



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017

REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

Thursday, July 1, 2021 – 12:30 – 2:00PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

To Participate on Your Computer: <https://scag.zoom.us/j/249187052>

To Participate by Phone: Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 249 187 052

The Regional Council 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 Clint Lorimore, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Chair has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Final Report and Recommendations

- Recommended that the Regional Council adopt the final report and recommendations.
- To implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity) and then- FY20/21 SCAG President Rex Richardson’s Work Plan, SCAG staff has developed the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) using the President’s work plan phases of Listen, Convene, Catalyze.
- Findings and recommendations were brought to the SCAG Economist Bench, the Global Land Use and Economics (GLUE) Council, the stakeholders that participated in the convenings and through interim presentations to SCAG committees. This report provides a summary of the Final IERS report and recommendations for Regional Council adoption.
- The final recommendations in this report are more extensive than SCAG will be able to deliver and are offered as a starting place for prioritization of SCAG’s work program on economic recovery and a set of ideas for partners to consider in their work programs. Moreover, the final IERS recommendations align with Governor Newsom’s proposed \$100 billion “Comeback Plan,” thus positioning SCAG and its cities, counties and partners to leverage the knowledge gained in the IERS process to fund and implement the recommended strategies.

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Some potential items that may be pulled)

APPROVAL ITEMS**ITEM 2**

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting.**
- During its June 3 meeting, the Regional Council approved winners of the 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program and took other actions.

ITEM 3

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve listed additional stipend payments.**
- Pursuant to the Regional Council Stipend Policy, staff is seeking approval for additional stipend payments for Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner.

ITEM 4

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 21-017-C01, Supporting Infrastructure for Zero Emission Heavy Duty Vehicles.
- The consultant will support the development of zero emission charging and fueling infrastructure by helping to better understand what is needed, where, how to go about it, the roles of critical stakeholders, and how to create a regional action plan to develop it. Up to 10 sites will be selected to provide a closer look at the needs of deploying an individual station.

ITEM 5

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 22-005-C01, Information Technology Research and Advisory Services.
- The Enterprise IT leaders Research and IT Leaders Advisory Services support from Gartner will provide additional capacity, best practice knowledge, and research depth to guide our processes and support our evolving IT environment.

ITEM 6

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 22-007-C01, Primary Internet Connections.
- After evaluation of SCAG's current network infrastructure, staff recommends to update the existing network data service providers to ensure more reliable system uptime and performance. SCAG is undergoing an infrastructure refresh that includes newly acquired servers, network equipment, software, and primary and disaster recovery data center services. The reliable network interconnectivity of these systems and services is critical

to ensuring that SCAG's core data, enterprise systems and infrastructure are available to reliably serve SCAG staff, constituents and partners.

ITEM 7

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract Amendment Greater Than \$75,000 and Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value:** Contract No. 19-006-C01, Amendment 6, OnBase Maintenance and Support Licenses.
- On July 19, 2018, SCAG awarded Contract No. 19-006-C01 to Konica Minolta Business Solutions, U.S.A., Inc. to provide OnBase Software licenses, a platform staff uses for its records management needs, for three (3) years. Staff requests Amendment 6 due to COVID-19 related impacts on the project.

ITEM 8

- **Recommended that the Regional approve the following Contract Amendment \$75,000 or Greater or 30% or more of the Original Contract's Value:** Contract No. 17-024-C1 Amendment 10, High Quality Transit Area (HQTA) Analysis.
- On June 14, 2017, SCAG awarded Contract 17-024-C1 to Gruen Associates to plan five (5) High Quality Transit Area (HQTA) corridor pilot projects that reflect integrated planning principles and help implement the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). SCAG subsequently received additional grant funding, adding a sixth city.
- Staff request Amendment No. 10 due to COVID-19 related impacts on the pilot projects, which created unexpected delays in completing the tasks listed in the scope of work. Due to the pandemic, public workshops and outreach have needed to be redesigned for a virtual environment.

