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MEETING NO. 680

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Thursday, April 9, 2026
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, April 9, 2026
11:45 AM

The Regional Council 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)

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. Nomination and Election of 2026-27 SCAG Officer Positions PPG. 12
(Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, BBK)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2026-27 officers and submit those nominees to the General Assembly for ratification in accordance with SCAG's Bylaws.

2. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws PPG. 38
(Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council (RC) review the proposed Bylaws amendments recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and forward them to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – March 5, 2026 PPG. 74



4. Resolution No. 26-680-1 Approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP) PPG. 88
5. Transit Funding for 2026 FIFA World Cup PPG. 101
6. Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX): Guiding Principles and Process Overview PPG. 107

Receive and File

7. April 2026 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 119
8. SCAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts PPG. 124
9. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 127
10. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 140

BUSINESS REPORT

(Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member, Business Representative)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Cindy Allen, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 2026

To: RC - Regional Council
From: Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel
213-630-1478, elder@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Nomination and Election of 2026-27 SCAG Officer Positions

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2026-27 officers and submit those nominees to the General Assembly for ratification in accordance with SCAG's Bylaws.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2026, the Nominating Committee met to review applications for the 2026-27 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. There was one (1) applicant for the position of President, one (1) applicant for the position of First Vice President, and three (3) applicants for the position of Second Vice President.

The Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the Honorable Ray Marquez for the position of President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite for the position of First Vice President, and the Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson for the position of Second Vice President.

All nominated candidates meet the eligibility requirements and are presented to the Regional Council for election. The elected slate of officers will thereafter be presented to the General Assembly as part of its Annual Meeting for ratification in accordance with SCAG's Bylaws.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2026, the Nominating Committee met to review the applications for the 2026-27 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President.

Five (5) members of the Regional Council submitted timely applications for the three (3) SCAG Officer positions by the deadline of February 20, 2026: For the position of President, the Honorable Ray Marquez; for the position of First Vice President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite; and for the



position of Second Vice President, the Honorable Daniel Ramos, the Honorable David Shapiro, and the Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson.

After providing opportunity for the applicants to address the committee, and after discussing the respective qualifications of the three candidates for the position of Second Vice President, the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the following slate of candidates for the positions as listed below:

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| For the Position of President: | The Honorable Ray Marquez, Chino Hills |
| For the Position of First Vice President: | The Honorable Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula |
| For the Position of Second Vice President: | The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside |

Attached to this report are the applications of the nominated candidates. Based upon the review of the Nominating Committee and confirmation by staff, all nominated candidates listed above satisfy and meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth under Article VI, Section C of SCAG's Bylaws. Therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends that the Regional Council elect the slate of officers listed above, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. The slate of officers elected by the Regional Council will then be presented to the General Assembly for ratification as part of its Annual Business Meeting to be held on May 7, 2026. If ratified by the General Assembly, the new Officers will commence their one-year terms of office upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Applications for the three candidates listed herein:

1. The Honorable Ray Marquez
2. The Honorable Jenny Crosswhite
3. The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson

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2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application

Acknowledgement

I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

Name Ray Marquez
Phone Number (909) 364-2620
Email rmarquez@chinohills.org

Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official. San Bernardino

Application for Board Officer Position President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 144 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service). 12

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-01-2026

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG. Southern California Association of Government - Regional Council (Assuming October 6, 2014), 2015-2025
SCAG Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee 2017, 2020-2025
SCAG Transportation Committee 2017, 2020-2025 (Chair 2022)
SCAG Executive Administration Committee 2022-2025
SCAG Scholarship Committee 2021-2025 (Chair 2024)
SCAG 2nd Vice President 2024
SCAG 1st Vice President 2025

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer? I have consistently been involved with my community over many years, including with SCAG, and serving on several other regional and local committees. I have been a Chairperson for Transportation, General Assembly Host Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. I'm currently 1st Vice President and I am aligned with the direction SCAG is headed and I have the ability to continue to propel us forward.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? I will use my skills obtained from past experiences on SCAG to formulate a plan of action, and move our goals and objectives forward. I will listen to my colleagues and their ideas and work collaboratively to reach the goals that are set.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? Yes.

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service? I will continue to dedicate my time in my official capacity and will modify my schedule with my organization and family as needed, or required.

4. What values and skills can you bring to SCAG as a board officer? I welcome feedback and collaboration when making informed decisions. I care about my constituents and colleagues, and I try to put myself in their position when working together to formulate an action plan.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

One of my visions for the future of SCAG is the need to collaborate at the state and local levels regarding RHNA. We must effectively communicate the seriousness of a housing shortage with all of our partners at the many different levels of government. I would like to pave a way for our City partners to be heard and have a seat at the table when discussing the RHNA process with the State of California.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG is a very diverse group of people and therefore we are able to view situations from many different perspectives which allows for better collaboration and sharing of ideas.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

SCAG needs to continue to work together as a diverse group to improve on California's challenges pertaining to housing, fire mitigation, and transportation needs. California needs to create a stronger relationship with Washington D.C. and to collaborate with the Federal Government to make necessary changes to enhance all of the SCAG regions' quality of lives.

Attach a File

[Ray Marquez Professional Profile Feb 2026.pdf](#)

Print Your Name

Ray Marquez

Date

02-17-2026

Acknowledgement

By checking this box, I acknowledge my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

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VICE MAYOR RAY MARQUEZ, CITY OF CHINO HILLS



**VICE MAYOR
RAY MARQUEZ**

City of Chino Hills
Chino Hills, California
Term of Office: 2022-2026

T (909) 364-2620
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rmarquez@chinohills.org

Ray Marquez was first elected to the Chino Hills City Council in a special election held in 2013 to fill a vacancy created by a City Council Member's resignation. After serving the remainder of that term, he has been re-elected three times in 2014, 2018, and 2022. Council Member Marquez served as Mayor in 2017 and 2022 and lives in District 1.

He has been an active volunteer, civic leader, and realtor in the community since 1984. Prior to joining the City Council, he served as a member of the Chino Hills Incorporation Committee, the Planning Commission (1992-1994), the Parks and Recreation Commission (1994-2006), and the Chino Valley Fire District Board (2006-2013).

Vice Mayor Marquez serves on the following committees:

- Cal Cities (League of California Cities)
 - Board of Directors
 - Inland Empire Division Executive Committee, Past President
 - Latino Caucus Board of Directors, Past President
 - Latino Caucus Legislative Committee
 - Public Safety Policy Committee
 - State Level - Legislative Task Force
- City of Chino Hills Committee
 - Transportation ad hoc Committee
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)
 - Board of Directors, Past President
 - Emergency Resilience Center Design ad hoc Committee
 - General Policy Committee
 - Foothill Gold Line Joint Powers Authority
 - Legislative Policy Committee
 - Measure I ad hoc Committee
 - Metro Valley Board Study Session
 - Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)
 - State Route 91 Advisory Committee
 - Transit Committee
- Southern California Association of Governments, Vice President
 - Audit Committee, Chair
 - Legislative / Communications & Membership Committee
 - Regional Council Board, District Number 10
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Transportation Committee
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority/Metrolink Board of Directors
 - Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee
 - Fuel Hedging ad hoc Committee
- Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Currently, Vice Mayor Marquez serves on the San Bernardino County Airports Commission, Y.M.C.A. Board of Managers, Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council, Hope for the Hills Board of Directors, and the Greater Chino Hills Rotary Club. He has also served as a Salvation Army TLC Advisory Board Member, Chino Centennial Advisory Committee member, Canyon Hills Little League President, A.Y.S.O. Head Coach, Junior All-American Football Athletic Director, and a volunteer for the Chino Hills Citizens Patrol.

Vice Mayor Marquez retired from the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department after a 28-year career. He is a California-licensed realtor and broker in Chino Hills. Vice Mayor Marquez and his wife, Barbara, were married in 1983 and moved to Chino Hills in 1984, where they raised their three adult sons.



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2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application

Acknowledgement

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Name Jenny Crosswhite

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email jcrosswhite@spcity.org

Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official. City of Santa Paula (District 47)

Application for Board Officer Position First Vice President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12 36

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service). 3

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-02-2026

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG. Second Vice President
Chair, General Assembly Host Committee
Chair, Audit Committee
Chair, Energy and the Environment Committee
Vice Chair, Energy and the Environment Committee
Regional Council Member
Executive Administration Committee
Legislative and Membership Committee
Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer? I am passionate about the work that SCAG does in our region and I want to be part of guiding the conversation as we consider how various issues impact each of the 6 counties and 191 cities in our region. Whether we are helping plan for how to move goods and people through the region during the Olympics and Paralympics, helping our cities be better prepared for extreme weather events, or planning for where housing should be located, everything we do impacts the 19 million people in the region, whether they know it or not.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? As someone who comes from one of our smaller regions, it is important to me that we always keep in mind the diversity of our region and the issues facing even the smaller regions. Making sure that each part of our region has an increased quality of life is really important to me. I believe I bring skills and a perspective to leadership that are beneficial to the organization as a whole.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? Yes

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service? I serve on a number of other boards and commissions but as I have done this year while serving as Second Vice President, I will work hard to attend other meetings and function as needed. I am fortunate to have a relatively flexible schedule.

4. What values and skills I value people and working together to find common ground. I

can you bring to SCAG as a board officer?

am a good listener, public speaker, and I have experience running meetings as I have served as Mayor twice in my city, and as chair of other boards that I have served on. I think through issues thoroughly and always prepare for meetings and discussions.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

I would love to see the day where everyone understands the importance of the work that SCAG does and how it makes a difference not just in LA county but in the entire region. Whether it's around housing issues, transportation, energy and the environment, economics, or resiliency, it would be great if more people could understand how what we do really is about making life better for all 19 million residents in our region.

In order to do that, one thing we need to do is to continue to educate the region about who we are and the value of our work. Part of this comes through more engagement with the city officials in our region. It also comes through finding ways to communicate some of the complex amazing planning work we do to our communities in practical hands-on ways. Another thing we need to do is continue to educate our legislators about how the work we do is making a practical difference in every part of our region. Any time we have meetings with our State and Federal Representatives, we need to be able to tell the story of how the work we are doing and the things we are advocating for will help the residents in their district.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG has a lot of strengths. One is our diversity. Another is the way we are able to bring together stakeholders from across the region to make sure that we are advocating for policies and making planning decisions that are in the best interest of the entire region. We have a strong staff and great members that all work together to advocate and plan for a better future.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

Just like our cities and counties, we can always continue to improve our public engagement throughout the region.

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Jenny Crosswhite

Date

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Jenny Crosswhite

Councilmember

Strengths

- Strategic Thinking
- Public Speaking
- Attention to Detail
- Relationship building
- Bilingual: English and Spanish

Select Work Experience

- Graphic Designer
- Communications Director
- Pastor
- Event Coordinator
- English as a Foreign Language Program Coordinator
- After School Program Coordinator

Education

- Masters Degree, Divinity, *Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary*
- B.A. Degree, Spanish & Graphic Design, *Western Oregon University*

Contact Information

(805) 229-7174

jcrosswhite@spcity.org

Leadership

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG): Second Vice President (2025-6), Audit Committee Chair (2025-6), General Assembly Host Committee Chair (2025-6), Energy & the Environment Committee Chair (2025), SCAG EEC Vice Chair (2024)
- Chair, Local Area Formation Commission, 2024
- Vice Chair, Local Area Formation Commission, 2023
- Mayor, City of Santa Paula, 2016, 2022
- Vice Mayor, City of Santa Paula, 2015, 2021
- Councilmember, City of Santa Paula, 2014-Present
- Chair, Ventura Council of Governments, 2021
- Vice Chair, Ventura Council of Governments, 2020
- Vice Chair, Ventura Regional Sanitation District, 2022

Present Council Assignments

- SCAG Regional Council Member, District 47
- SCAG Executive Administration Committee Member
- SCAG Energy and the Environment Committee
- SCAG Legislative Committee
- Ventura Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo)
- Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), Alternate
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)
- VCTC Heritage Valley Policy Advisory Committee
- Santa Paula Branch Line Advisory Committee
- Clean Power Alliance, Board & Executive Committee
- Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
- City Council Economic Development Committee
- Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County, Alternate

Select Past Council Assignments

- SCAG Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee
- Council Development Agreement Negotiations Team
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD)
- VRSD District Personnel and Finance Committee
- VCOG Board and Administrative Committee
- Homeless and Housing Committee
- City Council Finance Committee
- All Children Thrive (ACT) Design Committee
- School District/City Council Joint Committee
- Council Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee
- Council Cannabis Committee
- Council Solid Waste Contract Negotiations Committee
- Council City Council Website Redesign Committee
- Liaison, Citizen's Crops (Emergency Preparedness)
- Liaison, Property Business Improvement District
- Liaison, Parks and Recreation Commission
- Community Action of Ventura County Board Member

From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maggie Aguilar](#); [SCAGClerk](#)
Subject: Re: 2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application - Patricia Lock Dawson
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2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application

Acknowledgement

I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

Name Patricia Lock Dawson
Phone Number (951) 544-3789
Email PDawson@riversideca.gov

Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official. Riverside

Application for Board Officer Position Second Vice President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 60 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) 5

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-01-2028

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG.

- SCAG's Executive Administration Committee
- Community, Economic & Human Development Committee
- Energy & Environment Committee
- Vice Chair and Chair of the Legislative Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer?

I want to serve because the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) plays a central role in how our region and state grow, move, and most importantly, compete economically. I bring a proven track record of regional leadership, innovative economic strategy, and aggressive advocacy to the SCAG board. My leadership in Riverside has been defined by moving beyond local governance to creating a collaborative model that sets a blueprint for modern American cities. I want to be part of defining Southern California's future and SCAG's role in that process is pivotal.

Over the next several years, Southern California will need to modernize its transportation and freight systems, particularly the trade corridors connected to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, while accelerating a clean freight transition that protects jobs and strengthens supply chains. SCAG also plays a key role in housing planning and allocation. We need to better align our housing with job centers, transit access, and infrastructure capacity, helping reduce conflict among jurisdictions and supporting the state's housing production goals.

By serving on the Board, I want to advance stronger regional coordination, encourage transparent and data-driven decision-making, and present a strong unified Southern California voice in Sacramento and Washington. Our region represents nearly half of California's population and a significant share of its economy. Thoughtful regional leadership can ensure that growth, environmental progress, mobility, and economic vitality move forward together for the benefit of the entire state.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG?

I bring a unique set of skills and experience to this role, having spent my career championing innovation and assertive regional leadership. As the Chair of the California Big City Mayors Coalition, I claimed our "seat at the head of the table," unifying the state's 13 largest cities to create the C13 Action Agenda to tackle homelessness, housing affordability, and economic competitiveness. My position on the California Air Resources Board and my success in securing over \$300 million in state and federal funding for critical infrastructure, demonstrate my ability to advocate effectively at the highest levels of

government to deliver tangible results for Southern California.

Beyond advocacy, I have a proven track record of transforming bold visions into economic reality, evidenced by my success in making the region a global magnet for Green Tech leaders like Ohmio, Voltu, and Hyundai Rotem. I have tackled our most difficult social challenges with urgency and empathy, achieving functional zero for youth homelessness and overseeing a 25% drop in violent crime through smart, data-driven policing. Having already collaborated with the Southern California Association of Governments to host a regional housing summit for the Inland Empire, I am prepared to lead our organization with the same "heavyweight contender" mindset that has elevated Riverside into a statewide leader in sustainability, safety, and economic power.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested?

Yes.

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service?

None.

4. What values and skills can you bring to SCAG as a board officer?

- Ability to mediate housing conflicts
- Technical understanding of transportation finance
- Economic literacy
- Political diplomacy across ideological divides
- Vision that integrates climate + growth
- Economic development strategy
- Fiscal management
- Infrastructure financing
- Intergovernmental negotiation
- Data-driven planning

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

When I think about the future of the Southern California Association of Governments, I see an organization that fully steps into its power. SCAG should not simply be a compliance body. We are not here just to distribute housing numbers or produce planning documents. We represent nearly half of California's population and a significant share of its economy. That means we have both the responsibility and the authority to lead.

