

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CALIFORNIA HOUSING SUMMIT

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments and our partners, you are invited to the California Housing Summit, October 11, 2016 at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The summit, "[The Cost of Not Housing.](#)" will address the challenges of housing affordability across the state, and focus on resources for encouraging housing development in local communities.

The chronic shortage of housing, particularly affordable housing, throughout California poses a critical challenge to local, regional and statewide economies. The California Housing Summit will investigate opportunities for building more housing via state legislation and local policies and provide innovative tools for facilitating local housing development. The program will also include speakers who will address funding infrastructure to support housing and recommend how to convey to community members the health, economic and accessibility benefits of additional housing. SCAG is working with over 30 partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to engage with this pressing issue. Elected officials, planning professionals, developers, business and community leaders and housing advocates should attend.

Registration is now available. For more details, visit www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit. For additional questions, contact Ma'Ayn Johnson at johnson@scag.ca.gov.

DRAFT FTIP PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD COMING TO A CLOSE

This is a reminder that SCAG will be accepting comments on the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) through Monday, August 8, which marks the end of the 30-day public review period. Details on how to submit a comment are available on the SCAG website: ftip.scag.ca.gov/Pages/2017/draft.aspx. All comments received during the public comment period, along with responses provided by SCAG, will be documented and published in the Technical Appendixes to the Final 2017 FTIP.

The FTIP is a federally mandated list of transportation investment priorities in the SCAG region. It is an important document for the region, allowing project sponsors to move forward with state and federal environmental review or project funding allocation/obligation. The 2017 FTIP reflects how the region is moving forward in implementing the transportation policies and goals of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The 2017 FTIP includes approximately 2,000 projects for the region, totaling nearly \$28 billion over a six-year period. Implementing the projects in the 2017 FTIP will help the region reduce travel time for all automobile trips by 870,000 hours per day, improve air quality by reducing nitrogen oxides by 110 tons per day, and meet the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in 2020. To learn more about the Draft 2017 FTIP, please visit:

ftip.scag.ca.gov/Pages/2017/draft.aspx.

SCAG'S GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN & APBP TEAM UP FOR SANTA ANA BIKE

TOUR

On August 13, SCAG's Go Human campaign and the Southern California chapter of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will host a bike tour of Santa Ana's existing and planned bicycle infrastructure. The six-mile route will begin at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center and make visits to an in-progress bicycle boulevard, recently added green bicycle lanes and busy downtown streets where separated bikeways are planned. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. Visit santaanabiketour.eventbrite.com for more information.

SCAG TEAM WINS "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD AT 2016 ESRI USER CONFERENCE

Several SCAG staff participated and presented at the recent 2016 Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) User Conference in San Diego, a yearly convening on advances in geographic information systems (GIS) that attracts 16,000 attendees from over 120 countries. This year, out of nearly 700 maps submitted to the Map Gallery, SCAG received two of the 15 conference awards: "Best of Show for the Map Gallery" and "Most Unique Map." The winning SCAG submission, "Scenario Planning and Enhanced 3D GIS," is an articulate and information-rich map of a city planning scenario that renders an eye-catching urban area with clear thematic cartography in three dimensions. The map is viewable on [SCAG's Facebook page](#). To learn more about SCAG's GIS and Data Services Program, visit the SCAG website: gisdata.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Home.aspx.



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