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SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



On Sept. 28, Regional Council and Policy Committee members toured the Omnitrans San Bernardino facility. Read more about the tour below.

ACTION **SoCal Greenprint PUBLIC HEARING**

The Regional Council today voted to continue the pause on implementation of the [SoCal Greenprint](#) to allow for further engagement with stakeholders to ensure the tool advances the policy direction and requirements of the mitigation measure approved by the board in the Program Environmental Impact Report and related Addendum No. 1 for Connect SoCal, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The SoCal Greenprint is intended to be a web-based mapping tool that compiles more than 100 existing and publicly available data sources into interactive maps to help stakeholders in the SCAG region visualize how to better integrate nature into future growth and development.

Following direction at the July Regional Council meeting, SCAG hosted public

hearings on Aug. 24 and Oct. 7 to hear from stakeholders and the public and provide more information on the project. SCAG also released a survey to seek feedback on the proposed data list that will be used to create the tool's interactive maps.

WHAT'S NEXT

SCAG will now work to meet the direction of the Regional Council including developing a white paper and working with a five-member advisory task group to establish a policy framework for advanced mitigation, conducting an open advisory meeting for further review and revision of data layers, completing user testing with stakeholders to ensure the tool meets the needs of cities, counties and transportation agencies, and engaging in continued public outreach.

SCAG will return to the Regional Council and Energy and Environment Committee once prospective user testing is complete to demonstrate the tool, provide a report on the white paper and a proposed policy framework for advanced mitigation, seek feedback prior to public launch and to remove the pause.

ACTION **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR TWO SCAG PROGRAMS**

The Regional Council today approved the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines and the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines.

SUBREGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES

SCAG has developed the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines to outline the process for the development of a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) by the councils of governments in the SCAG region and the incorporation of that SCS into Connect SoCal, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. SCAG will send the approved framework and guidelines to each of the councils of governments in the SCAG region, with instructions on how to exercise their option to develop their own subregional SCS. Subregional councils of governments will have until Oct. 29 to communicate their intent to SCAG. [Read the approved Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines here.](#)

2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SCAG has developed the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines which facilitate the work of the county transportation commissions, counties, transit operators and the State of California Department of Transportation in the development of the county Transportation Improvement Programs for inclusion in the 2023 FTIP.

The 2023 FTIP Guidelines have been updated in coordination with the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region to ensure that projects included in the plan meet all current legal, administrative, and technical requirements required to receive federal funding or federal approval. The guidelines reflect the

latest federal and state statutes, including the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and changes that reflect SCAG's commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. [Read the approved 2023 FTIP Guidelines here.](#)

INFO

SCAG REGIONAL PARTNERS DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES FOR ACCELERATING HOUSING PRODUCTION

In a panel presentation to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee, Rick Bishop, the Co-Director of the Inland Center for Sustainable Development at the University of California, Riverside, Cecilia Estolano, Chief Executive Officer of Estolano Advisors, and Charly Ligety, Director of The Housing Innovation Collaborative, discussed policy recommendations and best practices for increasing housing production and addressing homelessness in the SCAG region.

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



REGIONAL COUNCIL & POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOUR OMNITRANS AND THE SAN BERNARDINO TRANSIT CENTER

On Monday, Sept. 27, several Regional Council and Policy Committee members, including President Clint Lorimore; Jon Dutrey, Chair of Omnitrans; David Avila,

Past Chair of Omnitrans; Larry McCallon; and John Valdivia and Chad Schnitger, representing Supervisor Hagman, visited the Omnitrans San Bernardino facility and the San Bernardino Transit Center. The visit began with a briefing from the Omnitrans executive team and continued to a tour of the Omnitrans West Valley Facility and a bus ride in a new Omnitrans electric bus. The tour concluded at the San Bernardino Transit Center, highlighting the service connections provided by six transit operators, Metrolink, sbX Bus Rapid Transit, a transit center with public services and the site for a potential transit-oriented development project. [Read more about the tour and how Omnitrans is continuing to provide excellent service to riders here.](#)

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE RELEASES STRATEGIC WORK PLAN

On June 24, SCAG President Clint Lorimore convened the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) for a two-day work planning session. The session provided EAC members an opportunity to establish high-level work goals and priorities for integration into SCAG's Strategic Plan update and work planning for the year. Following the session, staff synthesized the goals and priorities into four categories of Regional Policy Development, Leadership in Resource Deployment, Legislative Action and Technology/Innovation Leadership and presented the associated staff work plans developed to address them at the September EAC meeting. As work in the goal and priority areas continues, staff will provide quarterly updates to the EAC and Regional Council beginning in January 2022 and start the holistic update to the Strategic Plan in early 2022. [Read the full report in the October Regional Council agenda.](#)

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REGISTER FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

On Thursday, Dec. 2, SCAG will host the [12th annual Southern California Economic Summit](#) virtually, focusing on the theme **From Inclusive Recovery to**

Inclusive Growth. While we had hoped to be able to convene in person, out of an abundance of caution we are pivoting to a virtual event model.

This summit will come at a time when the regional economy is still recovering from a time of unprecedented crisis. The program will feature the debut of new research and analysis on the state of the region's economy, expert commentary on the issue of how to keep Southern California competitive, and a laundry list of funding programs and innovative approaches to kickstarting inclusive economic growth.

[Register today](#) to join civic and business leaders from across Southern California for this **vital conversation on how we can further our economic recovery and build strength and resilience** in a post-COVID world. Elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions may attend for free. Learn more and register to attend at scag.ca.gov/economicssummit.

CELEBRATE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH BY TAKING THE GO HUMAN SAFETY PLEDGE

To celebrate Pedestrian Safety Month, SCAG's *Go Human* campaign revamped and relaunched the [Go Human Safety Pledge](#) to reach more people and help them take meaningful action to improve traffic safety in their communities. Join a growing cohort of safety champions and practitioners across the region and gain access to a robust toolbox of resources to support safety strategy implementation. The Safety Pledge offers several ways to support safety in your community including pledging to sponsor a safety messaging campaign, deploying a temporary demonstration with the *Go Human* Kit of Parts, advocating for safety improvements using the High Injury Network, and much more. Make a commitment to safety by signing the pledge and securing access to SCAG safety resources. [Sign the Safety Pledge here](#) and [view your commitment on the Safety Pledge Map](#).

SCAG TO HOST HOUSING POLICY FORUM

On **Monday, Nov. 1, from noon to 2 p.m.**, SCAG will host a Housing Policy Forum, which will be the first in series that will continue into Fall 2022. The first virtual forum, **A Rundown on Federal and State Legislation and Funding**, will provide an overview of the challenges, opportunities and trends in current federal and state housing legislation in Southern California. There will also be a discussion on the impacts of legislation on local housing policy, as well as an opportunity for participants to share local housing policy priorities. While the forum is free of charge, [registration is required to attend](#). Please visit the [Fall 2021 Housing Policy Forum webpage](#) for more information.

Read the full [Executive Director's Report](#) for October 2021 and see past reports on the SCAG website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER

20th Audit Committee
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NOVEMBER

2nd Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
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24 Transportation Conformity Working Group

28th Emerging Technologies Committee

3 Executive/Administration Committee

4th Regional Council and Policy Committees

16th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group

24th Modeling Task Force



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