My vision is for SCAG to be an assertive, unified regional voice in Sacramento and Washington. When decisions are being made about infrastructure, transportation funding, housing policy, or environmental regulations, Southern California should not be reacting. We should be shaping the conversation. We are at a pivotal moment. Our trade corridors connected to the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach are critical not only to our region, but to the entire nation. We must modernize our transportation and freight systems while accelerating the transition to clean freight. And we must do so in a way that protects jobs, strengthens supply chains, and

positions Southern California as a global leader in innovation. Economic growth and environmental progress are not competing priorities — they are interdependent.

On housing, we have an opportunity to reduce conflict and improve outcomes. I believe SCAG must continue refining its housing allocation methodology so it better aligns with job centers, transit access, and infrastructure capacity. When we ground our decisions in transparent, data-driven analysis, we build trust among jurisdictions and move closer to meeting the state's housing goals in a way that is both realistic and equitable.

I also believe SCAG must move from planning alone to implementation. Plans are important, but outcomes matter more. That means stronger advocacy for infrastructure dollars, better coordination among counties and cities, and measurable results that improve mobility, expand housing opportunity, and grow our economy.

In short, my vision for SCAG is bold and collaborative, where we align growth with sustainability; where we compete globally; and where we move forward together, with purpose and urgency, for the benefit of the entire state.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG's greatest strength is its ability to convene. Southern California is vast, diverse, and often fragmented across jurisdictions, yet SCAG brings cities, counties, and regional partners together under one roof. That convening power is essential as it allows us to address complex challenges such as housing, transportation, goods movement, and climate resilience, at the scale they truly exist.

SCAG also provides critical data, modeling, and technical expertise that many cities, especially mid-sized and smaller ones, would not otherwise have the capacity to produce on their own. Its regional planning efforts help align state mandates with local implementation realities, and its advocacy ensures that Southern California's voice is heard in Sacramento and Washington.

Finally, SCAG understands that our economy is interconnected. The Inland Empire, Los Angeles Basin, and coastal communities rise or fall together. SCAG's regional economic lens helps ensure we are planning for long-term prosperity.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

First, there is room to strengthen communication and transparency with member cities. Regional plans often feel highly technical and compliance-driven. Local elected leaders and residents benefit when regional goals are translated into clear, practical impacts for their communities. Making regional planning more accessible builds trust and buy-in.

Second, while SCAG is strong in planning, implementation remains a challenge. Regional strategies are only as effective as the funding, flexibility, and tools provided to local governments to carry them out. Continued advocacy for realistic timelines, infrastructure investment, and funding alignment would strengthen SCAG's impact.

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SCAG Accomplishments – Mayor Lock Dawson

Mayor Lock Dawson was first elected to the SCAG Regional Council in 2021 and has been appointed by the Riverside City Council three times to represent the largest city in Riverside County on SCAG’s 86-member board. Throughout her five-year tenure, Mayor Lock Dawson has served on SCAG’s Executive Administration Committee, Community, Economic & Human Development Committee, Energy & Environment Committee, and has been a visionary leader as both Vice Chair and Chair of the Legislative Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC). In every role she has accepted, Mayor Lock Dawson has been a thought partner and a trailblazing leader, always asking important questions, ensuring regional equity, and advocating for the entire SCAG region.

Major Accomplishments Include:

- **In Her Role as LCMC Chair**
 - 3 consecutive terms as Chair
 - Led 24 meetings as Chair of the LCMC
 - Provided Leadership in Sacramento Advocacy Trips, making connections with key members of the legislature and CA agencies
 - Made several connections to CARB, AQMD, Big City Mayors
 - Hosted special guest speakers including:
 - Congressman Ken Calvert
 - Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limon
 - Assemblymember Jose Luis Solache
 - Assemblymember Luz Rivas
 - Under her leadership as LCMC chair, SCAG took a formal position on 24 state bills during FY 2024-25, ensuring SCAG continued to be an influential voice at the state capitol.

- **Convened Inland Empire Housing Workshop**
 - As part of her role with SCAG, Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson partnered with the agency to host the Inland Empire Housing Workshop, convening local governments, housing professionals, and community organizations to tackle the region’s most pressing housing challenges.
 - The workshop advanced practical solutions to increase housing supply by aligning infrastructure planning, reducing development barriers, and sharing regional data, financing tools, and peer strategies.
 - By bringing together state, regional, and local expertise, the convening strengthened cross-jurisdiction collaboration and equipped Inland Empire

communities with actionable tools to accelerate housing production and affordability.

- **REAP Preservation**

- As chair of LCMC, led bi-partisan efforts to protect REAP 2.0, helping restore \$480 million for the REAP 2.0 Program. The following year, her leadership was instrumental in securing an extension of the expenditure deadline for those funds.
- Sponsor Bill -AB 2485
 - As chair of LCMC, Mayor Lock Dawon led the charge on legislative reforms to increase transparency in the legislative process.
 - Discussions from this have led to increased transparency with HCD and other avenues, for example, SCAG is getting the RHNA determination a year earlier (this October).

About Mayor Lock Dawson

Patricia Lock Dawson is a Riverside native and small business owner. She was elected Riverside's 18th mayor in 2020. Mayor Lock Dawson is the first UC Riverside graduate and second woman to be elected to Riverside's only citywide office in its 150-year history. She has an extensive record of service to Riverside, the Inland Southern California region, and the state. Mayor Lock Dawson served three political appointments under two gubernatorial administrations alongside serving in every level of government prior to being Mayor of Riverside.

As an environmental scientist and wildlife biologist by training, Mayor Lock Dawson was instrumental in passing legislation to secure tens of millions of dollars in state and federal funds for regional conservation, habitat, and infrastructure projects. She is well-known across the state as a champion of the Santa Ana River—the namesake of the City of Riverside.

Achievements

Under Mayor Lock Dawson's collaborative leadership, Riverside has secured over \$300 million in state and federal dollars to address needs in infrastructure, homelessness, and workforce development. Her success in securing historic levels of funding for the city is also accompanied by her advocacy work in reforming major mental healthcare laws that have not been accomplished in the last 50+ years. Mayor Lock Dawson's individual lobbying efforts led to the historic passage of CARE Court, a tool that empowers family members, first responders, and behavioral health providers to petition the court to get help for those incapable of caring for themselves. Her award-winning programs for combatting homelessness have been recognized locally and statewide and serve as an instrumental blueprint aimed at prevention and intervention.

Mayor Lock Dawson is a member of several boards and coalitions such as the California Air Resource Board (CARB), League of California Cities (LCC), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), US Conference of Mayors, Riverside Conservation Authority, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Global Land Use & Economic Council Meeting . The Mayor notably Chairs the Big City Mayors, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee for the Southern California Association of Governments and is the Vice Chair of the Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee for the National League of Cities.

Awards

As an accomplished, respected leader in the community, Mayor Lock Dawson has achieved numerous awards and accolades throughout her career as a public servant. One of the most notable awards she has received is the Art Pick Distinguished Leader Award from the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.



CITY OF ANAHEIM
MAYOR ASHLEIGH E. AITKEN, ESQ.

February 19, 2026

RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments

Dear Selection Committee –

I, Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, City of Anaheim, am writing to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

A lifelong public servant and proven leader, Mayor Lock Dawson has consistently advanced innovative, forward-thinking solutions that improve quality of life for residents across the region. Under her leadership, Riverside has transformed its economy into a clean and green technology hub. She has successfully attracted national and international clean-technology firms to establish headquarters in Riverside while fostering a sustainable innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships among the private sector, public universities, and local government. This model has not only strengthened Riverside's economy but has also served as a replicable best practice for cities throughout the Inland Empire and across California.

Her leadership is also reflected through her service as Chair of SCAG's LCMC Committee, where she has strengthened regional collaboration and advanced policy strategies that reflect the diverse needs of Southern California communities. Serving three consecutive terms as Chair, Mayor Lock Dawson has demonstrated a consistent ability to convene stakeholders, promote information sharing, and advance balanced, forward-looking policy solutions aligned with SCAG's regional priorities. Under her leadership, the Committee expanded its advocacy efforts by strengthening engagement with bipartisan, high-level decision-makers in Sacramento. During the 2024–2025 legislative cycle, SCAG took positions on 24 state bills, and through her advocacy, successfully led a bipartisan effort to protect REAP 2.0, helping restore \$480 million for the program and later securing an extension of the expenditure deadline. Beyond legislative advocacy, Mayor Lock Dawson has created new platforms to share best practices, including the 2026 Inland Empire Housing Workshop, which convened local governments, housing professionals, and community organizations to address the region's most urgent housing challenges.

Building on her leadership within SCAG, Mayor Lock Dawson has expanded her impact statewide, serving as Chair of the California Big City Mayors Coalition. In this role, she successfully convened the mayors of California's 13 largest cities for the first-ever C13 Summit, an inflection point that expanded the coalition's policy priorities. Through this effort, the coalition broadened its reach, strengthened state advocacy efforts, and established a unified platform to advance policy priorities impacting millions of Californians.

Mayor Lock Dawson's leadership style reflects the core values of SCAG: promoting collaboration, innovation, and strategic regional planning. Her ability to bring together diverse partners, advance practical policy solutions, and champion initiatives that improve economic opportunity, sustainability, and quality of life make her exceptionally well-qualified to serve as Second Vice President.

For these reasons, **I strongly support** Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application to Second Vice President and am confident she will continue to provide thoughtful, collaborative, and visionary leadership that advances SCAG's mission and benefits the entire Southern California region.

Sincerely,

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Ashleigh Aitken
Mayor, City of Anaheim



CITY OF EASTVALE

Councilmember Clint Lorimore | District 3
12363 Limonite Avenue | Suite 910 | Eastvale, CA 91752

February 19, 2026

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Dear Selection Committee -

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Sincerely,

Clint Lorimore
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Eastvale



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

CITY OF LONG BEACH

February 17, 2026

RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments

Dear Selection Committee -

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

A lifelong public servant and proven leader, Mayor Lock Dawson has consistently advanced innovative, forward-thinking solutions that improve quality of life for residents across the region. Under her leadership, the City of Riverside has transformed its economy into a clean and green technology hub. She has successfully attracted national and international clean-technology firms to establish headquarters in Riverside while fostering a sustainable innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships among the private sector, public universities, and local government. This model has not only strengthened Riverside's economy but has also served as a replicable best practice for cities throughout the Inland Empire and across California.

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MAYOR REX RICHARDSON CITY OF LONG BEACH

to address homelessness, and building state support for the economic revitalization of downtowns across California's most dense urban communities.

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Rex Richardson
Mayor of Long Beach



City of
San Bernardino

February 18, 2026

RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson’s application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments

Dear Selection Committee,

I, Mayor Helen Tran of the City of San Bernardino, am writing to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

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Sincerely,

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Helen Tran
Mayor
City of San Bernardino



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 2026

To: RC - Regional Council
From: Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel
213-630-1478, elder@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Regional Council (RC) review the proposed Bylaws amendments recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and forward them to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the General Assembly, proposed resolutions and amendments to the SCAG Bylaws are considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the RC prior to submission to the General Assembly.

This year, no resolutions have been proposed. One proposed amendment to the Bylaws has been submitted by an Official Representative. This proposal, submitted by the Honorable Marsha McLean, would revise the criteria considered during the RC district evaluation process. Additionally, SCAG staff, on behalf of the Executive Director, propose four amendments. Two are non-substantive corrections addressing minor errors and omissions, while two address governance matters: (1) streamlining the process for appointing ex-officio members to Policy Committees; and (2) clarifying that an individual may hold only one voting-eligible RC member position at a time.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee met and considered these proposals on March 11, 2026. The Committee recommends approval of all five proposals. Pending review by the RC, the proposed amendments will be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration and final action as part of its annual meeting to be held on May 7, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, amendments to the SCAG Bylaws may be proposed by Official Representatives to the General Assembly, by the RC, and by SCAG staff acting on behalf of the Executive Director. This year, there was one proposal submitted by an Official Representative and four proposals submitted by staff.

Proposal by Hon. Marsha McLean – RC District Evaluation Process

The Honorable Marsha McLean from the City of Santa Clarita, representing RC District 67, has offered a Bylaw amendment that would revise the criteria considered during the RC district evaluation process.

Under the Bylaws, districts are structured so that they have approximately equal population. Districts are generally comprised of groups of cities that share a geographic community of interest, although in some cases a district may consist of a single city where the city's population warrants. The proposed amendment retains these criteria while clarifying that, after determining a proposed district configuration reflects a coherent community of interest and achieves approximately equal population, the RC may consider the following factors, when relevant and based on reasonably reliable information: (1) transportation connectivity and travel patterns; (2) housing and employment patterns; (3) economic and service-area linkages; (4) geographic or environmental features relevant to regional planning; and (5) the creation of geographically contiguous districts where possible. The proposal also provides that these factors may not be applied in a manner that overrides the requirements relating to community of interest and population balance. Finally, the proposal requires that if these considerations are used in a district evaluation, the basis for any changes be documented in the staff report or other written record supporting the action.

The intent of the proposal is to provide clearer guidance on how district boundaries may be evaluated during the review cycle, beyond relying solely on population data. The proposal reflects a desire to ensure that the process may consider additional characteristics that can affect how cities and subregions function together as a district. The proposal includes a documentation requirement to support transparency by requiring a written record of the basis for boundary modifications when these additional factors are used.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 11, 2026. A motion to recommend approval of the proposal passed unanimously. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the RC review the proposal and forward it to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval. The proposed amendment is illustrated in **green highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. *See Article V A(1)(a)(2).*

Proposals by Staff

Staff reviewed the Bylaws to correct minor errors and omissions and address issues that arise during the conduct of SCAG's activities. SCAG staff recommends the following Bylaws amendments:

(1) Correct Definition of "Regional Council Member"

Amend Article II (Definitions) to correct and clarify the term "Regional Council member." As written, the definition contains duplicate language that can create confusion. This proposed amendment would update the definition by removing the duplicative language.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 11, 2026, and unanimously recommended approval. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the RC review the proposal and forward it to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **blue highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article II J.

(2) Streamline Appointment of Ex-Officio Members to Policy Committees

Amend Article V E(2)(c) to streamline the appointment process for ex-officio (non-voting) members to SCAG's Policy Committees. Currently, ex-officio representatives may be appointed by the President only upon the recommendation of a Policy Committee and approval by the RC. For efficiency and administrative clarity, staff proposes allowing the President to appoint ex-officio committee members representing the business sector, labor, higher education, and community groups without requiring Policy Committee recommendation and RC approval. This amendment would preserve the non-voting status and existing term structure of these positions while improving administrative efficiency and bringing the appointment process into alignment with other Presidential appointments to the Policy Committees.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 11, 2026, and unanimously recommended approval. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the RC review the proposal and forward it to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **gray highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V E(2)(c).

(3) Clarify that an Individual May Hold Only One Voting-Eligible RC Position

Add language to Article V A to clarify that an individual may hold only one voting-eligible RC member position at a time. Because the Bylaws are currently silent on dual service, the amendment would close an identified governance gap by requiring an individual who is selected for a second voting-eligible RC member position to choose one position within a short, defined timeframe. The amendment would not impact an individual's ability to serve in a voting-eligible RC member position and in a non-voting capacity.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 11, 2026, and unanimously recommended approval. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the RC review the proposal and forward it to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **blue highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V A(7).

(4) Non-Substantive Clean-Up of the Bylaws

A non-substantive clean-up of the Bylaws to address typographical, numbering, cross-reference, and formatting issues. This clean-up would not change the intent or effect of the Bylaws provisions, but

would improve readability and reduce the likelihood of confusion or inconsistency in future interpretation.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 11, 2026, and unanimously recommended approval. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the RC review the proposal and forward it to the General Assembly with a recommendation for approval. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **yellow highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. *Throughout.*

ATTACHMENT:

1. Marked-up version of the SCAG Bylaws illustrating proposed Bylaws Amendments

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THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Preamble

The Southern California Association of Governments (hereinafter referred to as either the "Association" or "SCAG") is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study, and development of recommendations on regional challenges and opportunities of mutual interest and concern regarding the orderly physical development of the Southern California Region among units of local government.

