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## MEETING OF THE

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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***Thursday, November 2, 2023  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.***

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Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, November 2, 2023**  
**9:30 AM**

The Community, Economic and Human Development 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 Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)**

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting – October 5, 2023 PPG. 9

#### Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items PPG. 17
3. Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337) PPG. 21
4. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Overview PPG. 34

### **ACTION ITEMS**

5. REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards 30 Mins. PPG. 43  
*(Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG)*

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report.



## COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Development Streamlining Efforts- Project Overview 20 Mins. PPG. 61  
*(Nashia Lalani, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG; and Dr. Edith Medina, Associate Planner, Civic Solutions)*
7. Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) PPG. 65  
Regional CEQA Streamlining REAP Project 20 Mins.  
*(Hugh Riley, Executive Director, VCOG, and Chris Williamson, PhD, Housing Specialist, VCOG)*

### CHAIR'S REPORT

*(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

### STAFF REPORT

*(Ivette Macias, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG Staff)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADJOURNMENT



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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:**

<b>Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair</b>	<b><i>Cerritos</i></b>	<b>District 23</b>
<b>Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair</b>	<b><i>Calabasas</i></b>	<b>District 44</b>
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
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**Members Not Present**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and asked Councilmember Mark Waronek, Lomita, SBCCOG, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Yokoyama provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to [CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov) after 5pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Yokoyama opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on 5pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Yokoyama closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

No reprioritizations were made.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting- August 16, 2023

### Receive and File

2. Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Award Recommendation
3. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Update

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 and Receive and File Items 2 and 3. Motion was SECONDED (Boyer) and passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Boyer, Bucknum, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Finlay, Garcia, Henderson, Johnson, Kelly, Kim, Kleiman, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, Masiel, Mirisch, Morabito, G. Nava, M. Nava, Pe, Puza, Rhodes, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, and Yokoyama (29)

**NOES:** (0)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### 4. REAP 2.0 – HIPP Pilot Program Funding Awards

Chair Yokoyama provided background information of the HIPP Pilot Program which is part of three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, and part of SCAG's REAP 2.0 PATH Program Framework. He asked Jacob Noonan, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the funding recommendations.

Mr. Noonan's presentation included additional background information, an overview of the HIPP funding program, application criteria and guidelines. He provided details of project categories and project types that was part of the evaluation. A summary of ten proposals and scoring evaluations was provided in the agenda packet.

A robust discussion ensued. The Committee discussed several significant concerns of the HIPP funding recommendations, including topics that focused on the following:

- The number and target focus of the applications received; the need for stronger outreach support;
- The application scoring criteria, qualifications and guidelines; including regional equity as it pertains to Orange County and less represented counties; and
- Targeted outreach and reminders for cities and counties when there is a competitive funding award process.

During discussion by the CEHD membership, Hon. Tammy Kim made a motion to move staff's recommendation but to include Orange County in the funding award. The motion was seconded by Hon. Wendy Bucknum.

Additional discussion and comments then focused on the total number of applications that SCAG staff received from Orange County. Ms. Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, responded that the grant funds were fully spoken for, that the program was oversubscribed, and that unfortunately, only one application had been received from Orange County which did not meet the scoring criteria to the level of funding recommendation.

Some CEHD membership noted support for the motion presented by Hon. Tammy Kim but stated there were concerns with the motion as it would change the details of the final funding recommendation.

A substitute motion was made by Hon. Joseph Morabito to move staff's recommended action. The motion was seconded by Sup. Matt Laverre. The motion was clarified for the Committee as the following: *For CEHD to recommend that the Regional Council approve the HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private lands) Pilot Program funding awards as presented in this report.*

A substitute MOTION was made (Morabito) and SECONDED (LaVere) to approve staff's recommendation, as clarified above. Motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Boyer, Eich, Engler, Finlay, Garcia, Henderson, Johnson, Kelly, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, Masiel, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, G. Nava, M. Nava, Pe, Puza, Rhodes, Rodriguez, Schultz, Shapiro, Shevlin, Solorio, Waronek, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (28)

**NOES:** Bucknum, Dorst-Porada, Espinoza, Kim, Kleiman (5)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 5. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, to provide an overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 CEHD Outlook.

Ms. Carvajal's presentation included an overview of the CEHD focus areas and priorities, regional updates, and highlights of the major items to come before the CEHD, including information on the items organized around the Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Development Framework.

Ms. Carvajal stated that the topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the target programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair. She noted that members can request future agenda items by sending their request directly to the Chair or to committee staff for consideration and that the request would be reported out at the next meeting, based on relevance to the CEHD focus areas and availability of resources.

Chair Yokoyama provided further clarification to how CEHD members can make requests for future agenda items.

Ms. Carvajal noted that she would research and provide information as it pertains to the future agenda items requested by Hon. Gary Boyer and Hon. John Mirisch.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

#### 6. Inclusive Contracting Toolkit

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Anna Van, SCAG staff to present the Inclusive Contracting Toolkit (toolkit) presentation.

Ms. Van's presentation discussed how the toolkit is meant to serve as a resource for procurement professionals in public and private institutions to increase access to contracting opportunities for small businesses in the SCAG region. She noted that SCAG staff procured HR&A Advisors, Inc. to develop the toolkit and introduced Ms. Jill Schmidt Bengochea, Senior Analyst, HR&A Advisors, Inc. to provide additional details of the project.

Ms. Bengochea provided an overview and update of the Inclusive Contracting Toolkit development process. Highlights included an overview of the historic and current barriers that historically disadvantaged businesses face, and a preview of the proposed strategies and recommendations/tactics that will be included in the final toolkit. Additionally, it was noted that the primary focus was on tactics that have been proven to show potential to support inclusive contracting, which could bolster the regional economy and can increase economic mobility for historically disadvantaged businesses and communities.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Yokoyama welcomed Councilmember Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, to the CEHD Committee.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yokoyama provided updates on the following announcements:

- Registration was open for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Economic Summit, taking place on December 7, 2023 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles;
- Remarks regarding the 34th annual Demographic Workshop held on September 20 which was attended by Chair Yokoyama and Vice Chair David Shapiro;
- Remarks regarding the Mobility 21 Summit in Anaheim, CA; and
- CEHD members were encouraged to reach out to Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, for more information on the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program, and that the call for applications was now open through November 6, 2023

## STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs, SCAG Staff, reported that the call for applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program was now open through November 6. She noted that more information on the call for applications and technical assistance opportunities could be found on SCAG's website or to contact SCAG Deputy Director of Planning, Elizabeth Carvajal at [carvajal@scag.ca.gov](mailto:carvajal@scag.ca.gov).

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers  
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE]

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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

2023-24

MEMBERS	Representing	2023-24												Total Mtgs Attended To Date
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	
Aitken, Ashleigh	Anaheim, RC District 19		1											1
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30		1	1										2
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, District 16	1	1	1										3
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG													
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1	1		1								4
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40			1										1
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	1		1								4
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1		1										2
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG		1	1										2
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt.					1								1
Dunn, Lucy	Ex-Officio, Business Representative	1	1	1		1								4
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1		1		1								3
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1		1		1								3
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1	1	1										3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35		1			1								2
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1												1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12		1	1										2
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County, CoC		1			1								2
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1		1										2
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1	1		1								4
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	1										3
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1	1		1								4
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14		1	1		1								3
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1	1		1								4
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County, CoC	1		1		1								3
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1		1		1								3
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1	1	1										3
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.	1	1	1		1								4
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians					1								1
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Nava, George A.	ICTC			1		1								2
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1	1		1								4
Pe, Ariel "Ari"	Lakewood, GCCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.		1											1
Puza, Freddy	Culver City WCCOG					1								1
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, District 51													
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC													
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1		1								4
Robles, Sylvia	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1												1
Rodriguez, Celeste	San Fernando, District 67			1		1								2
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1	1										3
Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, District 31	1	1	1										3
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA		1			1								2
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1		1								4
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1								4
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG		1			1								2
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	1										3
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1		1		1								3
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA		1											1
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG		1	1										2
Yokoyama, Frank Aurelio	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1		1								4
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1	1	1		1								4
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>34</b>								

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY 2023-24-10 (Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Meeting)



**AGENDA ITEM 2**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
November 2, 2023

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director  
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) on April 7, 2022. Following the Regional Council adoption of the Framework on June 2, 2022, staff developed a 12-month Committee CEHD Outlook, to realize the goals and discussions committed to in the Framework and develop consensus around the policy priorities that will become final recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2024, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2023 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.*

**BACKGROUND:**

**Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024**

The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the CEHD on April 7, 2022, and was adopted by the Regional Council at the June 2, 2022 meeting. The Policy Framework is intended to facilitate the engagement of SCAG’s Policy Committees in the data, emerging issues and policy recommendations that will be presented in Connect SoCal 2024. In furtherance of the adopted Policy Development Framework, staff have developed a “Committee Outlook” for each of the three policy committees (CEHD, TC and EEC) organized around three areas: Connect SoCal, Local Assistance Program, and Regional Updates.

## CEHD Committee Outlook and Framework

Building on the Policy Framework and the commitment to creating more transparency and engagement in the policy development process, staff updated the Outlook for the CEHD Policy Committee for FY2024.

The Committee Outlook organizes content into three programmatic areas:

- 1. *Connect SoCal:*** Items within this area will center on efforts to implement Connect SoCal 2020, updates on the plan development process for 2024, and discussion of key policy issues and emerging trends for the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan. Presentations will offer best practices, lessons learned and emerging trends in key policy areas centered on land use, housing, and economic development. The FY2024 Outlook summarizes the items that will be coming before the CEHD Committee that will be related to the development of Connect SoCal 2024.
- 2. *Local Assistance Program:*** In this programmatic area, staff will present informational and action items related to programs that provide assistance to local partners. Currently, the main programs that will be highlighted through the CEHD committee are: the in-progress \$47 million REAP (Regional Early Action Planning) Grant program and the implementation of REAP 2.0, with a focus on the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) and Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 components.
- 3. *Regional Updates:*** This programmatic area will focus on regional policy issues, such as RHNA, implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) through SCAG's one-time state funding, and the related coordination with the State's new Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) program, Connect SoCal 2024 Growth Forecast, and Regional Economic Analysis. Committee members may also recommend other policy topics for exploration.

The Committee Outlook is tracked to when the draft 2024 Connect SoCal will be published. Staff will ensure that the various policy and strategy recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024 will be reviewed and discussed by SCAG's policy committees through April 2024. The topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that the agenda item be pulled for discussion, or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the CEHD and the considerations noted above.

