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MEETING OF THE

**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

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**Wednesday, July 1, 2026
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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18. Mr. Paul Granillo

Business Representative - Non-Voting Member



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, July 1, 2026
3:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Ray Marquez, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

- 1. FY26 FTA Olympic & Paralympic Formula Funding **PG. 8**
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council (RC) approve staff’s recommendation to submit a split letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocating the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Apportionment of \$89,466,188 to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting - June 3, 2026 **PG. 16**
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting - June 11, 2026 -June 12, 2026 **PG. 22**
- 4. Adoption of FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale **PG. 32**
- 5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-052-C01, SCAG Tax Increment Finance Program **PG. 37**
- 6. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-062-C01, SCAG Regional Safety Action Plan **PG. 49**



- 7. AB 2296 (Papan) – Support if Amended **PG. 62**
- 8. Mid-Cycle Legislative Update Bills - Oppose **PG. 67**
- 9. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships **PG. 75**

Receive and File

- 10. 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities **PG. 77**
- 11. Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold **PG. 89**
- 12. CFO Monthly Report **PG. 100**

CFO REPORT
(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
(The Honorable Ray Marquez, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: FY26 FTA Olympic & Paralympic Formula Funding

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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:

On April 10, 2026, the FTA released the FY 2026 Section 165 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding apportionment to support transportation services, operations, and capital improvements associated with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games ("LA28 Games" or "Games"). The Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area (UZA) received \$89,466,188. SCAG as the designated recipient must submit a split letter identifying how the funds will be allocated within the region.

Metro, together with SCAG and the Games Mobility Executive (GME) partners, have developed a comprehensive transportation program consisting of projects and initiatives intended to support a safe, efficient, and transit-first LA28 Games. The overall program includes transit service enhancements, station accessibility improvements, transportation management systems, venue access improvements, regional rail improvements, and other mobility investments that collectively

exceed \$2 billion in identified needs. The FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding apportionment represents the first tranche of federal funding available to advance this broader transportation program.

SCAG staff recommends that the split letter allocate federal funding to Metro. Metro intends to work with GME agency partners to implement a broader regional program through a combination of federal and local funding. Under the proposed funding strategy, the FY 2026 federal apportionment will be applied to eligible Metro sponsored projects, while Metro's local funding will be used to support partner projects that require greater implementation flexibility, including Metrolink's Rail Safety Enhancements project.

This funding strategy maximizes the use of available federal funding while maintaining Metro's commitment to the broader regional transportation program. Approval of the SCAG staff recommended split letter will allow Metro to proceed with grant development in accordance with FTA guidance and program requirements.

BACKGROUND:

On April 10, 2026, FTA released the FY 2026 Section 165 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Apportionment to support associated transportation improvements. The following provides additional information on federal guidance for these funds and proposed uses.

Federal Guidance

Following the apportionment announcement, FTA released the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Grant Making Toolkit, which outlines eligible activities, grant requirements, and program deadlines. Unlike the FIFA World Cup Formula Funding Program, the Olympic and Paralympic program includes additional requirements related to project programming, local match, and grant administration.

Key program elements include:

- All projects funded through the program must be programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) prior to grant award.
- The distribution of funds within each UZA is a regional/local decision.
- Allocations must be documented through a split letter submitted to FTA.
- Eligible activities include planning, operating assistance, and capital projects. Capital funding is available to all eligible UZAs regardless of population size.
- The federal share is limited to 80 percent, requiring a minimum of 20 percent local match. Additional bus service provided beyond normal operations may be funded at up to a 90 percent federal share.

FTA has also established the following milestones:

- Split letters due to FTA: June 1, 2028.
- Draft grant applications recommended by: January 31, 2030.
- Grant obligation deadline: August 27, 2030.
- Funds lapse: August 28, 2030.

Planned Transit Improvements

Metro, in partnership with the Games Mobility Executive (GME), has led regional transportation planning for the LA28 Games. The GME is a multi-agency partnership responsible for developing strategies to move athletes, officials, workforce personnel, volunteers, spectators, and residents during the Games. Through this collaboration, Metro and GME partners identified a comprehensive transportation program designed to support safe and efficient travel during the Games while delivering long-term mobility, safety, accessibility, and operational benefits across the region. The region’s identified transportation needs exceed \$2 billion. The FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding is the first tranche of federal funding available to advance priority projects and long-lead implementation activities. The following table lists the regional transportation program elements proposed for funding through this first tranche.

Regional LA28 Games Transportation Program Activity	Lead Agency	FY 2026 Estimated Share (\$ Millions)
<p>Games Route Network (GRN). Final design for the GRN. The GRN is a temporary network of roads for LA28 Games vehicles traveling to venues. Temporary lane conversions: in the city of LA, adjacent to the Sepulveda Basin, Universal Studios, DTLA, USC/Expo Park, Dodger Stadium, UCLA, Riviera Country Club, Venice Beach, POLA; in the city of Pasadena, adjacent to the Rose Bowl; in the city of Arcadia, adjacent to the Santa Anita Racetrack; in the city of Pomona, adjacent to the Pomona Fairplex; in the cities of West Covina and Industry, along Azusa Ave; in the cities of Rosemead and South El Monte, along Rosemead Blvd; in the city of Inglewood, adjacent to SoFi Stadium and Intuit Dome; in the cities of Gardena and Carson, adjacent to Dignity Health Sports Park; in the City of Long Beach, adjacent to Long Beach Arena, Alamitos Beach, Belmont Pier, Marine Stadium; in the city of Anaheim, adjacent to the Honda Center; in the city of San Clemente, adjacent to Trestles Beach.</p>	<p>Venue Cities</p>	<p>\$9.20</p>

Regional LA28 Games Transportation Program Activity	Lead Agency	FY 2026 Estimated Share (\$ Millions)
<p>Games Enhanced Transit Service (GETS). Advance service planning and modeling, as well as engineering and design for long-lead temporary infrastructure (i.e., bus depots, park & ride lots, mobility hubs, lanes, etc.) for GETS. The GETS includes 1,748 buses from across the United States to enhance transit service to venues and complement the existing transit network. The GETS includes vehicles that are temporarily procured or borrowed, bus malls at venues and park & ride lots to serve spectators and workforce, bus depots, and labor support for the operation of the GETS. Temporary service and enhancements only for the LA28 Games.</p>	Metro	\$29.22
<p>Light Rail Safety for Venue Support & Accessibility. Final design for four projects adding crossover capacity on the A and E Lines and adding a siding track east of the Expo/Crenshaw station along the E Line. A line: new double crossover track between the 5th St and Anaheim St Stations and a new double crossover track between the Lincoln/Cypress and Heritage Square Stations. E Line: new crossover track between 26th Street/Bergamot Station and Expo/Bundy Station and a new siding track between Degnan Blvd and 7th Ave.</p>	Metro	\$4.74
<p>Games-Integrated Transportation Management. Design and implementation of transit Signal Priority and Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures Project that will enhance regional transportation system management and operations. Automated traffic signal performance measures (ATSPM) leverage data collection and analysis at over 4,000 intersections to proactively manage traffic signal systems, ensuring efficient and responsive traffic control.</p>	Metro, Caltrans, and Venue Cities	\$9.01
<p>Rail Safety Enhancements to Support Paralympic/Olympics. Completion of the Rancho Cucamonga and Marengo siding extension projects, which will support increased frequency and reliability on Metrolink’s San Bernardino line during the LA28 Games. State-of-good-repair investments to ensure track, signal and equipment reliability. Minor station and wayfinding improvements. Operating support for temporary Metrolink service enhancements during the LA28 Games, including increased frequency on key lines and expanded service hours, particularly to venue-adjacent stations and mobility hubs that will connect with the GETS service.</p>	Metrolink	\$17.74

Regional LA28 Games Transportation Program Activity	Lead Agency	FY 2026 Estimated Share (\$ Millions)
Olympic and Paralympic Venue Approach Enhancements. Final Design for venue area pedestrian walkways, temporary intersection, safety improvement, increased shade, improved signage/wayfinding, temporary bike lanes, potential locations for these improvements include stations near LA28 Games venues such as Long Beach, Pasadena, Downtown Los Angeles, Sepulveda Basin, Inglewood, Carson, and Anaheim.	Venue Cities	\$3.80
Key Venue Supplemental Stations Safety & Accessibility Enhancements. Final design for Improvements at Union Station (LAUS) and 7th St/Metro Center rail stations including improvements in pedestrian accessibility (high-visibility crosswalks, curb ramps, in-roadway warning lights, and detectable warning surfaces), adding a second elevator at 7th/Metro. Lighting, wayfinding signage, and the addition of a 600 ft Class IV off-street bike path from North Alameda St. to the existing Metro Bike Hub in the LAUS (Metro owned) parking lot. Additionally, final design and initial construction expenditures for improvements at Memorial Park Station (A Line), Norwalk Station on the (C Line), and Harbor Gateway Transit Center (J Line). Improvements at and near stations and located within Metro or city-owned right of way. Project elements generally include: ~280 ft Class I bike path on Caltrans ROW, ~860 ft Class III bike route on Adoree St. btw Halcourt Ave. and Studebaker Rd., pedestrian improvements, wayfinding, shade structures, landscaping.	Metro	\$15.75
Total		\$89.47

Proposed FY 2026 Federal Funding Allocation

After developing the regional transportation program, SCAG, Metro and the GME partner agencies evaluated project eligibility and implementation requirements under the FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Program. Based on that review, Metro identified eligible projects that can fully use the FY 2026 federal apportionment. Approximately \$38.76 million in non-Metro expenses listed in the table above would be funded through Metro-provided local sources. In exchange, Metro would receive the full amount of federal funding available for its eligible expenses, as shown in the table below.

Eligible Metro Program Activities	FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding (\$ Millions)	
	Original Share	Revised Share
Games Enhanced Transit Service (GETS)	\$29.22	\$29.22
Light Rail Safety for Venue Support & Accessibility	\$4.74	\$5.40
Games-Integrated Transportation Management (Metro-portion only; Caltrans and Venue Cities portion funded by local sources from Metro)	\$0.99	\$1.15
Key Venue Supplemental Stations Safety & Accessibility Enhancements	\$15.75	\$53.70
Total	\$50.71	\$89.47

Accordingly, SCAG staff recommends allocating the full FY 2026 federal apportionment to Metro through the required FTA split letter. Metro would serve as the designated recipient and grant administrator for federal funding.

While the FY 2026 federal funding would be administered by Metro, the broader regional transportation program remains unchanged. Metro intends to implement the regional program through a combination of federal and local funding, utilizing the FY 2026 federal apportionment for eligible Metro sponsored projects while supporting certain regional partner projects with Metro’s local funding.

For example, Metro proposes using its local funding for Metrolink’s Rail Safety Enhancements project, allowing FY 2026 federal funds to support eligible Metro-sponsored projects while maintaining support for the broader regional transportation program. This strategy maximizes available federal funding, preserves flexibility for regional partner projects, and positions the region to implement future federal funding tranches as they become available.

Regional Coordination

Regional mobility planning for the LA28 Games is coordinated through the GME, a multi-agency partnership that includes LA28, Metro, Metrolink, Caltrans, LADOT, the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office, OCTA, and SCAG. Through the GME framework, lead agencies have established technical subcommittees focused on key mobility initiatives, including the GRN, GETS, mobility hubs, regional rail, wayfinding, first/last mile connectivity, accessibility, communications and outreach, and transportation demand management. These efforts are designed to move athletes, officials, workforce personnel, volunteers, spectators, and residents safely and efficiently throughout the region during the Games.

As the GME lead for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Subcommittee, SCAG has supported regional coordination through the GME TDM Subcommittee, quarterly regional passenger and freight TDM forums, targeted stakeholder engagement, and ongoing coordination with transit operators, local jurisdictions, county transportation commissions (CTCs), airports, employers, and other partners. These efforts have helped align regional planning activities, identify implementation needs, and support a cohesive, regionwide approach to Games mobility.

SCAG and Metro have also coordinated on the FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Program. Under the proposed allocation framework, Metro would receive the full FY 2026 apportionment and administer the funding in coordination with participating agencies. Metro is developing MOUs with regional partners to define project implementation responsibilities, funding commitments, and reporting requirements. The split letter submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will reflect this regional funding structure.

Next Steps

Upon Regional Council approval, SCAG staff will prepare and submit the required split letter to FTA allocating the FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding apportionment to Metro. SCAG staff will continue coordinating with Metro, GME partners, and FTA on grant development, project programming, and implementation activities associated with the LA28 Games.

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 Olympic-Paralympic Funding Apportionment Table

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

FY 2026 Section 165 FTA 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Apportionment

The amount apportioned in this notice includes repurposed funding 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).

Date: 4.09.2026

2028 Olympic and Paralympic Sport Venues

UZA	APPORTIONMENT
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	\$89,466,188
Mission Viejo-Lake Forest-Laguna Niguel, CA	\$1,257,559
Oklahoma City, OK	\$2,515,113
New York-Jersey City-Newark, NY-NJ	\$179,651
Columbus, OH	\$179,651
Nashville-Davidson, TN	\$179,651
St. Louis, MO-IL	\$179,651
San Jose, CA	\$179,651
San Diego, CA	\$179,651
TOTAL	\$94,316,766



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026**

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

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

Members Present

Hon. Ray Marquez, President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1st Vice President	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, 2nd Vice President	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Cindy Allen, Immediate Past President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair CEHD	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
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Hon. Margaret Finlay, Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. John Gabbard President’s Appt.	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President’s Appt.	<i>ICTC</i>	Holtville
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Paul Granillo		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Jan Harnik, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside

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



Jonathan Holt, Interim Chief Information Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ray Marquez called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paul, District 47, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remote Participation

Ray Marquez: A physical or family medical emergency

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were no written public comments received.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, announced that President Marquez was participating under the Just Cause medical emergency exemption under the Brown Act.

