



# Connect SoCal 2024 & PEIR

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## Presentation Agenda

- 1 Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024**
- 2 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)**
- 3 Next Steps for the Plan and PEIR**

# Connect SoCal 2024

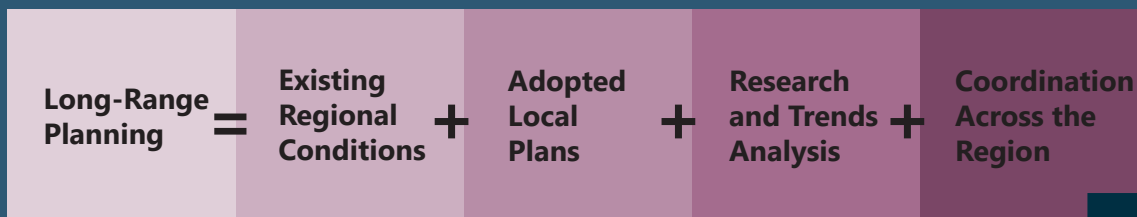
*Proposed Final*



## A Compass for the Region



### Connect SoCal



- ✓ Meets federal and state requirements
- ✓ Ensures the region receives critical transportation funding and approvals
- ✓ Creates the foundation and framework for collaboration

*Continued collaboration can close the gap between local actions and achievement of our regional goals*

# Our Role in the Region



## Vision and Goals

SCAG leads the region by defining where we want to go and outlining strategies to get us there.

### Leadership

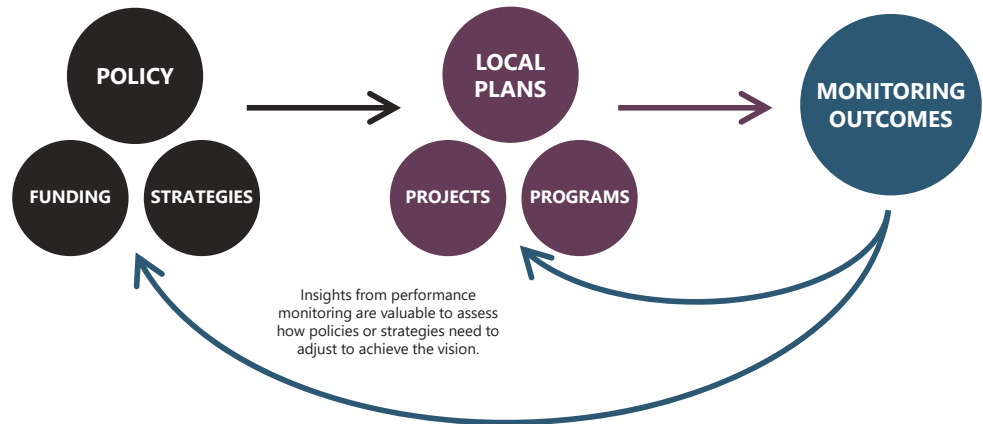
SCAG works with local jurisdictions, transportation commissions, state and federal agencies and various stakeholder groups to identify how we will work together to achieve the regional vision.

### Implementation

Jurisdictions take action at the local level to implement work that moves toward achieving this regional vision. SCAG can support implementation by providing policy leadership, research or targeted resources.

### Evaluation

Measurement of implementation work and outcomes acts as a benchmark on progress toward achieving the vision.



# Vision and Goals



**“A Healthy, Prosperous, Accessible and Connected Region for a More Resilient and Equitable Future”**



### MOBILITY

**Build and maintain** an integrated multimodal transportation network



### ENVIRONMENT

Create a **healthy** region for the people of today and tomorrow



### COMMUNITIES

Develop, connect and sustain **livable and thriving** communities



### ECONOMY

Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional environment that provides **opportunities for all** people in the region

