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SCAG 2025-26 State Legislative Platform Update

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Overview

- Staff recommends a comprehensive update and refresh to the agency's adopted 2024 State Legislative Platform.
- This update also represents an effort to align the platform with Connect SoCal's four pillars: Mobility, Communities, Environment, and Economy.
- While staff has presented the State *and* Fed platforms as one item in the past, we are presenting the State platform as a standalone item and recommend approval.



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Platform Update Goals

- The State Platform has been significantly re-worked with two goals in mind:
 - **Conciseness** – Remove redundant priorities while maintaining and broadening existing priorities to create a shorter but more effective platform overall.
 - **Durability** – Make the platform's priorities more durable and recommend that the board adopt platforms effective for 2025 AND 2026.



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The Process

- Staff conducted an internal review to remove redundant/outdated points.
- Next, we collaborated with the Planning Dept. to identify improvements.
- After SCAG review, we collaborated with:
 - Sub-Regional Executive Directors
 - Southern California Legislative Roundtable
 - Airports Legislative Staff
 - California Transit Association
 - Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors
- Now, let's get into the platform!



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Mobility Pillar (1 of 2)

Active Transportation:

- Support increased funding for ATP and Complete Streets.



Congestion Reduction:

- Support and highlight the importance of TDM funding and innovative TDM strategies, especially to prepare for LA 28.



Transit & Rail:

- Support Flexible transit funding.
- Support Transit-Oriented Development.
- Support coordinating transportation and land use planning.



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Mobility Pillar (2 of 2)

Transportation Funding:

- Protect SB 1 revenues from being repurposed and minimize restrictions on funding sources.
- Support regional equity considerations for transportation funding distribution.



Transportation Safety:

- Support tools and funding to achieve Vision Zero
- Support increased coordination between all levels of gov't to meet road safety and GHG reduction targets.



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Communities Pillar

- Housing:
 - Support incentives, tools, and funding for housing programs, including REAP.
 - Preserve local authority to address housing and homelessness
 - Support fairness and accountability in the RHNA process and RHNA Trade & Transfer
- Project Streamlining:
 - Reform SB 743's VMT analysis provisions
 - Support CEQA reform
- Racial Justice:
 - Support legislative efforts to reverse effects of inequitable policies, such as Reconnecting Communities.



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Environment Pillar

- Building Resilience:
 - Support equitable GGRF distribution.
 - Support extending Cap-and-Trade program.
 - Support SB 375 reform.
 - Support resources and funding to prepare and recover from wildfires and natural disasters.
- Water:
 - Support "all of the above" approach to drought and water shortage.
 - Support flexibility in using state resources for integrated planning for water resources.



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Economy Pillar (1 of 2)

Broadband:

- Support funding for broadband infrastructure and integrated planning.



Economic Development:

- Support funding for economic, educational, and workforce development.
- Maintain support for a CSU in the Coachella Valley.



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Economy Pillar (2 of 2)

Freight & Goods Movement:

- Support increased TCEP funding.
- Oppose reprioritizing TCEP funding for non-freight-related purposes.



Technology & Data:

- Support electric and alternative vehicle planning, permit streamlining, purchases, and charging/refueling infrastructure.
- Support Smart Cities to reduce VMT and GHG emissions.

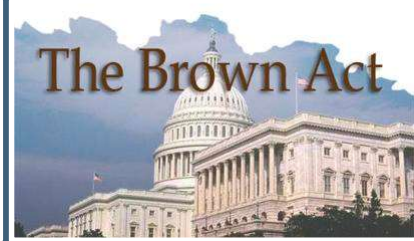


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Miscellaneous

Government Efficiency:

- Support for Brown Act Reform!



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Thank You!

Questions?

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