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# JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC, AND TC)

**Members of the Public are Welcome to Attend  
In-Person & Remotely**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**To Attend In-Person:**  
**SCAG Main Office - Regional Council Room**  
**900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700**  
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**Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833**  
**Meeting ID: 822 4519 4979**

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# JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC, AND TC) SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS\*

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

<p><b>Debbie Baker</b> City of La Palma - City Hall 7822 Walker Street La Palma 90623</p>	<p><b>Wendy Bucknum</b> City of Mission Viejo - City Hall 200 Civic Center, 2nd Floor Mission Viejo, CA 92691</p>	<p><b>Don Caskey</b> 27182 Hidden Trail Road Laguna Hills, CA 92653</p>
<p><b>Debra Dorst-Porada</b> City of Ontario - City Hall 303 East B Street Conference Room 2 Ontario, CA 91764</p>	<p><b>Lucy Dunn</b> 3 Yale Court Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679</p>	<p><b>Keith Eich</b> 1057 Morewood Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213</p>
<p><b>Shaunna Elias</b> City of Glendora - City Hall 116 E Foothill Boulevard Glendora, CA 91741</p>	<p><b>Bob Engler</b> City of Thousand - City Hall 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard Thousand Oaks, CA 91362</p>	<p><b>Waymond Fermon</b> 82-566 Cray Mill Drive Indio, CA 92203</p>
<p><b>Claudia Frometa</b> City of Downey - City Hall 11111 Brookshire Avenue, 3rd Floor City Council Conference Room Downey, CA 90241</p>	<p><b>Victoria Garcia</b> Hunt Ortmann 301 North Lake Avenue, 7th Floor Pasadena, CA 91101</p>	<p><b>Gary Gardner</b> 65925 Buena Vista Avenue Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240</p>
<p><b>John Grass</b> SCAG Imperial County Regional Office 1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243</p>	<p><b>Mark E. Henderson</b> City of Gardena - City Hall Management Information Center 1700 W. 162nd Street Gardena, CA 90247</p>	<p><b>William "Bill" Hussey</b> City of Grand Terrance - City Hall 22795 Barton Road Grand Terrance, CA 92313</p>
<p><b>Matt LaVere</b> Supervisor LaVere Hall of Administration 800 S. Victoria Ave, 4th Floor Ventura, CA 93009</p>	<p><b>Anni Marshall</b> City of Avalon - City Hall 410 Avalon Canyon Road Avalon, CA 90704</p>	<p><b>Betty Martinez Franco</b> City of Irvine - City Hall 1 Civic Center Plaza Irvine, CA 92623</p>
<p><b>John A. Mirisch</b> City of Beverly Hills - City Hall 455 N. Rexford Drive, 4th Floor Beverly Hills, CA 90210</p>	<p><b>Joseph Morabito</b> City of Wildomar - City Hall 23873 Clinton Keith Road Wildomar, CA 92595</p>	<p><b>Cynthia Moran</b> 6132 Park Crest Drive Chino Hills, CA 91709</p>
<p><b>David J. Shapiro</b> City of Calabasas - City Hall 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302</p>	<p><b>Becky A. Shevlin</b> City of Monrovia - City Hall 415 S Ivy Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016</p>	<p><b>Mary Solorio</b> 1425 Hollister Street San Fernando, CA 91340</p>
<p><b>Jeff Wood</b> City of Lakewood - City Hall Council Chambers 5050 Clark Avenue Lakewood, CA 90712</p>	<p><b>Judy Woolsey</b> City of Yucaipa - City Hall Executive Conference Room 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard Yucaipa, CA 92399</p>	<p><b>Tony Wu</b> 4509 Temple City Boulevard Temple City, CA 91780</p>



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**Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)**

<p><b>Ana Beltran</b> America's Best Value Inn Lobby 351 W. Main Street Westmorland, CA 92281</p>	<p><b>Art Bishop</b> Town of Apple Valley - Town Hall 14955 Dale Evans Pkwy Conference Room A Apple Valley, CA 92307</p>	<p><b>Carmen Hernandez</b> City of Barstow - City Hall 220 E. Mountain View Barstow, CA 92311</p>
<p><b>Shari L. Horne</b> City of Laguna Woods - City Hall 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637</p>	<p><b>Britt Huff</b> City of Rolling Hills Estates - City Hall 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North Rolling Hills Estates CA, 90274</p>	<p><b>Brian Johsz</b> 5615 Gableview Court Chino Hills, CA 91709</p>
<p><b>Steven Leash</b> Cahuilla Band of Indians 52701 Hwy 371 Anza, CA 92539</p>	<p><b>Elaine Litster</b> City of Simi Valley - City Hall 2929 Tapo Canyon Road Simi Valley, CA 93063</p>	<p><b>Patricia Lock Dawson</b> Bay Area Metro Center Mayacamas Room, 7104 375 Beale Street San Francisco, CA 94105</p>
<p><b>Vianey Lopez</b> Ventura County Government Center Point Mugu Conference Room 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009</p>	<p><b>Patty Senecal</b> City of Seal Beach - City Hall 211 8th Street Seal Beach, CA 90740</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Stark</b> City of Claremont - City Hall 207 Harvard Avenue City Council Office Claremont, CA 91711</p>
<p><b>Tamala Takahashi</b> City of Burbank - City Hall 275 East Olive Avenue 2nd Floor, Council Office Burbank, CA 91502</p>	<p><b>Ali Taj</b> 11856 E. 187th Street Artesia, CA 90701</p>	<p><b>Connor Traut</b> 7661 Silver Street Buena Park, CA 90620</p>
<p><b>Dale Welty</b> City of Canyon Lake - City Hall 31526 Railroad Canyon Road Canyon Lake, CA 92584</p>		

**Transportation Committee (TC)**

<p><b>Javier Amezcua</b> City of Calipatria - City Hall City Council Chambers 125 N Park Avenue Calipatria, CA 92233</p>	<p><b>Ryan Balius</b> City of Anaheim- City Hall Public Works South Conference Room 200 S. Anaheim Boulevard, 2nd Floor Anaheim, CA 92805</p>	<p><b>Brian S. Berkson</b> City of Jurupa Valley - City Hall 8930 Limonite Avenue Jurupa Valley, CA 92509</p>
<p><b>Austin Bishop</b> Print Boss 42215 12th Steet West Lancaster CA 93534</p>	<p><b>Denise Delgado</b> City of Coachella - City Hall 1515 6th Street Coachella, CA 92236</p>	<p><b>Jonathan Dumitru</b> 1 Mac Arthur Pl #600 Santa Ana, CA 92707</p>
<p><b>J. John Dutrey</b> Omnitrans 1700 West Fifth Street Board Room, First Floor Conference Room San Bernardino, CA 92411</p>	<p><b>Bryan "Bubba" Fish</b> City of Culver City - City Hall 9770 Culver Boulevard Patio Conference Room, 3rd Floor Culver City, CA 90232</p>	<p><b>Curt Hagman</b> District Office 14010 City Center Drive Chino Hills, CA 91709</p>
<p><b>Jan C. Harnik</b> City of Palm Desert - City Hall 73510 Fred Waring Palm Desert, CA 92260</p>	<p><b>Laura Hernandez</b> City of Port Hueneme - City Hall 250 N Ventura Road Port Hueneme, CA 93041</p>	<p><b>Lauren Hughes-Leslie</b> City of Lancaster - City Hall Council Conference Room 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534</p>



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<p><b>Fred Jung</b> Orange County Transportation Authority 600 S. Main Street Orange, CA 92868</p>	<p><b>Trish Kelley</b> Transportation Corridor Agencies 125 Pacifica 2nd Floor Eastern Conference Room Irvine, CA 92618</p>	<p><b>Linda Krupa</b> City of Hemet - City Hall Mayor's Office 445 E Florida Avenue Hemet, CA 92543</p>
<p><b>Carlos Leon</b> City of Anaheim - City Hall Public Works South Conference Room 200 S Anaheim Boulevard, 2nd Floor Anaheim, CA 92805</p>	<p><b>Clint Lorimore</b> City of Eastvale - City Hall 12363 Limonite Avenue #910 Eastvale, CA 91752</p>	<p><b>Ken Mann</b> City of Lancaster - City Hall Council Conference Room 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534</p>
<p><b>Steve Manos</b> 53180 Odyssey Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92532</p>	<p><b>Marsha McLean</b> City of Santa Clarita - City Hall 23920 Valencia Boulevard Orchard Conference Room Santa Clarita, CA 91355</p>	<p><b>L. Dennis Michael</b> City of Rancho Cucamonga - City Hall Mayor's Office 10500 Civic Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 1730</p>
<p><b>Carol Moore</b> City of Laguna Woods - City Hall 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637</p>	<p><b>Ara Najarian</b> 500 N. Brand Boulevard Suite 830 Conference Room Glendale, CA 91203</p>	<p><b>Frank J. Navarro</b> City of Colton - City Hall 650 N. La Cadena Drive Colton, CA 92324</p>
<p><b>David Ready</b> City of Palm Springs - City Hall 3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way Small Conference Room Palm Springs, CA 92264</p>	<p><b>Ed Reece</b> 987 W. Foothill Boulevard, Suite #206 Claremont, CA 91711</p>	<p><b>Gabriel Reyes</b> City of Colton - City Hall 650 N. La Cadena Drive Colton, CA 92324</p>
<p><b>Crystal Ruiz</b> 674 Sunnyside Boulevard San Jacinto, CA 92582</p>	<p><b>Tim Sandoval</b> 297 Lincoln Avenue Pomona, CA 91767</p>	<p><b>Zak Schwank</b> City of Temecula - City Hall Third Floor-Canyons Conference Room 41000 Main Street Temecula, CA 92590</p>
<p><b>Emma Sharif</b> City of Compton - City Hall 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue Compton, CA 90220</p>	<p><b>Jeremy Smith</b> City of Canyon Lake - City Hall 31526 Railroad Canyon Road Canyon Lake, CA 92584</p>	<p><b>Wes Speake</b> City of Corona - City Hall 400 S. Vicentia Avenue Corona, CA 92882</p>
<p><b>Cynthia Sternquist</b> 6131 Camellia Avenue Temple City, CA 91780</p>	<p><b>Butch Twining</b> City of Huntington Beach - City Hall 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, CA 92648</p>	<p><b>William "Bill" Uphoff</b> City of Lomita - City Hall 24300 Narbonne Avenue Lomita, CA 90717</p>
<p><b>Michael M. Vargas</b> City of Perris - City Hall 101 N. D Street Perris, CA 92570</p>	<p><b>Scott Voigts</b> City of Lake Forest - City Hall 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630</p>	<p><b>Alan D. Wapner</b> City of Ontario - City Hall Conference Room 1 303 East B Street Ontario, CA 91764</p>
<p><b>Alicia Weintraub</b> City of Calabasas - City Hall 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302</p>		