# Connect SoCal is a Vision for the Future

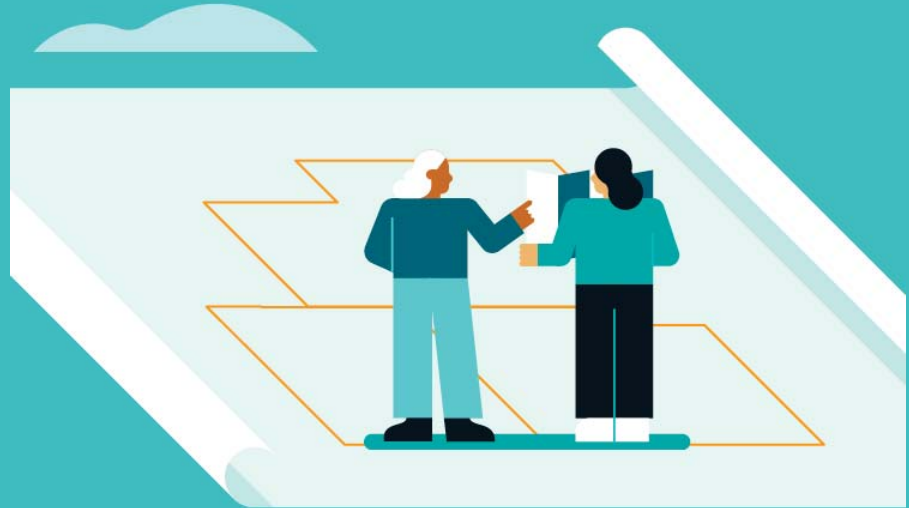


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## **Complete Streets and Safety**

- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Active Transportation and Safety (ATS) Call for Projects

## **Transit and Multimodal Integration**

- Mobility Hubs Design and Implementation Guidance
- Highways to Boulevards Regional Study

## **Technology Integration**

- Smart Cities Strategic Plan

# Connect SoCal is a Vision for the Future



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## **Housing the Region**

- Partnerships at the local, regional, state and federal levels

## **15-Minute Communities**

- Technical-assistance resources for 15-minute communities

## **Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making**

- Agencywide CBO Partnering Strategy

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## **Clean Transportation**

- Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment (FY25)
- Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study (ZETI)
- Last Mile Freight Program

## **Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation**

- Economic Benefits of Natural And Agricultural Lands Study

## **Climate Resilience**

- Regional Resilience Framework
- Water Action Resolution White Paper

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## Goods Movement

- Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan
- Last Mile Freight Program Phase 2

## Broadband

- Permit Streamlining Study
- Last Mile Project Assessment



## WHY DOES IT MATTER?



# The Region in 2050

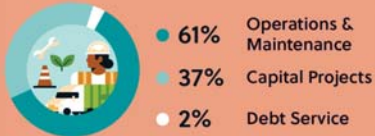
## Demographic Forecast



## More Efficient Development Pattern



## \$751.7 Billion in Investments through 2050



## Less Congestion



## Reduced GHG Emissions from Passenger Vehicles



## More Travel Options



## Direct Economic Impacts



# HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE PLAN A REALITY?



# Plan Impact: Implementation



**Regional  
Leadership**

**Collaboration and Policy  
Leadership**

**Federal Funding  
Administration**

**Data Collection, Analysis  
and Research**

**Local Technical Assistance  
Resources**



## **PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)**

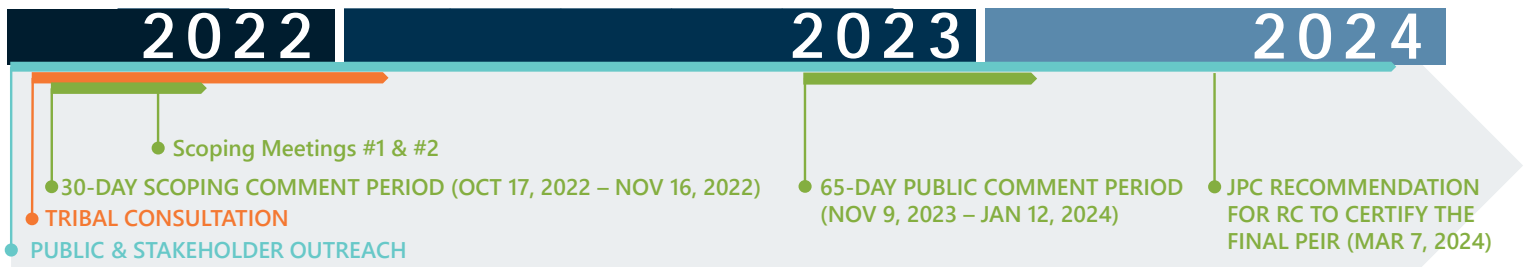


# CEQA Requirements

- SCAG is the CEQA Lead Agency for Connect SoCal 2024 (CEQA Project)
- PEIR is the appropriate type of CEQA document for a regional plan
- PEIR includes a region-wide, first-tier, programmatic level assessment
- Evaluates and discloses potential environmental impacts of Plan
- Mitigates or avoids significant adverse environmental impacts of Plan



# 2024 PEIR Process



Aviation Technical Advisory Committee    Global & Land Use Economic Counsel    Joint Policy Committees    Joint Sustainable & Resilient Communities/ Natural & Farm Lands Conservation

