSH - *Projects Review*

Infrastructure Planning:

6 Applications Received
↓
1 Ineligible
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5 Applications Evaluated
↓
5 Recommended
\$2,701,000 Total Funding

Capital Projects:

12 Applications Received
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12 Applications Evaluated
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7 Recommended
\$32,299,000 Total Funding

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\$35,000,000

Types of Projects Recommended

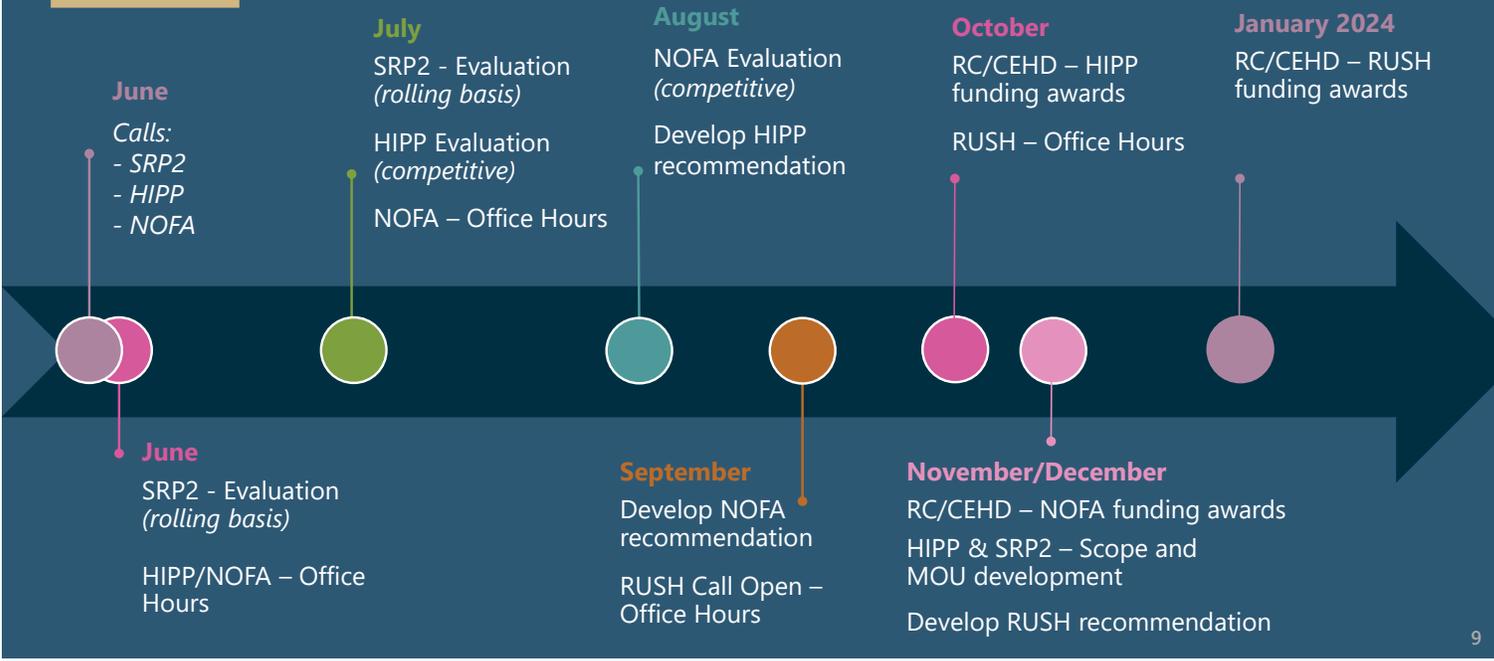
Infrastructure Planning (\$2,701,000)	
- Infrastructure Studies/Plans	- City of Desert Hot Springs - County of Riverside (Cabazon) - City of Torrance
- Utility Design Drawings	- City of Santa Fe Springs - City of Upland

Capital Projects (\$32,299,000)	
- Electric	- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) - Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
- Water Supply	- City of Rialto
- Sewer/Wastewater	- San Bernardino County (Bloomington) - City of Calipatria
- Stormwater/Flood Control	- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians - City of Palm Desert

Recommendation

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PATH/SRP 2.0 Milestones



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AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 4, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kevin Kane, Principal Planner
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Subject: Update on Work from Home Trends and Integration into Connect SoCal

Kevin Kane

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Abrupt changes to the location of work following the COVID-19 pandemic have been a recurring point of discussion and analysis during the development of Connect SoCal 2024. This staff report will provide a brief summary of the latest available data and emerging trends related to work-from-home in Southern California and nationally. Staff will then discuss the modeling assumptions and plan strategies which relate to work-from-home in the draft Connect SoCal 2024 plan.

BACKGROUND:

Data and Emerging Trends

The rate of working from home—in lieu of a physical commute to a fixed work site—increased roughly threefold between 2019 and 2021. However, recent data show a modest decline as many office workers have adopted hybrid schedules where time is split between a fixed workplace and a home office. While work-from-home can offer substantial time savings and lifestyle benefits, it is generally more feasible in higher-paying industries and occupations, raising equity considerations.

Prior regional plan cycles have included a variety of telework-enabling policies to foster reduced commuting, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reductions. However, it is commonly accepted in scholarship and travel demand modeling practice that a commuter who switches to working from home is likely to substitute their time savings with some amount of additional, other travel. This is commonly referred to as the rebound effect.

While detailed travel demand data covering the last few years of major disruption is only now becoming available, the pandemic-induced rise in work-from-home offers a natural experiment for observing if and under which circumstances work-from-home might—or might not—contribute to reduced overall travel. Many data sources suggest that VMT has declined fairly modestly when compared to 2019—a more detailed analysis of VMT trends can be found in the SCAG Transportation Committee October 2023 agenda packet (p. 108).

SCAG staff continue to monitor, research, and analyze new data and insights as they become available. Streetlight Insight location-based services data, which was made available through Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) funding, has yielded some early insights into the magnitude and nature of travel pattern changes since the pandemic. While residential density and built environment characteristics such as low-speed streets continue to show a strong relationship with reduced travel, the presence of children appears to substantially increase VMT suggesting that the geography of trip-making may be changing in unexpected ways, too.

Connect SoCal 2024 Assumptions and Strategies

Connect SoCal's activity-based travel demand model (ABM) generates many of the plan's performance measures. The ABM uses data and expert insights about a wide range of social and technological phenomena which might be expected to emerge in the coming decades. Specifically, the model requires using an assumption about the share of work days in the future that will be conducted at a fixed location versus at home. Generally, the ABM assumes that between 20 and 25 percent of future work days will occur at home. This assumption is 7.7 percent higher than the same assumption for the horizon year of Connect SoCal 2020, which was drafted prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Connect SoCal 2024 is successful at demonstrating that the region's GHG emissions can be reduced beyond the 2035 target set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). A number of the plan's Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies reflect and integrate the newly observed increase in observed work-from-home rates and seek to leverage the benefits and co-benefits of work-from-home to maximize travel reduction and potential mode substitution.

Owing to the observed increase in other, non-work trips amongst home workers, Connect SoCal's policies and strategies surrounding 15-minute communities are especially important. A 15-minute community is one in which a resident can access their basic, day-to-day needs, services, and amenities within a 15-minute walk, bike, or roll from their home or as places that result in fewer and shorter trips because of the proximity of complementary land uses. This helps people make fewer and/or shorter trips and also includes a focus on inclusive, equitable cities by providing a range of mobility options and a reduction in single-occupant vehicle trips.



Additional Connect SoCal policies and strategies which leverage work-from-home's potential benefits and co-benefits include Transportation Demand Management (TDM), mobility hubs and multimodal/transit integration, broadband access, and Safe Routes to Schools programs. Additional detail can be found in the attached presentation and in the draft Connect SoCal plan at www.connectsocial.org.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (055-4856-01 Regional Growth and Policy Analysis).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Work-from-home



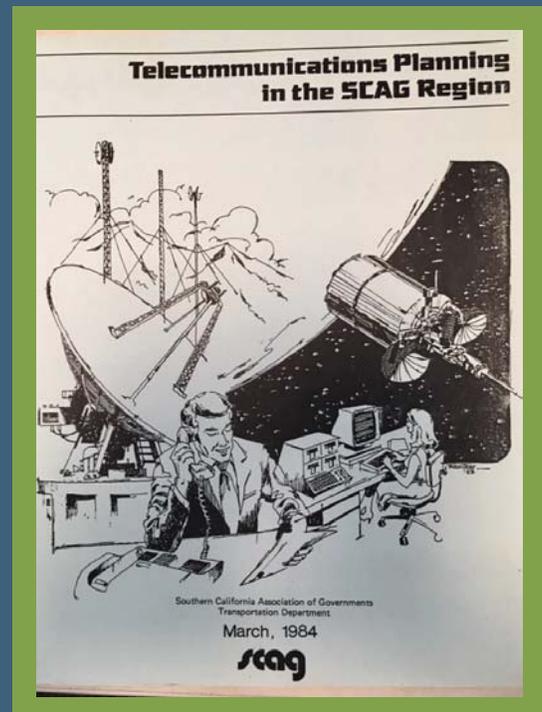
Update on Work-from-Home Trends and integration into Connect SoCal

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Outline

- Work-from-home
 - Latest data
 - Emerging trends
- Connect SoCal 2024
 - Plan assumptions
 - Plan strategies





WORK-FROM-HOME

Latest data and insights

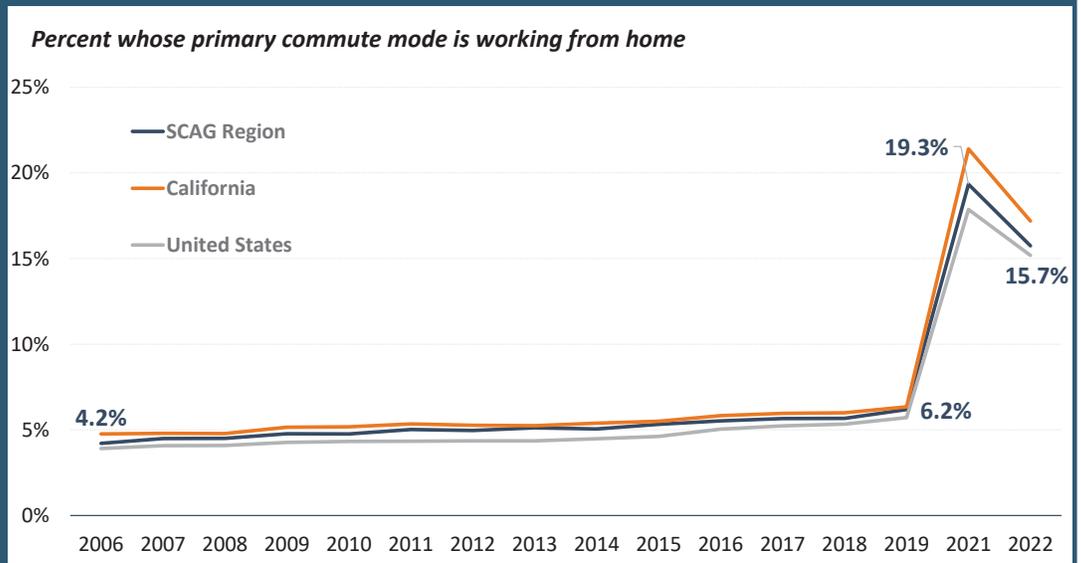
Work-from-home rates shot up during COVID, but have moderated somewhat.