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At the October 2023 meeting, CEHD Policy Committee members requested the following items be included in a future CEHD meeting:

- Communication and design strategies around housing production
- Earth Overshoot Day

The above items will be evaluated based on the criteria noted above and discussed with the Chair/Vice Chair and, as appropriate, will be reflected in the January CEHD Outlook.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY24 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. November CEHD Outlook

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July - Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Performance Measures</li> <li>Connect SoCal Outreach update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1 Program Bi-Annual Status report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RHNA Reform (Action)</li> </ul>
Sep	<b>Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review</b> <b>EAC:</b> REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update (Action)		
Oct - Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies (moved to Jan-Mar)</del></li> <li><del>Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions (moved to Jan-Mar)</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update (moved to Jan-Mar)</del></li> <li><del>REAP 1: Preservation Study (moved to Jan-Mar)</del></li> <li>REAP 2: NOFA and HIPP Funding Awards (Action)</li> <li>REAP 1: VCOG and VCTC Regional CEQA Streamlining Project</li> <li>REAP 1: Development Streamlining Efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEHD 12-Month Outlook</li> <li>Inclusive Economic Contracting Toolkits</li> <li><del>IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update (moved to Jan-Mar)</del></li> </ul>

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan - Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies</li> <li>Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions</li> <li>Connect SoCal Summary of Comments and Revisions Approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1: Bi-Annual Report</li> <li>REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Preservation Study</li> <li>REAP 2: RUSH Funding Awards (Action)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment</li> <li>IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update</li> <li>SoCal Demographic Update</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Final Adoption</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant Update: Economic Analyses</li> </ul>
May	<b>General Assembly</b>		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeownership Strategies (Speaker)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP2 – PATH &amp; SRP2 Program Updates</li> <li>REAP 1 – SRP Project Panel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant Update</li> </ul>



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
**November 2, 2023**

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**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)      **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S**  
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)      **APPROVAL**  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**From:** Karen Calderon, Senior Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal 2024  
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse  
No.: 2022100337)

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:**

Recommend that the Regional Council authorize the release of the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR for a 65-day public review and comment period beginning November 9, 2023, and ending January 12, 2024, and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the 2024 Draft PEIR public release.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD AND TC:**

Receive and File

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:**

Authorize the release of the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR for a 65-day public review and comment period beginning November 9, 2023, and ending January 12, 2024, and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the 2024 Draft PEIR public release.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Over the past year, SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) and Regional Council (RC) have been kept abreast of the development progress, approaches to major components, and summary of contents of the 2024 Draft PEIR. It culminated in today’s recommended actions. Since there will be no EEC and RC meetings in December due to SCAG’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Economic Summit, staff is seeking EEC’s recommendation that the RC authorize and RC’s authorization of the official release of the 2024 Draft PEIR on the same day. This will allow for a 65-day CEQA public review and comment period beginning November 9, 2023, and ending on the same day as the comment period for the Plan on January 12, 2024.*

**Background and CEQA Basis for a PEIR:**

As required by federal and state law, SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG's 2024-2050 RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2024, or Plan incorporates important updates of fundamental data, enhanced strategies and investments based on and intended to strengthen the last plan adopted for all purposes by SCAG RC in September 2020.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), codified at Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 21000 et seq., and its implementing regulations, CEQA Guidelines, found at California Code Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq., apply to governmental action (CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(b)). As the CEQA Lead Agency for Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG must evaluate the potential environmental impacts from the proposed governmental action and disclose the evaluation in a CEQA document that is appropriate for the proposed governmental action. Program EIR is the appropriate type of EIR for the long-range, regional Plan.

The PEIR serves as a first-tier, programmatic document and provides a region-wide assessment of potential environmental impacts of Connect SoCal 2024, including direct and indirect impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts. Although individual transportation projects are primarily (conceptually) identified in the Plan, the PEIR analyzes potential environmental impacts of both transportation projects and integrated land use patterns from a regional perspective and is programmatic in nature.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4, the 2024 PEIR considers and discusses feasible mitigation measures that are capable of avoiding or reducing the significant adverse environmental impacts of the Plan. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, the PEIR describes a range of reasonable alternatives to the Plan that could feasibly avoid or substantially lessen any significant adverse environmental impacts of the Plan while attaining most of the basic Plan objectives.

**CEQA Public Process, Tribal Consultation, and Stakeholder Outreach:**

As reported at the October 6, 2022, February 2, 2023, and April 6, 2023 EEC meetings, the 2024 Draft PEIR is compliance with all applicable public scoping and tribal consultation requirements, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082 and 15083 and Assembly Bill 52 (tribal consultation during the CEQA process). At its October 6, 2022 meeting, EEC authorized the release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the 2024 Draft PEIR to formally kick off the CEQA process for the Plan. Subsequently, SCAG released the NOP for 30-day public review and comment period from October 17 through November 16, 2022. On a separate and parallel track, SCAG staff initiated the AB 52-required tribal consultation process in October 2022 by sending Tribal Consultation Initiation letters to 64 tribal contacts and 54 tribes within the SCAG region. The tribal consultation process was

completed in January 2023 after receiving no requests for consultation. For more information on the NOP, including an overview and a summary of NOP comments received, and AB 52 tribal consultation process, please see the October 2022 and February and April 2023 EEC staff reports at: <https://scag.ca.gov/energy-and-environment-committee-past-agendas>

In addition to the CEQA and AB 52-required public scoping and tribal consultation, SCAG CEQA staff conducted ongoing outreach and engagement with stakeholders throughout the development of the 2024 Draft PEIR. As previously discussed in the April 6, 2023 and July 7, 2023 EEC staff reports, staff leveraged existing stakeholder outreach forums, primarily SCAG’s Technical Advisory Committees and Working Groups, and conducted targeted meetings on specific PEIR topics. A summary of stakeholder outreach activities for the 2024 Draft PEIR, to date, is presented in Table 1, below, and will continue to be updated as appropriate.

**Table 1: 2024 Draft PEIR Stakeholder Outreach Activities (as of October 2023)**

Date	Forum	Stakeholder Representatives	Topics Covered
March 3, 2022	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR 101
September 1, 2022	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	CEQA Initiation for the Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR
October 6, 2022	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Request to Release Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR Notice of Preparation
October 10, 2022	Global & Land Use Economic Counsel	Business; General Public	Release of the NOP
October 31, 2022	Aviation Technical Advisory Committee	Aviation and Airports	Status Update on the 2024 PEIR Aviation Technical Report
November 9, 2022	2024 Draft PEIR NOP Scoping Meeting #1	Business; Environmental; Public Agencies; General Public	Connect SoCal 2024 Project and 2024 PEIR Overview
November 10, 2022	2024 Draft PEIR NOP Scoping Meeting #2	Business; Environmental; Public Agencies; General Public	Connect SoCal 2024 Project and 2024 PEIR Overview
January 4, 2023	Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority / Riverside County Transportation Commission	Public Agencies	Conservation
February 2, 2023	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	2024 PEIR Status Update on NOP Comments
February 16, 2023	Joint Sustainable and Resilient Communities/ Natural and Farm Lands	Environmental; General Public	2024 PEIR Overview & Status Update, Recap on NOP Comments, and Preliminary

	Conservation		Approach to Biological Resources Impact Analysis
March 8, 2023	South Coast Air Quality Management District	Air Districts	2024 PEIR Overview, Preliminary Technical Methodology for Air Quality and GHG Impacts Analyses
March 13, 2023	City of Riverside	Public Agencies	Transportation Impacts Analysis
March 14, 2023	Ventura County Air Pollution Control District	Air Districts	2024 PEIR Overview, Preliminary Technical Methodology for Air Quality and GHG Impacts Analyses
March 16, 2023	Technical Working Group	Business; Environmental; Public Agencies; General Public	2024 PEIR Status Update and Major Components
April 3, 2023	Global & Land Use Economic Counsel	Business; General Public	2024 PEIR Status Update
April 6, 2023	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Status Update on Additional Stakeholder Outreach and Highlights of Preliminary Approaches to Major Components
April 27, 2023	Ventura County Air Pollution Control District	Air Districts	2024 PEIR Overview, Preliminary Technical Methodology for Air Quality and GHG Impacts Analyses
May 24, 2023	South Coast Air Quality Management District	Air Districts	2024 PEIR Overview and Equity
June 23, 2023	South Coast Air Quality Management District	Air Districts	2024 PEIR Overview and Equity
July 6, 2023	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Status Update on Additional Stakeholder Outreach and Preliminary Outline of Draft Contents
July 18, 2023	Technical Working Group	Business; Environmental; Public Agencies; General Public	Preliminary Outline of Draft Contents
August 24, 2023	Joint Meeting of Sustainable and Resilient Communities / Natural and Farm Lands Conservation Working Groups	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Status Update on Major Outreach, Approaches to Major Components, and Outline of Draft Contents
September 7, 2023	Joint Regional Council and Policy Committee <sup>b</sup>	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	CEQA Requirements and 2024 PEIR Status Update
September 21, 2023	Technical Working Group	Business: Environmental:	Status Update on

		Public Agencies; General Public	Development, Major Components and Outline of Contents of the 2024 Draft PEIR
November 2, 2023 <i>(today's EEC meeting)</i>	Energy and Environment Committee	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Recommendation that RC Authorize Release of 2024 Draft PEIR for public review and comments
November 2, 2023 <i>(today's RC meeting)</i>	Regional Council	Elected Officials, Interested Stakeholders, General Public	Consideration of EEC recommendation to Authorize Release of 2024 Draft PEIR for public review and comments

\*Notes: (a) updated in late October 2023. (b) The 2024 PEIR was highlighted and included in the staff report and presentation to the Joint Meeting of SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committees on September 7, 2023.

**2024 Draft PEIR Contents and Conclusions**

Building upon the certified Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2020, public comments received on the NOP, and stakeholder feedback and discussions at various required and targeted outreach meetings, SCAG staff is now close to finalizing the 2024 Draft PEIR for public release.

The 2024 Draft PEIR analyzes and discloses the environmental impacts expected to occur from Plan implementation. Specifically, the 2024 Draft PEIR evaluates whether implementation of Plan policies and strategies, including transportation and potential land use projects, has the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to each of the 20 environmental areas identified in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The 2024 Draft PEIR also considers and discusses feasible mitigation measures and alternatives to the Plan. These analyses are based on and consistent with the preliminary approaches to major components of the 2024 Draft PEIR that were presented at the April 6, 2023 EEC meeting, including environmental setting, environmental impacts analyses by topics, analytical themes, CEQA mitigation measures, and alternatives analysis. For additional details on the approaches, please see the April 6, 2023 EEC staff report at: <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/eec040623fullpacket.pdf?1680210073>

Given the long-term temporal nature of the Plan (a minimum of 20 years), the potential magnitude, scale, and distribution of possible changes during the lifetime of the Plan, the unforeseeable nature of specific projects, the 2024 Draft PEIR conservatively and reasonably concludes that even after the incorporation of Regional Planning Policies, Implementation Strategies, and CEQA mitigation measures, the Plan is expected to result in significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to all 20 environmental areas with the exceptions of consistency with federal transportation conformity and SB 375 requirements . A summary of the 2024 Draft PEIR expected conclusions comparing the Plan to the environmental baseline conditions is included in Table 2, below.

