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President's Report



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Executive Summary

Over the past year, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) advanced major regional initiatives that support implementation of the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. These accomplishments over the past year align with Regional Council President Cindy Allen's priorities for the year: 1) 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games preparation, 2) clean transportation technology, and 3) housing production.

LA28 Games & Mega Event Readiness

SCAG made substantial progress in mobility planning for the LA28 Games. Last fall, the Regional Council adopted the Games Mobility Program Development Framework to coalesce SCAG's planning efforts with established goals, objectives, and guiding principles for the LA28 Games.

The agency also led regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) efforts for the LA28 Games, convening multiple forums for both passenger travel and freight TDM, supporting partners in planning for the coordination, communications, and wayfinding.

SCAG administered over \$480 million from the Surface Transportation Block Grants and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement programs (STBG/CMAQ) for 17 LA28 Games related projects and \$9.6 million in federal transit funding to LA Metro, where many activities for the LA28 Games will be piloted.

Clean Transportation Technology

SCAG advanced clean transportation initiatives by administering \$1.25 billion in STBG/CMAQ funds to 132 projects across transit and multimodal integration, transportation system management and goods movement, clean transportation, complete streets, system preservation, transportation demand management, and resilience of at-risk infrastructure. SCAG also helped secure a \$52.6 million Solutions for Congested Corridors Program grant for Metrolink to replace existing locomotives with cleaner models.

SCAG advanced the Southern California Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure (ZETI) Study, updated the Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan, co-hosted the Inland ZEV Network Forum, and released the Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Toolkit to help communities address freight related impacts.

Housing Production

SCAG continued to accelerate regional housing production by administering the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program. The agency disbursed \$13.9 million in major investments through the Lasting Affordability Program, awarded another \$20 million in Round 2 of the Lasting Affordability awards, and continued to support local jurisdictions through workshops, data tools, and regional coordination.

REAP-funded projects began to show results this year, including the Housing Land Trust Ventura County (HLTVC) Revolving Long-Term Loan Program. Guest speakers representing several REAP-funded projects at the February Regional Council meeting demonstrated the local impacts of the program in increasing housing production.

SCAG also convened productive discussions on housing production by hosting the "Inland Empire Housing Summit" and partnering with Orange County on the "Small Scale Housing Symposium."

Legislative Advocacy and Other Notable Accomplishments

SCAG continued to build its influence on the legislative front this year, with several trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., where Regional Council members met with elected leaders to advocate for agency priorities. Through such advocacy, SCAG secured a deadline extension for implementing the REAP program, helping make up for time lost due to proposed cuts to the program in the 2024 budget cycle. As the fiscal year comes to a close, two sponsored bills are working their way through the state legislature. These bills would create ongoing funding for components of SCAG's housing work and modernize the framework that guides development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SCAG continued progress on its regional plan work, receiving acceptance of Connect SoCal 2024 by the California Air Resources Board, and advancing implementation strategies with publication of the Regional Resilience Toolkit. SCAG also began work on the next regional plan cycle, with Regional Council adoption of an updated Public Participation Plan and release of the "2026 State of the Region" report, which documents baseline conditions and identifies emerging issues.

Regional Planning in Support of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

SCAG Adopts 'Games Mobility Program Development Framework' to Outline LA28 Games Role

On Sept. 4, 2025, the SCAG [Regional Council adopted](#) the Games Mobility Program Development Framework. SCAG presented the draft Games Mobility Program Development Framework to the SCAG [Executive/Administration Committee in June 2025](#). Drawing from the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Games Mobility Program Development Framework coalesces SCAG's planning efforts toward goals, objectives, and guiding principles to support the LA28 Games.

As part of the presentation prior to adoption, representatives from cities in the region spoke about opportunities for non-venue cities to bring the LA28 Games to their communities. In conjunction with the program framework adoption, SCAG launched an interactive regional map of venues and related transportation data [on the SCAG website](#).

Throughout the past fiscal year, SCAG staff engaged with stakeholders across the region by presenting the [Games Mobility Program](#) at partner meetings, including the San Diego Association of Governments Borders Committee, the I-15 Economic Collaborative, the California Trucking Association's Annual Membership Conference, the Santa Barbara Association of Governments Board, the Ventura County Transportation Commission, and the Orange County Council of Governments Board of Directors.

SCAG Hosts Transportation Demand Management Forums to Prepare for LA28 Games

Throughout the past fiscal year, SCAG convened a series of forums for business stakeholders and industry leaders to gather feedback to inform Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs for both freight and passenger vehicles. These TDM programs can improve mobility during and after the games. Forum attendees included representatives from LA28, Games Mobility Executives (GME) partner agencies, venue cities, transportation agencies, airports, ports, transportation management associations and organizations, and the freight industry.

SCAG hosted the Regional Passenger TDM Forum in May 2025, August 2025, and March 2026. SCAG also hosted the Regional Freight TDM Industry Forum in November 2025 and March 2025.

The most recent forums, both on March 25, 2026, were attended by more than 150 participants across both sessions. The Regional Passenger TDM Forum featured updates from LA28, key lessons from the Milano Cortina Winter Games, insights into World Cup mobility planning, and an overview of the Games TDM strategy. The Regional Freight TDM Industry Forum featured updates on LA28's logistics planning and delivery protocols, Caltrans' work on the Games Route Network, and SCAG's efforts to identify high-impact TDM strategies, including communications and outreach initiatives.

SCAG Publishes Mega Event-Focused 'Games TDM Resource Guide'

Led by SCAG, the GME TDM Subcommittee spent the fiscal year creating resources to support local jurisdictions and partner stakeholders in implementing TDM strategies. The subcommittee developed the first of these resources, "[Games TDM Resource Guide](#)," to help agencies and organizations shape TDM approaches for the LA28 Games and other mega-events, like the World Cup. The "[Games TDM Resource Guide](#)" was later updated to incorporate World Cup planning efforts, new LA28 Games fan festival developments, and other mega-event planning tools. The guide will continue to evolve as planning advances, with additional resources to be developed leading up to the games.

At a special April meeting, the [Transportation Committee approved](#) the LA28 Games Regional TDM Approach, intended to guide development and delivery of both passenger and freight TDM strategies for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Regional TDM Approach outlines a shared vision, goals and objectives, and high-impact TDM strategies that SCAG will lead, support, partner, and amplify as the lead TDM agency for the GME. These strategies fall into four key areas: Regional Communications and Outreach, Regional Wayfinding, Mobility and Access Enhancements and Programs, and Regulatory and Operational Policies. SCAG staff plan to seek Regional Council approval of the Regional TDM Approach in May and return to the Transportation Committee and Regional Council in July with a final draft Regional TDM Strategy.

SCAG's STBG/CMAQ Allotment Includes LA28 Games Funding

On Dec. 4, 2025, the [SCAG Regional Council approved \\$1.25 billion](#) in federal fiscal year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for 132 projects throughout the region. Among that total, 17 projects are directly associated with the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games and include over \$480 million in federal funding through the SCAG selection process. Funded projects include paratransit and rideshare services, active transportation infrastructure, transportation demand management, service capacity, multimodal improvements, and more.

These projects will be essential for moving millions of visitors during the LA 28 Games. Importantly, they will also provide a legacy of improved mobility for communities in Los Angeles and surrounding counties, helping to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and create a more connected, sustainable region for generations to come.

SCAG Publishes Economic Report on Opportunities Related to LA28 Games



The "[2025 Southern California Economic Update](#)" took place during the SCAG Joint Policy Committee Meeting on Dec. 4, 2025. Members of SCAG's Economic Roundtable shared analysis of the region, the economy in each of the six counties in the SCAG region, and the economic impact of the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Following the presentations, former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti moderated a conversation with policy committee members.

[Video](#) of the presentations and discussion, as well as the "[2025 SCAG Economic Update Report](#)," are available online.

SCAG Programs Federal Funding to Support Transit for FIFA World Cup

In April, the SCAG Regional Council [voted to allocate \\$9.6 million](#) in federal transit funding for the 2026 FIFA World Cup to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). This allocation streamlines funding administration and allows Metro to lead transit efforts to support this mega-event, directly reimbursing other transit operation partners.

In preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the U.S. Congress authorized a one-time funding allocation to assist host regions with transit services necessary to support the event. Congress appropriated \$100 million nationally through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026. The Federal Transit Administration distributed these funds to Urbanized Areas (UZAs) where host stadiums are located rather than directly to individual transit operators. Under this formula, the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA received an apportionment of \$9.6 million.

SCAG, as the designated recipient for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA, coordinated with Metro regarding regional transit planning and Federal Transit Administration funding administration. Metro will be the primary transit provider supporting the FIFA World Cup 2026 operations in the region.

Assigning the full allocation to Metro allows the funding to be administered through a single grant recipient, helping streamline the federal grant process, reduce administrative burden, and ensure the region can meet the required federal deadlines. Metro developed "Regional Transit Provider Agreements" to reimburse participating operators for eligible transit services provided during the event.

Clean Transportation Technology

SCAG Reports Progress on the 'Southern California Zero-Emission Truck Infrastructure Study'

SCAG [reported progress](#) on the "Southern California Zero-Emission Infrastructure Study" (ZETI Study) at the June meeting of the SCAG Transportation Committee. The ZETI Study will create a phased blueprint and action plan to realize a regional network of zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure and answer key questions about how stations in the region will be required to serve different truck markets and business functions. The report will also detail the quantity, distribution, and characteristics of charging and fueling stations needed in the region.

The ZETI Study includes three technical analysis components to develop an understanding of future public charging and hydrogen fueling demand across the region: analyzing statewide truck travel to determine trip characteristics of the fleet, simulating travel as battery electric or hydrogen trucks to generate aggregated energy demand metrics, and classifying locations across the region into typologies that can meet demand with adequate power levels and charging and fueling taps. An [industry-focused technical advisory committee](#) guided this work.

Based on ZETI's findings on future projected demand, public agencies, utilities, and the private sector will need to ramp up development of charging sites, working together to find available land in proximity to industrial and warehousing districts to ensure prompt grid interconnection while considering innovations such as fast-track permitting. The region will need an estimated 3,267 chargers distributed across 191 locations, consuming 1.6 gigawatt-hours of energy during peak demand. Public site demand is anticipated to be 62 percent of all truck charging by 2040; these sites are critical for long-haul truck markets that often lack reliable parking or overnight residences.

Concerns about the potential repeal of the state's Advanced Clean Fleets Rule and other clean air rules under California's waivers from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will have impacts on the timeframe of the expected demand scenarios. ZETI's analysis was completed before the Advanced Clean Fleets rule was withdrawn—the change might require more time to ramp up fleet transition and meet rising energy demand. However, the state and other stakeholders can take additional actions to incentivize zero-emission truck purchases and supporting infrastructure, which will continue to drive the industry forward.

SCAG Publishes Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan Update

In May, SCAG published the [2025 Southern California Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan](#), providing a multi-year roadmap outlining specific objectives and activities for coalition stakeholders, aligning with SCAG's Clean Transportation Technology Policy ([Resolution No. 23-654-5](#)); the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy; the Clean Technology Program; and federal, state, and regional objectives. The strategic plan advances clean transportation technologies within the SCAG region, emphasizing a commitment to environmental sustainability.

The U.S. Department of Energy requires all Clean Cities and Communities Coalitions to establish and maintain a strategic plan. Given shifting priorities and uncertainties with federal transportation programs, the nature of this annual update was minimal. The primary changes were condensing content and redirecting readers to other resources where appropriate (such as the "[Clean Technology Compendium](#)").

However, the 2025 strategic plan can be revisited as more guidance becomes available regarding federal programs.

For more information on SCAG's Clean Cities Coalition and to view the 2025 strategic plan, visit the [SCAG website](#).

Resolution of Conformity Lockdown Caused by California's Clean Air Act Waivers Revocation

California's Clean Air Act waivers were federally revoked as of June 12, 2025. As a result, California and the SCAG region entered a "conformity lockdown"—meaning there will be no new regional transportation conformity determinations on the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy or the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

On Nov. 21, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the latest planning assumptions and updates to the emissions estimation model developed by the California Air Resources Board. The approval has fully lifted the statewide conformity lockdown, including the SCAG region.

SCAG can now continue with the current schedule for conformity analysis for the 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Connect SoCal 2024 consistency amendment and advance project schedules, particularly any needed for the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

SCAG Co-Hosts Inland Zero Emission Vehicle Network Forum

The Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition (part of the Western Riverside Council of Governments) and the Southern California Clean Cities Coalition (part of SCAG) co-hosted the 2025 Inland Zero Emission Vehicle Network Forum on Aug. 27, 2025, at the Riverside Convention Center. The event brought together stakeholders from state, regional, and local agencies, as well as private companies and community organizations, to explore strategies for advancing zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption and infrastructure deployment across Inland Southern California.

The forum featured panel discussions and hands-on workshops on state and regional policies, incentives, and agency initiatives as well as the challenges and opportunities in transitioning to ZEVs and expanding charging and fueling infrastructure. Attendees took part in interactive sessions focused on technician training, workforce development, and ZEV codes and standards. An exposition and marketplace showcase offered networking with industry professionals and hands-on experiences with zero-emission technology.

Jan Harnik, in her role as Mayor of Palm Desert, gave opening remarks on the current state of ZEVs and opportunities to expand ZEV and infrastructure deployment in the Inland Empire.

SCAG Accepts \$52.6 Million 'Solutions for Congested Corridors Program' Grant

On Sept. 4, 2025, the [Regional Council approved receipt](#) of a \$52.6 million 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Grant Award from the California Transportation Commission. The SCCP is a competitive statewide program to reduce congestion through multimodal, integrated corridor investments that improve mobility, safety, access, and sustainability. The California Transportation Commission awarded the funding to SCAG, as the project applicant, in partnership with Metrolink, the implementing agency. Metrolink will use the funding to replace 12 Tier 2 diesel locomotives with Tier 4

locomotives, the cleanest diesel technology currently available, with the capability to transition to hybrid operations. These replacements will improve service reliability, reduce criteria pollutant emissions, and support long-term regional mobility, air quality, and sustainability goals consistent with the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by reducing transportation-related emissions, improving passenger rail service reliability, and supporting mode shift from single-occupancy vehicles to rail transit. By replacing aging Tier 2 locomotives with Tier 4 units, the project will reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter emissions, improving air quality in Southern California communities along Metrolink corridors.

Read more about the SCCP grant award in the [staff report](#).

SCAG Releases Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Toolkit

Southern California's goods movement industry powers local economies, and the national economy, by supporting jobs, trade, and access to markets. At the same time, its impacts—traffic, safety risks, and pollution—are concentrated in communities located near industrial facilities and freight corridors. As part of the [SoCal Goods Movement Communities Opportunities Assessment](#), SCAG released a new [toolkit in](#) November 2025 that offers practical guidance to help communities address these challenges and leverage opportunities.

The toolkit includes strategies to strengthen workforce pathways, approaches for addressing public health concerns, and resources to enhance communication and identify funding opportunities for community-driven solutions. This toolkit supports communities most affected by goods movement that are also positioned to share in its economic benefits, safeguard public health, and foster resilience for the future. Through these efforts, SCAG seeks to advance a more equitable and sustainable goods movement system that delivers benefits across the region.

Regional Council Approves \$1.25 Billion in STBG/CMAQ Funding Awards

On Dec. 4, 2025, the SCAG [Regional Council approved \\$1.25 billion](#) in federal fiscal year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement programs funding for 132 projects throughout the region. These projects were nominated by eligible project sponsors through their respective county transportation commissions and evaluated according to the criteria outlined in the [STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines](#). Administering the STBG/CMAQ programs is new to SCAG, which became responsible in July 2023 due to federal corrective action. SCAG's role improves regional coordination for these federal funding programs and increases representation for local jurisdictions underrepresented in previous cycles. Through the project selection process, SCAG maintains alignment with the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Following Regional Council approval, project sponsors will program projects into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and begin the obligation process. For more information on the STBG/CMAQ funding process, including registration for SCAG office hours to discuss application-specific feedback, visit [SCAG's STBG/CMAQ website](#).

Regional Council Approves Last Mile Freight Program Rebate Program Awards

On March 5, 2026, the SCAG [Regional Council approved](#) \$871,000 in [Last Mile Freight Program Rebate Program](#) funding for three projects to purchase Class 4/5 battery-electric vehicles.

The Last Mile Freight Program Rebate Program provides funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, administered as part of South Coast Air Quality Management District's INVEST CLEAN program. The goal is to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission trucks, reduce emissions, and improve regional air quality.

SCAG and the South Coast Air Quality Management District are also preparing program adjustments for when the program reopens in summer 2026.

For more information on the Last Mile Freight Program Rebate Program, including the awardee list, read the [full staff report](#).

Housing Production

SCAG Disburses \$5 Million to San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

SCAG officially processed its first [Lasting Affordability Program](#) (Round 1) payment supporting a regional lending program, disbursing \$5 million to the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust's (SGVRHT). The Lasting Affordability Program is one of several programs enabled by the [Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021](#). This disbursement will expand SGVRHT's Revolving Loan Fund, which provides acquisition and predevelopment capital for affordable housing across the San Gabriel Valley.

SGVRHT's Lasting Affordability Program funding will directly support a second round of financing for an estimated 75 to 150 affordable units, benefiting households at or below 80 percent of the area median income. With this investment, SGVRHT's Revolving Loan Fund now totals \$14 million, creating a renewable and long-term source of funding for housing development in the region.

REAP 2.0 Lasting Affordability Program Disperses \$5 Million to Century Affordable Development, Inc. Catalytic Development Fund

SCAG processed its second [Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 \(REAP 2.0\)](#) Lasting Affordability Program payment directly supporting a regional lending program, disbursing \$5 million to Century Affordable Development, Inc. Catalytic Development Fund (CDF). The CDF is a revolving line of credit for programmatic investment in infill projects that are part of large master-planned communities or mid-size multi-phase developments.

The Lasting Affordability Program funding will directly support financing for an estimated 984 affordable units, benefiting households earning between 30 percent and 70 percent area median income. With this investment, the CDF now totals \$14.6 million, creating a renewable and long-term source of funding for housing development in the region. This award brings the total REAP 2.0 program investments in revolving loan programs to \$10 million to date.

Ventura County Leverages REAP 2.0 Funding to Expand Affordable Housing Finance Tool

Using funding from SCAG's REAP 2.0 [Lasting Affordability Program](#), Housing Land Trust Ventura County (HLTV) launched a Revolving Long-Term Loan Program for Infill Affordable Housing Developments. This program offers 15- to 18-year residual receipts of loans that meet the needs of affordable housing developers and extend the impact of each dollar. HLTV also leveraged SCAG's REAP 2.0 grant to secure an additional \$150,000 in funding from U.S. Bank, Mechanics Bank, and First Citizens Bank, which will be used to establish internal policies and tools to support community land trust development.

Together, these efforts represent an innovative model that accelerates housing production and preserves long-term affordability, also supporting REAP 2.0 goals to promote infill housing, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and implement local and regional housing strategies. SCAG awarded \$5 million to Housing Trust Fund Ventura County in November 2023, with \$500,000 for the HLTV.

Read the [Housing Trust Fund Ventura County's press release](#) to learn more.

SCAG Sends \$3.9 Million to 'We Lift: the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund'

In early July, SCAG disbursed \$3.9 million in REAP 2.0 grant funding to 'We Lift: The Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund,' managed by the nonprofit organization Lift to Rise. The We Lift Fund is an innovative regional catalyst fund providing flexible, low-interest loans to community-prioritized affordable housing projects delayed due to a gap in financing. SCAG's contribution will be matched one-for-one by a community development financial institution and is expected to initially help create at least 300 affordable units benefiting households earning up to 80 percent of the area median income.

SCAG administered the REAP 2.0 grant through the [Lasting Affordability Program](#). The Lasting Affordability Program supports development and expansion of regional housing trusts and catalyst funds, along with other actions, increasing locally available affordable housing funding. To date, the Lasting Affordability Program has deployed \$13.9 million in REAP 2.0 grant funding to three revolving loan programs.

SCAG Participates in Orange County's 'Small Scale Housing Symposium'

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise moderated two panels at Orange County Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Small Scale Housing Symposium on Nov. 5, 2025. This event brought together manufacturers, nonprofits, developers, municipal landowners, and funders to explore innovative housing solutions for Orange County. Panel discussions looked at successful housing projects from other counties, explored funding opportunities, and connected local jurisdictions to resources to explore small-scale and modular housing solutions.

SCAG Makes Steady Progress on Regional Housing Production

SCAG's role in housing work has changed in recent years to include supporting jurisdictions and partners across the region to increase housing production—a shift made possible by state funding from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program.

The REAP program represents a new approach to addressing the housing crisis, providing resources to pilot and test solutions at the local level and confront multiple barriers to housing production. SCAG received \$47 million in REAP 1.0 and \$231.5 million in REAP 2.0, which SCAG largely suballocated across Southern California to fund critical efforts to support housing growth. Throughout the year, SCAG supported projects that advance housing production, sustainability, and coordinated regional growth.

The February 2026 Regional Council meeting [featured a panel discussion](#) about partnerships between SCAG and local and subregional partners to produce housing in Southern California. Lessons from the presentations also contribute to Regional Council President Cindy Allen's "Presidential Priority" for the fiscal year to focus on housing production in the region.

The panel discussion featured SCAG partners Brielle Salazar, regional housing trust manager of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; David Pollock, executive director of the Ventura County Council of Governments; and Doug Spondello, community development director of the city of Moorpark, who discussed how SCAG's support through the REAP program facilitated their work to produce housing in the SCAG region. The presentation was followed by discussion among Regional Council members about the

successes and challenges in accelerating housing production in their communities and opportunities for regional collaboration and leadership.

SCAG staff provided a progress report on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program during the Regional Council's March 2026 meeting, with specific project highlights from the previous quarter. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program invested in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. The Regional Council's action to award \$20 million under the second phase of the Lasting Affordability program during the same month will add to the resources invested to boost housing production in the region and maximize the impact of this program. The full summary of the program's status is now available in the [REAP 2.0 Program Update staff report](#). SCAG will continue to share milestones for grantee projects as they near completion throughout 2026.

SCAG Hosts Inland Empire Housing Workshop



SCAG, in partnership with Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, hosted the Inland Empire Housing Workshop on Jan. 14, 2026, gathering city and county staff, housing professionals, and community organizations to address the region's most pressing housing challenges.

The workshop focused on real-world approaches to increasing housing supply, coordinating infrastructure, and reducing barriers to housing production. Attendees learned about regional data tools, state-level insights, and peer strategies designed to support local planning and implementation efforts.

Read more about the event on [SCAG News](#).

SCAG Announces Lasting Affordability Program Round 2 Awards

The SCAG Regional Council, on March 5, 2026, approved an allocation of \$20 million to support five innovative housing finance projects. Funding for these grants comes from funding awarded to SCAG under the state's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program.

The second round of Lasting Affordability Regional Program funding targets existing housing trusts and catalyst funds to expand finance tools and lending products that create supply, choice, and ongoing affordability through a mix of housing types and price ranges, including for households at or below area median income.

By investing in established housing trusts and catalyst funds with demonstrated capacity, SCAG is helping to accelerate housing production and preservation while ensuring long-term affordability.

For more information on the Lasting Affordability Program, including the full awardee list, visit [SCAG News](#).

SCAG Begins Development of SB 79 Map for Region's Qualifying Urban Transit Counties

SCAG is developing a map of transit-oriented development (TOD) stops and zones as required by Senate Bill (SB) 79, which establishes new statewide requirements to support TOD by defining where certain land use streamlining and incentives may apply. SB 79 includes a requirement that metropolitan planning organizations, such as SCAG, map TOD zones and stops to be used by affected jurisdictions within qualifying "Urban Transit Counties," to inform how they will implement this new legislation, effective July 1, 2026.

SCAG's map is informed by the "[SB 79 Advisory Clarifications on Definitions for Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#)" document published by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which provides guidance for metropolitan planning organizations and the jurisdictions implementing the new requirements.

SCAG expects to host an informational session for impacted jurisdictions and transit operators later this spring before bringing the SB 79 map to the Regional Council in June.

Legislation and Advocacy

SCAG Visits the Nation's Capital for Lobby Day



Regional Council President Cindy Allen led a delegation of SCAG leadership to Washington, D.C., on May 19-22, 2025, to advocate for [SCAG's federal legislative priorities](#), including dedicated funding for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, critical housing programs, resiliency efforts, and the Surface Transportation Reauthorization priorities [adopted by the Regional Council](#).

President Allen was joined by Second Vice President Jenny Crosswhite (Santa Paula) and regional councilmembers Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission) and Thomas Wong (Monterey Park).

The advocacy trip began with a series of meetings with members of SCAG's Congressional delegation and staff:

- Representative Ken Calvert (R-Corona)
- Representative Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park)
- Representative Laura Freedman (D-Glendale)
- Representative Robert Garcia (D-Long Beach)
- Representative Dave Min (D-Irvine)
- Representative Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake)
- Senator Alex Padilla (D-California)
- Senator Adam Schiff (D-California)
- Representative Nanette Barragán (D-Carson)
- Representative Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Los Angeles)
- Representative Pete Aguilar (D-San Bernardino)
- Representative Julia Brownley (D-Thousand Oaks)
- Office of Representative Gil Cisneros (D-Covina)
- Office of Representative Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles)
- Office of Representative Young Kim (R-Yorba Linda)
- Office of Representative Luz Rivas (D-Arleta)
- Office of Representative Mark Takano (D-Riverside)
- Office of Representative Norma Torres (D-Pomona)

The day concluded with SCAG's annual California Transportation Reception, co-hosted with the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The time-honored event, held in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Room, brings together California's transportation leaders and stakeholders in the nation's capital to network and discuss issues of importance to California's transportation and

infrastructure needs. The reception drew over 250 attendees, including members of California's Congressional delegation, as well as legislative and committee staff. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-Washington State) joined as guest speaker.

SCAG Joins Mobility 21 Legislative Trip

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise participated in Mobility 21's 2025 Washington, D.C. Delegation Trip in early June 2025, where Southern California's transportation leaders advocated for shared priorities, such as the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, optimizing project delivery, and repairing Southern California's transportation network.

During the trip, Ajise met with several members of SCAG's federal legislative delegation, including Representatives Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), Mark Takano (D-Riverside), and Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara). Ajise also met with key stakeholders and federal officials, including Shaz Umer, the newly appointed Director of Strategic Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

California State Budget Reduces Barriers to Housing Production and Extends Deadline for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Program

On July 27, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the 2025-26 state budget, which includes [a suite of reforms](#) to reduce barriers to housing production. The two budget trailer bills, Assembly Bill (AB) 130 and AB 131, include several provisions to streamline application of the California Environmental Quality Act to housing development. These reforms are consistent with long-standing priorities in SCAG's legislative platform and provisions previously included in Senate Bill 607, which SCAG's Regional Council [voted to support](#).

The trailer bills also include a six-month extension for expenditures under the [Regional Early Action Planning \(REAP\) program](#). This extension helps to make up for time lost during [proposed cuts](#) to the REAP program during the 2024 state budget process, which jeopardized SCAG's \$231 million in funding from this program, most of which had been granted to [projects throughout Southern California](#).

August Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee Features Eno Transportation Presentation

Rebecca Higgins, vice president of policy at the Eno Center for Transportation, delivered a detailed presentation to members of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee on Aug. 19, 2025, outlining current federal transportation policy priorities. Higgins highlighted key initiatives under the new U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, who is emphasizing modernization and efficiency within the department.

Among the top congressional priorities are elimination of duplicative programs to streamline federal funding and a renewed focus on prioritizing larger, more impactful grant programs. According to Higgins, the ongoing reauthorization discussion is clearly emphasizing "traditional" infrastructure investments, including roads, bridges, and freight systems.

Secretary Duffy is also advancing initiatives related to air traffic control modernization and surface transportation reauthorization while calling for increased collaboration across sectors to enhance safety, expedite project delivery, and effectively implement national infrastructure goals.

SCAG Represented on New CalSTA Sustainable Communities Task Force

At the end of August, California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin announced the creation of a cross-sector [Sustainable Communities Task Force](#) to recommend policies to better support implementation of regional sustainable community strategies.

SCAG Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson was appointed to the task force alongside 29 leaders from across the state representing state and regional agencies, local government, transit agencies, community-based organizations, housing and environmental advocates, and academic institutions.

The task force will prepare a final report in November 2026 outlining recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and budgetary action to further sustainable community strategies implementation and reduce greenhouse gases and vehicle miles traveled.

California Transportation Secretary Presents to Regional Council



California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin joined SCAG's Nov. 6, 2025, Regional Council meeting to share updates on the state's transportation program. He outlined state efforts to shift focus from infrastructure alone to prioritize the people in transportation planning and investments, with CalSTA's four core priorities: safety, equity, climate action, and economic prosperity. Secretary Omishakin discussed the central role of transit in these priorities and praised Regional Council decisions to fund transit projects. He recognized SCAG's leadership on traffic safety and the need to reduce the more than 4,000 annual transportation-related deaths in California. He also spoke about solutions that benefit both the environment and economy, including several that support the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

He highlighted Ventura County's open loop payment pilot on Metrolink and the America's Green Gateway project at the Port of Long Beach for strong alignment with state transportation priorities. Secretary Omishakin also answered questions from Regional Council members about California High Speed Rail, highway safety investments, and the integration of transportation and land use planning.

Secretary Omishakin also thanked Southern California members of the Transit Transformation Task Force, including SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise. Release of the Task Force's Final Recommendations Report to the state legislature is imminent.

Video of the presentation will be available on [SCAG's website](#).

Assemblymember Jose Luis Solache, Congressman Ken Calvert, and New Senate President Pro Tempore Monique Limón Speak at LCMC Meetings

Over the past year, several notable guest speakers appeared at meetings of SCAG's Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee to discuss timely topics and answer questions.

Assemblymember Jose Luis Solache (D-Lynwood) addressed the September meeting of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) to share insights from his first year in the State Legislature. During his presentation, Assemblymember Solache, a former chair of the LCMC, covered controversial bills, bipartisan efforts, cap-and-invest reauthorization, and higher education. A video of the September LCMC meeting is available on the [SCAG website](#).

Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona) addressed the October meeting with an update on federal priorities impacting the SCAG region. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Calvert discussed progress on the federal fiscal year 2025-26 appropriations process, the surface transportation reauthorization, and the importance of supporting freight and goods movement in Southern California as a cornerstone of the national economy. SCAG appreciates Rep. Calvert's continued partnership and leadership in advocating for the region's infrastructure and economic growth. Video of the October LCMC meeting is available on the [SCAG website](#).

Senate Pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) addressed the November meeting to provide an update on the State Senate's priorities impacting the SCAG region and the state. As the newly elected Senate President Pro Tempore, Senator Limón discussed priorities related to the state's budget and the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program, while highlighting the significance of the cap-and-invest extension in continuing to combat greenhouse gas emissions in Southern California.

SCAG Visits State Capital for Mobility 21 Advocacy Trip

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise and Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey traveled to Sacramento in February as members of Mobility 21's annual Sacramento trip. Over the course of two days, the delegation met with legislators and state agency staff to share the transportation priorities of the SCAG region, including a meeting with California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin.

During the trip, the group advocated for modernizing Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg, 2008), a landmark legislation that created the sustainable communities strategy process for the state's metropolitan planning organizations. California's four largest metropolitan planning organizations, responsible for the sustainable communities strategy in the state's most populous regions, are working with stakeholders across the state on legislative efforts to modernize SB 375 to create stronger tools for regions to implement the sustainable communities strategy and support achievement of state and local policy goals.

Regional Council Leaders Advocate for Southern California at Annual Sacramento Summit



Regional Council President Cindy Allen led a SCAG delegation to the state capital for the agency's annual Sacramento Summit on March 16-17, 2026. This year's trip focused on SCAG's two sponsor bills, Senate Bill (SB) 1087 (Cabaldon) and Assembly Bill (AB) 2002 (Solache).

President Allen was joined by Regional Council First Vice President Ray Marquez (Chino Hills), Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Chair Patricia Lock Dawson (Riverside), and Vice Chair Margaret Finlay (Duarte), along with Regional Council members Wendy Bucknum (Mission Viejo), Mike Goodsell (Holtville), Mike Judge (Simi Valley), Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission), Gil Rebolgar (Brawley), Rocky Rhodes (Simi Valley), Suely Saro (Long Beach), and Thomas Wong (Monterey Park), and Policy Committee Member Tanya Doby (Los Alamitos). Global, Land Use, and Economic Council member Tracy Hernandez, chief executive officer of the New California Coalition, also joined the SCAG delegation in Sacramento. SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise, Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey, Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson, and Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer Javiera Cartagena also attended the summit.

To learn more about the summit programming and the state legislators and other state leaders visited by the SCAG delegation, visit [SCAG News](#).

SCAG Sponsors AB 2002 to Establish REAP in State Law

On April 8, 2026, the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee unanimously passed Assembly Bill (AB) 2002, authored by Assemblymember José Luis Solache (D-Lynwood).

Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission) provided testimony in support of AB 2002 to the Committee before voting began. Harnik was joined by SCAG Deputy Planning Director Elizabeth Carvajal, who also provided testimony and answered various questions from the committee.

If enacted, AB 2002 would enshrine the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) grant program into state law, creating an ongoing vehicle for state funding to support implementation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. AB 2002 would also allow councils of government and other

metropolitan planning organizations to invest in eligible uses (e.g., planning, technical assistance, infrastructure-related planning).

Assembly Housing Committee members voting in support from the SCAG region include Assemblymembers Jessica Caloza (D-Los Angeles), Robert Garcia (D-Rancho Cucamonga), and Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton).

The SCAG Regional Council voted to sponsor AB 2002 in March. The California Association of Councils of Governments is co-sponsoring the bill. Read more about AB 2002, next steps, and SCAG's role in supporting housing production in the region on [SCAG News](#).

SCAG Joins 'Big Four' MPOs to Sponsor SB 1087

On April 8, 2026, the California State Senate's Environmental Quality Committee unanimously passed Senate Bill (SB) 1087, authored by Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-West Sacramento).

SB 1087, co-sponsored by the state's four largest metropolitan planning organizations—the Metropolitan Transportation Commission-Association of Bay Area Governments, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and SCAG—would modernize SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008), California's landmark law for integrating regional climate, land use, and transportation planning).

SB 1087 would increase the impact of regional greenhouse gas reduction plans and accelerate progress on important state climate, housing, and transportation goals, while acknowledging that SB 375 improved integration of housing, land use, and transportation planning. Significant changes over the past 15 years have exposed limitations in the existing framework.

SCAG Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Director Darin Chidsey provided testimony in support of SB 1087 to the committee before voting began. Chidsey was joined by SANDAG Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier.

Senate Environmental Quality Committee members voting in support from the SCAG region include Senators Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas), Benjamin Allen (D-Santa Monica), Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), and Caroline Menjivar (D-Van Nuys).

Awards

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise received the Heinz Heckeroth Lifetime Achievement Award at the California Transportation Foundation's 36th Annual Transportation Awards Gala on June 12, 2025. Ajise previously served as chair of the California Transportation Foundation and was honored in recognition of his long public service career in transportation.

The award is named for Heinz Heckeroth, who was Caltrans District 7 Director during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and founded the California Transportation Foundation, where he spent 30 years volunteering as the organization's first Executive Director. As a former Caltrans executive officer and now SCAG executive director, Ajise said he is grateful to receive the award.

Two *Go Human*-Funded Partners Recognized at the Los Angeles APA Awards Gala

At the Arizona State University Center in Downtown Los Angeles on June 26, 2025, the American Planning Association Los Angeles Section honored two *Go Human*-funded projects at their 2025 Awards Planning Awards Gala. Central City Neighborhood Partners received the Award of Merit in the Grassroots Initiative category for their project, Connecting Communities: Identifying Structural Barriers in Westlake, MacArthur Park and Koreatown. Los Angeles Walks also received the Award of Excellence in the Communications Initiative & Outreach category for their project, Safe Streets Advocates/Safe Streets Promotoras Office Hours. SCAG congratulates these partners for their achievements.

SCAG Receives 'Risk Management Award' From California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

During the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Annual Board Meeting on July 23, 2025, SCAG won a 2025 Risk Management Award for Best Overall Performance in the Workers' Compensation Program for non-municipal agencies. More than 77 public agency peers recognized SCAG with the award.

The Risk Management Awards highlight dedicated efforts and achievements in risk management by recognizing CJPIA members who have demonstrated excellence and effective leadership in the Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs. To select the winners, CJPIA staff evaluated various factors that reflect an organization's risk management efforts, including overall claims performance, improvement in claims performance over time, responsiveness to Loss Control Action Plan recommendations, members' engagement with risk management, participation in risk management programs, and attendance at training and academy opportunities.

Two *Go Human*-Funded Partners Awarded for APA California Chapter Awards

The [American Planning Association California Chapter](#) honored Los Angeles Walks and Tomorrow's World, both *Go Human*-funded projects in 2024, at the American Planning Agency California 2025 Conference in Monterey in September. Los Angeles Walks received the Award of Merit in the Communications Initiative & Outreach category for their project, Safe Streets Advocates/Safe Streets Promotoras Office Hours. Tomorrow's World received the Award of Merit in the Grassroots category for its project, the Rialto Juneteenth Jam. Congratulations to these partners for this well-earned recognition.

Other Notable Accomplishments

CARB Accepts SCAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy, Publishes Evaluation

On May 7, 2025, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) informed SCAG that it had accepted SCAG's determination that the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, adopted in April 2024, meets CARB's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. [CARB's acceptance](#) ensures transportation projects in the SCAG region remain eligible for all Senate Bill 1 (Beall-2017) funding programs.

In September 2026, CARB published its evaluation of the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. In the evaluation document, CARB explains their determination to accept Connect SoCal 2024 and offers recommendations for SCAG to consider in developing its next SCS. The evaluation is available on the [CARB website](#).

2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop Revisits the "Intergenerational Contract"



More than 350 people attended the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract," on Oct. 1 to discuss the latest demographic trends for the region and explore how demographic and economic changes are influencing the traditional "intergenerational contract"—how groups in society rely on one another across generations and between lifecycle stages. The 36th annual event was hosted by SCAG and the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Highlights of the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop included the presentation and publication of a new report, "Highs, Lows, and Shocks: Key Housing and Economic Trends in Southern California," by SCAG and USC demographers to provide insight into American Community Survey data released earlier in September by the U.S. Census Bureau. The report highlights how the SCAG region and its six counties compare with state and national trends across key indicators, such as housing affordability, workforce patterns, and economic resilience.

The 2025 Demographic Workshop also included three panels: the annual "Demographic Check-Up," "Lifecycle Sharing: A Timeless Social Contract," and "The Role of Immigration in Southern California's Workforce." Professor and Director of the Population Dynamics Research Group at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy Dowell Myers gave the keynote address.

Wilshire Center Active Transportation Quick-Build Project Celebrates Completion

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation celebrated the completion of a quick-build infrastructure project on Nov. 13, 2025, at Hobart Elementary School, which calms vehicle speeds to improve pedestrian safety during student pick-up and drop-off. The project also converts Serrano Avenue into a one-way northbound street, with a dedicated drop-off and pick-up lane at Hobart Elementary.

SCAG provided funding for this project through the Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety in 2021, which was funded by Cycle 5 of the state's Active Transportation Program. In addition to the now-completed quick build demonstration project to improve safety for people walking and biking in the Wilshire Center/Koreatown neighborhood and provide insight for future projects, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation is also working on an active transportation network plan that prioritizes sections of roadway for improvements.

Regional Council Adopts Updated Public Participation Plan

At its Feb. 5, 2026 meeting, the SCAG Regional Council [adopted an update](#) to SCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP outlines SCAG's commitments to representative, accessible, and effective public and stakeholder participation in the development of its plans, programs, and initiatives. The updated Public Participation Plan also defines audience categories, outlines methodology for conducting participation efforts, summarizes communication methods, and describes SCAG's measures and processes for evaluating its participation efforts.

The proposed draft Public Participation Plan was [approved for release](#) by the Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee in September 2025. The 45-day comment period ran from Sept. 22 through Nov. 7, 2025, and was noticed on the SCAG website, social media, newsletter, meeting announcements, and via in-person outreach. Comments received were reviewed, responded to, and incorporated into the document, where appropriate. Prior to the Regional Council vote, the updated PPP was recommended for adoption by the Executive/Administration Committee.

The adopted plan will be provided to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as required. The updated 2026 Public Participation Plan will be available on [SCAG's website](#).

SCAG Begins 'Future Leaders Initiative' Program

SCAG launched the inaugural cohort of the [Future Leaders Initiative](#) with the program's first meeting on Jan. 22, 2026. This six-month civic leadership pilot program is designed to help young adults across Southern California develop knowledge and skills related to how local and regional governments collaborate for long-term change. The program received a total of 244 applications across all counties in the SCAG region, showing a strong interest in civic engagement, planning, and community leadership among emerging leaders. The first cohort will complete the program in June 2026.

To read more about the Future Leaders Initiative, visit [SCAG News](#).

SCAG Highlights Progress Under Regional Resilience Resolution and Publishes New Toolkit



At the March 5 Regional Council meeting, SCAG shared updates about ongoing resilience efforts that support strategies outlined in the Resilience Action Resolution. The meeting featured presentations from Larry Kosmont of Kosmont Companies; Julia Orozco from Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath, and Craig Bullock with the Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Traci Park. Speakers discussed how tax increment financing tools can support recovery, reinvestment, and long term resilience and highlighted coordinated city-county efforts to strengthen rebuilding strategies across fire impacted communities.

On the same day, SCAG also released the Regional Resilience Toolkit, which shares resources and information to support Southern California Communities, cities, and counties with resilience planning. The toolkit is intended for use by any jurisdiction in Southern California, regardless of size, population, experience in resilience planning, or direct encounters with the shocks and stressors of the current age.

Alongside the Regional Resilience Toolkit, SCAG is also publishing a new “Water Resolution White Paper” to evaluate shared water management challenges and identify opportunities for stronger coordination, investment, and technical support across jurisdictions.

Both resources explain how collaborative resilience planning at the local level can achieve regional benefits to protect Southern Californians now and in the future.

City of Los Angeles Completes Warner Center Active Transportation Hub Plan

The Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services in February completed the Warner Center Active Transportation Hub Plan, funded through the Sustainable Communities Program - [Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice](#) call for projects.

The plan reimagines Warner Center as a connected transportation hub for jobs and housing by promoting walking and biking, identifying active transportation barriers, defining priority investments, and including designs for a connected active transportation system throughout the Warner Center area. The plan advances 30 key priority projects to improve walking and biking in Warner Center, concept plans for the three top-priority projects, and a strategy to leverage funding opportunities to support implementation.

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SCAG Joint Policy Committee Kicks off Connect SoCal 2050 Development Process

SCAG's Joint Policy Committee met on April 9 for a [staff presentation and discussion](#) on the development process for the [Connect SoCal 2050](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, scheduled for adoption in 2028.

During this meeting, members heard updates on data inputs for this next plan cycle. [Initial analysis](#) points to key shifts in regional growth, including slower population increases driven by aging demographics, lower birth rates, and reduced immigration. [These trends](#) will have implications for travel patterns, economic activity, and transportation funding. This stage of work will provide critical context for upcoming policy and strategy updates.

The Joint Policy Committee also reviewed SCAG's ["2026 State of the Region"](#) report, which documents baseline conditions in the SCAG region to help identify emergent issues and future regional planning needs. The report tracks Southern California's progress implementing strategies related to the four pillars of [Connect SoCal 2024](#): mobility, communities, environment, and economy.

SCAG staff also presented the Draft Policy Development Framework outlining how key policy updates will be shaped, in partnership with its policy committees and Regional Council, and the Joint Policy Committee authorized creation of a Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee to be launched this summer.

More information about the "2026 State of the Region" report, as well as the full report, is available on [SCAG News](#).



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