

SCAG Regional Council Report
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The following safety targets will be adopted by SCAG:

Item 2. An Overview of Regional Transportation Safety Priorities and Recommendation to Adopt the 2023 Safety Targets

PM 1 established (5) specific transportation safety performance measures for which annual targets are required:

- Total number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities (per 100 million VMT)
- Total number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million VMT)
- Total (combined) number of non-motorized fatalities & serious injuries

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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



ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES TWO NEW PROGRAMS TO FUND LOCAL EQUITY PLANNING

The Regional Council today approved two new programs that support local transportation and land use planning activities that provide direct benefit to under-resourced areas across the region.

The [Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice Call for Applications](#) will provide a total of \$5 million to support a wide range of eligible land use and transportation planning activities to close the racial equity gap. [This program](#) provides resources and direct technical assistance to local agencies and encourages co-applicant partnerships with community-based partners.

The Regional Council also approved the [2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines](#) to provide resources to local community-based organizations to implement traffic safety strategies. SCAG anticipates opening the Call for Applications in February 2023 and will award approximately \$400,000 to organizations across the region.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES RELEASE OF AMENDMENTS FOR CONNECT SOCAL 2020 AND THE 2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

In March 2022, SCAG staff began the development process for [Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3](#) and [Draft 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03](#) in response to changes from the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and to proactively reduce impacts of the regional conformity lockdown. The Regional Council today authorized the release of both amendments and the transportation conformity analysis of both amendments for public review and comment from Jan. 6 to Feb. 5, 2023, at 5 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Jan. 17, at 10 a.m., for more information, [click here](#).

Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 – Release for Public Review

Over the past several months, SCAG staff has worked in consultation and continuous communication with CTCs throughout the region to develop the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03. 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 projects removed from Connect SoCal 2020. Informed by these changes, SCAG staff has drafted content and assessed that these project modifications will not impact Connect SoCal 2020's ability to meet state and federal requirements.

Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Amendment #23-03 – Release for Public Review

The transportation conformity analysis demonstrates that the Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 meet all federal transportation conformity requirements and is released as part of the Draft Amendments for public review.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DRAFT DIGITAL ACTION PLAN RELEASED FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

In February 2021, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a [resolution](#) pledging SCAG to assist in bridging the digital divide in underserved and unserved communities. Following approval at today's Transportation Committee, [SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan](#) has been released for 30-day public review and comment from Jan. 5 to Feb. 3, 2023. After the comment period closes, staff will refine the language in the Digital Action Plan where applicable. The Final Digital Action Plan will be presented to the Transportation Committee and Regional Council on April 6, 2023, for approval and adoption. Comments and questions should be directed to Roland Ok, Planning Supervisor: ok@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1819.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DRAFT REGIONAL ADVANCED MITIGATION PLANNING (RAMP) POLICY FRAMEWORK ADVANCES WITH REVISION

The Draft RAMP Policy Framework was unanimously accepted by the RAMP-ATG during its last meeting on Nov. 16. Today, SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee unanimously recommended the Regional Council approve the [RAMP Policy Framework](#) with minor changes to the policy, including adding a

representative from the environmental community and clarifying that elected officials may serve as public agency representatives on Greenprint Tool Technical Advisory Committee. This item received broad support from the environmental and business communities and will go to the Regional Council in coming months.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCAG OFFICES REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SCAG offices have officially reopened to the public to permit participation at SCAG's legislative body meetings in person. Members of the public can now choose to attend Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings in-person or virtually and have the option to participate in the meetings via written or verbal comments. Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments by emailing: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting in question. Members of the public wishing to verbally express their comments in real time during the meeting are allowed up to a total of three minutes to speak on agenda items.

NEW VICE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor of Riverside, for her appointment as Vice Chair of SCAG's Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING SUPPORTIVE GRANT APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to Permanent Local Housing Allocation application assistance, SCAG is offering technical assistance for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments to prepare and submit applications for housing-supportive funding.

Several grant funding availability notices are being made available by the California Department of Housing and Community Development and other public agencies. SCAG has expert assistance available on a rolling basis to help selected recipients prepare and submit applications for these funds and grants.

[Applications](#) for assistance are available on [SCAG's housing webpage](#) and can be submitted to SCAG until program funds are expended. For more information, email housing@scag.ca.gov.



2023 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SCAG is now accepting nominations for the [2023 SCAG Sustainability Awards!](#) Each year, SCAG honors projects and plans that exemplify core principles of sustainability toward accomplishing the goals of the Connect SoCal regional plan.

The deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 10. [Click here](#) to learn more about this opportunity or to submit a nomination.

The winners of the SCAG Sustainability Awards will be presented at the 2023 Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 4-5, 2023.

The full January Executive Director's Report is available here: scag.ca.gov/edr-jan-23.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JANUARY

- 17th Public Hearing: Draft Connect SoCal Amendment #3 Including the Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03
- 17th Housing Working Group
- 17th Toolbox Tuesday: Curb Space Management Study
- 17th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 18th Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee
- 19th Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee
- 23rd Resilience and Conservation Subcommittee

FEBRUARY

- 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
- 16th Sustainable and Resilient Communities & Natural and Farm Lands Working Groups (Joint Meeting)

24th Transportation Conformity Working Group
25th Modeling Task Force
30th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee

21st Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
22nd Audit Committee
23rd Emerging Technologies Committee
28th Transportation Conformity Working Group



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