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# JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC, AND TC) MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**

The Joint Policy Committees 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, President*

*The Honorable David J. Shapiro, Chair, Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee*

*The Honorable Rick Denison, Chair, Energy and Environment Committee*

*The Honorable Mike T. Judge, Chair, Transportation Committee*

## 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 ITEMS

- 1. Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development and Trends 70 Mins. PPG. 18  
*(Philip Law, Deputy Director, Sarah Dominguez, Department Manager, Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, Anita Au, Planning Supervisor, Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor, Leslie Anne Cayton, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG)*

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council establish a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee to provide overarching policy leadership for development of the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Approval Items

- 2. Minutes of the Meetings – December 4, 2025 PPG. 51

### ADJOURNMENT



## AGENDA ITEM 1

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

April 9, 2026

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**To:** JPC - Joint Policy Committees  
**From:** Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner  
213-236-1809, guiriba@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development and Trends

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*Every four years, SCAG must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal. In April 2024, SCAG's Regional Council approved the most recent plan, Connect SoCal 2024. The next plan, Connect SoCal 2050, is being prepared for adoption by the Regional Council by spring 2028. The purpose of this staff report is to look at updated regional trends and growth projections to provide context for considering policy and strategy updates for Connect SoCal 2050.*

#### BACKGROUND:

One of SCAG's core responsibilities is to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal, every four years. Through Connect SoCal, SCAG fulfills federal and state requirements while providing a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG's next plan, Connect SoCal 2050, will build from the previous plan (Connect SoCal 2024) adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in April 2024. Connect SoCal 2050 will include updates of fundamental data from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies and refinement of strategies and investments based on input from stakeholders and leadership by SCAG's Policy Committees and Regional Council.

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### **Connect SoCal 2050 Process Update**

As described at the February and March 2026 Policy Committee meetings, SCAG is now in the “Data Collection and Policy Development” phase of plan development. Staff has conducted preliminary research and analysis to better understand changes to regional trends and how the region is expected to grow in the future. The next two sections of this staff report describe this work:

- **State of the Region Report** is a comprehensive assessment of the region through various lenses including demographics, mobility, communities, environment, and economy.
- **Preliminary Growth Forecast:** In its role as the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, SCAG must project housing and transportation for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) using the latest planning assumptions and most recent population and employment estimates (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.). For state planning purposes, SCAG must coordinate RTP development with a statutorily required Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Flowing from these requirements, this preliminary forecast becomes the technical underpinning of much of Connect SoCal’s subsequent policy development.

The final staff report section on **Policy Development** outlines the process for updating policies and strategies for Connect SoCal 2050 considering these analyses and other inputs.

### **State of the Region Report**

The “2026 State of the Region Report” shows historical trends and current conditions to measure progress, benchmark performance and highlight any gaps between policy objectives and outcomes. The 24-year period reviewed in this report aims to capture significant changes in the region and mirrors the RTP/SCS 20-25-year timeframe. The report has been incorporated into a StoryMap platform to allow for 49 interactive charts to show metrics at the regional and county levels and in various time intervals between 2000 and 2024. Here are some key findings:

**SCAG needs to plan for a changing population.** Over the past two decades, the SCAG region has experienced a steadily slowing pace of population growth with an increasing number of households but smaller average household size. There has been an increase in the share of individuals identifying as being of two or more races and a decline in the share of population that speaks only English at home, indicating a cultural shift toward greater ethnic diversity and multiracial identification. The region’s population is also aging more rapidly than previously forecasted, reflected in a rising median age, while also trending toward higher levels of educational attainment.

**Regional mobility is evolving.** SCAG continues to work toward a safe and efficient regional transportation system that supports all modes of transportation. Average commute travel times in the SCAG region have remained stable at around 30 minutes, and pavement and bridge conditions have shown improvement over the past two decades. Travel mode share has shifted, with a decline

in single-occupancy vehicle use due primarily to the increase in working from home after the pandemic, as well as an overall decline in transit mode share. While recent data from 2020 to 2024 suggests transit usage is beginning to return to pre-pandemic levels, transit boardings per capita have declined overall in the last two decades. Transportation safety in the SCAG region remains a significant challenge, specifically in the reduction of fatalities and serious injuries among people walking and bicycling.

**The region is still navigating persistent housing strains.** Over the last 24 years, the SCAG region has struggled with meeting the housing needs of its diverse communities, resulting in high levels of household overcrowding. While homeownership is decreasing, housing stock is getting older. Higher housing costs and lack of affordable housing options have resulted in an increase in the number of cost-burdened households, particularly among renters.

**The region needs to prepare for more environmental challenges.** Public health and quality of life are intrinsically tied to a healthy environment. Air quality in the SCAG region has shown significant improvements over the past two decades. Household electricity consumption has continued to rise due to increased technological demands and the need for more cooling resources, but water consumption in the region has decreased, signifying effective implementation of water conservation policies. Extreme heat and drought have plagued the SCAG region throughout history, and the data suggests trends will continue to increase, adversely impacting many communities. Emergency preparedness will be important in the face of an ever-changing environment.

**The region is achieving economic resilience.** Over the 24-year timeframe, various economic disruptions have reshaped regional employment patterns, affecting job availability, industry composition, and workforce stability, demonstrating the region's capacity for long-term economic resilience. The SCAG region economy is highly diversified, reflecting broad-based labor force expansion across multiple industries. The unemployment rate is significantly lower than in 2010, and the region's gross domestic product (GDP) continues to steadily rise, accounting for half of California's total GDP. Median household income is also increasing—even adjusting for inflation—while the region's poverty rate is decreasing. These trends suggest the region's economy has the ability to withstand, adapt to, and recover from shocks, such as recessions, natural disasters, and global crises, while maintaining stability and growth.

SCAG plays a central role in bringing the region together to help shape the long-term growth, mobility, and sustainability of the Southern California region. The historical trends and current conditions from this "State of the Region Report" will inform the development of the Connect SoCal 2050 and future SCAG efforts to build a healthy, prosperous, accessible, and connected region.

### **Preliminary Growth Forecast**

Under the guidance of an expert panel and expert consultants from the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) and the California Economic Forecast (CEF), staff developed a preliminary projection of population, household, and employment growth for Connect SoCal 2050's 2024-2050 time horizon for the region and its six counties.

In contrast with a conventional population projection, this growth forecast offers a balanced, long-term view for future population, household, and employment growth. Put simply, there must be a plausible number of people for the jobs, and sufficient housing for the people. The required time horizon is far longer than economic and business cycles, longer than the eight-year Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle for housing planning, and longer than the time horizon envisioned by many local land use plans, requiring a broader approach than most short-run economic forecasts.

SCAG held a Demographic Panel of Experts meeting on September 9, 2025 to consider plausible and likely levels of seven key inputs to SCAG's long-range forecast. Panelists included economists and demographers representing industry, academia, and government. Two outside experts, Beth Jarosz of the Population Reference Bureau and Mark Schniepp of the California Economic Forecast, moderated along with SCAG staff. Input assumptions included **jobs, births, deaths, immigration, domestic migration, labor force participation, and household formation.**

Prior to their meeting, panelists were surveyed on their opinions of future trends. Overall, panelists acknowledged broad unknowns in some areas (e.g. the future of immigration policy) and showed greater consensus in others (e.g. a rebound in birth rates is highly unlikely). Generally, they expect conditions that would result in substantially lower population and job growth than projected in past plan development cycles, and moderately lower household growth.

The latest information, modeling approaches, and top expert insights currently yield a long-range growth projection that is very different from prior RTP/SCS cycles in Southern California. Region-wide population change is expected to be minimal over the next two and one-half decades, the combined effect of lower fertility rates, higher total mortality due to an older population, and changes to federal immigration policy. While projections for the state and nation have also been revised downward in recent years, the magnitude of the decrease is higher in Southern California due to the region's traditional reliance on foreign immigration to maintain its working age population. As such, the level of future job growth will also be constrained by a lower future population. However, in the long-run, the further integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and continued workplace automation suggest that the number of new jobs will bear a weaker relationship to economic growth and development. While the household projection is also lower than in past plan cycles, the region is still expected to add 850,000 households by 2050 owing to a combination of strong latent demand and the confidence provided by continued state policy supporting a wider range of housing types.

A direct implication of the population projection is accelerated aging – the SCAG region median age was 30.5 in 1990, was 38.8 in 2024, and is now expected to rise to 46.4 by 2050. The changing relationship between population and housing is also apparent – while the region’s average household size has long been slightly above 3.0, in 2024 it was 2.84 and by 2050 it is now projected to drop to 2.49. As with any forecast, there are many factors and events that could change key input assumptions; however, it reflects the most likely future outcome given data trends and expert insights currently available.<sup>1</sup>

**Total Population**

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	184,000	201,000	17,000	9.5%
Los Angeles	9,823,000	9,485,000	(338,000)	-3.4%
Orange	3,151,000	3,150,000	(1,000)	0.0%
Riverside	2,456,000	2,647,000	191,000	7.8%
San Bernardino	2,184,000	2,159,000	(25,000)	-1.2%
Ventura	824,000	805,000	(19,000)	-2.3%
SCAG	18,621,000	18,448,000	(173,000)	-0.9%

**Total Households**

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	54,000	70,000	16,000	30.1%
Los Angeles	3,518,000	3,931,000	413,000	11.7%
Orange	1,095,000	1,209,000	114,000	10.4%
Riverside	787,000	954,000	167,000	21.3%
San Bernardino	682,000	797,000	115,000	16.8%
Ventura	284,000	310,000	26,000	9.2%
SCAG	6,420,000	7,270,000	850,000	13.2%

**Total Employment**

	2024	2050	Change	Pct Change
Imperial	72,000	74,000	2,000	3.3%
Los Angeles	4,997,000	4,982,000	(15,000)	-0.3%
Orange	1,828,000	1,784,000	(44,000)	-2.4%
Riverside	914,000	1,047,000	133,000	14.6%
San Bernardino	920,000	977,000	57,000	6.2%
Ventura	368,000	354,000	(14,000)	-3.8%
SCAG	9,099,000	9,218,000	119,000	1.3%

*Note: Population, household, and employment levels are rounded to the nearest 1000.*

<sup>1</sup> More detail on the preliminary forecast is available in the March 5, 2026 Community, Economic and Human Development agenda packet:

<https://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2599&Inline=True#page=51>

The next step in Connect SoCal 2050 forecast development is to allocate these regional and county totals to jurisdictional and sub-jurisdictional levels and meet with local jurisdictions for their review. This important step provides insight into local projects and developments. A second meeting of the panel of experts is tentatively scheduled for Winter 2027 in order to consider the aggregate effect of locally-received information plus any changes in data trends and assumptions since their prior meeting.