American Community Survey commute mode question, asked since 2006

Data mostly reflects fully-remote work.

This tripled!

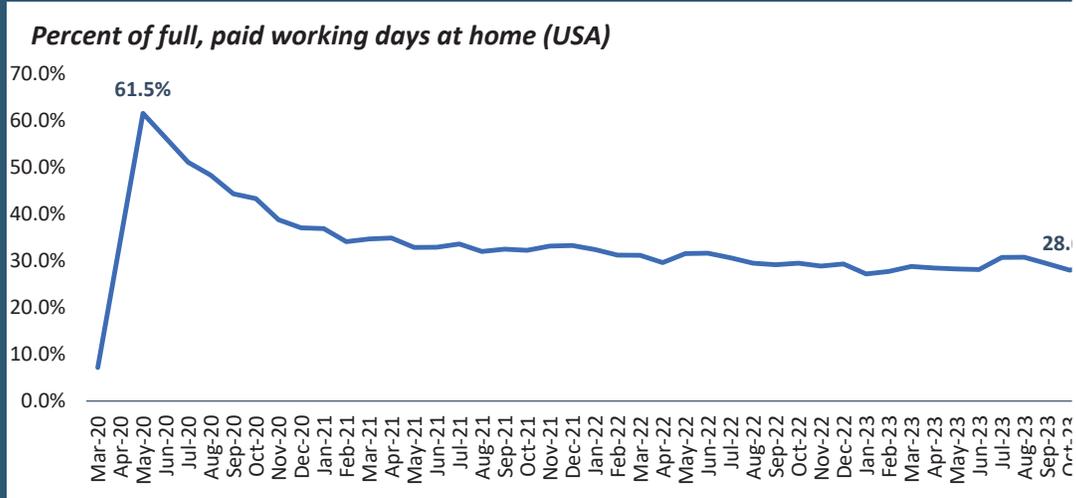
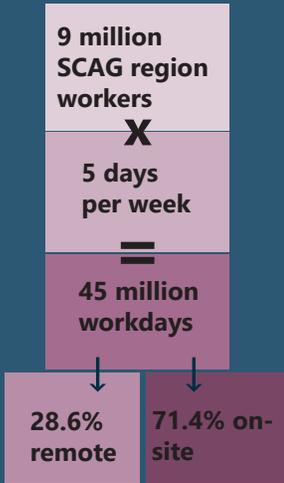
About 1-in-6 SCAG region workers marked this as their primary commute mode.



Source: American Community Survey 1-year sample, 2006-2022

We anticipate a hybrid work future.

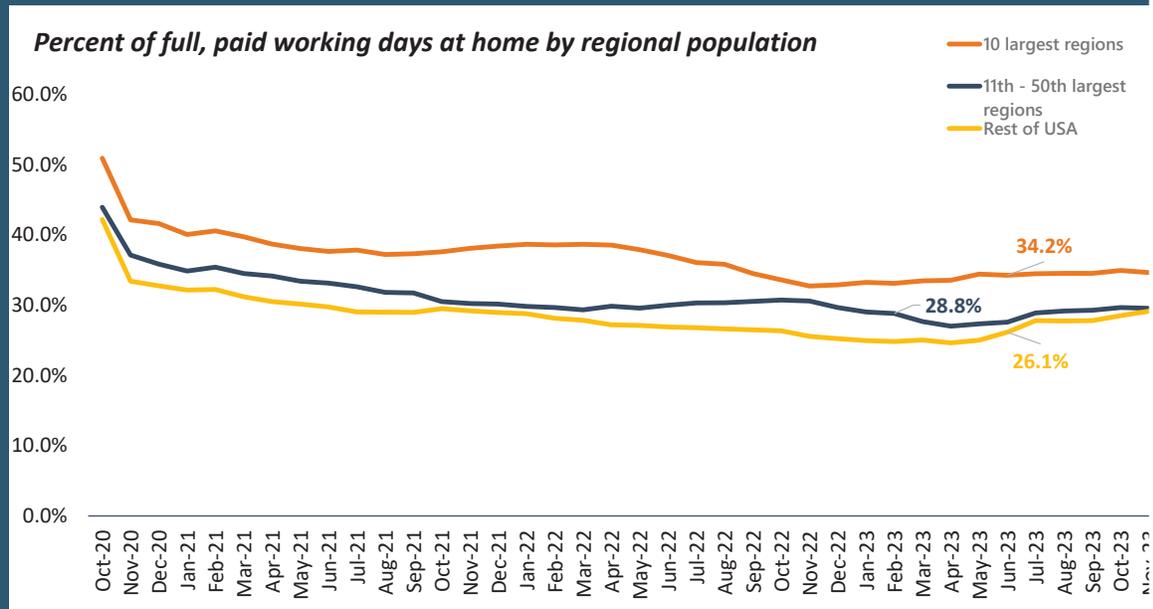
Survey of Working Attitudes and Arrangements (SWAA)



Source: Survey of Working Attitudes and Arrangements (SWAA), current as of December 5, 2023. See www.wfhresearch.com

Work-from-home varies by region

- Work-from-home highest in big regions
- Difference between big and small regions stays similar

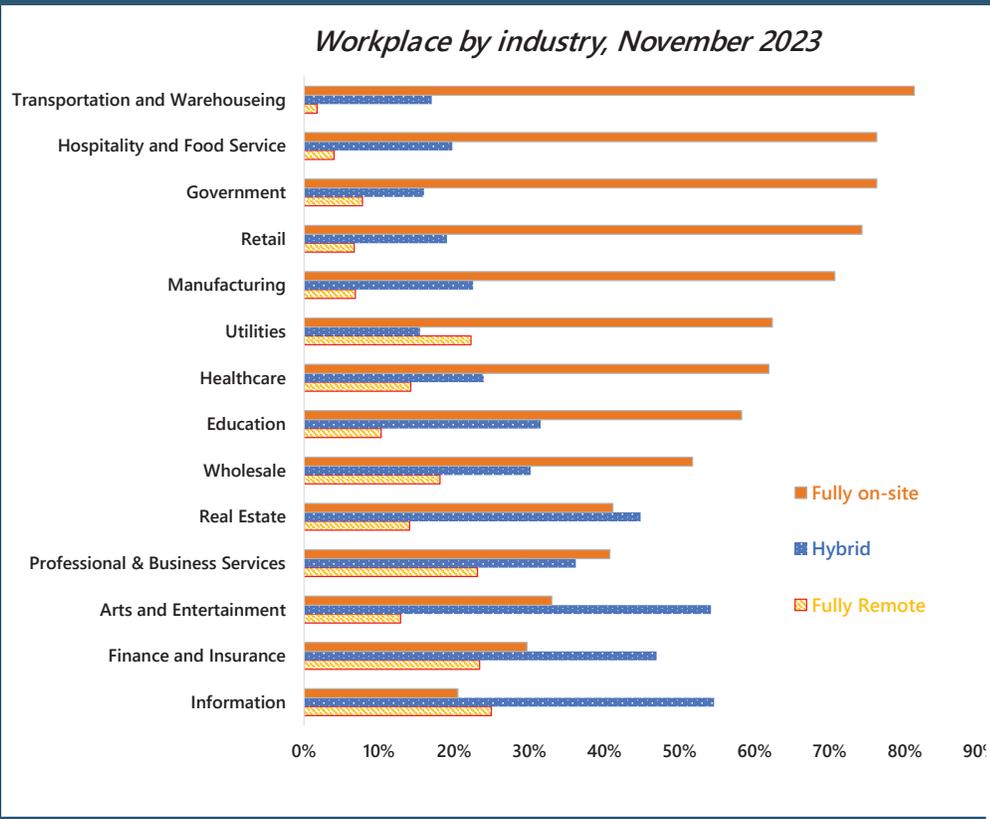


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Industry composition explains a lot of the variation in Work-from-home