ARTICLE I - FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Association are:

- A. Exchange of objective planning information. Making available to Members plans and planning studies, completed or proposed by local governments, Tribal Governments, or those of State or Federal agencies, which would affect local governments.
- B. Identification and study of challenges and opportunities requiring objective planning by jurisdictions in more than one (1) county in the Southern California area and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations.
- C. Review and/or develop governmental proposals. Review and/or develop proposals creating agencies of regional scope, and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations concerning the need for such units or agencies.
- D. Consider questions of common interest and concern to Members of the Association in the region and develop policy and action recommendations of an advisory nature only.
- E. Act upon any matter to the extent and in the manner required, permitted, or authorized by any joint powers agreements, State or Federal law, or the regulations adopted pursuant to any such law.
- F. Assist local Association Members in the acquisition of real and personal property convenient or necessary for the operation of Members by entering into such financing agreements as are necessary to accomplish the pooling and common marketing of such agreements or certificates of participation in order to reduce the cost to Members of the acquisition of such real or personal property.
- G. Undertake transportation planning programs and activities in accordance with the Association's responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

- A. **Advisory Member** or **Advisory Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that is significantly involved in regional problems or whose boundaries include territory in more than one county and that has paid its annual dues assessment.
- B. **Alternate**, as used in these Bylaws, means either the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or the chair of the Board of Supervisors, or a member of the legislative body of a member county who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to **serve in** an official capacity for all matters at a meeting of the General Assembly but only in the absence of the Official Representative of the member city or county. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Alternate to serve in the absence of the Official Representative of the Advisory Member.
- C. **Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means the Southern California Association of Governments as established by that certain Southern California Association of Governments Agreement filed with the California Secretary of State on April 20, 1973, (said Agreement is hereinafter referred to as “Joint Powers Agreement”).
- D. **Association budget** or **annual budget** or **budget**, as used in these Bylaws, shall mean the summation and presentation of all general fund revenues obtained by the Association **from dues** from Members, Advisory Members, and Regional Council members, and other sources of revenue and a summation and presentation of the costs, expenditures, savings, and reserve accounts utilizing such revenue but specifically excluding all funds and **expenditures associated** with specific federal or state funding programs such as the Association’s annual Overall Work Program.
- E. **Days** or **days**, as used in these Bylaws, means calendar days.
- F. **General Assembly**, as used in these Bylaws, means a meeting of the Official **Representative of** the Members and the Advisory Members of the Association.
- G. **Member, member** or **Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a city, county, or County Transportation Commission within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that has satisfied the conditions of membership in Article III below.
- H. **Official Representative**, as used in these Bylaws, means (1) the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or (2) the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county, or (3) the chair or a member of the governing board of a member County Transportation Commission (CTC) within the SCAG Region who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly. Official Representatives may also be **referred to** as “Delegates” of the Association. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Official Representative to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the **General Assembly**.

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- I. **Regional Council Policy Manual**, as used in these Bylaws, means that Policy Manual first adopted by the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, and all subsequent amendments and updates approved by the Regional Council. In the event of a conflict between any part of the Regional **€Council** Policy Manual and any part of these Bylaws, these Bylaws shall prevail.

- J. **Regional Council member**, as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in ~~these as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these~~ Bylaws which is able to appoint a voting representative to serve on the Regional Council or whose city council members may participate in the selection of a District representative to serve on the Regional Council^{7.2}.

- K. **SCAG Region**, as used in these Bylaws, means the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.

- L. **Voting-Eligible** or **voting-eligible**, as used in these Bylaws, describes those Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association^{7.1} and Regional Council members who retain all voting rights and who have not had their voting rights suspended as described in **Article VIII.C Paragraph C.**

ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION
FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Membership

- (1) All cities and all counties within the area of the SCAG Region are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, each CTC from the SCAG Region is also eligible for membership in the Association.

- (2) Each member county and each member city shall have one (1) Official Representative and one (1) Alternate in the General Assembly, except that the City of Los Angeles, if and while it is a member city, shall have three (3) Official Representatives and three (3) Alternates. Each member CTC shall have one (1) Official Representative in the General Assembly.

- (3) Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and the payment by each member county, member city, or member CTC of each annual dues assessment.

- (4) Any federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region which is significantly involved in regional problems or the boundaries of which include territory in more than one (1) county, shall be eligible for an Advisory Membership in the Association. In addition to selecting Official Representatives and Alternates for the General Assembly, such Advisory Members may collectively select a single representative from the Tribal

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Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation and who shall **serve_on** the Regional Council and may fully participate in the work of committees of the Association contingent upon the payment of the annual dues assessment.

B. Representation in the General Assembly

- (1) Only the Official Representative present or the Alternate present in the absence of the Official Representative shall represent a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association in the General Assembly; provided, however, that a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county may participate in the discussions of the General Assembly.
- (2) Except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of each member city of the Association, member **_county** of the Association, and **member CTC** of the Association shall be its respective Regional Council representative. Further, and except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of an Advisory Member of the Association shall be its respective representative to **the Regional** Council.
- (3) In the event that a member city of the Association does not have one of its city council members as its respective Regional Council representative, or if a member city does not wish to have its Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member city may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of its city council who is not a Regional Council representative; provided **that if** and while the City of Los Angeles is a member city, the mayor of the City of Los Angeles shall be one of its Official Representatives. Further, in the event that an Advisory Member of the Association does not have one of its Tribal Council members as its representative to the Regional Council or if the Advisory Member does not **wish_to** have its representative to the Regional Council be its Official Representative or Alternate, the Advisory Member may appoint a locally elected Tribal Council member as its Official Representative or Alternate.
- (4) In the event that a member county of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member county may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a **member of** the Board of Supervisors who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (5) In the event that a member CTC of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative, the member CTC may appoint as its Official Representative a member of the CTC Governing Board who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (6) Names of all Official Representatives and Alternates shall be communicated in writing to the Association by the appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council at least thirty

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(30) days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly. However, the SCAG President or the SCAG Executive Director may waive this deadline, upon the request of an appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council, as long as the name or names are communicated in writing to the Association before the opening of the General Assembly.

- (7) An Official Representative or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed, except if an Official Representative or Alternate ceases to be a member of the appointing legislative body or Tribal Council or cannot serve as an Official Representative or Alternate because of a federal or state statute or regulation or resigns as an Official Representative or Alternate, then the position shall be vacant until a successor is appointed.
- (8) All Official Representatives and Alternates shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, and discrimination.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Powers and Functions

Subject to Article I, the powers of the General Assembly, shall include the following.

- (1) The General Assembly shall determine all policy matters for the Association, approve **they** Bylaws, and ratify the election of Officers.
- (2) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, propose a subject(s) for study by the Association provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the proposal forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may determine whether a study will be made of the subject(s) proposed, or may refer such subject(s) to the Regional Council.
- (3) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, **request a** review by the General Assembly of any action of the Regional Council which has been taken between meetings of the General Assembly provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the **review request** forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (4) The General Assembly shall review the proposed Association budget and annual dues assessment schedule and shall adopt an annual Association budget and an annual dues assessment schedule.
- (5) Any Official Representative (but not an Alternate) who desires to propose any policy

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matter for action by the General Assembly shall submit the matter to the Association in the form of a proposed resolution by a deadline established by the Association, that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, whose membership and responsibilities are described in Article XI of these Bylaws, shall consider each such proposed resolution, and shall submit its recommendation to the Regional Council. A copy of each such proposed resolution whose approval is recommended by the Regional Council shall be included in the agenda materials for the regular meeting of the General Assembly.

B. Meetings

- (1) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Regional Council upon the request of the President and with the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who are present and voting at a meeting of the Regional Council with a quorum in attendance. Ten (10) days' written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association. An agenda specifying the subject of the special meeting shall accompany the notice.
- (2) The time, date, and location for meetings of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Regional Council.
- (3) Notice of the regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each regular meeting. An agenda for the regular meeting shall accompany the notice. Notice of any changes to the agenda shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting.
- (4) The General Assembly may adopt rules for its own procedures but any such rules so adopted must be consistent with these Bylaws.

C. Voting

- (1) A quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the number of Official Representative positions for voting-eligible Members of the Association or Advisory Members of the Association. Unfilled Official Representative positions from voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association will be counted in the determination of a quorum for the General Assembly.
- (2) Each Official Representative of a voting-eligible Member or Advisory Member of the Association shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of the Official Representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. Unless otherwise identified in these Bylaws, an

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affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association present at the General Assembly and voting with a quorum in attendance shall be necessary for the approval or adoption of any matter presented for action to the General Assembly.

- (3) Voting may be by voice, displaying voting cards, roll call vote, or through the use of an electronic voting system. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five (5) Official Representatives or their Alternates present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE V – REGIONAL COUNCIL

A. **Regional Council Organization:** There shall be a Regional Council of the Association which shall be organized as set forth below and which shall be responsible for such functions as are hereinafter set forth:

- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Regional Council shall be comprised of: one (1) representative from each member county Board of Supervisors, except for the County of Los Angeles which shall have two (2) representatives; one (1) representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region; one (1) representative from each District (as defined below); the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles serving as an at-large representative for the City; one (1) city council member or member of a county Board of Supervisors, from the governing boards of each of the six (6) CTCs; one (1) local government elected representative from one of the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region to represent all five (5) of the Air Districts; one (1) local government elected representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA); one (1) local government elected representative serving as the Public Transportation Representative to represent the transit interests of all of the operators in the SCAG region; and a representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and the Executive/Administration Committee and who would serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

(a) **Districts:** For purposes of representation on the Regional Council, Districts shall be organized and defined as follows:

- (1) A District shall be established by the Regional Council and generally shall be comprised of a group of cities that have a geographic community of interest and have approximately equal population. In some cases involving cities with large populations, a District will include only one city. A District may be comprised of cities within different counties, but Districts established within a subregion under Article V-A-(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws shall include only cities within the boundary of such subregion. Procedures for District representative elections and appointments shall be set forth under the Regional Council Policy

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- (2) In every calendar year ending in 3 or 8, the Regional Council shall review, and, if it deems necessary, modify or establish District boundaries based upon city population data as most recently available from the State Department of Finance. When considering modifications or establishing District boundaries, the Regional Council shall first determine whether a proposed district configuration reflects a coherent community of interest and achieves approximately equal population as required by these Bylaws. After making those determinations, the Regional Council may also consider the following factors, to the extent relevant and based on reasonably reliable information, when evaluating whether to establish, revise, or update a district: (a) transportation connectivity and travel patterns; (b) housing and employment patterns; (c) economic and service-area linkages; (d) geographic or environmental features that meaningfully affect regional planning considerations; and (e) geographically contiguous districts, where possible. These additional factors are considerations that shall not be applied to override the requirements relating to geographic community of interest and population balance. If utilizing these factors, the Regional Council shall document the basis for any modification or establishment of District boundaries in the staff report or other written record for the action.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, in the event that District boundaries are changed as a result of a Regional Council review, then any impacted District shall have the option to retain its current District representative until the completion of the District representative's term or until a special election is held, no later than two (2) months after final action by the Regional Council, to elect a District representative who shall serve for a term established by the Regional Council. Such special elections shall be held in accordance with the District representative election procedures described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) If a new city within the SCAG Region is incorporated after Districts have been established or reviewed, the newly incorporated city shall be assigned by the Regional Council, in consultation with any applicable subregional organization, to a District with other cities with which it has contiguous borders until such time as District boundaries are again reviewed by the Regional Council.
- (5) In any area where a subregional organization has either (1) been formally established under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. to serve as the subregional planning agency for the general purpose local governments

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and is not a single-purpose joint powers authority or a special district entity, or (2) been recognized by action of the **Regional Council** and is organized for general planning purposes such as for the purpose of conducting studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services **on an** area-wide and regional basis, exploring areas of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of governmental programs and providing recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern, such subregional organization shall make recommendations to establish a District (or Districts) within the boundaries of such subregional area. For purposes of establishing Districts, the subregional organization shall use the description of a District as set forth in Article **V-A(1)(a)(1)** of these Bylaws. The subregional organization shall have authority to make recommendations to the Regional Council to establish or modify Districts in every year ending in 3 or 8 and shall use city populations as most recently determined by the State Department of Finance.

- (6) The Regional Council shall establish no more than seventy (70) Districts.

(b) Regional Council Representation

- (1) Every member city of the Association shall have at least one District representative.
- (2) CTC, TCA and the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representatives to the Regional Council shall be appointed by their respective governing boards, and the appointments shall be formally communicated in writing to the Association. The Air District representative shall be determined by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region, with such determination formally communicated in writing to the Association.
- (3) The position of the Public Transportation Representative will rotate among the six CTCs in the SCAG Region, and each CTC in turn will **make a** two-year appointment subject to the President's official appointment. The Chief Executive Officers of the CTCs may develop additional procedures for the selection process. A representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall serve as the initial Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

(2) Terms of Office:

- (a) Membership on the Regional Council by District representatives shall be for two (2) years except for those District representatives elected through special elections or appointments as described below and in Article **V-A** above. Terms

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of District representatives shall commence on the adjournment of **the annual** meeting of the General Assembly and expire at the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly occurring after their terms commence. If a District representative resigns from his or her position as the District representative or officially ceases to be a locally elected official, his **or her** District representative position shall be declared vacant by the President on the effective date of the resignation or the end of the elected official's locally elected position. Moreover, the President shall immediately declare vacant the position of a District representative if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual or **because of** a failure to follow the election or appointment policies contained in the Regional Council Policy Manual. A no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District **that are voting eligible** Members of the Association. All such vacancies shall be filled through special elections or new appointments as set forth in **the Regional** Council Policy Manual. In the case of District representatives elected pursuant to special elections or newly appointed to fill vacancies, the term shall be for such time as will fill out the remainder of the vacated term.

(b) The terms of District representatives who represent even-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in even-numbered years. Terms of District representatives who represent odd-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in odd-numbered years.

(c) Representatives to the Regional Council from the counties that are **Members of** the Association and from the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, Air Districts, TCA, and the Public Transportation Representative shall have two (2) year terms, commencing on the date of appointment by the organizations they each represent and expiring two (2) years thereafter. If a representative described in this Article **V.-A.--(2)(c)** ceases to be a locally elected official, or if so required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if his or her appointment is rescinded by the appointing legislative body, his or her position on the Regional Council shall immediately be declared vacant by the President. Such a vacancy on the Regional Council shall be filled by action of the respective county, CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, the five Air Districts in the SCAG Region in the case of the Air District representative, and the CTCs in the SCAG Region with respect to the Public Transportation Representative.

(3) **Meetings:** Unless the Regional Council decides otherwise, it shall generally meet at least once a month. The date, time and location of the Regional Council meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Director and ratified by the Regional Council. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of the members of the Regional Council. The Regional Council may adopt any other meeting procedures as part of the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(4) **Duties**

- (a) Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly, the **Regional Council** shall conduct the affairs of the Association, approve the Overall **Work Plan** (OWP) Budget required by state and federal agencies and any other similar budgets required by funding agencies, and approve the **Regional Council** Policy Manual and any amendments thereto. The Executive **Director** or his designee shall have the authority to make administrative modifications to the Regional Council Policy Manual to reflect past Regional Council **actions** **without** the Regional Council's approval of a formal amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (b) The Regional Council shall review and may amend the proposed annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The proposed budget and the assessment schedule, as approved by Regional Council, shall be submitted to the members of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. After the adoption of the annual budget assessment schedule by the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall control all Association expenditures in accordance with such budget.
 - (1) The Regional Council shall have the power to transfer funds within the total budget amount in order to meet unanticipated needs or changed situations. Such action shall be reported to the General Assembly at its next regular meeting.
 - (2) At each annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Regional **Council** shall report on all budget and financial transactions since the **previous annual** meeting.
- (c) The Regional Council shall submit a report of its activities at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (d) The Regional Council shall have the authority to appoint, ratify the annual Work Plan of, approve the Employment Agreement of (including all compensation and benefits) and remove an Executive Director of the Association, and shall also have the authority to fix the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.
- (e) The Regional Council shall have the power to establish committees or subcommittees to study specific problems, programs, and other **matters which** the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study. **The SCAG** President shall appoint all members and all chairs of committees and subcommittees that are established to study such specific problems or programs. At the discretion of the SCAG President, the chair of a Policy Committee may appoint the membership and chair of a subcommittee of **said**

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- (f) Recommendations from committees for policy decisions shall be made to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall have the authority to act upon policy recommendations including policy recommendations from the committees, or it may submit such recommendations, together with its comments, to the General Assembly for action.
 - (g) The Regional Council shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the General Assembly.
 - (h) Representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such representatives; however, such representatives shall refrain from any **actions or** contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.
 - (i) All representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with ~~the~~ all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination, and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (5) **Voting:** In the Regional Council voting shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Only representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Regional Council. Proxy votes are not allowed and representatives must be present at a Regional Council meeting in order to cast a vote.
 - (b) One-third (1/3) of the total number of representative positions from **voting-eligible** Regional Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Regional Council. The unfilled representative positions of voting-eligible **Regional Council** members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum.
 - (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members voting with a quorum in attendance are required for action **by the** Regional Council, except as set forth in subsection (d) below.
 - (d) In order to appoint or remove the Executive Director, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of representative positions, including unfilled representative positions, of the voting-eligible Regional Council members is required.
 - (e) Each representative from a CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the Air Districts, and TCA as well as the Public Transportation

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Representative shall have the right to vote in the same manner as other representatives of voting-eligible Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council.

