



More than 950 civic leaders from throughout Southern California gathered in Palm Desert last week for SCAG’s 54th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly. The two-day conference, “Beyond Boundaries,” brought together a record number of elected officials and other high-level attendees for an engaged, informative event. Many thanks to all who were able to join us!



Highlights include:

- Wednesday’s “Traffic Safety Leadership Symposium” brought together city and county officials to address one of the region’s most serious issues, and discuss actionable strategies for making communities safer for people walking and biking.
- Panel sessions on Thursday addressed the rise of green business, the proliferation of new mobility platforms, opportunities for civic data-sharing and the threats of climate change.
- SCAG partnered with Spin, Gotcha and Bird to let participants try electric scooters and electric trike on our Go Human bicycle lane

demonstration.

- The program shone a light on exemplary local projects with the 2019 SCAG Sustainability Awards Luncheon, [honoring six projects](#) in the region that promote and improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability.
- We welcomed a new board officers for 2019-2020: Incoming SCAG President William “Bill” Jahn, City Council member for Big Bear Lake; First Vice President Randon Lane, a city councilmember for Murrieta; and Second Vice President Rex Richardson, a city councilmember for Long Beach.
- Friday’s keynote address from Lea Endres, Co-Founder and CEO of leadership platform NationBuilder, spoke to the power of “Leadership Beyond Boundaries” and made a moving case for collaboration as the only way to move through the stakes currently faced by the region, nation and global community.
- Friday’s program also featured a plenary panel that took a holistic look at climate goals, technology shifts and the future of transportation featuring an all-star roster of panelists.

Photo highlights from the event are on our [website](#), or you can follow the story by looking up #SCAG19GA on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

ATTEND A CONNECT SoCal WORKSHOP NEAR YOU

Join us for one of the [18 Connect SoCal workshops](#) we’ll be hosting in May and June to learn about how the region is anticipated to grow, understand the choices we have about where growth occurs and provide input on how to keep the region moving.

Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, will present a long-range vision that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The plan is developed with input from communities all over the region, which includes the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. By attending a workshop, you will be able to learn more about the challenges facing the region over the next 25 years and the potential solutions we have to address them.

The workshop series kicks off next Tuesday, May 14, in Aliso Viejo. Use [this guide](#) to find a public workshop near you!



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