Beyond meeting statutory requirements, Connect SoCal informs several other SCAG-led processes, including development of the RHNA. California Government Code directs SCAG to consider the SCS forecasted development pattern as a factor in developing its RHNA methodology<sup>3</sup>. It also states that housing planning be coordinated and integrated with the RTP and informed by the SCS development pattern.<sup>4</sup> State law governing the SCS further underscores this relationship by requiring the SCS to identify areas within the region sufficient to accommodate an eight-year projection of regional housing need, consistent with RHNA requirements.<sup>5</sup> While the RTP/SCS and RHNA processes are interrelated, they operate at different temporal and spatial scales. The RTP/SCS evaluates outcomes over a 20- to 30-year planning horizon, whereas RHNA addresses housing needs over an eight-year cycle. Spatially, the SCS relies on transportation analysis zones to support regional modeling and performance analysis, while RHNA distributes housing need across the region's 197 cities and counties. Data and assumptions in the SCS do not supersede or alter locally adopted housing elements, including those adopted pursuant to RHNA. However, the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process, together with the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal, provides an important analytical foundation for development of the RHNA methodology. In June, the CEHD Committee will receive an informational presentation on the upcoming 7th Cycle RHNA process and next steps, including an overview on the RHNA subcommittee and its role and responsibilities.

### **Policy Development**

For Connect SoCal 2050, SCAG needs to update policies and strategies considering the trends included in this staff report, changes in our policy landscape, emerging technology and other new information about transportation and land use issues. As presented in this staff report, Southern California is experiencing changing demographics with expectations for an aging population, lower birth rates and reduced immigration among the factors leading to slower population growth through 2050 compared to past plans. The changing population and demographics have implications on travel patterns, economic growth, and in turn, revenues for transportation projects. Staff will be exploring these implications further through the plan development process.

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<sup>3</sup> Cal. Gov. Code §65584.04(e)(13)

<sup>4</sup> Cal. Gov. Code §65584.04(m)(1)

<sup>5</sup> Cal. Gov. Code §65080(b)(2)(B)

Changes and uncertainty in the policy landscape includes shifts related to federal and state regulations. For example, the federal government is eliminating or scaling back air quality<sup>9</sup> and equity<sup>10</sup> standards. At the state level, the California Air Resources Board is statutorily required to adopt updated greenhouse gas reduction targets for MPOs every eight years with the next deadline being the end of 2026. The state legislature is considering a bill to reform requirements related to the SCS process, Senate Bill 1087. SCAG is closely monitoring these processes as the outcomes can impact our technical work and modeling to fulfill federal and state requirements in this upcoming cycle.

### **Draft Policy Development Framework**

The Policy Development Framework is intended to outline the process and leadership roles for updating the key policy elements as part of development of Connect SoCal 2050. A draft of the Policy Development Framework is attached to the staff report. It is organized in the following sections:

- Policy Structure
- Areas of Focus
- Policy Development Leadership

#### Policy Structure

Connect SoCal 2050 will continue the policy structure as adopted in Connect SoCal 2024:

- The **Vision and Goals** articulate where we want to be in the future.
- **Regional Planning Policies** provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation planning to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. They serve as a compass for SCAG's planning and funding programs and help to set priorities for the agencies work. They can also serve as a resource for County Transportation Commissions (CTCs), local jurisdictions, and others, who can refer to specific policies to demonstrate alignment with the RTP/SCS when seeking resources from state or federal programs.
- **Implementations Strategies** articulate priorities for SCAG efforts in fulfilling the Regional Planning Policies. These are areas where SCAG leads, such as through the administration of funding programs.

The policy structure will continue to represent a refinement of policies that carry over several planning cycles to promote multimodal transportation investments and local development that align with the regional growth vision. For these policy elements, the Draft Policy Development Framework outlines for the Connect SoCal 2050 process:

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<sup>9</sup> The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule III to revise Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2025-0491/document>

<sup>10</sup> January 2025 revocation of Executive Order 13985 which directed federal agencies to make policy changes to strengthen the federal government's ability to address the barriers that underserved communities continue to face, including the creation of Equity Action Plans.

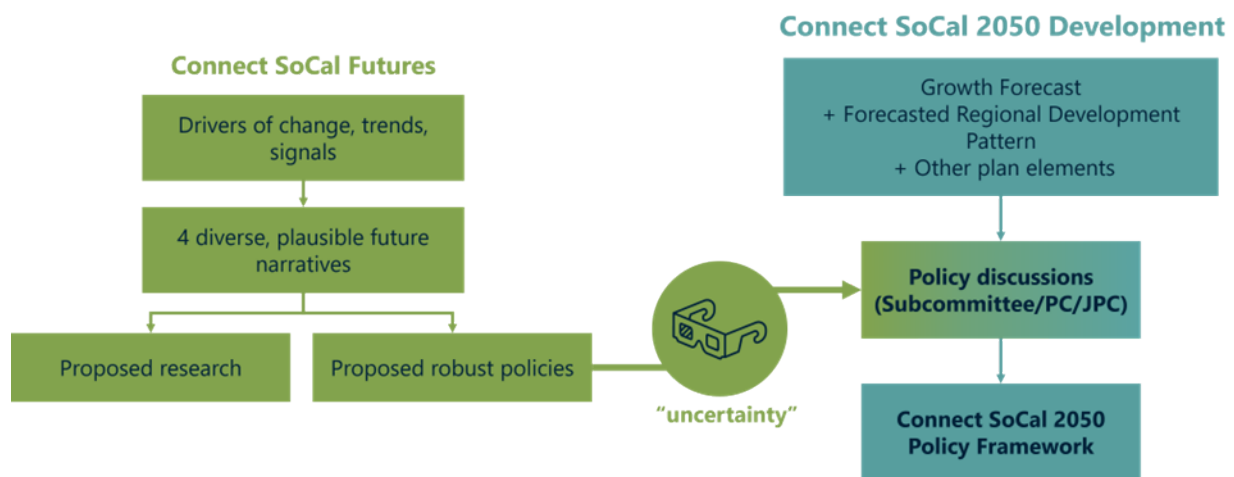
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- Maintaining the Vision and Goals as previously adopted: these represent evergreen and high-level aspirations for the Southern California region that can continue to guide SCAG across multiple planning cycles.
- Revisiting Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies: Update and prioritize these to reflect emerging issues and challenges the region is expected to face in the near and long term.

Areas of Focus

Typical in our plan development process, SCAG identifies emerging issues that should be areas of focus for policy development. Staff will look to recent policy direction from the Regional Council, stakeholder and early public engagement, and discussions among policy leadership to inform these issues of focus for this plan cycle.

Federal and state regulations require Connect SoCal to rely on documented trends, established assumptions, and data-supported projections to plan over a 20-year horizon. In recent years, however, the region has experienced major disruptions—such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the Palisades and Eaton wildfires—as well as rapidly emerging trends like advances in artificial intelligence. These developments highlight limitations in long-range planning and the growing need to account for uncertainty. As part of the development of Connect SoCal 2050, SCAG is undertaking a new parallel effort that applies a lens of uncertainty through which we conduct policy discussions. Called Connect SoCal Futures, the project will support plan development by helping us evaluate which policies and strategies are robust across diverse plausible futures. Through this effort, SCAG expands on the plan’s question of “What do we want the region to be in 2050?” and explores the added question of “What could happen and how can we prepare for it?”



Policy Development Leadership

This section of the Policy Development Framework outlines opportunities for Regional Council members to shape long-range regional policy to address key issues and questions. This policy leadership structure is similar to last cycle. As a new component to this cycle, staff is

proposing the creation of a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee is to provide overarching policy making support and guidance to items related to Connect SoCal development (goals, regional planning policies and strategies, public outreach, performance measures). Discussions on subject specific plan development items (e.g. project list) will still route to appropriate Policy Committees. The Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee's main responsibility will be to advance recommendations to the SCAG Policy Committees on the following items:

- Final Policy Development Framework
- Draft Plan Policies: proposed updates to the Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies prior to release of draft Connect SoCal 2050.
- Final Plan Policies: last updates to Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies given feedback from public comment period of the draft plan.

The Policy Committees will determine whether to advance the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee recommendations for adoption by the Regional Council.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff is conducting stakeholder engagement among various policy working groups and early public outreach to inform emerging issues for this plan cycle.

Pending approval of the creation of the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee, the SCAG President will appointment subcommittee members during the June Executive Administrative Committee Retreat. The first subcommittee meeting is anticipated to convene in July.