President Marquez had to excuse himself from the meeting and First Vice President Jenny Crosswhite proceeded to Chair the meeting. She asked for confirmation that there were no members of the public wishing to speak.

The Clerk acknowledged there were none.

Seeing no public comment speakers, the Public Comment period was closed.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – May 6, 2026
2. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-048-C01, Connect SoCal 2050 Outreach

3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 27-003-C01, Board Counsel Services & As-Needed Legal Services
4. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

5. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
6. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 4 and Receive and File Items 5 and 6. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Crosswhite, Denison, Finlay, Gabbard, Goodsell, Judge, Lock Dawson, and Rhodes (8)*

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

*Regional Council Member Wood asked for his vote not to be reflected in support of the Consent Calendar as he was not at his noticed location during the vote. He rejoined the meeting later from his noticed location.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the monthly financial update included quarterly financial charts, noting that a formula error had been identified in the original balance sheet and that a corrected version was distributed via addendum. Members were advised to review the updated chart. Under strategic priorities, she reported that they had completed two key planning efforts supporting funding diversification and regional recovery. One was a tax increment financing feasibility study following the January 2025 wildfires and the other was the Warner Center Active Transportation Plan, which advances priority projects and funding strategies for implementation. She also reported that current year membership collections were now complete at a 99.66% rate and noted that invoices for fiscal year 2026–2027 membership dues would be issued on June 27.

First Vice President Crosswhite handed the meeting back to President Marquez to chair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Marquez expressed appreciation to all who attended the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly, which brought together over 900 regional leaders in Palm Desert and featured

Regional Council and General Assembly meetings, as well as panel discussions and keynote speakers. He noted that the City of Riverside received top honors at the 2026 Sustainability Awards, and the next conference was scheduled for May 6–7, 2027, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa. He also reported leading a delegation of Regional Council members and SCAG staff to Washington, D.C., where they held 21 meetings advocating for federal priorities including surface transportation reauthorization, funding for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, and housing, and concluded with the annual California Congressional Transportation Reception co-hosted with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, attended by over 200 participants. Additionally, he invited members to attend the EAC Retreat on June 11–12 at Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa, where key policy priorities would be discussed, and noted that the next regular EAC meeting was scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, welcomed new members of the EAC: Paul Granillo, Business Representative; John Gabbard, Dana Point, District 12; and Jeff Wood, Lakewood, District 24. He reported that the CEHD Committee would review the proposed methodology and approach to the SB 79 Transit-Oriented Development Map, with input intended to inform a recommendation for Regional Council action in July. He explained that SB 79 requires each MPO to develop and maintain such maps, and currently only Los Angeles County qualifies as an urban transit county within the SCAG region, though Orange County was expected to qualify upon the opening of the OC Streetcar. He noted that a preliminary SB 79 map had been released for public comment, with corrections due by June 12 and final updates to be completed by the July 1 statutory deadline, followed by adoption of the methodology at the July 2 Regional Council Meeting. He indicated that staff anticipates updating the maps annually or as conditions change. Additionally, he reported that the policy committees would receive a progress update on Connect SoCal implementation. He highlighted the advancement on 84 of 93 strategies since adoption in April 2024, including regional coordination to prepare for increased travel demand tied to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; Regional Council approval of Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding recommendations; publication of the 2026 State of the Region Report and Regional Resilience Toolkit; and the launch of the Smart Cities Strategic Plan effort. Finally, he highlighted participation in the ribbon cutting of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center, a project supported by SCAG through \$1 million in REAP 2.0 funding, which brings mobility, safety, and sustainability benefits to Imperial County. He indicated that SCAG has been a partner on this project for more than a decade, including funding a 2014 feasibility study with Caltrans, Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the city of Calexico to identify and evaluate the project site.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Marquez adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 3:19 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 – FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026**

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

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its annual retreat meeting at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa, Lakeview Terrace Room, 27984 Highway 189, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92382. A quorum was present.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

Members Present

Hon. Ray Marquez, President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1st Vice President	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
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Members Not Present

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Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer



Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director Finance
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director Land Use
Annie Nam, Deputy Director Transportation
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Richard Lam, Senior Legal Counsel
David James, Internal Auditor
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Perla Lopez, Special Events Producer
David Milner, AV Supervisor
Jean Ansolabehere, Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy, Office of Mayor Karen Bass

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Ray Marquez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and Immediate Past President Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

The Clerk acknowledged there were no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions, Agenda Review and Expectations

President Marquez opened with a welcome and overview of the two-day retreat, highlighting its purpose to align on priorities, strengthen relationships, and enhance understanding of key policy issues and advocacy efforts. He encouraged members to engage collaboratively, recognizing the region's diversity and shared responsibility to serve the collective interests of all communities. He asked members of the EAC and staff to introduce themselves.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 1.

2. SCAG 101: Overview of Organization

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer provided an overview of the organization which included review of the SCAG region, vision, mission, core values, strategic plan priorities and accomplishments for each of the five priorities, the Executive Team Organizational Chart, the agency five-year budget and Overall Work Program, and information on the progress and next steps of the Enterprise Resources Planning System.

The EAC members and staff briefly engaged in discussions about staffing levels, transit programs affected by CARB's cap and investments, the different types of funding sources, and the need to focus on SCAG's mission and priorities in the coming years.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 2.

3. Regional Planning and Policy Development Outlook

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, provided an overview of the Connect SoCal 2024 vision and goals, the development of the 2024 plan which consisted of input from three special subcommittees to address key planning issues, public outreach and engagement, and stakeholder engagement. She also outlined the regional challenges they faced and highlighted the policy priority categories in Connect SoCal 2024 that guided their work. The categories were related to mobility, communities, the environment, and economy. She also provided information on the plan implementation, collaboration and policy leadership, federal and state funding administration, and local technical assistance resources.

The EAC members and staff briefly engaged in discussions about what worked well in the development of Connect SoCal 2024 and the implementation and how members can showcase the work SCAG is doing at the cities they represent.

Ms. Jepson also discussed the development of Connect SoCal 2050 and the regulatory uncertainties around SB 375, SB 1087, and transportation conformity. She provided a brief overview of the connection between RHNA and Connect SoCal, preliminary schedule for the next RTP/SCS cycle, with Plan adoption anticipated in Spring 2028, the regional issues going forward, the creation of the Connect SoCal Subcommittee and member appointments.

The EAC members and staff briefly engaged in discussions about climate change and resilience.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director – Land Use, provided a brief overview of the RHNA process and allocation which consisted of information on the RHNA objectives, responsibilities, regional determination, the 6th cycle RHNA methodology primary factors and objectives, the 7th cycle RHNA

timeline, and the purpose of the RHNA Subcommittee and member appointments.

The EAC members and staff briefly engaged in discussions about the proposed subcommittee composition, the need to explain the differences in cycles and what changed due to legislation, the need for more updates during the process, and for the subcommittee members to advocate for how they got to the methodology.

Annie Nam, Deputy Director – Transportation, provided a brief overview of the draft FY27 agenda outlook for the Transportation Committee. She highlighted information on the major regional plans and studies and funding and local assistance presentations that would be discussed over the fiscal year at the Transportation Committee.

Ms. Carvajal provided a brief overview of the draft FY27 agenda outlooks for the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee and the Energy and Environment Committee. Her overview included information on the major regional plans and studies, funding and local assistance, and other programs that would be discussed at the committees over the fiscal year.

Ms. Jepson informed the EAC that they were planning to have two meetings of the Joint Policy Committees, with the December 2026 meeting being an economic update on the regional impacts/benefits of FIFA Los Angeles to prepare for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic games, and the March 2027 on the Connect SoCal 2050 progress updates and discussion of emerging issues.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 3.

4. Legislative Update

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officers, highlighted the contributions of the legislative team and noted the strategic merger of government and legislative affairs two years ago to enhance coordination, cross-training, and capacity. She acknowledged the leadership of Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson and reflected on ongoing efforts to improve regional planning processes under SB 375, including addressing funding misalignment and resource challenges. She noted that over the past year, significant collaborative work among major MPOs led to a proposal to modernize SB 375, guided by transparency, alignment of state policies and funding, and prioritization of implementation. She noted that with support from former Senator Steinberg and Senator Cabaldon, the initiative had advanced, including strong bipartisan approval in the Senate. She also recognized partners, consultants, and staff for their extensive efforts, noting that SB 1087 was progressing through the Assembly with continued stakeholder engagement and anticipated next steps.

Mr. Chidsey commended Ms. Cartagena and the legislative team for achieving significant progress, including advancing two bills within a single year. He noted ongoing engagement with the Southern California business community, which has raised concerns about technical provisions, including funding alignment requirements and the proposed CEQA exemption for regional plans. He



explained that while some items, such as shifting certain responsibilities to the California Transportation Commission, had lost momentum, efforts continued to establish clearer timelines, transparency, and accountability within CARB processes. He expressed confidence in addressing remaining issues as the bill proceeds through upcoming Assembly committees and encouraged continued member participation in advocacy efforts, including potential future legislative visits.

Ms. Cartagena emphasized the importance of leadership development through SCAG committees and highlighted Assembly Member Jose Luis Solache as an example of this impact, noting his strong support and collaboration in advancing AB 2002. She explained the bill seeks to codify the REAP 1.0 program into permanent state law, building on its success in streamlining housing planning and permitting processes and generating significant housing production outcomes. She also discussed a proposed \$125 million budget request to support a new funding cycle, while acknowledging fiscal constraints in the state budget and reduced allocations for housing programs. She noted ongoing coordination with legislative leaders and budget committees, with the potential to align the bill with the budget process through trailer bill language.

Mr. Chidsey connected earlier discussions on the state budget and RHNA to AB 2002, noting that historically SCAG had not received state funding for RHNA responsibilities until the one-time REAP 1.0 program. He explained that prior efforts to classify RHNA as an unfunded mandate were unsuccessful, and while cost-recovery through member fees was considered, it was not implemented. He also emphasized that most traditional funding sources were not eligible for RHNA work, leaving limited resources to support these mandates. He indicated that this legislation, represents an important step in aligning state requirements with dedicated funding, supporting both SCAG and local jurisdictions in fulfilling housing planning obligations.

Ms. Cartagena highlighted strong relationships with key legislators, including Chair Quirk-Silva, which have supported the successful advancement of AB 2002 through both the budget and committee processes. She noted that the bill achieved a significant milestone with overwhelming Assembly approval (68–1), reflecting broad support for SCAG’s work and the demonstrated success of the REAP program. She indicated that continued stakeholder engagement was underway now that the bill was advancing to the Senate, with an anticipated hearing in the Housing Committee. She encouraged submission of letters of support and noted that additional advocacy, including outreach to the Governor, would be requested as the bill progresses toward final approval.

President Marquez thanked the EAC members for their commitment and engagement.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 4.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Marquez adjourned EAC Retreat of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:26 p.m. to Friday, June 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

Members Present

Hon. Ray Marquez, President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Marquez called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and asked Second Vice President Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recap on Day 1

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided a brief recap of discussions had the prior day related to the budget and ERP project, Regional Planning for Connect SoCal 2050, RHNA, appointments for the Connect SoCal and RHNA Subcommittees, the Policy Development Outlooks, and the advocacy efforts on SB 375 and AB 2002.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 1.

2. Signature Events Evaluation and Government and Public Affairs Division Update

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, highlighted SCAG's signature events and communications performance. She explained that over the past two years, SCAG had transitioned the Demographic Workshop and Economic Update to more targeted formats, resulting in continued strong attendee satisfaction, increased resource engagement, and broader reach. She also provided an update on the General Assembly and noted that based on prior feedback, it included increased networking opportunities, fewer videos, and a revised Student Showcase format. She highlighted that preliminary results indicated continued success, with higher attendance rates, increased survey participation, and strong satisfaction. She emphasized that these efforts support SCAG's goal of connecting stakeholders to resources and advancing regional planning. She noted that expanded use of key performance indicators across communications—tracking website, email, social media, and event participation—had created a feedback loop to refine outreach and improve access to SCAG tools and resources. She also noted continued engagement through community events, mobile workshops, and monthly Toolbox Tuesday webinars, which provide training and support to local agencies.

The EAC committee members and staff engaged in discussions on how the General Assembly could improve. Members provided feedback on the success of the General Assembly event and highlighted the quality of speakers, content, and the effectiveness of fundraising efforts. The need for better engagement with city managers and department heads was noted.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 2.

3. Presidential Priorities

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, introduced President Marquez’s four presidential priorities, noting the importance of continuity across presidential terms and the emergence of “legacy” priorities carried forward from prior leadership. The first three legacy priorities include advancing clean transportation technology through regional collaboration and funding efforts; preparing for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games with a focus on sustainable, reliable mobility and long-term benefits; and addressing the regional housing crisis by expanding SCAG’s role as a resource to support housing production. He noted the fourth priority focused on exploring post-REAP strategies, including new approaches to municipal finance and positioning housing as an economic development tool. He explained that the following presentations would be centered on these issues, with facilitated discussion aimed at generating actionable strategies to support cities and counties.

