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## MEETING OF THE

# EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

***Thursday, June 5, 2025***  
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## EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, June 5, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**

The Executive/Administration Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *(The Honorable Cindy Allen, Chair)*

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### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Program Development Framework to Support the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games PPG. 6  
*(Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, SCAG)*

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Games Mobility Program Development Framework.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### Approval Items

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3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-012-MRFP 06, Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) Regional Coordination Strategic Plan PPG. 33
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### Receive and File

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| 8. Connect SoCal 2024: Sustainable Communities Strategy Acceptance and Target Updates           | PPG. 104 |
| 9. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold | PPG. 107 |
| 10. CFO Monthly Report  | PPG. 112 |

### **CFO REPORT**

*(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Cindy Allen, Chair)*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)*

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**



## AGENDA ITEM 1

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
213-236-1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Program Development Framework to Support the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

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*Kome Ajise*

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the Games Mobility Program Development Framework.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*This summer marks three years until the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games begin in Southern California, with preparations beginning well before Opening Ceremony on July 14, 2028. To prepare the region for the impacts to the transportation system, while identifying opportunities to imagine a new legacy for Southern California, SCAG has prepared a program development framework ("framework") including a program goal, objectives, guiding principles and overarching strategies to coalesce and confirm the Regional Council's priorities and to guide SCAG's planning activities.*

#### BACKGROUND:

In 37 months, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games ("LA28 Games") begin in Southern California, taking place July 14 – 30 and August 15 – 27, though preparation will ramp up in the preceding months. Material and equipment for the events will arrive through the region's goods movement system, and athletes, teams, and visitors will arrive not only to participate in the Games but to experience Southern California. The LA28 Games represent a challenge for the region's transportation system, which must facilitate travel for the region's 19 million residents while also serving demand for goods within the region and across the nation. At the same time, coordinated planning and preparation can ensure that the economic and social impacts of the Games continue to benefit the region.

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Staff have engaged the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) and Regional Council over the last year with updates on the Games and SCAG's work to prepare the region. At the November 7, 2024, meeting of the EAC, staff provided an overview of the LA28 Games, detailing the work of SCAG and other agencies of the region (part of the Games Mobility Executives group) to develop mobility plans and pursue state and federal funds for transportation infrastructure and mobility resources before, during, and after the LA28 Games. The regional impact of this event will also provide the opportunity to imagine a new legacy for Southern California. Following that update, staff submitted a draft program development framework ("framework") to the EAC at the April 3, 2025, which identifies SCAG's work to prepare the region for the impacts to the transportation system, while identifying opportunities for a new legacy. Additionally, at the General Assembly on May 3, 2025, SCAG hosted a panel conversation on preparing for the Games with LA28, City of Los Angeles, LA Metro, and City of Long Beach, moderated by AECOM.

### **Program Development Framework Overview**

The Games Mobility Program Development Framework coalesces and confirms SCAG's planning priorities and activities. Brief highlights of the framework are provided below while the full framework document is included as an attachment.

#### Program Goal

The program development framework aligns with Connect SoCal 2024 and its pillars of mobility, communities, environment, and economy. As such, the program goal expresses both a vision for the LA28 Games as well as the long-term legacy resulting from the preparations. The goal is:

**Southern California will showcase our thriving communities, support local businesses, and invest in the transportation improvements, programs, and policies necessary to leave a lasting legacy in our region.**

#### Objectives and Guiding Principles

The program objectives clarify what SCAG's framework aims to achieve for the LA28 Games. They identify the near-term and measurable actions that both serve the LA28 Games and form the foundation for the new legacy for the region. The guiding principles are the values that shape the decisions and interactions of the program, setting a consistent approach for internal and external coordination. Together, the guiding principles reflect how the program will achieve its objectives.

#### *Objectives*

1. Optimize investment in legacy infrastructure.
2. Accelerate innovation through pilots.
3. Foster alignment of policies and programs to manage demand for the LA28 Games and beyond.

4. Showcase communities to support local placemaking and community development opportunities associated with the Games.

#### *Guiding Principles*

- Support Connect SoCal implementation.
- Create more access to more choices for transportation (mobility).
- Support opportunities for communities to benefit from the Games and its legacy (community).
- Increase the resilience of people, places, and infrastructure (environment).
- Expand access to economic opportunity for local businesses and residents while mitigating potential negative impacts (economy).
- Leverage new technologies.
- Strengthen existing and explore new regional partnerships.
- Prioritize regional connectivity and geographic representation.

#### Strategies

The strategies define the actions the program will carry out and inform how SCAG will define and measure success. As the program evolves, these strategies can also help guide staff to determine how to onboard new work or to phase out existing work.

1. REGIONAL CONVENING AND INFORMATION SHARING – Convene partners at a regional level to advance projects that support the program goal.
2. REGIONAL PLANNING – Lead regional planning efforts to support a LA28 Games for all of Southern California, including an approach to TDM.
3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – Fund implementation of pilot and permanent projects.
4. FUNDING ADVOCACY – Secure and administer state and federal funding.

#### Leadership

Staff will organize regular updates to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees that cover the full scope of the Games to facilitate information sharing and coordination across the region. The Policy Committees will consider and provide more focused input on key challenges and opportunities related to the Games and SCAG's work efforts.

#### **Anticipated Projects**

Into the next fiscal year, SCAG will continue to engage local jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, and private firms as part of the strategic planning process, with the aim of carrying out pilots and other implementation activities during the LA28 Games. The following project examples represent the kind of work SCAG will pursue.

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### Passenger Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

TDM strategies aim to reduce the demand for roadway travel, particularly in single occupancy vehicles, by promoting efficient transportation options, such as biking, walking, transit, and carpooling. These demand-side strategies aim to influence traveler behavior by reducing the need for single occupancy vehicle trips or shifting demand to other times, routes, or modes. TDM strategies include activation of mobility hubs, wayfinding, digital tools, incentive programs, and marketing campaigns.

SCAG will develop a TDM Initiation Plan and Implementation Roadmap by Summer 2026, taking the following year to implement pilots, evaluating them for effectiveness, scalability, and replicability. In 2027, SCAG will implement permanent projects and programs. Throughout this process, the Regional TDM Forum will provide feedback on SCAG's work and serve as an opportunity to communicate updates.

### Freight Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

TDM strategies for goods movement focus on event-related congestion impacts on local logistics operations as well as strategies to reduce the effects of last-mile delivery on access to and around venue locations. The LA28 Games will be an opportunity to test and implement strategies that proactively account for disruptions. Strategies can include off-peak operations including designated hours for deliveries of goods near venue locations, last-mile delivery solutions like the use of micro-hubs to facilitate sorting and distribution, and information campaigns along with real-time communication systems.

SCAG will develop a Freight TDM Strategy and Implementation Plan to support the anticipated operational impacts associated with the LA28 Games. Through its Freight TDM Forum, SCAG will work with industry partners, local jurisdictions, the ports, LA Metro, and other partners on the development of this strategy. Following this Strategy and Implementation Plan, SCAG will identify public and private partners for pilot and permanent project implementation.

### Community Hubs

SCAG will develop a toolkit to support the creation of community hubs, which increase access in place and support the well-being of people in the region. The toolkit will draw lessons learned from projects funded by SCAG Go Human's community grants, which provided education and engagement to community members across the region, as well as fan zones created for the Paris 2024 Games. Following the toolkit, SCAG will work with local jurisdictions and organizations to establish community hubs during the Games.

### Quick-Build Transportation Safety Projects

Quick-build projects create traffic safety improvements using durable, cost-effective material that can be adapted with community feedback. As a supply-side TDM strategy, these improvements

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make travel easier, more comfortable, and safer for people walking and biking. Improvements include protected bike lanes, curb extensions, planter boxes, and roundabouts.

Through the 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety call for projects, SCAG awarded funding to 11 quick-build projects, which will begin in 2026. These projects will improve connectivity in the region's transportation network. Additionally, SCAG received funding through the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All program to work with LADOT to pedestrianize roadways on three key corridors in the City of Los Angeles during the LA28 Games.

**Next Steps**

Through the next fiscal year, staff will procure consultant services to support each of the projects of the Games Mobility Program. Staff will additionally provide regular updates on SCAG's programs as well as relevant information provided by LA28 and the GME.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2025 Overall Work Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Games Mobility Program Development Framework
2. Games Mobility Program Development Framework

# Games Mobility Program Development Framework

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## Framework Contents

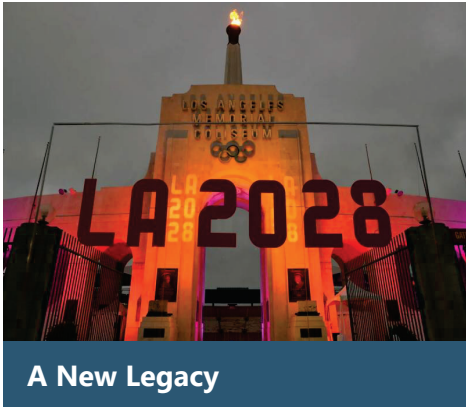
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# Games Legacy for the Region

We already live the legacy of two previous Olympic Games.  
We are leaning into another opportunity to envision and create a new legacy.



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# Key Games Facts

Category	2024 Paris Games	1984 LA Games	2028 LA Games <sup>1</sup>
Number of Sports	32	23	50+
Number of Events	329	221	~800
Number of Athletes	10,714	6,829	~15,000
Number of Countries	204	140	~200
Number of Spectators <sup>2</sup>	7.9 million	~5.7 million	~20 million
Mascot	The Phryges	Sam the Eagle	TBD
Population <sup>3</sup>	12.2 million (Île-de-France)	~13.7 million	~18.6 million

1. Projections for 2028; Olympic & Paralympic Games  
2. Includes both venue and viewing festival spectators  
3. Population: Paris Games = Paris Region; LA Games = SCAG region. OECD, <https://data-viewer.oecd.org/?chartId=77f73892-b018-487a-bee0-f8bbdfc0d3da>

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## What is the GME?

The Games Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and LA28 establishes the Games Mobility Executives group to plan and coordinate mobility for the LA28 Games, which supports projects and initiatives that advance economic opportunity, sustainability, accessibility, and legacy planning.



## What is the role of the GME?

- The GME is charged with developing a comprehensive mobility plan for the LA28 Games to deliver short-term success and long-term benefits to the region
- The key functional areas of this plan include Scalable Multimodal Integration, Games Route Network and Traffic Management Strategies, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM).
- SCAG leads the regional transportation demand management (TDM) approach, an essential mobility strategy in the success of past Games.

## A Framework for SCAG's Games Mobility Program

The Games Program Development Framework directs staff work in support of the LA28 Games and its legacy, with guidance from the Regional Council and Policy Committees.



### Guiding Principles

## Guiding Principles: Values Guiding the Program

### Mobility

Create more access to more choices for transportation.

### Community

Support opportunities for communities and local businesses to benefit from the games and its legacy.

### Environment

Increase the resilience of people, places, and infrastructure.

### Economy

Expand access to economic opportunity for local businesses and residents while mitigating potential negative impact.

Strengthen Existing Regional Partnerships and Explore New Ones

Leverage New Technologies

Prioritize Regional Connectivity and Geographic Representation



# Program Development Framework

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES. Values guiding the program.

### GOAL

Southern California will showcase our thriving communities, support local businesses, and invest in the transportation improvements, programs, and policies necessary to leave a lasting legacy in our region.

### OBJECTIVES

1. Optimize investment in legacy infrastructure.
2. Accelerate innovation through pilots.
3. Foster alignment of policies and programs to manage demand for the LA28 Games and beyond.
4. Showcase communities to support local placemaking and community development opportunities associated with the games.



## Objective 1: Optimize investment in legacy infrastructure



SCAG-Funded Projects



Grant Support



Advocacy



## Objective 2: Accelerate innovation through pilots



Open Loop Payments



Quick-Build Infrastructure



Mobility Hubs

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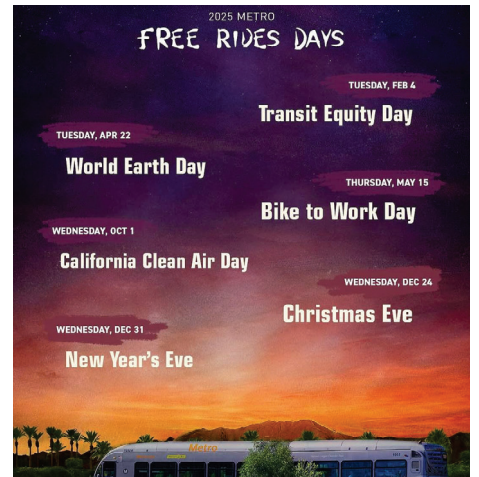
## Objective 3: Foster alignment of policies and programs to manage demand for the games and beyond



Passenger TDM:  
Wayfinding Kit of Parts



Freight TDM:  
Off-peak Delivery & Re-Routing



Passenger TDM:  
Marketing Campaigns & Incentives

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# Objective 4: Showcase communities



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## Leadership

# Leadership

BODY	ROLE
Regional Council	Forum for discussion on policy and local priorities. Sets direction for regional policies and programs.
Transportation Committee (TC)	Discusses regional mobility challenges and strategies planned to address anticipated local impacts.
Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD)	Studies economic impacts of the LA28 Games and explores alignment with IEGS.
Energy and Environment Committee (EAC)	Explores resilience strategies advanced by the LA28 Games and its partners and explores alignment with SCAG's resilience efforts.

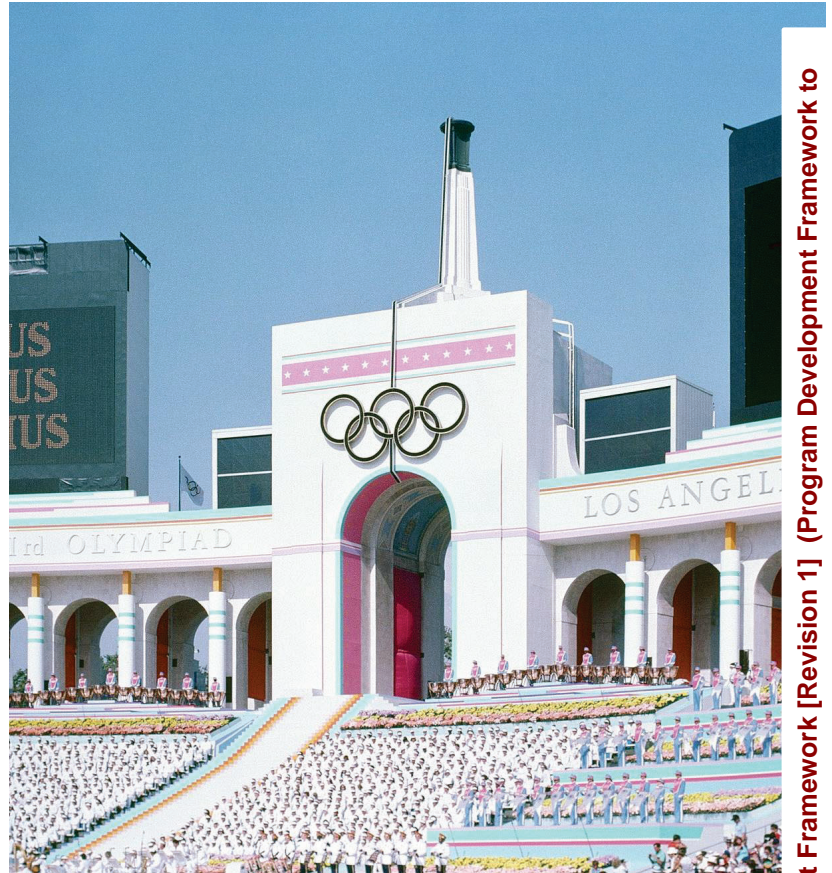
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## What Does Success Look Like?