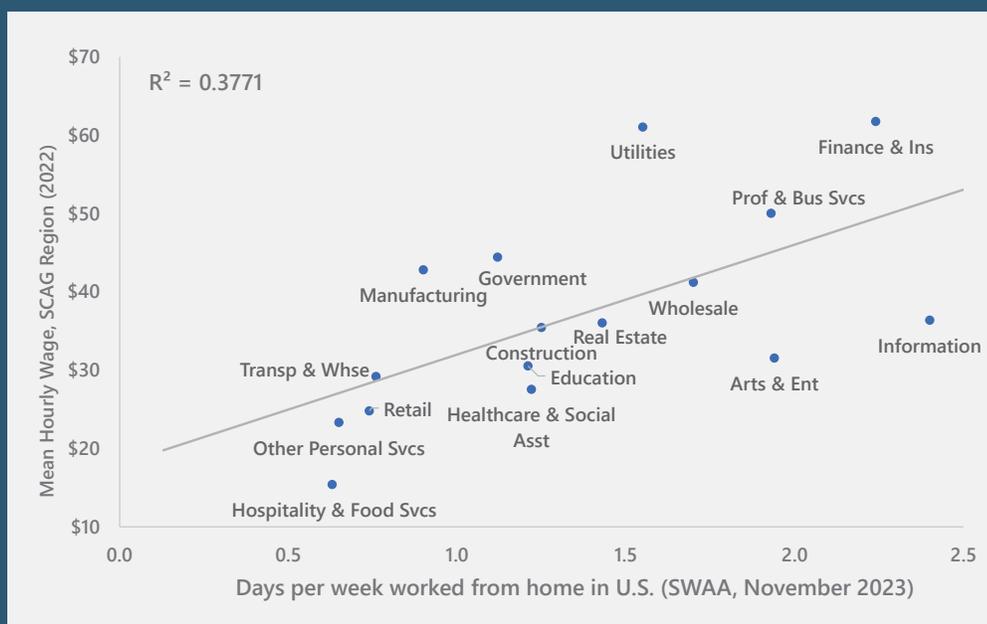
- **Most on-site:**
 - Transportation and Warehousing (81%),
 - Hospitality and Food Service (76%)
- **Most fully remote**
 - Information (25%),
 - Finance and Insurance (23%)
- **Most hybrid:**
 - Information (55%),
 - Arts and Entertainment (54%)
- Work-from-home expected to be higher in coastal, rather than inland SCAG counties



Source: Survey of Working Attitudes and Arrangements (SWAA), current as of December 5, 2023. See www.wfhresearch.com

Work-from-home potential is generally higher in high-wage industries and occupations

- Ability to work from home not distributed equitably
- Policy focus: Job quality
 - Which industries are growing?
- Will this relationship persist?
 - Work-from-home benefits "worth" 8% of pay (Economist/Gallup)¹
 - Post-pandemic wage gains have been highest in lower-earning occupations (NBER)²



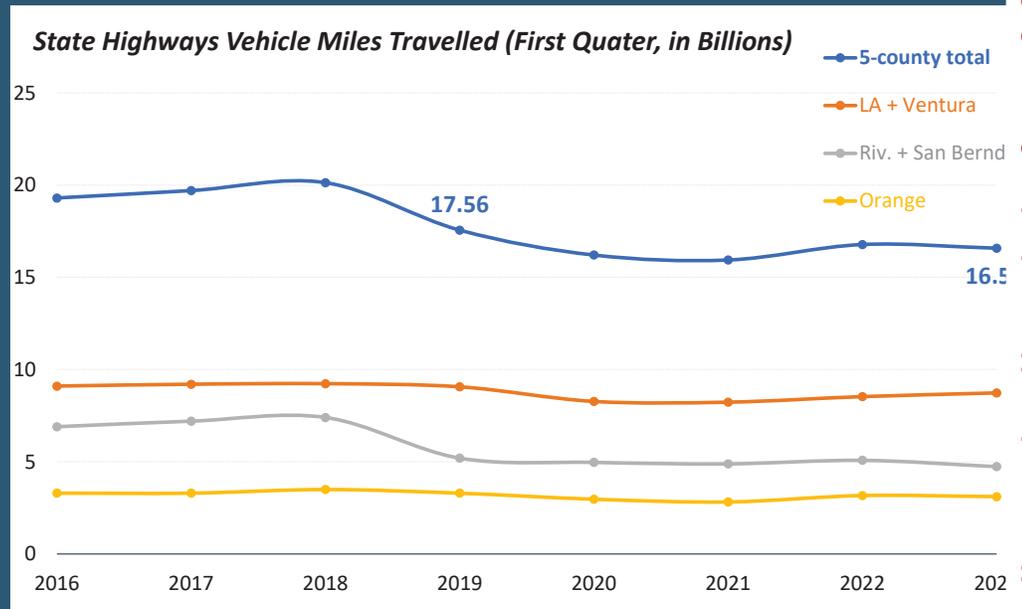
Data Sources: Census Quarterly Workforce Indicators, Survey of Working Attitudes and Arrangements (SWAA) current as of December 5, 2023. See www.wfhresearch.com.

1) <https://www.economist.com/business/2023/07/10/the-fight-over-working-from-home-goes-global>

2) Autor, Dube, and McGrew 2023. *The unexpected compression: Competition at work in the low-wage labor market*. NBER Working Paper 31010. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w31010>

Effects of less commuting: A high-level comparison

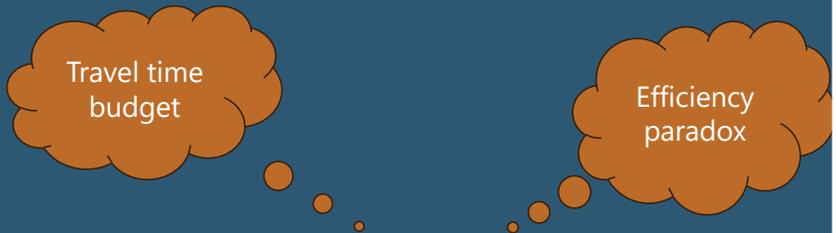
- Commuting's share of percent of personal miles traveled (PMT, US):
 - 2017: 23%
 - 2022: 15.5%
- Regional Freeway VMT is 5.6% lower in 2023 than 2019 (pre-COVID)



Data Sources: 2017 and 2022 National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), Caltrans First Quarter District Mobility Performance Reports (PEMS 1.4x)

Rebound Effect

- Reduced commute opens space in peoples' schedules... *and on roadways*
 - Remote workers making additional trips when they work from home, or at other times
 - Hybrid or remote workers relocating farther from work

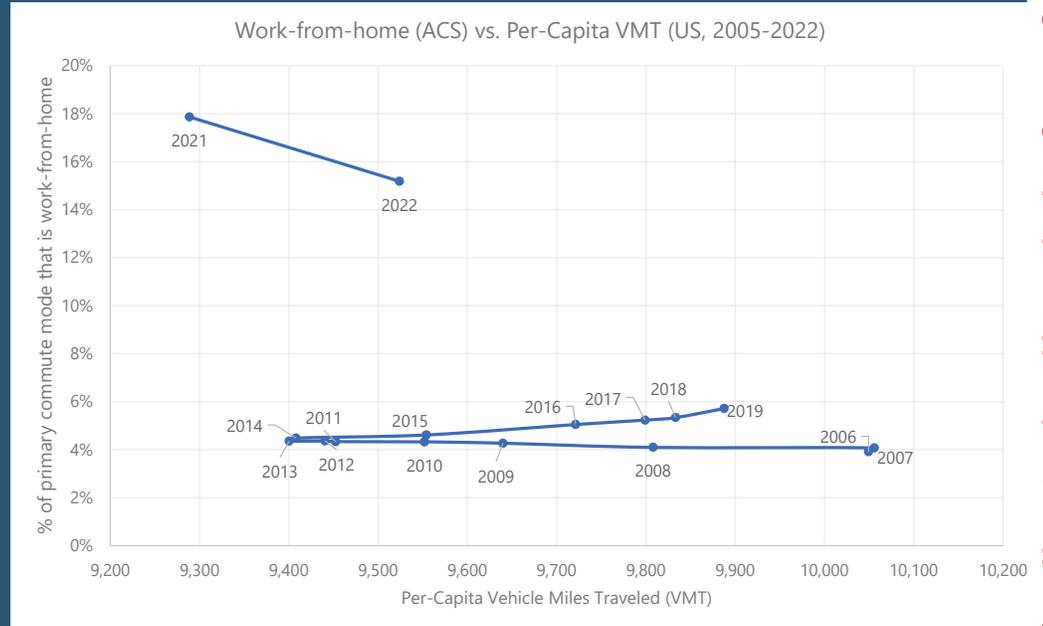


Source: Speroni, S. and Taylor, B. 2023. The future of working away from work and daily travel: A research synthesis. UCLA Reports, 3 March. Doi: 10.17610/T64W3D

Relationship between Work-from-home and total travel

National-level comparison

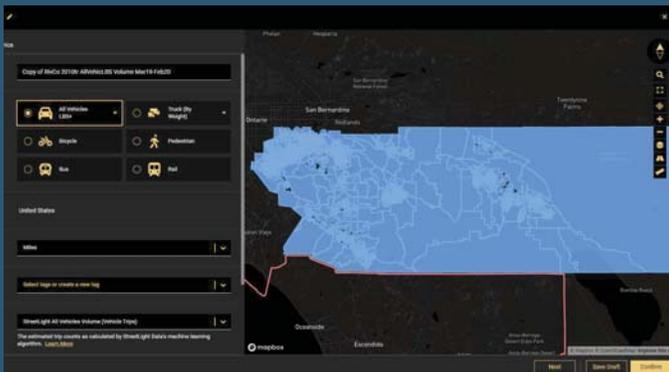
- 2006-2014:
 - Work-from-home stable, Great Recession
- 2014-2019:
 - Work-from-home increases, economy gradually improves
- 2021-2022
 - Work-from-home triples, VMT/capita comparable to ~2013



Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Volume Trends, 2023 and American Community Survey 1-yea samples

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New Data and research – what might reduce VMT/capita?



- Streetlight Data availability:
 - Days, not years
 - Parcels, not counties
- Does the built environment impact travel demand differently after COVID?¹
 - Residential density and low-speed streets meant lower VMT in 2019... and 2021
 - Areas with higher job (activity) density had less of a rebound
 - Presence of children dramatically increases VMT in 2021. *Changes to adults' activity patterns were stickier after COVID?*

1. Kane, K. and Zheng, H. 2023. *Revisiting the built environment-VMT relationship after COVID-19*. North American Regional Science Meetings, San Diego, November.



CONNECT SOCIAL 2024

Assumptions and strategies

The Plan's targets:

- Federal transportation conformity
- State, SB 375: **Greenhouse Gas Emissions per capita**

Source: Draft Connect SoCal 2024

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Achieving the Target

SCAG is required to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles. This can be done through strategies like transitioning to cleaner vehicles or reducing driving by making it easier to take alternative modes of travel. There are other factors that influence how much people in the region drive that are often outside of our control, like demographics changes and our increasingly aging population. With a suite of strategies to support reduced GHG emissions combined with other factors, Connect SoCal meets its GHG emission reduction target of 19 percent by the year 2035.