**Table 2: Summary of 2024 Draft PEIR Expected Conclusions by CEQA Appendix G Environmental Impact Areas**

	<b>Environmental Impact Areas</b>	<b>Conclusion (Expected)</b>
1	Aesthetics	Significant
2	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Significant (except for timberland in Impact AG-3)
3	Air Quality	Significant (except for consistency with federal transportation conformity requirements in Impact AQ-1)
4	Biological Resources	Significant
5	Cultural Resources	Significant
6	Energy	Significant
7	Geology and Soils	Significant
8	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Significant (except for consistency with SB 375 requirements in Impact GHG-2)
9	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Significant
10	Hydrology and Water Quality	Significant
11	Land Use and Planning	Significant
12	Mineral Resources	Significant
13	Noise	Significant
14	Population and Housing	Significant
15	Public Services	Significant
16	Recreation	Significant
17	Transportation	Significant
18	Tribal Cultural Resources	Significant
19	Utilities and Service Systems	Significant
20	Wildfire	Significant

The 2024 Draft PEIR draft contents and structure are based on and consistent with the preliminary outline presented at the July 7, 2023 EEC meeting. Specifically, the 2024 Draft PEIR includes seven chapters, plus an Executive Summary and appendices.

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1.0 – Introduction
- Chapter 2.0 – Project Description

- Chapter 3.0 – Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures
- Chapter 4.0 – Alternatives
- Chapter 5.0 – Other CEQA Considerations
- Chapter 6.0 – List of Preparers
- Chapter 7.0 – Glossary
- Appendices

For additional details on the 2024 Draft PEIR contents and key information of each chapter, please see the July 6, 2023 EEC staff report at: <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/eec070623fullpacket.pdf?1688070254>

**Next Steps:**

Upon RC’s authorization to release the 2024 Draft PEIR at the November 2, 2023 meeting, SCAG staff will work towards finalizing the Draft PEIR document and its public release anticipated on November 9, 2023. The complete 2024 Draft PEIR, including appendices will be available for public review and comments on SCAG's website at: <https://scag.ca.gov/program-environmental-impact-report-0> starting on November 9, 2023, subject to Regional Council's authorization at today's meeting. The 2024 Draft PEIR will have a 65-day CEQA public review and comment period (exceedance of the minimum 45-day comment period under CEQA). The comment periods for the 2024 Draft PEIR and the Plan are scheduled to end on the same day on January 12, 2024. At that time, SCAG staff will respond to all comments on the 2024 Draft PEIR and make relevant clarifications and corrections, if needed, and seek certification of the 2024 Final PEIR in April 2024. Dates of key milestones for EEC and RC Review of and Action on the Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR are shown in Table 3, below.

**Table 3: Key Milestones for EEC and RC Reviews of and Actions on the Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR**

Milestones	Dates (Expected)
Presentation on the 2024 Draft PEIR. Recommendation by EEC that RC authorize release of the 2024 Draft PEIR for a 65-day CEQA public review and comment period, beginning November 9, 2023 and ending January 12, 2024.	November 2, 2023 (this meeting)
RC authorization to release the 2024 Draft PEIR for a 65-day CEQA public review and comment period, beginning November 9, 2023 and ending January 12, 2024.	November 2, 2023 (this meeting)
Initiate 65-day CEQA public review and comment period of the 2024 Draft PEIR.	November 9, 2023
Close the 65-day CEQA public review and comment period of the 2024 Draft PEIR.	January 12, 2024
Review by EEC or Joint Policy Committee of the Summary Contents of the Proposed 2024 Final PEIR and Recommendation by EEC or Joint Policy Committee to RC for Consideration of Certification of Proposed 2024 Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024.	March 2024



Presentation of the proposed 2024 Final PEIR. RC Consideration of Certification of 2024 Final PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024.	April 2024
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Overall Work Program (23-020.0161.04: Environmental Compliance, Coordination & Outreach).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - 2024 PEIR Release Authorization



# Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Energy and Environment Committee  
November 2, 2023

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## Presentation Agenda

- 1 CEQA Requirements
- 2 2024 Draft PEIR Process
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- 4 Next Steps
- 5 Recommended Action

# CEQA Requirements

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



# 2024 PEIR Process

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OR JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES



# 2024 Draft PEIR Contents: Major Components (Recap from April 6, 2023 EEC Meeting)

## Environmental Setting

- 2019 CEQA baseline year, may vary among CEQA topics
- Variance is allowed by CEQA

## Environmental Impact Analyses

- Follows CEQA Guidelines Appendix G
- Reflects regulatory landscape and CEQA case law since the 2020 PEIR

## CEQA Mitigation Measures

- Continued bifurcation of SCAG and Project-level mitigation measures
- Incorporated Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies as Plan features
- Removed regulatory requirements from project-level mitigation

## Alternatives Analysis Approach

- Reasonable range of alternatives
- No Project and Intensified Land Use alternatives

Staff report link: <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/eec040623fullpacket.pdf>

# 2024 Draft PEIR Contents: Outline (Recap from July 7, 2023 EEC Staff Report)

Executive Summary

Chapter 1.0: Introduction

Chapter 2.0: Project Description

Chapter 3.0 – Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures

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# Summary of 2024 Draft PEIR Conclusions by CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Environmental Impact Areas

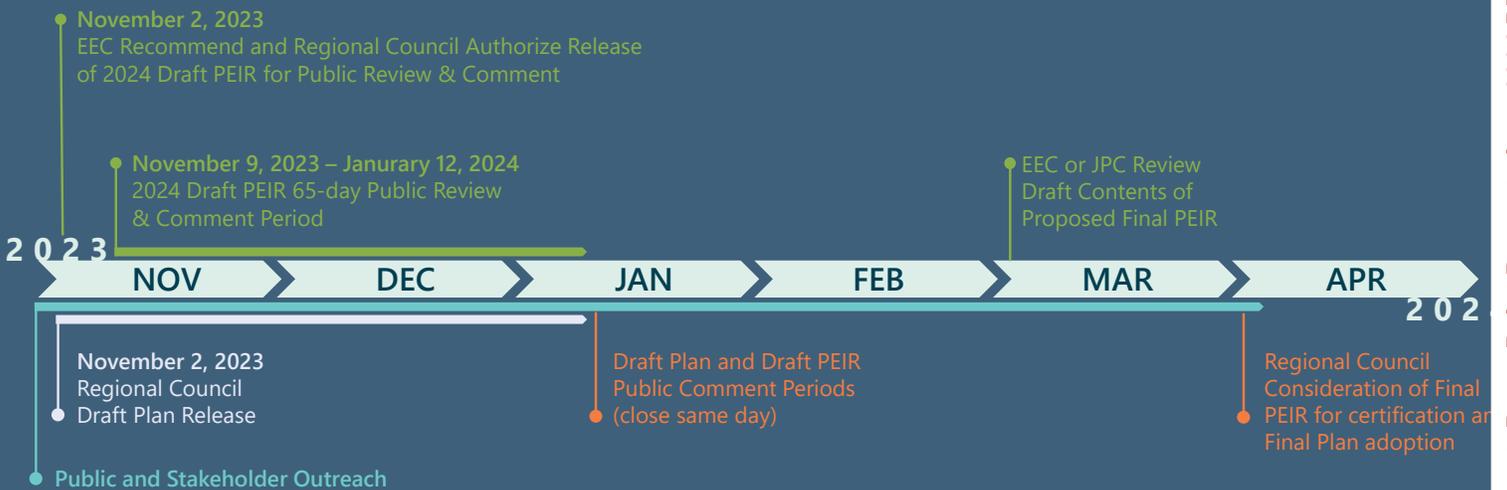
Analyzes and discloses environmental impacts from Plan implementation including policies, strategies, and potential projects

Considers and discusses feasible mitigation measures and alternatives to the Plan

Given the size and long-range nature of the Plan, SCAG's limited authority, and unknown details of specific projects, the Plan is expected to result in significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to all 20 environmental areas

	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AREAS	CONCLUSION (EXPECTED)
1	Aesthetics	☑ Significant
2	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	☑ Significant
3	Air Quality	☑ Significant
4	Biological Resources	☑ Significant
5	Cultural Resources	☑ Significant
6	Energy	☑ Significant
7	Geology and Soils	☑ Significant
8	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	☑ Significant
9	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	☑ Significant
10	Hydrology and Water Quality	☑ Significant
11	Land Use and Planning	☑ Significant
12	Mineral Resources	☑ Significant
13	Noise	☑ Significant
14	Population and Housing	☑ Significant
15	Public Services	☑ Significant
16	Recreation	☑ Significant
17	Transportation	☑ Significant
18	Tribal Cultural Resources	☑ Significant
19	Utilities and Service Systems	☑ Significant
20	Wildfire	☑ Significant

## Next Steps



## Recommended Action – November 2, 2023

### Energy & Environment Committee

Recommend that the Regional Council authorize the release of the Connect SoCal 2024 Draft PEIR for a *65-day public review and comment period beginning November 9, 2023, and ending January 12, 2024*, and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the 2024 Draft PEIR public release.



# THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit: <https://scag.ca.gov/peir>



**AGENDA ITEM 4**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
November 2, 2023

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Julia Lippe-Klein, Planning Supervisor  
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**Subject:** 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Overview

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, TC, EEC AND RC:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Since 2005, SCAG's various sustainability planning grant programs (Compass Blueprint, Sustainability Planning Grants, Sustainable Communities Program) have provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts and enable implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which today is called Connect SoCal. Following the adoption of Connect SoCal every four years, SCAG releases Calls for Applications on a rolling basis to provide local technical assistance in support of Connect SoCal implementation.*

*The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies who are responsible for land use and transportation decisions. Projects selected will allow local agencies to facilitate coordination and integration of transportation planning with active transportation, housing production, safety, smart cities, mobility innovation, transportation demand management, green region and sustainability.*

*On September 3, 2020, the Regional Council approved the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Guidelines, which consisted of four (4) Calls for Applications. Combined, the Calls for Applications align with the 2020 Connect SoCal Key Connections, which augment the Core Vision of the plan, including new initiatives at the intersection of land use, transportation and technology to close the gap and reach greenhouse gas reduction goals. Those Calls included the*

*following: Call 1: Active Transportation and Safety; Call 2: Housing and Sustainable Development; Call 3: Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations; and Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice. Across the 2020 SCP, the program has awarded \$11.8 million to 56 projects across the region.*

*This staff report provides an overview of the focus per Call, in alignment with the 2020 Connect SoCal Key Connections, and highlights project examples per Call, showcasing progress towards implementation of the 2020 Connect SoCal, in anticipation of the development of the 2024 SCP following release of the Draft Connect SoCal 2024, whose goals and policy direction will inform the shape of the 2024 program.*

## **BACKGROUND:**

### Program Overview

Since 2005, SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - previously known as Compass Blueprint and Sustainability Planning Grants - has provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts to support implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known as Connect SoCal.