- Effectively supporting projects that carry out framework objectives.
- Meeting passenger and freight transportation needs during the LA28 Games.
- Lasting improvements to the transportation system in the SCAG region.

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## 2028 Games Mobility Program Development Framework

In July and August of 2028, Los Angeles will host the Olympic and Paralympic Games—its third time hosting the Olympic Games and its first hosting the Paralympic Games. Both the 1932 Olympics and the 1984 Olympics have left a legacy for the everyday life of people in Los Angeles: the vendors along Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles make use of structures originally used for the 1932 Olympic Village and the 1984 Olympics formed a foundation for sports, parks, and play for youth in the city. With a more complex and populous region hosting a larger and more complex event, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, or LA28 Games, represent a challenge for the region's transportation system, which must facilitate travel for the region's 19 million residents while also serving demand for goods within the region and across the nation. More than a third of the nation's containerized goods enter and exit through the Southern California ports and the region. Conditions will be further constrained with thousands of athletes and visitors traveling to the region for a compressed amount of time. At the same time, the impacts and benefits of the LA28 Games may be spread unevenly across the region, with disproportionate burdens placed on communities, some of whom will live, work, and do business at the sites where the Games events take place.

With the extensive regional coordination across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors required to meet this challenge, the LA28 Games present an opportunity to imagine a new legacy for the transportation system in Southern California. In a visionary call to action, Mayor Karen Bass of Los Angeles has called for the LA28 Games to be "transit-first." By 2028 Los Angeles Metro looks to double the trips made by methods other than driving alone, and its Mobility Concept Plan identifies the strategies and the project priorities to create long-lasting benefits and more equitable mobility. SCAG joins the city and LA Metro in the one-team approach championed by the Mobility Concept Plan. Turning this vision into action will require multiple, integrated strategies in infrastructure, programs, policies, and culture change. In this spirit, the LA28 Games can create a new legacy for regional planning.

The 2028 Games Program Development Framework establishes an overarching goal, objectives, and guiding principles to direct staff work in support of the LA28 Games and outlines a preliminary set of Strategies and Projects to be further refined with the Regional Council and through the Policy Committees. The effort to shape this new legacy will accelerate progress on the key pillars of the regional plan and vision for Southern California, Connect SoCal, which include mobility, communities, environment, and economy.

### PROGRAM GOAL

Southern California will showcase our thriving communities, support local businesses, and invest in the transportation improvements, programs, and policies necessary to leave a lasting legacy in our region.



This aspirational goal of the Games Mobility Program is grounded in Connect SoCal 2024 and its pillars of mobility, communities, environment, and economy ([p. 85](#)). By increasing mobility, access, and connectivity, a regional transportation network can support thriving communities and expanded economic opportunity.

The objectives, guiding principles, and strategies of the program, detailed in the following sections, define the actions SCAG will take to achieve this goal.

## OBJECTIVES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The **program objectives** clarify what SCAG’s Games Mobility Program aims to achieve for the LA28 Games. They identify the near-term and measurable actions that both serve the LA28 Games and form the foundation for the new legacy for the region. These actions take place in coordination with local agencies. The **guiding principles** are the values that shape the decisions and interactions of the program, setting a consistent approach for internal and external coordination. Together, the guiding principles reflect how the program will achieve its objectives.

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### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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2. Create more access to more choices for transportation (*mobility*).
3. Support opportunities for communities to benefit from the Games and its legacy (*community*).
4. Increase the resilience of people, places, and infrastructure (*environment*).
5. Expand access to economic opportunity for local businesses and residents while mitigating potential negative impacts (*economy*).
6. Leverage new technologies.
7. Strengthen existing and explore new regional partnerships.
8. Prioritize regional connectivity and geographic representation.

**Support Connect SoCal implementation.** While the Games is a once in a generation event, the preparations around mobility have consistently been part of SCAG’s regional planning, which integrates transportation and land use planning to achieve its sustainability goals. Grounded in a rigorous local input process and direction from SCAG’s Regional Council, Connect SoCal guides the development of programs that meet regional goals and priorities. It is a cornerstone for the mobility legacy of the Games.

**Create more access to more choices for transportation.** The decision of how and when to travel, whether a driver in a single occupancy vehicle, a freight company transporting goods, or a local business making or receiving delivery, is not a choice made in isolation; rather, it is supported or unsupported by their transportation and land use environment. SCAG will support infrastructure improvements, policies, and programs that expand choice and connect people to the transportation network. Part of this guiding principle is the ability to choose not to travel far, where individuals have increased access to key destinations within their community. Placemaking and activations, important for culture and community building for people, will serve as mode shift strategies.

**Support opportunities for communities to benefit from the Games and its legacy.** The LA28 Games will be a moment for residents of the region and visitors to come together to celebrate. In spaces and places throughout the region, people will form centers for community, both formal and informal. Learning from fan zones developed for the Paris 2024 Games as well as the local practices of the region, SCAG will support the development of community hubs. These community centers will support the social well-being of people in the region.

**Increase the resilience of people, places, and infrastructure.** The LA28 Games represent a foreseen shock for the region, with this program serving as a resilience planning effort. The Games will also take place during other potential shocks and stressors: heat waves, wildfires, earthquakes, and other sudden and acute events that may compromise immediate safety and well-being. As detailed in Connect SoCal 2024, “When planning for community resilience, it is vital to adopt a comprehensive approach that acknowledges the interdependence of built, social, economic, and natural systems.” (p. 36) SCAG will endeavor to support partners as they plan and prepare for potential issues.

**Expand access to economic opportunity for local businesses and residents while mitigating potential negative impacts.** The LA28 Games will attract attention, investment, and political will. In the dynamism of this unique moment, SCAG and its partners should feel compelled to pursue new and creative efforts to expand economic opportunity for residents and businesses. As noted in the introduction to this framework, the benefits and burdens of the LA28 Games may be spread unevenly across the region, exacerbating existing disparities.

**Leverage new technologies.** Southern California has been at the forefront of emerging technologies that expand the way people and goods are moved through the region. Shared e-scooters, e-bikes, autonomous vehicles, and delivery robots represent some new additions to the region’s transportation network. This Program should explore opportunities to pilot or incentivize these and other technologies that have the potential to scale and become permanent. The Guiding Principles for Emerging Technology, published in the Connect SoCal 2024 Mobility Technical Report, should serve as a guide. In addition, SCAG’s Last Mile Freight Program commercial deployments of clean technologies with industry partners should be leveraged where possible.

**Strengthen existing and explore new regional partnerships.** SCAG’s work depends on collaboration of local jurisdictions, county transportation commissions, and the private and

nonprofit sectors, and it serves as an important liaison with state and federal agencies. Mobility during the LA28 Games require a comprehensive approach, and SCAG's role should be to bring stakeholders together to meet that challenge. SCAG will focus on bridging new collaborations and strengthening existing ones and amplifying the strategies that arise from those partnerships.

**Prioritize regional connectivity and geographic representation.** SCAG encompasses 191 cities across 6 counties, and its LA28 Games program goal will be carried out by each of these jurisdictions across urban, suburban, and rural settings. The Games will extend beyond the event venues and beyond Los Angeles County. As such, SCAG will ensure broad representation of the region in its work.

## LEADERSHIP

The Regional Council is a forum for discussion on policy and local priorities and sets the direction for regional policies and programs. Staff will organize regular updates covering the full scope of the Games to facilitate information sharing and coordination across the region to expand impact at the local level. SCAG Policy Committees will consider and provide more focused input on key challenges and opportunities related to the Games and SCAG's work efforts.

- Transportation Committee. TC will discuss the mobility challenges of the region presented by the Games and mobility strategies planned to address the anticipated local impacts.
- Community, Economic and Human Development. CEHD will seek to understand economic impacts of the Games and explore alignment with the Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy.
- Energy and Environment Committee. EEC will explore resilience strategies advanced by the Games and partners and explore alignment with SCAG's resilience efforts.

Staff will appropriately engage the Executive/Administrative Committee, Regional Council, and each of the Policy Committees throughout the life of the program with action items and information items.

## STRATEGIES AND PROJECTS

The strategies define what the program will carry out and will inform how SCAG will define and measure success. As the program evolves, these strategies can also help guide staff to determine how to onboard new work or to phase out existing work.

1. REGIONAL CONVENING AND INFORMATION SHARING -- Convene partners at a regional level to advance projects that support the program goal.

To support this strategy, SCAG will both lead and participate in regional meetings to provide updates and information. SCAG may also explore new partnerships to leverage its resources and extend its impact.

Within this **regional convening and information sharing** strategy, staff will track the convenings led and participated in and the number of partners engaged. The following two (2) SCAG projects will support this strategy.

**Games Mobility Executives (GME) Collaboration.** Along with other agencies of the region, SCAG is a member of the GME. SCAG and its fellow GME partners participate in several subcommittees that focus on different workstreams related to mobility needs during the games. SCAG participates in the Principals Meeting and other workstreams, including First/Last Mile, Mobility Hubs, Wayfinding, and Communication. SCAG leads the TDM workstream and as a part of this work and to engage more partners, SCAG staff will be convening a series of TDM Forums (both for passenger and freight TDM). SCAG intends to engage public and private sector stakeholders across the SCAG region to facilitate participation in the development of more TDM implementation plans and strategies.

**Toolbox Tuesday.** This ongoing program offers virtual professional training sessions to local government staff and other stakeholders in support SCAG’s strategic goal to produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for people in Southern California. Elected officials, local planners, community organizers, students, and community members can gain practical skills and knowledge on current planning issues. Toolbox Tuesday will provide an opportunity for staff to present topics related to the LA28 Games and serve as a venue for external professionals to bring national and international approaches to Southern California.

## 2. REGIONAL PLANNING -- Lead regional planning efforts to support a LA28 Games for all of Southern California, including an approach to TDM.

SCAG’s regional planning will focus on passenger and freight TDM to increase the efficiency of the region’s transportation system. Activities aim to fill gaps needed to realize a “transit-first” Games, reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT), ensuring minimal disruptions to business/logistics operations, and motivating enduring mode shifts. SCAG’s regional TDM planning will be integrated into communication efforts to ensure consistent and efficient messaging, in coordination with regional partners.

Within this **regional planning** strategy, staff will track the incentives identified and deployed, the number of partners engaged, and shifts in travel behavior. SCAG will lead the following two (2) projects:

**Games TDM Initiation Plan and Implementation.** Building upon SCAG’s 2019 TDM Strategic Plan, this project will create a TDM Implementation Plan, Implementation Roadmap, and Toolbox to identify effective ways to address mega-events. This work will be supported by the implementation of pilot and permanent projects, as well as potentially developing and sustaining transportation management associations and organizations (TMA/TMO). SCAG will work with LA Metro to explore alignments with its TDM Strategic Plan. A comprehensive communications strategy will ensure SCAG connects information and critical updates with public and private partners.

**Games Freight TDM Implementation.** SCAG will develop a first-of-class Freight TDM Strategy and Implementation Plan to support the anticipated operational impacts associated with the LA28 Games. SCAG will identify opportunities for pilot activities that incentivize more efficient goods movement, including off-peak delivery, micro-distribution consolidation, and others. This strategic approach will serve as a legacy framework to inform pilot projects in advance of full-scale deployment. SCAG will work with industry partners, local jurisdictions, the ports, LA Metro, and other partners in the development of its strategy, and ongoing engagement will facilitate sharing of information, including event related impacts to critical routes so that businesses can make appropriate operational decisions.

### 3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE -- Fund implementation of pilot and permanent projects.

SCAG's technical assistance practice provides funding, administrative capacity, and technical expertise to implementing agencies to carry out projects that both meet local priorities and support regional goals. For Los Angeles County, SCAG will account for the project and program priorities of the Los Angeles Metro Mobility Concept Plan. SCAG's pilot and permanent projects will allow for implementation in time for the LA28 Games and will provide motivation for the region to advance more long-term adoption.

Within this strategy, staff will track the number of projects funded, the total funding distributed, as well as successful interventions. SCAG will lead the following four (4) projects.

**TDM Pilot and Permanent Projects.** Drawing recommendations from the TDM Initiation Plan and Implementation Roadmap, SCAG will identify public and private partners for pilot and permanent project implementation. Projects may include mobility hubs, first/last mile connections, wayfinding signage and digital tools, incentive programs, marketing campaigns, etc.

**Freight TDM Pilot and Permanent Projects.** For goods movement, SCAG will identify public and private partners for pilot and permanent project implementation, including off-peak operations including designated hours for deliveries of goods near venue locations last-mile delivery solutions [like the use of micro-hubs to facilitate sorting and distribution](#), and information campaigns along with real-time communication systems

**Quick-Build Transportation Safety Projects.** Quick-builds allow for rapid changes to streets without the need to excavate or pour concrete or asphalt, using low-cost materials like paint, bollards, and signs to create new configurations to existing street space. SCAG will provide funding and technical assistance to projects selected through a competitive call for application and through a partnership with LADOT.

**Community Hub Toolkit and Call for Projects.** SCAG will engage local stakeholders to support the development of community hubs for the LA28 Games, facilitating community-led efforts to reduce vehicular trips. This concept allows SCAG and its local partners to reimagine street space as a community space, increasing access in place.

#### 4. FUNDING ADVOCACY – Secure and administer state and federal funding.

SCAG has extensive experience administering federal and state grants and advocating for funding with agencies and elected representatives.

As a funder for the region, SCAG provides fiscal and programmatic oversight over government, private, and nonprofit contractors, leading procurement, contract development and management, subawards to jurisdictions, and financial tracking. Existing funding sources include Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and the California Active Transportation Program (ATP). In particular, the federal fiscal year 2026-2027 and federal fiscal year 2027-2028 STBG and CMAQ Call for Project Nominations serve as a critical opportunity for partners to seek funding to deliver projects and programs in support of the LA28 Games. SCAG recognizes the importance of the timing of this Call and will continue to encourage partners to apply.

SCAG also advocates for new funding sources, policies, and streamlined processes to expedite delivery of projects that support the Games, including those from the LA Metro Mobility Concept Plan. SCAG will advocate at both the state and federal level, coordinating messaging with LA28 and the other GME partners. SCAG is currently exploring ways to work with Caltrans and the federal agencies on piloting expedited obligation processes for federal funds in support of LA28 Games projects and programs. When seeking additional funding sources, SCAG will evaluate the feasibility of obligating, programming, and expending funds so that projects are in place for the LA28 Games.