2035 GHG Emission Reductions



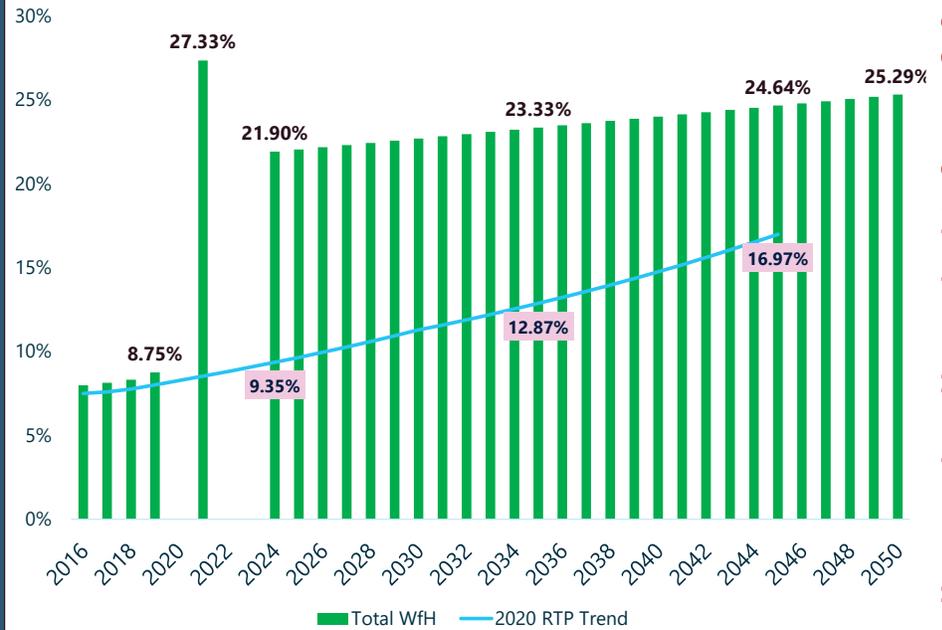
How did we get here?

- Land Use:** Local land use plans enable development in places where people can take shorter trips and access alternative modes of transportation.
- Pricing/User Fees:** User fees like road user charges, cordon pricing and parking generate revenues but must be designed with policies to address fairness and equity concerns.
- Transit and Shared Mobility:** Expansion and enhancement of the regional transit system as well as shared mobility options allow for more convenient and accessible travel options throughout the region.
- Active Transportation:** New bike lanes and improvements to pedestrian infrastructure within communities across the region provide more options for short trips.
- Other:** Other strategies that contribute to lesser, but important, reductions in GHG emissions include electric vehicle incentives, parking deregulation and car share.

This Plan relies on many strategies to reduce GHGs. Many strategies, like land use and transit enhancements, also work to improve the region's accessibility.

Connect SoCal 2024 Model Assumption – Work from Home

- Office workers embrace hybrid more in the near term (see e.g. UC-Davis survey¹)
- Connect SoCal baseline shows gradual increase, mirroring long-run ACS trend
- Blue line: comparison with Connect SoCal 2020 assumption
 - *Difference in days worked at home versus last plan's long-range assumption: +7.7%*



¹ Circella, G., Iogansen, X., and Malik, J. Change in work arrangement during the COVID-19 pandemic: A large shift to telework and hybrid work. UC-Davis Institute of Transportation Studies Report, 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Program.

Regional Planning Policies & Implementation Strategies

- Work from Home does not appear to directly reduce VMT. Leverage its (co-)benefits with:
 - PLACEMAKING
 - MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION
 - REIMAGINING TRANSIT

Key example →

Key example: ↓

15-Minute Communities

- 42. Promote 15-minute communities as places with a mix of complementary land uses and accessible mobility options that align with and support the diversity of places (or communities) across the region. These are communities where residents can either access their most basic, day-to-day needs within a 15-minute walk, bike ride or roll from their home or as places that result in fewer and shorter trips because of the proximity of complementary land uses
- 43. Support communities across the region to realize 15-minute communities through incremental changes that improve equity, quality of life, public health, mobility, sustainability, resilience and economic vitality
- 44. Encourage efforts that elevate innovative approaches to increasing access to neighborhood destinations and amenities through an array of people-centered mobility options

15-Minute Communities

*Develop technical-assistance resources and research that support 15-minute communities across the SCAG region by deploying strategies that include, but are not limited to, redeveloping underutilized properties and increasing access to neighborhood amenities, open space and urban greening, job centers and multimodal mobility options

Lead

Partner: Local jurisdictions, private developers

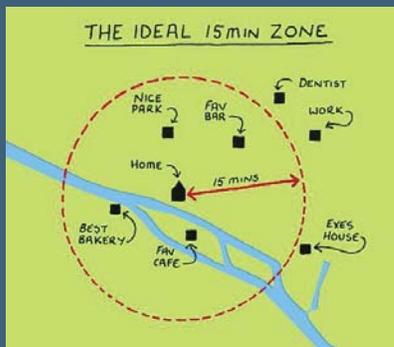
*Identify and pursue funding programs and partnerships for local jurisdictions across the region to realize 15-minute communities

Partner

Partner: COGs, SGC, local jurisdictions

* (Asterisks) denote strategies that support quantified GHG emission strategies that help to reach SCAG's target.

Sample of Connect SoCal 2024 Policies & Strategies



15-minute communities:

- Regional Planning Policies #42 through 44
- Direct technical assistance and collaboration on funding programs.



TDM Strategies:

- \$16.9B allocated though 2050.
- Regional Planning Policies #14 through 16.
- SCAG to partner with local jurisdictions, CTCs, TMAs/TMOs



Mobility Hubs:

- Target investments in a set of prioritized hubs
- Regional Planning Policies #7 through 11
- Support transit/rail agencies, jurisdictions, CTCs



Broadband Access:

- SCAG Resolution 21-629-2
- Regional Planning Policies #75 through 80
- Permit streamlining efforts, secure grant funding for underserved areas

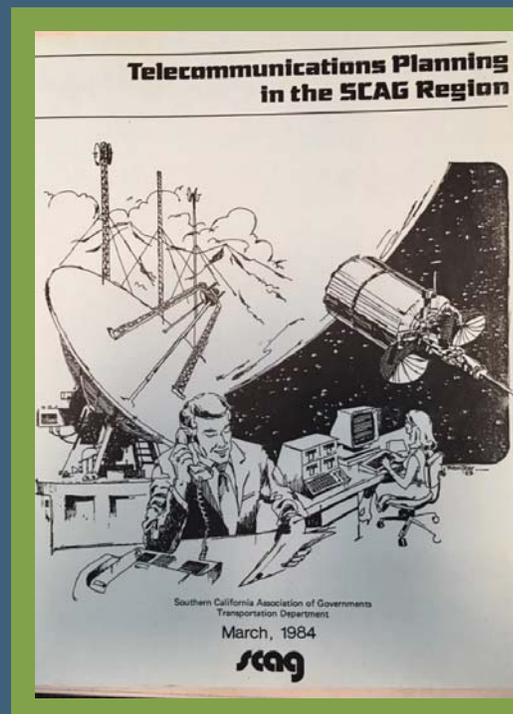


Safe Routes to School:

- Multiple Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) grants approved
- Focus investment on high injury network; near K-12
- Partnership role

Some Conclusions

- Expect 20 – 25 percent of future work days to be off-site
- Work-from-Home roughly tripled. VMT is ~5-6% lower
- Work-from-home is **not available** to the majority of workers and industries
- Connect SoCal focuses on placemaking and mobility integration to leverage Work from Home (co-)benefits
- We continue to monitor the latest regional data & insights.



What's old is new again in regional planning...



THANK YOU!

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Southern California Association of Governments
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To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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Subject: Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies

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 November 2023, SCAG released the draft Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The draft Connect SoCal 2024 is the first plan to include proposed Implementation Strategies. The Implementation Strategies build upon the draft Regional Planning Policies, which were recommended for inclusion in the plan by the Regional Council in July 2023. SCAG’s methods of implementation can include leading, partnering or supporting other responsible parties and can vary from convening, research, or resource roles, depending on the specific strategy. Due to the short-term nature of this plan element, staff anticipates robust feedback on the Implementation Strategies through the public comment period, which will close on January 12, 2024. Input received on this and other elements of the plan will be reviewed and addressed by staff and reported back to the policy committees for action on March 7, 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, incorporates 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.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Adopted in June 2022 by the Regional Council, the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 documented the policy direction and development of several emerging issues and policy priorities. It also detailed the establishment of the special Connect SoCal 2024 subcommittees.

In March 2023, staff presented proposed updates to this Policy Development Framework to the Joint Policy Committee by introducing a set of Regional Planning Policies. The Regional Planning Policies provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation planning to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. The Implementation Strategies included in the draft Connect SoCal 2024 articulate priorities for SCAG to implement the RTP/SCS by fulfilling or going beyond the related Regional Planning Policies. Generally, successful implementation of Connect SoCal relies on many actors and decisions makers beyond SCAG. These strategies represent near term efforts where SCAG will lead, partner, or support other responsible parties and will be further specified as part of SCAG's Overall Work Program development process.

Attached is Chapter 3.4 of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 which provides the complete list of Implementation Strategies. The Implementation Strategies are organized by Regional Planning Policy categories within the four Connect SoCal goal areas of Mobility, Communities, Environment and Economy.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Staff shared the draft Regional Planning Policies and solicited feedback from key stakeholders including but not limited to: County Transportation Council (CTC) Planning Directors, Subregional Executive Directors, SCAG's Regional Planning Working Groups, Technical Working Group (TWG), Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC), and the Global Land Use & Economic (GLUE) Council. There were comments provided requesting more details on the Regional Planning Policies. Staff used this additional feedback to develop the specific Implementation Strategies.

Following release of the draft of Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG held briefings with elected officials in each County of the region and three public hearings in November and December 2023. SCAG is also accepting public comment on the draft Plan through January 12, 2024.

NEXT STEPS:

Following close of the comment period, SCAG staff will respond to all comments and make relevant adjustments, if needed, and seek approval of the final Connect SoCal 2024 in April 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).