The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies who are responsible for land use and transportation decisions. Projects selected will allow local agencies to facilitate coordination and integration of transportation planning with active transportation, housing production, safety, smart cities, mobility innovation, transportation demand management, green region and sustainability. SCAG has funded 121 projects totaling over \$25.9 million since 2016 through the SCP.

### **Sustainable Community Program (SCP) Goals:**

- Provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active and multimodal transportation, sustainability, land use, and affordable housing;
- Promote, address and ensure health and equity in regional land use and transportation planning and close the gap of racial injustice and better serve communities of color;
- Encourage regional planning strategies to reduce motorized vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in environmental justice communities where there is the highest need for air quality improvements;
- Develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal's Sustainable Communities Strategy;
- Develop resources that support the key strategies and policy direction of the adopted Connect SoCal;

- Support a resilient region that looks at climate adaptation and public health preparedness as key strategies to address community prosperity, transportation safety, economic recovery and sustainability; and
- Increase the region's competitiveness for federal and state funds, including, but not limited to the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

This staff report highlights the focus of each Call for Applications and highlights the projects supported.

### **Call 1: Active Transportation and Safety**

The first Call for Applications was released on September 8, 2020, with a focus on Active Transportation and Safety (ATS) related projects. SCP ATS funded planning and quick build projects that sought to increase rates of walking and biking, promote traffic safety, expand opportunities for multimodal transportation options, and better position local jurisdictions to be competitive for implementation funds. Eligible projects included Active Transportation Plans, Safety Plans, Network Visioning and Implementation, and Quick Build projects. The SCP Call 1 program represents a \$5 million investment in critical active transportation and safety projects over four fiscal years, across 11 projects.

The Montebello First/Last Mile Master Plan, which was awarded \$149,997 and is expected to be completed by early 2024 is an example of the types of projects funded in this category. The Plan is focused on helping to improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to and from transit stops in the City of Montebello. Examples of planned improvements include new bikeways, increased shade and seating at transit stops, and improved pedestrian crossings. These improvements support the SCAG's regional goal of encouraging more transit ridership and creating safer conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.

### **Call 2: Housing and Sustainable Development**

The second Call for Applications was released on November 9, 2020, with a focus on Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) related projects. SCP HSD provided resources for housing production planning to implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and to further implementation of the SCS. HSD prioritized projects that sought to integrate and align Southern California's housing production, preservation and protection opportunities with Connect SoCal. Awards were provided to the following project types: Advancing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Implementation; Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts; and Objective Development Standards for Streamlined Housing, Prohousing Designation Program and Parking Innovation. The SCP HSD Call 2 program represents a \$5 million investment in innovative housing strategies over three fiscal years, across 26 projects.

For example, the Advanced ADU Bundle, which was awarded \$546,676, provided planning assistance to the cities of Laguna Beach, Pasadena, and Santa Monica to develop ADU implementation policies and programs to accelerate housing production. This project in total resulted in 11 public events and workshops that engaged nearly 700 residents that sought to build public participation into the planning process. The project ultimately produced a suite of technical work products that assessed and modernized each city's ADU permitting processes and policies, built informative best practices, and developed an ADU Handbook that can serve as a model for other jurisdictions to follow in the future.

### **Call 3: Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations**

The third Call for Applications was released on February 8, 2021, with a focus on Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI) related projects. SCP SCMI supported the implementation of three Connect SoCal Key Connections: Smart Cities and Job Centers, Go Zones, and Shared Mobility/Mobility as a Service. These Key Connections focused on advancing expanded mobility ecosystems and management strategies using innovative policy and/or technology to realize regional planning goals. Resources through this Call for Applications supported local jurisdictions with technology and innovation to improve the efficiency and performance of the transportation system by implementing curb space management measures that encourage shared modes, manage parking effectively, and support commerce and the growth of housing and employment in job centers. Awards were provided in the following project categories: Curb Space Data Collection and Inventory; Technology Assessment or Adoption Plan; Parking Management Plan; and Permitting Process Evaluation. One example project that has recently been completed is the Laguna Woods Technology Mobility Plan which awarded \$150,000 to the City of Laguna Woods to evaluate potential mobility technologies. The Plan engaged with the community and key stakeholders to understand the unique mobility needs of Laguna Woods (average resident age: 75 years old) and included three phases of actions to implement an autonomous vehicle (AV) pilot program in the future, focusing on the physical and digital infrastructure needed for success. The SCP SCMI Call 3 program represents a \$2.5 million investment in innovative mobility strategies over three fiscal years, across eight (8) projects.

### **Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice**

The fourth Call for Applications was released on April 12, 2023, with a focus Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) related projects. SCP CEEEJ was supported by two funding sources including Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and the State of California (State) Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0). REAP 2.0 funded Housing and Land Use Strategies and SB 1 funded Multimodal Communities projects. SCP CEEEJ seeks to support local planning efforts by strategically investing in and providing technical assistance for projects in SCAG's Communities of Concern, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities, and other priority populations. For example, the Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan, which was awarded nearly \$500,000, is a partnership between the County of Ventura and local community-based organization, House Farm Workers!

This project will use survey data to summarize farmworker needs and identify key policy, financial, and regulatory barriers and solutions to housing development, including identifying optimal housing typologies and gaps in social services. SCP CEEEJ represents a \$4.3 million investment in innovative housing and multimodal strategies across 11 projects.

**NEXT STEPS**

SCAG staff intends to develop the 2024 SCP guidelines following release of the next Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Call 1: Funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is included in the FY2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in project 275-4892.01 and 275-4892.02 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – 2020

Call 2: Funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is included in the FY2023-2024 Overall Work Program (OWP) in project 300-4887.01 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD).

Call 3: Funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is included in the FY2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in project 275-4895.01 and 275-4895.02 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (SCMI).

Call 4: Funding for staff time and selected SCP projects is included in the FY2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in project 275-4823.08 Connect SoCal Implementation Call for Projects (SCP Call 4) and 305- 4927.01 REAP 2.0 Early Program Initiatives.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. SCP 2020\_Project List

**SCP 2020 Call for Applications**

Project Type	Agency	County	Project Name	Funding Amount	Project Description
<b>Call 1: Active Transportation &amp; Safety: 11 projects total; 9 contracts</b>					
Pedestrian Plan	LA County Public Health	Los Angeles	Lennox Community Pedestrian Plan	\$ 499,933.00	Develop a pedestrian plan for the unincorporated Lennox community in Los Angeles County. The plan will include 4 PSRE priority projects.
Network Visioning & Implementation	Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Los Angeles	Wilshire Center/K-town AT Network Visioning	\$ 1,209,557.00	Develop an active transportation network plan for the mid-Wilshire and Koreatown neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles. The planning effort will then be followed by a quick build implementation project based on the planning effort.
	City of Pomona	Los Angeles	Pomona Citywide Complete Streets Ordinance (CCSO)	\$ 703,510.00	Develop a complete streets network plan for the City of Pomona, followed by a quick build implementation project based on the planning effort.
Quick Build	City of Santa Monica	Los Angeles	East Pico Safety Project	\$ 800,000.00	The project will design and implement a quick build project on East Pico Blvd in the City of Santa Monica that primarily focuses on pedestrian improvements.
Non-Infrastructure	Riverside County Public Health	Riverside	Safe Routes for All - Coachella	\$ 657,000.00	Develop a Safe Routes for All Plan in the City of Coachella. The agency is managing project implementation.
First/Last Mile	Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)	Orange	OCTA Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study	\$ 300,000.00	Develop a first/last mile plan for the highest ridership bus stops in Orange County. The final plan will include 12 PSRE priority projects.
	Montebello Bus Lines	Los Angeles	First Mile / Last Mile Master Plan	\$ 150,000.00	Develop a first/last mile plan for the Montebello.
Active Transportation Plan	City of Banning	Riverside	Banning Comprehensive ATP	\$ 250,000.00	Develop a citywide Active Transportation Plan for the City of Banning.
Safe Routes	City of Lynwood	Los Angeles	Lynwood Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Plan	\$ 250,000.00	Develop a Safe Routes to School Plan for the City of Lynwood.
	City of Duarte	Los Angeles	Safe Routes to School Plan	\$ 100,000.00	Develop a Safe Routes to School Plan for the City of Duarte.
Vision Zero	City of Santa Ana	Orange	Safe Mobility Santa Ana (SMSA) Plan Update	\$ 50,000.00	Develop 4 PSRE projects for the City's Vision Zero Plan (a separate effort). The projects will be incorporated into the plan and adopted together.
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 4,970,000.00</b>	
<b>Call 2: Housing &amp; Sustainable Development: 25 projects total; 12 contracts</b>					
Advanced ADU Bundle	Pasadena	Los Angeles	Pasadena ADU Implementation	\$ 500,000.00	This project bundle consists of three (3) cities that received planning assistance to develop ADU implementation policies and programs to accelerate housing production. (Project Completed in December 2022)
	Santa Monica	Los Angeles	Santa Monica ADU Implementation		
	Laguna Beach	Orange	Laguna Beach ADU Implementation		
Preliminary ADU Bundle	Buena Park	Orange	Buena Park ADU Implementation	\$ 660,000.00	This project bundle consists of four (4) cities that will receive planning assistance to develop ADU implementation policies and programs to accelerate housing production.
	Compton	Los Angeles	Compton ADU Implementation		
	Garden Grove	Orange	Garden Grove ADU Implementation		
	Paramount	Los Angeles	Paramount ADU Implementation		
	Santa Fe Springs	Los Angeles	Santa Fe Springs ADU Implementation		

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**SCP 2020 Call for Applications**

Project Type	Agency	County	Project Name	Funding Amount	Project Description
EIFD Bundle	Covina	Los Angeles	Covina Downtown EIFD	\$ 375,000.00	This project bundle will collaboratively work to implement Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD) in these three jurisdictions.
	LAC/USC Health Village	Los Angeles	LAC/USC Healthy Village Vision		
	Yucaipa	San Bernardino	Yucaipa Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District		
Workforce Housing	Palmdale	Los Angeles	Central Palmdale Workforce Housing Project WHAR12	\$ 300,000.00	The goal of this project is to provide planning and development assistance to the City of Palmdale in order to facilitate development of 13 acres of surplus land owned by the city and the local school district into affordable workforce housing.
EIFD	Heart of Hollywood (City of LA)	Los Angeles	Heart of Hollywood Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District	\$ 125,000.00	This project intends to assess and implement the preferred type of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in Hollywood.
EIFD	One San Pedro (HACLA)	Los Angeles	One San Pedro Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District	\$ 250,000.00	This project intends to determine the best model or models of infrastructure financing districts necessary to make the One San Pedro plan a reality.
Objective Development Standards Bundle	Coachella	Riverside	Coachella Objective Development Standards	\$ 990,000.00	This project consists of two (2) bundles of (4) four cities that will be receiving planning assistance to revise and adopt Objective Development Standards, and implement HCD prohousing guidelines, policies, and programs.
	Grand Terrace	San Bernardino	Grand Terrace Objective Development Standards		
	Montebello	Los Angeles	Montebello Objective Development Standards		
	Newport Beach	Orange	Newport Beach Objective Development Standards		
	Santa Fe Springs	Los Angeles	Santa Fe Springs Objective Development Standards		
	Santa Monica	Los Angeles	Santa Monica Objective Development Standards		
	South Pasadena	Los Angeles	South Pasadena Objective Development Standards		
	Westminster	Orange	Westminster Objective Development Standards		
Specific Plan	Rialto	San Bernardino	Rialto Foothill-Central Specific Plan Update	\$ 600,000.00	This project will include a merger and update to two existing Specific Plans to ensure consistency and accelerate housing production.
Specific Plan	Burbank	Los Angeles	Burbank Media District Specific Plan Update	\$ 430,000.00	This project will update the Media District Specific Plan to ensure consistency and accelerate housing production.

**SCP 2020 Call for Applications**

Project Type	Agency	County	Project Name	Funding Amount	Project Description
Objective Zoning Standards	South El Monte	Los Angeles	South El Monte Zoning Code Comprehensive Update for Housing Streamlining	\$ 200,000.00	This project will be a completely updated zoning code for the City that is fully consistent with the latest General Plan, State and Federal Law, streamlined to be more housing-friendly, and consistent with HCD's pro-housing goals.
TOTAL				\$ 4,430,000.00	
<b>Call 3: Smart Cities &amp; Mobility Innovations: 8 projects total; 5 contracts</b>					
Curb Space	Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Los Angeles	Curb Zone Data Inventory for Digital Curb Management	\$ 850,000.00	A digital curb zone inventory to optimize commercial loading activities and advance digital stewardship.
	City of Long Beach	Los Angeles	Long Beach Curb Space Management Study		A curb occupancy and usage study with real-time data collection and monitoring, focusing on underserved communities.
	City of Stanton	Orange	Stanton Citywide Curb Management Plan		An inventory to collect data in residential, commercial, and industrial neighborhoods and developing a Citywide Curb Management Plan to improve safety and quality of life.
Technology	San Gabriel Valley Council of Govts	Los Angeles	GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation	\$ 375,000.00	Analysis of the GoSGV Regional E-Bike Share Program to quantify vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions and implement innovative outreach solutions with Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
Parking	City of Desert Hot Springs	Riverside	Downtown and Light Industrial Parking Plan	\$ 675,000.00	A parking plan encompassing the commercial and light industrial hubs of the City along with a framework of innovative practices to meet future development and mobility demand needs.
	City of Garden Grove	Orange	Garden Grove Curb Data Study		Policies and actions for curb and parking management in several Environmental Justice areas to mitigate the disproportionate negative environmental impacts from parking.
Technology	City of Laguna Woods	Orange	Laguna Woods Mobility Technology Plan	\$ 200,000.00	A Mobility Technology Plan to establish new mobility service capabilities, particularly for senior and disabled populations, and the prospective future implementation of autonomous vehicle technology.
Technology	City of Rialto	San Bernardino	Smart Cities Plan for Warehousing & Logistics	\$ 300,000.00	A Smart Cities Plan focused on the local impacts of warehousing and logistics and technological and policy solutions that could address those adverse impacts while supporting economic goals.
TOTAL				\$ 2,400,000.00	

**SCP 2020 Call for Applications**

Project Type	Agency	County	Project Name	Funding Amount	Project Description
<b>Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice: 11 projects total; 11 contracts</b>					
Multimodal Communities	Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation	Los Angeles	Reconnecting MacArthur Park	\$ 500,000.00	Explore the permanent closure of Wilshire Blvd. between Carondalet St. and Alvarado St. through a traffic study and robust community engagement and planning.
	County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Public Works	Los Angeles	East LA Moves / El Este Se Mueve Mobility Corridor Plans	\$ 454,586.00	Identify community-centered transportation improvements for implementation along key corridors in unincorporated East LA through a participatory planning process.
	Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works, Streets LA	Los Angeles	Warner Center Active Transportation Hub	\$ 499,701.00	Identify barriers to walking and biking, identify the top 20 priority corridors, and develop active transportation design prototypes for typical roadways in the Warner Center (WC) area.
	SBCTA/SBCOG	San Bernardino	Active Transportation Priority Projects Outreach and Engagement	\$ 294,765.00	Leverage engagement to identify priority active transportation projects, inform planning efforts, and better position jurisdictions to secure implementation funding.
	City of Moreno Valley	Riverside	Pedestrian Access Plan	\$ 249,018.00	Develop a citywide Pedestrian Access Plan and identify non-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant locations throughout the city.
Housing and Land Use Strategies	City of La Puente	Los Angeles	Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones	\$ 427,350.00	Encourage infill development by initiating an amendment to the General Plan and Zoning Code to include a new mixed-use zoning program that can be applied to existing underutilized commercial properties.
	City of Lancaster	Los Angeles	Transit Oriented Development Zones Update	\$ 230,560.00	Realize the City's vision for compact mixed-use development near the Metrolink Commuter Rail Station through a comprehensive update to the underutilized 2015 form-based Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Zones Plan.
	City of Laguna Beach	Orange	Environmental Impact Report - Downtown Specific Plan Update	\$ 200,000.00	Expand opportunities for infill housing, allow nearly unlimited housing density, increase maximum allowable building heights, and allow parcel mergers for affordable housing projects in certain areas.
	City of Santa Ana	Orange	Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update	\$ 469,700.00	Develop an inclusive community engagement plan to inform a comprehensive update to the City's Zoning Code, where zoning districts and development standards will be developed for properties.
	City of Jurupa Valley	Riverside	Pedley Town Center Plan - Implementation	\$ 478,894.00	Develop mixed-use zoning in the Pedley Town Center Plan area to accelerate infill, mixed-use, affordable, and commercial development near a Metrolink station.
	County of Ventura	Ventura	Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan	\$ 499,991.00	Use survey data to identify farmworker needs as well as key policy, financial, and regulatory barriers and solutions to housing development, including identifying optimal housing typologies and gaps in social services.
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 4,304,565.00</b>	

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# AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
November 2, 2023

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor  
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**Subject:** REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD:**

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:**

That the Regional Council: 1) approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*On November 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) as one of the three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, which is part of the SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework. The Call for Applications was authorized by the Regional Council on March 2, 2023, and made \$45,000,000 available through the NOFA for projects meeting the REAP 2.0 and PATH program guidelines and accelerating infill development of affordable housing through the creation and expansion of regional affordable housing trusts and catalyst funds and developing new funding streams for affordable housing development. The Call for Applications was announced on June 7, 2023, and closed on July 31, 2023. In total, 28 applications were received. Of these, 22 applications were deemed eligible for program funding and were evaluated by the selection panel consisting of SCAG staff using the scoring methodology provided in the NOFA Funding Application and in accordance with the REAP 2.0 PATH Program Guidelines.*

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 7, 2022, the SCAG Regional Council approved SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program Development Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to SCAG through the REAP 2.0 state grant program. SCAG's REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework combines coordinated and transformative housing development and finance, land use and transportation strategies to help achieve California's housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. The NOFA is one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, which realizes the Housing Supportive Infrastructure program included in the Framework and the Key Connection that bears the same name in the adopted 2020 Connect SoCal Plan. Through its three funding areas, the PATH program creates the foundational conditions for housing to be realized at scale across the Southern California region.

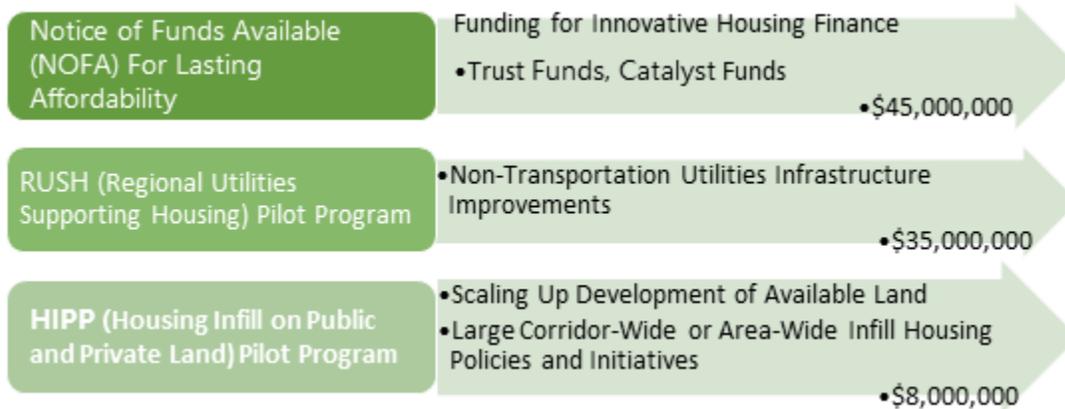
The NOFA for Lasting Affordability, one of the three funding areas in the PATH program, aligns with the State's REAP 2.0 Program Objectives which are to:

- Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability;
- Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

**NOFA FOR LASTING AFFORDABILITY (NOFA)**

On November 3, 2022, the Regional Council approved the PATH program and its guidelines, which included \$88 million of SCAG's REAP 2.0 funding to be made available to support proposals providing significant beneficial impacts leading to substantial changes in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. The three funding areas in the PATH program, including the NOFA, are presented in the following chart.

**PATH Program Structure**



The NOFA focuses on innovative finance strategies that increase residential supply, choice, and lasting affordability to achieve a mix of residential housing types at price ranges including at and below area median income with set asides for the most vulnerable and for those experiencing homelessness. Strategies could include revolving funds and new approaches for covering predevelopment costs, bridge and gap financing, and new permanent sources and loan products. Eligible applicants for the funding Call were entities that either manage an established or planned housing or land trust, or catalyst fund, or have a mission-driven focus on increasing affordable housing supply and lasting affordability. The eligible organizations and agencies included public housing authorities, joint-power authorities, cities, counties, councils of government, and nonprofit organizations.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Call for Applications was open June 7, 2023 through July 31, 2023. The Call was announced in the SCAG housing newsletter, and by a direct eblast to all members of the SCAG housing interest list. The application, guidelines, and resources were made available on the SCAG REAP 2.0 website ([www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)). On June 14, SCAG hosted an information session on the NOFA Program Application, and a recording of the presentation and questions and answer session was made available for viewing on the REAP 2.0 webpage. Questions and answers were published to the Call's webpage at the beginning and twice while the Call was open.

Following the close of the Call, all applications received on time were reviewed for completeness. In total, 28 applications requesting \$145,485,996 in funding were received. Three applications were determined to be ineligible with one also being incomplete. Additionally, three applicants submitted two applications each. The application that was given priority by each applicant was evaluated while the additional application was set aside to be evaluated in the event funding remained after the award recommendation was developed (three applications total were set aside). The recommendation in this report awards all funds available and therefore the secondary applications will not be considered.