## AGENDA ITEM 2

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

#### **Members Present**

**Sup. Curt Hagman, President**

**Hon. Cindy Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Hon. Ray Marquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President**

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair EEC

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

*Long Beach*

*Chino Hills*

*RCTC*

*Calabasas*

*Simi Valley*

*Santa Paula*

*Riverside*

Mission Viejo

**San Bernardino County**

**District 30**

**District 10**

**Riverside**

District 44

District 46

District 47

District 68

Air District Representative

District 13

Business Representative

#### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Lauren Meister, Vice Chair EEC

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC

Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC

Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.

Hon. Alan Wapner, President's Appt.

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

*West Hollywood*

*Pomona*

*VCTC*

*Duarte*

*Los Angeles*

*SBCTA*

*Pechanga Dev. Corp.*

District 41

District 38

Ventura County

District 35

Member-At-Large

San Bernardino

TGRPB Representative

#### **Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director



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Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no public comments on Item 1.

#### **1. Resolution No. 25-673-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on Item 1. She reported that on March 6, the EAC and the Regional Council respectively approved the comprehensive draft budget which included the Overall Work Program (OWP) and General Fund Budget. She reported staff had been authorized at that time to release the draft OWP for public comment. She stated the public comment period closed on April 8 and no comments had been received. She informed the committee that the draft OWP had been submitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA and their comments had been received, reviewed, and addressed. She stated that her presentation would be focused on the changes that had been

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incorporated as the committee had previously received a full presentation back in March. She explained that since the budget development process begins so early in the fiscal year, there were changes that were incorporated between the draft presented in March and the final budget before them. She stated that in total the budget stood at \$414.9 million which was \$24.1 million more than the draft budget. She stated that the increase was attributable to three factors. The first being \$28.9 million to adjust the projected carryover budget for the multiyear projects that had been approved the previous month in budget Amendment 2. She reminded members this included \$9.3 million in new grants and the related cash and in-kind match and \$19.7 million for the carryover of CRP, CMAQ, and STBG funded projects. She stated there was an offsetting reduction in the budget of \$4.9 million to reflect the updated fiscal year 25 spending estimates included in the draft comprehensive budget presented in March which was almost entirely related to the Last Mile Freight Program. Lastly, she stated there was \$77,500 in new budget items including the corporation of two grants which totaled \$52,500 and \$25,000 budget requests for legal services for CEQA compliance.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Executive Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 25-673-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY 2025-26) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY 2025-26 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the FTA. The motion was SECONDED (Lock Dawson) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, and Rhodes (9)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

There were no public comments on Item 2.

## 2. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, explained Item 2 was brought before the committee pursuant to the direction of the EAC's last regular closed session meeting. He stated the committee had conducted a performance evaluation of the Executive Director and instructed him as to negotiations on adjustments to the Executive Director's employment, including his compensation. He stated that before them that day, there was a proposed amendment [No.] 4 to the current existing employment agreement reflecting the committee's direction that he was given in the last closed

session. He stated this was all pursuant to [the Executive Director's] current existing employment agreement and SCAG Bylaws.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to recommend that the Regional Council approve Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise to adjust the Executive Director's Salary in response to positive performance review, and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2025-26. The motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Rhodes, and Shapiro (10)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

Executive Director Kome Ajise expressed his appreciation for the conversations they had last time, and for the confidence they had in him. He stated this was more than an expression of his role there, but mostly an expression of the talented team at SCAG.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

#### Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 3, 2025
4. Sacramento Summit Follow-Up and Partner Bills - Support
5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

#### Receive and File

6. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
7. CFO Monthly Report

There were no public comments for Items 3 through 7.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 5 and Receive and File Items 6 and 7. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Rhodes, and Shapiro (10)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### **CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the EAC for their support of the fiscal year 26 budget. She also added that the Audit Committee met on April 22. She stated Eide Bailey, the auditors, had been present which marked the official launch of their annual financial audit. She reported the auditors would be in the SCAG office the following week to begin the audit field work.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Hagman reported that in April, he joined Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey, and a delegation of SCAG Regional Council members for a tour of the Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center in Ontario. He stated this 4.5 million-square-foot, five-story facility used robotics to automate and streamline the fulfillment process, from storing and moving inventory to picking and packing orders for shipping. He stated that SCAG Regional Council members and staff learned how robots and automation help workers quickly and efficiently process as many as one million daily shipments. Lastly, he stated the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise provided a brief update on the Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities and Mobility Innovation Final Report. He shared that in April, SCAG published the final report for the Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations funding cycle. He shared this report showcased how SCAGs jurisdictions around the region were innovating toward regional goals. He stated this program funded curb data collection and inventory, technology assessment and adoption, parking management, and permitting process evaluation. He stated the final report reviewed the eight projects awarded, with insights on effectively implementing innovative solutions in a range of contexts. He stated he wanted to share a moment of pride to report that as of the previous day, they were done with REAP 1 funding. He noted REAP 1 funding gave the region \$47 million. He indicated this money had been put to use across the region and the CFO had let them know that it was done, and they had spent every cent. Executive Director Ajise stated they looked forward to seeing all of them at the Presidents Reception that evening. He

stated the reception would begin at 6 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Ballroom. Lastly, he stated this was Supervisor Hagman's last EAC meeting in terms of being Chair and took a moment to thank him for his leadership. He stated it had been an exciting year.

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report, or the Executive Director's report.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, stated she had been approached by several Mayors in the Inland region who had expressed interest in having SCAG put on some type of housing workshop for the Inland Empire. She stated she was not sure if this was within SCAG's purview or budget. However, having something to discuss such as what the status was for the housing stock, what their forecast was, what their needs were, and where they were going would be good.

Director Ajise acknowledged member Lock Dawson's request and stated they would work on it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:15 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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**Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report**

2024-25																		Total Mtgs: Attended To Date			
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	6-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY					
Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	D	1	D	1	1	D	1	1	1	1	11				
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1		0		1	0		1	0	1	1	8				
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	11				
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	Buena Park	RCTC	1	1	1	1		1		D	1		1	1	1	0	1	1	10		
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	0	1	10		
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	10		
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair, EEC	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11		
Hon. Lauren Mister, Vice Chair, EEC	West Hollywood	District 41					A		A		A	1	1	1	0	3					
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	0	1	1						0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4		
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	0	0	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	0	8		
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	0	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	0	1	1	9				
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35												0	0	1	0	1			
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large		0	0	1								0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	0	1	1								1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative			1	1	1	K	1	K	1	1	K	0	1	0	1	8			
Hon. Alan Wapner, President's Appt.		SBCTA												1	0	0	0	1			
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1		1		0			1	1	0	0	0	6			
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	0	1	1	1		1		1			1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	7
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 30, 2025)



## AGENDA ITEM 3

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-012-MRFP 06, Los Angeles County  
Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs) Regional Coordination  
Strategic Plan

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*Kome Ajise*

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-012-MRFP 06 in an amount not to exceed \$578,207 with HR&A Advisors, to develop the LACAHSAs Regional Coordination Strategic Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT.*

*The Consultant will develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs) to ensure the agency has the critical infrastructure to: (1) raise and allocate new revenue and (2) design key agency policy, programs, and innovative financial products with public participation processes to accelerate the 5Ps of affordable housing, which includes Preservation, Protection, Production, Placement, and Participation across the region.*

*LACAHSAs is a first-of-its-kind regional housing local agency dedicated to affordable housing and housing stability. LACAHSAs is bringing LA County together in partnership to think and act differently about scaling affordable housing across all 88 cities and unincorporated County areas. The independent state-chartered agency brings together diverse leadership necessary to solve problems that no single entity can solve individually. The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will determine the best means for LACAHSAs to engage a broad range of stakeholder groups in the*

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*planning processes, assess the region's needs across the 5Ps, and design the agency's structure and outcomes processes.*

*The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will support the work of LACAHSa by providing strategies for:*

- *Determining best approaches to coordinating efforts with the various housing programs existing across the County;*
- *Identifying gaps in member jurisdiction's staffing capacity;*
- *Building internal capacity including investing in long-term operational systems such as data infrastructure for compliance and outcomes tracking;*
- *Providing shared learning, resources, and support services related to land use, housing development, and tenant protections; and*
- *Developing a decision-making process to balance complex regional needs and inclusive public engagement.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff recommends executing the following contract:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
HR&A Advisors. 24-012-MRFP 06	The project will produce the final deliverables that include final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting and the LACAHSa Regional Coordination Strategic Plan, which through engagement with a broad range of stakeholders will provide the key strategies for coordinating housing initiatives with the many housing programs active across the county including guidance for allocating new revenue and designing agency policy, programs and innovative financial products.	\$578,207

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding of \$578,207 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305-4925Y1.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract 24-012-MRFP 06 Summary
2. Contract 24-012-MRFP 06 Conflict of Interest Forms

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 06**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	HR&A Advisors
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	<p>This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT.</p> <p>The Consultant will develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSa) to ensure the agency has the critical infrastructure to: (1) raise and allocate new revenue and (2) design key agency policy, programs, and innovative financial products with public participation processes to accelerate the 5Ps of affordable housing, which includes Preservation, Protection, Production, Placement, and Participation across the region.</p> <p>The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will support the work of LACAHSa by providing strategies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Determining best approaches to coordinating efforts with the various housing programs existing across the county;</li><li>• Identifying gaps in member jurisdiction's staffing capacity;</li><li>• Building internal capacity including investing in long-term operational systems such as data infrastructure for compliance and outcomes tracking;</li><li>• Providing shared learning, resources, and support services related to land use, housing development, and tenant protections; and</li><li>• Developing a decision-making process to balance complex regional needs and inclusive public engagement.</li></ul> <p>Overall Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Conduct public outreach and engagement to ensure the community and stakeholders are included in the plan development;</li><li>○ Engage with the Interim CEO, the Inspector General, the Citizens' Oversight Committee and Board Members to align foundational and aspirational goals with concrete strategies and program metrics; and</li><li>○ Prepare all draft documents necessary for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, including any draft negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations or other documents, where and if applicable.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Project's Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The final deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting; and</li><li>• LACAHSa Regional Coordination Strategic Plan</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through engagement with a broad range of stakeholder groups, will provide the key strategies for coordinating housing initiatives with the many housing programs active across the county including guidance for allocating new revenue and designing agency policy, programs and innovative financial products.</li> </ul>						
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.						
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<b>Contract Period:</b>	Notice To Proceed through June 30, 2026						
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	<p>305.4925Y1.01 Funding source: REAP 2.0</p> <p>Funding of \$578,207 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305.4925Y1.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>						
<b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b>	<p>SCAG staff notified 15 firms on the bench of the release of 24-012-MRFP 06 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 9 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td><b>HR&amp;A Advisors (1 subconsultant)</b></td><td><b>\$578,207</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Arup US, Inc (3 subconsultants)</td><td>\$578,057</td></tr> <tr> <td>ECOnorthwest (1 subconsultants)</td><td>\$560,000</td></tr> </table>	<b>HR&amp;A Advisors (1 subconsultant)</b>	<b>\$578,207</b>	Arup US, Inc (3 subconsultants)	\$578,057	ECOnorthwest (1 subconsultants)	\$560,000
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<b>Selection Process:</b>	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Ryan Johnson, CEO, LACAHS Kaitin McCafferty, Associate Planner, SCAG</p>						
<b>Basis for Selection:</b>	<p>The PRC recommended HR&amp;A Advisors for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a response that demonstrated a comprehensive understanding and approach that has a high potential for successfully determining the most</li> </ul>						

	<p>effective strategy for LACAHSA to coordinate its goals, objectives, and actions with the many and diverse housing programs and initiatives in Los Angeles County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The response recognized the role of local and subregional governance in forming a successful coordination strategy. The response demonstrated HR&amp;A's experience in regional planning processes and the organization's experience working with the many housing programs.</li> <li>• Included the anticipated challenges and solutions for developing a successful regional coordination strategy based on the consultant's depth of experience in Los Angeles County.</li> <li>• Provided a compelling technical approach for comprehensively developing the regional coordination plan involving the many active groups and organizations and making sure all voices are heard. The engagement approach will include several layers of stakeholder and community outreach and coordination with the wide range of housing programs. The outcomes will guide the regional collaboration strategy acknowledging LACAHSA may not need to be involved in all housing actions occurring across the county. This will also help determine when and in what capacity LACAHSA could be involved in order to most effectively support county-wide housing goals.</li> </ul> <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for a contract award because these firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not clearly articulate key issues and solutions for approaching the regional coordination strategy.</li> <li>• Did not acknowledge the many layers of governance, service areas, and stakeholder organizations with vested interests in producing and preserving affordable housing.</li> <li>• Did not clearly define a project process and set of intermediate and final deliverables for creating the strategies that are necessary to engage and coordinate with the many housing programs and initiatives across the county and successfully develop regional coordination for deploying resources and information effectively.</li> <li>• Included prior regional projects that are currently facing possible coordination and longevity issues.</li> </ul>
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment  
For June 5, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-012-MRFP 06 in an amount not to exceed \$578,207 with HR&A Advisors, to develop the LCAHSA Regional Coordination Strategic Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
HR&A Advisors, Inc (prime consultant)	No - form attached
The Robert Group (subconsultant)	No - form attached

# SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

MRFP No. 24-012-MRFP 06

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**Name of Firm:** HR&A Advisors, Inc.