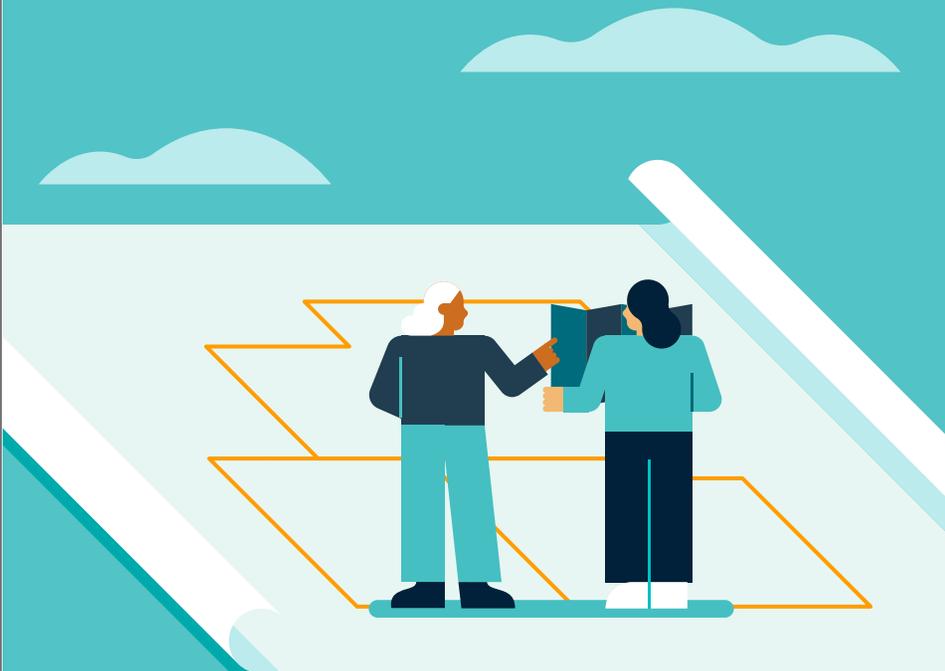


ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Connect_SoCal_Implementation_Strategies
2. PowerPoint Presentation - Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies

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Plan Fulfillment



SCAG is just one of many governments and public agencies that collectively plan, construct, operate and maintain the region’s transportation system. However, SCAG has no authority to implement transportation projects.

Likewise, SCAG’s work in developing a regional land use pattern helps to facilitate local development projects, but SCAG has no land use or decision-making authority.

This Plan allows public agencies that implement transportation projects to do so in a coordinated manner and charts a course for local governments to sustainably accommodate future development. SCAG can support these direct implementation efforts by providing policy leadership, research or targeted resources.

IMPLEMENTATION

Strategies at Work

The following set of Implementation Strategies articulate priorities for SCAG efforts in fulfilling or going beyond the Regional Planning Policies. This includes areas where SCAG will Lead, Partner or Support other responsible parties. SCAG's methods of implementation can vary from collaborative policy leadership, research or resource roles like the examples discussed in Chapter 2.

Generally, successful implementation of Connect SoCal relies on many actors, including decision-makers beyond SCAG. These strategies represent near-term efforts to be undertaken by SCAG, in collaboration with other agencies and local jurisdictions, that will be further specified as part of SCAG's Overall Work Program development process.



To implement Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG will collaborate with local jurisdictions, transportation agencies and stakeholders to advance local planning efforts by providing resources, research and data, technical assistance and grant programs.

Mobility

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
System Preservation and Resilience		
Per federal requirements, establish and monitor regional targets for pavement conditions, bridge conditions and transit/rail assets, in coordination with Caltrans	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Repair, operate, maintain and preserve the SCAG region's transportation assets in a state of good repair	Support	Lead: Caltrans, local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Collaborate to work toward a regional asset management approach	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Evaluate projects submitted for inclusion in the FTIP and RTP/SCS according to contributions in achieving system-performance targets	Lead	Support: Caltrans, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Complete Streets		
Support implementation of Complete Streets demonstrations (including those addressing curb space management) to accommodate and optimize new technologies and micromobility devices, first/last mile connections to transit and last-mile deliveries	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Support community-led Complete Streets plans and projects, including those that take into account how to mitigate or adapt to climate change impacts (e.g., extreme heat)	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Encourage data-driven approaches to inform Complete Streets policies	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Develop a Complete Streets network and integrate Complete Streets into regional policies and plans, including consideration of their impacts on equity areas	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Engage regional stakeholders in Complete Streets policy and plan development, implementation and evaluation	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Provide leadership at the state and regional levels to promote Complete Streets, including involvement on the statewide Complete Streets Advisory Committee and the Active Transportation Technical Advisory Committee	Lead	n/a

Mobility

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Transit and Multimodal Integration		
* All Modes. Increase multimodal connectivity (e.g., first/last mile transit and airport connections), which includes planning for and developing mobility hubs throughout the SCAG region	Support	Lead: Transit/rail agencies, local jurisdictions, CTCs
All Modes. Enable a more seamless mobility experience through the implementation of Mobility as a Service (MaaS). This may include leveraging Cal-ITP’s support, initiate open-loop payment demonstrations, and test shared-product systems and post-payment solutions.	Support	Lead: Transit/rail agencies, local jurisdictions Support: Private sector companies
* All Modes. Test, deploy and scale new and shared mobility services, including micromobility (e.g., bike share, e-scooters, etc.) and microtransit pilot projects	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, transit/rail agencies, private sector companies
Transit/Rail. Expand the region’s dedicated lanes network—including new bus rapid transit, dedicated bus lanes, express bus service on managed and express lanes—as well as the region’s urban and passenger rail network and transit/rail signal priority treatments. Improve transit/rail frequency, reliability, and fare and scheduling integration across operators	Partner and Support	Lead: Transit/rail agencies, CTCs Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions
Transit/Rail. Improve transit/rail safety and security for riders, including promoting best practices through SCAG advisory committees and working groups	Support	Lead: Transit/rail agencies, CTCs, local jurisdictions
* Transit/Rail. Through land use planning, build residential development along high-frequency transit corridors and around transit/rail facilities and centers	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions Support: Transit/rail agencies, CTCs
* Active Transportation. Support community-led active transportation and safety plans, projects and programs (e.g., Safe Routes to Schools) Partner with local jurisdictions on demonstrations and quick-build projects through SCAG’s <i>Go Human</i> initiative	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
* Active Transportation. Expand the region’s networks of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This includes creating more low stress facilities, such as separated bikeways and bike paths, slow streets, and open streets	Partner and Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions Partner and Support: CTCs
Streets and Freeways. Reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways or railways that create barriers to community connectivity	Partner	Partner: local jurisdictions, CTCs, Caltrans

* (Asterisks) denote strategies that support quantified GHG emission strategies that help to reach SCAG’s target.

Mobility

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Transportation System Management		
Develop a regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) plan that integrates Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies to maximize the efficiency of the existing and future transportation system	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, transit/rail agencies
Evaluate projects submitted for inclusion in RTP/SCS and FTIP for progress in achieving travel-time reliability in the SCAG region	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, transit/rail agencies
Transportation Demand Management		
Incentivize and promote the development of more Transportation Management Agencies/Organizations (TMAs/TMOs)	Support	Lead: CTCs
Facilitate partnerships and provide a forum between public and private sector TDM practitioners and stakeholders to develop and implement policies, plans and programs that encourage the use of transportation alternatives	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, air district, TMAs/TMOs
Develop and promote the use of a regional TDM data clearinghouse. Leverage data and TDM Toolbox best practices to identify cost-effective strategies	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, TMAs/TMOs
Collaborate to develop regional and localized marketing campaigns that promote TDM modes such as transit, carpool, walking and biking to school	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies
Technology Integration		
Develop a Smart Cities Vision Plan, and periodically revise the Technology Guiding Principles to inventory existing policies, evaluate emerging technologies, recommend best practices, implement ITS priorities, assess current trends and research, identify pilot opportunities and improve transportation system safety and efficiency	Lead	Support: SCAG Policy committees, Caltrans, CTCs, local jurisdictions
Provide local technical assistance grants in support of innovative technology solutions that reduce VMT and GHG emissions. Pursue funding and partners to continue the testing and deployment of emerging technologies	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CBOs, CTCs, SCAG policy committees

Mobility

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Technology Integration (continued)		
Implement ITS priorities to improve the safety and efficiency of the current transportation system	Partner	Lead: CTCs Support: FHWA, Caltrans, local jurisdictions.
Further develop a Regional Configuration Management process among CTCs, Caltrans districts, ports and local governments to ensure consistent and compatible integration of ITS technologies and interoperable operations	Support	Lead: Caltrans, local jurisdictions, CTCs
Conduct regional assessment of current and planned Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) implementation in the SCAG region to determine opportunity zones for future deployments and develop toolkits and best practices for local jurisdictions	Lead	Support: CTCs, Caltrans, local jurisdictions
Safety		
Integrate equity into regional safety and security planning processes through analysis of the disproportionate impacts on disadvantaged communities and vulnerable roadway users, like pedestrians, bicyclists, older adults and young people	Partner	Partner: CTCs, Caltrans, local jurisdictions, CBOs, regional bike/ped organizations
Promote implementation of data-driven approaches to guide transportation safety and security investment decision-making, including development of High Injury Networks and innovative safety modeling tools	Lead	Partner: Local jurisdictions Support: Caltrans, FHWA
Provide leadership at the state and regional levels to promote transportation safety and security planning, including involvement on the statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee and Executive Leadership Committee	Lead	Partner: Caltrans, regional safety stakeholder groups
Evaluate projects submitted for inclusion in RTP/SCS and FTIP for their progress in achieving safety targets in the SCAG region	Lead	Partner: Caltrans, CTCs Support: Transit/rail agencies
Work with local, state and federal partners to advance safer roadways, including reduced speeds to achieve zero deaths and reduce GHGs	Partner	Partner: Local jurisdictions, Caltrans, FHWA

Mobility

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Funding the System/User Pricing		
*Coordinate with local, regional, state and national partners to support transition to a mileage-based user fee	Support	Lead: Caltrans, FHWA Support: CTCs
*Support local and regional partners on implementation of dynamic and congestion-based pricing programs, including facilitation of regional coordination	Support	Lead: Caltrans, CTCs Support: Local jurisdictions, FHWA
*Continue development and support for job-center parking pricing, including through Smart Cities and the Mobility Innovations Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) grant program	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions Support: CTCs
*Continue to coordinate with regional partners to support build-out of regional express lanes network	Support	Lead: Caltrans, CTCs, toll authorities Support: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies
Study and pilot transportation user-fee programs and mitigation measures that increase equitable mobility	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, local jurisdictions, mobility service providers, CBOs, regional partners
Conduct education and outreach work to support the public acceptance of user fees	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, transit/rail agencies