The remaining 22 applications were determined eligible and complete and were evaluated individually for funding by a selection panel consisting of internal SCAG staff using the evaluation criteria presented below and the scoring rubrics approved by the Regional Council on March 3, 2023, and included in the funding application.

**NOFA Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation Criteria	% of Total
<b>1 Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact</b>	<b>45%</b>
1.1 Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability	15%
1.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	15%
1.3 Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	15%
<b>2 Equitable Targeted Outreach</b>	<b>10%</b>
2.1 Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5%
2.2 Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5%
<b>3 Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness</b>	<b>25%</b>
3.1 Local Policy Commitment	5%
3.2 Partnerships or Financial Match	5%
3.3 Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness	15%
<b>4 Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities</b>	<b>10%</b>
4.1 Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Priority Populations	5%
4.2 Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5%
<b>5 Contributes to Regional Transformative Change</b>	<b>10%</b>
5.1 Transformative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5%
5.2 Regional Impact and Applicability	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

To determine the score for each application, the evaluation panel assessed the responses that were provided for each criterion using the scoring rubrics in the funding application. As an illustrative example, the scoring rubric used to evaluate Criterion One, “Lead to Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact,” is provided below. To assist applicants with this set of questions, the application included the definition for Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact.

**Scoring Rubric for Criterion One**

Points	Description
5	<b>Exceptional</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are high.
4	<b>Strong</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are moderate.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
2	<b>Limited</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are low.
1	<b>Weak</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
0	<b>Disqualified</b> – does not meet the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, including Connect SoCal, and transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are negligible.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Following the announcement and while the Call remained open, Staff hosted office hours. In total, more than 50 individual meetings were held with interested agencies and organizations. The engagement and technical support provided during the Call for Applications was the continuation of the extensive and inclusive stakeholder engagement conducted in developing the PATH Program and its three funding areas.

Following on the 2021 engagement informing the REAP 2.0 Framework, in May 2022 staff began meeting with subregional partners, representatives from cities and counties, community-based organizations, housing and land trusts, housing authorities, tribal nations and other entities and agencies involved in developing land for housing, managing affordable housing programs, and supporting disadvantaged communities, communities that have historically been underserved, and community members living in areas of segregation and high concentrations of poverty across the region to identify needs for housing support and to inform the development of the PATH program.

**NOFA FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

The following 14 applications are recommended for funding through the \$45,000,000 NOFA Call for Applications. The recommendation funds the applications receiving the highest scores. Awards have been capped at \$5,000,000 per applicant to ensure the Call distributes funding across the SCAG region. The complete list of applications received has been provided at Attachment 1.

**NOFA Funding Recommendation**

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation
Gateway Cites Affordable Housing Trust	Predevelopment Loan Program	\$5,000,000	1	\$5,000,000
Century Affordable Development, Inc	Catalytic Development Fund	\$6,000,000	2	\$5,000,000
LA Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority)	Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund	\$10,000,000	3	\$5,000,000
Murrieta Housing Authority	Revolving Loan Program	\$4,100,000	4	\$4,100,000
Orange County Housing Finance Trust	Affordable ADU Loan Program	\$4,000,000	5	\$4,000,000
San Bernardino County Council of Governments	San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust	\$5,335,000	6	\$5,000,000
Lift to Rise	We Lift: The Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund	\$20,000,000	8	\$5,000,000
Housing Trust/Land Trust of Ventura County	Revolving Long-term Loan Program	\$8,508,279	7	\$5,000,000
Housing on Merit	Impact Investor Catalyst Fund	\$700,000	9	\$700,000
City of West Hollywood	Community Land Trust	\$150,000	10	\$150,000
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust	Revolving Loan Fund	\$6,300,000	11	\$5,000,000
City of Desert Hot Springs	Tax Increment Financing	\$200,000	12	\$200,000
City of Montebello	Tax Increment Financing	\$190,000	13	\$190,000
LACAHS (Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency)	Program Design & Strategic Plan	\$4,462,500	14	\$660,000

Of the 22 applications evaluated by the selection panel, the recommended applications demonstrated with most certainty how the proposed actions met (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) would provide Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts through investment in new or expanded finance tools or new funding streams that will accelerate infill development facilitating housing supply, choice and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and resulting in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions.

The awards recommended represent a range of investments in finance strategies for affordable housing and accelerating infill development, while also supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership, and demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives. This is accomplished by establishing and supporting the financing necessary for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and thereby reducing VMT in a significant and quantifiable manner.

A summary for each of the recommended projects follows, organized by county.

#### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

- **Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Pre-Development Loan Fund.** (\$5,000,000) The Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust is an emerging joint powers authority regional housing trust. The project will create a revolving loan program offering low-interest loans for predevelopment expenses to identify, entitle, and secure construction and permanent financing for affordable housing development projects. This proposal includes a match doubling the REAP 2.0 investment. Anticipated outcomes of the loan program include seven affordable housing developments with 679 affordable housing units by 2028.
- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund.** (\$5,000,000) The project will expand an existing revolving loan program offering short-term predevelopment funding for affordable housing projects. As structured, the loans are repaid as projects receive construction or permanent financing, making those funds available for future projects. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the revolving loan fund include an increase of up to three projects and 75 to 100 affordable housing units.

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- **Century Affordable Development, Inc Catalytic Development Fund.** (\$5,000,000) The project will create a zero-interest short-term predevelopment loan program as a means of reducing over development costs for affordable housing projects by reducing soft debt. The anticipated outcomes from creating the fund include six projects and 568 affordable housing units.
  - **Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund.** (\$5,000,000) The project will develop a revolving fund for assessing surplus available transit lands and completing remediation to ready the sites for affordable and mixed-income development. Twenty-one sites will be assessed initially with anticipated outcomes from the fund contributing to the goal of achieving 10,000 new housing units by 2031, of which 5,000 units will be affordable.
  - **Housing on Merit Affordable Housing Catalyst Fund.** (\$700,000) The project will create a fund for affordable housing supported by private philanthropic contributions as an approach to developing affordable housing without tax credits or public subsidies. The anticipated outcomes from the fund include 750 new affordable housing units by 2028.
  - **Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) Program Design and Strategic Plan.** (\$660,000) The project will create a program model and strategic plan for this emerging joint powers authority in Los Angeles County, which is focused on increasing housing supply and affordability. The anticipated outcomes from the project are the creation of the program model and the initial strategic plan.
  - **City of West Hollywood Feasibility Study for Community Land Trust Creation within the City of West Hollywood.** (\$150,000) The project will study the feasibility for and take actions to create a land trust to expand the approaches for achieving affordable housing and affordable homeownership. The anticipated outcomes from forming the CLT include 500 new affordable housing units by 2029.
  - **City of Montebello =Transformative Corridors Project.** (\$200,000) The project will study the feasibility for and establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to facilitate several community and economic development strategies associated with affordable housing development. The anticipated outcome of establishing the EIFD will be to advance beneficial improvements for affordable housing and economic growth.

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### ORANGE COUNTY

- **Orange County Housing Finance Trust Affordable ADU Loan Program.** (\$4,000,000) The project will expand an existing loan program that provides low-to-no interest, partially forgivable, loans to homeowners to construct an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in exchange for a 10-year affordability term. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the program include 34 ADUs and, over the next 20 years as loans are repaid, an additional 240 ADUs.

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- **City of Murrieta Housing Authority Revolving Loan Program.** (\$4,100,000) The project will create a revolving loan program offering gap financing for affordable housing projects. Significant community engagement will be included supporting affordable housing development in Western Riverside County. The anticipated outcomes from creating the fund include loans to fully fund six to eight affordable housing projects.
- **City of Desert Hot Springs Downtown Infill Tax Increment Financing Program for Housing Supportive Infrastructure.** (\$190,000) The project will study the feasibility of and establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to fund housing-supportive infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, and streetscape and open space improvements accelerating housing development. The anticipated outcome from the project is the establishment of the EIFD.
- **Lift to Rise, We Lift: the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund.** (\$5,000,000) The project will expand an existing regional catalyst fund providing flexible, low-interest loans for community-prioritized affordable housing projects that are stalled due to a gap in financing. The fund includes a match to the REAP 2.0 investment. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the fund include fully funding nine projects with 1,150 affordable housing units.

### SAN BERNADINO COUNTY

- **San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust.** (\$5,000,000) The project will establish the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority serving the San Bernardino area, and will create an initial loan program providing gap funding for affordable housing projects. The anticipated outcomes from the project include formation of the trust and loans for two affordable housing projects.

### VENTURA COUNTY

- **Housing Trust Fund and Land Trust of Ventura County Revolving Long-Term Loan Program for Infill Affordable Housing Developments Project.** (\$5,000,000) The project will establish a long-term loan program and will increase the capacities of the Housing Trust Fund and Land Trust Fund to attract additional capital. The anticipated outcomes from the fund include 656 affordable housing units by 2031.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (305.4925.01 - REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Applications Received
2. PowerPoint Presentation - NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Recommendation

**NOFA for Lasting Affordability  
Applications Received**

**Eligible Applications, Recommended Applications Shaded Green**

County	Applicant	Project Title	Request	Placement	Recommendation
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Los Angeles	Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust (1of2)	Predevelopment Loan Program	\$5,000,000	1	\$5,000,000
	Century Affordable Development, Inc.	Catalytic Development Fund	\$6,000,000	2	\$5,000,000
	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)	Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund	\$10,000,000	3	\$5,000,000
	Housing On Merit	HOM's Affordable Housing Catalyst Fund	\$700,000	9	\$700,000
	City of West Hollywood	Feasibility Study for Community Land Trust Creation within the City of West Hollywood	\$150,000	10	\$150,000
	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (1of2)	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund	\$6,300,000	11	\$5,000,000
	City of Montebello	Montebello Transformative Corridors Project	\$190,000	13	\$190,000
	LACAHS (Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency)	LACAHS Strategic Plan and Program Design	\$4,462,500	14	\$660,000
	Holos Communities, El Sereno Community Land Trust, and Pacoima Beautiful	Acquisition Fund for Inclusive Communities	\$10,000,000	15	
	Burbank Glendale Pasadena Regional Housing Trust	Predevelopment Loan Program	\$7,500,000	16	
	City of Hawthorne	Hawthorne Housing Trust	\$5,000,000	17	

Attachment: Applications Received (REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards)