**Name of Preparer:** Connie Chung

**Project Title:** Managing Partner

**Date Submitted:** 4/15/2025

## SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES      ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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### SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

#### DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Connie Chung, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Partner of (firm name) HR&A Advisors, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 4/15/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer  
(original signature required)

4/15/2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### NOTICE

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<b>Name of Firm:</b>	The Robert Group
<b>Name of Preparer:</b>	Isaiah Ford
<b>Project Title:</b>	Managing Director
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	4/9/2025

## SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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### SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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#### DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Isaiah Ford, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Director of (firm name) The Robert Group, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 4/9/25 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

*Isaiah Ford*

4/9/2025

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer  
(original signature required)

Date

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## AGENDA ITEM 4 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-025-C01, Planning for Main Streets

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-025-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$577,750 with NN Engineering, Inc., to lead the development of the "Planning for Main Streets" project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that funds this project, the Consultant shall lead the development of the "Planning for Main Streets" project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. The findings and recommendations will position four State highway main streets for future grant funding opportunities and/or incorporation into future workplans with the goal of implementing improvements.*

*"Main Street, California: A Guide for People-Centered State Highway Main Streets" highlights the special importance of California State Highways that function as community main streets by supporting multimodal travel and community events and activities. SCAG, in partnership with Caltrans Headquarters and Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12, identified several State highways in the SCAG region that function as main streets, given their multimodal travel patterns and community destinations, but also have gaps in accessibility, safety, and comfort to adequately meet the needs of all roadway users. The State highway main streets included in the Project are:*

- *State Route (SR) 1 in Caltrans District 7 from Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Lomita to Harbor Avenue/I-710 ramps in the City of Long Beach (approximately 6.5 miles).*

- *SR 18 in Caltrans District 8 from Arrowhead Road to 30th Street in the City of San Bernardino (approximately 2 miles).*
- *SR 86 in Caltrans District 11 from Las Flores Drive to Legion Road in the City of Brawley (approximately 2 miles).*
- *SR 39 in Caltrans District 12 from Starr Street in the City of Stanton to Hazard Avenue in the City of Westminster (approximately 4.5 miles).*

## BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

Consultant/Contract #	Contract Purpose	Contract Amount
NN Engineering, Inc. 25-025-C01	The consultant will lead the development of the “Planning for Main Streets” project.	\$577,750

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$577,750 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 145-4957H1.01 and 145-4957E.01. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

## ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-025-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-025-C01 Conflict of Interest Forms

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-025-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	NN Engineering, Inc.
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	<p>Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that funds this project, the consultant shall lead the development of the <i>Planning for Main Streets</i> project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. The findings and recommendations will position the State highway main streets for future grant funding opportunities and/or incorporation into future workplans with the goal of implementing improvements.</p> <p><i>Main Street, California: A Guide for People-Centered State Highway Main Streets</i> highlights the special importance of California State Highways that function as community main streets by supporting multimodal travel and community events and activities. SCAG, in partnership with Caltrans Headquarters and Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12, identified several State highways in the SCAG region that function as main streets, given their multimodal travel patterns and community destinations, but also have gaps in accessibility, safety, and comfort to adequately meet the needs of all roadway users. The State highway main streets included in the Project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Route (SR) 1 in Caltrans District 7 from Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Lomita to Harbor Avenue/I-710 ramps in the City of Long Beach (approximately 6.5 miles).</li><li>• SR 18 in Caltrans District 8 from Arrowhead Road to 30th Street in the City of San Bernardino (approximately 2 miles).</li><li>• SR 86 in Caltrans District 11 from Las Flores Drive to Legion Road in the City of Brawley (approximately 2 miles).</li><li>• SR 39 in Caltrans District 12 from Starr Street in the City of Stanton to Hazard Avenue in the City of Westminster (approximately 4.5 miles).</li></ul> <p>The Project shall contribute to regional goals identified in <i>Connect SoCal 2024</i> to encourage and support the implementation of projects that facilitate multimodal connectivity, prioritize transit and shared mobility, and result in improved mobility, accessibility and safety; pursue the development of Complete Streets that comprise a safe, multimodal network with flexible use of public rights-of-way for people of all ages and abilities using a variety of modes; and integrate the assessment of equity into the regional transportation safety and security planning process.</p>
<b>Project's Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing the mobility, accessibility, safety, and sustainability of the State highway system by identifying sustainable transportation improvements that encourage multimodal travel to reduce vehicle miles traveled and lower greenhouse gas emissions; enhance community connectivity; and reduce wear and tear, and associated maintenance on roadway infrastructure;</li><li>• Identifying sustainable transportation improvements that not only reflect community priorities but also result in co-benefits, such as economic</li></ul>

	<p>development along State highway main streets and improved health and social equity as more people walk, bike, and ride transit, which are more active and cost-effective modes of transportation; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a forum and process for local jurisdictions to partner with Caltrans and communities to transform State highway main streets into corridors that support multimodal travel. Strengthening partnerships will create a foundation for innovation and creativity when working in constrained rights-of-way and with potentially conflicting priorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.
<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<p>Total not to exceed: \$577,750</p> <p>NN Engineering, Inc. (prime consultant) \$340,143</p> <p>KOA Corporation (subconsultant) \$122,637</p> <p>Here Design Studio, LLC (subconsultant) \$114,970</p>
<b>Contract Period:</b>	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2027
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	<p>145-4957H1.01 \$511,482</p> <p>145-4957E.01 \$66,268</p> <p>Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA - SP&amp;R) and the Transportation Development Act (TDA).</p> <p>Funding of \$577,750 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers listed above. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget approval.</p>
<b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b>	<p>SCAG staff notified 2,032 firms of the release of RFP 25-025 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 89 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <p><b>NN Engineering, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$577,750</b></p> <p>GHD, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$575,816</p> <p>Michael Baker International, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$576,837</p> <p>Estolano Advisors (1 subconsultant) \$579,948</p>
<b>Selection Process:</b>	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Rachel Om, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG</p> <p>Prithvi Deore, Associate Transportation Planner, SCAG</p>

	Alexis Murillo Felix, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended NN Engineering, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project by proposing a team with expertise and experience in multijurisdictional stakeholder coordination, context-sensitive community engagement, and conceptual design with implementation and feasibility considerations, specifically in the local jurisdictions along the project corridors and in the SCAG region;</li> <li>• Prepared the most thoughtful engagement and coordination strategy that meaningfully engages with the seven local jurisdictions, four Caltrans Districts, community-based organizations, and communities that are key stakeholders for the four project corridors. In addition, the proposed engagement schedule illustrated intentional timing of the various engagement efforts to inform subsequent engagement and development of project recommendations;</li> <li>• Provided the best technical approach that seamlessly integrates the stakeholder goals and priorities identified in the existing conditions analysis and community engagement with the development of conceptual designs and project recommendations that prioritize feasibility and prepare for implementation;</li> <li>• Proposed a prime and sub-consultant team that has experience working together and clearly identified roles where the prime or sub-consultant will take the lead on the respective tasks that reflect their subject matter expertise while the prime consultant will ensure full team coordination; and</li> <li>• Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed.</li> </ul> <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because the firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not demonstrate the same understanding of all the key stakeholders and the associated level of effort to engage with the key stakeholders within their proposed technical approach as the selected consultant. Specifically, several firms not recommended for an award identified six of the seven local jurisdictions as key stakeholders but proposed a similar budget as the selected consultant, which raised concerns if these firms would have sufficient budget to complete the minimum required number of local jurisdiction-specific engagement activities;</li> <li>• Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours with the appropriate subject matter expertise, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work, especially for Task 3 – Corridor Concept Designs and Recommendations; and</li> <li>• Did not provide sufficient detail or a clear approach to how the tasks in the Scope of Work would be scheduled and/or coordinated to complete the tasks in the Scope of Work within the allotted timeline.</li> </ul>

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**Name of Firm:** NN Engineering, Inc.

**Name of Preparer:** Nina Harvey

**Project Title:** Planning for Main Streets

**RFP Number:** 25-025 **Date Submitted:** February 28, 2025

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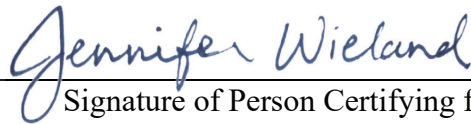
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### SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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#### DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Jennifer Wieland, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Director of (firm name) NN Engineering, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated February 24, 2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer  
(original signature required)

February 24, 2025

Date

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**SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM****RFP No. 25-025****SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS**

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**Name of Firm:** KOA Corporation

**Name of Preparer:** Michael Nilsson, AICP CTP

**Project Title:** Planning for Main Streets

**RFP Number:** 25-025 **Date Submitted:** 2/19/25

**SECTION II: QUESTIONS**

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

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I, (printed full name) Michael Nilsson, AICP CTP, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Principal/Director of Planning of (firm name) KOA Corporation, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated February 19, 2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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2/19/25

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**Name of Firm:** Here Design Studio, LLC

**Name of Preparer:** Shannon Davis

**Project Title:** Planning for Main Streets

**RFP Number:** 25-025

**Date Submitted:** 2/20/2025

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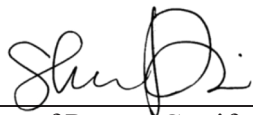
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I, (printed full name) Shannon Davis, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Co-Director, Co-Founder of (firm name) Here Design Studio, LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 2/20/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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## AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

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**Subject:** Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-029-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies  
& Research

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-029-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$599,943 with Circulate Planning to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources, provide recommendations for improved accessibility, and provide recommendations for community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative," and to pursue this effort, SCAG launched its regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, Go Human, with funding from the state Active Transportation Program (ATP). SCAG has extended campaign efforts with annual funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).*

*The SCAG region, like California and the nation, experienced a period of annual declines in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries until 2012 when they began to steadily rise. Based on an analysis of data between 2012-22, reflected in Connect SoCal 2024, each year in Southern California, an average of 1,600 people are killed and 140,000 people are injured (7,000 of which are serious injuries) in traffic collisions. People walking or riding bikes account for 36% of those deaths and serious injuries despite comprising only 5% of all trips.*

*To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region's transportation network, SCAG Go Human seeks to reduce traffic crashes and encourage people to walk and bike, with funding from OTS.*

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**BACKGROUND:**

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Circulate Planning 25-029-C01	The Consultant shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources and provide recommendations for improved accessibility and community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety. The Consultant shall also fulfill orders and deliveries of bicycle and pedestrian safety materials, provide on-site support for traffic safety events, and coordinate educational services and training materials.	\$599,943

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding of \$599,943 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564JB.21. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract 25-029-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-029-C01 Conflicts of Interest Forms

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-029-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	Circulate Planning
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	<p>On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled “Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative,” and to pursue this effort, SCAG launched its regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, <i>Go Human</i>, with funding from the state Active Transportation Program (ATP). SCAG has extended campaign efforts with annual funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).</p> <p>The SCAG region, like California and the nation, experienced a period of annual declines in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries until 2012 when they began to steadily rise. Based on an analysis of data between 2012-22, reflected in Connect SoCal 2024, each year in Southern California, an average of 1,600 people are killed and 140,000 people are injured (7,000 of which are serious injuries) in traffic collisions. People walking or riding bikes account for 36% of those deaths and serious injuries despite comprising only 5% of all trips.</p> <p>To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region’s transportation network, SCAG Go Human seeks to reduce traffic crashes and encourage people to walk and bike, with funding from OTS.</p> <p>Consistent with the requirements of the OTS Grant (Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program) that funds this project, and informed by extensive stakeholder outreach to identify safety strategies to grow and improve the Go Human program, the Consultant shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources, provide recommendations for improved accessibility and provide recommendations for community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety.</p> <p>The Consultant shall also fulfill orders and deliveries of bicycle and pedestrian safety materials, provide on-site support for traffic safety events, and coordinate educational services and training materials.</p>
<b>Project’s Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive assessment and action plan providing recommendations to improve the accessibility of Go Human resources;</li><li>• Research and action plan providing recommendations for community-lead traffic safety messaging to expand the reach of the program;</li><li>• Coordination of on-site traffic safety engagement for four (4) community events;</li><li>• Purchase and distribution of pedestrian and bicycle safety materials alongside six (6) community partners;</li><li>• Coordination of six (6) training opportunities by Traffic Safety Community Experts; and</li><li>• Draft &amp; final report.</li></ul>
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	<p>This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Priority # 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.</p>

<b>Contract Amount:</b>	Total not to exceed	\$599,943
	Circulate Planning (prime consultant)	\$323,921
	Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	\$115,956
	Toole Design (subconsultant)	\$86,107
	California Walks (subconsultant)	\$51,459
	Southern California Rehabilitation Services (subconsultant)	\$22,500
<b>Contract Period:</b>	Notice to Proceed through September 30, 2025	
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	225-3564JB.21	
	Funding source(s): State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant	
	Funding of \$599,943 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564JB.21. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.	
<b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b>	SCAG staff notified 3,089 firms of the release of RFP 25-029-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 87 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:	
	<b>Circulate Planning (4 subconsultants)</b>	<b>\$599,943</b>
	Active Inland Empire (1 subconsultant)	\$150,152
	Nelson Nygaard (2 subconsultants)	\$598,362
<b>Selection Process:</b>	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.	
	The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Alina Borja, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Jules Lippe-Klein, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Jasmin Munoz, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG	
<b>Basis for Selection:</b>	The PRC recommended Circulate Planning for the contract award because the consultant:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, a realistic project timeline, a solid plan of action for research deliverables and partnerships;</li><li>• Provided the best technical approach, for example, crafted an intentional project team with strong and relevant experience with projects of similar size and scope throughout Southern California, showing range of projects and partnerships with the subconsultants. Projects of similar subject matter included experience in the <i>Go Human</i> program that will leverage the firms' considerable experience with previous SCAG and Go Human projects to assess the programs; and</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided value added approaches such as placemaking strategies for Task 4, providing an actionable visual toolkit for research tasks, ensuring bilingual staffing, and action plans crafted to leverage one another.</li> </ul> <p>Although other firms proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend these firms for a contract award because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One firm was not considered for the interview phase because their written proposal does not demonstrate experience with projects of similar size and scope and does not address or provide a plan of action for Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4.1, 4.3, and 5.</li> <li>• While the other firm provided a strong proposal, they did not demonstrate commensurate understanding within their proposed technical approach, specifically regarding the timeline, approaching partners, and providing relevant experience among the prime and the subconsultants.</li> </ul>
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment  
For June 5, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Circulate Planning (prime consultant)	No - form attached
Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Toole Design (subconsultant)	No - form attached
California Walks (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Southern California Rehabilitation Services (subconsultant)	No - form attached



## SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 25-029

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Name of Firm: Circulate San Diego  
 Name of Preparer: Colin Parent  
 Project Title: 2025 GO HUMAN SAFETY STRATEGIES + RESEARCH  
 RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Colin Parent, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO of (firm name) Circulate San Diego, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/20/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required) Colin Parat Date 3/20/2025

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Name of Firm: Estolano Advisors

Name of Preparer: Cecilia V. Estolano

Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research

RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: 3/25/25

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I, (printed full name) Cecilia V. Estolano, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) Estolano Advisors, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/25/25 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

  
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 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required)

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Name of Firm: TDG Engineering, Inc.  
Name of Preparer: Jessica Fields, PE, AICP  
Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research  
RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: 3/21/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?
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If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

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N/A		

### SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

#### DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Jessica Fields, PE, AICP, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Director of Operations, Western U.S. of (firm name) TDG Engineering, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/21/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

  
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 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required)

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 Date

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RFP No. 25-029

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Name of Firm: California Walks  
 Name of Preparer: Kevin Shin  
 Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research  
 RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: 3/26/2025

### SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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#### DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Kevin Shin, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Co-Executive Director of (firm name) California Walks, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/26/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

 _____ Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required)	<u>March 26, 2025</u> _____ Date
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**Name of Firm:** Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

**Name of Preparer:** Hector Ochoa, Chief Development Officer

**Project Title:** Go Human Safety Strategies & Research.

**RFP Number:** 25-029 **Date Submitted:** 03/27/2025

### SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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I, (printed full name) Hector Ochoa, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Development Officer of (firm name) Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 03/27/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

  
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## AGENDA ITEM 6

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Housing Bills

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 609 (Wicks), AB 650 (Papan), AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), AB 1007 (Rubio), AB 1276 (Carrillo), and Senate Bill (SB) 607 (Wiener), an oppose position on SB 681 (Wahab), and watch position for AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary).

