

Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

September 1, 2016

Regional Council (RC) Report

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RC MEETING



Dr. Lucy Jones presenting at today's Regional Council meeting

INFORMATION – REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE

World-renowned seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones was invited to today's meeting of the Regional Council to introduce a new partnership between her Center for Science and Society and SCAG. The new SCAG Earthquake Preparedness Initiative will help local Southern California jurisdictions prepare for the "Big One" and protect the Southern California economy from disruption following an earthquake. Dr. Jones highlighted the very real possibility that a major earthquake could hit Southern California and permanently cripple the regional economy through disruption to lifelines and unusable buildings. She asserted that "We can change the outcome," and minimize future earthquake damage with smart investment.

The new initiative will include a series of regional seminars for city leaders that will cover earthquake risks and effective approaches to developing consensus on actions, especially with regard to strengthening infrastructure and the built environment. This initiative will allow jurisdictions to build the collaborative partnerships necessary for managing such a major regional challenge. Said Dr. Jones, "We must work together for solutions, because we will all need help together."

ACTION – RC ADOPTS 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Regional Council voted today to approve the transportation conformity determination for the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and directed staff to submit it to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration

for approval. On July 7, 2016, the draft transportation conformity analyses for the 2017 FTIP were presented to the Transportation Committee and subsequently released as part of the Draft 2017 FTIP for a 30-day public review and comment period, which ended on August 8. All public comments received have been documented and responded to, and SCAG staff has determined that the 2017 FTIP meets all federal transportation conformity requirements.

The FTIP is a federally mandated list of transportation investment priorities in the SCAG region, developed and maintained in cooperation with Caltrans, county transportation commissions and public transit operators. 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, and includes approximately 2,000 projects for the region, totaling nearly \$28 billion over a six-year period.

ACTION – RC APPROVES NEW SCAG LOGO



The Regional Council voted today to adopt a new agency logo and tagline, as recommended by the Legislative / Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) and Logo Subcommittee. The new logo replaces the SCAG "bowtie" logo that has been in place since 1996, and features the agency acronym with a multicolored weave pattern in the shape of the SCAG region.

The effort to design a new logo and tagline followed the recent celebration of SCAG's 50th anniversary. SCAG has accomplished many things in its history and has stayed true to its regional planning roots. The agency also provides valuable services and champions for increased funding for its member jurisdictions. But the agency's approach now emphasizes building consensus and partnerships, and the new logo's weave pattern reflects this strength of regional collaboration. A tagline, "Innovating for a Better Tomorrow" was also created as a nod to the next 50 years, and how SCAG will continue to generate new ideas on how to address the region's toughest challenges. SCAG will be rolling out the new logo over the course of the next year.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING SUMMIT

CALIFORNIA HOUSING SUMMIT

The Cost of Not Housing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On Oct. 11, SCAG, along with 34 partners representing business and community leaders, developers and stakeholders, will host the California Housing Summit at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The summit, "The Cost of Not Housing," will address the issue of housing affordability across the state and its impact on local, regional and statewide economies. The summit program will look at the root causes of the housing crisis and focus on actionable strategies for stakeholder partnerships that will ultimately lead to "YES" to housing. Registration is free for elected officials and \$50 for general admission. To register and for more information, visit www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit.

GO HUMAN TRAININGS AND EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION

In partnership with local agencies and community groups, SCAG is hosting a series of 20 free bike safety workshops and group rides across the region as part of the Go Human campaign. The workshops will educate participants on bicycle safety and group bicycle rides will explore existing and planned complete streets infrastructure in cities across the region. Go Human is also continuing its series of regional open streets events and active transportation infrastructure demonstration projects. On July 30, SCAG and the City of Fontana hosted one such event in conjunction with the Fontana Arts Festival, attracting an estimated 8,000 people. The next Go Human open streets event will be in the City of Long Beach on Oct. 1. Visit the [Go Human Events](#) page for more information

SCAG LAUNCHES PILOT GIS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, SCAG initiated a pilot internship program to bring additional GIS services and resources to member agencies. The new program sends SCAG-sponsored interns to assist and work directly at selected jurisdictions, supporting local geographic information needs and planning projects. SCAG selected 24 jurisdictions based on a previous survey of GIS Services Program participants. Both staff and interns are now working to create a GIS-based pavement management system in Baldwin Park; a street signage geodatabase in La Puente; a General Plan update mapping in Jurupa Valley; a geodatabase of city assets in San Fernando; and a 2040 General Plan update in Santa Paula. In the coming weeks, SCAG staff will visit other jurisdictional partners to develop additional projects.

MOBILITY 21 SUMMIT

SCAG is a proud sponsor of Mobility 21's 2016 Summit "Empowering California." The summit, California's largest one-day transportation conference and expo, will be held on Friday, Oct. 21 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA. The event promises to bring together more than 1,000 elected officials, transportation professionals and business leaders to discuss ways to empower California by easing congestion, creating meaningful jobs and enhancing our quality of life. For more information, visit www.mobility21.com/2016summit.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 15th** Technical Working Group
- 20th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 27th** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 28th** Modeling Task Force
- 29th** Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings

October

- 11th** California Housing Summit
- 18th** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 20th** Technical Working Group
- 25th** Transportation Conformity Working Group

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