

July 28, 2022

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Mark E. Henderson, Ed.D, Councilman, City of Gardena
RE: SCAG Regional Council Summary Report

CEHD Committee:

- Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice
- Release of Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2
- Initial Findings for Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2019011061)
- 2021-2022 CivicSpark Housing Fellows: Regional Affordable Housing Initiative
- RHNA Reform Timeline
- Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) - Performance Measures
- Status Update on Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region
- ACTION ITEMS
 - REAP 2.0 - Draft Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines
- **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**
- Recommend that the Regional Council adopt SCAG’s REAP 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines. This item will be presented at the September Regional Council meeting for approval. **(This item was passed unanimously.)**

INFORMATION ITEMS

- SCAG Economic Development Update
- REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update .
- Connect SoCal 2024 – Draft Vision, Goals, and Performance Measures

Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

- 2021-2022 CivicSpark Housing Fellows: Regional Affordable Housing Initiative
- REAP 2.0 Framework and Program Status Update
- **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt SCAG’s REAP 2021 Program Development Framework.

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SPOTLIGHT

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

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



In June, the Executive/Administration Committee convened for a two-day work planning session at the Paseo Hotel in Palm Desert, Calif.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS REAP 2.0 FRAMEWORK

SCAG's Regional Council today approved the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Program Development Framework. REAP 2.0 will provide \$246 million to the SCAG region to support transformative and innovative projects that implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy and help achieve goals of more housing and transportation options that reduce reliance on cars. The framework reflects robust outreach and engagement with regional partners to help guide the development of the specific funding programs and projects to be included in the full program application.

The framework proposes SCAG's REAP 2.0 funds be administered across three areas:

1. **Early Program Initiatives:** SCAG will expand certain existing programs in the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy to offer additional support to cities in implementing Connect SoCal. This area includes funding for the

Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice and the Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program, which have been recommended for Regional Council approval in September by the Economic & Environment Committee and the Community Economic & Human Development Committee respectively.

2. **Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program:** This SCAG program builds on the concepts put forward in the Key Connections in Connect SoCal 2020, as well as current work funded through the REAP 1.0 program, Local Action Planning Grants and Senate Bill 2.
3. **County Transportation Commission Partnership Program:** SCAG will develop a new partnership program with the region's county transportation commissions to fund the development of plans, programs, pilot projects and specific signature greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled-reducing capital projects consistent with the goals and objectives of REAP 2.0.

Outreach and engagement will continue through the rest of the program, informing the development of the full application for funding, which will be submitted to the state in December 2022. More information on SCAG's REAP 2021 program can be found at scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL RELEASES DRAFT 2023 FTIP AND DRAFT CONNECT SOCIAL AMENDMENT #2 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Regional Council today approved the release of the draft [2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program](#) (FTIP) and draft [Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2](#), including the associated transportation conformity analyses, for a **30-day public review and comment period from July 8 to Aug. 8**.

Developed in partnership with state and local agencies through a bottom-up process, the draft 2023 FTIP reflects the region's overall strategy for providing mobility and improving both the efficiency and safety of the transportation system through the implementation of the policies and goals of Connect SoCal. The draft includes approximately 1,800 projects for the region, totaling \$35.9 billion over six years.

The Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 incorporates changes to the Connect SoCal 2020 Project List along with changes to state and local highway, transit and passenger rail projects that will be carried forward as part of the 2023 FTIP. Since the plan's adoption, some of these projects have experienced technical changes that are time-sensitive in addition to new project priorities identified by the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region. The conformity analyses demonstrate that the draft 2023 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2 meet all federal transportation conformity requirements.

The draft [2023 FTIP](#) and [Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #2](#) are now available online. [More information on how to participate in the public review and comment process or attend the public hearing is available here.](#)

INFORMATION

2021-22 CIVICSPARK HOUSING FELLOWS: REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

In a presentation to the Regional Council, SCAG's 2021-22 CivicSpark Housing Fellows shared a recap of their work with the SCAG housing program over the past year.