- (f) Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council are free to abstain from voting on any issue before the Regional Council. Any abstention does not count as a vote in favor or against a motion.
- (g) Due to the inability of Regional Council members to review main motions other than those presented as a “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material prior to a Regional Council meeting, the President shall not proceed with a vote on a main motion that differs from the “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material until the Clerk or counsel has re-stated such a motion and an opportunity has been provided to Regional Council members to permit them to deliberate and debate such a motion.

(6) Expenses: Representatives of Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council shall serve with compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the Association, to the extent that such compensation and reimbursement are not otherwise provided to them by another public agency, a Tribal Government, or the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board. The Regional Council shall determine the amount of such compensation and set forth other procedures for expenses in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

~~(6)~~(7) **Dual Service Prohibited:** No individual may simultaneously hold more than one (1) voting-eligible Regional Council member position. If an individual is selected, elected, or appointed to a second voting-eligible Regional Council member position, the individual shall, within fifteen (15) days of the second selection, election, or appointment, notify the Association in writing which position the individual elects to retain. If no election is made, the President shall immediately declare vacant the most recently acquired position. Any vacated position shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws and the Regional Council Policy Manual. Nothing in this provision restricts simultaneous service in a voting-eligible Regional Council member position and in an ex officio, non-voting capacity.

B. **Permanent Committees:** For the purpose of developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall establish as permanent committees the “Executive/Administration Committee,” the “Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee,” and the three (3) policy committees known as the “Transportation Committee,” the “Energy and Environment Committee,” and the “Community, Economic and Human Development Committee” (the latter three committees collectively referred to herein as the “Policy Committees”). In addition, the “Emerging Technologies Committee” is established by the Regional Council to research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in transportation planning.

C. **Executive/Administration Committee**

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- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) shall include the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Immediate Past-President and the President shall serve as the Chair. The EAC shall also include the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the three (3) Policy Committees, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board serving on the Regional Council, and an additional four (4) representatives of Regional Council members who are appointed by the President. In making the appointments, the President shall ensure that the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region have representatives on the EAC. In addition, the representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity shall also serve on the EAC in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity. Appointments by the President to a position on the EAC shall be for approximate one (1) year terms, and such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) **Meetings:** The EAC shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the EAC may decide not to meet upon the call of the EAC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
 - (a) Subject to any limitations that may be established by the General Assembly and/or the Regional Council, the EAC is authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association if the President or the Executive Director determine that such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council.
 - (b) Subject to the policies of the Regional Council, the EAC shall be responsible for:
 - (1) developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred by the Regional Council; and
 - (2) negotiating and approving an Annual Work Plan with the Executive Director, which shall be subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Executive Director's Annual Work Plan shall be effective the first day of July of the calendar year. The EAC shall be responsible for performing the annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance and for making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Employment Agreement of the Executive Director. The EAC shall complete its annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance no later than the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Regional Council.
 - (c) The powers and duties of the EAC shall include such other duties as the Regional Council may delegate.

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- (4) **Voting:** A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the EAC except that an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the EAC when the EAC acting on behalf of the Regional Council is required to make decisions or take actions that are binding upon the Association with regard to the annual budget; the hiring, removal, compensation, and benefits of the Executive Director; and the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.

D. Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

- (1) **Membership:** Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may serve on the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Appointments to the LCMC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the LCMC. All representatives appointed to the LCMC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (2) **Meetings:** The LCMC shall generally meet once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the LCMC may decide not to meet upon the call of the LCMC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
- (a) The Legislative Communications and Membership Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative and telecommunications matters; providing policy direction for the agency's marketing communications strategy, outreach issues/materials, and electronic communications systems; reviewing sponsorship opportunities whose cost will exceed \$5,000; and promoting agency membership.
- (b) The duties of the LCMC shall include other such duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the LCMC shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the LCMC.

E. Policy Committees

(1) **Membership:**

- (a) The Policy Committees may include as voting committee members the following: representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council; one (1) representative from the California Department of Transportation; local government elected representatives from each of the general purpose subregional organizations as established under Article V(A)(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws; and one (1) representative who is a general purpose local elected official and duly appointed board member from an agency with which the Association has a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship.
- (b) The Policy Committees may include ex-officio (non-voting) committee members who shall be representatives from regional and subregional single purpose public agencies and other voting and ex-officio (non-voting)_committee members as approved by the Regional Council.
- (c) Representatives of the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council may be appointed as voting committee members of one of the Policy Committees.
- (d) All committee members (voting and ex-officio) of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be required to file Statement of Economic Interests forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination, and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(2) **Appointments to Policy Committee:**

- (a) The President shall appoint all interested and available representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment. In making such appointments, the President shall, to the extent practicable, appoint an equal number of voting committee members to each Policy Committee taking into consideration regional representation, geographical balance, diversity of views, and other factors deemed appropriate by the President.
- (b) The President may appoint to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members representatives of public agencies that have a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship with SCAG. The representatives shall be appointed for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following

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each appointment. All such appointments will be in response to a written request from each of the governing boards of the agencies. Appointments shall be limited to one (1) representative from **each public** agency. In making such appointments, the President shall consider regional representation.

- (c) The President ~~shall~~ **may** appoint ex-officio (non-voting) committee members to the Policy Committees representing the business sector, labor, higher education, and community groups ~~upon the recommendation of one of the respective Policy Committees and approval by the Regional Council~~. The term of each such ex-officio committee member shall expire at the adjournment of the **next regular** meeting of the General Assembly, however, each such ex-officio committee member may be re-appointed by a future SCAG President.
- (d) The President may appoint to one (1) Policy Committee as a voting committee member one (1) elected representative from each of the subregional organizations described in Article ~~V-E-~~(1)(a) of these Bylaws. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (e) The President may appoint to the Policy Committees as voting committee members additional local government elected representatives from each of the subregional organizations identified in Article ~~V-E-~~(1)(a) of these Bylaws that has at least four (4) Districts. One (1) additional local government elected representative for each District in excess of three (3) Districts may be appointed by the President. The governing boards of each of the **subregional organizations** shall nominate the additional representatives to be **considered by** the President for appointment. In making the appointments, the President shall consider, among other things, regional representation. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (f) In addition to the appointment of the representative of the **Tribal Government** Regional Planning Board, the President may also appoint, with the consent of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, additional representatives to each Policy Committee such that the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board may have two (2) voting committee members on each Policy Committee. Such representative shall be locally elected Tribal Council members from the federally recognized Indian Nations within the SCAG Region. Each of these additional appointments shall be for **approximate two** (2) year terms that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointments.
- (g) In order to facilitate participation by member cities of the Association, the President may make at-large appointments of local elected officials from cities that are not otherwise represented on a Policy Committee; provided, however,

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that the President shall only make such at-large appointments in response to written requests from such cities and may make no more than six at-large appointments for each Policy Committee. The term of an at-large representative on a Policy Committee shall be limited to the remainder of the term of the President except that the local elected official may continue to serve on the Policy Committee if its respective city council approve his or her re-appointment and the next SCAG President authorizes the re-appointment. Local elected officials serving in an at-large capacity on a Policy Committee shall be voting committee members.

(h) To implement and advance the Association’s commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations, the seven (7) County representatives (i.e., Supervisors) to the Regional Council may each appoint one (1) local elected official, from a voting-eligible Member of the Association that has a Community of Concern (as defined below) located within the Member’s boundaries, to serve on a Policy Committee. A County representative to the Regional Council making such an appointment shall notify SCAG staff of the appointment in writing. Within ten (10) business days of a County representative’s notice making such an appointment, the President shall place the appointed local elected official on one of the Policy Committees. A local elected official appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years, commencing on the date the local elected official is placed on a Policy Committee by the President and expiring at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following date the person is placed on the Policy Committee. Appointments to Policy Committees pursuant to this provision shall be limited to one (1) representative from each County except that Los Angeles County shall be permitted to have two representatives (one for each County representative to the Regional Council). As used in this Article V.E.(2)(h), the term “Community of Concern” shall have the meaning given in SCAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

(3) **Meetings:** The Policy Committees shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the Policy Committees may decide not to meet upon the call of the respective Policy Committee Chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.

(4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of a Policy Committee shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting committee members. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the voting committee members of a Policy Committee voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by a Policy Committee.

(5) **Duties of the Transportation Committee (TC):** The Transportation Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to

challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of mobility and accessibility, including, but not limited to all modes of surface transportation, transportation system preservation and system management, regional aviation, regional goods movement, and transportation finance, as well as transportation control measures.

(6) **Duties of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)**: The Energy and Environment Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of energy and the environment. EEC shall also be responsible for reviewing and providing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters pertaining to environmental compliance.

(7) **Duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**: The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing, and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans, and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.

F. **Joint Policy Committee Meetings**: The duties of the Policy Committees are specified in subsections (5), (6) and (7) above. To the extent that there are matters which are within the scope of review of more than one Policy Committee, the respective Policy Committees shall meet as a Joint Committee to consider the matters and provide unified policy recommendations to the Regional Council, if applicable. At the discretion of the President, the President or the chair of one of the Policy Committees shall preside over a Joint Policy Committee meeting. A quorum of a Joint Policy Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the combined voting membership of the Policy Committees. There shall be no proxy votes and a voting member must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the combined voting members of the Policy Committees voting with a quorum of the Joint Policy Committee in attendance is required for an action by the Joint Policy Committee.

G. **Other Committees**: Except as may be limited or restricted elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President is authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to SCAG committees, ad hoc committees, subcommittees, or task forces to study specific problems, programs, or other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study and also to appoint new members or re-appoint prior members to any SCAG committee, ad hoc committee, subcommittee or task force. The President is also authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities as representatives of the Association. If no such representatives are available for such appointment, the President may appoint an elected official not on the Regional Council to represent the Association. Elected officials appointed to represent the Association who are not then serving on the Regional Council shall serve as ex-officio representatives to the Regional Council without the right to vote. Terms of appointment of representatives serving on the

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Regional Council and other elected officials to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities shall be consistent with the term of office of the appointing President.

H. **Emerging Technologies Committee:** Serving as a permanent advisory committee to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees, the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) will research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in all beneficial areas throughout the region, including transportation planning and improving the region's transportation system. Members serving on the Regional Council and Policy Committees may serve on the ETC. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members to the ETC may be appointed by the President. Appointments to the ETC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the ETC. All representatives appointed to the ETC by the President shall have full voting rights.

(1) **Meetings:** The ETC shall meet as frequently as needed upon the call of the ETC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.

(2) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the ETC shall be one-third (1/3) of the members serving on the ETC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible members serving on the ETC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the ETC.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

A. **Officer Positions:** Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Association's President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Regional Council, prior to the annual regular meeting of the General Assembly, from among its membership as set forth below. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, but shall have no vote in the Association.

B. **Nominating Committee and Candidate Replacements:** Officers of the Association, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected from a recommended list of candidates, one for each office, which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and submitted to the Regional Council for review and action. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of seven (7) representatives of Regional Council members who collectively represent the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region, with at least one (1) member being a county representative. All individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall be voting members. Individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall serve from the date of their appointment until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Immediate Past President shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consider only those candidates that meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth below in Article VI.C. of these Bylaws and any other requirements that may be established by the Regional Council. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote.

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The affirmative votes of a majority of those Nominating Committee members voting with a quorum in attendance shall be required for any action by the Nominating Committee.

In the event that prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a candidate for President or First Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by the Regional Council but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C.5**, the candidate for First Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for President and the candidate for Second Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for First Vice-President, provided that the **applicable candidates** are agreeable to the change.

In the event that prior to the annual General Assembly meeting, a candidate for Second Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by Regional Council, but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C.5** or if other candidate vacancies exist for any reason after the approval(s) by the Nominating Committee or the election(s) by the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall fill the vacant candidate position(s) with individual or individuals who meet the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C**. The Nominating Committee may also meet to review the list of candidates and make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding the new candidate for Second Vice-President or for any other vacant candidate positions if there is sufficient time before the annual meeting of the General Assembly in which to schedule both a meeting of the Nominating Committee and the **Regional Council**.

C. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** The following minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order for an individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a **candidate for** an officer position in the Association.

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a Regional Council member who is a representative of a voting-eligible Member of the Association, the TCA representative, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative, the Air District representative, or the Public Transportation Representative and who has served on a Policy Committee and/or the Regional Council (in any combination, except as provided in this subsection) for at least 24 continuous months from when first appointed to the Policy Committee and/or Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election; provided, however, that at least 12 months of the potential candidate's service must be as a Regional Council member. A potential candidate's concurrent service as a member of both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council shall count only once towards satisfying the 24-month eligibility requirement.
- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
- (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city, TCA, Air District or CTC, the Public Transportation Representative, or a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation.

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- (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.
- (5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.

D. **Election by Regional Council and Ratification by General Assembly:** The names of the candidates for each officer position recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Council for consideration and action at least one (1) month **prior to** the annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Regional Council for each officer position (except Secretary-Treasurer). If the Nominating Committee cannot agree on one candidate to recommend to the Regional Council for an officer position, all candidates for that officer position who satisfied the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Article ~~V.C.~~ shall **be presented** to the Regional Council. The Regional Council may also consider and elect for any officer position individuals who are nominated directly at a Regional Council meeting as **part of** the election process. New Officers shall take office after the ratification of the General Assembly and upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.

E. **Officer Position Vacancies:** A vacancy shall immediately occur in the office of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President or Immediate Past President upon the resignation or death of the person holding such office, or upon the person holding such office ceasing to be a local elected official or if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if the appointment as a representative of a Member of the Association, the TCA, the Air Districts, Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, or as the **Public Transportation** Representative of **the person** holding the office is rescinded by the legislative body(ies) responsible for the appointment or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in **accordance with** the District Representative Election Procedures in the Regional Council Policy Manual. Such a no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by **all cities** in the District that are **voting-eligible** members of the Association. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such ~~s~~**Second** Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of ~~Article VI, Section~~ **B**. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate and available Past President of SCAG still serving as representative to the Regional Council shall fill the position and serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

F. **Representatives to Regional Council Eligible for Officer Positions:** All representatives to the Regional Council from Members of the Association including the CTCs and the representatives

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of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative are eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.

- G. **Presiding Officer:** The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Council and of the General Assembly. The First Vice-President shall act as the presiding officer in his/her absence. The Second Vice-President, followed by the Immediate Past President, shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of both of the above officers.
- H. **Duties of Secretary-Treasurer:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Association proceedings, maintain custody of all Association funds, and otherwise perform the usual duties of such office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Association. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are as follows.

- A. **Affairs of the Association:** Subject to the authority of the General Assembly and the Regional Council, to administer the affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, oversight and approval of the Personnel Rules, Procurement Manual, and Accounting Manual of the Association.
- B. **Employees:** Consistent with all applicable personnel policies, procedures, and salary classifications, to appoint, direct, discipline, remove, and set the compensation and benefits of all other employees of the Association.
- C. **Budget:** Annually to prepare and present a proposed Association budget and Overall Work Plan budget to the Regional Council and to control the approved budgets.
- D. **Secretary-Treasurer:** To serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.
- E. **Meetings:** To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Regional Council, and the EAC.
- F. **Other Duties:** To perform such other duties as the General Assembly or the Regional Council or the Regional Council Policy Manual may require.
- G. **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** To ensure compliance with the Association's responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

- A. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1.
- B. **Budget Submission and Adoption:** The Association budget shall be submitted by the Executive

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Director to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall adopt an Association budget at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting. The Association budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, any member that cannot pay its assessment therefore because of any applicable law or charter provision, or other lack of ability to appropriate or pay the same, may add such assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year. The budget for each year shall provide the necessary funds with which to obtain and maintain the requisite liability and worker's compensation insurance to fully protect each of the signatory parties hereto, and such insurance shall be so obtained and maintained.

- C. **Annual Membership Dues Assessment:** Each year, upon adoption of the Association budget, the General Assembly shall fix an annual membership dues assessment for all Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association, and Regional Council members in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the Association budget and shall advise the legislative body of each Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member thereof on or before the first regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Assembly regular meeting of such year. Absent any other decision regarding membership dues assessments by the General Assembly, the annual membership dues assessment will be adjusted by the most recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County, California area, with a minimum of one per-cent (1%) and using as a base for the assessment calculation the amount assessed in the previous assessment year. The annual membership dues assessment shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article VIII-D of these Bylaws.

If a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association, or a Regional Council member is unable to pay its annual membership dues assessment for any of the reasons cited in Article VIII-B of these Bylaws and if a Member (but not an Advisory Member or Regional Council member) is unable or unwilling to add its dues assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year, the Regional Council, for not more than one (1) year at a time, may defer, waive, or reduce payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member, or a Regional Council member. Similarly, the Executive Director may authorize reduced payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member, or a Regional Council member by no more than ten percent (10%) for not more than one (1) year at a time based upon documented financial hardship. In taking any of the actions above, the Regional Council shall adjust the Association budget to provide a balanced Association budget reflecting any of the above actions. Any action of the Regional Council deferring, waiving, or reducing the payment of the annual dues shall be reported at the following General Assembly meeting. In addition, if the Regional Council waives the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association, or a Regional Council member, the Regional Council shall consider, at the same time and decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the Official Representative of the Member or Advisory Member shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and whether the representative of the Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member can continue to vote on the Regional Council or any committee or subcommittee of the Association, serve in a leadership position, receive a stipend, or have any other membership rights or privileges restricted during the period when the annual dues have been waived.

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If the Regional Council decides to waive the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association and also decides to suspend the voting rights of the Member for the period when the dues assessment is waived and if the representative of the Member serving on the Regional Council represents a multi-city District, the position of **District representative** shall be vacated by the action of the Regional Council and the vacancy shall **be filled** through a special election in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association, or Regional Council member that fails to pay its annual membership dues assessment, or, in the case of a Member, fails to announce its intention to add its assessment to the assessment for the **next fiscal** year or fails to seek a deferral or waiver or reduction of its assessment by January 1 of the July 1 – June 30 fiscal year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and will cease to be a Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member effective January 1. The Executive Director or his designee shall endeavor to provide written notices **of annual** membership dues assessment delinquencies in December of each fiscal year.

D. Methods of Assessment:

Member Cities and Counties and Tribal Governments: Each member county and each member city, based on its total population, shall pay, as part of its total annual assessment, the following fixed basic assessment:

| COUNTIES | | CITIES | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Total Population | Base | Population | Base |
| Up to 249,999 | \$ 3,500 | Up to 9,999 | \$ —100 |
| 250,000 – 1,099,999 | \$ 10,000 | 10,000 – 24,999 | \$ 250 |
| 1,100,000 – 1,999,999 | \$ 15,000 | 25,000 – 99,999 | \$ 500 |
| 2,000,000 – 3,999,999 | \$ 25,000 | 100,000 – 499,999,000 | \$ 750 |
| 4,000,000 up | \$ 35,000 | 500,000 – 999,999 | \$ 1,000 |
| | | 1,000,000 up | \$ 1,250 |

For purposes of the annual assessment each federally recognized Indian Nation in the SCAG Region that becomes an Advisory Member of the Association shall be treated as a member city. The remainder of the total annual dues assessment to be borne by the member **counties shall** be charged to and paid by said member counties in proportion that the population of unincorporated portions of each bear to the total regional population. The remainder of the total annual assessment to be borne by the member cities shall be charged to and paid by said member cities in the proportion that the population of each bears to the total regional population. The computation of the shares of said total annual assessments as above provided shall be based upon the respective populations of the counties and cities **as determined** by the State Controller in making the most recent allocation to cities and **counties pursuant** to the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law, or based upon population data from the **State Department** of Finance in the event that the State Controller data is not available. For a member city newly incorporated pursuant to California Government Code Section 57176, **the total** annual assessment for the first

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five (5) years following incorporation shall be based upon such city's actual population as defined under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.3(d).

If any county or city was not a Member of the Association at the time the latest assessment was fixed and shall become a Member of the Association thereafter, an assessment shall be payable by such county or city to the Association upon becoming a Member in a sum based upon the current county or city per capita rate, as the case may be, prorated from the date of establishing membership until the July 1 following the next annual meeting of the **General Assembly** after such date. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Article VIII, no rebates or adjustments shall be made among the existing member counties and/or cities if such additional assessments shall be received from new Members. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Section, no regular dues assessment of any county or city shall exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment for any annual assessment period.

CTCs: Each CTC shall pay a fixed annual assessment based on total population, using the following assessment table:

| <u>Total Population</u> | <u>Annual Assessment</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Up to 249,000 | \$ 3,500 |
| 250,000 --- 1,099,999 | \$ 10,000 |
| 1,100,000 --- 1,999, 999,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| 2,000,000 --- 3,999,999 | \$ 25,000 |
| More than 4,000,000 | \$ 35,000 |

TCA, the Air Districts and the Public Transportation Representative: TCA shall pay an annual assessment of \$10,000. The annual assessment for a representative from the Air Districts **on the** Regional Council shall be \$10,000 to be paid in a manner agreed upon by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region. There is no required assessment for the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

- E. **Annual Audit:** The Regional Council shall cause an annual external audit of the financial affairs of the Association to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each **fiscal year**. The Regional Council shall employ a certified public **accountant** of its choosing. The Regional Council shall also establish an Audit Committee to provide oversight of the **annual external** audit. The members of Audit Committee shall be comprised of members of the Regional Council and serve for one (1) year terms. The First Vice-President shall be a member of the Audit Committee and the Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Audit Committee for one (1) year. The audit report shall be made to Association **member cities** and counties.

- F. **Indemnification for Tort Liability:** In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement as defined in **Section 895** of said code, the Members of the Association hereto as between themselves, **pursuant to** the authorization contained in Sections 895.4 and 895.6 of said code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this agreement to the

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same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said code. To achieve the above stated purpose each Member of the Association indemnifies and holds harmless any other Member of the Association for any loss, cost, or expense that may be imposed upon such other Member of the Association solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The rules set forth in Civil Code Section 2778 are hereby made a part of these Bylaws.

- G. **Debts, Liabilities and Obligations of the Association:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of said Joint Powers Agreement by which this Association is formed, no contract, employment, debt, liability or obligation of the Association shall be binding upon or obligate any Member of this Association without the express written request or consent of such Member and only to the extent so requested or consented to; nor shall the Association have the authority or the power to bind any member by contract, employment, debt, liability, or obligation made or incurred by it without the written request or consent of such Member, and then only to such extent as so requested or consented to in writing.

- H. **Depositaries and Investments:** In addition to the depositary and the disbursing officer as specified in Section 7 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Regional Council may authorize additional depositaries and those authorized to disburse the Association's funds, and may specify the terms and conditions pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE IX – STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Southern California Association of Governments shall be an agency established by a joint powers agreement among the members pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, of the Government Code of the State of California and shall have the powers vested in the Association by State or Federal law, the Joint Powers Agreement, or these Bylaws. The Association shall not have the power of eminent domain, or the power to levy taxes.

ARTICLE X – VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association, or Regional Council member may, at any time, withdraw from the Association providing, however, that the intent to withdraw must be stated in the form of a resolution enacted by the legislative body of the agency wishing to withdraw. Such resolution of intent to withdraw from the Association must be given to the Association by the withdrawing agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing agency shall not be entitled to a refund of the annual assessment paid to the Association.

ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws and any amendments thereto are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by an Official Representative, the Executive Director, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and the Regional Council.

If proposed by an Official Representative, the amendment shall be submitted to the Association by a

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deadline established by the Association that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly for assignment and consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and composed of twelve (12) representatives of Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council, with at least one (1) representative from each county in the SCAG Region and with at least two (2) representatives being county representatives. The representatives serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall have terms that commence on the date of their appointment and extend to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members voting shall be required for any action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Except for amendments proposed by the Regional Council, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and thereafter, by the Regional Council: except, however, amendments proposed by the Executive Director or his designee that are not recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall not be sent to the Regional Council. All amendments proposed by an Official Representative, and all amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee or the Executive Director or his designee that are recommended by the Regional Council along with amendments proposed by the Regional Council, shall be forwarded to the Official Representative of each General Assembly member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly at which such proposed amendments will be voted upon.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the General Assembly voting-eligible Members of the Association present and voting with a quorum in attendance is required to adopt an amendment to these Bylaws. If, within sixty (60) days after the adoption of any amendment, one-third (1/3) or more of the Official Representatives protest such amendment by filing a written protest with the Executive Director, the adoption of such amendment shall be suspended until the next meeting of the General Assembly when the amendment shall again be taken up for consideration and vote.

Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, Article ~~V-A(-4)~~(b) and the Article VIII A, B, and E of said Bylaws shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the legislative body of each signatory party to said agreement which has not then withdrawn from the Association.

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon the effective date of the agreement establishing the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – HIRING PROHIBITION

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No individual who is or was an Official Representative or Alternate on SCAG's General Assembly or is or was a representative of a Member of the Association, or of an Advisory Member of the Association, or of a Regional Council member serving on the Regional Council or is or was a member of any of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be eligible for compensated employment with SCAG for a period of one (1) year after the individual's last day of service in any of the SCAG positions described in this Article.

Bylaws adopted by the Joint County-City SCAG Committee:

March 27, 1964

Bylaws amended by the SCAG General Assembly:

February 24, 1966

November 4, 1966

February 24, 1967

February 18, 1970

September 24, 1970

February 16, 1973

September 12, 1974

February 27, 1975

March 8, 1977

October 6, 1977

March 3, 1978

October 6, 1978

March 16, 1979

October 2, 1980

April 29, 1982

April 26, 1984

January 29, 1987

March 21, 1989

March 22, 1990

April 21, 1991

February 27, 1992

March 12, 1993

March 4, 1994

March 3, 1995

July 3, 1996

October 9, 1997

April 16, 1998

September 3, 1998

April 8, 1999

April 6, 2000

May 1, 2003

September 4, 2003

May 4, 2004

May 5, 2005

May 4, 2006

May 3, 2007

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May 5, 2011

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

May 2, 2013

May 1, 2014

May 7, 2015

May 5, 2016

May 4, 2017

May 3, 2018

May 2, 2019

May 6, 2021

May 5, 2022



**NO. 679
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026**

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

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held a regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

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| Hon. Cindy Allen, 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 |
| Sup. Martha Cardenas-Singh | | Imperial County |
| Sup. Don Wagner | | Orange County |
| Sup. Karen Spiegel | | Riverside County |
| Sup. Vianey Lopez | | Ventura County |
| Hon. Michael Goodsell | | ICTC |
| Hon. Jan Harnik | | RCTC |
| Hon. Trish Kelley | | TCA |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge | | VCTC |
| Hon. Gary Gardner | <i>Desert Hot Springs</i> | District 2 |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore | <i>Eastvale</i> | District 4 |
| Hon. Frank Navarro | <i>Colton</i> | District 6 |
| Hon. Helen Tran | <i>San Bernardino</i> | District 7 |
| Hon. Acquanetta Warren | <i>Fontana</i> | District 8 |
| Hon. John Dutrey | <i>Montclair</i> | District 9 |
| Hon. Rick Denison | <i>Yucca Valley</i> | District 11 |
| Hon. John Gabbard | <i>Dana Point</i> | District 12 |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum | <i>Mission Viejo</i> | District 13 |
| Hon. William Go | <i>Irvine</i> | District 14 |
| Hon. Debbie Baker | <i>La Palma</i> | District 18 |



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| Hon. Ryan Balius | <i>Anaheim</i> | District 19 |
| Hon. Joe Kalmick | <i>Seal Beach</i> | District 20 |
| Hon. Marty Simonoff | <i>Brea</i> | District 22 |
| Hon. Frank Yokoyama | <i>Cerritos</i> | District 23 |
| Hon. Jeff Wood | <i>Lakewood</i> | District 24 |
| Hon. Emma Sharif | <i>Compton</i> | District 26 |
| Hon. Ali Saleh | <i>Bell</i> | District 27 |
| Hon. Mark E. Henderson | <i>Gardena</i> | District 28 |
| Hon. Suely Saro | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 29 |
| Hon. Margaret Clark | <i>Rosemead</i> | District 32 |
| Hon. Shaunna Elias | <i>Glendora</i> | District 33 |
| Hon. Thomas Wong | <i>Monterey Park</i> | District 34 |
| Hon. Keith Eich | <i>La Cañada Flintridge</i> | District 36 |
| Hon. Steve Tye | <i>Diamond Bar</i> | District 37 |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval | <i>Pomona</i> | District 38 |
| Hon. Chelsea Byers | <i>West Hollywood</i> | District 41 |
| Hon. Nikki Perez | <i>Burbank</i> | District 42 |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro | <i>Calabasas</i> | District 44 |
| Hon. Laura Hernandez | <i>Port Hueneme</i> | District 45 |
| Hon. Rocky Rhodes | <i>Simi Valley</i> | District 46 |
| Hon. Daniel Ramos | <i>Adelanto</i> | District 65 |
| Hon. Steve Sanchez | <i>La Quinta</i> | District 66 |
| Hon. Marsha McLean | <i>Santa Clarita</i> | District 67 |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson | <i>Riverside</i> | District 68 |
| Hon. Ulises Cabrera | <i>Moreno Valley</i> | District 69 |
| Hon. Larry McCallon | | Air District Representative |

Members Not Present

Sup. Kathryn Barger
Sup. Hilda Solis
Hon. Carlos Leon
Hon. Alan Wapner
Hon. Gil Rebolgar
Hon. Linda Krupa
Hon. Zak Schwank
Hon. Lauren Kleiman
Hon. Valerie Amezcua
Hon. Jon Dumitru
Hon. Fred Jung
Hon. Claudia Frometa
Hon. Andrew Lara

Members Not Present

Brawley
Hemet
Temecula
Newport Beach
Santa Ana
Orange
Fullerton
Downey
Pico Rivera

Members Not Present

Los Angeles County
Los Angeles County
OCTA
SBCTA
District 1
District 3
District 5
District 15
District 16
District 17
District 21
District 25
District 31



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| Hon. Margaret E. Finlay | <i>Duarte</i> | District 35 |
| Hon. Mark Waronek | <i>Lomita</i> | District 39 |
| Hon. Drew Boyles | <i>El Segundo</i> | District 40 |
| Hon. Austin Bishop | <i>Palmdale</i> | District 43 |
| Hon. Eunisses Hernandez | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 48 |
| Hon. Adrin Nazarian | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 49 |
| Hon. Bob Blumenfield | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 50 |
| Hon. Nithya Raman | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 51 |
| Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 52 |
| Hon. Imelda Padilla | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 53 |
| Hon. Monica Rodriguez | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 54 |
| Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 55 |
| Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 56 |
| Hon. Heather Hutt | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 57 |
| Hon. Traci Park | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 58 |
| Hon. John Lee | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 59 |
| Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 60 |
| Hon. Ysabel Jurado | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 61 |
| Hon. Tim McOsker | <i>Los Angeles</i> | District 62 |
| Hon. Steve Manos | <i>Lake Elsinore</i> | District 63 |
| Hon. Butch Twining | <i>Huntington Beach</i> | District 64 |
| Hon. Karen Bass | <i>Los Angeles</i> | Member-at-Large |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd. |
| Ms. Lucy Dunn | | Business Representative |

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
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel
- 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 11:47 a.m. and asked Regional Council Mark

Henderson, Gardena, RC District 28, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, noted that Mayor Frank Navarro, RC District 6, would be participating through an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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.