ITEM 9

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract Amendment \$75,000 or Greater or 30% or More of the Original Contract's Value:** Contract No. 21-028-C01 Amendment 1, Safe and Resilient Streets Strategies and Mini-Grants.
- On March 30, 2021, SCAG awarded Contract No. 21-028-C01 to KOA Corporation to administer a community safety mini-grant program using funds from a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The primary goal of this mini-grant program is to fund a minimum of 30 community-based partners to carry out safety projects to reduce vehicle versus pedestrian and bicycle collisions, while increasing levels of walking and biking in Southern California.
- The entire \$231,151 (\$83,528 + \$147,623) in Amendment No. 1 will be directly distributed to the region in the form of co-branded printed material for partner jurisdictions or mini-grant awards. None of the funds in this amendment will go towards the consultant's costs.

ITEM 10

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Units from County of Orange to City of Placentia.**
- Government Code Section 65584.07(a) permits a transfer of allocated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) housing units from an unincorporated county to a city or cities within the county between the adoption of the Final RHNA Allocation and the housing element due date. Certain requirements of this transfer must be met.

ITEM 11

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program - Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Applications - Proposed Project List.**
- On September 3, 2020, the Regional Council approved the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Guidelines, which consisted of multiple Calls for Applications. On February 4, 2021, Regional Council approved the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations (SCMI) Guidelines and authorized staff to release the 2021 Call for Applications for SCMI project types. SCMI project types support the implementation of three Connect SoCal Key Connections, focusing on Smart Cities & Job Centers, Go Zones, and Shared Mobility/Mobility as a Service, to expand upon our mobility ecosystems and advance the region's vision.
- SCAG received a total of twenty-one (21) project proposals by the April 23 deadline, valued at approximately \$4.96 million across all project categories and types. Staff has completed a ranking of proposals and has identified eight (8) top ranked projects for funding totaling approximately \$2.5 million. Staff is seeking RC approval of award recommendations and authorization to begin contacting project sponsors to develop a program schedule and initiate projects.

ITEM 12

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the Release of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for Public Review and Comment.**
- In early 2021, SCAG began the process for Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 in response to project changes prompted by county transportation commission (CTCs). Over the past several months, staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05. Modifications received from the CTCs are broadly categorized as new projects, existing projects that either have a revised description, revised schedule, and/or change in total cost, or project is removed from the Connect SoCal. Informed by these changes, staff has drafted content and assessed that these project modifications will not impact Connect SoCal's ability to meet state and federal requirements.
- Staff is seeking to release the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for a thirty (30) day public review and comment

period beginning on July 1, 2021. Upon completion of the public review comments, SCAG staff will report back in October to seek approval of the final Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05.

ITEM 13

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the Release of Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for Public Review and Comment.**
- As requested by County Transportation Commissions (CTCs), SCAG has developed the Draft Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 including the associated transportation conformity analysis. The conformity analysis demonstrates that the Draft Amendments meet all federal transportation conformity requirements. Staff is seeking approval to release the conformity analysis as part of the Draft Amendments document for public review and comment.
- Pending approval, the Draft Amendments report which includes the associated transportation conformity analysis will be released on July 1, 2021 for a thirty (30) day public review and comment period. Upon completion of the public review and comment, the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 are scheduled to be presented to the TC and the transportation conformity analysis portion is scheduled to be presented to the EEC for recommended adoption by the RC in October 2021.

ITEM 14

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the listed SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships.**
- At its June 15, 2021 meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$10,000 in annual memberships for the University of California Riverside Inland Center for Sustainable Development.

RECEIVE AND FILE**ITEM 15**

- **Recommended to receive and file the July 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update.**

ITEM 16

- **Recommended to receive and file the California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2022 Scoping Plan Update.**
- In early June 2021, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) held a series of kickoff meetings to initiate the Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan. The update to the Scoping Plan is due in Fall/Winter 2022 and will reflect California's goal to assess progress towards the Senate Bill (SB) 32 target of reducing GHG emission to 40 percent below 1990 levels in 2030, and to achieve climate neutrality by 2045. There are not currently any draft materials out for review, but CARB is seeking comments by July 9,

2021. SCAG staff are considering submitting a brief letter by the deadline to request clarification or assessment of greenhouse gas reduction pathways that would lead to future policies or regulations, provide insights on the challenges and opportunities for advancing proposed pathways in the SCAG region, and seek alignment between the Scoping Plan and SCAG's regional policies for reducing GHG emission in Connect SoCal.