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*At their meeting on May 13, 2025, members of the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on ten bills related to housing currently being considered by the California Legislature. After discussion on various bills, the Committee members held two separate votes to forward a support recommendation for AB 609 (Wicks), AB 650 (Papan), AB 736 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), AB 1276 (Carrillo), SB 607 (Wiener), and SB 417 (Cabaldon), an "oppose" recommendation for SB 681 (Wahab), and a "watch" recommendation for AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary) to the Regional Council (RC).*

#### BACKGROUND:

At the May 13, 2025 LCMC Meeting, SCAG staff presented a comprehensive list of housing-related bills with a direct impact to SCAG and our operations to the LCMC. After the presentation, the LCMC voted to forward recommended positions on the bills as follows:

#### The LCMC recommends SUPPORT for the following seven legislative bills:

**Bill:** AB 736 / SB 417 **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) / Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-Yolo)

**Title:** Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations / Senate Rules

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB736](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB736) / [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB417](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB417)

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) and Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-Yolo) jointly introduced AB 736 and SB 417, which, if passed, would place a bond measure on the June 2026 ballot to provide \$10 billion to California’s affordable housing programs. Specifically, the “Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026” would authorize \$10 billion in general obligation bonds to provide funding for affordable rental housing for lower-income families, homeownership opportunities, and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. Collectively, the bonds aim to fund more than 35,000 new homes, preserve and rehabilitate tens of thousands of existing units, and expand homeownership opportunities for California.

If approved by voters, the bond would be distributed as follows:

Program	Amount	Description
Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)	\$5B	The MHP provides low-interest, long-term deferred-payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households. As written in the housing bond bill, at least 10% of units in an MHP must be available for affordable to extremely low-income households.
Supportive Housing (administered through MHP program)	\$1.7B	Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to offer capitalized operating subsidy reserves for supportive housing developments receiving funding. These are funds set aside upfront, typically at the time of a project’s permanent loan closing, to supplement income for operating expenses. These reserves are designed to help cover shortfalls in operating income, such as unexpected maintenance costs, utility expenses, or staff salaries.
Portfolio Reinvestment Program	\$800M	This program aims to preserve existing HCD-funded affordable housing projects by

		extending and restructuring affordability agreements; extending loan maturity dates; providing new low-interest, long-term loans for rehabilitation; and providing forgivable loans to capitalize short-term operating subsidies.
Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Unrestricted Housing Units	\$500M	Would fund the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units, as well as the attachment of long-term affordability restrictions to these units, while safeguarding against the displacement of current residents.
Home Ownership Opportunities	\$1B	<p>CalHome Program – Administered by HCD, provides grants to local public agencies and nonprofit corporations for first-time homebuyer and housing rehabilitation assistance, homebuyer counseling, and technical assistance activities to enable low- and very low-income households to become or remain homeowners.</p> <p>MyHome Assistance Program – Administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), provides downpayment assistance to first-time homebuyers.</p>
Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program	\$350M	Administered by HCD, this program helps fund new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of owner-occupied and rental units for agricultural workers, with a priority for lower income households.
Tribal Housing Program	\$250M	Administered by HCD, this would be dedicated, flexible, and comprehensive state program designed for and in consultation with tribes to finance housing and housing-related

		activities that will enable tribes to rebuild and reconstitute their communities.
Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019	\$400M	Administered by HCD, promotes infill housing development by providing financial assistance for Capital Improvement Projects that are an integral part of, or necessary to facilitate the development of affordable and mixed-income housing.

Both AB 736 and SB 417 were introduced with the same bond total of \$10 billion and the same programs to distribute that funding to, with the exception of \$200 million initially proposed by AB 736 for the “Energy Efficiency Low-Income Weatherization Program,” as opposed to \$200 million proposed by SB 417 for “Wildfire prevention and mitigation, wildfire displacement assistance, and acceleration of construction of affordable housing in rental markets impacted by wildfires.” Additionally, SB 417 specifically proposed funding for the 2019 Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

Since its introduction, several amendments have been made to AB 736, including the elimination of the proposed \$200 million for the “Energy Efficiency Low-Income Weatherization Program,” redistribution of funds between the remaining programs, and the specific inclusion of the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019. As of today, the only difference between the two proposals is the absence of wildfire funding in the Assembly proposal.

SCAG’s State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports legislation that would provide new incentives, tools, and ongoing funding and expand housing programs that fund construction and development of housing and housing-supportive infrastructure, such as the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, while preserving local authority to address housing production, affordability, and homelessness challenges.

As AB 736 and SB 417 meet these criteria, the LCMC recommends support.

**Bill:** SB 607      **Author:** Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

**Title:** Fast & Focused CEQA Act

**Status:** Senate Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB607](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB607)

SB 607 seeks to enact five changes to the existing CEQA process as recommended by the Little Hoover Commission in their report released in May of 2024 titled, “CEQA: Targeted Reforms for California’s Core Environmental Law.”

These five changes include:

- **First, for projects falling short of meeting eligibility for a categorical or statutory exemption by a lead agency, the scope of the subsequent environmental review would be focused on the disqualifying reason and the facts upon which the action or proceeding reason that disqualified the project from the exemption.**

SB 607 would require a project to evaluate only the single condition that renders the proposed project ineligible for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption. Under existing law, a project that narrowly misses qualifying for an existing CEQA exemption must prepare a full environmental impact report. A project that would have otherwise been exempt from CEQA may simply have noise OR traffic impacts that disqualify it from the exemption. Under SB 607, the project would only have to evaluate the condition that renders the proposed project ineligible for the exemption. This change is anticipated to reduce CEQA costs and litigation risks while ensuring that environmental review focuses on the real environmental risks associated with the project.

- **Second, the bill aligns the standard of review for a lead agency’s determination to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) or a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to parity with the existing standard of review for Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs).**

Under existing law, the “fair argument standard” is applied under CEQA for the ND and MND, which means that if there is substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that a project may have a significant environmental impact, an EIR must be prepared, a process that is more cumbersome. SB 607 ensures that courts review environmental impact reports (EIRs), negative declarations (NDs), and mitigated negative declarations (MNDs) under the same standard.

- **Third, SB 607 focuses CEQA review on the most relevant administrative records by excluding communications of people tangentially or far removed from project decision-making, with specified exemptions.**

SB 607 limits the scope of administrative records to those documents that were relevant to the decision-making process. This will de-clutter the administrative record and ensure that internal agency communications that were never presented to, considered, or relied upon by the decision-making body are excluded from the record. As such, this bill aims to reduce the time and resources required to prepare the administrative record and prevent litigation that seeks to rescind a project approval due to communications that were not part of the agency’s decision.

- **Next, the bill would clarify the existing Class 32 urban infill exemption to make it usable.**

Under existing law, infill projects less than five acres in size that are substantially surrounded by urban uses and are consistent with the general plan and zoning designations can qualify for the Class 32 Categorical Exemption, which provides exemptions for infill housing approvals for projects that are on sites of less than 5 acres within city limits surrounded by urban uses. However, the project in question must be located within city limits. This means that the Class 32 exemption cannot be used on projects located on unincorporated lands, even if those county parcels are surrounded by a city or if the urban area chose not to incorporate. SB 607 would thus allow the infill categorical exemption to be used on parcels that meet all the requirements of the Class 32 exemption but are on county unincorporated lands. This change will avoid CEQA review for projects that are otherwise identical to those the Secretary for Resources has already determined typically do not cause a significant effect on the environment.

- **Lastly, SB 607 would exempt rezonings that are consistent with an already approved housing element from CEQA, recognizing that local jurisdictions must undergo the CEQA process as a part of the housing element adoption process.**

Most rezonings are discretionary actions subject to CEQA. However, local governments have typically already conducted an extensive CEQA review for the housing element and/or general plan. As such, most CEQA reviews for rezonings are duplicative of environmental reviews that have already taken place.

SB 607 is Co-Sponsored by the Bay Area Council, Housing Action Coalition, Prosperity California, and the Rural County Representatives of California. It is supported by groups such as Abundant Housing LA, the California Apartment Association, California Big City Mayors, California Building Industry Association, California Business Properties Association, California Chamber of Commerce, California State Association of Counties, and California YIMBY. Conversely, the bill has received opposition from environmental groups such as California Preservation Foundation, Environmental Defense Center, Livable California, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Move LA, Natural Resources Defense Council, Planning and Conservation League, and Sierra Club California.

While underscoring SCAG's support for environmental protection, the State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports CEQA reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for SB 607.

**Bill:** AB 609      **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)

**Title:** CEQA: categorical exemptions: infill projects



**Status:** Referred to Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB609](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB609)

This bipartisan bill exempts infill housing projects that meet the following criteria from having to go through the CEQA process:

- The project site is not more than 20 acres.
- The project site is either in an incorporated town or city or within an urban area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The project site has previously been developed with an urban use, or at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels developed with urban areas.
- The project is consistent with the applicable general plan, zoning ordinance, and any local coastal program.
- The project proposes housing units with a minimum density of five units per acre for an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county, 10 units per acre in a suburban jurisdiction, and 15 units per acre in a metropolitan county.
- The project is not located on environmentally sensitive or hazardous sites, such as wetlands or lands under conservation easement.
- The project does not require the demolition of an historic structure that was placed on a national, state, or local historic register.

Further, the bill was recently amended to address housing on a site located within 500 feet of a freeway, requiring additional conditions be met to qualify for the exemption, such as the inclusion of centralized heating, ventilation and air conditioning and no allowance of balconies facing the freeway.

Exempting individual projects from CEQA that comply with local objective standards, are in an infill location, and are not located on environmentally sensitive or hazardous sites would make it easier to build infill housing in California. SCAG's State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports CEQA reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects.

As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 609.

**Bill:** AB 1007      **Author:** Assemblymember Blanca Rubio (D-West Covina)

**Title:** Land Use: development project review

**Status:** Assembly Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1007](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1007)

This bill seeks to expedite the timelines for approval or disapproval by a public agency acting as the “responsible agency” for residential and mixed-use development projects. Specifically, it requires a public agency, other than the California Coastal Commission, that is a responsible agency for a development project, including residential units only, mixed-use development, transitional or supportive housing, or farmworker housing, either to approve or disapprove a development project that has already been approved by the “lead agency” within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:

- 45 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project; or
- 45 days from the date the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by the responsible agency.

SCAG’s State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 1007.

**Bill:** AB 1276      **Author:** Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale)

**Title:** Housing developments: ordinances, policies, and standards

**Status:** Assembly Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1276](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1276)

Under existing law, local governments are prohibited from denying, making infeasible, or reducing the density of housing developments that comply with objective standards, unless specific written findings are made based on health, safety, or conflicts with state and federal law. Additionally, under existing law, a project applicant has 180 days, or approximately six months, to file a “complete application” from the time the applicant files a preliminary application to build housing.

If the developer files a complete application in time, the housing development gains “vested rights” to proceed under the rules that were in effect when the preliminary application was submitted. This includes the vesting of objective standards such as general plans, community plans, specific plans, zoning ordinances, design review standards, subdivision standards, and any other rules, regulations, requirements, and policies of a local agency.

AB 1276, sponsored by the California Building Industry Association, would extend these existing requirements for local governments to all public agencies, including state and regional agencies, for reviews of housing development projects and emergency shelters. Additionally, it would add post-entitlement standards, materials requirements associated with subdivisions, and any rules, regulations, determinations, and other requirements adopted or implemented by other public agencies, such as state and regional governments, to the list of ordinances, policies and standards that are vested once a developer submits a complete application within 180 days of a preliminary application.

Per the author, extending these existing requirements to the state and regional agency level would ensure housing projects are not subject to regulatory changes at the state and regional agency level after a preliminary application is submitted, except in cases concerning health, safety, or environmental mitigation, thereby reducing uncertainty and reinforcing clear, predictable standards.

Adopted by the Regional Council, SCAG's State Legislative Platform supports reform to expedite and streamline the development and delivery of projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 1276.

**Bill:** AB 650      **Author:** Assemblymember Diane Papan (D-San Mateo)

**Title:** Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation

**Status:** Assembly Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB650](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB650)

AB 650, introduced by Assemblymember Diane Papan, would extend various timelines in the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND), Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), and housing element (HE) process. It would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific recommendations to local governments on correcting their draft HEs if HCD finds that it does not substantially comply with state law. If HCD determines that a draft HE is not substantially compliant with HE law, local governments would be required to consider HCD's recommendations before adopting a final HE.

Regarding the RHND and RHNA process, this bill would extend the timeline for HCD, in consultation with a Council of Governments (COG), to provide the regional determination, or the overall number of existing and projected housing need for the entire region, from two to three years before the scheduled HE due date for the region. AB 650 would also extend the timeline for HCD to meet and consult with a COG regarding the assumptions and methodology HCD will use to calculate the regional determination from 26 months to 38 months before the scheduled HE due date. This bill would also extend the timeline for a COG, in consultation with HCD, to develop and propose a methodology for distributing the RHNA to local jurisdictions from 24 months to 30 months before

the scheduled HE due date. Lastly, it would extend the timeline from 18 months to 24 months before the scheduled HE due date for COGs to distribute a draft RHNA and publish the draft RHNA plan on its website.

Separately, under existing law, at least two or more local jurisdictions are allowed to form a subregional entity to allocate that subregion's RHNA among its members. This bill would extend the time for local jurisdictions to create a subregional entity from 28 to 34 months before the HE due date. AB 650 would also extend the time for COGs to determine each subregion's RHNA from 25 months to 31 months before the HE due date.

Additionally, this bill would require that if HCD finds that a draft HE or amendment does not substantially comply with HE law, HCD must:

1. Identify and explain the specific issues with the draft HE or amendment that prevent it from complying with HE law, including a reference to the specific subdivision of HE law with which the draft does not comply; and
2. Provide specific analysis or text that HCD expects a planning agency to include in a draft HE or amendment to fix any issues preventing it from complying with HE law.

Local governments would be required to consider HCD's findings concerning their draft HEs and their recommendations to remedy any issues before adopting a draft element or amendment. Further, if HCD finds that a draft element or amendment does not substantially comply with HE law, local governments would be required to:

1. Include HCD's recommendations in a draft element/ amendment; or
2. Adopt a draft element/ amendment without HCD's recommendations, but explain why the jurisdiction thinks its draft element/ amendment still complies with HE law despite HCD's analysis.

If a jurisdiction adopts a HE or amendment without HCD's recommendations, HCD will be required to review it a second time. If HCD finds that the adopted HE is still not substantially compliant with HE law during this second review, it would again be required to identify the specific subdivisions of the code with which it does not comply and make recommendations that would bring it into substantial compliance, if adopted.

Lastly, HCD is currently required to develop a standardized reporting format for programs and actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing via the housing element. However, there is no

deadline for this task. AB 650 would require HCD to develop this standardized reporting format by December 31, 2026.

AB 650 aligns with SCAG's State Legislative Platform which expresses support for legislation that would "increase coordination and flexibility between the California Department of Housing and Community Development and local jurisdictions to realize shared housing production goals, particularly for the development and implementation of local housing elements as well as advancing fairness and transparency of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program." Thus, the LCMC recommends support for AB 650.

**The LCMC recommends an OPPOSE position for the following legislative bill:**

**Bill:** SB 681      **Author:** Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Fremont)

**Title:** Housing

**Status:** Senate Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB681](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB681)

SB 681 aims to address rising housing costs by proposing various changes to the law, including prohibiting landlords from charging tenants specific fees, limiting the application screening fee that a landlord can charge, and deeming subordinate mortgages abandoned if the mortgage servicer fails to provide certain notices. It also includes several changes to the Housing Accountability Act, the Housing Crisis Act, the Surplus Lands Act, the Permit Streamlining Act, and the Coastal Act, with provisions aimed at extending various programs, expanding streamlined permitting of housing development, opening more local land to housing development, and increasing efficiencies in the processing of local coastal plans.

Specific to SCAG, existing law provides that each community's fair share of housing be determined through the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND)/ Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. This includes the Department of Finance and HCD developing regional housing needs estimates, COGs allocating housing within each region based on these determinations, and cities and counties incorporating these allocations into their housing elements. As part of that process, existing law requires COGs to provide data assumptions from their projections for overcrowding and the percentage of households that are cost-burdened based on a comparable housing market.

This bill would amend the housing element law to require that the data assumptions COGs must provide to HCD include the percentage of households that are: overcrowded within the region, overcrowded throughout the nation, cost-burdened within the region, and cost-burdened nationwide. Additionally, it would require the COG to provide data assumptions from their

projections for overcrowding and the percentage of households based on the difference between the region's rates and those of comparable regions in the country.

Lastly, it would require COGs to submit a draft allocation methodology and develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD within 45 days, if HCD finds the draft allocation methodology does not further the five existing, statutory objectives of the RHNA program. For reference, these five objectives are listed below:

1. Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.
2. Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reduction targets provided by the State Air Resources Board.
3. Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.
4. Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.
5. Affirmatively furthering fair housing.

#### Analysis

Requiring COGs to develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD, if HCD finds that the draft allocation methodology does not further the five objectives, would completely bypass SCAG's comprehensive public outreach process used to develop the RHNA distribution methodology. Such an action would be contrary to the Legislative Platform's support for legislation that increases coordination and flexibility between HCD and local jurisdictions to achieve shared housing production goals, particularly in the development and implementation of local housing elements, as well as advancing the fairness and transparency of the RHNA program.

For these reasons, the LCMC recommends opposition to SB 681.

**The LCMC recommends a WATCH position for the following legislative bills:**

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**Bill:** AB 1244      **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)  
**Title:** CEQA: transportation impact mitigation: Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program  
**Status:** Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1244](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1244)

Under existing law, developers are required to mitigate the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) produced by their projects through an existing array of options, including using the fees toward GHG reduction activities such as bus and transit passes, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, carpool and vanpools, and habitat conservation. Proponents of AB 1244 argue that there is currently no state-level process in place to collect and disburse VMT mitigation dollars for affordable housing. As such, this bill seeks to establish a statewide VMT mitigation fund focused on affordable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

To do so, the bill directs the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LUCI) to determine a price per VMT by July 1, 2026, updating that price on or before July 1, 2029, and every three years thereafter. Those funds would then be contributed to the existing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Implementation fund under the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to fund local infill housing development within the same region as the project in the following order:

- To developments within the same city as the project or for projects in unincorporated areas, to developments in the same county; and
- To developments in the same county.

The bill would additionally require HCD to confirm the estimated reduction in VMT attributed to the award using the method used for the existing Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, and post on its website all of the program awards at the conclusion of each funding round, with all of the following information:

- The name, location, and number of units in each development funded;
- The total development cost and amount of funds awarded to each development, including but not limited to the amount of funds contributed as a result of VMT mitigation;
- The reduction in VMT estimated for each development and attributed to the award using the same method as used by the AHSC program; and



- The VMT obligations of each project that contributed funds to the award during the funding round.

This bill would not remove any of the existing strategies available to developers. Rather, it would expand the options available to them, adding another tool to their VMT mitigation toolbox. Furthermore, the author argues that this could facilitate the pooling of VMT mitigation dollars, enabling larger and more effective mitigation strategies than are possible for individual projects, and potentially helping to spur more affordable housing development in California.

SCAG's State Legislative Platform, approved by the Regional Council, supports legislation that would provide new incentives, tools, and ongoing funding for housing programs that fund construction and development of housing and housing-supportive infrastructure.

As this bill moves forward, the LCMC recommends a "watch" position on AB 1244.

**Bill:** AB 1275      **Author:** Assemblymember Sade Elhawary (D-Los Angeles)

**Title:** Regional housing needs: regional transportation plan

**Status:** Assembly Committee on Appropriations

**Hyperlink:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1275](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1275)

#### History

Introduced in 2023, AB 1335 by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Los Angeles) sought to align the population projections between the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). By doing so, they hoped to have local governments' general plans better aligned with the environmental goals of the SCS. From their perspective, this would create more housing opportunities near jobs and transit, alleviating both the housing shortage and affordability crisis while reducing people's reliance on cars for transportation.

Originally presented to the LCMC on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Regional Council (RC) adopted an oppose position on the bill at its meeting on April 6, 2023, as its original language would have taken away the ability for agencies like SCAG to develop their own regional growth forecasts. Following the adoption of an "oppose" position, the bill underwent several amendments. The third iteration would have required MPOs, including SCAG, to make certain planning assumptions in the RTP/SCS. Specifically, it would have forced SCAG to accept HCD's Regional Housing Determination as the only piece of information that could be used to forecast household growth in the first eight years of SCAG's 30-year RTP/SCS. Functionally, this assumption would have meant that the RTP/SCS would assume that the region's entire 1.34 million RHNA determination would be constructed by 2029.

For SCAG's planning documents, our technical experts project that 1.34 million housing units will be constructed, just over a more extended period of time. SCAG's current forecast is based off development data from the construction industry that shows 54,000 new housing units were constructed in the Southern California region in 2022 – the highest annual total since 2006. As with the previous versions of this bill, it would have been irresponsible for SCAG's planning documents to assume housing development at three times the actual rate.

There are more things SCAG must consider when forecasting future housing growth than just HCD's RHNA determination for Southern California. These factors include migration, the private sector's access to capital, public subsidies for affordable projects, labor availability, and raw material costs, among others. Using the RHNA target as a planning forecast, however, will have the unintended consequence of throwing off SCAG's ability to demonstrate Air Quality Conformity to the EPA. If the region fails to meet air quality conformity, Southern California will lose the ability to use most federal transportation dollars, including those from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

#### AB 1275

As AB 1335 (Zbur, 2023) failed to make it out of the Legislature, the bill's original sponsors, Abundant Housing LA, have reintroduced the bill in the form of AB 1275 (Elhawary). Noting our heavy opposition to the previous iteration, including our justification, Abundant Housing LA has been in contact with SCAG, as well as the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG). Through these conversations, the bill has been amended to its current form, which would now make HCD provide each region's Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination at least three years prior to the scheduled revision of the housing element, as opposed to the existing two-year requirement. In addition, it would extend the timeline for HCD to meet and consult with COGs from at least 26 months to at least 38 months prior to the next housing element update, which would align the process with the existing timeline for the development of the SCS. This was one of the recommendations SCAG had made to HCD as part of the department's process in developing the California Housing Futures 2040 report to the Legislature in which HCD made recommendations to change the RHNA process. Additionally, this aligns with SB 233 (Seyarto), for which the Regional Council adopted a "support" position on March 6, 2025.

Further, the bill would also require each COG to consider including the development patterns outlined in the region's SCS of its regional transportation plan in developing the methodology that allocates regional housing needs to the extent sufficient data is available, as well as require that the RHNA plan be informed by the development pattern included in the SCS. This differs from last year's version, which would have required the SCS to assume all of the region's final determination would be built within the eight-year cycle.

The LCMC recommends a "watch" position on AB 1275.

**Prior Committee Action:**

Following a staff presentation on AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), SB 607 (Wiener), AB 609 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), and AB 1276 (Carrillo), members of the committee asked various questions and made comments on these bills, which staff addressed. A bulleted list summarizing the questions, comments, and staff response is included below:

- Regarding AB 609 (Wicks), what is the difference between that bill and AB 2011 (Wicks, 2022), and does AB 609 contain an affordability requirement?
  - Response: AB 2011 was a more prescriptive bill that mandated by-right approval for affordable housing on commercially zoned land. In contrast, AB 609 provides a CEQA exemption for specified housing projects and applies to all housing projects that meet the criteria but does not require ministerial approval of qualifying projects. AB 609 does not contain any affordability requirements, unlike AB 2011.
- Regarding AB 736 (Wicks), the Housing Bond, would the funding be required to be deposited into the specified programs, and would it have to stay there? Who would administer the programs? Who determines if a project is eligible for funding? Are there workforce housing requirements in the programs that would receive funding?
  - Response: If AB 736 is passed and voters approve the bond ballot measure, the funding would be dedicated for the specified grant programs and accounts outlined in the bill language. These grant programs would be administered by HCD, which would conduct a competitive grant application process for jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other eligible entities to submit their projects for consideration, as outlined in a published Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and in accordance with the selection guidelines. HCD has previously published selection guidelines for the programs that AB 736 includes. Various grant programs, such as the Multifamily Housing and the Infill Infrastructure Grant Programs, have affordability components or would help support the creation of workforce housing.
- Is there someone who will coordinate how Housing Bond funding is spent? Will the \$500 million for the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units turn those units into restricted housing units?
  - Response: Since AB 736 proposes allocating bond funding to existing programs, we can examine their past performance and evaluate their success. The state is attempting to leverage programs with a proven track record of success rather than creating new ones. The housing bond is essential because funding from the previous housing bond is running out; therefore, this new bond will enable the state to

continue supporting critical housing programs. Regarding the \$500 million for the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units, it would allow nonprofits, community land trusts, or local public entities to restrict currently unrestricted housing units. However, the state itself wouldn't be restricting the units. It would be local organizations and community-based organizations (CBOs) that upgrade the old housing stock while allowing current residents to continue living there.

- Members expressed a desire to engage the author of the housing bond to emphasize the need for accountability to ensure that funds are being used effectively.
- Members expressed that while \$10 billion is not a lot of money statewide, any funding that helps secure a permanent source of financing to help build housing will be crucial. What is the sentiment surrounding a bond in Sacramento, given the budget deficit?
  - Response: Housing funding was not included in the January budget proposal. With the projected deficit, there will likely be increased support for a bond, as the state is expected to have limited funding to allocate to housing without a bond measure.
- Members expressed that even if AB 736 passes, voters will ultimately decide whether the state should incur bond debt to fund housing programs. What would be the impact on housing programs if this bond does not pass? What would be the impact on homelessness?
  - Response: Without this bond, the situation will remain unchanged. That's why the state legislature is passing legislation to streamline housing programs.
- Is the state planning to sunset the energy efficiency, low-income weatherization program, since it was not included in this bond? Can staff continue to monitor funding for these types of programs?
  - Response: The Legislature has discussed funding that program through the cap-and-trade program. State Insurance Commissioner Lara is also working to allocate funding to weatherization programs. Thus, the idea behind this bond was to focus heavily on housing infrastructure. Staff will continue to monitor funding for this item.

After staff responded to the various comments and questions, the LCMC voted 14 to 2 to approve the staff recommendation to forward a position to the Regional Council on AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), SB 607 (Wiener), AB 609 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), and AB 1276 (Carrillo).

Staff then presented on AB 650 (Papan), SB 681 (Wahab), AB 1244 (Wicks), and AB 1275 (Elhawary). Following a discussion, committee members asked various questions and made comments on these bills, which staff addressed. A bulleted list summarizing the questions, comments, and staff response is included below:

- Regarding SB 681 (Wahab), are we in communication with any other MPOs, and can we do a joint opposition letter?
  - Response: Yes, staff are in communication with other MPOs. Staff sent an email to the California League of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) with our concerns. Many other MPOs are still bringing this bill to their legislative committees, so staff will follow up to ensure we join a coalition in opposition to this bill, if there is an opportunity to do so, once the RC approves the oppose position.
- Regarding AB 1244, SCAG should engage the County Transportation Commissions. What is the definition of a regional transportation agency? Who will administer the VMT mitigation fund? How will funding be distributed? How can we ensure that the funds will be used to reduce VMT?
  - Response: Staff will address these comments if it is brought back to the LCMC with a recommendation for a support or oppose position in the future.
- Regarding AB 1275, SCAG housing staff should continue to monitor this legislation and provide the LCMC with a detailed understanding of its implications and how it would apply to SCAG jurisdictions, particularly in relation to the RHNA and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
  - Response: This bill is very technical. Staff will continue to monitor this legislation and provide further analysis if it is brought back to the committee.

After staff responded to the various comments and questions, the LCMC voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to recommend that the RC adopt a support position on AB 650 (Papan), an oppose position on SB 681 (Wahab), and watch positions on AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the Housing Bills report is in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



## AGENDA ITEM 7

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
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**Subject:** AB 98 Cleanup Bills

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 735 (Carrillo) and Senate Bill (SB) 415 (Reyes).

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*At their meeting on May 13, 2025, members of the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on two bills, Assembly Bill (AB) 735 (Carrillo) and Senate Bill (SB) 415 (Reyes), that were introduced to clean up AB 98 (Carrillo & Reyes, 2024). AB 98 established minimum requirements for warehouse developments and imposed additional requirements on local jurisdictions related to warehouse projects, truck routes, and air quality monitoring. Following concerted advocacy efforts, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale) and Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-San Bernardino) introduced AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes), two identical bills aimed at clarifying and addressing deficiencies in AB 98. Following a discussion, committee members voted to forward an “oppose” recommendation for AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes) to the Regional Council (RC).*

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2024, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo and Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes jointly authored AB 98, which Governor Newsom signed into law on September 29, 2024. AB 98 established minimum standards that warehouse developments must meet before a local agency may approve them and imposed various requirements on local governments related to truck routes and air quality monitoring. AB 98 initially addressed a completely unrelated topic, but was gutted and amended on August 28, 2024, just three days before the legislative session concluded, leaving virtually no time for public input.

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Specifically, AB 98 imposed new warehouse design and build standards for “21<sup>st</sup> Century Warehouses” intended to reduce GHG emissions for new or expanded logistics use developments, beginning in January 2026, and prohibits jurisdictions from approving new logistics use developments that don’t meet these standards. These requirements include minimum setbacks from sensitive receptors, buffer zones, site design standards, building electrification, and operational standards. AB 98 outlined separate tiers, with stricter requirements for warehouse developments exceeding 250,000 square feet and those located in specified jurisdictions within the SCAG region, which is part of the “warehouse concentration region” (WCR). AB 98 also imposes new requirements on local jurisdictions, including updating their circulation elements by January 2028, or January 2026 for jurisdictions in the WCR, to designate truck routes that avoid residential areas and sensitive receptors, maximizing the use of highways and major roads. It also requires the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to deploy mobile air monitoring systems in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to collect data near warehouses and provide reports to evaluate the effectiveness of the required setbacks. AB 98 also authorized the Attorney General (AG) to fine jurisdictions that have not updated their circulation elements by specified deadlines.