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

Seeing no public comment speakers for items not listed on the agenda, President Allen closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CHAIR'S REPORT

David J. Shapiro, Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Chair, reported the CEHD Committee held elections for its next Chair and Vice Chair. He announced that Rocky Rhodes had been selected as Chair and Jeff Wood as Vice Chair. He also reported that the Committee approved \$20 million in REAP 2.0 Notice of Funding Availability awards for five projects, as well as the LDX Guiding Principles and Process Overview. He indicated that the Committee also received two informational presentations. The first, presented by Dr. Kevin Kane, SCAG's Planning Supervisor of Demographics and Growth Vision, provided an overview of the Connect SoCal 2050 County and Regional Growth Forecast, which serves as a technical foundation for policy development within the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and ensures planning efforts reflect real-world trends. This was followed by a presentation from Camille Guiriba on the vision, goals, and policy review for Connect SoCal 2050, offering a refresher on policies from the previous RTP/SCS and laying the groundwork for future discussions on refining the policy framework for the next Connect SoCal plan. He also extended his sincere thanks to the committee members for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the CEHD Committee over the past two years.

There were no comments on the CEHD Chair report.

Rick Denison, Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Chair, reported that the EEC meeting included four informational items. First, the Committee received an overview of the Connect SoCal

2050 Vision, Goals, and Policy Review. He indicated it was followed by a presentation on SCAG's newly released Regional Resilience Toolkit, which provides jurisdictions with information, best practices, and resources to help integrate resilience into planning and implementation efforts. He reported that the Committee then heard an overview of the LA County Heat Action Plan, which outlines strategies to reduce vulnerability to extreme heat both indoors and outdoors and to strengthen preparedness for severe heat events. To conclude the informational items, he reported that the nonprofit Amigos de Los Rios presented its work on planning, funding, and implementing multi-benefit schoolyard retrofits throughout LA County that reduce extreme heat, improve stormwater capture and filtration, and create healthier and cooler spaces for children to learn and play. He noted that the meeting also included the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, and reported that he was re-elected as Chair and Daniel Ramos was re-elected as Vice Chair.

There were no comments on the EEC Chair report.

Mike T. Judge, Transportation Committee (TC) Chair, reported that the TC reappointed him as Chair and Thomas Wong as Vice Chair for another one-year term. He reported that the Committee approved the 2027 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines, ensuring \$129 million is available through the MPO component of ATP Cycle 8. He also noted that the Committee also approved recommended applicants for the Last Mile Freight Rebate Program to position the region to receive EPA Invest Clean funding for zero- and near-zero-emission truck deployment and supporting infrastructure. He indicated that two informational updates were provided: an update on SCAG's curb space management program, including pilot activities in preparation for upcoming regional mega-events, and an update on the Connect SoCal 2050 Vision, Goals, and Policy Review. He noted that additional discussion on Connect SoCal 2050 was anticipated at the April Joint Policy Committee meeting.

There were no comments on the TC Chair report.

ACTION ITEM

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, stated that before acting on this item, 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 indicated that this item included SCAG's updated salary schedule, which increases the salary range for eight executive classifications. He stated that this action updates the ranges only and does not set or change any individual executive's current salary, and it includes no changes to fringe benefits. He stated that the specific ranges were shown in the staff report for this item. He indicated that this oral report was being provided as part of their draft budget. He indicated that they would also provide the required oral

summary again immediately before the Regional Council takes final action at its meeting at the General Assembly in May.

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.

A MOTION was made (Ramos) to 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 (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

ABSTAIN: None (0)

AYES: Allen, Baker, Balius, Bucknum, Byers, Cabrera, Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Dutrey, Eich, Elias, Gardner, Gabbard, Go, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, McCallon, McLean, Navarro, Perez, Ramos, Rhodes, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Shapiro, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegle, Tran, Tye, Wagner, Warren, Wood, and Yokoyama (47)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Items**

2. Minutes of the Meeting – February 5, 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. 2027 (Cycle 8) Active Transportation Program: Regional Guidelines
6. REAP 2.0 NOFA for Lasting Affordability Call 2 Funding Awards
7. Recommendation and Approval of Recommended Applicants for the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Rebate Program
8. AB 2002 (Solache) – REAP 1.0 Codification Bill & Budget Request

Receive and File

9. March 2026 State and Federal Legislative Update
10. REAP 2.0 Program Update
11. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
12. CFO Monthly Report

There were no public Comments on the Consent Calendar.

Regional Council Member Jeff Wood, Lakewood, RC District 24, requested a correction on page 101 of the minutes. He asked that his last name be revised to remove the “s” after Wood.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve Consent Calendar with the corrected minutes, Items 2 through 8 and Receive and File Items 9 through 12. Motion was SECONDED (Eich) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Baker, Balius, Bucknum, Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Dutrey, Eich, Elias, Gardner, Gabbard, Go, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, McCallon, McLean, Navarro, Perez, Ramos, Rhodes, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegle, Tran, Tye, Wagner, Warren, Wood, and Yokoyama (44)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

13. Resilience Resolution Update

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that the meeting would focus on providing an update on their work under the Resilience Resolution, which the Regional Council approved in June 2025. He stated that following the devastating Eaton and Palisades wildfires, they convened a regional discussion on rebuilding, recovery, and resilience through a Joint Policy Committee, followed by more detailed conversations within each of our three policy committees. He indicated this led to the Regional Council's adoption of the Resilience Resolution, outlining strategies to strengthen resilience across the region. Since then, he noted that staff have been actively advancing those strategies, and at this meeting they would present an update on the progress made over the past year, including a spotlight on one of the key efforts underway. He indicated that the update would also include presentations from Larry Kosmont, CEO of Kosmont Companies; Julia Orozco, from the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath; and Craig Bullock, from the Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Traci Park. He introduced SCAG Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use Elizabeth Carvajal to provide a presentation.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Land Use, provided an update on progress made since the adoption of SCAG's Resilience Resolution in June 2023. She noted the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles city and county that prompted SCAG to support affected communities and advance regional resilience planning. She outlined the release of the new Resilience Toolkit, which offers guidance on assessing vulnerabilities, developing plans and policies, funding strategies, implementation, and disaster recovery. She reported ongoing work to establish a tax increment financing (TIF) program, including resources for jurisdictions, information on climate resilience districts, and six pilot feasibility studies. She also highlighted a \$3.8 million REAP 2.0 grant provided to Los Angeles County to support an affordable ADU program for fire-impacted areas, offering \$100,000 grants per homeowner. Finally, she summarized the Disaster Recovery District Feasibility Study conducted with Kosmont Companies for Pacific Palisades and the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains, introducing guest speakers who would further discuss TIF, county recovery efforts, and the City of Los Angeles' work.

Larry Kosmont, CEO of Kosmont Companies, explained that climate resilience districts (CRDs) represent the newest form of tax-increment districts implemented after the end of redevelopment and serve as a strong tool for addressing resilience, infrastructure, and insurance challenges across urban, suburban, and rural communities. He noted the severe impacts of recent disasters, particularly in the Santa Monica Mountains and Pacific Palisades, where many homeowners face significant barriers to rebuilding. He emphasized that SCAG's early technical support allowed the city and county to evaluate tax-increment financing options quickly, which are essential for installing infrastructure and enabling private investment, the foundation of long-term recovery. He outlined how Disaster Recovery Districts (DRDs) capture post-disaster property value increases to fund infrastructure and accelerate rebuilding, highlighting current progress in both the county and the City of Los Angeles. He concluded by stressing the need for early funding from sources such as philanthropy and state programs, commending SCAG's leadership and noting that DRDs provide a critical pathway to timely infrastructure restoration and recovery.

Julia Orozco, from the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, thanked SCAG and its partners for their rapid assistance following the unprecedented Palisades and Eaton fires, noting that the scale of devastation required immediate action despite bureaucratic challenges. She explained that multiple unincorporated communities in the Santa Monica Mountains were heavily affected and that assumptions about state and federal disaster aid had not yet materialized, requiring jurisdictions to pursue flexible and innovative recovery strategies, including exploration of a Disaster Recovery Financing District. She emphasized the need to combat misinformation, support traumatized communities, and shift from immediate relief to major infrastructure investments. She indicated that the county's response has included legislative advocacy, establishment of a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery, expedited permitting efforts, and collaboration with SCAG on recovery financing. She also highlighted the importance of improved emergency preparedness, governance reforms under Measure G, and the creation of a Rebuilding Authority to strengthen coordination and leadership. She concluded by thanking SCAG for its continued partnership and support throughout the recovery process.

Craig Bullock, from the Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Traci Park, thanked SCAG for its early support in launching the tax increment financing (TIF) effort critical to long-term fire recovery. He noted the extensive damage in the Pacific Palisades, including the loss of 358 mobile homes, some of the area's most affordable housing, and thousands of additional homes, rental units, and community facilities. He outlined the city's rapid debris removal and utility restoration, while acknowledging ongoing challenges, including slope instability and long-neglected infrastructure needs. He described the district's work to preserve key historic structures and emphasized that a funded recovery is essential. He reported that despite initial setbacks in the City's Budget and Finance Committee, the TIF feasibility study was now moving forward, and he stressed the importance of continued education and outreach to build support for a financing strategy that will

enable meaningful recovery. He concluded by expressing appreciation for SCAG's ongoing assistance.

Regional Council Member Steve Tye, Diamond Bar, RC District 37, expressed frustration that despite early promises of waived permits and a fast-rebuilding process, almost nothing had been accomplished in fourteen months and very few homes had been rebuilt. He voiced concerns about property acquisition by large firms and the high percentage of affected residents who were seniors, calling the situation unmanageable. While local officials have tried to help, he questioned what they can realistically do alone and emphasized the urgency of acting before Sacramento slows progress further.

Mr. Kosmont responded that early funding was essential because expedited permits mean little without roads, utilities, and other infrastructure. He stated that rebuilding required establishing local districts to retain revenue, securing early state and philanthropic funding, and addressing infrastructure before tackling insurance issues. He stressed that the communities must unite, push Sacramento and federal partners, and obtain upfront funding to repair infrastructure and get homes rebuilt, concluding that they must "march on Sacramento" to make it happen.

Regional Council Member David Shapiro, Calabasas, RC District 44, expressed appreciation for the reports. He emphasized that Malibu, along with Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake, and Agoura were part of his district, and the tragedies caused by the Eaton and Palisades fires had been devastating and unimaginable for so many residents. He emphasized that the discussion highlighted important opportunities to prepare for future emergencies that every district will face, whether fire, earthquake, or flood, and stressed the value of developing proactive plans in partnership with SCAG and other agencies. He closed by thanking everyone for their work.

BUSINESS REPORT

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn stated her report was on page 204 of the agenda packet. She thanked Paul Granillo for providing an economic update. She shared a few key insights from the March 3 OC Forum. According to CSUF's Dr. Mira Farka, the economy was holding steady for now, though uncertainties remain given global conflict, soft job growth, ongoing tariff impacts, and widening income inequality. She indicated that UCI survey data showed workforce housing and affordability as Orange County's top concerns, while overall sentiment about the county remained positive. She also reported attending a screening of Bright Harvest, a documentary on Caltech's advancements in space-based solar energy, and noted a future showing on March 31 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. Finally, she reported that she attended the inaugural meeting of the Technical Advisory Group for the development of SCAG's Connect SoCal plan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen announced that West Hollywood City Councilmember Chelsea Byers was elected to represent Regional Council District 41 and would also serve on the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. She also reported participating in Mobility21's Sacramento advocacy trip with SCAG leadership, meeting with legislators and state officials, including California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin, to discuss regional transportation priorities and advocate for SB 375 reforms. She invited members to the California Association of Councils of Governments' 2026 Regional Leadership Forum in Long Beach on March 9–11. She also noted that April meetings had been rescheduled to the second Thursday due to Passover, with no meetings of the Energy and Environment Committee or the CEHD Committee that month. She reported that there would be a Special Transportation Committee on April 9 that would meet at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Joint Policy Committee at 10:00 a.m., and the Regional Council at 11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise thanked staff and guest speakers for the regional resilience presentation and announced the release of SCAG's Regional Resilience Toolkit, now available via the Spotlight newsletter and the SCAG website. He reported progress on SB 375 modernization through the introduction of SB 1087 and highlighted continued support for AB 2002 to codify the REAP program. He provided an update on REAP 2.0 implementation, including quarterly progress reporting and the Regional Council's approval of \$20 million for the Lasting Affordability Program. He also noted the EPA's recent repeal of the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and stated that SCAG was evaluating potential regional impacts while California's GHG reduction framework remained in effect. He reported that the Greenprint tool was entering final development and was expected to be released in June following beta testing. Lastly, he reported that the Federal Transit Administration recently released details on the allocation of \$100 million authorized by Congress for the 11 FIFA World Cup host cities. He noted that the Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim Urbanized Area will receive approximately \$9.6 million and that these funds were intended to support transit services for World Cup events at SoFi Stadium. He indicated that additional information would be provided as regional distribution plans were developed.

There were no public comments on the Business, President's or Executive Director's reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting of the Regional Council at 1:08 p.m.

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| Regional Council Attendance Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2025-2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEMBERS | Representing | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Total Mtgs Attended To Date | | |
| Allen, Cindy | Long Beach, RC District 30 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Amezcuca, Valerie | Santa Ana, RC District 16 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Baker, Debbie | La Palma, RC District 18 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Balius, Ryan | Anaheim, RC District 19 | 1 | | | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Barger, Kathryn | Los Angeles County | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Bass, Karen | Los Angeles, (Member at Large) | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Bishop, Austin | Palmdale, RC District 43 | 0 | | | 0 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | | |
| Blumenfield, Bob | Los Angeles, RC District 50 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Boyles, Drew | El Segundo, RC District 40 | 0 | | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | | |
| Bucknum, Wendy | Mission Viejo, RC District 13 | 1 | D | D | 0 | D | 0 | 1 | D | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | | |
| Byers, Chelsea | West Hollywood, RC District 41 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Cabrera, Ulises | Moreno Valley, RC District 69 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | | 4 | | |
| Cardenas-Singh, Martha | Imperial County | | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | | 3 | | |
| Clark, Margaret | Rosemead, RC District 32 | 0 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Crosswhite, Jenny | Santa Paula, RC District 47 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Denison, Rick | Yucca Valley, RC District 11 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
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| Dunn, Lucy | Business Representative | 1 | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | | 4 | | |
| Dutrey, John | Montclair, RC District 9 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Eich, Keith | La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | | 4 | | |
| Elias, Shaunna | Glendora, RC District 33 | 0 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Finlay, Margaret E. | Duarte, RC District 35 | 0 | A | A | 1 | A | 1 | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | | | 3 | | |
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| Gardner, Gary | Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Gabbard, John | Dana Point, RC District 12 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Go, William | Irvine, RC District 14 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Goodsell, Mike | ICTC Representative | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Hagman, Curt | San Bernardino County | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Harnik, Jan C. | RCTC Rpresentative | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
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| Henderson, Mark E. | Gardena, RC District 28 | 0 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Hernandez, Eunisses | Los Angeles, RC District 48 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Hernandez, Laura | Port Hueneme, RC District 45 | 1 | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Hutt, Heather | Los Angeles, RC District 57 | 0 | R | R | 0 | R | 0 | 0 | R | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Judge, Mike T. | VCTC Representative | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Jung, Fred | Fullerton, RC District 21 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
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| Kalmick, Joe | Seal Beach, RC District 20 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Kelley, Trish | TCA Representative | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Kleiman, Lauren | Newport Beach, RC District 15 | 0 | | | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | | 2 | | |
| Krupa, Linda | Hemet, RC District 3 | 1 | K | K | 1 | K | 1 | 1 | K | 1 | 0 | | | 5 | | |
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| Lee, John | Los Angeles, RC District 59 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Leon, Carlos A. | OCTA Representative | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
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| Lorimore, Clint | Eastvale, RC District 4 | 0 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Manos, Steve | Lake Elsinore, RC District 63 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | | 5 | | |
| Marquez, Ray | Chino Hills, RC District 10 | 1 | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| Masiel, Andrew | Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov. Png. Brd. | 0 | | | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | | 3 | | |
| McCallon, Larry | Air District Representative | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| McLean, Marsha | Santa Clarita, RC District 67 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| McOsker, Tim | Los Angeles, RC District 62 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Navarro, Frank J. | Colton, RC District 6 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | | |
| Nazarian, Adrin | Los Angeles, RC District 49 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Padilla, Imelda | Los Angeles, RC District 53 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Park, Traci | Los Angeles, RC District 58 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Perez, Nikki | Burbank, RC District 42 | 0 | | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | | |
| Price, Curren D. | Los Angeles, RCDistrict 56 | 0 | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
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| Rhodes, Rocky | Simi Valley, RC District 46 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Rodriguez, Monica | Los Angeles, RC District 54 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
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| Sanchez, Steve | La Quinta, RC District 66 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Sandoval, Tim | Pomona, RC District 38 | 0 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 |
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| Shapiro, David J. | Calabasas, RC District 44 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Sharif, Emma | Compton, RC District 26 | 0 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 |
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| Solis, Hilda | Los Angeles County | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Soto-Martinez, Hugo | Los Angeles, RC District 60 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Spiegel, Karen | Riverside County | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Tran, Helen | San Bernardino, RC District 7 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Twining, Butch | Huntington Beach, RC District 64 | 1 | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 2 |
| Tye, Steve | Diamond Bar, RC District 37 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Wagner, Donald P. | Orange County | 1 | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Wapner, Alan | SBCTA/SBCOG | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 3 |
| Waronek, Mark | Lomita, RC District 39 | 0 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | | | 3 |
| Warren, Acquanetta | Fontana, RC District 8 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 |
| Wong, Thomas | Monterey Park, RC District 34 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Wood, Jeff | Lakewood, RC District 24 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Yaroslavsky, Katy | Los Angeles, RC District 52 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Yokoyama, Frank A. | Cerritos, RC District 23 | 1 | | 0 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 |
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AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 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;
 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.
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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:

| Table 2. FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Expenditures | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 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

