

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



ACTION **\$8 MILLION AWARDED FOR HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM**

In October, the Regional Council also approved funding recommendations for the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program, an \$8 million competitive program to support scaling up the development of available land and implementing corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives. The 11 awarded projects include site assessments, site inventories, inclusionary housing programs and specific plans that unlock lands for housing with diverse housing types.

The HIPP Pilot Program is part of Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing, funded by REAP 2.0, which supports planning and implementation to accelerate infill development, affirmatively further fair housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

[Read more about the HIPP projects here.](#)

ACTION **\$4 MILLION IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDED**

The SCAG Regional Council approved \$4 million in October to support 11 projects advancing multimodal communities and sustainable housing and land use strategies across Southern California. The [Sustainable Communities Program](#) – Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ), under which these awards are issued, is funded through Senate Bill 1 for multimodal communities projects and Regional Early Action Planning program (REAP 2.0) for housing and land use strategies projects. The SCP CEEEJ prioritizes strategies that close the racial equity gap, include partnerships with community-based organizations and fund or directly benefit

historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented and under-resourced communities.

[Read more about the SCP CEEEJ projects here.](#)

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZES OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDING

The Regional Council approved a resolution at its October meeting authorizing SCAG to accept \$1.35 million in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This funding will be used to continue the *Go Human* program, with plans in 2023-2024 to support localized traffic safety engagement, temporary safety demonstration projects and the distribution of Community Streets Grants across the region, as well as research and analysis to assess existing strategies and inform new ones. [Learn more about the *Go Human* program here.](#)

In addition, the Regional Council approved a second resolution authorizing SCAG to accept an \$886,000 OTS grant award to fund development of a regional transportation safety predictive modeling platform. This award will facilitate SCAG's efforts to take a more proactive approach toward the analysis and mitigation of safety risks on our regional multimodal transportation system, with the objective of reducing the incidence of collision-related fatalities and serious injuries.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 14TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

[Registration is now open](#) for SCAG's 14th annual Southern California Economic Summit, on Dec. 7 at the Sheraton Grand Los Angeles. Mark your calendars and register now to join leaders in business, planning and public policy to assess the state of the region's economy.

The program will explore the major economic factors that inform Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. From generating new jobs to creating efficiency gains for commuters, shipping and travel, a strong regional transportation system has economic benefits for all of the nearly 19 million people in the region.

Register today to join leading voices for conversations on strategies to promote the long-term health of Southern California's economy. Elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions may attend for free.

[Learn more about the event and register to attend here.](#)

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE'S STRATEGIC WORK PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

SCAG President Art Brown convened the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) on June 29 to establish high-level goals and priorities for the year ahead. The 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan is guided by presidential priorities of rail transit recovery, goods movement and clean technology.

The approved work plan will guide policy discussions and engagement activities, including a series of Mobile Workshops scheduled to begin this fall.

Read the full report in the [October Regional Council agenda](#).

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL NOV. 6

SCAG recently opened a Call for Applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. This competitive call, open through Nov. 6, will award an estimated \$35 million to projects in any of the following categories meeting the definition of infill:

- **Planning Projects:** Plans, programs and green infrastructure plans to support increased utility capacity to support residential development identified in housing elements.
 - **Capital Projects:** Projects that address current and future utility restrictions for housing development and enable continued infill
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housing development by upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater and dry utilities systems.

Recordings of an Oct. 4 information session will be available soon, and [office hours with SCAG staff](#) are available to support applicants. More information on the call for applications and technical assistance opportunities are also available on [SCAG's RUSH website](#).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROJECTS AWARDED \$215 MILLION

The California Strategic Growth Council recently announced the 7th cycle of its Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, which advances building affordable housing in walkable neighborhoods with access to jobs. As part of this funding cycle, a total of \$215 million was awarded to six projects in the SCAG region that are projected to develop more than 997 new units of affordable housing in disadvantaged communities.

Overall, this cycle of the AHSC program funded a total of \$757 million for 16 projects in California.

Every year, SCAG writes letters of support for affordable housing projects applying to the AHSC program and will continue to work with local partners to bring funding to projects in Southern California.

[The full Executive Director's Report is available here.](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER

17th Housing Working Group
24th Transportation Conformity Working Group
26th Emerging Technologies Committee

NOVEMBER

1st Executive/Administration Committee
2nd Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
2nd Energy and Environment Committee
2nd Transportation Committee
2nd Regional Council
7th Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
7th District Evaluation Committee
14th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
16th Technical Working Group
16th Equity Working Group
29th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee