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MEETING OF THE

**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION
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***Wednesday, April 8, 2026
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
3:00 PM

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

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

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

ACTION ITEM

1. Transit Funding for 2026 FIFA World Cup
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG)

PPG. 8

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve staff’s recommendation to submit a split letter to the Federal Transit Administration, assigning 100 percent of the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area FY 2026 World Cup Formula Funding Apportionment to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the recipient agency.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – March 4, 2026 PPG. 14
3. Resolution No. 26-680-1 Approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP) PPG. 21

Receive and File

4. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 34



5. CFO Monthly Report

PPG. 47

INFORMATION ITEM

6. SCAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts
(Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer, SCAG)

PPG. 49

CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Cindy Allen, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: Executive Director

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 8, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

From: Pablo Gutierrez, Planning Supervisor
213-236-1929, gutierrez@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Transit Funding for 2026 FIFA World Cup

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve staff’s recommendation to submit a split letter to the Federal Transit Administration, assigning 100 percent of the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area FY 2026 World Cup Formula Funding Apportionment to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the recipient agency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve staff’s recommendation to submit a split letter to the Federal Transit Administration, assigning 100 percent of the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area FY 2026 World Cup Formula Funding Apportionment to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the recipient agency.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently released the fiscal year (FY) 2026 FIFA World Cup Formula Funding Apportionments, providing federal transit funding to urbanized areas hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026 matches in the United States.

Under this program, the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area (UZA) was apportioned \$9,603,284. Since the funding was apportioned to the UZA rather than individual transit operators, FTA requires the designated recipient to submit a split letter identifying how the funding will be allocated within the region.

SCAG, as the designated recipient for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA, is coordinating with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), regarding regional transit planning and FTA funding administration. Metro is serving as the primary transit provider

supporting the FIFA World Cup 2026 operations in the region. The agency has been working with transit providers across the region since 2024 in preparation for both the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Metro has developed “Regional Transit Provider Agreements” to reimburse participating operators for eligible transit services provided during the event.

FTA established program deadlines for submission of split letters and grant applications. Assigning the full apportionment to Metro would allow 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.

Based on this regional coordination effort, SCAG staff recommend assigning 100 percent of the UZA apportionment to Metro through the required FTA split letter, allowing Metro to administer the funding and reimburse participating operators consistent with regional coordination efforts that are currently underway.

BACKGROUND:

For the FIFA World Cup 2026, the U.S. Congress authorized a one-time funding allocation to assist host regions with transit services necessary to support the event. Congress appropriated \$100,250,212 nationally through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026. FTA 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 \$9,603,284.

SCAG is the designated recipient for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA for several FTA funding programs, including this one-time funding, and is responsible for preparing split letters to allocate the funds to individual transit operators.

Federal Guidance

FTA hosted a national webinar on March 11, 2026, providing guidance on program implementation, eligible uses of funds, and grant administration requirements. Key program elements include:

- The distribution of funds within each UZA is a regional/local decision.
- Allocations must be documented through a split letter submitted to FTA.
- The maximum grant amount is limited to the UZA apportionment.
- Eligible uses include a broad range of operating, capital, safety, and security expenses associated with transit service supporting the World Cup.
- Operating costs incurred between June 1 and July 31, 2026, may be considered associated with World Cup activities.

FTA has also established the following program milestones:

- Split letters due to FTA: June 1, 2026.
- Grant application deadline: January 31, 2027.
- Grant obligation deadline: July 20, 2027.
- Final expenditure deadline: September 30, 2027.

Planned Transit Service

Eight FIFA World Cup 2026 matches will be held at SoFi Stadium between June 12 and July 10, 2026. To transport the expected 25,000 spectators riding transit to matches, about 300 buses will be used. Roughly 200 buses will be assigned to transit service linking fans from transit centers, along established transit corridors adjacent to Hollywood Park, and regular seasonal stadium service provided by Metro and regional transit agencies. About 100 buses will be operated by charter service, which will provide transport from hotels and temporary park-and-ride lots. Key mobility hubs and park-and-ride locations along with the entity providing transport to and from these locations to SoFi Stadium include:

- El Camino College (Charter)
- Pierce College (Charter)
- Harbor Gateway Transit Center (GTrans)
- Torrance Transit Center (Torrance Transit)
- LAX/Metro Transit Center (Metro)
- LAX Hotels & Parking (Charter)
- Hawthorne/Lennox Station (Metro)
- Crenshaw Station (Metro)
- LA Union Station (Metro, Foothill Transit, Montebello Bus lines, Norwalk Transit, OmniTrans)
- North Hollywood Station (Metro)
- Downtown Long Beach (Long Beach Transit)
- ARTIC Anaheim (OCTA/RTA)
- Downtown Santa Monica (Big Blue Bus)
- Fox Hills Mall (Culver CityBus)
- Downtown Inglewood (City of Inglewood/LAZ Parking)

Regional Coordination

SCAG staff have coordinated with Metro, which is serving as the primary transit provider supporting the FIFA World Cup 2026 operations in the region. Metro has been working with transit providers across the region since 2024 to plan transit services for the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Key milestones to date include:

- September 2024: Engaged all Los Angeles County municipal operator's general managers requesting World Cup representatives and World Cup Regional Task Force (WCRTF) launched.
- October 2024: WCRTF expanded to include Orange County, Riverside, OmniTrans, San Diego, Palm Springs, Ventura, Amtrak, and Metrolink.
- March 2025: WCRTF meeting frequency increased from quarterly to monthly.
- Summer 2025: Individual meetings held with WCRTF members to gauge level of involvement in World Cup Games Enhanced Transit Service (WCGETS) participation.
- July 2025: WCGETS regional standard operating procedures working group launched.
- November 2025: Draft term sheet issued to all regional transit providers for feedback.
- January 2026: Individual negotiations with regional transit providers on term sheets initiated.
- February 2026: WCGETS regional maintenance coordination working group launched. Memorandums of understanding with regional transit providers underway. First Transportation Security Administration tabletop exercise held with regional transit providers.

As part of these efforts, Metro has developed agreements with participating regional transit providers that outline roles, responsibilities, and reimbursement procedures associated with World Cup transit service. A summary of key issues addressed in these agreements include:

- Service plan, including origin location, SoFi terminal, service levels, number of buses, and staffing.
- Coordinated customer experience, including bus wraps, uniforms, and wayfinding kit-of-parts.
- Vehicles, including uniform communications technology and mutual aid.
- Operations, including standardized procedures, training, WCGETS Control Center, tabletop and full-scale exercises.
- Fare collection, including unified fare, fare payment technology, and charter regulations.
- Reimbursement, including cost per revenue hour for operators, buses, supervisors, mechanics and other reimbursements where extra support services (security, ambassadors, etc.) provided by regional transit providers.
- After action/lessons learned reports.

Through the agreements with the regional transit providers, Metro will reimburse participating operators for:

- Cost to operate service, including labor and fringe benefits (operators, supervisors, mechanic), fuel, parts, insurance, other consumables and incidentals.
- Bus wraps.
- Provide for employee break space, portables, etc., at stadium terminals and Metro mobility hubs.
- Operator/support staff uniforms.

- Additional costs as agreed upon by both parties.

The overall regional transit program supporting the FIFA World Cup 2026 is estimated to cost approximately \$25 million, meaning the \$9.6 million federal apportionment would offset only a portion of the anticipated regional expenses. A summary of anticipated expenses is outlined in the following table.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Transit Service Budget

Element	Estimated Budget (in millions)
WCGETS Service Planning, Operations, Fleet Enhancements, Safety & Security, Speed and Reliability, Temporary Park & Ride Facilities	\$13.4
Infrastructure, Customer Info/Signage/Wayfinding, Accessibility/Universal Mobility, Fare Payment/TAP Cards, Finance & Budget, Marketing/Communications	\$7.2
Surprise and Delight, Heat Mitigation, Metro MVP Program, Metro Station Events and Activations	\$4.3
Total	\$24.9

Source: Metro

Providing the full apportionment to Metro through the split letter would allow Metro to administer the funding centrally and reimburse participating operators, consistent with the regional coordination framework currently being implemented.

Next Steps

Upon approval by the Regional Council, SCAG staff will prepare and submit the required UZA split letter to FTA assigning the FY 2026 FIFA World Cup apportionment to Metro.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (030.0146.02: Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FTA World Cup Funding Apportionment Table

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

FY 2026 Section 166 FTA FIFA World Cup Formula Funding Apportionment

The amount apportioned in this notice includes repurposed funding authorized authorized by Public Law 109–59 and Public Law 105–178 and is based on funding made available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-75, February. 3, 2026).

(1) 70 percent of the total amount apportioned multiplied by a ratio equal to the FIFA estimated stadium capacity of the host stadium at the time of apportionment divided by the total FIFA estimated stadium capacity of all host stadiums at the time of apportionment; and

(2) 30 percent of the total amount apportioned multiplied by a ratio equal to the number of matches to be held in the host stadium divided by the total number of matches to be held in all host cities in the United States.

Date: 2.17.2026

FIFA WORLD CUP

UZA	STADIUM / HOST CITY	APPORTIONMENT
Atlanta, GA	Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, GA	\$9,391,018
Boston, MA-NH	Gillette Stadium — Foxborough/Boston, MA	\$8,671,598
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	AT&T Stadium — Arlington/Dallas, TX	\$10,033,037
Houston, TX	NRG Stadium - Houston, TX	\$9,092,387
Kansas City, MO-KS	Arrowhead Stadium - Kansas City, MO	\$8,632,123
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	SoFi Stadium — Inglewood/Los Angeles, CA	\$9,603,284
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	Hard Rock Stadium — Miami, FL	\$8,697,430
New York-Jersey City-Newark, NY-NJ	MetLife Stadium — East Rutherford/New York-NJ	\$10,438,681
Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD	Lincoln Financial Field - Philadelphia, PA	\$8,474,327
San Jose, CA	Levi’s Stadium — Santa Clara/San Francisco, CA	\$8,807,888
Seattle-Tacoma, WA	Lumen Field - Seattle, WA	\$8,408,439
TOTAL		\$100,250,212



Southern California Association of Governments
April 8, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

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

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

Members Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
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Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President’s Appt.	<i>ICTC</i>	Holtville
Hon. Jan Harnik, President’s Appt.	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
- Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer

Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, District 65 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran acknowledged there were no written public comments received.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Draft Comprehensive Budget

There were no public comments on Item 1.

Cindy Geraldo, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FY 2026–27 Draft Comprehensive Budget totaling approximately \$269 million, reflecting a \$200 million (43%) decrease due to the natural spend-down of major one-time grant programs, including REAP 2021, the Last Mile Freight Program, and several federal programs. She noted that approximately \$263.5 million (98%) supports the Overall Work Program, with significant pass-through and technical assistance funding, including \$50 million for the INVEST CLEAN Rebate Program, \$40 million for REAP initiatives, and \$11 million for Sustainable Communities and Safe Streets for All efforts. She reported that the Consultants category totaled \$61 million for regional planning activities, and the Salaries and Benefits budget totaled \$50.3 million, reflecting a net reduction of four positions. She requested approval of updated salary ranges following a total rewards study. She reported that the Indirect Cost Budget totaled \$40.3 million, including \$5.7 million for SCAG’s new ERP system, with year-over-year indirect costs decreasing after excluding this one-time expense. She noted that the General Fund Budget totaled \$3.3 million, funded primarily by a CPI-adjusted (3.01%) Membership Assessment. She recommended that the Regional Council approve the FY 2026–27 Draft Comprehensive Budget, authorize release of the Draft Overall Work Program for a 30-day public

comment period, and approve the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment for transmittal.

Prior to taking a vote, Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated the Brown Act required that they orally report a summary of any recommendations for final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or fringe benefits of agency executives. He stated this item included SCAG's updated salary schedule, as discussed in detail by Chief Financial Officer Ms. Giraldo which increased the salary range for 8 executive classifications. He clarified this action updated the ranges only, it did not set or change any individual executive's current salary, and it included no changes to fringe benefits. He stated the specific ranges were shown in the staff report for this item, as referenced by Ms. Giraldo. He stated this oral report was being provided as part of their draft budget, and they would provide the required oral summary again immediately before the Regional Council takes final action at its meeting at the General Assembly.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to recommend the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$269,189,485; 2) Authorize the release of the FY 2026-27 Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and 3) Approve the FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly. Motion was SECONDED (Judge) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – February 4, 2026
3. SCAG Participation in the 2026 CA Assembly Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment Trade Delegation to Japan
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-043-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
5. AB 2002 (Solache) – REAP 1.0 Codification Bill & Budget Request

Receive and File

6. REAP 2.0 Program Update
7. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
8. CFO Monthly Report

Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, District 65, had questions related to Item 3 on the agenda. He asked if [staff] was prepared to address questions regarding the budget and the purpose for the travel. President Allen asked Executive Director Ajise if he could address member Ramos concerns.

Executive Director Ajise explained that the upcoming trip was a high-level trade delegation from California to Japan, composed primarily of elected officials, including state legislators. He noted that given the region's role as the largest regional economy engaged in Asian trade, they felt the agency's involvement would be appropriate and beneficial. He stated two SCAG leadership members would be joining the delegation; no staff would attend. He stated the trip would also include representatives from key industries such as healthcare, agriculture, entertainment, and cultural sectors, totaling approximately two dozen participants. He further noted that all international travel required approval from the Executive Administration Committee and the Regional Council, consistent with agency policy.

A MOTION was made (Ramos) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 and 5 and Receive and File Items 6 and 8. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the EAC for their support of the fiscal year 26-27 budget. She stated that in addition to working on SCAG's fiscal year 27 budget, they had also completed the training for their new procurement manual that was completed agency-wide. She stated that as they might be aware from their own agencies, the federal government was late in issuing its guidelines for the single audit this year therefore they were just completing their single audit work. She stated that it would be presented to the Audit Committee. She stated the meeting had not yet been scheduled, but it would likely be scheduled, in April. Lastly, she stated next month they had Budget Amendment 3, going before them and the very next month the final budget adoption at the General Assembly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen reported she had joined Executive Director Ajise and Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey in Sacramento for Mobility 21's annual legislative advocacy trip. She reported they met with legislators and state agency staff to advance the region's transportation priorities. She stated they also met with California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. She explained that during these meetings, they advocated for updates to SB 375 to strengthen implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and better support state and local policy goals. Furthermore, President Allen invited EAC members to the California Association of Councils of Governments' (CALCOG) 2026 Regional Leadership Forum, taking place March 9–11 at the Marriott Long Beach Downtown. She stated CALCOG's annual forum brought together regional agencies to discuss policy, share ideas, test new approaches, and learn from one another. Lastly, she reported that SCAGs April meetings had been moved to the second Thursday of the month in observance of Passover. She reminded members that the next EAC meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported on regional and legislative initiatives, noting SCAG's collaboration with MTC, SACOG, and SANDAG on an advocacy framework that led to the introduction of SB 1087 to modernize the SB 375 housing-transportation-climate planning framework. He thanked the Committee for supporting AB 2002, which would codify the REAP program to ensure ongoing state funding for RHNA-related planning. He highlighted continued progress under REAP 2.0, including delivery of the \$231.5 million program and upcoming consideration of a \$20 million allocation for the Lasting Affordability Program. Mr. Ajise also provided an update on the federal GHG rule change eliminating national GHG standards for new motor vehicles, noting SCAG was assessing regional impacts and that California's climate statutes continue to guide Connect SoCal 2050. He reported the SoCal Greenprint was entering its final development phase, with a beta version under review and a planned June release. Finally, he discussed ongoing regional resilience efforts, including the forthcoming Regional Resilience Toolkit and a Water Resolution White Paper, both of which would be presented to the Energy and Environment Committee before updates to the Regional Council.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Business Representative Lucy Dunn, shared with members she had recently viewed a 40-minute film titled *Bright Harvest*, which highlighted Caltech's successful demonstration of space-based solar power, including the beaming of solar energy from a satellite to Earth. She shared several countries—approximately eight to ten - were actively exploring this technology for national defense applications. She stated the United States, however, was lagging behind, underscoring the need for

stronger federal engagement in this area. She shared Caltech’s work showed promising potential for delivering sustainable, low-cost energy without the environmental impacts associated with traditional power sources, particularly as energy demand grows with the expansion of data and AI infrastructure. She explained that given Southern California’s leadership in clean energy and alignment with SCAG’s strategic priorities, she wanted to raise the possibility of arranging a screening for interested EAC members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 3:38p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2025-26																	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	5-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Cindy Allen, President, Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1		1	0	1	1		1	1			9
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County	1	0	0	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			8
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1	1	0	0		0	1	1	0		1	1			6
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	Monterey Park	District 34	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	0	0	1		1	1	0	1		0	1			6
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	0	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	0			8
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0			0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	1	0	1		1	1	0	1		1	1			8
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			10
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	0		1	1			9
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	0	0	0		0	1	1	0		1	1			5
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	0		0	1	0	1		1	1			7
			16	14	12	14	0	14	16	14	14	0	16	16	0	0	146



AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 8, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

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

Subject: Resolution No. 26-680-1 Approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26
Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 26-680-1 approving a third amendment (Budget Amendment 3) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including:

1. A third amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$1,476,896, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$462,268,230 to \$463,745,126;
2. A second amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, in the amount of \$324,252, increasing the Indirect Cost Budget from \$38,768,132 to \$39,092,384;
3. A second amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$507,657, increasing the General Fund Budget from \$2,872,278 to \$3,379,935; and
4. A first amendment to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Budget (outside of the OWP), in the amount of \$3,100, increasing the TDA Budget from \$783,553 to \$786,653.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC) adopt Resolution No. 26-680-1 approving a third amendment (Budget Amendment 3) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including:

1. A third amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$1,476,896, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$462,268,230 to \$463,745,126;
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the EAC and RC adopt Resolution No. 26-680-1 approving a third amendment (Budget Amendment 3) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$2,355,539, including:

- 1. A third amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$1,476,896, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$462,268,230 to \$463,745,126;***
- 2. A second amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, in the amount of \$324,252, increasing the Indirect Cost Budget from \$38,768,132 to \$39,092,384;***
- 3. A second amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$507,657, increasing the General Fund Budget from \$2,872,278 to \$3,379,935; and***
- 4. A first amendment to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Budget (outside of the OWP), in the amount of \$3,100, increasing the TDA Budget from \$783,553 to \$786,653.***

On April 30 and May 1, 2025, the EAC and RC, respectively, approved the FY 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget, in the amount of \$414.94 million, which included the FY 2025-26 OWP budget in the amount of \$408.50 million. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) subsequently approved SCAG's FY 2025-26 OWP on June 3, 2025.

On September 4, 2025, the EAC and RC approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, increasing the budget from 414.94 million to \$421.94 million. The Budget Amendment 1 increased the FY 2025-26 OWP budget by \$7 million, increasing the budget from 408.5 million to \$415.50 million. The Budget Amendment 1 was to program the \$7 million grant awarded from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to carry out Olympics Planning and Resiliency Study.

On November 6, 2025, the EAC and RC approved Amendment 2 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, increasing the budget from \$421.94 million to \$469.63 million. The 2025-26 OWP budget was increased from \$415.50 million to \$462.27 million. The changes were primarily due to adjustments to account for the actual grant balances certified by Caltrans, adjust for other carryovers for various Federal, State, and Local funding sources, and program new and additional one-time special grants such as Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Invest Clean grant funds.

In October 2025, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a final FY 2025-26 Formula Allocations letter for FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and SB1 funds. Budget Amendment 3 primarily includes adjustments to account for the final Formula Allocations, as well as necessary project budget adjustments for various Federal, State, and Local funding sources.

A. Budget Amendment

Staff recommends that the EAC and RC approve Budget Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$2,355,539, increasing the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget from \$469.63 million to \$471.99 million. **Table 1** shows the changes to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Funding Sources:

Table 1. FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Funding Sources			
FUNDING SOURCES	FY26 BA2	Change	FY26 BA3
Recurring Funding Sources			
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	30,692,226	1,715,072	32,407,298
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	16,234,602	241,230	16,475,832
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	9,669,199	93,681	9,762,880
TDA	8,338,036	5,666	8,343,702
General Fund	2,872,278	507,657	3,379,935
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	32,760,261	-	32,760,261
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program	7,319,831	-	7,319,831
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program	8,692,792	-	8,692,792
One-Time/Special Grants and Third-Party Contribution Funding Sources			
FTA 5304 - Strategic Partnerships Transit	485,342	-	485,342
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships	486,933	-	486,933
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning (FY25-26 Olympics Planning and Resiliency Study)	7,000,000	-	7,000,000
Safe Streets and Roads for All (FY23)	12,000,000	-	12,000,000
Safe Streets and Roads for All (FY24)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) - Rebate Program (INVEST CLEAN)	51,500,000	-	51,500,000
Federal Other	4,881,306	(21,121)	4,860,185
State Other	4,539,841	(416,000)	4,123,841
SHA - Climate Adaptation Grant	284,918	-	284,918
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants	185,579,610	(392,885)	185,186,725
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	14,657,738	-	14,657,738
In-Kind Commitments	6,242,905	254,353	6,497,258
Cash/Local Other	55,977,518	-	55,977,518
SUBTOTAL	466,215,336	1,987,653	468,202,989
Fringe Benefits Carryforward	(654,923)	-	(654,923)
Indirect Cost Carryforward	3,249,895	-	3,249,895
SUBTOTAL	2,594,972	-	2,594,972
Indirect Cost Budget Change/Net Projected Indirect Cost and Fringe Benefits Cost Carryforward	823,628	367,886	1,191,514
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	469,633,936	2,355,539	471,989,475

- 1) **\$1.96 million** combined net increase for FHWA PL and FTA 5303 (Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG) funds) is primarily attributable to additional formula funds allocated by Caltrans, based on the final FY 2025-26 Formula Allocations letter issued by Caltrans. The additional funds are being set aside to support the work proposed in FY 2026-27 Comprehensive Budget;
- 2) **\$94K** increase for Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula Grants to program additional formula funds allocated by Caltrans. The additional funds allocated are added to two of the existing FY26 SB1 projects as shown in **Attachment 2**.

- 3) **\$6K** net increase for Transportation Development Act (TDA) to reflect the net impact of FTE reductions, consultant budget increases, match funding adjustments associated with additional SB1 funds allocated, and other adjustments;
- 4) **\$508K** increase for General Fund primarily due to a \$195K budget increase to reflect upcoming work effort under Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) project, a \$240K increase for Capital Outlay to support an ongoing conference room microphone upgrade project, and a \$73K combined increase for other cost categories to support legal services and consultant efforts;
- 5) **(\$21K)** reduction for Federal Other to transfer remaining carryover grant funds from a closed grant to the General Fund budget;
- 6) **(\$416K)** reduction for State Other to reflect a transfer of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant implementation agency from SCAG to OCTA, as presented at November 2025 RC meeting;
- 7) **(\$393K)** reduction in REAP 2.0 to reflect an updated carryover amount;
- 8) **\$254K** net combined increase for In-Kind, primarily due to match funding adjustments associated with additional formula funds allocated by Caltrans; and
- 9) **\$368K** net increase for Indirect Cost Budget and Net Projected Indirect Cost and Fringe Benefits Cost Carryforward include:
 - \$39K net increase in Salaries and Allocated Fringe Benefits due to FTE and staffing changes;
 - \$285K combined net increase in Other Costs, primarily due to an increase in Subscription costs to support operational activities; and
 - \$44K net increase for net projected indirect cost and fringe benefits cost carryforward. Any variance between the recovered allocated costs and actuals will be reconciled in the future Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP).

Table 2 shows the changes to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget expenditures in the amount of \$2,355,539:

EXPENDITURES	FY26 BA2	Change	FY26 BA3
Salaries & Benefits	49,777,421	-	49,777,421
Consultants	79,458,780	1,473,128	80,931,908
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	235,436,770	(608,512)	234,828,258
Non-Profits/IHL	10,500	(10,500)	-
In-Kind Commitments	6,242,905	254,353	6,497,258
Cash/Local Other	55,271,123	-	55,271,123
Capital Outlay	160,000	-	400,000
Other Costs	43,276,437	1,007,070	44,283,507
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	469,633,936	2,355,539	471,989,475

- 1) **\$854K** combined net increase in Consultants, Consultants-Technical Assistance and Non-Profits/IHL, primarily due to project budget adjustments made under REAP 2.0 program to reflect the latest grant budget revision approved by the Department of Housing and

Community Development (HCD), as well as to account for the ATP grant award transfer to OCTA;

- 2) **\$254K** increase for In-Kind Commitments due to match funding adjustments associated with the additional formula funds allocated by Caltrans;
- 3) **\$1.01M** combined net increase for Other Costs primarily due to adjustments made to set-aside for outyear labor budget for FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and REAP 2.0 grant programs as well as budget adjustment for subscription costs.

Attachment 2 includes a detailed list of FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget changes, including the OWP. The FY 2025-26 OWP budget is increased in the amount of \$1,476,896, from \$462.27 million to \$463.75 million. The updated FY 2025-26 OWP incorporating Amendment 3 changes will be submitted to Caltrans following the EAC and RC approval and is available online at <https://scag.ca.gov/financial-overall-work-program>.

CEQA Compliance

To the extent the OWP contains projects requiring a discretionary decision by SCAG, the projects are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Where SCAG is undertaking these projects, it will comply with CEQA. Generally, based on experience, projects where SCAG is undertaking a project are anticipated to be exempt from CEQA based on statutory requirements (the CEQA definition of a project, planning and/or feasibility studies) and/or the project falling into one or more of the categories of projects that are considered exempt under CEQA Guidelines. Projects programmed in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and their amendments are required to undergo an environmental review by the lead agency at the project level. To the extent SCAG is providing funding to the projects via federal and state grants, such projects are subject to agreements with SCAG which require the grant recipient to undertake an environmental review at the project level.

B. Personnel Changes

Budget Amendment 3 includes one position upgrade request for a permanent position, from Accountant to Senior Accountant. There are no other position changes and the total position count for FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget remains at 244. Upon approval, the proposed position upgrade will be incorporated into FY 2026-27 Budget through FY 2026-27 Budget Amendment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budget Amendment 3 increases the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$2,355,539 increasing the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget from \$469.63 million to \$471.99 million, which includes an increase to the FY 2025-26 OWP in the amount of \$1,476,896, increasing the OWP budget from \$462.27 million to \$463.75 million. After approval by the EAC and RC, Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 OWP will be submitted to Caltrans for final approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 26-680-1 Approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Overall Work Program (OWP)
2. List of Budget Changes - FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 3



RESOLUTION NO. 26-680-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING AMENDMENT 3 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017 T: (213) 236-1800 www.scag.ca.gov

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.; and

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

- President Cindy Allen, Long Beach
First Vice President Ray Marquez, Chino Hills
Second Vice President Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula
Immediate Past President Curt Hagman County of San Bernardino

WHEREAS, SCAG has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget that includes the following budget components: the Overall Work Program (OWP); the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; the TDA Budget; the General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; and the Fringe Benefits Budget; and

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Executive/Administration Cindy Allen, Long Beach
Community, Economic, & Human Development David J. Shapiro, Calabasas
Energy & Environment Rick Denison, Yucca Valley
Transportation Mike T. Judge, Ventura County Transportation Commission

WHEREAS, the OWP is the basis for SCAG's annual regional planning activities and budget; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the OWP Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG for the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), and the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is also eligible to receive other Federal and/or State grant funds and/or local funds for certain regional transportation planning related activities. For such funding upon award, the funds are implemented through the OWP and SCAG and the applicable Federal or State agency shall execute the applicable grant agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, SCAG's Regional Council approved the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP in May 2025, which was subsequently approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in June 2025, and the Regional Council subsequently approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including OWP in September 2025 and approved Amendment 2 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including OWP in November 2025; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP, will result in: an OWP budget increase of \$1,476,896, from \$462,268,230 to \$463,745,126; an Indirect Cost budget increase of \$324,252, from \$38,768,132 to \$39,092,384 and an adjustment of \$43,634 to the net projected Indirect Cost and Fringe Benefits Cost carryforward; a General Fund budget increase of \$507,657, from \$2,872,278 to \$3,379,935; a Transportation Development Act (TDA) budget increase of \$3,100, from \$783,553 to \$786,653 for programs outside of the OWP; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, along with its corresponding staff report and this resolution, has been reviewed and discussed by SCAG's Regional Council on April 9, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, and as further described in the recitals above, is approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 OWP to the participating State and Federal agencies.
2. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) to the participating State and Federal agencies.
3. SCAG pledges to pay or secure in cash or services, or both, the matching funds necessary for financial assistance.
4. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to execute all related agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council.
5. The SCAG Bylaws give the SCAG Executive Director authority to administer the Personnel Rules. In accordance with that authority, the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP to implement the Personnel Rules.
6. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make and submit to the applicable funding agencies, the necessary work program, and budget amendments to SCAG's FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, based on actual available funds and to draw funds as necessary on a line of credit or other requisition basis.
7. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to submit grant applications and execute the applicable grant agreements and any amendments with the applicable Federal or State agency and to implement grant funds through SCAG's OWP, and this includes submittal and execution of the required program updates to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for REAP 2.0 funding, as well as Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) with Caltrans, as part of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Programs, which includes grant projects entitled:
 - a. The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan,
 - b. Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study, and
 - c. Planning for Main Streets

8. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 OWP's REAP 2.0 Budget to reflect the program updates and changes approved by HCD. This authorization includes the ability to reallocate funds, including increasing approved project budgets, between approved projects, as well as shift available funding to SCAG administered regional projects and ATP projects as necessary to maximize the utilization of the funds and advance the goals and objectives of REAP 2.0. Such amendments may be made in advance of formal budget adoption, with any changes included in the next Budget Amendment or Fiscal Year Budget, whichever is sooner.
9. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 OWP that do not affect the delivery of regional transportation planning tasks, activities, steps, products, or the funding amounts listed on the OWPA.
10. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; the Fringe Benefit Budget; FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; and the TDA Budget that do not exceed the overall funding amounts approved by the SCAG Regional Council and the participating State and Federal agencies.
11. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 TDA Budget, including exceeding the TDA Budget approved by the Regional Council, for the purpose of allocating additional funding to projects that are included in the approved OWP, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the OWP approved by the Regional Council.
12. The Executive Administration Committee, if authorized by the General Assembly through the General Fund budget adoption, and to be consistent with such delegation from the General Assembly, is delegated authority and authorized to make amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance.
13. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute subrecipient agreements (e.g., memorandum of understanding) and related documents, on behalf of the Regional Council, involving the expenditure of funds programed under the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP.
14. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to use available fund balances from future grant awards received after the adoption of this Budget to hire and upgrade limited-term staff, as needed, to implement the grant award funded program, as well as to use available fund balances to hire limited-term staff as needed to support and implement SCAG's Enterprise Resource Planning project, in advance of formal budget adoption, with any changes included in the next Budget Amendment or Fiscal Year Budget, whichever is sooner.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 9th day of April, 2026.

Cindy Allen
President, SCAG
City of Long Beach

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel

FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 3, including OWP
List of Budget Changes

Director	Project Task No.	Project Task Name	OWP Category	Budget Change	Indirect Cost (non-OWP)	General Fund (Non-OWP)	TDA (non-OWP)	CPG FHWA_PL	CPG FTA_5303	TDA	FY26 SB1 Formula	REAP 2021	FY26 OTS	AQMD/EPA (CPRG)	DOE	ATP	In-Kind Commitments	Justification
Jepson	010-0170.01	RTP Amendments, Management and Coordination	CON	25,730						25,730								Adding TDA funds for consultant expenditures.
Jepson	050-0169.06	Complete Streets: Active Transportation Program (FY26)	SCAG	48,433				42,877									5,556	Adding additional complete street funds received from the final allocation from Caltrans.
Jepson	050-0169.11	Active Transportation Program	SCAG	-														Updating to align within travel category expenses.
Jepson	055-0704.02	Heavy Duty Truck (HDT) Model Update	CON	(50,000)						(50,000)								\$50K transfer from 055.0704.02 to 070.0130.12 to support a truck count survey.
Jepson	060-0124.01	Multimodal Corridor Planning	SCAG	-														Updating to align within travel category expenses.
Jepson	065-4878.01	Natural & Agricultural Lands Policy Development & Implementation	CON	-														Switching GL codes and transfer \$4,950 from Consultant to Outreach Advertisement.
Jepson	070-0130.10	Model Enhancement and Maintenance	CON	22,035						22,035								Additional TDA funds for consultant. CFO approved outside of amendment cycle.
Jepson	070-0130.12	Heavy Duty Truck (HDT) Model Update	CON	50,000						50,000								\$50K transferred from 055.0704.02 to 070.0130.12 to support a truck count survey.
Cartagena	095-1633.01	Public Involvement	SCAG	2,000						2,000								Increase of \$2,000(TDA) for Other Meeting Expense to cover Inland Empire Housing Summit.
Jepson	100-4911.01	Smart Cities Strategic Plan	CON	3						3								Increase by \$3 for Consultant budget.
Jepson	100-4911.06	Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment	Other	-														Revise dates for steps/products.
Giraldo	120-0175.01	OWP Development & Administration	SCAG	2,161,329				1,672,195	241,230								247,904	Adjusting based on the final FY27 CPG Allocation letter; increasing the FY27 budget set-aside under Misc Labor.
Jepson	130-0162.18	Goods Movement Planning	SCAG	-														Updating to align within travel category expenses.
Jepson	130-0162.23	Resiliency/Readiness Planning Study (2025-26 PL Grant)	Other	-														Updating Steps work type modification.
Jepson	140-0121.01	Transit Planning	SCAG	-														Updating to align within travel category expenses.
Jepson	145-4956.01	Southern California Airport Access and Mobility Study (SoCal Airport Access and Mobility Study)	Other	-														Updating the study name and Steps/Products (#2 and #3) dates to reflect current conditions.
Jepson	225-3564.23	FY26 OTS Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling & Data Platform	SCAG	(1,000)									(1,000)					Per OTS guidance, shifting outside travel budget to local travel.
Jepson	225-3564.23	FY26 OTS Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling & Data Platform	SCAG	1,000									1,000					Consolidating total travel budget and moving all funds into Travel-Local.
Jepson	225-3564.23	FY26 OTS Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling & Data Platform	Other	-									-					Updating Task Manager.
Jepson	225-4955.01	2023 SS4A – SCAG Go Human Regional Safety Action Plan & Strategies	CON	-														Updating GLs for Consultant TA to align with phases.
Jepson	225-4955.02	2024 SS4A- Pedestrianizing Roadways for the 2028 Games	CON	-														Updating Consultant GLs and split to PS&E and CON phase.
Jepson	225-4971.01	User-Based Alternative Revenue Mechanism Interoperability and Equity	CON	-														Updating GLs from Consultant TA to SCAG Consultant.
Jepson	267-1241.04	SCAG and DOE/NETL Clean Cities Coalition Coordination	SCAG	(21,121)											(21,121)			Moving funds to a new general fund task.
Jepson	275-4823.08	Connect SoCal Implementation Call for Projects (SCP Call 4) (FY24 SB 1 Formula)	CON	100						100								TDA funds are needed to cover costs already expended on Light Snacks and Refreshments in the SCP CEEEJ program.
Jepson	275-4823.10	2024 Sustainable Communities Program (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-														Remove Step #3 to reflect work that will take place in the fiscal year.
Jepson	275-4964.01	2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Plans (ATP Cycle 7)	CON	(400,000)												(400,000)		Remove OCTA ATP funding, update GLs for Consultant TA to align with phases.
Jepson	275-4964.01	2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Plans (ATP Cycle 7)	SCAG	(16,000)												(16,000)		Remove OCTA ATP funding.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	SCAG	1,810						1,810								Shifting Consultant GL to Travel GL.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	CON	(1,810)						(1,810)								Shifting Consultant GL to Travel GL.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	CON	60,636						6,955	53,681							Additional FY26 SB 1 Formula funds allocation; adding \$53,681.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	CON	(7,782)						(893)	(6,889)							Shifting Budget for local travel for Highways to Boulevard site visits.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	SCAG	7,782							6,889						893	Shifting Budget for local travel for Highways to Boulevard site visits.
Jepson	275-4966.01	Reconnecting Communities Community Development Strategy (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	SCAG	893						893								Shifting Budget for local travel for Highways to Boulevard site visits
Jepson	290-4862.04	Regional Advance Mitigation and Conservation Planning (FY24 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-														Steps/Products date modification.
Jepson	290-4924.01	Regional Housing Program	SCAG	(77,639)						(77,639)								Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	290-4931.03	SCAG Regional Travel Survey (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	CON	45,182						5,182	40,000							Additional FY26 SB 1 Formula funds; adding \$40,000.
Jepson	290-4946.01	Connect SoCal Performance Measurement & Monitoring (FY25 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-														Updating language in the project description, Step, and Product.
Jepson	290-4965.01	Clean and Resilient Infrastructure Regional Analysis (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	SCAG	-														Shifting \$75,351 FY26 SB1 funds to Misc. Labor per FTE reduction.
Jepson	290-4965.01	Clean and Resilient Infrastructure Regional Analysis (FY26 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-														Updating Steps and Products to reflect work that will take place in the fiscal year.

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Jepson	303-4917.01	Economic Empowerment – New Funding and Partnerships	Other	-														Steps deleted and task manager change.
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	SCAG	(2,600)								(2,600)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	SCAG	(1,907)								(1,907)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	SCAG	(6,200)								(6,200)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	CON	185,000								185,000						Increasing PATH Construction Management consultant.
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	CON	4,899,541								4,899,541						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	SCAG	(1,295,293)								(1,295,293)						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4925.01	REAP 2.0 - PATH	Other	-								-						Updating Task Manager.
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	SCAG	54,838								54,838						Increase FTEs for RPI Mobility Hub.
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	SCAG	40,232								40,232						Increase FTEs for RPI Mobility Hub.
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	SCAG	130,783								130,783						Increase FTEs for RPI Mobility Hub.
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	CON	4,000,000								4,000,000						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	CON	(9,872,885)								(9,872,885)						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4926.01	REAP 2.0 - TPP	SCAG	631,067								631,067						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4927.03	REAP 2.0 - SCP Call 4	CON	(277,353)								(277,353)						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4927.03	REAP 2.0 - SCP Call 4	SCAG	327,621								327,621						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	SCAG	(25,492)								(25,492)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	SCAG	(18,702)								(18,702)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	SCAG	(60,796)								(60,796)						Updating FTE changes.
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	CON	2,093,669								2,093,669						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	SCAG	2,054,742								2,054,742						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	305-4927.04	REAP 2.0 - SRP 2.0	Other	-								-						Updating Task Manager.
Jepson	305-4929.01	REAP 2.0 - Project Admin	SCAG	(3,249,150)								(3,249,150)						Updating the OWP budget to match the revised grant budget approved by HCD (REAP 2.0 Rescope Budget #2).
Jepson	310-4874.04	Connect SoCal Performance Measurement & Monitoring	Other	-								-						Product modification and objective modification.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	Other	-								-						Updating Steps and Products.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	SCAG	(13,200)										(13,200)				Portion of Fringe Benefits Costs not allowed by AQMD.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	SCAG	13,200						13,200				-				Portion of Fringe Benefits Costs transferred to TDA.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	SCAG	13,200										13,200				Portion of Fringe Benefits Costs added back into Misc Labor.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	SCAG	5,000						5,000				-				Est. additional FY26 Fringe Benefits Costs - TDA.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	CON	50,000,000										50,000,000				Updating to new GL Rebate Payments.
Jepson	315-4898.02	LMFP Rebate Program (Invest Clean)	CON	(50,000,000)										(50,000,000)				Transfer funds into new GL.
Jepson	325-4950.04	Regional Pilot Initiative - Mobility Hubs	SCAG	-														Shifted staff to REAP and inserted savings in Misc Labor Future.
Jepson	400-4959.01	2028 Games TDM Initiation Plan and Implementation (2025-26 PL Grant)	Other	-														Steps/Products date modification.
Cartagena	700-4743.05	General Assembly - TDA	SCAG	137,637			137,637											Transfer \$134,537 of saving from 700-4743.06 Special Events to General Assembly and increase of \$3,100 for Consultant budget increase.
Cartagena	700-4743.06	Special Events	SCAG	(134,537)			(134,537)											Transfer \$134,537 of saving from 700-4743.06 Special Events to General Assembly.
Cartagena	800-0160.02	Legislation	CON	37,000		37,000												Request to carry forward \$37K unused General Fund from FY25 to cover Consultant invoices billed in FY26.
Jepson	800-0160.03	Regional Housing Needs Assessment	SCAG	1,200		1,200												Adding \$1200 travel funds for FY26 RHNA activities.
Jepson	800-0160.03	Regional Housing Needs Assessment	SCAG	193,336		193,336												Updating FTEs (shifting FTEs from OWP to this task).
Giraldo	800-0160.04	Other General Fund	SCAG	15,000		15,000												Reduce \$15K from BBK 810-0120.09 (IC) and increase \$15K for 800-0160.04 (GF).

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Cartagena	800-0160.06	General Assembly	SCAG	59,149		59,149												Transfer \$59,149 of saving from 800-0160.29 Special Events to 800-0160.06 General Assembly.
Giraldo	800-0160.10	Capital Outlay Greater Than \$5K	SCAG	240,000		240,000												Increasing Capital Budget for the existing conference rooms microphone systems upgrade project.
Cartagena	800-0160.29	Special Events	SCAG	(59,149)		(59,149)												Transfer \$59,149 of saving from 800-0160.29 Special Events to 800-0160.06 General Assembly.
Jepson	800-0160.30	General Funds Clean Cities Coalition Coordination	SCAG	21,121		21,121												Carrying over funds from 267.1241.04 SCAG and DOE/NETL Clean Cities Coalition Coordination.
Giraldo	810-0120.08	Accounting	SCAG	7,534	7,534													Upgrade Accountant to Senior Accountant for the final quarter of FY26.
Elder	810-0120.09	Legal	SCAG	(15,000)	(15,000)													Reduce \$15K from 810-0120.09 (IC) and increase \$15K for 800-0160.04 (GF).
Jepson	810-0120.20	Planning Policy Development	SCAG	31,718	31,718													Updating FTEs for Planning Policy Development.
Shroyer	811-1163.08	Infrastructure & Operations	SCAG	300,000	300,000													Budget neutral shift across GLs and an increase of \$300,000 for subscriptions.
		TOTAL		2,311,905	324,252	507,657	3,100	1,715,072	241,230	2,566	93,681	(392,885)	-	-	(21,121)	(416,000)	254,353	
		Net Projected Indirect Cost and Fringe Benefits Cost Carryforward		43,634														
				2,355,539														



AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 8, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

From: Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director (Finance)
213-236-1892, bustamante@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below the
Regional Council's Approval Threshold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in February 2026:

Vendor	Description	Amount
NATIONAL ASSOC. OF REGIONAL COUNCILS	FY26 NARC MEMBERSHIP	\$33,900
MOBILITY 21	FY26 MOBILITY 21 BOARD MEMBERSHIP	\$25,000
METRANS-USC	FY26 USC METRANS MEMBERSHIP	\$25,000
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	FY26 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP	\$20,000
CALCOG	FY26 CALCOG POLITICO PRO SUBSCRIPTION	\$10,200
VIET HOANG	FY26 ET RETREAT FACILITATOR	\$10,000
CITY FARE, INC.	FY26 ECONOMIC UPDATE - BREAKFAST AND LUNCH	\$9,174
UCLA INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION STUDIES	FY26 UCLA ARROWHEAD SYMPOSIUM	\$7,500



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

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
BB2 Technology Group 26-049-C01	This item is for the renewal of SCAG’s Veeam Data Platform Advanced Universal Subscription License, including Enterprise Plus Edition features. The service provides continued access to backup, recovery, and data protection services with production (24/7) support for a one-year term.	\$28,160
Rapid7 Renewal 26-044-C01	This item is for the renewal of SCAG’s Rapid7 Managed Detection and Response (MDR) subscription. The service provides continuous cybersecurity monitoring and threat detection to protect SCAG’s information technology environment.	\$84,645
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. 26-021-C01	The goal of this project is to determine how SCAG can facilitate regional and programmatic vehicle miles travelled (VMT) mitigation within the 6-county region to better comply with SB 743.	\$199,927
Population Reference Bureau (PRB) 26-002-C01	The consultants will develop and execute a framework for updated regional growth forecasts and integrate them with SCAG planning activities, mainly the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).	\$258,478
California Economic Forecast (CEF) 26-002-C02		

SCAG executed the following contract amendments for less than \$150,000 and 30% of the original contract value:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Fifth Asset, Inc. dba DebtBook 23-055-C01 Amend. 1	This amendment extends the contract for an additional three years to continue utilizing the platform’s debt and lease management tools for compliance with GASB 87 and GASB 96, including the preparation of required journal entries and disclosure notes for SCAG’s Annual Financial Statements.	\$34,250



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 26-049-C01 Contract Summary
2. 26-044-C01 Contract Summary
3. 26-021-C01 Contract Summary
4. 26-002-C01 & 26-002-C02 Contract Summary
5. 23-055-C01 Amend. 1 Contract Summary

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-049-C01

Recommended Consultant:	BB2 Technology Group	
Background & Scope of Work:	This item covers the renewal of SCAG’s Veeam Data Platform Advanced Universal Subscription License, including Enterprise Plus Edition features. The renewal provides continued access to backup, recovery, and data protection services with production (24/7) support for a one-year term.	
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The renewal ensures uninterrupted backup and disaster recovery services for SCAG’s critical systems, maintains compliance with data protection requirements, and provides continued vendor support and licensing.	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organization excellence. Objective 4.4: Leverage effective use of technology to improve efficiency, drive innovation, and optimize collaboration.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$28,160
	BB2 Technology Group (prime consultant)	\$28,160
Contract Period:	March 6, 2026 through March 5, 2027	
Project Number(s):	811-1163.08 \$28,160 Funding source(s): Indirect Cost (IC) Funding of \$28,160 is available in the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Budget in Project Number 811-1163.08.	
Basis for Selection:	To foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG’s Procurement Policy & Procedures Manual authorizes the procurement of goods and services by using a Master Service Agreement (MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with TD Synnex NCPA https://www.tdsynnex.com/na/us/td-synnex-public-sector/contracts/ncpa-01-170/ (Agreement No. #01-170), that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.	

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-044-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Rapid7 Renewal	
Background & Scope of Work:	This item is for the renewal of SCAG’s Rapid7 Managed Detection and Response (MDR) subscription. The service provides continuous cybersecurity monitoring and threat detection to protect SCAG’s information technology environment. The renewal ensures uninterrupted access to Rapid7’s MDR Elite services, including 24x7 monitoring, threat hunting, compromise assessment, and incident response support.	
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The primary benefit of this project is the continued protection of SCAG’s IT systems through proactive cybersecurity monitoring and incident response services. Key deliverables include continuous threat detection, regular threat hunting, compromise assessments, and rapid incident response support to reduce cybersecurity risk.	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organization excellence. Objective 4.4: Leverage effective use of technology to improve efficiency, drive innovation, and optimize collaboration.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$84,645
	Carahsoft Technology Corp. (prime consultant)	\$84,645
Contract Period:	February 27, 2026 through February 26, 2027	
Project Number(s):	811-1163.08 \$84,645 Funding source(s): Indirect Cost (IC) Funding of \$84,645 is available in the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Budget in Project Number 811-1163.08.	
Basis for Selection:	To foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG’s Procurement Policy & Procedures Manual authorizes the procurement of goods and services by using a Master Service Agreement (MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with NASPO, AR2472, https://www.naspo.valuepoint.org/portfolio/cloud-solutions-2016-2026/carahsoft-technology-corporation/ (Addendum, 7-17-70-40-05), that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.	

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-021-C01

<p>Recommended Consultant:</p>	<p>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.</p>
<p>Background & Scope of Work:</p>	<p>As of July 1, 2020, SB 743 requires environmental reviews of new transportation projects to assess their effect on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) rather than level of traffic service as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) assessment process. Per the new CEQA SB 743 requirements, and Caltrans’ application to the State Highway System, projects inducing increases in VMT are considered to cause significant transportation impact that must be mitigated.</p> <p>In Connect SoCal, SCAG is required to document and plan for addressing several interrelated goals such as air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction, equity, housing, and economic growth. As such, the RTP/SCS, by virtue of its planning horizon and rigorous stakeholder engagement and public outreach, is the best venue to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) while advancing other critical state and regional interests. A transportation project-level assessment of VMT alone is neither sufficient nor true to the SB 743 stated goals of reducing traffic-related air pollution, improving the multimodal transportation system, and increasing clean, efficient access to destinations.</p> <p>The goal of this project is to determine how SCAG can facilitate regional and programmatic vehicle miles travelled (VMT) mitigation within the 6-county region. Specifically, the project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess role(s) SCAG can play in regional mitigation including benefits and potential liabilities of potential programs • Determine the best scale for a regional VMT mitigation in the SCAG region considering the political and economic geography of the region • Balance social and economic factors in transportation mitigation while considering the geographic diversity of the SCAG region • Evaluate how SCAG’s existing planning work, including the RTP/SCS and the travel demand model, can best be leveraged to meet 743 requirements <p>Exploring the feasibility of a regional mitigation program is important as it would help determine how SCAG can best facilitate compliance with SB 743 requirements and implementation of Connect SoCal goals and strategies.</p>
<p>Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:</p>	<p>The project’s benefits include exploring the roles that SCAG can play in regional VMT mitigation to better comply with SB 743 and meet SB 743 stated goals of reducing traffic-related air pollution, improving the multi-modal transportation system, and increasing clean, efficient access to destinations. Regional VMT mitigation banks/exchange programs can help reduce costs, increase efficiency, and provide certainty in implementing needed mobility projects. At the same time, VMT-reducing projects, such as active transportation and transit enhancements, would greatly benefit from the certainty of funding from inclusion in a mitigation bank/exchange.</p> <p>The project’s key deliverables technical memoranda exploring possible roles for SCAG in a regional mitigation program, the feasibility of using Connect SoCal as a</p>

	self-mitigation document, and will also explore issues of equity and funding timing in the context of regional mitigation. The study will also identify recommendations and next steps for a potential pilot program.								
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.								
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$199,927</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (prime consultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$167,429</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lemmon Planning LLC (subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$32,498</td> </tr> </table>	Total not to exceed	\$199,927	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$167,429	Lemmon Planning LLC (subconsultant)	\$32,498		
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Contract Period:	February 5, 2026 through February 28, 2028								
Project Number(s):	100-4911E.03 \$22,932 100-4911HA.03 \$176,995 Funding source(s): Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Transportation Development Act (TDA). Funding of \$199,927 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.								
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 4,002 firms of the release of RFP No. 26-021. A total of 67 firms downloaded the RFP SCAG received four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$199,927</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fehr & Peers (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$199,970</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berkeley Economic Advising and Research (0 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$197,526</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smart AI (0 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$149,550</td> </tr> </table>	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$199,927	Fehr & Peers (2 subconsultants)	\$199,970	Berkeley Economic Advising and Research (0 subconsultants)	\$197,526	Smart AI (0 subconsultants)	\$149,550
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Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors. The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Jaimee Lederman, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG Steven Mateer, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Emma Kurihara, Assistant Regional Planer, SCAG								
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended Kimley-Horn Associates for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, for example provided lessons learned from previous relevant experience with SB 743 and VMT mitigation which were applicable to this scope of work. Proposed framework 								

	<p>for a flexible approach to integrate SCAG plan with sub-regional VMT mitigation efforts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided the best technical approach, for example in their proposal and interview, they emphasized a strong outreach effort including consensus building with key partners. They also proposed producing communication materials that were visual and easy to understand especially given the technical nature of the work. Additionally, the firm discussed the key policy issues SCAG is focused on, including geographic equity, mitigation timing, and integration with SCAG’s long-range planning;• Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed; and• Indicated strong understanding of the regional context, and team (including subconsultants) demonstrates relevant experience. <p>Although one other firm interviewed proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because this firm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not propose a technical approach as robust and detailed as the selected consultant. For example, they provided fewer details on how they would approach concerns around additionality and equity; and• Did not demonstrate the same level of relevant experience or understanding of the regional context, including how this project might diverge from other previous VMT-related projects.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-002-C01 and 26-002-C02

Recommended Consultant:	Population Reference Bureau (PRB) and California Economic Forecast (CEF)						
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consultant will develop and execute a framework for updated regional growth forecasts and integrate them with SCAG planning activities, chiefly the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).</p> <p>PRB will convene two (2) expert panels to support key forecast assumptions, provide technical support to staff in the development a population and housing growth model, develop a technically feasible range of population and housing growth projections, and undertake a study of employment location dynamics to better understand out-of-region remote work by SCAG residents, use of out-of-region labor by SCAG employers, and how other trends may or may not be reflected in job data.</p> <p>CEF will develop a long-range employment projection for the SCAG region and its six (6) counties that will be internally consistent with population and housing projections and is sufficiently detailed to be an input into SCAG’s travel demand models.</p>						
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop expert consensus on how the region’s population, households, and jobs are likely to grow over the next three decades. • Provide detailed input into the next RTP/SCS’ modeling and policy development needs. • Conduct a study surrounding a key challenge in understanding modern work-based travel; namely, remote work, out-of-region labor, and off-site work that has begun to stabilize following the COVID-19 pandemic. 						
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing and Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.						
Contract Amount:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td> <td align="right">\$258,478</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Population Reference Bureau (prime consultant)</td> <td align="right">\$182,190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>California Economic Forecast (prime consultant, 1 subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$76,288</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: PRB originally proposed \$183,014, but staff negotiated the price down to \$182,190 without reducing the scope of work. Similarly, CEF proposed \$76,288 and staff determined the proposed cost was reasonable for the type of work to be performed.</p>	Total not to exceed	\$258,478	Population Reference Bureau (prime consultant)	\$182,190	California Economic Forecast (prime consultant, 1 subconsultant)	\$76,288
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Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2028						
Project Number(s):	055-4856B.01 \$258,478 Funding source(s): Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 and Toll Credits (TC)						

	Funding of \$134,172 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 055-4856B.01, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.								
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 4,740 firms of the release of RFP 26-002 via SCAG’s PlanetBids. A total of ten (10) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Population Reference Bureau (prime consultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$182,190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>California Economic Forecast (prime consultant, 1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$76,288</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (1 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$255,896</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tech Coast Consulting Group, LLC (3 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$256,750</td> </tr> </table>	Population Reference Bureau (prime consultant)	\$182,190	California Economic Forecast (prime consultant, 1 subconsultant)	\$76,288	Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (1 subconsultants)	\$255,896	Tech Coast Consulting Group, LLC (3 subconsultants)	\$256,750
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Ying Zhou, Modeling Supervisor, SCAG Grace Chung, Senior Researcher and Modeler, SANDAG</p>								
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC determined that SCAG could capitalize on the extensive experience and qualifications of the two (2) firms that submitted proposals and obtain a better work product by splitting the contract award between the two (2) firms. Accordingly, the PRC split the contact award between the two (2) firms because it was in SCAG’s best interest to do so.</p> <p>The PRC recommended PRB for Tasks 0, 1 and 3 of the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the demographic needs, plan development needs, and research needs characterizing Tasks 0, 1 and 3. The selected firm’s personnel has extensive experience with all forms of demographic data, convening expert panels, and developing demographic projections specifically suited to the policy and compliance needs of California MPOs. • The consultant proposed the lowest overall and per-hour price while demonstrating sufficient commitment of both expert-level staff and day-to-day technical staff to successfully complete tasks. • Although the firm selected for Tasks 0, 1 & 3 submitted the lowest proposed cost for Task 2, their proposal demonstrated less relevant experience and included less detailed modeling in their technical approach compared to other bidders. 								

The PRC recommended California Economic Forecast (CEF) for Task 2 of the contract award because the consultant:

- Provided the best technical approach, including description of data and econometric modeling detail.
- Experience in communicating economic detailed to a variety of technical, business, and government audiences.
- Extensive statewide and county-specific experience in long-range employment projection specifically and a well-known, established approach.
- Offered the most cost-effective and high value proposal for performing Task 2 independently.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-055 AMENDMENT NO. 1

Consultant:	Fifth Asset, Inc. dba DebtBook	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On March 05, 2026, SCAG awarded Amendment 1 to Contract 23-055 to Fifth Asset, Inc. for cloud-based debt and lease management platform, to support compliance with GASB 87 (leases) and GASB 96 (SBITAS) reporting requirements and to maintain accurate, centralized records of outstanding debt obligations and lease agreements. DebtBook has provided essential tools for financial reporting, audit preparation, and ongoing monitoring of the SCAG’s long-term financial commitments.</p> <p>This amendment also increases the contract value from \$30,372 to \$64,622 and extends the contract term from 06/24/2026 to 6/23/2029.</p> <p>This increase is due to the extension of the DebtBook contract for an additional three years, which will allow SCAG to continue utilizing the platform’s debt and lease management tools while staff evaluates whether the new ERP system will be capable of performing these functions internally. At the conclusion of the three-year extension, SCAG will assess the ERP system’s capabilities and determine whether these services can be transitioned in-house or if a competitive procurement will be required at a later time.</p>	
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a software that will assist staff be more efficient with the tracking of capital leases and subscription-based Information Technology Systems; • Calculating amortization schedule, creating journal entries, and providing the require information for disclosure notes; and • Ensuring SCAG’s annual financial statements are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). 	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.	
Amendment Amount:	Amendment 1	\$34,250
	Original contract value	<u>\$30,372</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$64,622
Contract Period:	June 24,2023 through June 23, 2029	
Project Number:	<p>810.0120.08 \$11,000 Funding source: Indirect Cost</p> <p>Funding of \$11,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810.0120.08, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>	
Basis for the Amendment:	The current contract with DebtBook provides essential support for compliance with GASB 87 and GASB 96, including the preparation of required journal entries and	

disclosure notes for SCAG's Annual Financial Statements. Because the agency is in the early stages of an ERP procurement, it is not yet possible to determine whether the future ERP system will fully meet all GASB-related reporting and compliance requirements. With the existing contract set to expire on June 23, 2026, extending the agreement is necessary to mitigate compliance risks and ensure uninterrupted operational continuity during the ERP transition.

This amendment allows SCAG to maintain access to critical debt and lease accounting tools while preserving audit history, avoiding disruptions to financial reporting, and minimizing staff retraining during the transition period. As the ERP procurement progresses, staff will evaluate whether the new system can assume these functions or whether a separate procurement will be required in the future.



To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council
From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
213-630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov
Subject: CFO Monthly Report

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of February 28, 2026, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 10 tribal governments have paid their Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.84 million out of \$2.85 million billed. This represents 99.66% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of February 28, 2026, SCAG has invested \$31.09 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$516,878.69 in interest income (as of Q2). The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 3.87%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of February 28, 2026, SCAG has invested \$59.75 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$1,206,143.67 (YTD), in interest income.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

Staff completed the development of the FY 2026-27 Draft Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP). The proposed Comprehensive Budget of \$269.19 million was approved by the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) on March 5, 2026. The Draft OWP was released for a 30-day public comment period ending April 6, 2026. The Final Budget will be presented to the EAC and RC for approval in May.



Staff also completed preparing Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP. After approval by the EAC and RC in April 2026, Amendment 3 to the FY2025-26 OWP will be submitted to Caltrans for final approval.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

In March 2026, the Contracts Administration Department supported 24 formal procurements and managed 193 active contracts valued at \$67.30 million. Also, staff implemented the updated SCAG Procurement Policy and Procedures Manual effective March 2, 2026.



AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 8, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
213-236-1917, flores@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Information Only - No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Government Code Section 3502.3 (AB 2561) requires public agencies to present the status of vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts in a public hearing at least once per fiscal year prior to final adoption of the agency's budget. During this hearing, the public agency must identify any necessary changes to policies, procedures, and recruitment efforts that may lead to obstacles in the hiring process.

This report is presented ahead of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Annual Comprehensive Budget. This report indicates overall workforce stability, with low turnover and strong retention. Recruitment challenges persist for specialized roles due to a competitive labor market, prompting expanded outreach, enhanced employer branding, and strengthened onboarding programs. SCAG continues to evaluate compensation and benefits to remain competitive, informed by findings from a recent Total Rewards Study. These efforts support the agency's ability to attract and retain the talent needed to advance organizational priorities.

BACKGROUND:

Government Code Section 3502.3, enacted by AB 2561, requires public agencies to present information at least once each fiscal year regarding: (1) the status of vacancies; (2) recruitment efforts; (3) retention efforts; and (4) potential obstacles that may affect recruitment or retention. The statute requires that this information be presented prior to final adoption of the agency's budget.

SCAG has prepared this report to summarize current staffing conditions and ongoing recruitment and retention efforts.

Vacancies, Turnover, and Retention Rate

As of March 12, 2026, SCAG’s Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) vacancy rate is 7.8%. Of SCAG’s 244 approved positions for FY26, 19 are vacant.

The table below depicts SCAG’s vacancy, turnover, and retention rates for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) and FY26:

Metric	FY25	FY26 ¹
Vacancy Rate <i>Percentage of unfilled full-time positions within the organization</i>	6.3%	7.8%
Turnover Rate <i>Percentage of full-time employees who leave the organization in a given period</i>	8.4%	2.7%
Retention Rate <i>Percentage of full-time employees who remain in the organization in a given period, excluding new hires</i>	94.7%	95.4%

SCAG’s turnover rate remains relatively low, and retention remains high compared with prior internal periods.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts and Hiring Obstacles

In FY26, SCAG initiated 14 recruitments and conducted 67 interviews, resulting in the onboarding of 16 employees (including regular, limited term, and temporary employees)¹. In addition, SCAG extended 16 conditional offers¹.

Like many public agencies across Southern California, SCAG has experienced longer recruitment timelines, particularly in technical/specialized and planning-related fields where agencies compete for a relatively limited labor pool. A few positions required reposting after initial recruitment cycles did not yield a sufficient qualified candidate pool, reflecting broader regional challenges in attracting applicants with specialized skill sets. To support our recruitment efforts, SCAG has leveraged numerous job advertising capabilities, such as implementing LinkedIn’s Job Wrapping functionality and posting advertisements on Careers in Government and numerous other industry-specific job boards and publications to target candidates in particular fields. Additionally, SCAG participated in

¹ As of March 12, 2026.

several career fairs and networking events throughout the fiscal year to advertise employment opportunities and position SCAG as an employer of choice. To strengthen SCAG's employer brand and expand awareness of the agency among emerging professionals, SCAG has also developed programs such as the Future Leaders Initiative and Junior Planner Program to market the agency, increase visibility within the regional planning community, and invest in the future generation of talent both within SCAG and throughout the region.

There has been greater emphasis among candidates on total compensation and benefits when evaluating employment opportunities. To remain competitive with candidate compensation desires and peer-agency benchmarks, SCAG conducted a Total Rewards Study in FY25. The findings of the study indicated that SCAG's Salary Schedule had fallen below the agency's board-approved compensation philosophy to position salary ranges at the 75th percentile of our peer agencies. Specifically, the study found that SCAG's salary ranges lag an average of 11% behind our peer-agencies and SCAG's employer health contributions lag approximately 22% below the benchmark average across all coverage tiers. As part of the proposed FY27 Draft Comprehensive Budget, staff recommended a revised Salary Schedule that will reestablish SCAG as a more competitive agency.

To support employees with their assimilation to the agency, SCAG has enhanced our robust onboarding program to include an in-person new hire orientation, a new hire mixer, and a buddy program to assist employees with facilitating connections and building their network within the agency. Additionally, SCAG conducts a semi-annual Pulse Survey to help leadership gain a better understanding of employee satisfaction and support SCAG's strategic objective to remain a workplace of choice. Outcomes of these surveys and the feedback collected have informed workplan initiatives, such as increasing learning and development offerings to invest in and retain our current workforce.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to present the status of vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts each fiscal year, prior to the adoption of the comprehensive budget.

Additionally, as the Total Rewards Study conducted in FY25 indicated that SCAG's employer health contributions are below the benchmark average, SCAG will continue to evaluate benefit competitiveness considering fiscal capacity and workforce strategy and will return to the Regional Council with recommendations as appropriate. Staff will also continue conducting a salary study every two years to remain a competitive employer of choice. SCAG is also proactively developing succession planning strategies to ensure organizational continuity and operational resiliency in anticipation of forthcoming retirements across critical functions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None