WHEREAS, the OWP is the basis for SCAG's annual regional planning activities and 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, 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). |

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 | FFY26 OTS | AQMD/EPA (CPRG) | DOE | ATP | In-Kind Commitments | Justification |
|-----------|------------------|---|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| 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 5

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

From: Pablo Gutierrez, Planning Supervisor
213-236-1929, gutierre@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 |



AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 2026

To: RC - Regional Council
From: Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor (Demographics & Growth Vision)
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Subject: Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX): Guiding Principles and
Process Overview

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Following the recommendation from CEHD, adopt the proposed “Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Development Pattern Guiding Principles” and direct staff to conduct a local data exchange process as the technical input opportunity for local jurisdictions for Connect SoCal 2050 with a due date of November 20, 2026.

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:

To support the development of Connect SoCal 2050, the Local Data Exchange, or LDX, process aims to exchange local information for regional purposes with all local jurisdictions in Southern California. A key purpose of this process is the requirement that SCAG “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region” as a core element of the sustainable communities strategy. Prior to initiating the LDX, staff is seeking board approval of guiding principles and the process for developing the forecasted development pattern with an input deadline of November 20, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

As required by federal and state law, SCAG prepares a long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years which provides a vision for integrating land use and transportation for increased mobility and more sustainable development. SCAG’s next RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal 2050 will build from the previous plan (Connect SoCal 2024) adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in April 2024. This 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. Specifically, Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from

automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 7506).”

To support the development of Connect SoCal 2050 and related regional planning activities, the Local Data Exchange, or LDX, process aims to exchange local information for regional purposes with all Southern California jurisdictions. One-on-one meetings between SCAG staff and local jurisdictions will begin in April 2026 and input is due to SCAG by November 20, 2026 to ensure sufficient time for review, modeling, policy development, and draft plan preparation during 2027.

This bottom-up approach ensures that local jurisdictions are actively involved in the development of SCAG’s regional plans and that the data are accurate and consistent across the region. As Connect SoCal data and models guide plan implementation and local funding opportunities for jurisdictions, LDX is one part of ensuring that local and regional plans are mutually reinforcing.

Proposed Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Regional Development Pattern Guiding Principles

LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions on technical inputs to Connect SoCal 2050 and to generate a forecasted regional development that will be:

1. **Rooted in local planning policies.** The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point, or ceiling, for growth and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the development pattern with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.
2. **Aligned with state policy.** The forecasted regional development pattern will reflect the housing element process and be assessed against SCAG’s SB 375 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.
3. **Steered by a regional vision.** The forecasted regional development pattern will further focus growth in areas supported by Regional Planning Policies adopted by the SCAG Regional Council and follow regional and county forecast totals as guided by SCAG’s Demographic Panel of Experts.

The LDX Process

In order to collect sufficient technical input to model the impacts of the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (FRDP) and other plan elements pursuant to 65080(b)(2)(B) above, and to provide ample region-wide information for SCAG policy committees to develop Connect SoCal 2050 policies and strategies, staff develops a local data exchange process. Referred to as the “local input process” during the development of the 2020 RTP/SCS and prior plans, this process begins with SCAG

preparing materials for local review, including a set of preliminary data and maps specific to each local jurisdiction, along with a planning survey to better understand local planning, existing conditions, and trends. The data and maps will be provided for local review through a jurisdiction-specific Data/Map Book that describes the context, definition, methodology, and data sources.

Beginning in April 2026, SCAG's Local Information Services Team (LIST), a cross-departmental group of planning staff, will reach out to meet one-on-one with all 197 local jurisdictions in the SCAG region to review preliminary data/maps, provide an overview of Connect SoCal 2050, and discuss local planning updates. Meetings will be scheduled to run from April through September, and each jurisdiction will have a dedicated staff point-of-contact. To inform local jurisdictions of the upcoming process, SCAG began providing an introductory LDX presentation at subregional technical advisory committees beginning in March 2026.

Following the release of LDX materials and one-on-one meetings, jurisdictions are asked to review the preliminary data/maps and complete a survey. During the LDX process, local jurisdictions will be asked to provide updates and corrections to data within their purview, such as land use and development patterns. Remaining data and maps consist of third-party data related to regional objectives and/or regional plan development. These layers are included for reference.

Preliminary Data/Maps for Local Review

As was the case for Connect SoCal 2024, Connect SoCal 2050 data and maps are organized into six categories:

- land use,
- transportation,
- geographical boundary,
- Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs),
- Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and
- preliminary growth forecast.

Staff refreshed the data and maps within each category with recently available updates, and included some new data and maps related to local planning and adopted Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Planning Policies.

The preliminary data and maps will be available online through jurisdiction-specific Data/Map Books which provide context, definitions, methodology, and data sources for the maps presented.

Exhibit 1: Preliminary Data and Maps for review during LDX

| Category | Data/Maps |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Land Use | General plan land use, specific plan land use, existing land use, zoning, 6 th cycle housing element sites, residential development activity |
| Transportation | Major transit stops, Transit Priority Areas, High Quality Transit Corridors, functional classification roads, regional dedicated transit lanes, *regional bikeways, *regional truck routes, *mobility hubs |
| Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs) | GRRAs consolidated map, climate hazards, habitat areas, agriculture, conserved areas |
| Priority Development Areas (PDAs) | Priority Development Areas category |
| Preliminary Growth Forecast | Jurisdiction-level projections of households and employment (2024-2050), Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ)-level projections of households and employment (2024-2050) |
| Geographical Boundary | City boundary and sphere of influence, census tract boundary, TAZ boundary |

Note: SCAG is seeking input on all maps under the land use and preliminary growth forecast categories. In addition, we ask local jurisdictions to provide updates or corrections to transportation maps identified by an asterisk.

Local Data Exchange Survey

In addition to the data and maps, local jurisdictions will be asked to provide feedback on the trends, existing conditions, and local planning in the SCAG region through a qualitative survey. The survey is organized into five sections:

- Land Use & Housing,
- Transportation,
- Environmental,
- Implementation, and
- Data.

The survey is provided as both a Word document and online survey so that jurisdictions of various sizes and internal structures can review as best suits them. In an effort to reduce the burden on jurisdictions and encourage a higher response rate, the survey has been updated and streamlined to remove irrelevant questions, and open-ended text response answers were converted to multiple choice responses where possible. Staff is hopeful that these changes will improve the Connect SoCal 2024 response rate of 46 percent (90 jurisdictions).

Steps Following LDX

The deadline for local jurisdictions to submit their input is November 20, 2026. Upon receiving input, SCAG will evaluate the data and information received pursuant to the guiding principles above.

Separately, SCAG will seek input from county transportation commissions to update data and maps related to the region’s planned transportation infrastructure as part of the adoption of a new RTP/SCS.

Data and maps reviewed during the LDX process and LDX survey responses will also inform policy development and will be used for modeling in accordance with the state and federal requirements of Connect SoCal 2050. Following the LDX process, SCAG will continue to collaborate on plan development with stakeholders, working groups, and the public through anticipated plan adoption in Spring 2028.

Exhibit 2: Major LDX and Connect SoCal 2050 Milestones

| EVENT | DATE |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Schedule meetings and begin subregion-level outreach | Beginning March 2026 |
| Finalize and complete LDX data | March 2026 |
| Launch Local Data Exchange. Data made available for local review through Data/Map Books | April 2026 |
| Begin one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to review the data package and feedback opportunity | April 2026 |
| Deadline for local jurisdictions to provide feedback for possible inclusion in Connect SoCal | <u>November 20, 2026</u> |
| Regional collaboration on plan development. Continued development of Connect SoCal strategies with stakeholders, working groups, and the public | 2027 |
| Draft RTP/SCS release | Fall 2027 |
| Final RTP/SCS adoption | Spring 2028 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - LDX_CSC2050_RC04092026

Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX)

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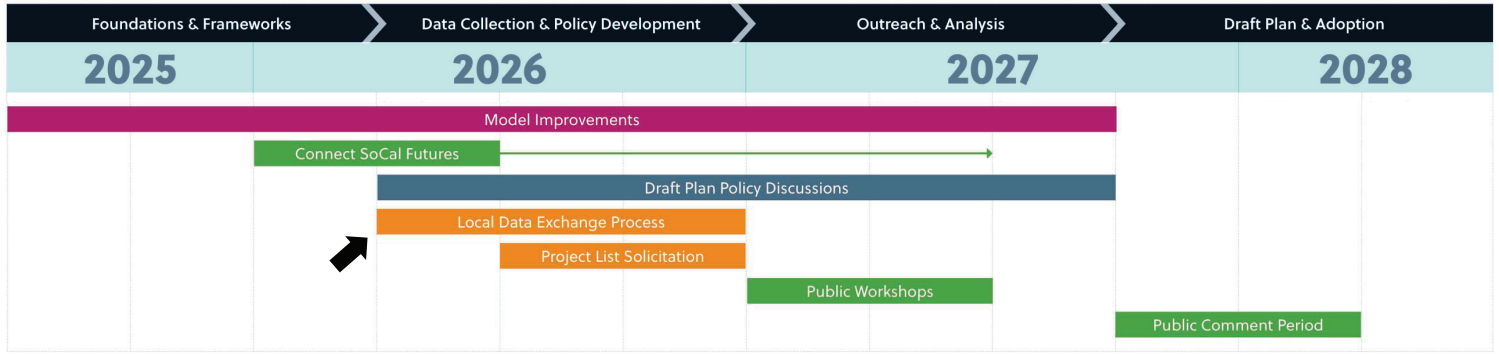
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Local Data Exchange (LDX): A Local Input Process for Connect SoCal

- **What is LDX?**
 - Through the LDX, SCAG aims to meet and exchange *local information for regional purposes* with all Southern California Jurisdictions.
- **Why LDX is used?**
 - A key purpose is to support SCAG in meeting the requirement to “set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region.” The LDX is also the primary opportunity for local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of Connect SoCal, ensuring that the data are accurate and consistent across the region.
- **How LDX works?**
 - SCAG prepares jurisdiction-specific GIS data and maps and a survey. SCAG aims to meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to discuss the data and plan development. For Connect SoCal 2050, meetings will begin in April 2026 and input is due to SCAG by November 20, 2026.



Connect SoCal 2050 Preliminary Milestones*



Milestones Color Key:

■ Plan Foundation and Elements
 ■ Local Agency Input Process
 ■ Modeling/Forecast
 ■ Outreach and Engagement

* Draft - Subject to Change

Statutory Requirement on *Forecasted Regional Development Pattern (FRDP)*

- Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B) et seq. requires that SCAG:

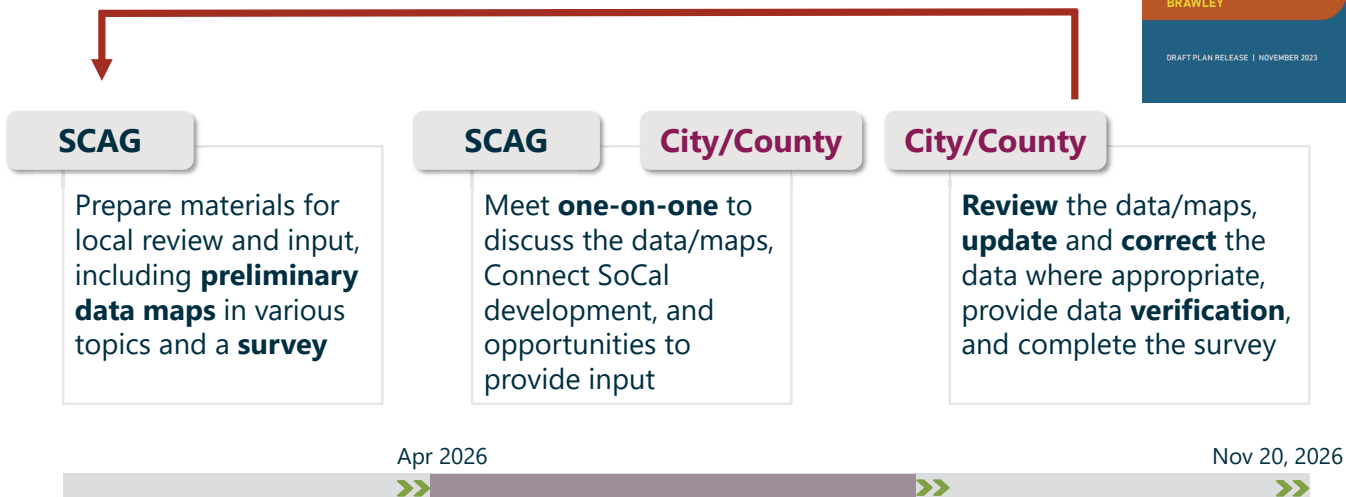
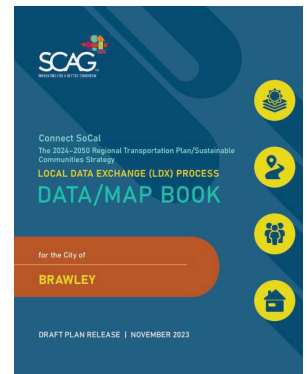
"set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board and will allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 706)."

Proposed LDX and FRDP Guiding Principles

- LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions on technical inputs to Connect SoCal 2050 and to generate a forecasted regional development that will be:
 1. **Rooted in local planning policies.** The forecasted regional development pattern will use local general plans as a starting point, or ceiling, for growth and local jurisdictions will be asked to update and review the development pattern with their expertise of local planning context and pending/upcoming planning work.
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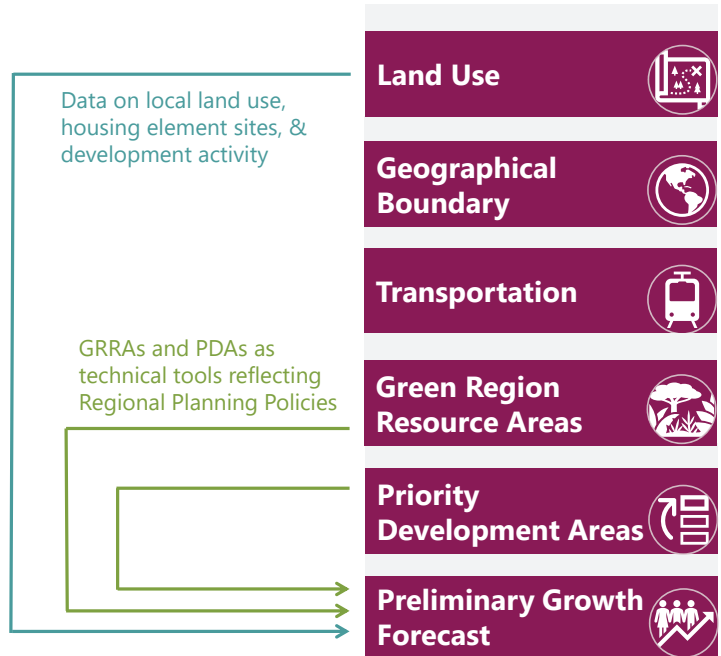
Local Data Exchange: the Process

- Data with local input + survey responses will inform the development of upcoming RTP/SCS;
- Local Data/Map Books will be updated.



Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

- LDX provides a process for SCAG staff to work with local jurisdictions to generate a **forecasted regional development pattern**:¹
 - Rooted in local planning policies.
 - Aligned with state policy.
 - Steered by a regional vision.



1. California Government Code 65080(b)(vii) states that an MPO shall "set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board, and (viii) allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7506)."

Preliminary Data/Maps for Connect SoCal 2050

| Update | Reference | Update/Reference | Reference | Reference | Update |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Land Use | Geographical Boundary | Transportation | Green Region Resource Areas (GRRAs) | Priority Development Areas (PDA) | Preliminary Growth Forecast |
| General Plan land use | City boundary | Major transit stops | Conserved Area | PDA category | Households 2024-2050 |
| Specific Plan land use | Sphere of influence | Transit Priority Areas (TPA) | Climate Hazards (flood, fire hazard, sea level rise) | | Employment 2024-2050 |
| Existing land use | Census tract | High Quality Transit Corridors (HQTC) | Habitat (aquatic resources, wildlife corridors, habit value) | | |
| Zoning code | | Dedicated Transit Lanes | Agriculture (farmland) | | |
| 6 th cycle housing element sites | Travel Analysis Zone (TAZ) geography | California Road System | | | |
| Residential development activity | | *Mobility Hubs | | | |
| | | *Regional bikeways | | | |
| | | *Regional truck routes | | | |

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LDX Survey

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- Transportation,
- Environmental,
- Implementation, and
- Data.



Major LDX and Connect SoCal 2050 Milestones

| EVENT | DATE |
|---|--------------------------|
| Schedule meetings and begin subregion-level outreach | Beginning March 2026 |
| Finalize and complete LDX data | March 2026 |
| Launch Local Data Exchange. Data made available for local review through Data/Map Books | April 2026 |
| Begin one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions to review the data package and feedback opportunity | April 2026 |
| Deadline for local jurisdictions to provide feedback for possible inclusion in Connect SoCal | November 20, 2026 |
| Regional collaboration on plan development. Continued development of Connect SoCal strategies with stakeholders, working groups, and the public | 2027 |
| Draft RTP/SCS release | Fall 2027 |
| Final RTP/SCS adoption | Spring 2028 |

Recommended Action for RC

- Following the recommendation from CEHD, adopt the proposed “Local Data Exchange and Forecasted Development Pattern Guiding Principles” and direct staff to conduct a local data exchange process as the technical input opportunity for local jurisdictions for Connect SoCal 2050 with a due date of November 20, 2026.



THANK YOU



AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 2026

To: RC - Regional Council
From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov
Subject: April 2026 State and Federal Legislative Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

STATE

SCAG Hosts Annual 2026 Sacramento Summit

On Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, 2026, SCAG hosted the annual Sacramento Summit at the Hyatt Centric in Downtown Sacramento. The first day began with a working lunch followed by a series of panel discussions and interviews featuring key state and industry leaders.

The program opened with a fireside chat with California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chair Lauren Sanchez, who provided insight into the state’s climate priorities and regulatory outlook. This was followed by a Housing in California panel featuring Dan Dunmoyer of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), Brian Hanlon of California Yes in My Backyard (YIMBY), Marina Espinoza of the California Housing Consortium, and Ali Sapirman of the Housing Action Coalition, who discussed ongoing challenges and opportunities in addressing the state’s housing shortage.

The afternoon continued with a Labor Leaders panel, featuring Kiana Valentine of Transportation California, Joseph Cruz of the California State Council of Laborers, and Danny Curtin of the California Conference of Carpenters, which highlighted workforce considerations tied to infrastructure and housing development. The final session, “Friends of SCAG,” featured Bill Higgins of the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) and Michael Pimentel of the California Transit Association (CTA), who spoke on regional collaboration and statewide priorities.

Day one concluded with the SCAG Alumni Dinner, which provided an opportunity to engage with state legislators and regional leaders. Legislative attendees included Senator Steven Choi (R-Irvine) and Assemblymembers José Luis Solache (D-Lynwood), Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale), Nick Schultz (D-Burbank), and Diane Dixon (R-Newport Beach). The event facilitated meaningful discussions on

legislative priorities impacting Southern California, including housing, transportation, workforce development, and climate policy.

Day two of the SCAG Annual Sacramento Summit focused on direct engagement with state leadership and coordinated legislative advocacy. The day began with an Administration Breakfast at the Hyatt Centric, featuring remarks from Attorney General Rob Bonta and Legislative Analyst Gabriel Petek of the California Legislative Analyst's Office. Both speakers provided valuable insights into the state's legal priorities, fiscal outlook, and key policy considerations shaping the legislative session, offering context to inform SCAG's regional advocacy efforts.

Following breakfast, SCAG's Regional Council delegation participated in a series of legislative advocacy meetings held at the Capitol Annex Swing Space, where members engaged directly with legislators and staff to discuss regional priorities, including housing, transportation, and climate initiatives. The delegation reconvened for a group photo at the Capitol West Steps before attending a working lunch hosted at Cruz Strategies, which featured remarks from State Treasurer Fiona Ma. The afternoon continued with additional advocacy meetings, reinforcing SCAG's commitment to advancing Southern California's legislative and budget priorities through coordinated, in-person engagement with state decision makers.

All in all, the SCAG delegation met with 39 legislators and legislative staff; including Senate Pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), Senators Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles), Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta), Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas), Tony Strickland (R-Huntington Beach), Sasha Renée Pérez (D-Pasadena), as well as Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) and Assemblymembers Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale), Mike Fong (D-Alhambra), Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel), Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City), Mark González (D-Los Angeles), Greg Wallis (R-Palm Desert) Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), and Corey Jackson (D-Moreno Valley), among others. This year's trip focused on SCAG's two sponsored bills, Senate Bill (SB) 1087 (Cabaldon) and Assembly Bill (AB) 2002 (Solache).

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

Legislative Calendar:

As the Session progresses, staff will continue to provide an updated calendar of legislative deadlines. The table below highlights recent and upcoming legislative deadlines:

| Date | Deadline |
|-------------------|--|
| February 20, 2026 | Last day for bills to be introduced |
| March 26, 2026 | Spring Recess begins upon adjournment |
| April 6, 2026 | Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess |
| May 29, 2026 | Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house |
| June 15, 2026 | Budget must be passed by midnight |
| July 2, 2026 | Summer Recess begins upon adjournment |
| August 3, 2026 | Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess |

FEDERAL

Federal FY 2025-2026 Appropriations

After multiple continuing resolutions (CRs), the longest shutdown in the nation's history, and extensive negotiations, Congress passed several appropriations packages that fund most of the federal government through September 30, 2026. In total, 11 of the 12 regular FY 2026 appropriations bills are now enacted, though the federal government remains partially shut down. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is currently “shut down,” but has been operating without an approved appropriations bill since February 14, 2026. Negotiations on funding for this area of the federal government remains ongoing.

The partial government shutdown notwithstanding, attention has slightly shifted to FY 2027 appropriations. At the time of writing, the White House was expected to release President Trump’s FY 27 budget proposal the week of March 30, 2026. The House Appropriations Committee also released guidance to members on developing their FY 27 funding requests, and various offices are beginning to open applications for Community Project Funding. House subcommittees are expected to start marking up appropriations bills in April, with full committee markups expected in May.

House and Senate Advance Competing Versions of 21st Century Housing Legislation

On March 12, 2026, the Senate passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act by a bipartisan vote of 89–10. The Senate bill, using the House-passed Housing for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 6644) as the vehicle, combines elements of the Housing for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 6644) and the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act (S. 2651), which passed the Senate as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026, but was ultimately removed from the final version of the NDAA.

SCAG previously adopted a support position on the ROAD to Housing Act (S. 2651) at the January 2026 Regional Council. While many of the provisions from that bill were incorporated into the new 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (H.R. 6644), this bill now contains modified versions of previously included sections and adds several new sections that were not included in either the House or Senate housing packages. As such, staff will continue to monitor conference negotiations to assess impacts on SCAG priority provisions.

FEMA Announces Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program NOFO

On March 25, 2026, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, making \$1 billion available to states, local governments, territories, and Tribal Nations. This announcement follows FEMA’s March 18 decision to resume programmatic support for BRIC after a yearlong pause resulting from the Trump Administration’s decision to cancel the program in 2025, subsequent successful lawsuits, and accompanying court orders requiring the Administration to restore BRIC and issue a new NOFO.

BRIC supports infrastructure-focused, construction-ready hazard-mitigation projects that reduce risk from natural disasters and strengthen long-term community resilience. Specifically, the BRIC program provides funding for pre-disaster and hazard mitigation projects, including school safe rooms, utility hardening, relocating critical facilities out of flood areas, and securing pump stations, among others. The application period opened March 25, 2026, and closes July 23, 2026. SCAG’s 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Priorities included reauthorizing and modernizing the BRIC program.

Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update

Below is a current list of open and upcoming NOFOs for transportation and sustainability-related competitive programs:

| Program | Deadline | Agency |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program | 7/23/2026 | FEMA |
| Round 2: Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program | TBD | US DOT |
| Bridge Investment Program, Bridge Project Grants | TBD | FHWA |
| All Stations Accessibility Program | 5/1/2026 | FTA |
| Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (RTEPF) Program | TBD | FHWA |

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| Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program | TBD | DOE |
| Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants | TBD | FTA |
| Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program | TBD | FHWA |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the April 2026 State and Federal Legislative Update is within the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 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



AGENDA ITEM 9

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 9, 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| <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> |

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| | 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 style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">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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| Lemmon Planning LLC (subconsultant) | \$32,498 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">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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| Smart AI (0 subconsultants) | \$149,550 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | |

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| | <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

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| 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) | | | | | | |

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| | 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

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| 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.



AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

April 9, 2026

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

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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.



To: Regional Council (RC)
From: Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative
Subject: Business Report – April 9, 2026

Here are a few items that business and industry leaders have been engaged in which may also be of interest to regional public leaders:

1. **The next GLUE Council meeting** of business and industry leaders will be held April 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. We will be hearing updates from SCAG leadership.
2. **Energy: All of the Above Please.** So much of SCAG’s success in its work plan is dependent directly or indirectly on clean energy, as SCAG President Cindy Allen will remind us. Here is a white paper by New California Coalition, a statewide organization of a variety of groups and individuals looking to solve the toughest of challenges, on An Energy Plan for Californians being presented to all gubernatorial candidates. [NCC Energy Plan White Paper](#). In addition, here’s a commentary by NCC’s CEO, Tracy Hernandez, [“California’s new governor must hold down clean energy costs, drive innovation.”](#) I’m particularly impressed with the addition of space-based solar innovation included here. On March 31, at 6pm Barclay’s Theater Irvine, Caltech will again present their “Bright Harvest” movie, highlighting the success to date with space based solar energy. The event is free with RSVP. Info: <https://www.poweringearthfromspace.com/>.
3. **So Cal Housing Notes from Randall Lewis of Lewis Homes.** Randall Lewis is a member of GLUE Council. Here are his insights on homebuilding for the month:
 - We are in the midst of what is traditionally the best-selling season for new homes however the market is negatively impacted in a significant manner for a number of reasons including:
 - Interest rates have gone up in the last two weeks;
 - Many people are worried about the war;
 - Prospective buyers are concerned about the economy and what it means for their jobs;
 - The lack of people finding new homes, and other factors, have kept people in apartments longer. Apartment occupancies are strong, but have lessened recently as some continue to leave the state for affordability.
 - Retail sales seemingly have held up, but only time will tell.
 - The mood of businesses throughout Southern California is very negative in many sectors. Many people are disenchanted with Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. We need better leadership from both places.

4. **Additional Economic Info.** Indeed, as Randall Lewis mentioned above, mortgage rates have ticked up notably over the past few weeks. As of today (March 30), the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate sits at **6.37%**, up from around 5.87% in mid-February — roughly a half-percentage-point jump in about six weeks. The 15-year rate is averaging around 5.75%, and refinance rates are even higher at about 6.92% for a 30-year refi.

A few things are driving the increase: the Federal Reserve has paused rate cuts again, inflation isn't cooling as fast as hoped, and overall economic uncertainty is keeping pressure on rates.

That said, there's a silver lining — rates are still lower than they were at this point in 2025, and well below the 7%-plus levels many buyers were facing in recent years.

Sources:

- [Today's mortgage rates, March 30, 2026 – CBS News](#)
- [Bankrate – Mortgage rates, March 26, 2026](#)
- [Current Mortgage Rates: March 23–27, 2026 – Money](#)

War worries. Today's economic fallout has been significant and **consumer sentiment** has hit a 2026 low, with the University of Michigan index dropping to 53.3 in March — down nearly 6% from February. Middle- and high-income households have been hit especially hard due to stock market volatility tied to the Iran conflict.

Gas prices are a big part of the story — Brent Crude spiked roughly 47% in under a month, hitting near \$116/barrel, and the national average for gas surged to nearly \$4/gallon (over \$5 on the West Coast). That's feeding inflation fears, with expectations jumping from 3.4% to 3.8% in a single month.

So the "silver lining" on last year's mortgage rates comes with a lot of asterisks. Between the geopolitical uncertainty, rising gas prices, inflation concerns, and a jittery stock market, the broader environment for homebuying is pretty rough right now even beyond just the rate number itself.

Sources:

- [Consumer confidence tumbled in March as Americans worry about the Iran war – CBS News](#)
- [American Consumer Confidence Hits 2026 Low – FinancialContent](#)

5. **California: 420,000 regulations; Idaho: 31,000 regulations.** Robert Rivinius, former CEO of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), now leads the Family Business Association of California (FBAC), wrote a recent opinion piece following up on the PPIC report I shared last

month on California’s onerous regulatory system. He writes: “Family businesses are the backbone of California’s economy, employing millions of people and anchoring communities around the state. Yet these businesses are being increasingly suffocated by a regulatory system that has grown far beyond reason...If lawmakers are serious about preserving jobs and local economies, reducing overregulation must become their goal.” Article here: [420,000 constraints: Why California is the nation’s capital of overregulation](#). Here’s the PPIC report: [Business Regulation and Business Starts in California](#). This info is important for local governments looking to manage ever widening service gaps with sales tax and other revenue demands.

6. **OC Forum’s Outlook OC 2026.** On March 3, I moderated a luncheon panel featuring Dr. Mira Farka, Professor of Economics and Co-Director for the Woods Center for Economic Analysis & Forecasting, CSUF; Jon Gould, Dean, UC Irvine School of Social Ecology; and Cori Takkinen, CEO, Townsend Public Affairs. This expert panel explored how local economic conditions are influencing voter perceptions, what the latest polling reveals about shifting attitudes, and the key policy and governance implications to watch at the state and federal levels. A few key takeaways:

According to CSUF’s Dr. Mira Farka, the economy is impacted by lots of unknowns now that we’re at war. Jobs are soft. AI impacts yet to be measured. Tariffs are still higher than we’re historically used to, even at an average of 10%. The “K” economy is real—rich getting richer; poor getting poorer. Massive federal debt may matter once bond market is impacted.

OC’s biggest polled issue according to UCI’s School of Social Ecology is housing for workers, not homeless. Renters are afraid of eviction. Affordability is still the top issue. We’ve been talking about housing supply for decades and still have no progress, according to their survey.

OC folks think we’re doing OK in Orange County! We are one of three “purple” counties in all of the US—equal Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. UCI is about to embark on a project to encourage folks to talk to each other using Orange County as an example.