Regional Council    City of Riverside    South Coast Air Quality Management District    Technical Working Group

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District    Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority / Riverside County Transportation Commission



# MAJOR PEIR DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MARCH JPC

## Proposed Final PEIR (posted March 25, 2024)



**COMPLETE DRAFT PEIR**  
(CHAPTERS 1-7)



**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**  
(CHAPTER 8) **[NEW]**



**CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS**  
(CHAPTER 9) **[NEW]**

View the complete Final PEIR including technical appendices at: [www.scag.ca.gov/peir](http://www.scag.ca.gov/peir)

## Additional CEQA-Required Information for the Final PEIR

A resolution and three exhibits are attached for the Regional Council's consideration:

- 1) Exhibit A - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(d) and 15097)
- 2) Exhibit B - Findings of Fact (CEQA Guidelines Section 15091)
- 3) Exhibit C - Statement of Overriding Considerations (CEQA Guidelines Section 15093)

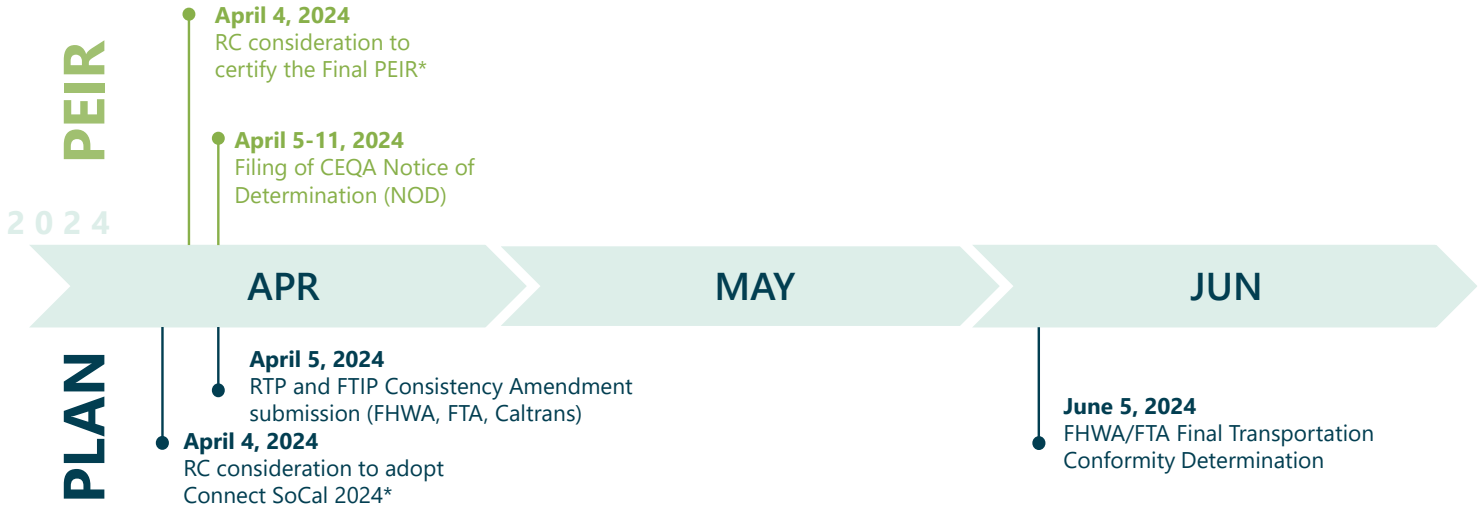
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## WHAT COMES NEXT?

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## Next Steps



\*The Final PEIR must first be certified by the Regional Council prior to approving Connect SoCal 2024 (CEQA Guidelines Section 15090)

## Recommended Action (PEIR)

Adopt Resolution No. 24-664-1 and associated exhibits, which reflect the following:

- (1) Certify the Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024
- (2) Adopt Exhibit A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- (3) Adopt Exhibit B: Findings of Fact
- (4) Adopt Exhibit C: Statement of Overriding Considerations
- (5) Direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the Final PEIR certification.

# Recommended Action (Plan)

Adopt Resolution No. 24-664-2, which reflects the following:

- (1) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 (2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy)
- (2) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 as required for federal transportation conformity purposes
- (3) Approve Connect SoCal 2024 as required for SB 375 purposes
- (4) Adopt the Consistency Amendment No. 23-26 to the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

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# THANK YOU!

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The Southern California Association  
of Governments' 2024-2050  
Regional Transportation Plan/  
Sustainable Communities Strategy

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