**NOFA for Lasting Affordability  
Applications Received**

**Eligible Applications, Recommended Applications Shaded Green**

County	Applicant	Project Title	Request	Placement	Recommendation
	Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA)	HACLA Catalyst Fund	\$6,000,000	19	
Orange	Orange County Housing Finance Trust (1of2)	Affordable ADU Loan and	\$4,000,000	5	\$4,000,000
	City of Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach Community Land Trust	\$10,126,750	20	
Riverside	City of Murrieta	Murrieta Housing Authority Revolving Loan Program	\$4,100,000	4	\$4,100,000
	Lift to Rise	We Lift: the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund	\$20,000,000	8	\$5,000,000
	City of Desert Hot Springs	Downtown Infill Tax Increment Financing Program for Housing Supportive Infrastructure	\$200,000	12	\$200,000
	Blended Impact	Opportunity SoCal	\$2,800,000	21	
San Bernardino	SBCTA/SBCOG	San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust	\$5,335,000	6	\$5,000,000
Ventura	Housing Trust Fund Ventura County/Housing Land Trust Ventura County	Ventura County Housing Trust Fund Revolving Long-Term Loan Program for Infill Affordable Housing Developments Project	\$8,508,279	7	\$5,000,000
Los Angeles/ Riverside	Community Corporation of Santa Monica and West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation	LA High Opportunity Fund	\$4,000,000	18	
Full SCAG Region	California Community Economic Development Association	SoCal Infill Housing Fund	\$7,590,000	22	
Totals			\$127,332,529		\$45,000,000

Attachment: Applications Received (REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards)

**NOFA for Lasting Affordability  
Applications Received**

**Applications Not Considered**

County	Status	Applicant	Proposed Project	Request
SCAG Region	Not Eligible	Build it Green	Equipping Small Scale Housing Developers for Large Scale Impact	\$520,000
Los Angeles	Not Eligible	East LA Community Corporation	Housing Resource Center - a lifeline for housing options for low-income people	\$4,633,467
	Not Eligible	TRUST South LA	The Home Team Initiative	\$1,500,000
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Application	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (2of2)	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Land Trust	\$6,000,000
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Application	Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust	ADU Loan Program	\$2,500,000
Orange	2 <sup>nd</sup> Application	Orange County Housing Finance Trust	Predevelopment Loan Program	\$3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>\$18,153,467</b>

Attachment: Applications Received (REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Awards)



# NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Recommendation

REAP 2.0 - PATH Program

November 2, 2023

Jacob Noonan, AICP CEP, Planning Supervisor

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## Recommendation

### For CEHD:

- Recommend that the Regional Council approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report.

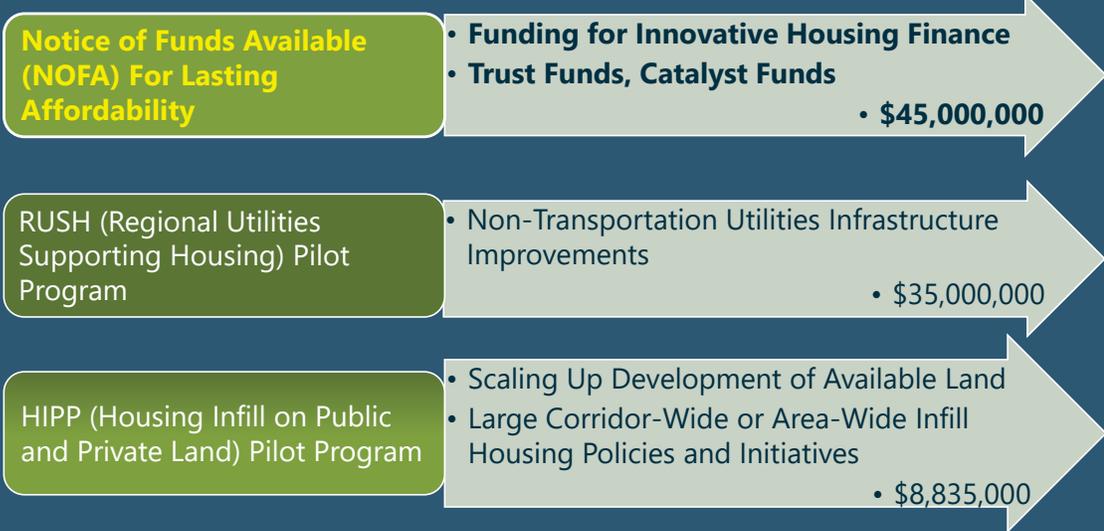
### For Regional Council:

- That the Regional Council: 1) approve the NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA) funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program.

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# PATH Program (Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing)

**\$88,835,000**



# NOFA For Lasting Affordability

**\$45,000,000**

**Eligible Applicants**

- Entities managing an established or planned housing trust or land trust, or catalyst fund for, or with a mission-driven focus on, increasing Affordable Housing supply and lasting affordability.

- Program-level investments in emerging and existing trusts\*
- Consulting and/or funding to **establish or increase funding impact** for affordable housing:
  - New local and regional funding sources
  - New strategies and business models
  - New or existing loan products and funding tools

**28 Applications Received**

- 3 ineligible
- 3 applicants submitted 2 apps

**22 Applications Evaluated**

- 14 Recommended
- \$5M cap for loan products

## Definition for a Trust

"A distinct fund established by a government agency or nonprofit organization that receives ongoing dedicated sources of public or private funding to support the preservation and production of affordable housing and increase opportunities for families and individuals to access decent affordable homes." *(including catalyst funds)*

Eligibility Included:  
cities, counties, JPAs (COGs), housing authorities, non-profit organizations

**\$45,000,000**

## Types of Projects Recommended

### Technical assistance for developing new funding streams and programs

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| - <b>Tax Increment Financing</b>            | - Montebello<br>- Desert Hot Spring |
| - <b>Program model &amp; Strategic Plan</b> | - LACAUSA                           |

### Technical assistance to develop an emerging or expand an existing trust and fund

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| - <b>Technical Assistance</b>                | - GCCOG                                       |
| - <b>Consultant support (temp. staffing)</b> | - SBCTA/COG<br>- SGVHTF<br>- Housing on Merit |

### Program-level investments in trusts and funds

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|---------------------------------|---|
| - <b>New loan products</b>      | - Gateway Cities Affordable Trust Fund<br>- San Bernardino Regional Trust Fund<br>- LA Metro (Environmental Remediation Housing Accelerator Fund)<br>- Murrieta Housing Authority |
| - <b>Expanded loan products</b> | - Lift to Rise (catalyst fund)<br>- Ventura Housing Trust & SGVHTF (revolving loan programs)<br>- OCHFT (ADU loan program)  |

# Recommendation

Applicant	Project	Request	Placement	Recommendation	Project Type
Gateway Cites Affordable Housing Trust	Predevelopment Loan Program	\$5,000,000	1	\$5,000,000.00	Loans
Century Affordable Development, Inc	Catalytic Development Fund	\$6,000,000	2	\$5,000,000.00	Loans
LA Metro	Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund	\$10,000,000	3	\$5,000,000.00	Program and loans
Murrieta Housing Authority	Revolving Loan Program	\$4,100,000	4	\$4,100,000.00	Program and loans
Orange County Housing Finance Trust	Affordable ADU Loan Program	\$4,000,000	5	\$4,000,000.00	Program and loans
SBCTA/SBCOG	San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust	\$5,335,000	6	\$5,000,000.00	Program and loans
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Housing Trust/Land Trust of Ventura County	Revolving Long-term Loan Program	\$8,508,279	8	\$5,000,000.00	Program and loans
Housing on Merit	Impact Investor Catalyst Fund	\$700,000	9	\$700,000.00	Program
West Hollywood	Community Land Trust	\$150,000	10	\$150,000.00	Program
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust	Revolving Loan Fund	\$6,300,000	11	\$5,000,000.00	Loans
Desert Hot Springs	Tax Increment Financing	\$200,000	12	\$200,000.00	Program
Montebello	Tax Increment Financing	\$190,000	13	\$190,000.00	Program
LACAUSA	Program Design & Strategic Plan	\$4,462,500	14	\$660,000.00	Program

Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation - NOFA for Lasting Affordability Funding Recommendation [Revision 1] (REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lastin

REAP 2.0

## PATH/SRP 2.0 Milestones





# THANK YOU!

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**AGENDA ITEM 6**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
November 2, 2023

**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Nashia Lalani, Associate Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Development Streamlining Efforts - Project Overview

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Under the California 2019-2020 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals for producing 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). As part of our ongoing efforts to expand and strengthen SCAG’s role in supporting the region’s cities and counties in meeting the RHNA housing production goals, staff is bringing forward an update on the ongoing Development Streamlining Project.*

*Staff will provide an overview of the project objectives and milestones achieved to-date and the consultant will share additional insight into the produced technical deliverables.*

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 3, 2020, SCAG Regional Council adopted the REAP 1.0 work program that directed REAP funding into projects and programs that increase housing supply and accelerate housing production in the region. Recent changes in state laws to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)’s environmental review process as well as new State laws to streamline administrative review processes have created new opportunities for jurisdictions with regulatory land use control to streamline and shorten the entitlement process and accelerate the production of much needed housing. SCAG partnered with Ascent Environmental, The Sohagi Law Group, and Civic Solutions (“Project Team”) for the Development Streamlining Project to provide support and technical assistance to local jurisdictions and land use practitioners to further their housing production goals by identifying available tools for streamlining. This report provides an update on the Project Team’s Streamlining efforts to-date.

### **Development Streamlining Efforts – Project Overview**

The Project began with a survey that was administered to SCAG’s member agencies in early 2022. The objective of the survey was to better understand current challenges faced by local jurisdictions with respect to CEQA streamlining and administrative approvals as well as their familiarity with available streamlining options and preferences for helpful tools.

Utilizing the survey results, the Project Team developed a series of guidance materials to provide support and pathways for local jurisdictions and land use practitioners. In addition to providing information on different state laws, exemptions, and streamlining options, the guidance materials also include implementable tools such as checklists and worksheets. Today’s presentation will provide a general overview of these guidance materials which are also available to view on SCAG’s website (<https://scag.ca.gov/streamlining>).

The Project Team also hosted a series of virtual workshops earlier this year to share out the published guidance materials and provide a deeper dive into the various legislation and streamlining tools available. Today’s presentation will also provide an overview of these workshops and a few examples of project case studies. Recordings of these workshops and related materials are also available on SCAG’s website (<https://scag.ca.gov/streamlining>).

### **Development Streamlining – Current Status and Next Steps**

The Project Team is continuing to build awareness around the published guidance materials. Most recently, the Project Team hosted an “Office Hours” session to provide one-on-one technical assistance to any interested stakeholders that had additional questions after the workshops. In addition, the Project Team will be presenting at SCAG’s upcoming Toolbox Tuesdays Session on November 14, 2023.

Today’s presentation to the CEHD committee will be led by SCAG staff and one member of the Project Team, Ms. Edith Medina, of Civic Solutions. Ms. Medina’s bio is included below along with the other Project Team members for reference.

#### **Bios**

##### **Presenter Bio**

##### **Edith D. Medina, Ph.D.**

Dr. Edith Medina is a professional with a successful track record as an urban planner and policy researcher with special emphasis in housing policy, landlord-tenant relations, and Latinx and immigrant communities. Her recent Ph.D. dissertation addressed the housing crisis in the private rental sector. Dr. Edith received her doctorate degree in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy at the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine in 2021 and her master’s degree in Public Policy at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs in 2015.