Over the course of the 2021-22 service term, the fellows supported the SCAG housing program through efforts aimed at increasing the production of affordable housing throughout the SCAG region. The fellows helped build longer-term capacity to address housing issues in the region by strengthening regional/subregional partnerships, strengthening collaborations and supporting funding models. Additionally, fellows further researched Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) development in the SCAG region through a compilation of ADU permitting data and interviews with housing planners in the "Accessory Dwelling Units in the SCAG Region" ArcGIS StoryMap. The StoryMap is anticipated to launch in late Summer 2022 and will highlight ADU permitting trends, innovative practices across the region, the benefits of ADUs and SCAG's current ADU technical assistance efforts.

SCAG's partnership with CivicSpark will continue through the 2022-23 program year with fellows supporting SCAG's climate adaptation and mitigation, resilience and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONVENES FOR 2022-23 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

On June 30, SCAG President Jan Harnik convened the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) for a two-day work planning session at the Paseo Hotel in Palm Desert, Calif. The session provided EAC members an opportunity to reflect on the past year and included a discussion on strategic planning for the year ahead.

SCAG LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURIE DAVIES

SCAG leadership met with Assemblymember Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel)

on June 15 to discuss the agency's budget priorities and other items of importance. Assemblymember Davies represents the 73rd Assembly District in South Orange County and is a member of the Transportation and Appropriations committees. SCAG's budget priorities include budget augmentations to the Infill Infrastructure Grant and Senate Bill 1 programs, funding for the 2028 Summer Olympics Transportation projects, and increased investment in the Active Transportation Program. During the meeting, there was also a discussion on public safety, Regional Housing Needs Assessment reform and funding equity for Southern California, especially regarding ports, freight, and goods movement.

UPDATE ON REZONING TIMELINES (SB 197/AB 1398)

On June 30, Senate Bill (SB) 197, which extends several key housing program deadlines, including Housing Element rezoning, was signed by Governor Newsom. This bill provides relief for jurisdictions facing the truncated rezoning deadline due to Assembly Bill 1398. SCAG jurisdictions that adopt a housing element that was found in substantial compliance by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by Oct. 15 will now have until February 2025 to complete required rezonings.

SB 197 also extends the expenditure deadline for REAP 1.0 funds from Dec. 31, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2024, and the deadline for HCD's report on an improved Regional Housing Needs Allocation and methodology from Dec. 31, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2023.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Harnik announced appointments to SCAG's Policy Committees:

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Debra Dorst-Porada, City of Ontario
- John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills
- Misty Perez, City of Port Hueneme

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

- Jesus Silva, City of Fullerton

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Jeremy Smith, City of Canyon Lake
- Paul Marquez, Caltrans District 7

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOUSING POLICY FORUM SERIES



SCAG & SANDAG TO HOST FALL HOUSING POLICY FORUM: EQUITABLE HOUSING

SCAG and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will host the fall [Housing Policy Forum on Equitable Housing](#) on **Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Join policymakers and thought leaders to gain insight on trends in homeownership and explore opportunities and innovations that will create a more equitable and sustainable housing ecosystem across Southern California. Forum participants will discuss strategies and resources that promote access to homeownership; describe the historic role of homeownership in housing stability and the changing landscape; and explore state, regional and local approaches to promoting homeownership and accessing capital to accelerate housing production. [Register here to attend!](#)

33RD ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP DATES ANNOUNCED

The 33rd Annual Demographic Workshop, co-hosted by SCAG and the University of Southern California, will be held virtually on the afternoons of **Wednesday, Sept. 14, and Wednesday, Sept. 21**. This year's workshop will explore the demographic trends that have and have not bounced back following the COVID-19 pandemic, how different populations have experienced the rebound in different ways, and the impact of remote work and other emerging trends in our cities. More information will be available soon.

The full [Executive Director's Report](#) and past reports will be available on the SCAG website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY

- 19th Housing Working Group
- 19th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 21st Technical Working Group
- 26th Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 27th Modeling Task Force
- 27th Audit Committee

AUGUST

- 2nd Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
- 3rd Executive/Administration Committee
- 16th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 25th Emerging Technologies Committee
- 31st Executive/Administration Committee