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Communities

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Priority Development Areas		
Support local jurisdictions and implementing agencies' strategies to promote plans and projects within PDAs by providing awards, grants and technical assistance	Support	Partner: Local jurisdictions, private developers, SGC, partner agencies
Develop housing in areas with existing and planned infrastructure and availability of multimodal options, and where a critical mass of activity can promote location efficiency	Partner	Partner: Local jurisdictions
Housing the Region		
Provide technical assistance for jurisdictions to complete and implement their housing elements and support local governments and Tribal Entities to advance housing production	Partner	Partner: Local jurisdictions
Identify and pursue partnerships at the local, regional, state and federal levels to align utility, transit and infrastructure investments with housing development and equitable outcomes across the region	Partner	Partner: Local jurisdictions, partner agencies and infrastructure providers, such as utilities
Research and explore innovative homeownership models that can reduce costs and increase housing production in the region. Explore strategies to engage households of color and communities that are underrepresented as homeowners	Support	Partner: Local jurisdictions, partner agencies
Research community stabilization (anti-displacement) resources that can be utilized to address displacement pressures, such as preservation and tenant protections for communities across the region and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing	Support	Partner: Local jurisdictions, partner agencies
15-Minute Communities		
*Develop technical-assistance resources and research that support 15-minute communities across the SCAG region by deploying strategies that include, but are not limited to, redeveloping underutilized properties and increasing access to neighborhood amenities, open space and urban greening, job centers and multimodal mobility options	Lead	Partner: Local jurisdictions, private developers
*Identify and pursue funding programs and partnerships for local jurisdictions across the region to realize 15-minute communities	Partner	Partner: COGs, SGC, local jurisdictions

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Communities

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making		
Develop an Equity Assessment Tool that can be utilized by SCAG in program development and delivery, and develop a complementary tool that can be incorporated into local assistance/subrecipient programming and delivery	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs
Develop an agency-wide Community Based Organization (CBO) Partnering Strategy that outlines tools and resources for partnering with CBOs to increase inclusive and equitable engagement opportunities	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs
Develop a pilot program that prioritizes comprehensive solutions, capacity building, engagement, planning and investment in the most underserved communities in the region (one in each county during the pilot phase)	Partner	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs
Develop a resource guide and training for equitable and culturally relevant stakeholder engagement for public agencies, including SCAG, that recognizes community contexts and histories, existing community resources and engagement opportunities	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs
Align with appropriate state and federal partners to identify and utilize equity-centered measures to track outcomes, progress and lessons learned from Connect SoCal implementation	Partner	Partner: State and federal agencies

Environment

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Sustainable Development		
Monitor and pursue funding opportunities that can foster sustainable and equitable land use and development across the SCAG region. Explore the feasibility of creating a pilot grant program to support local planning and/or implementation	Lead	Partner: Local jurisdictions
Research the availability of resources that can support the development of water and energy-efficient building practices, including green infrastructure	Lead	n/a
Air Quality		
Coordinate with local, regional, state and federal partners to meet federal and state ambient air-quality standards and improve public health	Partner	Partner: Partner: Air districts, CARB, U.S. EPA, CTCs, local jurisdictions
Support local and regional partners by identifying funding opportunities that will help achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction and provide technical assistance and resources, when available	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CBOs, regional partners
Clean Transportation		
Maintain a robust Clean Technology Program that focuses on planning, research, evaluation, stakeholder support and advocacy	Lead	Partner: CTCs, private sector companies
Share information and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions and operators on opportunities to upgrade their fleets and accelerate deployment of supporting infrastructure	Lead	Partner: Local jurisdictions, transit/rail agencies, CTCs
Investigate how zero-emission vehicles can strengthen resilience through vehicle-to-grid technologies or other opportunities where batteries can be used to enhance capacity of renewable energy sources	Lead	n/a
Investigate opportunities to install charging stations that can be used by multi-unit dwellers that don't have the same opportunities for charging as single-family homeowners	Lead	Lead: Local jurisdictions

Environment

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Clean Transportation (continued)		
Facilitate development of EV charging infrastructure through public-private partnerships	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions
*Assist local jurisdictions in developing an incentive program to further adoption of zero-emission passenger vehicles	Lead	Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs federal and state agencies
Support the deployment of clean transit and technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of the CARB innovative clean technology (ICT) rule	Partner and Support	Lead: Transit/rail agencies, CTCs Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions
Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation		
Identify and leverage resources for research, policies and programs to conserve and restore natural and agricultural lands	Lead	Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, local universities, research institutions
Explore opportunities to increase and quantify the carbon sequestration potential and resilience benefits of natural and agricultural lands—and pursue funding for implementation and demonstration projects	Lead	Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, local universities, research institutions
Work with implementation agencies to support, establish or supplement regional advance mitigation programs (RAMP) for regionally significant transportation projects to mitigate environmental impacts, reduce per-capita VMT and provide mitigation opportunities through the Intergovernmental Review Process	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies
Continue efforts to support partners in identifying priority conservation areas—including habitat, wildlife corridors, and natural and agricultural lands—for permanent protection	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, regional partners
Support the integration of nature-based solutions into implementing agency plans to address urban heat, organic waste reduction, habitat and wildlife corridor restoration, greenway connectivity and similar efforts	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies

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Environment

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Climate Resilience		
Support use of systems-based risk-management methods and tools to help implementation agencies identify and reduce resilience risks for vulnerable communities	Support	Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, regional partners
Develop partnerships and programs to support local and regional climate adaptation, mitigation and resilience initiatives	Lead	Partner and Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, CBOs, local universities
Provide local and regional partners with resources, education and trainings to identify and protect areas vulnerable to climate effects and other resilience shocks and stressors, particularly for low-income communities and communities of color	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, CBOs
Support implementing agencies' efforts to include climate-ready home-hardening strategies in housing construction to minimize the potential loss of housing units stemming from climate-related hazards	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, business community, CBOs
Research existing and potential options to fund the climate resilience efforts of implementation agencies	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, business community, CBOs
Support integration of climate vulnerability assessments into infrastructure planning and delivery for implementing agencies	Support	Lead: CTCs, transit/rail agencies
Collaborate with partners to foster adoption of systems and technologies that can reduce water demand and/or increase water supply, such as alternative groundwater recharge technologies, stormwater capture systems, urban cooling infrastructure and greywater usage systems	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs, partner agencies, business community, CBOs

Economy

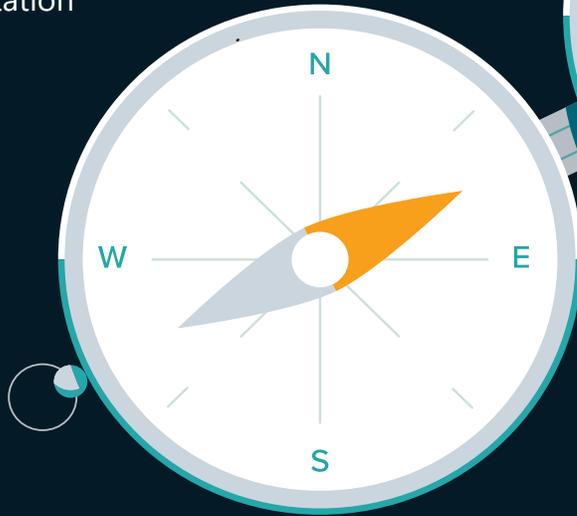
STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Goods Movement		
Leverage the Last Mile Freight Program to develop and implement operational concepts with a core focus on last-mile delivery strategies across urban and rural communities	Lead	Support: CTCs, local jurisdictions, CBOs, Caltrans
Manage the implementation and transition to near-zero and zero-emission technologies for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and supporting infrastructure	Partner	Support: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), private sector companies, local jurisdictions
Facilitate the development of integrated rail partnerships between passenger/commuter rail, private rail operators and public agencies to advance investment opportunities	Lead	Support: Ports, Class I Railroads, CTCs
Engage communities throughout the SCAG region on environmental justice concerns, economic needs and workforce development priorities	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, CBOs
Perform a complete update to the SCAG Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy, including assessment of innovative strategies and concepts	Lead	Support: Consultant
Continue to coordinate with federal and state partners on goods movement planning efforts, including the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP), to position the SCAG region for further funding opportunities	Lead	Support: U.S. DOT, Federal Railroad Administration, Maritime Administration
Broadband		
Implement “Dig-Once Dig-Smart” policies to install broadband, EV charging stations and Smart Cities related infrastructure whenever highway/roadway improvements occur	Support	Lead: Local jurisdictions, CTCs/Caltrans
Promote the use of a regional or statewide universal permit, ordinance and fee for expedited broadband, EV charging and Smart Cities infrastructure deployment	Lead	Support: CTCs, Caltrans, local jurisdictions
Secure grant funding for underserved local jurisdictions for broadband infrastructure development	Lead	Support: Local jurisdictions, regional broadband consortiums, state agencies

Economy

STRATEGY	SCAG ROLE	OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Universal Basic Mobility		
Form partnerships with affordable housing developers in the region to subsidize a range of transportation services that improve livability, lower transportation costs, and expand travel choices and access to opportunity for low-income households	Partner	Lead: Affordable housing developers, local jurisdictions CTCs, transit/rail agencies, mobility providers
Continue to develop an understanding of low-income travel patterns and needs, and the impact of shocks (e.g., COVID and telework adoption) on low-income travel	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, transit/rail agencies
Pursue and encourage outreach opportunities with low-income populations, particularly drivers	Lead	Support: Caltrans, CTCs, local jurisdictions
Workforce Development		
Provide technical assistance to help local jurisdictions realize their economic and workforce-development goals	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions
Encourage the growth of, and equitable access to, family-supporting jobs throughout the region	Partner	Lead: Local jurisdictions, employers, educational institutions
Develop resources for understanding, analyzing and communicating complex regional economic and workforce data	Lead	Partner: Workforce development boards, community colleges, local jurisdictions, employers
Tourism		
Initiate and organize regular meetings between agencies that manage travel and tourism in the region and state to better inform planning efforts and align with travel and tourism needs—particularly with upcoming, large-scale events that include the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Summer Olympics	Support	Lead: Travel and tourism agencies, FHWA, FTA, FLMAs, Caltrans, CTCs, transit/rail agencies, local jurisdictions