In addition to engagement with the subcommittee, staff will be taking policy update discussions to the Policy Committees later this year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

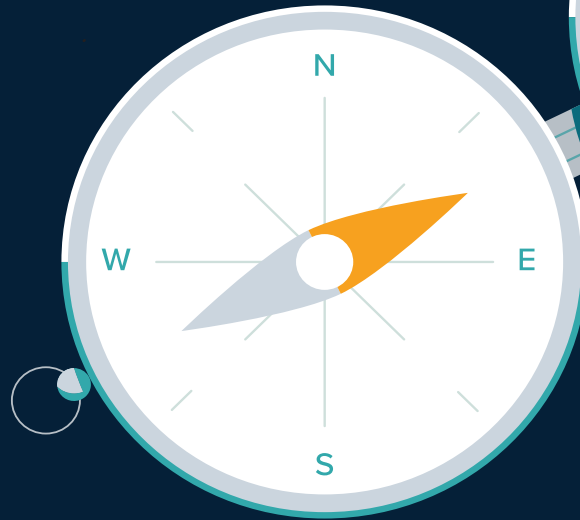
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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Connect SoCal Policy Development and Trends
2. Draft Policy Development Framework

# Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development and Trends

April 9, 2026  
Joint Policy Committee



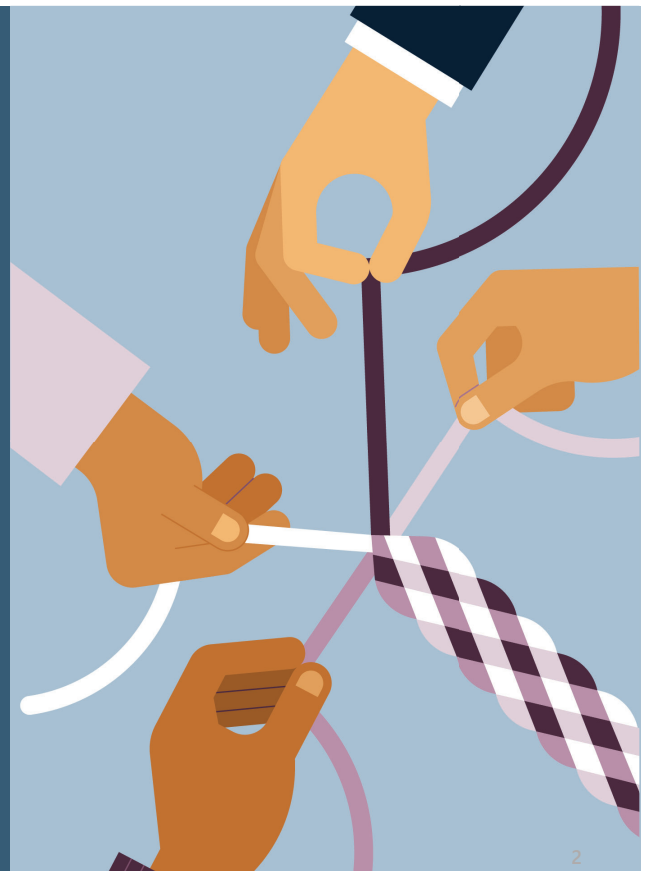
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## AGENDA

- **Connect SoCal Process Update**
- **Policy Development**  
*Where have we been? Where are we now?  
Where are we going?*
- **State of the Region**
- **Preliminary Regional Growth Projections**
- **Connect SoCal Futures**



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# Connect SoCal

## Regional Transportation Plan

## Sustainable Communities Strategy

A long-term vision for how the region will address transportation and land use challenges and opportunities.

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## Connect SoCal Will...



Serve as a compass for SCAG planning and funding programs



Enable projects to be eligible for state and federal funding



Inform RHNA and local planning requirements



Set priorities for state and federal advocacy efforts



Drive project selection for federal funding programs

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# POLICY DEVELOPMENT



## Connect SoCal 2050: Process Update



### Completed Milestones

- ✓ Subregional SCS Framework & Guidelines
- ✓ Public Participation Plan

### In Progress

- Model Improvements
- Onboarding Consultant Support

### Milestones for 2026

- Relaunch Regional Planning Working Group
- Policy Development Framework
- Local Data Exchange
- Project List
- Early Public Outreach

# Draft Policy Development Framework

## Structure



## Focus



## Leadership



# Policy Leadership: Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee

Purpose	Composition	Key Content	Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forum for overarching, big-picture policy development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least two reps from each PC</li> <li>• Ex-officio members</li> <li>• Representation across region</li> <li>• Appointed by Regional Council President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Development Framework</li> <li>• Draft Plan Policies</li> <li>• Final Plan Policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet at least 7 times through winter 2028</li> <li>• Recommendations and reports back to PCs</li> </ul>



# Policy Development Next Steps

- **Now:** Stakeholder engagement and early public outreach to inform focus issues for plan cycle
- *Pending action of JPC and Regional Council*
  - **June:** RC President appoints members to Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee at annual EAC Retreat
  - **July:** First meeting of Subcommittee
- **October:** Adopt Policy Development Framework
- **Fall:** Discussions at Policy Committees on potential subject-specific policy element updates



## STATE OF THE REGION



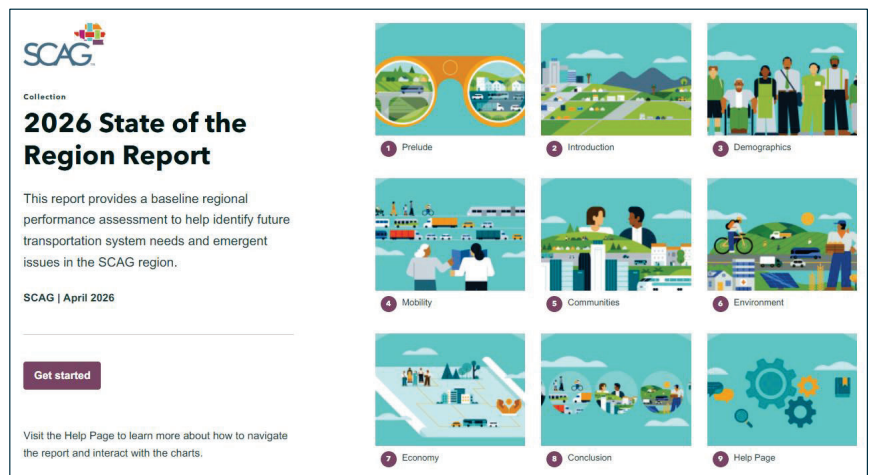
# Purpose

Using the four pillars of Connect SoCal, the 2026 State of the Region Report provides a baseline performance assessment to help identify future regional needs and emergent issues in the SCAG region



# Report Details

- Historical trends and existing conditions with data ranging from 2000 to 2024 to capture significant changes in the region
- 49 metrics focused on Demographics, Mobility, Communities, Environment, and Economy
- StoryMap format with interactive charts



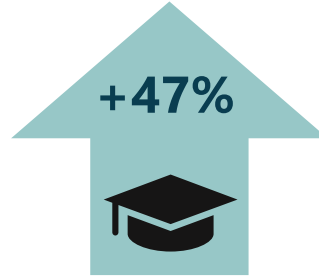
## Planning for a Changing Population

Historical trends are shedding light on some changes to the demographic profile of the region:



**Non-White Population Share**

2000 - 2024  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

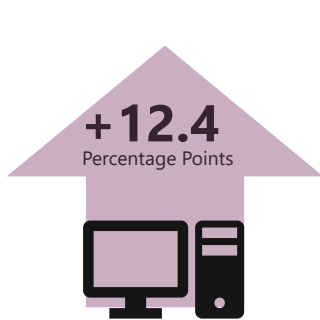


**Bachelor's Degree or Higher**

2000 - 2024  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Regional Mobility is Evolving

Shifts in travel behavior are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic but declining transit boardings and safety are still a concern:



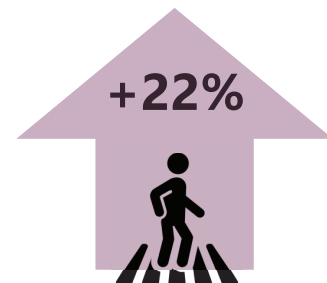
**Work from Home**

2000 - 2024  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



**Transit Boardings per capita**

2002 - 2024  
Source: National Transit Database

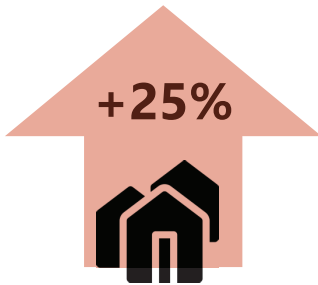


**Active Transportation Fatalities and Serious Injuries**

2000 - 2024  
Source: Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS)

## Navigating Persistent Housing Strains

While the number of new units built is increasing, there's still a housing shortage, resulting in an imbalance of housing need:



### New Residential Units Built

2018 - 2024

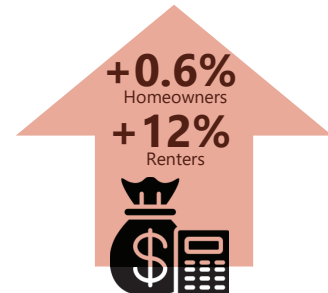
Source: HCD Annual Progress Reports



### Units-to-Households Growth Ratio

2000 - 2010, 2019 - 2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



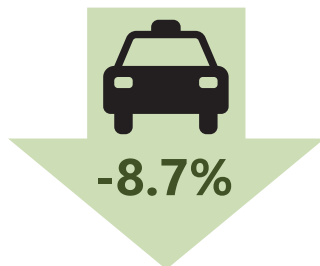
### Housing Cost Burden

2000 - 2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Preparing for Environmental Challenges

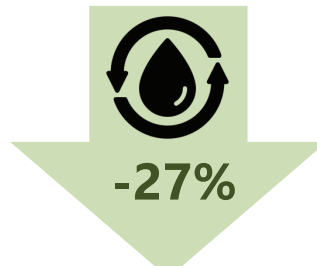
VMT and water consumption are decreasing but extreme heat days are increasing, which causes concerns:



### Vehicle Miles Traveled per capita

2000 - 2023

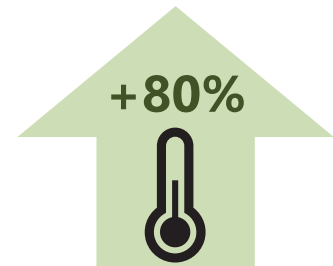
Source: HPMS, DOF



### Water Consumption

2014 - 2024

Source: CA SWRCB Water Conservation Report



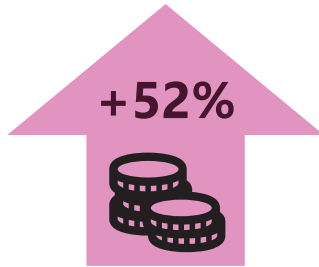
### Extreme Heat Days

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Source: National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network Data Explorer