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## Other Project Team Member Bios

### **Chad Beckstrom, AICP**

Chad Beckstrom, AICP, is a Senior Environmental Director and Irvine office leader for Ascent. He brings over 25 years of consulting experience as a CEQA practitioner and project manager, with a broad project portfolio providing CEQA advisory services to a range of public municipal clients. Chad is well known for the ability to address complex issues, deliver strategic solutions, and help clients to communicate scientific results in an understandable way to their stakeholders and decision-makers. In addition to his consulting role, he also teaches courses and seminars on CEQA/NEPA through professional seminars and client-focused trainings and is an instructor for UC San Diego Extended Studies in the CEQA Certificate Program where he teaches a course entitled, "Writing Effective CEQA Documents".

### **Curtis E. Alling, AICP**

Curtis E. Alling, AICP, is a recognized expert in CEQA and NEPA, and a specialist in complex environmental impact and natural resources management programs. With 40 years of experience, he has managed or directed more than 1,000 environmental, planning, and natural resources studies for federal, state, and local agencies and private industry. His projects have involved state and federal threatened and endangered species in forest, agricultural, wetland, riverine, vernal pool, Delta, coastal, foothill, Lake Tahoe Basin, and Sierra Nevada settings. He has managed numerous complex, litigious projects and large-scale NEPA and CEQA documents. Curtis has personally managed or directed 13 CEQA documents that were the subject of litigation. The defensibility record of these projects is outstanding. He also regularly instructs for the Association of Environmental Professionals, American Planning Association, UC Davis Extension, and Continuing Legal Education International on CEQA and NEPA practice, natural resources management, and climate change issues.

### **Margaret M. Sohagi, Esq.**

Ms. Sohagi, managing partner of The Sohagi Law Group, PLC practice for the last 30 years has focused on assisting cities, counties, and other public agencies navigate the legal complexities of land use, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Ms. Sohagi provides constructive, practical legal advice, working directly with lead agency counsel, staff, appointed elected officials.

### **Jean Ward, AICP**

Jean Ward provides principal-level experience and continuity in management of long-range planning projects for numerous cities in Southern California. Jean's recent work efforts focus on



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housing policy, implementation and education to address changing State law. Jean prepares housing elements for her client jurisdictions, along with ordinances and objective development and design standards to implement state housing law. Jean serves as embedded staff to several cities and provides the perspective of implementing state housing law at the local level. Jean is also the manager of multi-disciplinary teams, and has directed and worked on general plan updates, form-based codes, specific plans, community engagement efforts, and other complex planning projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (300.4890.02 – Research/Policy Briefs, Honorariums, University Partnerships (AB 101)).



**AGENDA ITEM 7**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
November 2, 2023

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
**From:** David Kyobe, Associate Regional Planner  
(213) 236-1858, kyobe@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) and Ventura County  
Transportation Commission (VCTC) Regional CEQA Streamlining REAP  
Project

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with housing planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation. The largest REAP program, the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP), was developed to support jurisdictions in meeting local housing need through subregional support and economies of scale. One such SRP project is the Regional California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Streamlining Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program which was collaborative effort between the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), a joint powers authority representing the ten cities of Ventura County and the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC). The Project Goal is to develop a VMT Adaptive Mitigation Program and supporting analysis and metrics that can be incorporated by VCOG jurisdictions into the CEQA documentations of their respective 2021-2029 Housing Elements and subsequent Housing Element implementation programs and housing projects.*

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 3, 2020, SCAG Regional Council adopted the REAP 1.0 work program that directed REAP funding into projects and programs that increase housing supply and accelerate housing production in the region. The SRP was designed to partner with SCAG’s subregional entities to take

advantage of economies of scale and create and implement plans that help local jurisdictions meet their 6th cycle housing need. In this project, VCOG administered the contract and participated in project management with the VCTC. The VCTC took the lead in technical work in developing regional VMT metrics and identifying VMT mitigation projects and programs. The Project will be available to any CEQA Lead Agency and will be periodically updated by VCTC as funding and need arises. This report provides an update on this effort.

### **Regional California CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program**

The VCOG/VCTC VMT mitigation project is intended to streamline CEQA approvals for adoption of 2021-2029 Housing Elements by VCOG jurisdictions. The final product is a VCTC-adopted regional VMT-reduction optional adaptive management mitigation program for use by any CEQA lead agency to reduce a VMT significant impact to less than significant by choosing VMT-measurable mitigations from the VCTC list. Each VCOG jurisdiction has the option to incorporate some or all the project mitigations into a jurisdiction's CEQA review and include their own VMT mitigations. The VMT mitigation project is timely given the need to comply with SB 743 to mitigate significant adverse VMT impacts with adequate VMT-reduction projects and/or programs. SB 743 is intended to balance the needs of congestion management with statewide goals related to infill development, promotion of public health through active transportation, maintenance of agricultural on farmland, and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. SB 743 requires transportation impacts to use VMT as a measure of significance, shifting away using Level of Service (LOS). The usefulness of the mitigation program goes beyond use by jurisdictions for housing development. Other agencies and special districts in Ventura County may use the VMT mitigation program for their housing supportive community uses such as schools and parks that may require a CEQA review.

Today's presentation to the CEHD committee on the Regional California CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program will be presented by Mr. Chris Williamson, PhD, Housing Specialist at VCOG, and Mr. Hugh Riley, the Executive Director of VCOG. They will provide an overview of the process of developing the program and how it can be used by jurisdictions.

### **Presenter Bios**

Mr. Chris Williamson has over 40 years of experience in planning, environmental analysis, and applied demography of which nearly 20 years was as a city planner in Oxnard and Long Beach working with general plans, codes and regulations, energy storage, military compatibility, large mixed-use entitlements, and coastal zone planning. He is a recognized American Planning Association (APA) expert on Census Bureau data and was a Fulbright Scholar and Associate Research Professor at USC. He subsequently taught demography and environmental studies at CSU Channel Islands for 10 years. Mr. Williamson holds a PhD in housing policy analysis from USC, a Master of Planning from the University of Virginia, and a BS in Geography from Penn State

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University. He lives in Newark, Delaware where he serves on the Planning Commission, manages grants for several towns, teaches at the UDEL Biden School of Public Policy, and continues as a planning consultant.

Mr. Hugh Riley retired as Assistant City Manager of the City of Moorpark in December 2014 where he served for 15 years, concluding a 40-year career managing cities. He now serves as the Executive Director for the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG). VCOG is a Joint Powers Government Authority which includes the County of Ventura and all ten incorporated municipalities. VCOG's mission includes legislative advocacy and information dissemination on issues of joint interest to its members. Mr. Riley's community involvement includes serving as Vice-Chair for Finance for the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce and President and CEO of Moorpark Foundation for the Arts. He is a graduate of Penn State University and a decorated Viet Nam War Veteran.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

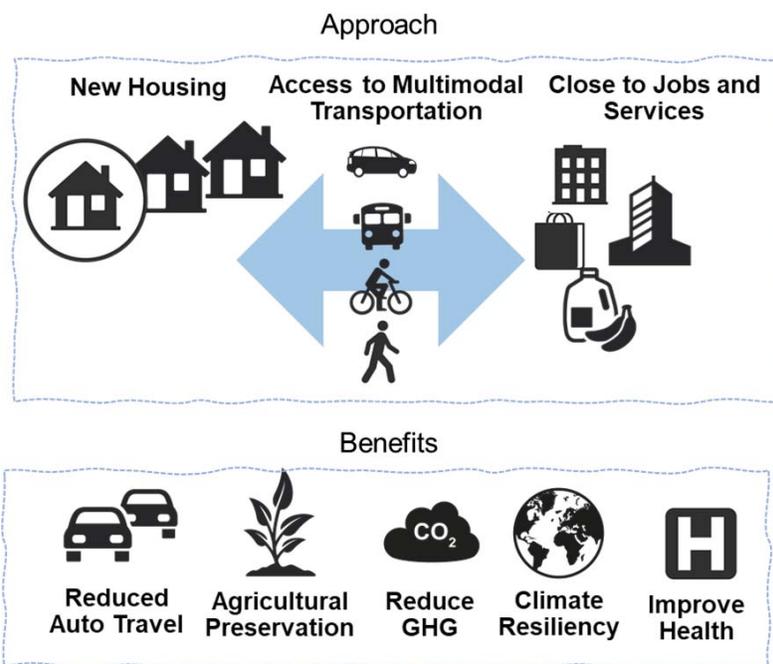
1. PowerPoint Presentation - VMT Adaptive Mitigation Program



# Ventura County Vehicle Miles Traveled Adaptive Management Program for CEQA Streamlining (VMT AMP)

May 12, 2023

## Integrating Land Use and Transportation



# VMT as a New CEQA Metric

- No More (Level of Service) Traffic Analysis for CEQA
- Change CEQA Transportation Metric to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Concerns about Additional CEQA Cost and Time:
  - Could slow housing development
  - Transportation impacts occur in different places than before
  - Need effective and feasible mitigation options to reduce VMT
  - EIR required to adopt Statement of Overriding Considerations
- AMP to Assist by:
  - Data for VMT metrics
  - Standard VMT Assessment Methodology
  - Choose from a range of VMT mitigations
  - VCTC adoption gives legal credibility

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## CEQA VMT Adaptive Management Program

SCAG REAP 1.0 Grant with VCOG - Project 5:

Purpose to streamline CEQA process to help implement housing development by avoiding costs and time for a VMT-only EIR



## CEQA VMT Adaptive Mitigation Program

- Multifaceted, Capacity Building Guidance and tools for the County's CEQA Lead Agencies

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# Ventura County CEQA Adaptive Mitigation Program

## Website Resources

<https://www.goventura.org/work-with-vctc/vmt-amp/>



### WHAT IS THE VENTURA COUNTY CEQA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED ADAPTIVE MITIGATION PROGRAM?

The Ventura County CEQA Vehicle Miles Traveled Adaptive Mitigation Program (VMT AMP) is being developed by the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) as a multifaceted effort to provide clear and consistent application of VMT assessment and reduction strategies to streamline the CEQA process in Ventura County—especially in support of housing development.

### HOW WOULD THE VMT AMP PROGRAM STREAMLINE THE CEQA PROCESS?

The VMT AMP Program gives guidance to CEQA lead agencies and project applicants to:

- AVOID CEQA VMT impact by identifying "low VMT areas" for development.
- ASSESS VMT impacts through a recommended analysis process.
- ASSIST CEQA Lead Agencies with standards for VMT analysis for applicant preparation and agency review.
- ADDRESS options for VMT reduction strategies and effectiveness.
- ADAPT long-term project mitigation programs options throughout life of projects.

Download the Draft Ventura County CEQA Vehicle Miles Traveled Adaptive Mitigation Program [here](#).

## Impact and Mitigation Resources

- Standards for mitigation effectiveness/fair share contribution
- Standard CEQA requirements of nexus, additionality and mitigation monitoring

## Lead Agency Information

- Thresholds and Contact Information

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## Team

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