ITEM 17

- **Recommended to receive and file the Overview of Regional Transportation Conformity.**
- As a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), SCAG is responsible for transportation conformity analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for the six-county SCAG region. This information item is provided as an overview of regional transportation conformity.

ITEM 18

- **Recommended to receive and file the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Bi-Annual Status Report.**
- Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). A full status report and update was given to the CEHD committee.

ITEM 19

- **Recommended to receive and file the report of Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999.**
- The full report is included in the agenda packet.

ITEM 20

- **Recommended to receive and file the CFO Monthly Report.**
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** As of June 14, 2021, 184 cities and 6 counties had paid their FY21 dues. This represents 98.42% of the dues assessment. Four cities have yet to pay their FY21 dues. Three cities are being recruited for membership. SCAG is in the process of reaching out to all members with outstanding dues.
- **BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):** Staff prepared the FY 2021-22 OWP In-Kind Match Packet for the value of third-party services by local transportation agencies that may be accepted as match for federal funds for specific SCAG planning work activities. The In-Kind Match Packet was prepared in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200.306 and will be submitted to Caltrans for review and approval.

- **CONTRACTS:** In May 2021, the Contracts Department issued two (2) Request for Proposals; awarded six (6) contracts; issued eight (8) contract amendments; and processed 20 Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 171 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month, Contracts' staff negotiated \$229,469 in budget savings, bringing the Fiscal Year total to \$1,486,302 in savings.

INFORMATION ITEM

21. SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update

- Following the adoption of Connect SoCal and certification of its related Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), initiatives have been underway to provide assistance to cities, counties and transportation agencies with regard to growth, transportation infrastructure, and resource conservation opportunities. SCAG has been developing the SoCal Greenprint, a required mitigation measure in the PEIR, to provide a practical, accessible resource to help stakeholders prioritize lands for growth and conservation based on the best available scientific data.
- The SoCal Greenprint will serve as a web-based tool that compiles more than 100 existing data sources into interactive maps that help stakeholders visualize how to better integrate nature into future growth and development. The Greenprint is not a "plan," nor will it produce any new data; rather it will aggregate data from existing public sources to support local jurisdictions, transportation agencies, developers, non-profits, and other stakeholders in advancing the policies adopted in Connect SoCal.
- In February 2021, SCAG staff and The Nature Conservancy presented to both the EEC and CEHD detailing the project's progress to date and identifying 2021 deliverables and milestones. A presentation was also provided at the Emerging Technology Committee in April 2021. SoCal Greenprint is on schedule for completion in late 2021.

BUSINESS REPORT (Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (The Honorable Clint Lorimore, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

ADJOURNMENT

INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

Fact Sheet

The INVEST in America Act is a \$715 billion surface transportation reauthorization and water infrastructure bill that will create good-paying jobs to rebuild and reimagine America's surface transportation infrastructure, with investments in roads, bridges, transit, rail, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. This package helps meet the president's vision— as laid out in the American Jobs Plan—by investing in American workers and communities of all sizes, while tackling the climate crisis head-on.

Roads, Bridges, and Safety: \$343 billion

- Delivers better roads and bridges faster by increasing investment by 54 percent, with an emphasis on fixing existing infrastructure.
- Dedicates \$32 billion for bridge funding to ensure bridges in communities of all sizes are safer, more reliable, and more resilient.
- Invests \$4 billion in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, helping the U.S. shift to the next generation of clean vehicles.
- Dedicates \$8.3 billion for activities targeted to reduce carbon pollution and provides \$6.2 billion for mitigation and resiliency improvements; also advances the development and utilization of green construction materials.
- Makes our roads safer with a significant boost to roadway safety programs, record levels of investment in walking and cycling infrastructure, complete streets planning and smarter road design, and safe routes to schools.
- Focuses transportation planning to promote mobility and facilitate access to jobs and other essential services; and reconnects communities that were divided by highways with a new \$3 billion program to correct planning mistakes of the past.
- Targets investments to areas of persistent poverty, rural communities, Tribes, and other continually disadvantaged areas.
- Helps elevate state and local priorities by funding Member Designated Projects.