SCAG sent the Governor a letter opposing and requesting that he veto AB 98 with executive approval to circumvent the usual bill position approval process due to the extenuating circumstances, given that the bill was essentially introduced and passed by the legislature in three days.

In an attempt to “clarify this area of state law,” Assemblymember Carrillo and Senator Gomez Reyes introduced identical bills, AB 735 and SB 415, that modify various aspects of these provisions. These changes are outlined below and are divided into two sections: the first contains provisions that make significant amendments to AB 98, and the second outlines provisions that make minor or technical amendments.

Summaries of the two bills are included below.

**The LCMC recommends an OPPOSE position for the following two legislative bills:**

**Bill:** AB 735      **Author:** Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale)  
SB 415      Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes (D-San Bernardino)

**Title:** Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes  
AB 735: Passed in Asm. Local Gov. 8-0 and re-referred to Asm. Approps to be heard May 14.

**Status:** SB 415: Passed in Sen. Local Gov. 7-0. Passed in Sen. Approps without a vote since state costs were determined to be insignificant—pending Senate Floor vote.

**Hyperlink:**  
AB 735: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB735](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB735)



SB 415: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB415](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB415)

AB 735 and SB 415, authored by Assemblymember Juan Carrillo and Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes, respectively, would generally clarify and modify various requirements implemented by AB 98 (Carrillo & Reyes, 2024) to facilitate implementation. AB 735 and SB 415 are identical, and both authors have committed to a joint process that moves these bills through the legislative process in tandem.

### **Major Provisions**

First, AB 735 and SB 415 would clarify and narrow the definition of “logistics use.” Currently, a “logistics use” means a building in which cargo, goods, or products are moved or stored for later distribution. These bills would update the definition to a building that is primarily used as a warehouse for the movement or the storage of cargo, goods, or products, excluding agricultural buildings that are operated for less than 90 consecutive days per year.

AB 735 and SB 415 would clarify that logistics uses must meet or exceed the most current energy efficiency standards in effect at the time a building permit is issued, providing stability for project proposals. AB 735 also clarifies that the AB 98 exemption for proposed logistics use projects in the entitlement process before September 30, 2024, will no longer be applicable if construction does not commence within five years from the date the project is entitled.

These bills also extend the deadline for cities or counties outside the warehouse concentration region to update their circulation elements, based on population size. Cities with a population exceeding 50,000 and counties with a population exceeding 100,000 must still update their circulation elements by January 1, 2028, the same deadline outlined in AB 98. On the other hand, cities with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 100,000 will get their timeline extended by seven years and will be required to update their elements by January 1, 2035. These bills state that the population of all unincorporated areas will be used to determine a county's population for determining the circulation update deadline. Notably, these provisions do not modify the deadline for jurisdictions in the WCR to update their circulation elements by January 1, 2026. These jurisdictions include unincorporated Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, as well as the Cities of Chino, Colton, Fontana, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Perris, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

AB 98 authorizes the AG to fine jurisdictions \$50k every six months if they have not updated their circulation element by the specified deadline. AB 735 and SB 415 would authorize the Attorney General (AG) to impose a fine on jurisdictions that have not met their deadline to update their circulation element only if the AG determines that the jurisdiction has not made a good faith effort to comply.

### Minor Provisions

AB 735 and SB 415 make various minor clarifications, including:

- Stating that electrification requirements only apply if sufficient power is available.
- Land being used to ensure the public's right of access to the sea, per the Coastal Act, is considered a "sensitive receptor."
- Concerning San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, the "warehouse concentration region" includes only the unincorporated areas of those counties, in addition to the previously outlined cities.
- Currently, truck routes must travel directly along arterial roads, major thoroughfares, or "local roads that predominantly serve commercially oriented uses," which is defined as roads with 50 percent of properties fronting the roads within 1,000 feet being designated for commercial or industrial uses. These bills add agricultural uses to the "local roads" section and clarify that the 1,000-foot length must be measured from truck exits and entrances.
- AB 98's housing replacement provisions do not conflict with an existing law related to replacing demolished affordable housing units.
- Agricultural roads can be used in truck routes, in addition to commercial roads.
- Cities and counties must provide for the posting of signage to identify truck routes, parking, and idling locations, instead of "idling facility locations."
- Facility operators must submit a truck routing plan for approval that describes the operational characteristics of the logistic use *and* the facility operator, instead of just the facility operator.

While both AB 735 and SB 415 were heard and passed unanimously in their respective Local Government Committees, members recognized that they remain a work in progress. Several organizations, including the California Building Properties Association (CBPA) and the California League of Cities (Cal Cities), have expressed the need for additional amendments. SB 415 advanced out of the Senate Appropriations Committee without a vote or committee review because the committee chair determined the bill had insignificant costs.

Cal Cities distributed a letter to the Local Government Committee requesting specific amendments, including:

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- Removing the Circulation Element update requirements if a local government has no proposed new or expanded logistics use development within its jurisdiction.
- Allowing flexibility for cities and counties to meet the truck route requirements through adopted ordinances or local transportation plans, rather than relying solely on a Circulation Element update.

Several other organizations, including business groups, cities, counties, and environmental groups, among others, are requesting additional changes beyond those outlined in these bills.

**Prior Committee Action:**

At the May 13, 2025 LCMC Meeting, staff presented both bills with a recommendation to “watch.” Following staff presentations, LCMC members discussed these bills, noting that AB 98 has led to their jurisdictions losing development opportunities and jobs, and that AB 735 and SB 415 do not address the main issues contributing to those losses. Members of the committee then made a motion to “oppose” AB 735 and SB 415.

Committee members clarified that even if the motion was to “oppose” both bills, staff should continue to watch and engage in negotiations, and bring AB 735 and SB 415, as well as any other AB 98 cleanup bills, back to the committee for future information, deliberation, and action. The committee expressed a desire for the agency to continue providing feedback and voicing its opinions on these and any other AB 98-related legislation.

After the discussion, the LCMC voted 8 to 7 to recommend that the RC adopt “oppose” positions on AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the AB 98 Cleanup Bills report is in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



## AGENDA ITEM 8

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

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**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

**From:** Sarah Dominguez, Planning Supervisor  
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**Subject:** Connect SoCal 2024: Sustainable Communities Strategy Acceptance and Target Updates

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Information Only – No Action Required

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, CEHD, AND TC:

Receive and File

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*On May 7, 2025, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) notified SCAG staff that they have accepted SCAG's determination that the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy achieves the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets set by CARB. This affirms the work by SCAG to integrate land use planning with transportation policies and investments to achieve statewide climate goals. However, the prolonged review process leading up to CARB's acceptance underscores the issues raised by SCAG about the need to revisit the SB 375 framework to better focus on implementation.*

#### BACKGROUND:

In April 2024, the SCAG Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In July 2024, SCAG submitted the SCS to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for their evaluation that the SCS would, if implemented, meet the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. Pursuant to Government Code Section § 65080(b)(2)(J)(ii) review by CARB "shall be limited to acceptance or rejection of the metropolitan planning organization's determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets established by the State Air Resources Board. The State Air Resources Board shall complete its review within 60 days."

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### **Review of Connect SoCal 2024**

On May 7, 2025, CARB staff confirmed via email that they have accepted SCAG's determination that Connect SoCal 2024 meets the GHG emission reduction targets. They stated that their formal report will take some time to complete and publish. CARB's acceptance was received 10 months after SCAG's initial SCS submittal. This protracted review process highlights the challenges metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) have raised in response to the upcoming 2026 target update process. Specifically, it reflects the degree to which the current SB 375 framework has evolved towards an extensive technical process instead of prioritizing implementation<sup>1</sup>. The additional, post-submission engagement with CARB staff for their review did not relate to or result in any updated policies, programs or investments in Connect SoCal 2024.

### **2026 SB 375 Target Update Process**

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 65080(b)(2)(A)(iv) CARB shall update regional targets every eight years. SCAG's targets were last updated in 2018, keeping the 8% reduction from 2005 levels by 2020 and updating the target for 2035 to a 19% reduction from 2005 levels. The next target update process must be concluded by 2026 to meet the eight-year statutory requirement.

CARB initiated the target update process in July 2024 with a public workshop. In response to their request for detailed data from MPOs, the four largest MPOs in California wrote a joint letter to CARB requesting that the current SB 375 Targets and SCS Guidelines process be paused to allow for a holistic review of SB 375. In the letter, the MPOs requested to engage in a government-to-government dialogue with CARB, the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development to collaboratively discuss how to achieve multiple state and regional goals and shift the focus towards implementation. In response, CARB stated that they cannot commit to pausing the SB 375 target update process given the statutory requirements and necessity to advance "analytical staff work, support an inclusive public dialogue, and conduct an environmental review on these topics".<sup>2</sup>

In response to the requested government-to-government dialogue, CARB agreed to participate. From October 2024 to February 2025, SCAG and other MPOs from across the state met collectively with representatives from each of the above state agencies to discuss challenges with and potential solutions for the SB 375 framework. This forum allowed for robust dialogue which helped to solidify MPO perspectives on the principles for SB 375 reform. Going forward, SCAG will continue to engage with CARB directly and through the public target setting process.

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<sup>1</sup> SCAG Energy and Environment Committee, November 7, 2024: Senate Bill 375: Joint MPO Letter to CARB <https://scag.igfm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2528&Inline=True#page=25>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

On May 21, 2025, CARB staff hosted a public workshop on the target setting process which included proposed target scenarios. SCAG will submit a joint public comment letter reiterating issues raised during earlier meetings about the applicability of the Scoping Plan scenario to MPO targets and the need to clarify what technical assumptions will be used in both the target setting and the SCS evaluation. SCAG and other MPOs across the state have requested that CARB maintain the current targets. Given the economic and demographic headwinds in achieving GHG reductions and the inability to take credit for the electric vehicle transition, MPOs will face challenges in maintaining their current target achievement.

**Next Steps**

CARB anticipates releasing a draft target report in fall 2025 and then a final report and environmental assessment in spring 2026. Updated targets will apply to SCAG's next SCS, currently anticipated to be adopted in 2028. SCAG will continue to engage with CARB as the process progresses and will update SCAG's Policy Committees once CARB's draft report is released. Concurrently, SCAG will continue to work with local stakeholders and other MPOs to seek potential legislative reform to address the issues with the current SB 375 framework and the barriers to SCS implementation. Staff will bring these matters to the Policy Committees and the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee for discussion.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 24-25 Overall Work Program (310.4874.01: Connect SoCal Development).



## AGENDA ITEM 9

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Purchase Orders and Contracts below the Regional Council's Approval Threshold

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

#### BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in April 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
IBM CORPORATION	FY26 IBM SPSS SW RENEWAL	\$9,096

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Sargent Town Planning 24-012-MRFP 04	The consultant shall develop new mixed-use "Town Center" zoning and associated development and design standards to implement the intended outcomes of the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts for the City of Jurupa Valley.	\$467,743





**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract 24-012-MRFP 04 Summary

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 04**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	Sargent Town Planning												
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	Consistent with the requirements of the Regional Early Action Planning Grant that funds this project, the consultant shall develop new mixed-use “Town Center” zoning, and associated development and design standards, to implement the intended outcomes of the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts for the City of Jurupa Valley. It is anticipated that new mixed-use zoning for each Town Center will result in development standards that follow similar principles for achieving mixed use, walkable, “main street” environments; however, each of the three Town Centers has unique characteristics that may result in some more localized and tailored design standards for each area. City staff is interested in exploring form-based zoning for the Town Centers, which will result in a hybrid Zoning Code. The consultant shall train city staff in the principles and real-world application of form-based zoning, as well as ensure the General Plan aligns with the new Town Center Zoning.												
<b>Project’s Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing mixed-use zoning and associated development and design standards to implement the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts.</li> <li>• Identifying opportunity sites for affordable housing to accelerate the development of vibrant town centers with walkable, mixed-use main streets.</li> <li>• Improving housing choice for working families by allowing for construction of denser, more connected housing options near existing transportation infrastructure.</li> </ul>												
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.												
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<b>Contract Period:</b>	February 14, 2025 through June 30, 2026												
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	305.4927Y1.03 Funding source: REAP 2.0												

	Funding of \$467,743 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305.4927Y1.03, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.				
<b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b>	<p>SCAG staff notified 20 firms on the bench of the release of 24-012-MRFP 04 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 9 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td><b>Sargent Town Planning (4 subconsultants)</b></td><td><b>\$468,984</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Harris &amp; Associates (2 subconsultants)</td><td>\$566,984</td></tr> </table>	<b>Sargent Town Planning (4 subconsultants)</b>	<b>\$468,984</b>	Harris & Associates (2 subconsultants)	\$566,984
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<b>Selection Process:</b>	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the MRFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Anikka Van Eyl, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG  Dianne Guevara, Deputy Director of Community Development, Jurupa Valley  Annette Tam, Planning Manager, Jurupa Valley  Jean Ward, Community Planning Services Manager, Jurupa Valley</p>				
<b>Basis for Selection:</b>	<p>The PRC recommended Sargent Town Planning for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project; specifically, the consultant team has prior experience working with the City of Jurupa Valley and other communities of similar size and location in the region. Through their prior experience with plans based in Jurupa Valley, they had a unique understanding of the community and demonstrated a good understanding of the project, General Plan vision, City's challenges related to the outdated zoning code, and strategic regional context;</li> <li>• Demonstrated strong prior experience developing form-based code for walkable, mixed use developments; general plan and zoning code amendments; and related experience developing mixed-use downtown area plans. In addition, one of the subconsultants has extensive experience developing feasibility studies which would help advise in the areas of economic development and housing feasibility and affordability; another subconsultant has extensive experience in transportation and is capable of providing multi-modal mobility system advisement and preparing VMT analysis, while the third subconsultant has direct experience preparing the required CEQA documents and they are fully capable of the work. The roles of the Prime and subconsultants are well coordinated and integrated, particularly in how each subconsultant supports a different aspect of the project. The consultant team</li> </ul>				

	<p>highlighted their technical expertise that can support the project's needs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed and proposed the lowest price of the two proposals. Although the other proposal came in over budget, this consultant's proposal was the lowest cost, yet still could deliver all intended deliverables while going further by including the optional task of the four form-based code training sessions;</li> <li>• Proposed rates and hours that were appropriate for the scope. Project costs were realistic given workload and timeline and have been carefully considered through clear project management and workload scheduling. The team's extensive experience ensures the project will be delivered on time and under budget; and</li> <li>• Provided a project schedule that is well thought through, with tasks and milestones clearly detailed in their proposed schedule, with two months built in for contingency.</li> </ul>
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## AGENDA ITEM 10

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
June 5, 2025

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** CFO Monthly Report

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

#### ACCOUNTING:

##### Membership Dues

As of April 30, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 11 tribal governments have paid their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.74 million out of \$2.76 million billed. This represents 99.38% of the membership assessment.

##### Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of April 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$23.32 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$816,197.96 in interest income (as of Q3). The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 4.48%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of April 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$39.91 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$1,765,227.88 (YTD), in interest income.

#### BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On April 30, 2025, SCAG submitted the FY 2024-25 (FY25) Overall Work Program (OWP) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Report to Caltrans. The total cumulative expenditures reported for the CPG funding, including SB1 funding, are approximately \$30.53 million or 54% of the FY 2024-25 OWP Amendment 01 budget.

On May 1, 2025, the Regional Council approved the FY 2025-26 (FY26) Final Comprehensive Budget including OWP in the amount of \$414.94 million. Also, the General Assembly approved the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. The FY 2025-26 OWP was submitted to Caltrans on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and state and federal approval of the OWP is expected by June 30, 2025. Further, the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Plan (ICRP) was submitted to FTA on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and their response to the proposed ICRP is expected by May 31, 2025.

**CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:**

Through the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Contracts Administration Department staff supported an average of 20 formal procurements and managed 197 active contracts for various regional projects. Staff worked with project managers to close four (4) contracts that ended in the third quarter. In this month's consent calendar agenda item "Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold," staff reports executing one (1) contract. Additionally, three (3) contracts valued at \$500,000 or greater are included in this month's agenda for Regional Council approval.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. CFO CHARTS 060525



# Office of the Chief Financial Officer

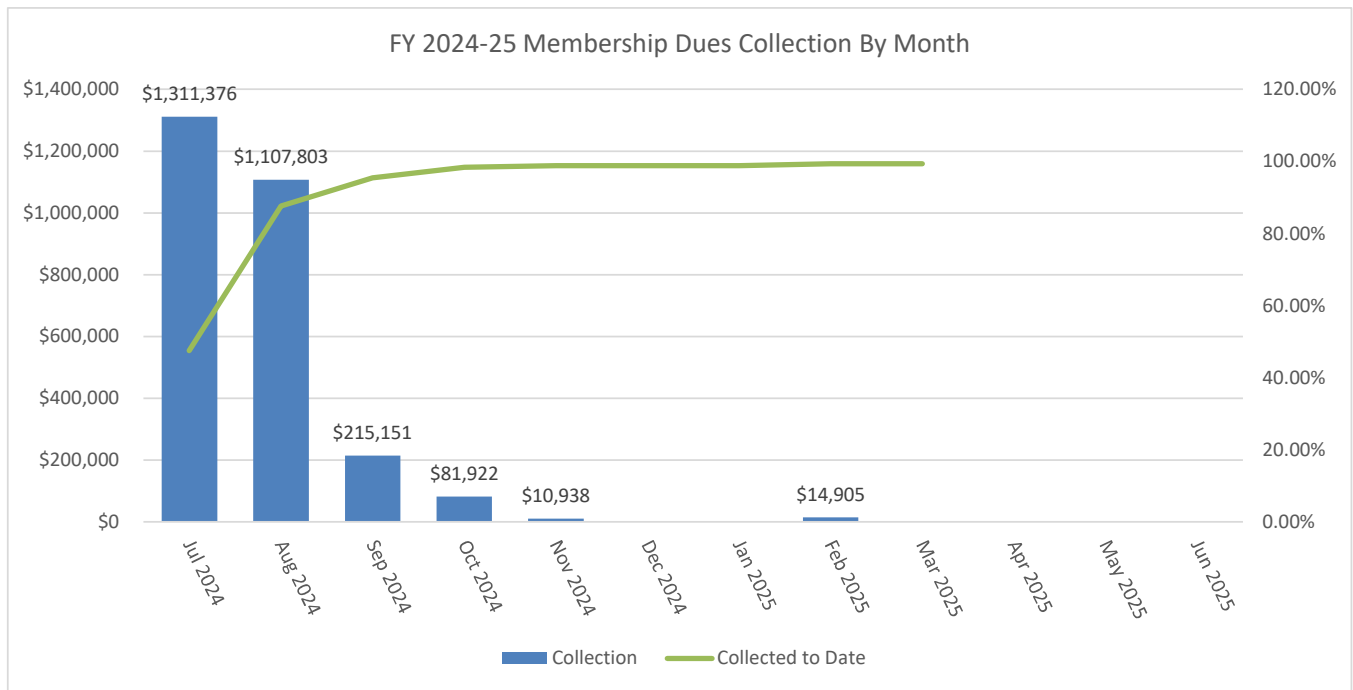
## Quarterly Report

**March 2025**





## Membership Dues & Collections July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025



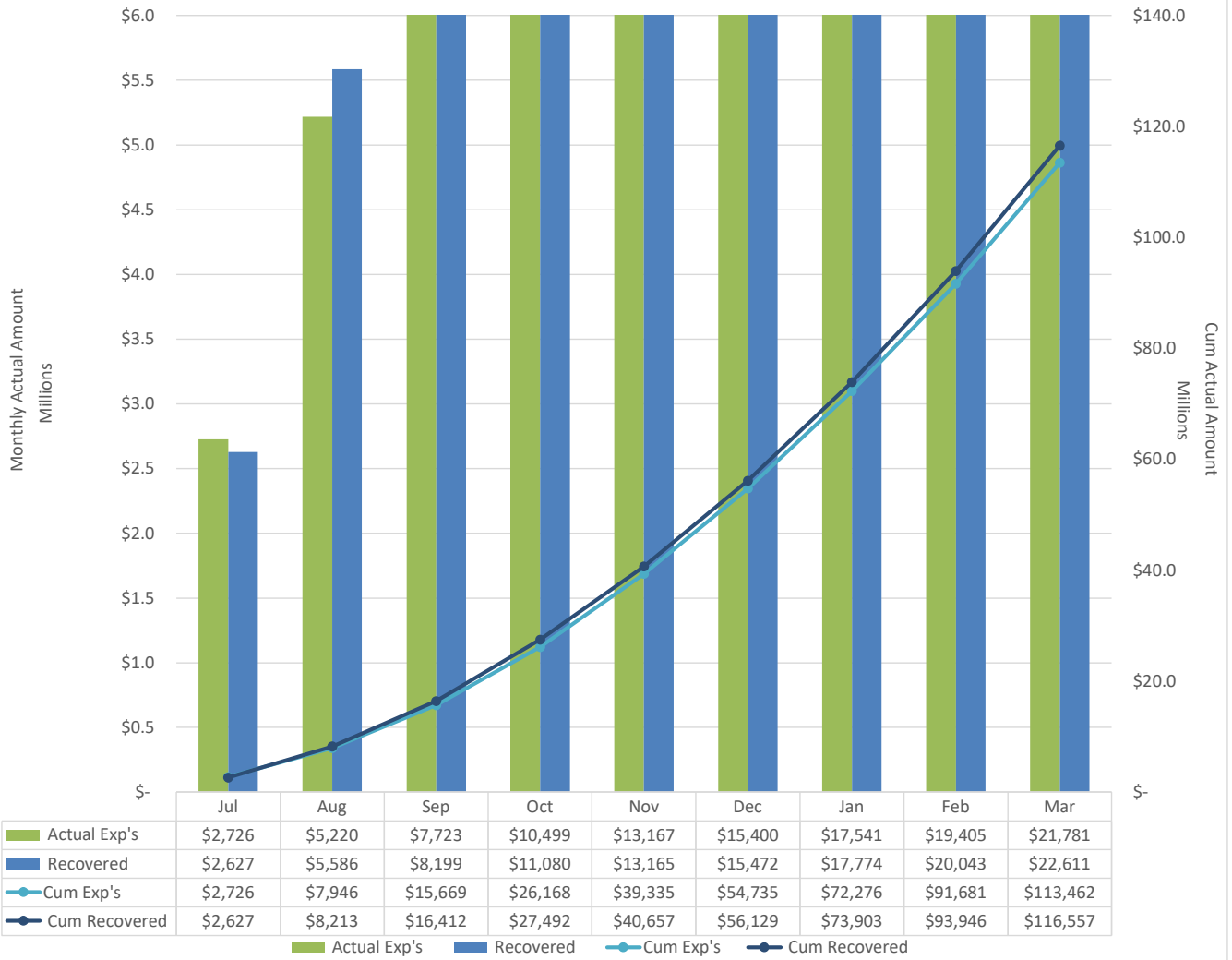
### Summary

As of March 31, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions and 11 tribal governments had paid their FY25 dues. This represents 99.38% of the dues assessment.

FY25 Membership Dues	<u>\$ 2,759,319</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$ 2,742,095</u>
Percentage Collected	<u>99.38%</u>



**Indirect Cost & Recovery**  
**July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025**





## Consolidated Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2025

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2025</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Cash & Investment	67,363,059	64,994,978	(2,368,080)
Other Assets	12,786,979	12,253,307	(533,671)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>80,150,037</b>	<b>77,248,285</b>	<b>(2,901,752) <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>46,663,053</b>	<b>42,695,490</b>	<b>(3,967,563) <sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>33,486,985</b>	<b>34,552,796</b>	<b>1,065,811</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>80,150,037</b>	<b>77,248,285</b>	<b>(2,901,752)</b>

(1) Cash & Investment decreased while Accounts receivable increased primarily due to transitioning the Consolidated Planning Grant billing from Monthly to quarterly as directed in the 2024 Caltrans Incurred Cost audit report.

(2) The Total Liabilities decreased due to a reduction in deferred revenue (advanced cash received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development) related to claiming reimbursement for REAP 2.0 expenditures.



# Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Quarter Ended March 31, 2025

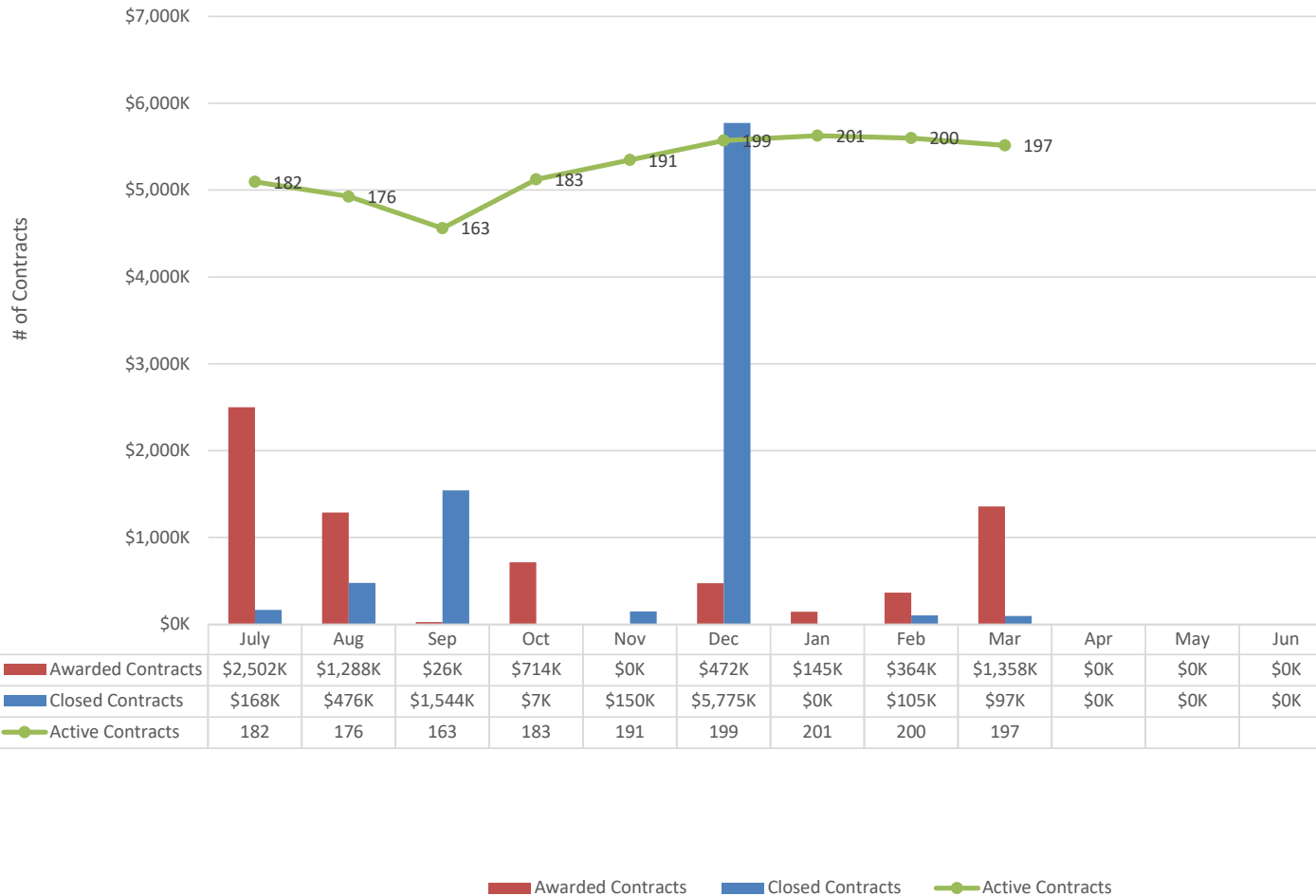
	July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025	Increase / (Decrease)	March 2025 Budgetary Comparison Statement	
				FY 2024-25 Budget	Under / (Over) Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>69,711,647</b>	<b>99,136,697</b>	<b>29,425,050</b>	500,185,391	401,048,694
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	47,139,439	67,697,072	20,557,633	98,604,865	30,907,793
Services & Supplies	14,544,645	22,346,250	7,801,605	401,580,526	379,234,276
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>61,684,084</b>	<b>90,043,323</b>	<b>28,359,238</b>	500,185,391	410,142,068
Change in Fund Balance	8,027,563	9,093,374	1,065,811	-	(9,093,374)
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	25,459,422	25,459,422	-	25,459,422	-
<b>Fund Balance at End of the Period</b>	<b>33,486,985</b>	<b>34,552,796</b>	<b>1,065,811</b>	<b>25,459,422</b>	<b>(9,093,374)</b>

(1) Note that multi-year grant revenues and services & supplies expenditures are budgeted in the award year including any beginning Fund Balance. The \$401.1 million revenue variance and the \$410.1 million expenditure variance are predominately related to anticipated implementation timing for various multi-year grants. Any remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to subsequent years of the grant period.

Attachment: CFO CHARTS 060525 (CFO Monthly Report)



## SCAG Contracts FY2024-25



### Overview

This chart shows the number of contracts administered from July to January 2025.

### Summary

As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Administration Department is currently managing a total of 197 contracts. Eighteen (18) are Cost Plus Fixed Fee contracts; 82 are Lump Sum contracts, 38 are Time and Materials contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer), and 59 are On-Call Services contracts and related Task Orders.

# CFO Report

As of May 1, 2025

## Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Fellows	Total
Executive Office	9	9	0	0	0	0	9
Finance	45	42	3	0	0	0	42
Gov. & Public Affairs	25	24	1	2	0	0	26
Human Resources	12	11	1	1	0	0	12
Information Technology	29	26	3	0	0	0	26
Legal	3	3	0	1	0	0	4
Planning	113	97	16	8	0	1	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>225</b>

CalPERS Membership