Connect SoCal 2024

Draft Plan:
Implementation
Strategies



Plan Elements



Regional Planning Policies

Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

Project List

Details plan investments

Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

Demonstrates where the region can sustainably accommodate jobs and needed housing

Regional Strategic Investments

Address the gap between local plans and regional performance targets and goals

Implementation Strategies

Guide where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation



Plan Implementation



**SCAG
leads
the
region**

Establishes the vision, defining regional goals and strategies

Ensures collaboration between jurisdictions and agency partners

Identifies and administers funding for the region's projects

Performs research throughout the region

Assists membership partners in the implementation of Connect SoCal projects

Provides resources to its regional membership

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Policy Categories by Goal



MOBILITY

- System Preservation and Resilience
- Complete Streets
- Transit and Multimodal Integration
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management
- Technology Integration*
- Safety
- Funding the System/User Fees

COMMUNITIES

- Priority Development Areas
- Housing the Region*
- 15 Minute Communities*
- Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making*

ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable Development
- Air Quality
- Clean Transportation
- Natural & Agricultural Lands Preservation
- Climate Resilience*

ECONOMY

- Goods Movement
- Broadband*
- Universal Basic Mobility*
- Workforce Development*
- Tourism

*New policy area for Connect SoCal 2024

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Mobility Examples



Complete Streets: Support implementation of Complete Streets demonstrations (including those addressing curb space management) to accommodate and optimize new technologies and micromobility devices, first/last mile connections to transit and last-mile deliveries

Transit and Multimodal Integration: Improve transit/rail safety and security for riders, including promoting best practices through SCAG advisory committees and working groups

Funding the System/User Pricing: Coordinate with local, regional, state and national partners to support transition to a mileage-based user fee



Communities Examples



Housing the Region: Provide technical assistance for jurisdictions to complete and implement their housing elements and support local governments and Tribal Entities to advance housing production

15-Minute Communities: Identify and pursue funding programs and partnerships for local jurisdictions across the region to realize 15-minute communities

Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making: Develop an agency-wide Community Based Organization (CBO) Partnering Strategy that outlines tools and resources for partnering with CBOs to increase inclusive and equitable engagement opportunities



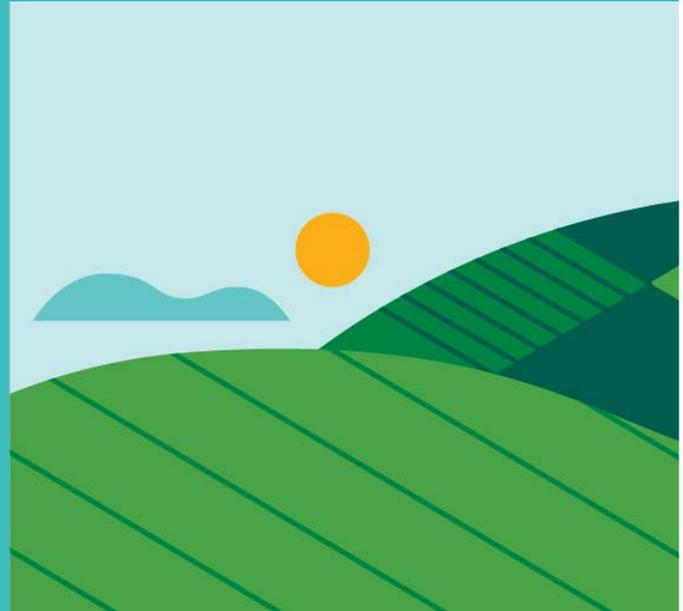
Environment Examples



Sustainable Development: Research the availability of resources that can support the development of water and energy-efficient building practices, including green infrastructure

Clean Transportation: Investigate opportunities to install charging stations that can be used by multiunit dwellers that don't have the same opportunities for charging as single-family homeowners

Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation: Identify and leverage resources for research, policies and programs to conserve and restore natural and agricultural lands



Economy Examples



Goods Movement: Leverage the Last Mile Freight Program to develop and implement operational concepts with a core focus on last-mile delivery strategies across urban and rural communities

Universal Basic Mobility: Form partnerships with affordable housing developers in the region to subsidize a range of transportation services that improve livability, lower transportation costs, and expand travel choices and access to opportunity for low-income households

Workforce Development: Encourage the growth of, and equitable access to, family-supporting jobs throughout the region



Give Your Comments on the Plan



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Comments online or by mail by January 12, 2024



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The Southern California Association of Governments' 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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Subject: REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:

Information Only – No Action Required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

SCAG has framed the REAP funding into three umbrella categories:

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

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

The last update was presented to the CEHD Committee at its July 6, 2023 meeting and SCAG staff intends to continue providing program updates on a bi-annual basis. In addition, as the REAP funded programs begin to produce results and deliverables, staff will coordinate presentations to the CEHD committee on the impacts and lessons learned in the program.

REAP Program Administration

AB 101 originally required that all REAP 1.0 funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. SB 197, which was enacted on June 30, 2022 and immediately took effect, extended the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline to December 31, 2024.

REAP Program Updates

1. Partnerships and Outreach

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

1) Subregional Partnership Program

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

Over 70 SRP projects were developed under SRP. Because completion timelines vary, SCAG staff has been preparing a closeout report for each project.

A few recently completed projects include:

- Establishing a program for a regional housing trust for ongoing revenue for housing production (Westside Cities Council of Governments, Gateway Cities Council of Governments).
- Developing a Site Inventory Tool to enable jurisdictions to find sites available for residential development (Western Riverside Council of Governments).
- Conducting a Housing Infrastructure Needs Assessment is an assessment to identify the infrastructure needed and funding opportunities for the unincorporated “Colonias” of the County (Imperial County).
- Creating a Commercial Redevelopment to Sustainable Housing project that will identify commercial properties that are strong candidates for redevelopment into housing (South Bay Cities Council of Governments).

Over the next few months, SCAG anticipates many transformative projects to reach milestones and completion. Highlighted projects include:

- Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)/Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)/Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Cross-regional Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Communication Toolkit -- a multi-regional collaborative project to enable jurisdictions to educate the public about opportunities for ADU production and meet common goals.
- County of Imperial Colonias Housing Infrastructure Needs Assessment – an assessment of infrastructure needed and identification of funding opportunities to increase housing stock in the unincorporated Colonias of the County.
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/Council of Governments (SBCTA/SBCOG) Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit that will be a county-wide SB 1000 Toolkit for local jurisdictions that provides guidance regarding environmental justice in local land use planning.

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

2) Call for Collaboration

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

This project was successfully completed in Summer 2023.

3) Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA)

SCAG procured a consultant team to develop and lead a housing leadership academy that aims to convene, educate, and engage elected officials, local leaders and influential stakeholders on housing issues related to production and preservation of housing. A total 154 graduates participated and prepared a culminating group research project and policy proposals. Selected HPLA participants presented their policy proposals to the CEHD committee in February 2023. The HPLA is now complete.

2. **Regional Housing Policy Solutions**

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

1) RHNA Methodology/Allocation

Due to restrictions from HCD on using REAP 1.0 funding for RHNA reform, SCAG limited its planned remaining RHNA work under REAP to creating a lessons learned and best practices document on the 6th cycle RHNA.

2) Data Tools and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates

In June 2022, SCAG launched a new program offering consultant grant writing assistance for housing-supportive opportunities for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments. The technical assistance provides technical assistance to recipients to ensure that the jurisdiction or Tribal Government meets application evaluation criteria for various grants offered by public agencies such as HCD. Four jurisdictions and two Tribal Governments have begun receiving technical assistance. A total of seven (7) jurisdictions and two (2) Tribal Governments are actively receiving direct technical assistance. An additional recipient of this program, the City of Needles, was awarded \$445,000 from the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program.

3) Housing Policy Solutions Research

Building upon prior internal research efforts which focus on housing policies and fiscal innovations, this work item was established to develop collaboratively funded university studies (“university partnerships”) or other partnerships and engagements that provide research and recommendations on best practices that accelerate housing production. The key deliverables will consist of policy briefs and periodic white papers on timely topics and best practices. Five efforts are underway or completed for this program:

1. *Other to Residential*: The Other-to-Residential project considered the opportunities and barriers for conversion of underutilized non-residential sites to much-needed residential use in the SCAG region. The underutilized non-residential land uses included retail commercial uses, gas stations, brownfields, and golf courses. The final product, an Other-to-Residential Toolkit, showcases case studies and best practices in the conversion of non-residential land uses, and was completed in July 2022.

2. *Housing Development Streamlining:* The Housing Development Streamlining Project will offer guidance documents, best practices, workshops, and other materials and resources to support local jurisdictions' efforts to streamline their CEQA and general administrative review processes. A total of 14 guidance documents were published covering a range of topics, including CEQA streamlining, exemptions, and other State laws. A total of four workshops were held to provide technical support on these topics. The dedicated webpage (<https://scag.ca.gov/development-streamlining-efforts>) includes presentations and recordings of the workshops and other materials. Additionally, the consultant has completed one office hours session and presented additional materials in collaboration with SCAG's Toolbox Tuesdays. The consultant is still working on additional technical assistance which will take place in early 2024.
3. *Smart Permitting:* The City of Cerritos pilot program, as a part of the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP), continues making progress on its online permitting platform to accelerate housing production but has encountered some contractual and software-related delays. The project timeline was extended in response to dynamic needs; data findings, best practices, and regional replicability will now be anticipated by Spring 2023. The project team has developed a series of immediate strategies to increase production support and explore alternative options for completing the final project tasks and improving upon the efficiency of the platform.
4. *Tax Increment Financing (TIF):* An expansion of SCAG's TIF pilot program, this project includes technical assistance to advance the establishment of innovative self-help financing districts for local jurisdictions that can accelerate housing production, including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs). The project will complete studies for the County of Imperial and the City of Barstow incorporating best practices for district establishment and infrastructure financing and will have a specific focus on implementing housing supportive infrastructure and expanding housing supply. Scheduled to be completed in early 2024, the project will produce a tax increment funding model, general fund fiscal impact model, and refined lists of infrastructure projects that will be implementable for the two jurisdictions participating.
5. *Preservation Strategy:* The purpose of this program is to develop a series of recommendations for a comprehensive preservation program focused on both current affordable housing with expiring covenants as well as naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) at risk of converting to market rate. The project kicked off in September 2022 and work is currently underway. The Preservation Advisory Committee has convened three times over the last several months and has one remaining convening. As part of the project, the consultant has produced a series of deliverables including a draft cost-benefit analysis tool and a draft white paper that is currently under review.