Transit: \$109 billion

- Makes record investments in transit to increase routes, reduce the transit maintenance backlog, and provide more frequent service, resulting in better options for riders, improved environmental outcomes, and increased access to jobs and essential destinations.
- Scales up investment in zero-emission transit vehicles, supporting fleet conversion to reduce local air pollution and related health impacts. These investments are paired with strong Buy

America requirements and provisions for workforce training to ensure America can compete in the clean energy economy.

- Funds and incentivizes transit-oriented development to make transit more convenient to where people live and work and builds sustainable, walkable communities.
- Increases funding for rural transit by more than 50 percent in the first year and sets aside \$50 million a year for rural persistent poverty communities. Creates a pilot to improve flexibility in paratransit trips, allowing for brief stops such as childcare pick-ups and drop-offs, and short trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, or bank.
- Creates a new reduced-fare pilot program to improve access for low-income riders. Doubles the set aside for urban area formula dollars based on low-income population and deep poverty census tracts, and directs transit agencies to serve these populations.
- Streamlines the Capital Investment Grant program to improve project delivery, reduce red tape, and achieve cost savings for transit agencies.
- Creates new programs to address several pressing transit challenges—improving compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and addressing transit deserts by providing expanded transit service to unserved and underserved communities.

Passenger and Freight Rail: \$95 billion

- Triples funding for Amtrak to \$32 billion, allowing for enhanced service, ADA upgrades, and investments to renew and support service on the Northeast Corridor and long-distance and state-supported routes.
- Provides funding for corridor planning and development of high-speed rail projects, reducing traffic congestion and shortening travel times.
- Improves rail safety by addressing highway-rail grade crossings needs, requiring additional rail safety inspectors, addressing trespasser and suicide fatalities, and eliminating gaps in railroad safety.
- Creates a federal blocked crossing program to collect data and enforce a 10-minute blocked crossing limit.

Drinking Water Infrastructure & Assistance: \$117 billion

- Authorizes \$53 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the primary source of federal funding for safe drinking water infrastructure.
- Authorizes \$45 billion to fully replace lead service lines throughout the nation. As many as 10 million lead service lines are currently in use, including an estimated 400,000 schools and child facilities with lead components.
- Strengthens drinking water standards and improves the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to set those standards. It directs EPA to set health-protective national standards for PFAS, 1,4-dioxane, and microcystin toxin within two years.
- Provides assistance to low-income Americans with their water bills by creating two permanent assistance programs and authorizing them at \$8 billion.
- Promotes near-term customer debt relief by authorizing \$4 billion to reduce or eliminate debt incurred since March 2020 and prohibiting water systems receiving this funding from

disconnecting the service of eligible residential customers as a result of non-payment for a five-year period.

Wastewater Infrastructure: \$51.25 billion

- Authorizes \$40 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the primary source of federal funding for clean water infrastructure.
- Includes \$2 billion for projects to capture, treat, or reuse sewer overflows or stormwater—helping keep pollution out of local rivers and lakes—and \$2.5 billion for state water pollution control programs.
- Permanently codifies the clean water “green reserve” to prioritize investments in green infrastructure, water- and energy-efficiency, and other efforts to make utilities more resilient to climate change. Also dedicates \$1 billion toward alternative water source and water recycling projects to augment existing water supplies.
- Provides critical technical assistance to small, rural, and Tribal communities that often struggle to afford the costs of planning new infrastructure projects and to address local water quality challenges.
- Establishes a new clean water grant program to invest in communities with failing septic systems and prioritizes funding to those communities that lack access to adequate sewage treatment systems.