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ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

AGENDA

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER ANTHONY RENDON PROVIDES RECAP OF THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Following the end of the 2019 legislative session, California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) spoke to the Regional Council today to provide a recap on important legislative efforts this past year.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZES RELEASE OF THE DRAFT CONNECT SOCAL PLAN AND PEIR FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Today, the Regional Council voted to authorize the release of the Draft Connect SoCal plan for public comment and review. Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The plan builds upon a Core Vision for mobility and sustainability established in previous planning cycles, promoting the continuation and evolution of strategies to maintain and better manage the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together and increasing investment in transit and complete streets. To augment the Core Vision and strategies, the Draft Connect SoCal Plan proposes new strategies and regional initiatives that aim to coalesce policy discussions and advance promising strategies that leverage new technologies and partnerships to accelerate progress on regional planning goals. These new strategies, referred to as Key Connections, lie at the intersection of land-use, transportation and innovation and seek to address trends and emerging challenges while also “closing the gap” between what can be accomplished through intensification of core planning strategies alone, and what must be done to meet our region’s greenhouse gas reduction goals –8 percent reduction in 2020 and 19 percent reduction in 2035—established for the region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) pursuant to SB 375.

Along with the Draft Connect SoCal plan, the Regional Council also voted to authorize the release of the Draft Connect SoCal Programmatic Environment Impact Report (PEIR) for public comment and review, and the Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP) Amendment, which demonstrates transportation conformity. Based on the feedback and direction provided by the Policy Committees and Regional Council and authorization to move forward, staff will finalize and release the Draft Connect SoCal and its 20 associated technical reports for formal public comment. The public comment period will commence Nov. 14, 2019 and end on Jan. 24, 2020, exceeding the minimum requirement of 55 calendar days. Workshops will be scheduled throughout the six-county SCAG region to allow for individuals to provide public comment in person. For more on the Draft Connect SoCal plan and the Draft Connect SoCal PEIR, as well as dates and locations of future workshops, please visit connectsocial.org.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL VOTES TO SUBMIT REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY TO HCD

The Regional Council today voted to submit a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation methodology to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their 60-day review. The purpose of the allocation methodology is to distribute the final Regional Housing Need Determination provided by HCD, which is 1,341,827 units across the six-county SCAG region over the eight-year 6th cycle RHNA planning period from October 2021 through October 2029. The allocation methodology voted on today by the Regional Council, proposed by City of Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey, differs from the staff-recommended methodology primarily in that it removes the SCAG Growth Forecast (colloquially known as “local input”) as a factor in the calculation of existing need, instead placing greater importance on both jobs and transit accessibility. With the allocation methodology approved for release, HCD will have up to 60 days to review the draft RHNA methodology and provide comments to SCAG. Based on this schedule, staff expects comments from HCD no later than mid-January 2020, after which staff will review HCD’s comments and develop a recommended final RHNA methodology. The recommended final methodology will again go before the RHNA Subcommittee, CEHD Committee, and Regional Council for action, which is scheduled to occur between February and March 2020. Subsequent to the adoption of the final RHNA methodology by the Regional Council, SCAG will develop and distribute the RHNA methodology to all jurisdictions. For more information about RHNA, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/RHNA.

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REGISTER FOR SCAG'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

On Thursday, Dec. 5, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council will host the 10th Annual Southern California Economic Summit at The L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown in Los Angeles. The program will dig into the major economic levers of the Connect SoCal plan. From generating new jobs to creating efficiency gains for commuters, shipping and travel, realizing the goal of a strong regional transportation system has economic benefits for all of the region's 19 million residents. The event will also tackle the question of how our region is going to address the growing challenge of housing affordability. The keynote speaker this year is Noel Perry, businessman, philanthropist, and the founder of Next 10, who will address the nexus between the economy, the environment and quality of life, identifying the tools we need to implement comprehensive, effective solutions to our biggest challenges. Hear from leading voices in business, industry, planning and academia as well as they assess the status of the region's economy and define strategies for keeping Southern California an economic powerhouse. Early bird registration at the rate of \$150 per person is available until Nov. 7. Elected officials and city managers may attend for free. Stay tuned for additional program details. Join us, along with Southern California's civic and business leaders, for this vital conversation on the region's economic future – [reserve your seat today](#).

SCAG RECEIVES \$1M GRANT FOR *GO HUMAN* SAFETY PROGRAM

Southern California has some of the highest levels of injuries and fatalities involving people walking and biking in the country, and SCAG's *Go Human* program has achieved tremendous success in bringing active transportation and safety awareness to communities throughout Southern California. Due to these efforts, the agency was recently awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. The new grant will continue to fund *Go Human* activities through September 2020, which include:

- [Local Community Engagement and Technical Assistance](#) to help local communities integrate safety efforts across the region and through open streets events. *Go Human* will offer a mini grant program intended for non-profits to implement creative safety strategies.
- [Social Media and Digital Campaigns](#) with new, creative content targeting people who live in High Injury Network cities, encouraging stakeholders to share the messaging and content with their friends and family.
- [Co-Branding and Printing of Materials](#) for partners who take the *Go Human* Safety Pledge.
- [The *Go Human* Kit of Parts](#), or lending library of resources that partners can use to temporarily demonstrate innovative street design treatments that enhance safety. The Kit includes materials to showcase infrastructure including parklets, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, artistic high visibility crosswalks, and protected bike lanes, as well as a community feedback tool and educational signage.
- [Website Refresh](#) to better serve stakeholders by housing resources in an accessible and user-friendly way.

For more information about the *Go Human* campaign, please visit gohumansocal.org.

SCAG COMMUNITY MEETINGS

November

In Jan. 2019, SCAG partnered with the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and Comptroller LA to host a two day "School of Data" that welcomed more than 250 attendees from local jurisdictions and provided trainings for staff on data topics ranging from identifying and defining the term "data" to documenting metadata, navigating systems, and managing predictive analytics projects. The School of Data event was recently selected for a 2019 Innovation Award for Collaboration by the California County Information Services Directors Association (CCISDA). The School of Data event was organized by various private and public sector professionals and attendees included elected officials, private sector data scientists, local jurisdiction employees, and information technology specialists. The event's vision was driven by the belief that building a community of data literacy leads to better service in government. SCAG and its partners also offer a monthly Data + Donuts speaker series focusing on improving civic analytical skills and data related work. The Innovation award was accepted by SCAG at the CCISDA 2019 Fall Conference, which took place from Nov. 3-6 in Lake Tahoe.

December

17th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

19th Technical Working Group

24th Transportation Conformity Working Group



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