Michael Flad, Assistant City Manager, Jurupa Valley, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to present and emphasized the goal of providing concise information, case studies, and facilitating an interactive discussion. He highlighted the value of including city administrators, noting their expertise as a key resource for regional collaboration. Drawing on 37 years in public administration across diverse cities, he underscored the importance of economic development as a critical pillar of municipal financial stability, alongside alignment between local, regional, and state efforts. He reviewed practical financing tools—such as community facilities districts, development agreements, grants, and inclusionary housing—and shared case studies from Jurupa Valley and South Gate illustrating innovative approaches to revenue generation, infrastructure investment, and community transformation. He concluded by encouraging collaborative learning and knowledge-sharing to advance sustainable development strategies.

Larry Kosmont, Chairman and CEO, Kosmont Companies, provided an overview of the fiscal and regulatory challenges facing housing development, emphasizing that current economic conditions, extensive state legislation, and complex financing constraints that make housing delivery difficult and inconsistent. He argued that housing should no longer be viewed as a fiscal burden but rather as a central economic development strategy, given its strong potential to generate property value and attract private investment. He highlighted the need for cities to adopt a more strategic approach by leveraging zoning as a key asset, utilizing value capture mechanisms such as tax increment financing (TIF) districts, forming partnerships with counties, and aggressively pursuing grant funding. He stressed that aligning housing policy with economic development goals, while improving education and coordination among local agencies, was critical to meeting RHNA requirements and achieving sustainable growth in a challenging development environment.

The EAC committee members, staff, and presenters engaged in discussions and frustration was expressed with state-imposed housing requirements; however, there was acknowledgement about the need to work within current constraints while continuing to advocate for legislative change. They also discussed strategies such as TIF districts, value capture, and leveraging public and private investment to advance housing and economic development, emphasizing the importance of local



vision, partnerships, and aligning infrastructure investments with broader community goals. SCAG leadership highlighted the need to shift from resistance to implementation by using available tools creatively, amplifying successful programs like REAP, and engaging city managers and stakeholders. Members also raised considerations about community engagement, smaller-city applicability, and the importance of promoting homeownership opportunities, while agreeing that education, collaboration, and strategic use of resources were key to improving housing outcomes and local economic development.

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 3.

4. Wrap up

Mr. Ajise provided closing remarks, noting the session built on a prior wrap-up and featured a valuable discussion led by Ms. Cartagena on SCAG’s signature events, with appreciation for participant feedback and encouragement to continue sharing ideas for improvement. He thanked Mr. Kosmont and Mr. Flad for their contributions and emphasized that the discussion aligned with President Marquez’s priority to integrate economic development into SCAG’s work. He underscored the importance of evaluating infrastructure investments—particularly the recent \$1.2 billion in federally funded transportation projects—through a broader lens to better leverage opportunities for housing production and community economic growth. He highlighted the potential of the regionally controlled 2.5% funding reserve to support innovative, cross-county investments and encouraged applying insights from the session to future funding decisions. He concluded by thanking President Marquez, attendees, staff, and organizers for their time, contributions, and support in making the session productive.

President Marquez delivered closing remarks, expressing appreciation to all participants for their time, contributions, and the successful coordination of the event. He commended the presentations and collaborative effort, conveyed his enthusiasm for working together in the coming year, and encouraged continued progress.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Marquez adjourned the EAC Retreat of the Executive Administration Committee at 11:01 a.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 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: Adoption of FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council adopt the attached FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule including job grade adjustments for the Audio/Visual Services unit and Chief Information Officer position, the addition of Controller and Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board classifications, the expansion of five existing classification series as flexibly staffed classifications, and adopt the agency's current performance criteria scale in accordance with CalPERS compliance requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC) adopt the attached FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule including job grade adjustments for the Audio/Visual Services unit, the addition of Controller and Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board classifications, the expansion of five existing classification series as flexibly staffed classifications, and adopt the agency's current performance criteria scale in accordance with CalPERS compliance requirements

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends adoption of the FY27 Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale to maintain compliance with CalPERS requirements. The proposed Salary Schedule incorporates classification changes, including Audio/Visual Services Unit and Chief Information Officer position job grade adjustments, addition of Controller and Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board classifications, and expansion of five existing classification series as flexibly staffed classifications to support employee retention and career development.

BACKGROUND:

Maintaining a classification and compensation structure that attracts and retains qualified staff is essential to advancing the agency's mission. The agency continually evaluates its classification structure and staffing needs to ensure alignment with organizational priorities, market competitiveness, and the evolving scope of work across departments. As part of this ongoing effort, staff recommends adoption of the FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale. The proposed Salary Schedule reflects job grade adjustments in the Audio/Visual (A/V) Services unit and Chief Information Officer position, the addition of Controller and Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board classifications, and the expansion of five existing classification series as flexibly staffed classifications. Adoption of the Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale supports compliance with CalPERS requirements and ensures agency records accurately reflect current classifications, salary ranges, and performance rating criteria.

Job Grade Adjustments: Classification studies of the A/V Services unit and Chief Information Officer role were conducted to evaluate whether current job grades accurately reflect the expanding scope of work and technical skills required for each role. Benchmarking against comparable positions in the labor market indicated that both classifications warranted re-leveling to the appropriate grade, resulting in the following recommended adjustments:

- Senior Audio/Visual Technician: Job Grade 103 to Job Grade 106
- Audio/Visual Supervisor: Job Grade 110 to Job Grade 111
- Chief Information Officer: Job Grade L5 to L4

Any employees whose current salaries fall below the new range minimum will be adjusted accordingly. No other immediate pay impacts are anticipated as a result of these changes.

New Classification: Controller (Job Grade L3): Staff recommends adding Controller as a new classification at Job Grade L3. This addition aligns the agency's classification structure with prevailing practice among comparable agencies for the scope of financial reporting and oversight and management functions at this level and reflects market-recognized titling for roles of this responsibility. No immediate pay impacts are anticipated as a result of this change.

New Classification: Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board (Job Grade 110): Staff recommends adding Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board as a new classification at Job Grade 110. This classification establishes a senior level role within the Clerk of the Board series to reflect the advanced scope of responsibilities within the unit and provide a defined career path for staff growth. No immediate pay impacts are anticipated as a result of this change.

Flexibly Staffed Classifications: Staff recommends adding classification levels within five existing job series: Accountant, Budget & Grants Analyst, Contracts Administrator, Creative Designer, and Public

Affairs Specialist as flexibly staffed classifications. These additions create structured advancement opportunities within existing career ladders to support employee retention and workforce development. No immediate pay impacts are anticipated as a result of these changes.

Performance Criteria Scale Adoption: Staff recommends formal adoption of the agency's performance criteria scale, Table 1, to satisfy CalPERS requirements that a board-adopted performance rating scale be maintained on file.

Table 1: SCAG Performance Rating Criteria and Scale

Overall Evaluation Rating	Performance Rating
4.00 and above	Exceeding Expectations
3.00 – 3.99	Meeting Expectations
2.99 and below	Needing Improvement

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the adoption of the Performance Rating Criteria and Scale. The proposed salary schedule job grade adjustments and the addition of flexibly staffed positions are not expected to have an immediate fiscal impact. Employees will continue to progress through established salary ranges in accordance with personnel rules and the annual performance review process.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule

Classification	Job Grade	Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum	Time Base
		Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	
Accountant I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Accountant II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Administrative Assistant	103	\$66,580.80	\$32.01	\$78,228.80	\$37.61	\$89,876.80	\$43.21	Hourly
Application Developer	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Applications Administration Supervisor	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually
Applications Administrator	108	\$103,396.80	\$49.71	\$121,492.80	\$58.41	\$139,588.80	\$67.11	Annually
Applications Analyst Supervisor	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually
Assistant Modeler	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Assistant Regional Planner	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Associate Modeler	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Associate Regional Planner	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Audio/Video Supervisor	111	\$134,638.40	\$64.73	\$158,204.80	\$76.06	\$181,771.20	\$87.39	Annually
Audio/Video Technician	101	\$55,827.20	\$26.84	\$65,603.20	\$31.54	\$75,379.20	\$36.24	Hourly
Benefits Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Budget and Grants Analyst I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Budget and Grants Analyst II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Chief Counsel	L5	\$244,129.60	\$117.37	\$297,835.20	\$143.19	\$351,540.80	\$169.01	Annually
Chief Financial Officer	L5	\$244,129.60	\$117.37	\$297,835.20	\$143.19	\$351,540.80	\$169.01	Annually
Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer	L4	\$212,284.80	\$102.06	\$258,980.80	\$124.51	\$305,676.80	\$146.96	Annually
Chief Human Resources Officer	L4	\$212,284.80	\$102.06	\$258,980.80	\$124.51	\$305,676.80	\$146.96	Annually
Chief Information Officer	L4	\$212,284.80	\$102.06	\$258,980.80	\$124.51	\$305,676.80	\$146.96	Annually
Chief Operating Officer	L6	\$280,758.40	\$134.98	\$342,513.60	\$164.67	\$404,268.80	\$194.36	Annually
Chief Planning Officer	L6	\$280,758.40	\$134.98	\$342,513.60	\$164.67	\$404,268.80	\$194.36	Annually
Chief Strategy Officer	L5	\$244,129.60	\$117.37	\$297,835.20	\$143.19	\$351,540.80	\$169.01	Annually
Clerk of the Board	L2	\$160,513.60	\$77.17	\$195,832.00	\$94.15	\$231,150.40	\$111.13	Annually
Communications Supervisor	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Community Engagement Specialist	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Contracts Administrator I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Contracts Administrator II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Controller	L3	\$184,600.00	\$88.75	\$225,201.60	\$108.27	\$265,803.20	\$127.79	Annually
Creative Designer I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Creative Designer II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Database Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Department Manager	L2	\$160,513.60	\$77.17	\$195,832.00	\$94.15	\$231,150.40	\$111.13	Annually
Deputy Clerk of the Board	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Deputy Director (Division)	L3	\$184,600.00	\$88.75	\$225,201.60	\$108.27	\$265,803.20	\$127.79	Annually
Deputy Legal Counsel	111	\$134,638.40	\$64.73	\$158,204.80	\$76.06	\$181,771.20	\$87.39	Annually
Executive Assistant	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Executive Director		flat	---	flat	---	\$433,784.00	---	Annually
Facilities Supervisor	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Finance Associate	103	\$66,580.80	\$32.01	\$78,228.80	\$37.61	\$89,876.80	\$43.21	Hourly
GIS Application Developer	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
GIS Applications Supervisor	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually
GIS Database Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Government Affairs Officer	106	\$86,715.20	\$41.69	\$101,878.40	\$48.98	\$117,041.60	\$56.27	Annually
Human Resources Analyst I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Human Resources Analyst II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Internal Auditor	L2	\$160,513.60	\$77.17	\$195,832.00	\$94.15	\$231,150.40	\$111.13	Annually
IT PMO Supervisor	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually
IT Project Manager	108	\$103,396.80	\$49.71	\$121,492.80	\$58.41	\$139,588.80	\$67.11	Annually
IT Projects Assistant	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Hourly
Junior Planner	103	\$66,580.80	\$32.01	\$78,228.80	\$37.61	\$89,876.80	\$43.21	Hourly
Lead IT Help Desk	108	\$103,396.80	\$49.71	\$121,492.80	\$58.41	\$139,588.80	\$67.11	Annually
Lead Projects Manager	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Lead Systems Analyst	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Legislative Affairs Analyst	106	\$86,715.20	\$41.69	\$101,878.40	\$48.98	\$117,041.60	\$56.27	Annually
Legislative Affairs Supervisor	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Management Analyst	108	\$103,396.80	\$49.71	\$121,492.80	\$58.41	\$139,588.80	\$67.11	Annually
Modeling Supervisor	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually

Office Assistant	101	\$55,827.20	\$26.84	\$65,603.20	\$31.54	\$75,379.20	\$36.24	Hourly
Office Services Specialist	101	\$55,827.20	\$26.84	\$65,603.20	\$31.54	\$75,379.20	\$36.24	Hourly
Payroll Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Planning Administration Officer	L2	\$160,513.60	\$77.17	\$195,832.00	\$94.15	\$231,150.40	\$111.13	Annually
Planning Supervisor	111	\$134,638.40	\$64.73	\$158,204.80	\$76.06	\$181,771.20	\$87.39	Annually
Principal Accountant	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Principal Budget and Grants Analyst	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Principal Contracts Administrator	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Principal Human Resources Analyst	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Principal Management Analyst	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Principal Modeler	111	\$134,638.40	\$64.73	\$158,204.80	\$76.06	\$181,771.20	\$87.39	Annually
Principal Planner	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Public Affairs Specialist I	105	\$79,393.60	\$38.17	\$93,288.00	\$44.85	\$107,182.40	\$51.53	Annually
Public Affairs Specialist II	107	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Annually
Senior Accountant	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Administrative Assistant	104	\$72,696.00	\$34.95	\$85,425.60	\$41.07	\$98,155.20	\$47.19	Hourly
Senior Application Developer	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Applications Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Audio/Visual Technician	106	\$94,681.60	\$45.52	\$111,259.20	\$53.49	\$127,836.80	\$61.46	Hourly
Senior Budget & Grants Analyst	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Contracts Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Creative Designer	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Database Administrator	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Deputy Legal Counsel	L3	\$184,600.00	\$88.75	\$225,201.60	\$108.27	\$265,803.20	\$127.79	Annually
Senior Economist	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior GIS Application Developer	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior GIS Database Administrator	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Government Affairs Officer	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Human Resources Analyst	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Management Analyst	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Modeler	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Network Engineer	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Senior Office Services Specialist	103	\$66,580.80	\$32.01	\$78,228.80	\$37.61	\$89,876.80	\$43.21	Hourly
Senior Public Affairs Specialist	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Regional Planner	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Senior Systems Engineer	110	\$123,302.40	\$59.28	\$144,872.00	\$69.65	\$166,441.60	\$80.02	Annually
Solutions Architect	112	\$147,035.20	\$70.69	\$172,764.80	\$83.06	\$198,494.40	\$95.43	Annually
Special Events Producer	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually
Web/Content Administrator	109	\$112,902.40	\$54.28	\$132,662.40	\$63.78	\$152,422.40	\$73.28	Annually



Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-052-C01, SCAG Tax Increment Finance Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 26-052-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$729,737 with HR&A Advisors to develop a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program for SCAG. The contract will support the creation of community resources and enhance SCAG's organizational capacity to deliver direct technical assistance and guidance to jurisdictions. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG seeks to develop a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program to support implementation of Connect SoCal by expanding access to locally driven funding tools for transportation, housing, climate resilience, and community development. The program will provide resources for local jurisdictions and strengthen SCAG's capacity to deliver technical assistance and guidance.

In the aftermath of the recent Los Angeles wildfires, jurisdictions across the region are seeking strategies to support long-term recovery and prepare for future disasters. Consistent with the Resilience Action Resolution adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in June 2025, SCAG seeks to advance Climate Resilience Districts (CRDs) as a tool to support resilience planning and investment. As part of this effort, SCAG will support CRD pilot activities in up to six jurisdictions to assess feasibility and identify scalable approaches to climate-risk reduction. HR&A Advisors will lead the CRD pilot work in coordination with California Forward.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:



<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
HR&A Advisors, Inc. 26-052-C01	The project will establish a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program for SCAG to support implementation of Connect SoCal by expanding access to locally driven funding tools for transportation, housing, climate resilience, and community development. The program will provide resources for local jurisdictions and strengthen SCAG’s capacity to deliver technical assistance and guidance	\$729,737

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget Project Number(s) 275-4966UE.01 and 275-4966E.01, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. S. 26-052-C01 Contract Summary (Approval Item)
2. 26-052 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-052-C01

Recommended Consultant:	HR&A Advisors, Inc.						
Background & Scope of Work:	SCAG seeks to explore how tax increment financing can support Connect SoCal implementation by providing locally driven, consistent funding streams to support sustainable transportation, housing production, climate resilience, and community development, aligning funding with the long-term vision for more connected, prosperous, and resilient communities. SCAG seeks to develop a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program, including resources for communities and increased organizational capacity to provide direct technical assistance and guidance to jurisdictions. SCAG seeks to launch Climate Resilient Districts (CRD) pilots for up to six (6) SCAG jurisdictions and to support CRD pilot efforts that can demonstrate scalable approaches to climate-risk reduction. Participating jurisdictions may be in recovery from climate-related events or engaged in preparedness, planning, and prevention activities. This initiative will focus on exploratory and feasibility studies rather than the formal formation of CRDs.						
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance Guides (Exploration, Feasibility, and Implementation). • List of six SCAG Pilot Jurisdictions with summary profiles. • CRD Technical Assistance Memorandum (one draft, one final) for each pilot. • Memo describing the general feasibility of establishing a CRD and recommended mechanism(s) for Tax Increment Financing for the pilot jurisdictions. 						
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future and Strategic Plan Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.						
Contract Amount:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">HR&A Advisors, Inc.</td> <td align="right">\$729,737</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HR&A Advisors, Inc. (prime consultant)</td> <td align="right">\$629,192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sperry Capital, Inc. (subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$100,545</td> </tr> </table>	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	\$729,737	HR&A Advisors, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$629,192	Sperry Capital, Inc. (subconsultant)	\$100,545
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HR&A Advisors, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$629,192						
Sperry Capital, Inc. (subconsultant)	\$100,545						
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through August 31, 2027						
Project Number(s):	275-4966UE.01 \$442,650 275-4966E.01 \$57,350 Funding source(s): FY26 Sustainable Communities (SC), and Transportation Development Act (TDA). Funding of \$500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 275-4966UE.01 and 275-4966E.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 3,821 firms of the release of RFP 26-052-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 38 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="451 247 1487 394"> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 247 1015 283">HR&A Advisors, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td> <td data-bbox="1015 247 1487 283">\$729,737</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 321 1015 357">Tech Brand Staffing – (no subconsultants)</td> <td data-bbox="1015 321 1487 357">\$768,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 357 1015 394">Kosmont Companies – (no subconsultants)</td> <td data-bbox="1015 357 1487 394">\$734,775</td> </tr> </table>	HR&A Advisors, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$729,737	Tech Brand Staffing – (no subconsultants)	\$768,600	Kosmont Companies – (no subconsultants)	\$734,775
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Tech Brand Staffing – (no subconsultants)	\$768,600						
Kosmont Companies – (no subconsultants)	\$734,775						
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. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Land Use, SCAG Victor Negrete, Department Manager, SCAG David Kyobe, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG</p>						
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended HR&A Advisors, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR&A is an established leader in the field of TIF/municipal strategic planning. The firm has worked directly with SCAG on EIFD projects, and with cities in the SCAG region. The firm demonstrated a clear understanding of SCAG’s project objective In particular, the firm presented a comprehensive and well-developed strategy to support SCAG in building out a TIF program, including development of: • TIF 101 Explainer (format: text for webpage), including an overview of TIF and brief descriptions, opportunities and constraints of specific tools; • TIF Decision Tree (format: text and graphics for webpage) guiding jurisdictions through an initial tool evaluation; and • One – two Brief Case Studies (format: text, images, and graphics for webpage) drawing on California and national precedents. • The firm has highly qualified and experienced consultant team. Senior staff are devoting considerable time to the effort, and the Project Manager appears to be qualified and knowledgeable of SCAG and regional landscape. Importantly, the team includes a dedicated climate specialist, ensuring that climate resilience and sustainability are embedded throughout the project his expertise is directly aligned with SCAG’s regional priorities and policy framework, including regional resilience and the Connect SoCal Plan. 						

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For July 2, 2026 Regional Council Approval**

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The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
HR&A Advisors, Inc. (prime consultant)	No - form attached
Sperry Capital, Inc. (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 26-052

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: HR&A Advisors, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Amitabh Barthakur

Project Title: SCAG Tax Increment Finance Program

RFP Number: 26-052 **Date Submitted:** May 4, 2026

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
Miles Kim Parr	Intern	6/24-6/25
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Amitabh Barthakur, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Partner of (firm name) HR&A Advisors, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 5/4/2026 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



May 4, 2026

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

Date

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SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 26-052

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Sperry Capital Inc.

Name of Preparer: HR&A Advisors, Inc.

Project Title: SCAG Tax Increment Finance Program

RFP Number: 26-052 **Date Submitted:** 5/4/2026

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:


Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Gareth Lee, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Principal of (firm name) Sperry Capital Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 4/28/2026 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


 _____ 4/28/2026
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-062-C01, SCAG Regional Safety Action Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 26-062-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$569,917 with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consistent with the requirements of the FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant that funds this project, the consultant shall develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. This project supports the goals outlined in Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and SCAG's Regional Safety Policy, adopted in 2021. This project supports regional goals to reduce, and ultimately, eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries (especially those involving vulnerable road users, such as people walking and biking) on the regional multimodal transportation system.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Alta Planning+ Design, Inc. 26-062-C01	The Regional Safety Action Plan will serve as a roadmap for new and ongoing strategies that improve roadway safety across the SCAG region using a Safe System Approach. In preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Plan will also	\$569,917

address safety considerations for mega-events, including roadway improvements appropriate for periods of high traffic volumes. Additionally, the Plan will support local jurisdictions leading supplemental planning and demonstration activities that can enhance SCAG's planning efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$569,917 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225.4955.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. S. 26-062-C01 Contract Summary (Approval Item)
2. 26-062 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-062-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Alta Planning + Design, Inc.	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>In 2021, SCAG adopted a Regional Safety Policy, committing to work with partner agencies to encourage and support actions towards the elimination of transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, if not sooner, in Southern California. As part of efforts to achieve “Toward Zero Deaths,” SCAG was awarded a FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant that will fund the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan (Plan).</p> <p>Consistent with the requirements of the FY23 SS4A Grant, the consultant will develop SCAG’s first Regional Safety Action Plan, which will include existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, project recommendations, and evaluation. The Plan will serve as a roadmap for new and ongoing strategies that improve roadway safety across the SCAG region using a Safe System Approach. The Plan will build upon existing transportation safety efforts, such as the Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions, Regional High Injury Network, Regional Planning Working Group, and local jurisdiction safety plans. In preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Plan will also address safety considerations for mega-events, including roadway improvements appropriate for periods of high traffic volumes. Additionally, the Plan will support local jurisdictions leading supplemental planning and demonstration activities that can enhance SCAG’s planning efforts. The Plan will include close collaboration with local jurisdictions and the six county transportation commissions of the region on safety initiatives aligned with the SS4A grant.</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"> • Help implement the Regional Safety Policy, which aims to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, if not sooner; • Serve as a roadmap for new and ongoing strategies that improve roadway safety across the SCAG region using best practices, such as the Safe System Approach, and proven countermeasures; • Prepare the region to address safety considerations for mega-events, including roadway improvements appropriate for periods of high traffic volumes; and • Provide resources and recommendations for local jurisdictions across the SCAG region to incorporate safety into local jurisdiction goals, policies, workplans, and capital improvement programs. 	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$569,917
	Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$469,991
	DKS Associates (subconsultant)	\$99,926
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2028	

Project Number(s):	225.4955.01 \$569,917 Funding source: 2023 SS4A grant Funding of \$569,917 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225.4955.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.														
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 3,577 firms of the release of RFP 26-062 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 76 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following seven (7) proposals in response to the solicitation: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$569,917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>eNoLux LLC – list lowest to highest (no subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$570,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$568,175</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSP USA (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$562,655</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$562,092</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$560,369</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iteris, Inc. (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$545,190</td> </tr> </table>	Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$569,917	eNoLux LLC – list lowest to highest (no subconsultants)	\$570,000	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$568,175	WSP USA (1 subconsultant)	\$562,655	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (2 subconsultants)	\$562,092	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (1 subconsultant)	\$560,369	Iteris, Inc. (2 subconsultants)	\$545,190
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Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors. The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Rachel Om, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Michael Gainor, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Andres Carasquillo, Principal Planner, SCAG														
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of SCAG's vision for the Regional Safety Action Plan and SCAG's limited role in implementation by proposing a project approach that focuses on early stakeholder engagement (including a value-add of 6 agency interviews) to establish a strong foundation for ongoing engagement throughout plan and includes considerations for various risks with associated mitigation strategies; • Proposed the best technical approach by forming a prime and sub-consultant team with experience and expertise working together on multi-jurisdictional safety plans (in the SCAG region and across the United States) that have a proven track record for securing millions of dollars of grant funding for implementation. In particular, the team helped the Capital Area MPO secure the only SS4A implementation grant in Texas; 														

- Prepared a thoughtful and comprehensive analysis, engagement, and evaluation strategy that clearly showed how the engagement and technical components (clearly organized in an Implementation Table) inform each other and responded to all aspects of the Regional Safety Action Plan requested scope of work, such as considerations for local implementation and mega event safety planning; and
- Demonstrated the team is well-positioned to develop and deliver a comprehensive plan as the team has extensive experience working with SCAG and SCAG jurisdictions, such as the Palm Desert Vision Zero Strategy and Los Angeles County Pedestrian Plans. In addition, the team is familiar with existing SCAG tools, such as the Transportation Safety Modeling and Predictive Analysis Tool and Community Safety Modeling Tool.

Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because these firms:

- Did not demonstrate the same understanding of the key skills and necessary level of effort to complete the technical work and engagement within their proposed staffing and technical approach than the selected consultant. Specifically, several firms not recommended for award did not propose staff with the necessary safety subject matter expertise and several firms not recommended for award proposed insufficient staff hours to satisfactorily complete the scope of work;
- Were not responsive to all aspects of the scope of work, particularly the need to consider near-term safety planning needs around upcoming mega-events; and
- Proposed a technical approach that did not align with the goals and vision of the Regional Safety Action Plan as described in the RFP. Specifically, several firms not recommended for award proposed tools and workflows that may achieve near-term safety planning deliverables, but their proposal did not describe how the Regional Safety Action Plan would be updated and evaluated by SCAG staff in the long-term.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For July 2, 2026 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 26-062-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$569,917 with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (prime consultant)	No - form attached
DKS Associates (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 26-062

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Name of Firm: Alta Planning + Design, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Steven Frieson, PE, LCI | Vice President, as duly authorized

Project Title: SCAG Regional Safety Action Plan

RFP Number: No. 26-062 Date Submitted: 5/6/2026

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- 1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
<u>Not Applicable</u>	

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
Not Applicable		

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
Not Applicable	

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 26-062

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Name of Firm: DKS Associates

Name of Preparer: Brian Chandler

Project Title: SCAG Regional Safety Action Plan.

RFP Number: No. 26-062 **Date Submitted:** 5/6/2026

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

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YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

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YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Brian Chandler, **hereby declare that I am the (position or title)** Principal **of (firm name)** DKS Associates, **and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 5/6/2026 **is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.****

Brian Chandler

 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer 5/6/2026 _____
 (original signature required) Date

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AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
213-236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov

Subject: AB 2296 (Papan) - Support if Amended

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/Communication & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends the Regional Council (RC) adopt a “support if amended” position on AB 2296 (Papan).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Assembly Bill (AB) 2296 (Papan) would extend various timelines of the regional housing needs determinations (RHND), regional housing needs allocations (RHNA), and housing element revision processes. Staff recommends the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) forward a “support if amended” position to the Regional Council on AB 2296 to exempt SCAG from certain deadline modifications contained in the bill, since the 7th RHNA Cycle is already underway in our region using the current deadlines.

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends that the Regional Council (RC) adopt a “support if amended” position on AB 2296 (Papan).

BACKGROUND:

Since 1969, the California State Legislature has passed laws requiring regions, cities, and counties to plan for the housing needs of their residents across all income levels. Local governments fulfill their housing need planning responsibilities by adopting housing plans, or housing elements, as part of their “General Plan.” The law mandating that housing be included as an element of each jurisdiction’s general plan is known as “housing element law.” As part of that process, the state administers the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), a state-mandated process for identifying the total number of housing units to be planned statewide to meet the current and projected needs of residents across all income categories. The first step in this process is for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to issue the total housing need for each region, including the SCAG region, for an eight-year planning period. For the 6th RHNA cycle, covering the

eight-year period from October 2021 to October 2029, HCD assigned 1.34 million units to the SCAG region in the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND).

Each region's council of governments (COG) is then responsible for distributing that RHND to its local jurisdictions. As the COG for Southern California, SCAG is responsible for distributing our region's RHND amongst the 197 cities and counties within our jurisdiction. Throughout this process, there are various deadlines that HCD, SCAG, and local jurisdictions must meet, culminating in the deadline for local jurisdictions to adopt an HCD-certified housing element. A breakdown of the current RHNA process is provided below:

1. Regional Determination Phase

- a. **HCD Consultation Deadline – August 2026:** HCD must consult with SCAG regarding data sources and structural assumptions by August 2026. This includes factoring in specific regional challenges, such as severe cost burdens, overcrowding, and homelessness data.
- b. **HCD Issues RHND – October 2026:** HCD must formally issue the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND), which is the absolute total number of housing units SCAG must accommodate, by October 2026.

2. Subregional Allocation & Local Methodology

- a. **Subregional Formation – June 2027:** Jurisdictions can choose to form subregions to collectively manage their allocations and must alert SCAG by June 2027.
- b. **Methodology Development – October 2027:** SCAG must design and develop a proposed rigorous math-based formula to divide the state-mandated RHND amongst our 197 local jurisdictions by October 2027. After a public comment period, SCAG must send a draft to HCD for review and approval prior to adoption of a final methodology.

3. Local Allocation & Appeals

- a. **Draft Allocation – April 2028:** SCAG must release the exact number of low-, moderate-, and above-moderate-income units assigned to every local jurisdiction by April 2028.
- b. **Statutory Appeals:** Local jurisdictions may formally appeal their allocations within 45 days of SCAG releasing the draft allocation, based strictly on statutory criteria (e.g., major changes in circumstances or planning errors).
- c. **Final Allocation Adoption – October 2028:** SCAG must adopt a final RHNA allocation that outlines the exact number of units assigned to every local jurisdiction.

4. Final Housing Element Deadline

- a. **Local Adoption – October 2029:** Local municipalities must submit fully compliant, updated Housing Elements to HCD for statutory certification by October 2029. Jurisdictions within Los Angeles and Imperial Counties must revise and adopt their housing elements by April 2030. Failing to adopt on time triggers legal exposure from the state Attorney General, loss of local zoning authority, and potential "Builder's Remedy" developments.

Information on AB 2296 and how it would amend this process is included below.

AB 2296 (Papan)

AB 2296 is authored by Assemblymember Diane Papan (D-San Mateo) and sponsored by the League of California Cities. This year's bill is a follow-up to AB 650, which Assemblymember Papan authored last year on a similar subject and that SCAG supported at that time. AB 650 would have extended various RHNA, RHND, and housing element deadlines to provide COGs and local jurisdictions with additional time on the front end, from the time HCD provides a regional determination until housing element updates are due, to increase compliance without modifying the housing element due date. Further, AB 650 required HCD to provide jurisdictions with specific feedback on how to bring their housing elements into compliance if HCD determined they didn't comply with state housing element law.

AB 650 passed in both chambers of the State Legislature but was vetoed by Governor Newsom because it required HCD to provide specific feedback to local jurisdictions, which he felt would shift responsibility for producing compliant housing elements to the state. Further, that requirement was estimated to cost the state \$11 million annually.

Assemblymember Papan is trying again this year with AB 2296, but has removed provisions requiring HCD to provide specific feedback on how to bring a non-compliant housing element into compliance. AB 2296 also excluded some deadline extensions included in AB 650 because those deadlines were extended by other legislative bills signed into law last year. A summary of provisions included in AB 2296, compared to AB 650, as well as a table of current and proposed milestone deadlines, is included below:

AB 2296 provisions *retained* from AB 650:

- Revises subregional entity formation deadline from 28 to 34 months prior to the HE due date
- Revises deadline for COGs to provide RHNA to subregions from 25 to 31 months prior to the HE due date
- Revises COG proposed methodology deadline from 2 to 2.5 years prior to the due date
- Revises COG and subregion draft RHNA deadline from 1.5 to 2 years prior to the due date

AB 650 provisions excluded from AB 2296:

- Revises HCD RHND Consultation deadline from 2 to 3 years prior to the HE due date.
 - This provision was enacted when AB 1275 (Elhawary, 2025) was signed into law, which SCAG supported.
- Extend HCD deadline to meet with COG regarding assumptions and methodology from 26 to 38 months prior to the HE due date.
 - This provision was enacted when SB 233 (Seyarto, 2025) was signed into law, which SCAG supported.

Milestone	Current Timeline	Current Deadline	AB 2296 Proposal	AB 2296 Deadline
HCD consultation w/COG	38 months prior	Aug 2026	No change	No Change
HCD issues RHND	~36 months prior	Oct 2026	No change	No Change
Subregional formation deadline	28 months prior	June 2027	34 months prior	Dec 2026
COG assigns RHNA shares to subregions	25 months prior	Sept 2027	31 months prior	March 2027
Methodology development	2 years prior	Oct 2027	2.5 years	April 2027
Draft RHNA allocation	18 months prior	April 2028	2 years prior	Oct 2027
Final RHNA adoption	≥ 1 year prior	Oct 2028	No change	Oct 2028
Housing Elements due	—	Oct 2029	—	Oct 2029

SCAG supported AB 650 because it would have provided additional front-end time for both regions and local jurisdictions to administer the RHNA process before the housing element due date, thereby increasing housing element compliance. The LCMC recommended supporting AB 650 last year, in part, because the changes to the deadlines would have taken effect in January 2026, well before our internal planning work would begin. In the case of AB 2296, however, SCAG’s internal RHNA planning process has already begun. AB 2296’s proposed changes could change deadlines for which planning has already begun. In addition, AB 2296’s proposal to adjust the deadline for local jurisdictions to form a subregion would shift from June 2027 to December 2026, which would require either an

exemption or clarification, since if signed into law, AB 2296 would not go into effect until January 1, 2027.

For these reasons, the LCMC recommends a “support if amended” position. While extending the RHNA timeline to provide a longer runway before the housing element revision deadline aligns with SCAG’s 2025-26 State Legislative Platform, this bill would disrupt SCAG’s 7th cycle process, which is already underway. This concern is particularly relevant to councils of governments that begin the 7th Cycle RHNA process earlier in the statewide cycle, including SCAG, as well as the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG). If the Regional Council adopts a “support if amended” position, staff would work to amend the bill to minimize its impact on regions that have already begun the 7th-cycle RHNA process.

Prior Committee Action

At its meeting on June 16, 2026, staff presented AB 2296 (Papan) to the LCMC. Following the presentation, members asked various questions related to clarifications on which provisions were included in AB 2296 versus AB 650, whether the committee should consider an oppose position, whether the six-month extension provided by the bill would provide enough time for a robust RHNA process, and how members could conduct additional advocacy to help ensure this bill is amended.

After staff addressed each question, the committee voted unanimously to forward a staff-recommended “support if amended” position on AB 2296 (Papan) to the Regional Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with AB 2296 (Papan) – Support if Amended is within the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC – Regional Council
From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
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Subject: Mid-Cycle Legislative Update Bills – Oppose

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/Communication & Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends that the Regional Council (RC) adopt an “oppose” position on SB 675 (Padilla), SB 866 (Blakespear), and SB 1414 (Reyes).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The California State Legislature is now midway through the second year of the 2025-2026 legislative session. As such, various crucial deadlines have passed, including those for bills to advance from policy and fiscal committees and on the floor in their house of origin.

After receiving an update from staff on seven bills that are still active and relate to SCAG’s core issues, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) discussed the bills and pulled three from the report to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt an “oppose” position on SB 675 (Padilla), SB 866 (Blakespear), and SB 1414 (Reyes).

BACKGROUND:

The State legislature is midway through the second half of the two-year 2025-2026 Legislative Session. At this point, many bills are “dead” as they failed to meet deadlines to pass in policy and fiscal committees, as well as on the floor of the chamber in which it was introduced. Remaining bills have often been heavily amended through the committee process in the house of origin and are now being considered in the second chamber. Thus, staff worked to identify bills related to core SCAG issue areas to keep the committee apprised of the most relevant legislation still moving through the legislative process to present to the LCMC at its June 2026 meeting.

This staff report contains background on three bills from the LCMC’s June 2026 Mid-Cycle Legislative Update informational item for which the committee is recommending that the RC adopt an “oppose” position on: SB 675 (Padilla), SB 866 (Blakespear), and SB 1414 (Reyes).

Summaries of the three bills are included below.

The LCMC recommends the RC ADOPT AN “OPPOSE” POSITION ON the following three (3) legislative bills:

Bill: SB 675 **Author:** Senator Steve Padilla (D-San Diego)

Title: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District: members and duties.

Status: Passed Sen. Floor 39-0 06/04/25. Gut-and-amended in the Assembly to contain current language 06/01/26. Passed Asm. Natural Resources 9-4 on 06/08/26 and assigned to Asm. Approps pending hearing date.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billVotesClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB675

SB 675, authored by Senator Steve Padilla (D-San Diego), would restructure the governance of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) by replacing the existing structure, in which the five members of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors serve as ex officio members, with a 10-member board consisting of one county representative, five city representatives, and four public members, effective March 1, 2028. The bill would also prohibit the district from issuing any “major air permits,” also known as Title V permits, until that date and impose additional transparency, reporting, and planning requirements on the district.

Specifically, the bill establishes a new board composition that includes one county supervisor appointed by the Board of Supervisors; five city council members, one from each supervisorial district, selected by city selection committees; and four public members appointed at a public hearing. The public members must include a physician or public health professional with expertise in air pollution impacts, an environmental justice representative, a labor representative, and an individual with an agricultural background. All members must reside within the district and be selected based on their expertise in air pollution control and understanding of local community needs.

In addition, SB 675 would prohibit the district from issuing Title V permits to “major sources” of air pollution until March 1, 2028. These permits are required under the federal Clean Air Act for facilities that emit, or have the potential to emit, large quantities of pollutants, generally 100 tons per year or more of a criteria pollutant, and are issued to meet both federal and state air quality requirements. The prohibition would apply to both new and existing facilities, potentially affecting permit renewals, facility upgrades, and compliance-related activities.

The bill further imposes a series of new transparency and accountability requirements on the district. The ICAPCD would be required to develop and maintain a standalone website and publicly post

detailed information, including board agendas and minutes, permit applications and approvals, enforcement actions, notices of violation, air toxics program materials, and budget documents. The district would also be required to publish an annual air quality report, develop a comprehensive air monitoring plan, evaluate and improve its public complaint and comment processes, and apply for available state grant and incentive funding. Additionally, the district must prepare a report summarizing permitting actions taken in 2027 and consider rule changes to improve opportunities for public input within statutory timelines. Any costs not covered by existing funding sources would be covered through a required per capita assessment on the county and cities within the district.

SB 675 is intended to address longstanding air quality challenges in Imperial County, which faces pollution from multiple sources, including dust from the shrinking Salton Sea, cross-border emissions, and industrial activity, and experiences high rates of asthma and respiratory illness. Supporters argue that the current governance structure, composed solely of county supervisors, limits representation from cities and impacted communities, and that expanding the board to include city representatives and subject-matter experts will improve transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to local air quality concerns.

The bill is modeled in part on AB 423 (Gloria, 2019), which restructured the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District by adding city and public representation. Similar to that measure, SB 675 would shift the balance of authority away from exclusive county control. However, the shift is more pronounced in this case, reducing county representation from making up the entire board to only having a single seat and creating a majority composed of city and public members. The inclusion of designated public member roles for labor and agriculture represents a further expansion beyond prior models.

According to the committee analysis, Imperial County is currently the most populous rural county air district governed solely by a board of supervisors and faces more complex air pollution challenges than other similarly structured districts. Of the state's single-county air districts, some already include city representation, while others, primarily rural districts, do not.