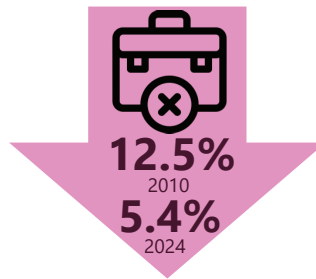
# Achieving Economic Resilience

Number of jobs is increasing while unemployment is dropping:



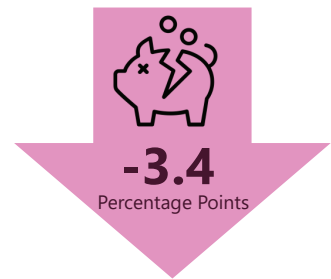
## Median Household Income (Inflation Adjusted)

2000 - 2024  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## Unemployment

2010 - 2024  
Source: EDD



## Poverty Rate

2000 - 2024  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# View the 2026 State of the Region Report



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# PRELIMINARY REGIONAL GROWTH PROJECTIONS

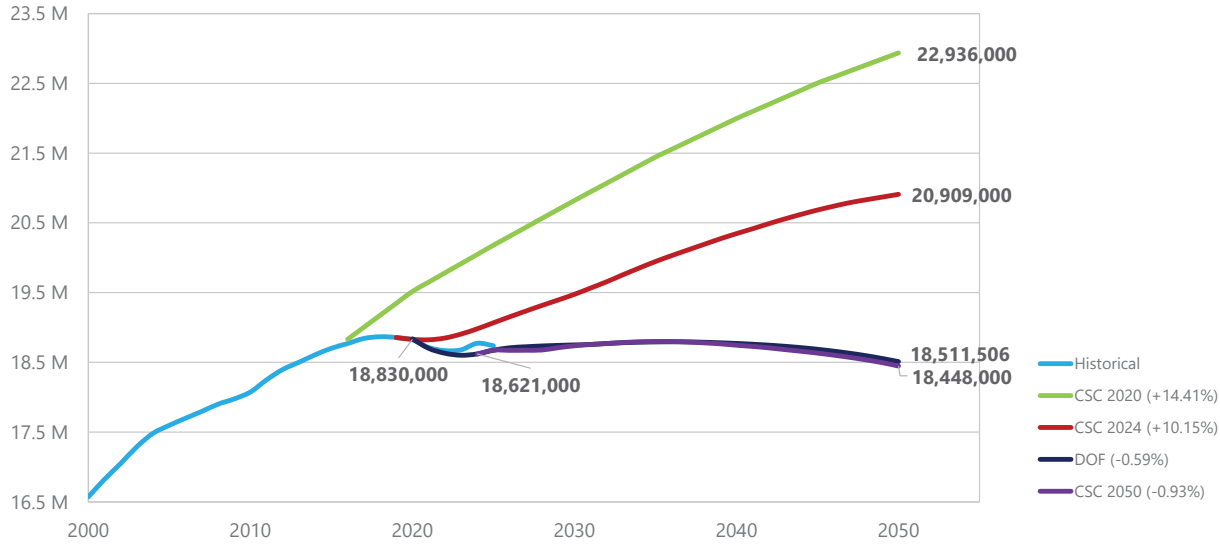


## Envisioning 2050

- 7 Main Forecast Assumptions:
  - Births and deaths
  - Migration and immigration
  - Household formation
  - Job growth
  - Labor force participation



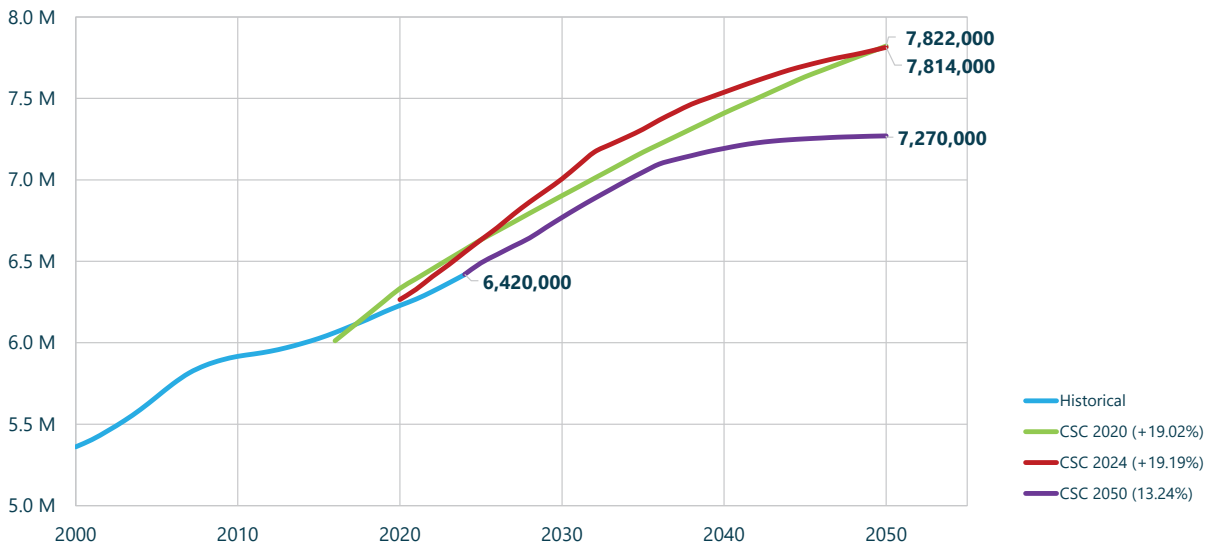
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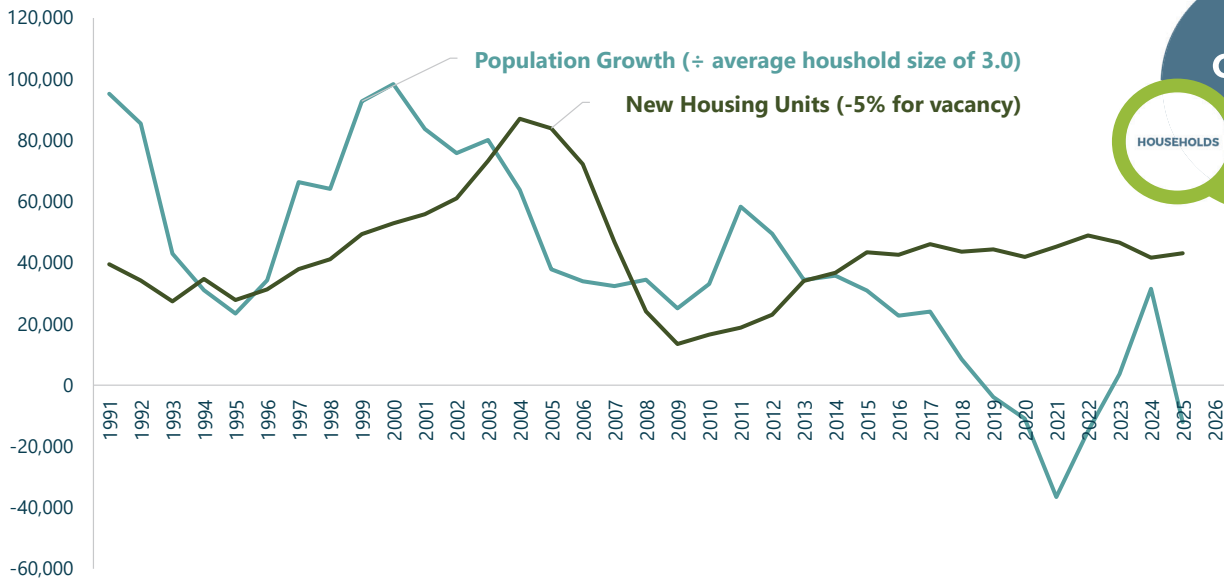
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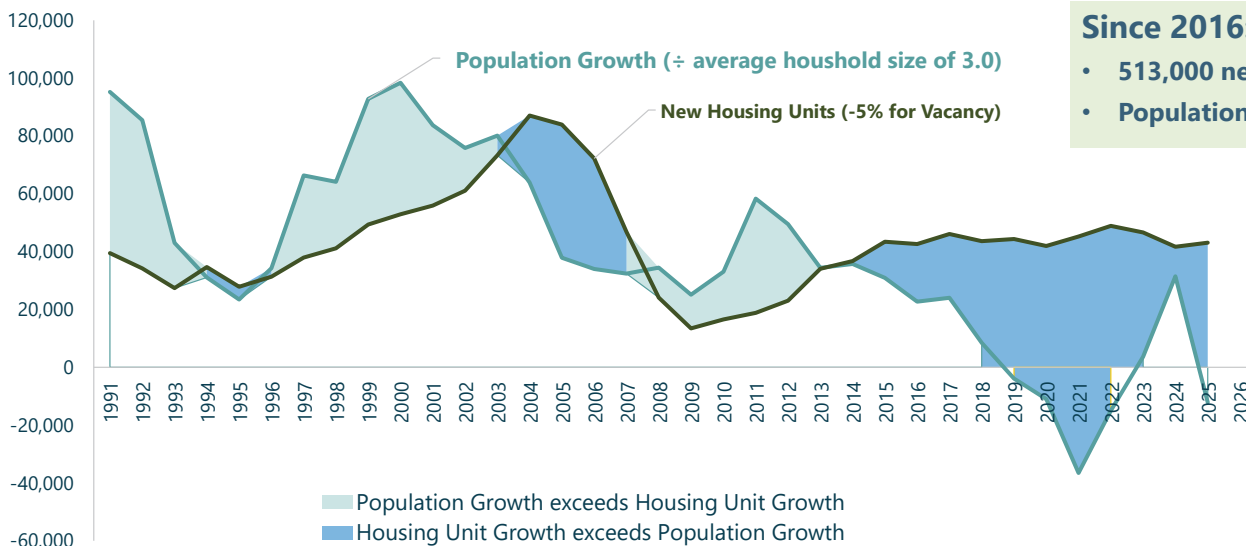
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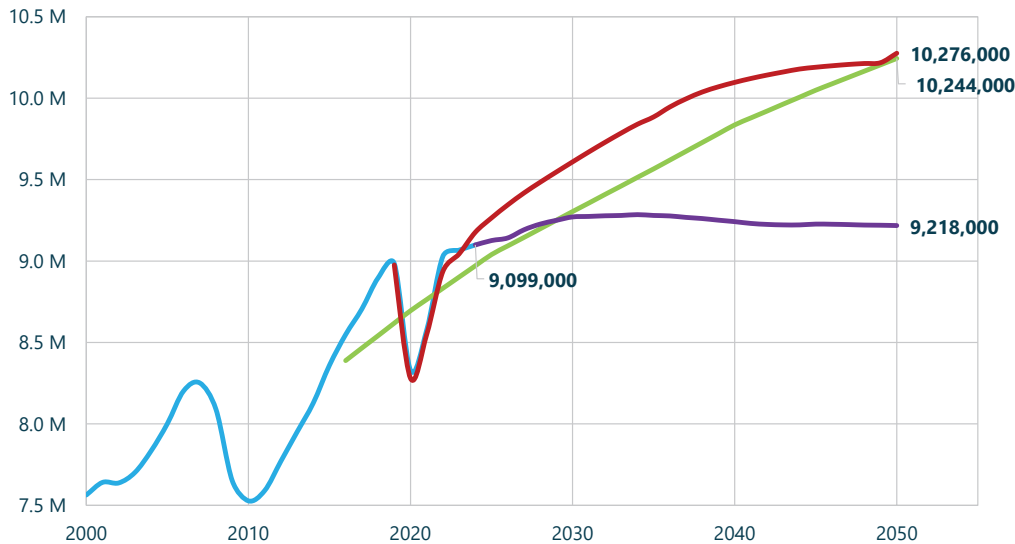
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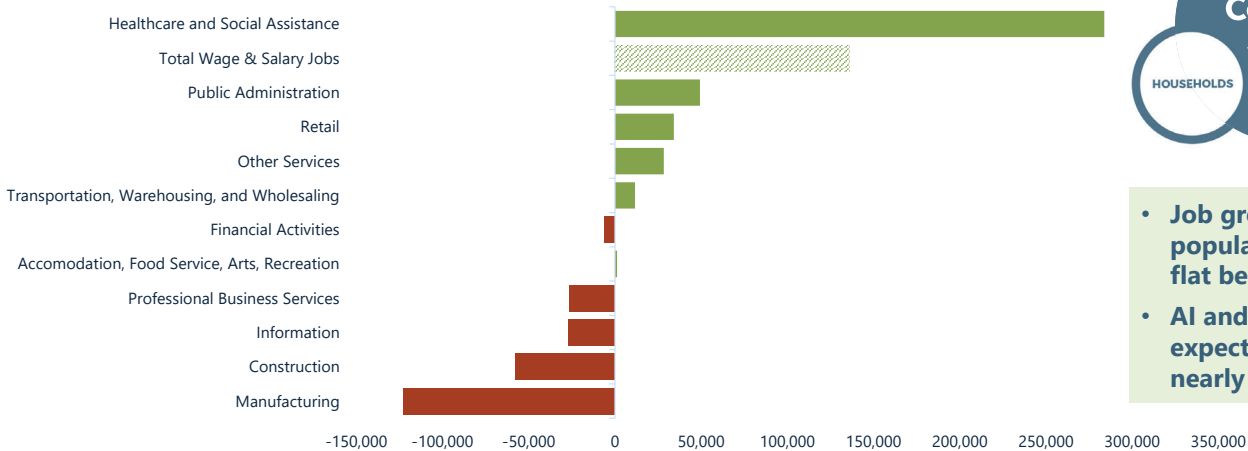


- Job growth follows population growth—flat beginning in 2030s
- AI and automation expected to impact nearly all industries

— Historical  
 — CSC 2020 (+14.19%)  
 — CSC 2024 (+12.98%)  
 — CSC 2050 (1.31%)

# Healthcare and Social Assistance Dominate Future Job Growth

Projected Job Growth by Major Sector, SCAG Region, 2024-2050



Source: Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 projections. Aggregates of 2-digit NAICS sectors of wage & salary jobs shown.

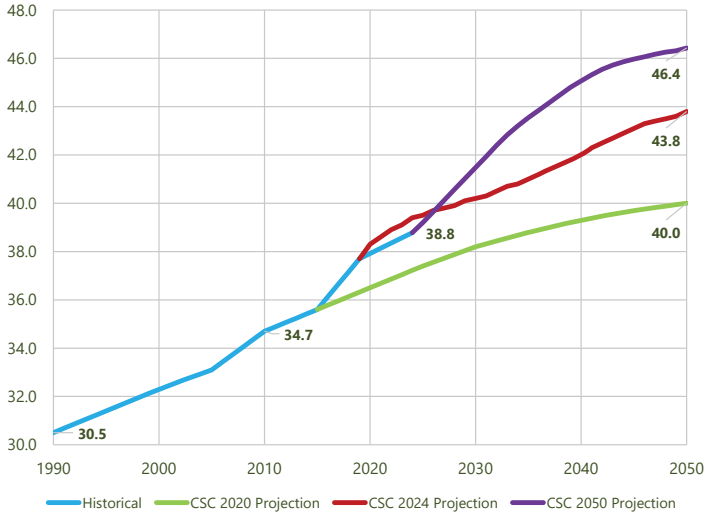
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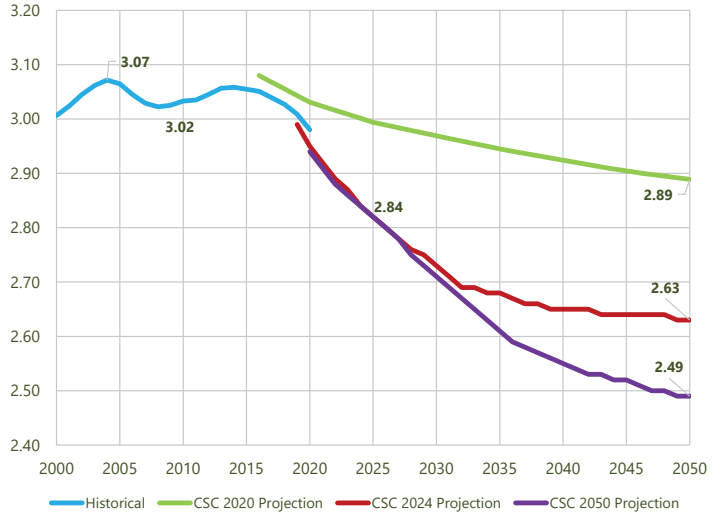
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# Key Implications of Forecast Updates

SCAG Region Median Age



SCAG Region Average Household Size



Note: Historical values interpolated from 5-year intervals.

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## Recap

- Population will remain stable or decline slightly, and age substantially
- Housing growth will be slower than previously expected, but will continue to exceed population growth
  - Assumption: new units and supportive policy will help alleviate underhousing
- Job outlook flat, following low population growth and AI dispersion, and will be concentrated in Healthcare and Social Assistance
- Average household sizes will be much smaller
  - Assumption: new units and supportive policy will help house workers, too



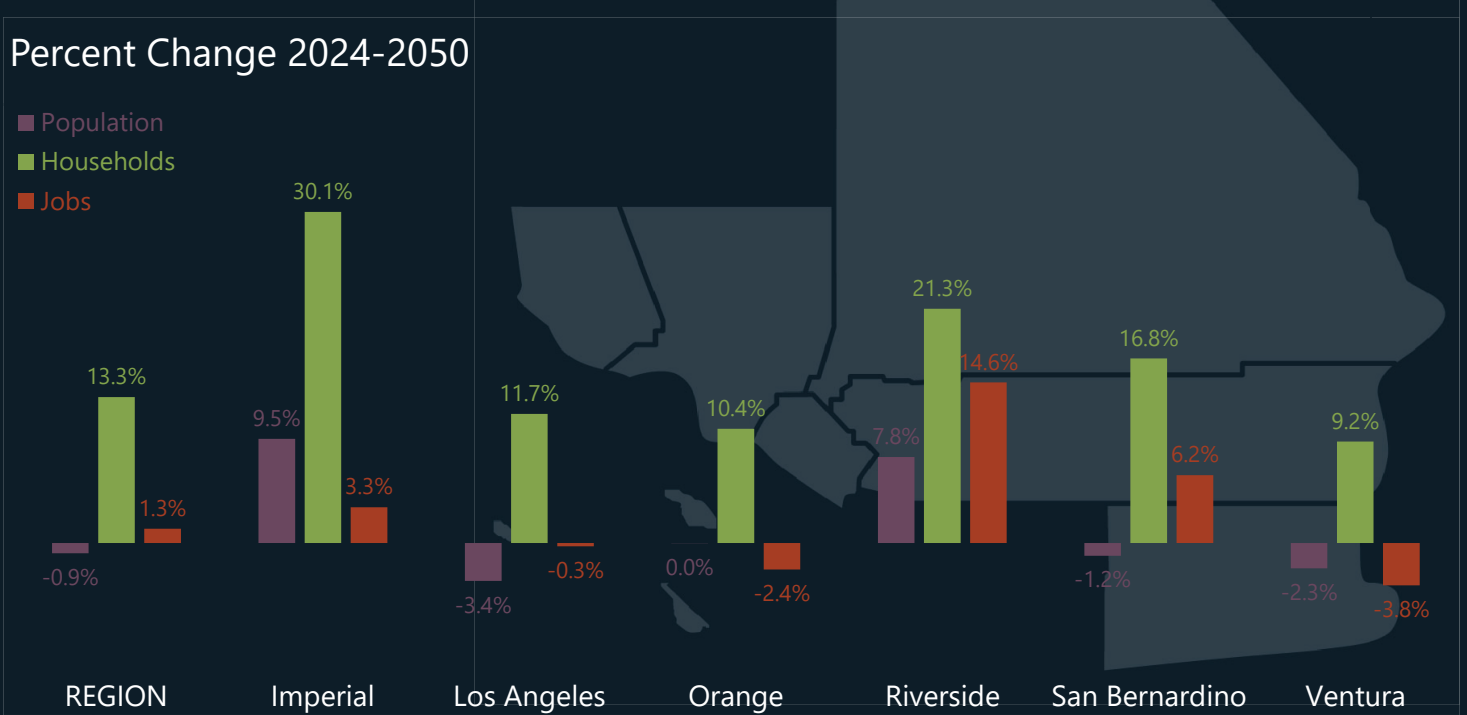
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# Preliminary Connect SoCal 2050 County Projections



## Percent Change 2024-2050

- Population
- Households
- Jobs



For more information, please visit:  
<https://scag.ca.gov/economic-insights-data-resources>

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# QUESTIONS

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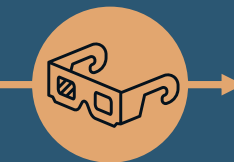
# CONNECT SOCIAL FUTURES



# Planning for Uncertainty: Connect SoCal Futures

## PURPOSE: POLICY DEVELOPMENT + ENGAGEMENT

- Identify policies that are robust across diverse, plausible futures
- Identify policy gaps and potential research
- Engage key stakeholders early in policy discussion



Lens of  
"uncertainty"

**Connect SoCal 2050  
policy discussions  
(Subcommittee/PC/JPC)**

## What Could Happen in Southern California?

### Drivers of Change

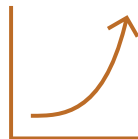
Broad, long-term forces that can reshape systems



- Climate change
- Artificial intelligence
- Aging population

### Trends

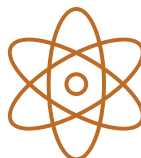
Observable, measurable patterns



- Electrification of transit
- AI consumption of energy
- Growth of hybrid work

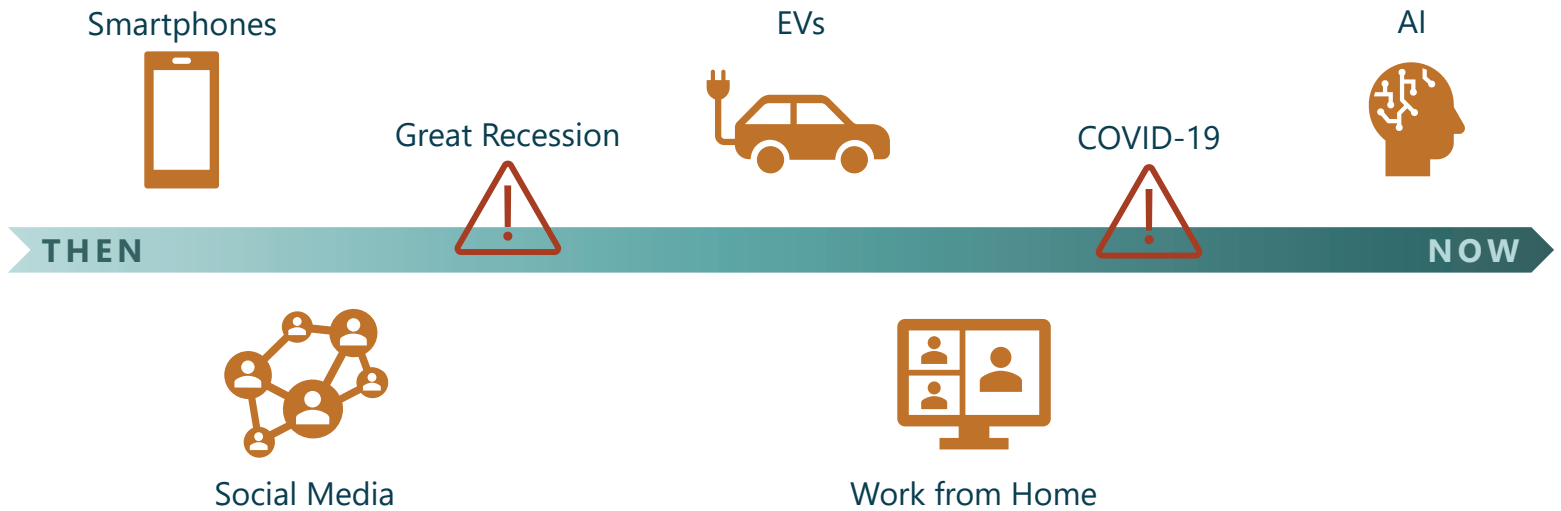
### Signals

Early signs, emerging possibilities



- Waymo deployment in Los Angeles
- Youth pushback against technology
- Climate migration

# Recent Past Drivers, Trends, and Signals



## DISCUSSION

## Discussion

- Where are you seeing more uncertainty or unpredictability in your work or community?
- Where do you see momentum building? Is it slow or rapid?
- Which drivers or trends do you see challenge our current practices?

## Recommended Action for JPC

Recommend that the Regional Council establish a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee to provide overarching policy leadership for development of the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.



# THANK YOU

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# Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Policy Development Framework

April 2026

Connect SoCal 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years, in anticipation of a spring 2028 adoption. This Policy Development Framework presents the Draft Policy Structure and the Areas of Focus to be expanded and refined through the planning process to advance the Vision and Goals. It also provides a Policy Development Leadership structure and outlook to foster policy education, engagement, consensus building, and decision-making among Regional Council members.

## DRAFT POLICY STRUCTURE

Connect SoCal 2050 will continue the policy structure as updated in Connect SoCal 2024.

## VISION AND GOALS

The Vision captures what we want the region to be by 2050 and is supported by four Goals, each centered around a key theme. In the last plan cycle, staff conducted a major effort to engage stakeholders and the general public and consider them to remain evergreen pillars to the plan. For that reason, staff will not focus Connect SoCal 2050 policy update efforts on these elements but will consider changes if feedback is received through engagement with stakeholders and Regional Council members.

### Vision

A healthy, prosperous, accessible and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future.

### Goals

*Mobility:* Build and maintain a robust transportation network.

*Communities:* Develop, connect, and sustain livable and thriving communities.

*Environment:* Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow.

*Economy:* Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional environment that provides opportunities for all.

## REGIONAL PLANNING POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Regional Planning Policies provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation planning to realize the vision of Connect SoCal. They serve as a compass for SCAG's planning and funding programs and help to set priorities for the agencies work. They can also serve as a resource for County Transportation Commissions, local jurisdictions, and others as specific references to demonstrate alignment with Connect SoCal when seeking resources from state or federal programs.

Underneath each Regional Planning Policy are Implementations Strategies which articulate priorities for SCAG efforts in fulfilling the Regional Planning Policies. These are areas where SCAG leads, such as through the administration of funding programs.

## Policy and Strategy Updates

The policy development process for Connect SoCal 2050 will focus on revising the Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies to reflect emerging issues and challenges the region is expected to face in the near and long term. Draft updates to these policy elements are to be completed in summer 2027 in advance of releasing the draft plan in fall 2027. Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies will then be finalized in winter 2028 in preparation for adoption of Connect SoCal 2050.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

The Final Policy Development Framework will identify the key issues as areas of focus to guide the update of policies and strategies in Connect SoCal 2050.

## EMERGING ISSUES

Staff is gathering multiple inputs to help identify the emerging issues to focus on for this planning cycle. This includes analysis like the State of the Region Report and other studies currently underway.

Staff is also conducting early public outreach and engaging policy stakeholder working groups in spring 2026 to understand which issues are most pressing to them.

Finally, staff is leading a project called Connect SoCal Futures. Connect SoCal Futures aims to engage a diverse and representative group of key stakeholders across the SCAG region in identifying major trends and exploring a range of plausible futures beyond the expectations of standard planning analysis. These stakeholder perspectives are a new input to inform emerging issues and identify which policies are resilient in advancing the goals of the region in the face of plausible alternative futures.

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

Policy discussions that occur during SCAG's Policy Committee meetings provide valuable direction to staff on areas for further research, potential strategies to address regional challenges, and priorities for what to include in the proposed plan.

## MAIN POLICY COMMITTEES

Staff will bring forward informational and discussion items related to the relevant Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies to each Policy Committee: highlighting context and data from staff research; perspectives from academics, researchers or policy experts; insights from local practitioners; and best practices to address Connect SoCal implementation. The plan topics discussed during development of Connect SoCal 2024 by each Policy Committee are outlined in the table below. These topics may change as part of the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Planning Policies update process but illustrate the types of subject-specific topics that may be discussed at each Policy Committee this cycle.

### **Example: Connect SoCal 2024 Policy Committee Topic Areas**

<b>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b>
<b><i>Regional Planning Policies</i></b>		
<p><b>Mobility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Preservation and Resilience</li> <li>• Complete Streets</li> <li>• Transit and Multimodal Integration</li> <li>• Transportation Demand Management</li> <li>• Transportation System Management</li> <li>• Technology Integration</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Funding the System/User Pricing</li> </ul> <p><b>Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goods Movement</li> <li>• Broadband</li> <li>• Universal Basic Mobility</li> <li>• Tourism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Development</li> </ul> <p><b>Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Development Areas</li> <li>• Housing the Region</li> <li>• 15 Minute Communities</li> <li>• Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making</li> </ul> <p><b>Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce Development</li> <li>• Tourism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Air Quality</li> <li>• Clean Transportation</li> <li>• Natural and Working Lands Preservation</li> <li>• Climate Resilience</li> </ul>
		<b><i>Environmental Compliance</i></b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEIR</li> <li>• Transportation Conformity</li> <li>• Environmental Justice</li> <li>• SB 375 Technical Methodology</li> </ul>

#### **JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE**

The issues facing the region are intersectional and often do not neatly fit within one committee. For that reason, it is occasionally necessary to hold a Joint Policy Committee meeting of members from all three Policy Committees (Transportation; Community, Economic and Human Development; and Energy and Environment) to share pertinent information, discuss key plan development issues or seek coordinated actions or recommendations.

#### **SPECIAL CONNECT SOCIAL 2050 SUBCOMMITTEE**

To provide additional leadership on overarching policy development for Connect SoCal, staff is recommending the establishment of a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee.