3. *Sustainable Communities Strategies Integration*

There are three programs in the SCS Strategies Integration category.

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

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

Over the next four months, SCAG anticipates completion of the bundles. Highlighted projects include:

- HSD 1-B: This bundle is a technical assistance project that supports the development of ADU policies and programs for the cities of Buena Park, Garden Grove, Paramount, and Santa Fe Springs. The project has produced a public online cost calculator, six sets of pre-reviewed ADU standard design plans, and a host of technical reports and materials that aim to better inform local staff and officials of the ADU landscape in their cities. This project is expected to complete in early 2024.
- HSD 3-A1 Objective Design Standards Bundle – Los Angeles County: This bundle is a technical assistance project to develop multi-family and mixed-use objective development standards for the cities of Montebello, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, and South Pasadena. A cost estimator tool has also been created for each city along with a streamlined housing permit application form and a fact sheet to aid public understanding. The project was completed in December 2023.
- HSD Project 2-B consists of one application from the City of Palmdale. The goal of this project is to provide planning and development assistance to the City of Palmdale to facilitate shovel ready development of 13 acres of surplus land owned by the City and the local school district into affordable workforce housing. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2024.

2) Transit Oriented Development Work Program

LA Metro Partnership: SCAG and Metro created a Transit Oriented Development/Transit Oriented Communities (TOD/TOC) partnership to fund a three-part program that promotes housing production near transit stations. Each part aims to accelerate the delivery of housing and will include evaluating station access, parking strategies, joint development strategies, housing supportive community outreach, and industry forums. The goal of the partnership is to plan for nearly 10,000 units of housing on transit-adjacent properties. Part one of the three-part program, the Joint Development Strategy, has been completed. SCAG staff are working closely with Metro to complete the remaining two programs, the Community Collaboration for Equitable Housing Acceleration and the Joint Development Housing Lab.

Metrolink TOD Study: SCAG and SCRRRA are partnering through an MOU to identify and encourage transit-oriented housing and redevelopment opportunities throughout Metrolink's network and around its stations. Emphasis is being made to support and add value to the Metrolink Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) capital improvement and service enhancement program. Local cities and county transportation commissions are being included to maximize coordination on issues such as alignment of land development policies and regulations, land ownership and site control opportunities of transit station areas and supporting facilities. Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis

SCAG has pursued partnerships to further next steps on housing supportive land use analyses and strategy development in Priority Growth Areas (PGA). To further next steps on supportive land use analyses and strategy development in Priority Growth Areas (PGA), staff developed a partnership with the City of Pomona to leverage their existing Transformative Climate Community grant fund. The partnership with the City of Pomona developed a housing land use suitability and infrastructure study to analyze the potential for the development of affordable housing on City-owned parcels in the downtown area. The recommendation report, which includes technical studies and analysis, is currently being finalized and will be completed by the end of 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - REAP Biannual



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

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Grant Administration

- Total award amount: \$47M
- Goal and purpose: To increase housing supply and accelerate housing production
- REAP 1.0 Deadline Extension SB 197, July 2022
 - HCD expenditure due date December 2024
 - Updated MOUs and contracts, as needed

REAP Program Areas

Partnerships & Outreach



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

Regional Housing Policy Solutions



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

Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration



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

Other



- RHNA Methodology/ Allocation
- Administration

Subregional Partnership Program

\$24.7M Program

15 subregional partners

Over 70 individual projects across the region



Completed projects include

- Westside Cities COG Subregional Affordable Housing Funding Program
- County of Los Angeles Parking Strategies to Increase Housing Production
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Site Inventory Tool to enable jurisdictions to find sites available for residential development.

Upcoming projects include

- OCCOG/Gateway Cities COG/VCOG Cross-regional ADU Communication Toolkit
- County of Imperial Colonias Housing Infrastructure Needs Assessment
- San Bernardino COG SB 1000 Environmental Justice Toolkit

REAP Partnership & Outreach Programs

Call for Collaboration

- 15 awards to non-profit and community-based organizations, totaling \$1.25 million
- All projects completed in Spring 2023

Leadership Academy

- Last of 10 sessions held in November 2022
- Almost 200 individuals completed the program and presented on a policy proposal
- Forum #3 and #4 held in August and November 2022
- Full closeout in early 2023

Regional Housing Policy Solutions

RHNA Methodology/Allocation

- SCAG submitted a comment letter with RHNA reform recommendations to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in September 2023

Housing Element Update Data & Technical Assistance

- Online permitting portal platform with the City of Cerritos: Regional replicability and best practices
- Grant writing technical assistance: Eleven (11) subrecipients have or are receiving direct TA

Housing Policy Research

- Other to Residential Toolkit: received both the APA Los Angeles and APA California chapters Award of Excellence in the Best Practices category, which recognizes how innovative planning practices can create lasting communities of value.
- Development streamlining resources and training: Fourteen guidance documents published, workshops and one-on-one meetings completed in 2023
- Tax Increment Financing strategies: One EIFD formed, and several scheduled for formation in 2024
- Housing Preservation Strategy: this project with the City of Riverside will no longer move forward due REAP funding time constraints

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

- \$5M in funding approved for 26 projects
- Completion of bundles at the end of 2023
 - ADU bundle 1-B: Technical assistance, user-friendly handbook, pre-reviewed standard design plans
 - ADU bundle 1-C: Pre-reviewed standard plans and public engagement
 - EIFD bundle: City of Covina formed an EIFD, County of Imperial and One San Pedro formation targeted for Q1/Q2024

Program/Bundle Types

Advancing accessory dwelling unit (ADU) implementation

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

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

Transit Oriented Development Work Program

Partnership with LA Metro

- Completion of Joint Development Strategy
- Metro Community Collaboration for Equitable Housing Acceleration and the Joint Development Housing Lab to be completed in Q1 2024

Housing production near transit stations

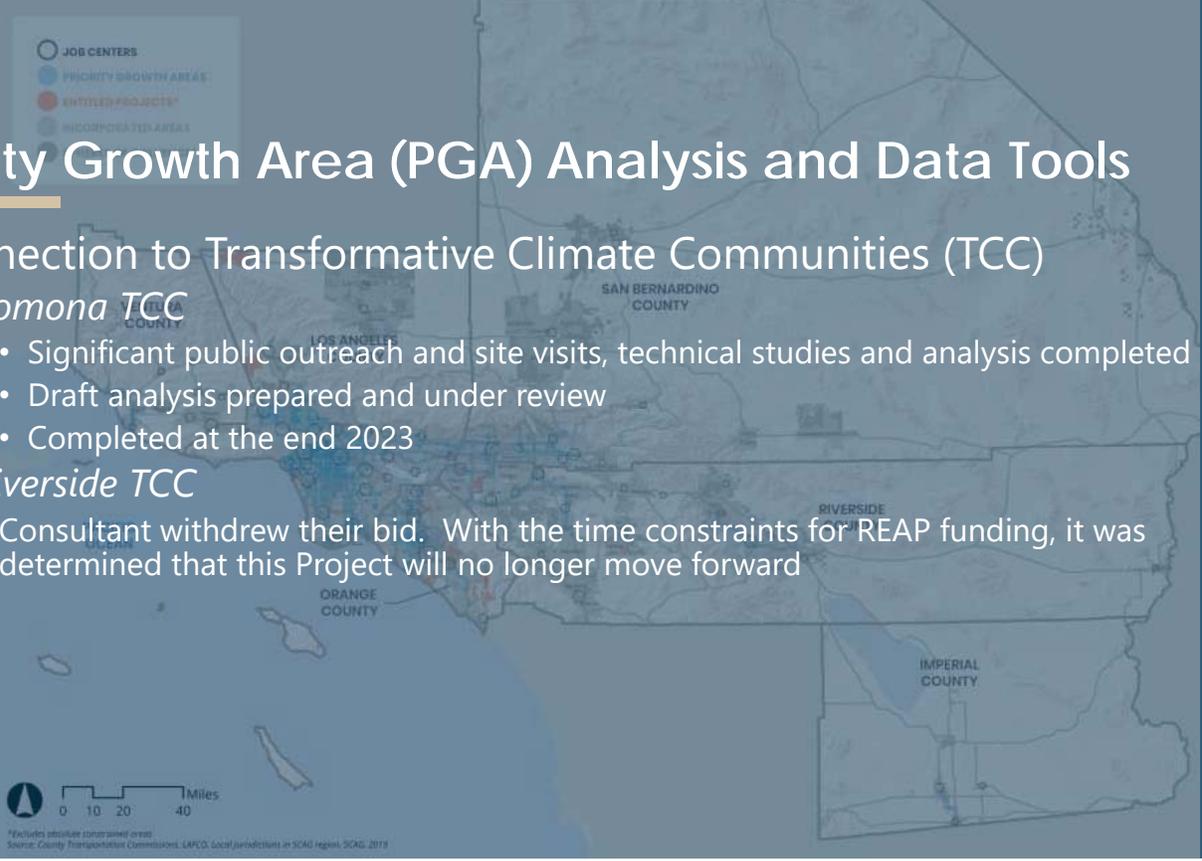
Partnership with SCRRRA (Metrolink)

- Nine stations selected to participate in real estate analysis and strategy
- Completely optional participation

Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

- Connection to Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)
 - *Pomona TCC*
 - Significant public outreach and site visits, technical studies and analysis completed
 - Draft analysis prepared and under review
 - Completed at the end 2023
 - *Riverside TCC*

Consultant withdrew their bid. With the time constraints for REAP funding, it was determined that this Project will no longer move forward



THANK YOU!

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