While the committee analysis does not detail specific arguments from stakeholders in opposition, it notes that the bill's prohibition on issuing Title V permits until March 1, 2028, could delay facility maintenance, upgrades, and other actions required for compliance, potentially affecting implementation of federal Clean Air Act requirements. Senator Padilla agreed to accept the committee's suggested amendments to strike the language regarding the prohibition on Title V permits and to expedite the transition of the new board to July 1, 2027, and the new posting requirements to calendar year 2028.

Support:

City of Imperial (sponsor), Alianza Coachella Valley, Audubon California, Imperial Valley Equity & Justice Coalition, Sierra Club California

Oppose:

California Chamber of Commerce, Imperial County Board of Supervisors, Imperial County Farm Bureau

Bill: SB 866 **Author:** Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas)

Title: Planning and zoning: housing element: unhoused population.

Status: Passed Sen. Floor 26-9 05/27/26. Assigned to Asm. Housing Committee to be heard 07/01/26.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB866

SB 866, authored by Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas), would require local governments that *do not* receive funding from the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program to expand the scope of data and analysis included in the homelessness program of their housing elements. The required pieces of data that must be included in a housing element include:

- A list of available federal, state, and local resources for people experiencing homelessness;
- A description of actions taken by the jurisdiction to connect unhoused individuals to these resources;
- Current data on the unhoused population, including total population, average length of time, number of individuals exiting to permanent housing, and the number of individuals who return to homelessness after obtaining permanent housing, among others;
- A description of key actions to reduce homelessness based on the reported data;
- A description of coordination efforts with cities, counties, or councils of governments; and
- A list identifying programs and actions to prevent homelessness, especially for at-risk populations.

The author argues that this bill is necessary because, while HHAP requires recipients that are local jurisdictions to meet robust accountability measures, such as developing a Regional Plan and performance goals, only cities with populations above 300k are eligible to apply for the program, thereby limiting the accountability measures to the state's 13 largest cities. Thus, creating large gaps in the data, which this bill would bridge, allowing for more coordinated and effective statewide response to homelessness. The California League of Cities is leading the opposition to this bill, as they believe it would be more effective to instead require cities to have representation in the regional planning process.

Starting with Round 5, HHAP began requiring all eligible applications within a specific county boundary to submit a single, cohesive Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan. Every HHAP recipient within the geographic county “region” must play a part in drafting and sign off on the plan, which includes the overlapping County government, the regional Continuum of Care (CoC), and a large city with a population over 300k. Cities with populations under 300k are typically invited to participate in the process and sign on, though they are not currently required to do so.

Support:

Bay Area Council, City of Riverside, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Dignitymoves (UNREG), Mayor Matt Mahan, City of San Jose, National Alliance to End Homelessness, New California Coalition.

Oppose:

The California League of Cities, 59 cities, including 36 in the SCAG region: Artesia, Brawley, Buena Park, Colton, Cypress, Downey, El Centro, Fillmore, Glendora, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Inglewood, La Mirada, Lake Forest, Lakewood, Lomita, Los Alamitos, Lynwood, Mission Viejo, Montclair, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rancho Santa Margarita, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, San Bernardino, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Stanton, Thousand Oaks, Whittier, Apple Valley, and Yucca Valley.

Bill: SB 1414 **Author:** Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton)

Title: County of San Bernardino Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Status: Passed on the Senate Floor 29-9. Passed Asm. Elections 6-1 on 06/17/26, and assigned to Asm. Local Government pending hearing date.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB1414

SB 1414, authored by Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton), would establish an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission in San Bernardino County to draw supervisorial district boundaries following each decennial census, transferring that authority from the County Board of Supervisors to a 14-member citizen body.

Specifically, the bill would create a 14-member commission responsible for redrawing supervisorial district boundaries in the year following each federal decennial census and require the County Board of Supervisors to provide funding, staffing, and access to redistricting data and mapping software to support the commission’s work.

The commission would be structured to reflect the county’s geographic, political, and demographic diversity, with commissioners’ political party preferences required to be as proportional as practicable to those of registered voters. Commissioners must be registered voters of the county with demonstrated analytical skills, impartial decision-making ability, and familiarity with the county’s diverse communities.

Commissioners would be selected through a structured process in which the county elections official first screens applicants and identifies 60 of the most qualified candidates, without consulting the Board of Supervisors. From that pool, eight commissioners would be randomly drawn, five from district-based subpools (one from each supervisorial district) and three at large, after which those eight initial members would appoint the remaining six commissioners based on qualifications while ensuring the overall commission reflects the county's diversity.

Individuals, or their immediate family members, with recent political, lobbying, or campaign ties within the previous eight years would be barred from serving, including those who have held or run for office, worked for candidates or elected officials, served as political party officers, or acted as registered lobbyists. Commissioners would also be subject to conflict-of-interest laws and post-service restrictions, including a five-year prohibition on holding certain public offices, lobbying, or receiving no-bid contracts from the county.

The commission, rather than the Board of Supervisors as is currently the case, would have final authority to adopt supervisorial district maps, with approval requiring at least nine (9) votes, which also constitutes a quorum. The commission would be required to follow existing state redistricting criteria, ensure districts are substantially equal in population, and prepare a report explaining how those criteria were applied. Final maps would be subject to referendum.

The bill also establishes transparency and public participation requirements. The commission would be required to comply with open meetings laws, prohibit most communications outside of public hearings, maintain public records, and adopt procedures governing hearings, communications, vacancies, and removal of commissioners.

Additionally, the commission would be required to conduct at least 10 public hearings, including seven before drafting maps and three afterward, and undertake outreach efforts to encourage public engagement. This outreach would include translating materials, notices, agendas, and website content into applicable languages and providing live interpretation at hearings, upon request, for languages spoken by at least 3 percent of the county's voting-age population.

Under existing law, county boards of supervisors are responsible for redrawing supervisorial district boundaries following each decennial census to ensure population equality. Prior to 2017, state law generally permitted local jurisdictions to establish only advisory redistricting bodies, which could provide recommendations but did not have the authority to adopt district boundaries. Instead, that authority remained with the governing body. While charter cities could establish commissions with line-drawing authority, charter counties lacked that authority without express statutory authorization. In 2016, the Legislature enacted SB 1108 (Allen, 2016), which authorized counties and

general law cities to establish independent redistricting commissions, and SB 1018 (Allen, 2018) further expanded that authority and refined the rules governing such commissions.

In recent years, the Legislature has considered broader proposals to require independent redistricting commissions statewide for large local jurisdictions. However, those comprehensive measures were vetoed, largely due to concerns about state-mandated costs and the fact that counties are already authorized to establish redistricting commissions. In contrast, the Legislature has successfully enacted a series of more targeted measures requiring specific counties to establish independent commissions, including Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, and Orange counties, among others, most of which will implement commissions for the 2030 redistricting cycle. Santa Barbara County remains the only county to have voluntarily adopted an independent redistricting commission without a statutory mandate. Within this context, SB 1414 reflects a continuation of the Legislature's incremental approach by applying an independent commission model to San Bernardino County.

In San Bernardino County, voters approved Measure J in 2020, which led to the establishment of an advisory redistricting commission for the 2021 cycle. That commission held multiple public meetings, reviewed proposed maps, and provided recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, which retained final authority over map adoption. SB 1414 would replace that advisory model with an independent commission vested with final decision-making authority, aligning the county with other jurisdictions statutorily mandated to adopt independent redistricting practices.

The bill's sponsors argue that SB 1414 is necessary to promote fair, transparent, and community-driven redistricting in one of California's fastest-growing and most diverse counties. They argue that shifting map-drawing authority to an independent body will reduce political influence, increase public participation, and align San Bernardino County with other large counties that already utilize independent commissions.

In opposition, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors argues that the bill is overly prescriptive, costly, and administratively burdensome, with vague standards that could lead to disputes, litigation, and increased operational risks. They also raise concerns about the lack of a clear funding structure and the potential for high costs, which could reach millions of dollars each decade.

Support:

California Common Cause, Inland Empire United, and the League of Women Voters of California (co-sponsors), Courage California, Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice, Inland Equity Community Land Trust, Starting Over Inc., Starting Over Strong, and 26 individuals.

Oppose:

Acquanetta Warren (Mayor of Fontana), the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, the cities of Needles, Fontana, Ontario, and Upland, the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce,

Greater Ontario Business Council, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, LIUNA Laborers Local 783, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the Sheriff's Employees Benefit Association, and Teamsters California.

Prior Committee Action

At its meeting on June 16, 2026, staff presented an informational update on seven (7) active legislative bills that relate to SCAG's core issue areas: SB 675 (Padilla), SB 866 (Blakespear), SB 1123 (Wiener), SB 1361 (Durazo), SB 1414 (Reyes), AB 1777 (Garcia), and AB 2168 (Wicks). Following the presentation, members discussed and provided feedback on various bills included in the staff report.

While members expressed concerns about many of the bills in the report, they ultimately decided that three of the seven were sufficiently concerning to warrant recommending that SCAG oppose them. Thus, members moved to pull the three bills from the Informational item, redesignate them as action items, and forward a recommendation to the RC to adopt an "oppose" position on SB 675 (Padilla), SB 866 (Blakespear), and SB 1414 (Reyes). That motion passed unanimously, 16-0.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with Mid-Cycle Legislative Update Bills – Oppose is within the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council
From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government & Public Affairs Officer
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Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$10,000 for sponsorship of 1) CoMotion LA'26 (\$10,000).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its June 16, 2026, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$10,000 to sponsor 1) CoMotion LA'26 (\$10,000).

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: CoMotion LA '26
Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** \$10,000

The CoMotion LA '26 Conference will be held from November 18-19, 2026, at the Japanese American National Museum. The event will bring together key public and private stakeholders shaping the future of mobility to emerge with new policy and innovation mandates for a more connected, innovative, and sustainable urban future by discussing the future of cities and the vehicles and systems that power them. CoMotion will offer a curated two-day conference full of immersive and interactive talks, pitches, demos, and workshops to find a path forward for cities and mobility systems.

CoMotion LA is the leading global conference and expo focused on New Mobility. It is an initiative of the NewCities Foundation, the Montreal-based nonprofit institution dedicated to improving the quality of life and work in 21st-century cities worldwide. Speakers for previous years' conferences include Past President Cindy Allen, SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise, ITS America CEO Laura Chace, LADOT General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo, and other top officials across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.



SCAG sponsored this event from 2017 to 2019 and from 2022 to 2025. The feedback was very positive due to the integration of the agency's *GoHuman* campaign. The following are some of the benefits offered in the proposed \$10,000 sponsorship package:

- SCAG branded as CoMotion LA '26 Partner (website, print, marketing materials, social media channels and on-site signage);
- SCAG Executive Director or President invited to speak on a CoMotion Panel at the conference;
- Ten (10) admission passes for senior SCAG executives and leadership and/or clients to the event; and
- Option to have an exhibit space

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$10,000 for sponsorship of 1) CoMotion LA'26 (\$10,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on June 16, 2026. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$10,000 for the CoMotion LA'26 sponsorship is included in the FY 27 General Fund Budget.



To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
EEC - Energy and Environment Committee
TC - Transportation Committee
RC - Regional Council

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
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Subject: 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

Receive and File

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. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From June 11-12, 2026, President Ray Marquez convened a retreat and strategic planning session for the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) to discuss operational, regional planning and policy, legislative, and engagement activities, and to build a consensus on key policy leadership priorities for his term. While no formal actions were taken at the retreat, staff received input on each agenda item and also facilitated an in-depth conversation on policy leadership opportunities to inform the 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities (Attachment A) and Regional Council and Policy Committee Outlooks (Attachment B). All meeting materials and meeting minutes are posted on SCAG's website.

This report provides an overview of the final 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities and reviews how they have been incorporated into the Regional Council and Policy Committee Outlooks.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Executive Administration Committee, under the guidance of the President, identifies Presidential Priorities to guide implementation of Connect SoCal and meet the agency's core responsibilities as defined by federal and state law. These priorities are implemented through the

staff work program, Board policy discussions, and Board leadership throughout the year. The following Presidential Priorities were discussed and confirmed by the Executive Administrative Committee during the 2026-2027 EAC retreat.

- **Clean Transportation Technology:** Advance regional deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them. This priority aims to position SCAG as a stronger implementation partner by aligning state and federal funding, advancing freight charging strategies, and reinforcing the region’s clean air and competitiveness goals.
- **LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games:** Use SCAG’s regional role to coordinate mobility planning, funding, and intergovernmental action in advance of the Games. The President and EAC will prioritize keeping partner agencies aligned, accelerating approvals for critical mobility investments, and ensuring the Games leave a lasting transportation and access legacy for Southern California.
- **Housing Production:** Build on REAP and SCAG’s “Beyond RHNA” work to keep housing production at the center of the regional agenda. The President and EAC will elevate results, support continued state advocacy, and work to build a shared understanding and alignment among the state, regions, and local jurisdictions on the technical underpinnings of the regional housing needs assessment to reduce tension and move toward productive solutions.
- **Infrastructure as Driver of Housing & Economic Development:** Expand the housing conversation to include the transportation, utility, and civic infrastructure that enables complete communities. The President and EAC will guide the development of a regional strategy on the heels of the successful REAP 2 program that links infrastructure investments and SCAG’s role and capacity in transportation planning and funding to housing, resilience, and economic prosperity.

A more detailed description of each priority, along with a summary of past accomplishments as applicable and more specific leadership objectives for the upcoming year, is included in the 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities (Attachment A). Staff has also updated the agenda outlooks for the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings to reflect opportunities to discuss and advance these priorities. See Regional Council and Policy Committee Outlooks (Attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities_Final
2. Regional Council and Policy Committee Outlooks

2026-2027 Presidential Priorities

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Presidential Priorities

The following section provides additional detail on each priority, including the foundation established under prior Presidents, key accomplishments to date, and leadership commitments for the 2026–2027 term.

1. Clean Transportation Technology

In April 2023, the Regional Council adopted a Clean Transportation Technology Policy that strengthened SCAG's commitment to support the commercialization and deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission vehicles. The goal is to improve air quality, reduce health risks, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and advance equity. The challenge remains significant: mobile sources account for about 80% of NOx and nearly 29% of PM2.5 in the South Coast, and the region cannot meet Clean Air Act attainment goals without major emission reductions. Heavy-duty trucks are especially difficult to transition, while light-duty adoption will require infrastructure at scale—about 1 million public and shared-private chargers by 2035.

Through research, planning, and programming, SCAG is working to align vehicle and infrastructure investments with market needs and accelerate progress across on-road emissions.

This priority is focused on translating policy leadership into implementation at scale. Stronger regional leadership can help connect funding, infrastructure planning, and market readiness so that zero-emission technologies move more quickly from pilot efforts to widespread deployment. During the 2026–2027 term, this work will target freight corridors, charging and fueling readiness, and coordination with state and federal partners so the region is better positioned to meet air quality and climate goals while supporting economic competitiveness.

2025-26 Accomplishments:

- In 2025, SCAG launched the **Clean Invest Program** to help commercial fleets deploy Class 4 and 5 battery-electric trucks. In partnership with the EPA and South Coast AQMD, the program will provide \$50 million in rebates and is expected to reopen in July 2026 to award remaining funds.
- Through the **Zero Emission Trucking Initiative**, SCAG advanced planning for a regional charging and hydrogen fueling network, including a phased blueprint and site-specific analysis to support the truck market transition.
- The **Clean Transit Technologies Assessment** provided regional analysis and technical support to help transit operators evaluate fleet transition pathways and infrastructure needs.
- The **Last Mile Freight Program** moved from planning to implementation, supporting 22 projects with \$16.75 million.

2026-2027 Leadership Priorities

- Through **SB 375 modernization** efforts, including SB 1087, SCAG is advocating for clean transportation technology strategies to count toward CARB-adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets. Board leadership is needed to ensure regions receive credit for accelerating fleet transition and that SCAG funding programs are recognized in meeting state goals.
- Federal policy shifts have disrupted the regulatory and funding landscape for clean transportation. **Better alignment among remaining federal, state, and regional programs**—and more streamlined administration—can help stabilize the market. The President and board will lead conversations with CARB and AQMD to leverage last-mile freight funding across all levels of government.
- As part of the **Smart Cities Strategic Plan** launching this summer, SCAG will advance electric vehicle adoption alongside other technologies that improve efficiency, safety, and VMT/GHG reduction. The Regional Council will lead this work by promoting best practices and selecting demonstration projects through SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Program that help advance the policy vision.

2. LA 28 Olympic & Paralympic Games

On Sept. 4, 2025, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the Games Mobility Program Development Framework. Built on Connect SoCal 2024, the framework brings SCAG’s planning efforts into a shared set of goals, objectives, and guiding principles to support the LA28 Games. The RC approved program positions SCAG to play a central coordinating role as the region prepares for one of the most complex mobility undertakings in its history. Beyond Games-time operations, the work can leave a broader legacy by accelerating projects, strengthening institutional coordination, and demonstrating how integrated

planning can improve safety, access, and reliability across Southern California. Regional leadership is critical to keeping partners aligned around near-term delivery while ensuring that investments produce lasting regional benefits.

2025-26 Accomplishments:

- The Regional Council approved the **TDM Approach** for freight and passenger vehicles, helping prioritize resources and setting the stage for a comprehensive implementation plan this summer.
- SCAG established a **pedestrian safety program** featuring open streets demonstration events and semi-permanent infrastructure. In 2025, all funding was secured through grants, and a consultant bench was established to support improvements at 12 locations across the region.
- The Regional Council approved **FFY 2026-27 STBG/CMAQ funding recommendations** totaling \$1.25 billion across 132 projects. Seventeen of those projects are directly associated with LA28 totaling \$480 million.
- The Regional Council also **programmed federal funding to Metro for the FIFA World Cup**. The expedited funding model serves as a blueprint for LA28.

2026-2027 Leadership Priorities

- In partnership with LA28 and the GME, SCAG has been **advocating for state and federal resources** to support safe, efficient, and reliable Games-time transportation. Because SCAG programs and administers federal funds allocated to the region, timely Regional Council action will be pursued to deliver mobility strategies on schedule.
- **Metrolink** faces budget challenges that threaten both Games-time service and its ongoing role as the backbone of the regional transit network. Leadership to align stakeholders around solutions will be critical to sustain service and position Metrolink for lasting ridership growth during and after LA28.
- SCAG is developing a **Community Hubs** Toolkit for cities that want to host game-time celebrations and festivals. The toolkit will support 6–12 non-venue jurisdictions, and Board leadership will be important in promoting the opportunity.
- SCAG also plays a key role in **intergovernmental coordination** as agencies across the region prepare for 2028. The President and EAC will provide leadership to ensure clear communication, timely resolution to concerns, and keep the region aligned around a successful Games.

3. Housing Production

SCAG successfully advocated for the allocation and restoration of REAP funding to help local agencies plan for 1.3 million housing units identified through the state’s 6th Cycle RHNA process. Working with partners, SCAG is now positioned to deliver nearly \$200 million for 100 projects that address key barriers to housing by the end of the calendar year.

The President and EAC is committed to retaining housing production as a central objective for the 2026–2027 term by focusing on implementation, accountability, and continued state partnership. The next phase of work can build on REAP’s foundation by highlighting results, supporting local problem-solving, and shaping the policy and funding environment needed to sustain production. With continued regional leadership, SCAG is committed to helping jurisdictions convert plans into entitled, financed, and delivered

housing while strengthening the region’s voice in Sacramento on future housing need, tools, and resources.

2025-26 Accomplishments:

- SCAG continued to accelerate housing production through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program. The agency disbursed \$13.9 million through the Lasting Affordability Program, awarded another \$20 million in Round 2, and continued supporting local jurisdictions through workshops, data tools, and regional coordination.
- REAP-funded projects began to show results this year, including the Housing Land Trust Ventura County Revolving Long-Term Loan Program. Guest speakers at the February Regional Council meeting highlighted how these projects are increasing housing production locally.
- SCAG also convened regional discussions on housing production by hosting the Inland Empire Housing Summit and partnering with Orange County on the Small Scale Housing Symposium to build on lessons from REAP.

2026-2027 Leadership Priorities:

- Oversee the closeout of REAP 2, amplify success stories, and share lessons learned from REAP 1 and REAP 2 through outreach and best-practice promotion with the cities SCAG leaders represent and with partners, such as BIA.
- Continue advocating in Sacramento for ongoing REAP funding.
- Engage the California Department of Housing and Community Development leadership to promote transparency in developing the Cycle 7 Regional Housing Needs Determination and build a shared understanding of the technical analysis that will shape SCAG’s RHNA methodology.

4. Infrastructure as Driver of Housing & Economic Development

The region is at an inflection point: REAP 2 is ending, RHNA is next, and cities need implementation support. Housing remains a top priority, but it is difficult to deliver well. A key lesson from REAP 2 is that housing succeeds when it is paired with the infrastructure that makes communities function—mobility, services, and quality public spaces. Although SCAG does not have a dedicated housing funding source, it can still play a meaningful role by leveraging technical assistance and core transportation resources to help pro-housing cities and counties advance housing and economic development goals. Through this priority, SCAG can shape a catalytic regional strategy—“Beyond REAP”—that helps cities and counties create the conditions communities need to thrive: housing affordability, economic opportunity, access, services, and resilience.

This priority expands the housing conversation from units alone to the broader systems that determine whether communities can grow sustainably and equitably. By linking infrastructure, housing, and economic development, SCAG can help local jurisdictions identify where changes in zoning and regional investments can unlock infill, improve resilience, and support complete communities. During the EAC retreat, the President and EAC confirmed their interest and commitment to leading a regional conversation on infrastructure and zoning as a driver for housing and economic growth, and on finding pathways forward in a complex state legislative environment.

2026-2027 Leadership Priorities:

- **Convene conversations with city managers through existing and new forums** (as needed) to understand barriers to development, promote SCAG tools and resources, and facilitate the sharing of best practices, including on tax-increment and other financing tools.
- **Facilitate conversations with private and non-profit developers** to understand barriers to housing element implementation and opportunities to better match site selection and zoning with market capacity to deliver.
- Pursue **Peer Region Learning** focused on turning “liabilities to assets” including by rethinking “everyday infrastructure” –flood channels, streets, parking lots—as assets to strengthen local coordinated economies, civic life, and long-term resilience.
- **Advance policies that enable community transformation** through alignment of infrastructure, housing, and economic development strategies **in Connect SoCal 2050 and through the planning and program guidelines** that direct SCAG’s planning, technical assistance, and transportation funding tools.

Regional Council Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Date	Discussion	Business
July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 79: Approach & Methodology • Split Letter for FY 26 Olympic & Paralympic Games Funding* • Last Mile Freight Program INVEST Clean* • 2017 Draft Federal Transportation Improvement Program/Connect SoCal 2024 Amend. 2 for Public Review • Toll Credit/Transportation Credit Policy
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Priority: LA 28 Olympic & Paralympic Games* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Games Mobility Executives Panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Day Proclamation • LA28/SCAG MOU* • 2017 Final Federal Transportation Improvement Program/Connect SoCal 2024 Amend. 2 • Quarterly Economic Roundtable report
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Update: Invited Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAP 2 Update • Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Priority: Clean Transportation Technology* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited Speakers: California Air Resources Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY27 Budget Amendment 1 • Last Mile Freight Program INVEST Clean Awards* • Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Project Nominations • FFY29-FFY30 CMAQ/STBG Program Guidelines
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Priority: Housing & Economic Development* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Managers/Developers Panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hub Approach* • Quarterly Economic Roundtable report

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Regional Council Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Date	Discussion	Business
January		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Resolution Update • FFY29-FFY30 CMAQ/STBG Program Call for Projects Opens
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Priority: Housing Production* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ California Department of Housing & Community Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Transportation Safety Targets for 2027
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Priority: LA 28 Olympic & Paralympic Games* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDM Update ○ Regional Rail update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY28 Draft Budget • Quarterly Economic Roundtable Report*
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Autonomous Vehicle Regulatory Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY27 Budget Amendment 2 • Smart Cities Strategic Plan * • Smart Cities Call for Projects Guidelines* • Active Transportation Program Cycle 8

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CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 project showcases 	
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework Connect SoCal 2050: LDX Updates 		
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Regional Planning Policies & Implementation Strategies Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHNA Subcommittee Charter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Hubs Approach
November		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Housing Needs Determination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmworker Housing Study
December		JPC/Econ	

CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Resources	Regional Leadership
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Performance Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 Project Showcases 	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: LDX Results - A First Look 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Increment Financing Program Update
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal Futures: Update 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Communities Update
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Region and County Forecast, post-LDX Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release of Proposed RHNA Methodology 	
May	General Assembly		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Final Performance Measures Connect SoCal 2050: Policies for Draft Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 Program Close out Summary (Land Use) 	

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates

Date	Agenda Items
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenprint Tool Overview Public Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 V2X and Smart Technology
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 Recommendation to adopt Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337) Approval of 2027 FTIP and Amendment 2 to Connect SoCal 2024 Resilience Quick Guides
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: CEQA Documentation Initiation Connect SoCal 2050: Regional Planning Policies & Implementation Strategies Updates SB 1087: Briefing and Next Steps Clean and Resilient Utility Infrastructure Study Overview
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to Release Connect SoCal 2050 PEIR Notice of Preparation Data Center Policy Approaches Connect SoCal 2050: Green Region Resource Areas Overview
Dec	Joint Policy Committee Meeting: Economic Update

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

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Date	Agenda Items
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: TBD): Status Update on Notice of Preparation Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Performance Measures Natural and Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study Ecosystem Benefits Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Technical Methodology for Sustainable Communities Strategy
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Conformity Challenges in the SCAG Region SCAG Climate Adaptation Planning Guide Update Caltech Orbital Solar
Mar	Joint Policy Committee
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: TBD): Status Update on Stakeholder Outreach and Highlights of Preliminary Approaches to Major Components Connect SoCal Futures: Update
May	General Assembly
Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Final Performance Measures Connect SoCal 2050: Policies for Draft Plan Natural and Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study White Paper Clean and Resilient Utility Infrastructure Study Update

Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates

Date	Agenda Items		
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 for public review Toll Credit / Transportation Development Credit Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games TDM Strategic Plan * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Mile Freight Program INVEST CLEAN Rebate Program *
Aug	No Meetings		
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework Connect SoCal 2050: Project List Solicitation Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of 2027 FTIP and Amendment 2 to Connect SoCal 2024 Program Guidelines Update for FFY29 & FFY30 STBG/CMAQ Call for Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for Main Streets Update Smart Cities Strategic Plan Update * SS4A Program Update * Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Update
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Regional Planning Policies & Implementation Strategies Updates Connect SoCal 2050: Core Revenue Forecast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFY27 OTS Acceptance of Funds Smart Cities Strategic Plan Policy Framework * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPI Program Update Go Human New Creative