The subcommittee will be comprised of at least two members from each of the three Policy Committees with representation across the region and may include up to three ex-officio members to provide additional policy perspective. The President of the Regional Council will appoint members to the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee. The main responsibility of the subcommittee will be to advance recommendations to SCAG Policy Committees on the following items:

- Final Policy Development Framework
- Draft Plan Policies: proposed updates to the Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies prior to release of draft Connect SoCal 2050.

- Final Plan Policies: last updates to Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies given feedback from public comment period of the draft plan.

In addition to the above responsibilities, the Subcommittee will also be engaged in discussions regarding the plan Performance Measures and updates on public outreach to inform the policy considerations. The Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee is expected to convene between summer 2026 and winter 2028 and will be dissolved when Connect SoCal 2050 is adopted by the Regional Council in spring 2028.



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SPECIAL JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES  
(COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD);  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC))  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Joint Policy Committees of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**CEHD Members Present:**

<b>Hon. David Shapiro (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Calabasas</i></b>	<b>District 44</b>
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Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Tanya Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Ms. Lucy Dunn	Business Representative	Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
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Hon. Megan Kerr	<i>Long Beach, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
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Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
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Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
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Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Indians</i>	
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Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Butch Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Michael Vargas	<i>Perris, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Alicia Weintraub	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG

**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
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Jefferey Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
- Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Allen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked the Honorable John Gabbard, Dana Point, District 12, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was confirmed.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, stated they had two members of the policy committees who would like to request participation via the Just Cause exemption under Brown Act. He noted that once

they had the quorum in the room, he would make the announcement.

Regional Council Member Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, requested that they adjourn the meeting in memory of Carlene Adams, President Allen's mother, who passed away on November 10.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments.

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

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

There was no reprioritization of items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

#### **Approval Items**

##### **1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 6, 2025**

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

**AYES:**           **(CEHD)** Allen, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Elias, Espinoza, Fermon, Finlay, Frometa, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Kerr, Leano, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Mirisch, Rhodes, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Vandever, Wood, T. Wu, Yokoyama; **(EEC)** Brotman, Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, C. Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lock Dawson, McMorrin, Ramos, Saro, Stark, Taj, Virgen, Welty; **(TC)** Ahir, Balius, Berkson, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gabbard, Gibbs, Go, Hagman, L. Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Kleiman, Krupa, Leon, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Moore, Mullins, Navarro, Ready, Reyes, Ruiz, Saleh, Simonoff, Speake, Uphoff, Wallace, and Wong (81)

**NOES:**           None     (0)

**ABSTAIN:** (TC) Z. Wu (1)

Board Counsel Duran stated that they had the required in-person quorum in the room so that two of the policy committee members could participate via Just Cause under the Brown. He noted for the record that the Just Cause exemption under the Brown Act could be used for child care or caregiving need of a child, parent, or grandparent, a contagious illness that prevents attending in person, a need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated by SCAG, travel while an official business of the legislative body, the member has an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, or other member of the family.

Remote Participation

Marsh McLean: Just Cause – Caregiving Needs

Lucy Dunn: Just Cause – Contagious Illness

**INFORMATION ITEM**

2. 2025 Southern California Economic Update and LA28 Games Economic Impacts

President Allen reported that SCAG’s annual regional economic report, developed in partnership with a team of economic experts, would be presented at the Joint Policy Committee meeting. She noted that the 2025 Southern California Economic Update included both a regional and county-level analysis, as well as a special section on the economic opportunities associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She shared that the expert panel would present their findings, followed by an in-depth discussion with committee members. President Allen also thanked SCAG staff Kevin Kane and Echo Zheng from the Demographics and Growth Vision team for their contributions to this year’s report.

Dr. Kevin Kane, SCAG Planning Supervisor, clarified an issue on page 33 of the agenda packet. He noted that the economic impact was measured in billions, not millions.

President Allen introduced former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as the moderator for the presentation and discussion. She noted that prior to becoming mayor, Garcetti served on the Los Angeles City Council, including four terms as Council President. As the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles, he led major initiatives, including the passage of the nation’s largest local infrastructure program, and played a key role in securing the city’s successful bid to host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She also highlighted his service as U.S. Ambassador to India following his two mayoral terms.

Mayor Garcetti highlighted Southern California’s global economic significance and framed the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games as a historic opportunity. He discussed LA’s unique Olympic legacy

and the region's diversity, creativity, and readiness for LA28. He also addressed the need for regional unity and proactive leadership amid economic uncertainty and technological disruption.

Wallace Walrod, Founder and Managing Partner with Tech Coast Consulting Group, provided an analysis of the Economic Impacts of the LA28 Olympic Games, highlighting that the region's existing venues would avoid massive construction costs, leveraging a mature tourism industry and a \$160 million youth sports investment since 2018. He explained that the analysis modeled economic impacts from 2024-2029, projecting between \$14 billion to \$18 billion in new economic activity, with LA County receiving the largest share, but 33% of benefits flowing to other SCAG counties. He emphasized that visitor spending was projected at \$1.9B–\$2.4B, with Olympic visitors spending twice as the typical tourist. He shared that in 2028 the Olympics would create about 75,000 jobs but the total from 2024 to 2029 would create between 115,000 to 150,000 jobs. Mr. Walrod noted that while the analysis captured direct impacts, longer-term benefits like regional branding and legacy effects were not fully quantified.

Mark Schniepp, Director of California Economic Forecast, provided an overview of the regional economy. He discussed the current state of California's economy, focusing on labor market trends, job creation, and industry-specific challenges. Key points in his presentation included the impact of AI on various sectors, particularly in technology and manufacturing, leading to job losses in entry-level positions. He noted that Healthcare emerged as a bright spot, with record-high employment and continued growth. He also reported that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach remained stable despite tariff policy chaos, and tourism saw a slight decline due to fewer international visitors, particularly from Canada. He concluded with a forecast of modest economic growth in 2026, driven by a diminishing impact of recent policy changes and lower interest rates.

Michael Bracken, Managing Partner and Chief Economist of the Development Management Group, Inc., provided a detailed analysis of Imperial County, emphasizing its significant agricultural production and renewable energy capabilities, while also discussing challenges such as water scarcity and the closure of a sugar processing plant, which will result in job losses. He concluded with optimism about future economic investments in geothermal and lithium extraction facilities, as well as potential data center projects.

Shannon Sedgwick, Senior Director of the Institute for Applied Economics for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, presented an overview of Los Angeles County's economy, highlighting its resilience despite challenges like wildfires, tariffs, and immigration enforcement. She noted that employment recovered quickly, with healthcare leading job growth, while sectors like manufacturing and construction faced pressures. She also noted future housing supply concerns with rising prices and a decline in multifamily permits. She shared that the 2026 outlook indicated modest job growth and that the Olympics would accelerate planning activity but was not the main economic driver.

Mr. Walrod provided an update of Orange County. He described the County as a strong economic performer with low unemployment, a highly educated workforce, and a rapidly aging population. He indicated the region was facing housing affordability challenges, but that it was also investing in innovation sectors like life sciences, semiconductors, and AI, with venture capital flowing into this area.

Manfred Keil, Chief Economist of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership and Claremont McKenna College and Robert Kleinheinz, Director of the Office of Economic Research at California State University Long Beach, presented on the economic conditions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, highlighting their status as the 12th largest metropolitan statistical area in the United States with significant commuting patterns to coastal regions. They discussed the region's economic reliance on three sectors: local government, health, and logistics, with San Bernardino County having 20% of its employment in logistics. They noted that while the Inland Empire's economy showed 1.5% job growth year-to-date through August, this was below the long-term average of 2.8%, with unemployment rates around 6.3% and sectors like healthcare, logistics, and government facing potential risks from policy decisions.

Mr. Schniepp provided a report on Ventura County's economic conditions, noting limited job growth but a stable unemployment rate. He highlighted population decline since 2016, interrupted by a modest increase in 2024, and discussed the impact of tariffs on the Port of Hueneme's automotive sector.

Beth Tamayose, Research Director at the University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy, presented economic opportunities in healthcare occupations, emphasizing the industry's growth but noting disparities in job quality and pay between healthcare practitioners and support occupations. She suggested that policymakers and educational institutions consider creating clearer pathways for career advancement in healthcare to promote more equitable job growth.

David Roland-Holst, Managing Director of Berkeley Economic Advising and Research provided a presentation on sustaining Olympic benefits for Los Angeles and the SCAG Region. He highlighted that long-term Olympic benefits hinge on sustainability and transparent measurement, urging the region to track impacts through a public-facing scorecard. He emphasized how sustainable infrastructure can boost long-term productivity, public trust, and community-wide economic gains beyond the Games themselves.

Former Mayor Garcetti noted that the panel provided both a regional economic overview and county-by-county insights, while also framing the broader conversation about the Olympic and Paralympic Games. He emphasized that this moment presented both economic opportunity and technological disruption, especially with AI and automation reshaping industries. He encouraged policymakers to shift from analysis to action, offering guidance on how local leaders can shape the future economy—particularly around healthcare, logistics, and workforce impacts from

automation—rather than reacting to it. He asked the panelist what advice they would offer to the policymakers in the room.

The panel addressed concerns about AI and automation by emphasizing that the future would be shaped not by replacing people, but by replacing tasks—making human-centered skills, education, and adaptability essential. The panel stressed that AI would augment more jobs than it eliminates, but local leaders must prepare by improving workforce training, aligning landuse decisions with emerging tech needs, and ensuring regions, especially those with lower educational attainment, can attract the industries of the future. Panelists warned that CEQA-related delays could hinder necessary facility upgrades and encouraged regional planning to match workforce capabilities with evolving AI-driven industries.

Regional Council Member Jeff Wood asked whether Olympic related jobs, especially in hospitality, would disappear immediately after the Games. Mr. Walrod acknowledged a small economic dip in 2029 but emphasized that most hospitality facilities and jobs would remain because the region’s tourism infrastructure wouldn’t vanish after the Games. He indicated that the Olympics were expected to create a long-lasting boost in visitation if cities welcome guests, which would help sustain employment beyond 2028.

President Allen thanked all the presenters and reminded the audience that the full “2025 Southern California Economic Update” report was available by scanning the QR code on the slide or by visiting the SCAG website. She indicated that it would also be shared by email and asked that they take the survey as they would like to hear about their experience.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Joint Policy Committee meeting in memory of Carlene Adams at 11:33 a.m.

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