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 •Clean Transportation
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Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

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Date	Agenda Items		
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Operations & Maintenance Policy Games TDM Strategy Update * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Transit Target Setting Goods Movement Resiliency/Readiness Planning Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Approval
Dec	Joint Policy Committee Meeting: Economic Update		
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Performance Measures Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Program Outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Regional Transportation Safety Targets for 2027 Regional Safety Action Plan Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Technology Assessment for Freight *
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Draft Core Revenues and Costs Connect SoCal 2050: Mobility Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2050: Goods Movement & Aviation Framework Connect SoCal 2050: Travel & Tourism Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Conformity Challenges in the SCAG Region Connect SoCal 2050: LDX Results - A First Look

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Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

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Date	Agenda Items		
Mar	Joint Policy Committee		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games TDM Strategy Update * • Connect SoCal 2050: Draft New Funding Strategies • Connect SoCal Futures: Update • 2027 Regional Active Transportation Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Cities Strategic Plan Final * • Smart Cities Call for Projects Guidelines * • Connect SoCal 2050: Region and County Forecast, post-LDX Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTC Partnership Program Closeout • Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan • SS4A Community Streets Grants Guidelines
May	General Assembly		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect SoCal 2050: Policies for Draft Plan • Connect SoCal 2050: Final Performance Measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SoCal Airport Access and Mobility Study * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Main Streets: Draft Final Report • Regional Safety Action Plan Update

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AGENDA ITEM 11

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

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

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. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

BACKGROUND:

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

Vendor	Description	Amount
RLAHI LLC dba Lake Arrowhead Resort	FY26 BALANCE FOR EAC RETREAT	\$23,201
1122 7TH STREET LLC	FY26 BALANCE FOR LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT	\$19,846
SONESTA DC HOTEL LLC DBA THE ROYAL SONESTA	FY26 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT	\$10,675
CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION	FY26 CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES MEMBERSHIP	\$6,500
MBUF ALLIANCE	FY26 MILEAGE BASED USER FEE MEMBERSHIP	\$5,000

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

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company 26-036-C01	The consultant will support jurisdictions in implementing Complete Communities by developing actionable strategies, tools, and guidance tailored to varied contexts such as 15-minute neighborhoods, Transit-Oriented Communities, and mixed-use development.	\$498,940
PC Law Group 27-004-C01	The consultant will provide legal guidance throughout the development of the 2050 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), including comprehensive review of the Draft and Final PEIR and all supporting documents.	\$270,000
Berg & Associates, Inc. 26-037-C01	The consultant will provide as-needed support to monitor and advance REAP 2.0 RUSH grant projects by coordinating with grantees, attending meetings, and reviewing invoices, progress reports, and technical documents across predevelopment and construction phases.	\$130,892

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

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Arup US, Inc. 23-040-C01 Amend. 6	The consultant will continue supporting the SoCal Greenprint by hosting the web-based mapping application on its cloud infrastructure and providing ongoing technical assistance to users.	\$48,673

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 26-036-C01 Contract Summary
2. 27-004-C01 Contract Summary
3. 26-037-C01 Contract Summary
4. 23-040-C01 Amend. 6 Contract Summary

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-036-C01

<p>Recommended Consultant:</p>	<p>Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company</p>
<p>Background & Scope of Work:</p>	<p>One of the key objectives in Connect SoCal 2024—SCAG’s most recently adopted RTP/SCS—is to support the integration of land use and transportation planning. Within the plan, this overarching concept is referred to as “Complete Communities”, which serve and improve the quality of life for the residents of today and tomorrow within the SCAG region. These complete communities enhance quality of life by ensuring access to housing, mobility options, goods and services, and economic opportunities within close proximity. Rather than resulting from a single project, Complete Communities emerge from long-term, coordinated planning decisions that reduce travel distances and reliance on automobiles.</p> <p>Two key concepts that further Complete Communities are <i>Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs)</i> and <i>15-minute communities</i>. TOCs focus on housing, jobs, and amenities around high-quality transit, while a 15-minute community is characterized by the ability to reach key destinations within a 15-minute walk, bike, or roll. With high-quality conditions (e.g., sidewalks, traffic calming measures, vegetation, low-stress bikeways, Complete Streets, etc.) and attractive and useful destinations, people are likely to walk, bike, or roll longer distances. Recognizing the diversity of mobility options across the region, the concept of 15-minute communities also aligns with destinations and centers that are accessed by people driving, but because of the proximity of complementary land uses, result in shorter and fewer trips. 15-minute communities provide broader applicability across diverse urban, suburban, and rural settings.</p> <p>Key tasks included in the scope of work are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Project Management ● Stakeholder engagement ● Research and analysis ● Toolkit development
<p>Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:</p>	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support local implementation of complete communities - Provide jurisdictions with actionable strategies, tools, and guidance to implement Complete Communities in a variety of contexts, including 15-minute communities, Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs), and compact, mixed-use development; ● Integrate land use and transportation to advance regional goals - Promote the integration of land use and transportation planning to support SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Strategy and clearly outline the benefit and value of land use as a TDM strategy; ● Develop a toolkit informed by best practices - Build a unified framework and user-friendly toolkit grounded in SCAG’s existing work, best practices from peer regions, and input from stakeholders, with clear pathways for implementation, funding, piloting, and evaluation in selected contexts.

Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region 3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing 5. Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities. 																		
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Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 2,751 firms of the release of RFP 26-036 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System. A total of 90 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following six (6) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company (2 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$498,939.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSA USA (1 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$498,514.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GHD, Inc. (3 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$499,980.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson Nygaard (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$521,098.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AECOM Technical Services (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$599,428.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Somos Group, LLC (1 subconsultant)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$662,950.00</td> </tr> </table>	Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company (2 subconsultants)	\$498,939.86	WSA USA (1 subconsultants)	\$498,514.48	GHD, Inc. (3 subconsultants)	\$499,980.27	Nelson Nygaard (1 subconsultant)	\$521,098.16	AECOM Technical Services (1 subconsultant)	\$599,428.94	Somos Group, LLC (1 subconsultant)	\$662,950.00						
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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. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Lyle Janicek, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Anna Van, Senior Planner, SCAG Stefanie Esteban, Junior Planner, SCAG</p>																		

<p>Basis for Selection:</p>	<p>The PRC recommended Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company, for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the challenges and complexities associated with planning and coordinating Complete Communities in SCAG’s Diverse Region, specifically regarding place types, community input and engagement, and their three “P” framework - Places, Programs, and Partnerships; • Demonstrated a strong technical approach aligned with SCAG’s goals, which is rooted in a vibrant project management style that is clear, logical, and based on a track record of managing projects of similar scale and scope; • Offers extensive experience of planning and coordinating similar efforts regionally and nationally through the assembled project team, including LA Metro’s Transit Supportive Planning Toolkit, Metro Joint Development Housing Accelerator Program, and San Bernardino County’s SB 1000 Regional Equity Toolkit; • Demonstrated relevant experience delivering projects of comparable size, complexity, and scope. Their background reflects a strong track record of effective oversight, budget management, and successful completion of assignments within established financial parameters; • Provided an exceptional understanding of the project’s goals and objectives, offering thoughtful insights that extended beyond the requirements outlined in the RFP. The prime consultant proposed additional enhancements to the toolkit development approach, including the integration of clearly articulated benefits alongside implementation strategies to strengthen usability and impact. The subconsultants further complemented the prime’s expertise by incorporating a gender equity lens and emphasizing considerations for marginalized and underrepresented communities; and • Overall, the team’s written responses and presentation reflected a comprehensive, values-driven approach and demonstrated a strong capacity to deliver the work in a meaningful and effective manner, while also providing the best overall value relative to the proposed level of effort. <p>Although other firm(s) proposed a lower price(s), the PRC did not recommend this firm(s) for contract award because this firm(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of research and analysis, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work; and • Did not demonstrate the same understanding within their proposed technical approach like the selected consultant. Proposed approach, particularly on economics task, focused mainly on retail opportunities and did not represent the best value.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 27-004-C01

Recommended Consultant:	PC Law Group
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The 2028-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-term plan for the development and preservation of the region’s transportation system. Development of the RTP is mandated by Federal and State law and is one of SCAG’s primary responsibilities. For a transportation project to become eligible for federal and state funding, it must be included in the financially-constrained portion of the RTP. In accordance with the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, or Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg), the RTP is required to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) which details strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from automobiles and light-duty trucks.</p> <p>California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Pub. Res. Code § 21000 et seq., and its implementing regulations, CEQA Guidelines, codified at 14 C.C.R. § 15000 et seq., require SCAG as the Lead Agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Plan. The Plan necessitates preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which is a “first-tier” CEQA document designed to consider “broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures” (CEQA Guidelines §15168). SCAG will prepare a PEIR for the 2028-2050 RTP/SCS, better known as “Connect SoCal”.</p> <p>The 2050 Connect SoCal PEIR will be a program-level document that will analyze the cumulative effects of proposed actions, as well as transportation improvements and land use developments discussed in 2050 Connect SoCal. Additionally, the 2050 Connect SoCal PEIR will identify strategies to avoid or mitigate those environmental impacts where warranted. It will also provide the basis for further project-level CEQA (and possibly NEPA) compliance for implementation of future projects.</p> <p>The consultant shall provide legal services and counsel to SCAG during its preparation of the 2050 Connect SoCal PEIR, and any related addenda, to ensure a legally defensible documents that follow environmental procedures under federal metropolitan planning law and regulations, the California Environmental Quality Act statutes and guidelines, and other relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations.</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"> • Legal guidance and counsel throughout the PEIR development process • Legal review of the Draft and Final PEIR, technical reports, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and any related addenda; and • Fulfillment of CEQA requirements that allow for the adoption of the 2050 Connect SoCal, which crucially allows project sponsors to qualify for federal funding.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority #1 to establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$270,000 PC Law Group (prime consultant) \$270,000 Note: PC Law Group proposed \$270,000 and SCAG staff determined the proposed cost was fair and reasonable for the type of work being performed.
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2028.
Project Number(s):	020.0161E.04 \$270,000 Funding source(s): TDA Funding of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 020.0161E.04, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.
Request for Proposal (RFP):	Sole Source Contract
Selection Process:	Sole Source Contract
Basis for Selection:	<p>Given the established expertise of PC Law and its unparalleled institutional knowledge of the agency's previous four Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) releases and their related Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and addenda, PC Law was awarded the sole source contract.</p> <p>PC Law is the natural and sole collaborator for this project because failure to retain the firm would significantly increase the risk of delays due to the extensive onboarding required to understand SCAG's complex environmental methodologies and decades of CEQA history. These delays could cascade through the PEIR schedule and jeopardize timely adoption of the RTP/SCS, potentially affecting regional project funding and compliance obligations. Additionally, not engaging PC Law for this work would materially increase SCAG's exposure to CEQA challenges, as another firm would lack the continuity and historical understanding underlying the past four RTP/SCS PEIRs. Retaining PC Law is therefore essential to ensure timely implementation and legal defensibility.</p>

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-037-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Berg & Associates, Inc.						
Background & Scope of Work:	On an as-needed basis the consultant will support the successful completion of Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) grant projects and project monitoring by attending meetings with grantees, invoice and progress report review, construction predevelopment technical document review, construction delivery and completion assessment to ensure that RUSH projects are administered and completed in compliance with SCAG MOU requirements (scope and budget) and Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) 2.0 guidelines and California Department of Housing and Community Development requirements.						
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring REAP 2.0 funds achieve maximum impact within the SCAG region • Ensuring that RUSH projects are completed on-time and in accordance with REAP 2.0 requirements • Ensuring that REAP 2.0 funds support the delivery of housing, reductions in vehicle miles traveled, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in accordance with program guidelines. 						
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority: 5. Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.						
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Contract Period:	March 24, 2026 through December 30, 2026						
Project Number(s):	<p>305-4925Y1.01 \$130,892 Funding source: REAP 2.0</p> <p>Funding of \$130,892 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305-4925Y1.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>						
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 3,180 firms of the release of RFP 26-037-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 37 firms downloaded RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>Berg & Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</p> <p>JOA Group (no subconsultants)</p>						

	<p>Note: This solicitation was conducted as an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement and therefore as required by law each offeror was evaluated based on qualifications and not on cost. The Proposal Review Committee ranked Berg & Associates, Inc. as the highest (most qualified) proposer and the other offeror's cost proposal was kept sealed.</p>
<p>Selection Process:</p>	<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. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Michael Dietz, Housing Planning Supervisor, SCAG Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Planning, Land Use, SCAG Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, SCAG</p>
<p>Basis for Selection:</p>	<p>The PRC recommended for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed internal database for project management, Cloud-based document control; Dashboard for individual projects and cumulative projects, Emphasized connections and ability to "work around" issues. Can use AirTable for pre-construction meetings, and able to generate graphics; • Demonstrated a strong understanding of the program that was consistent with their proposal. Effectively expanded on how they would approach project work through their answers to the questions; • Team has strong experience working together and clear experience working across SCAG region. They have robust experience with electrical and sewer projects, notable contractor and Construction Management experience with a utility focus. Mentioned handling small projects (<\$1 million) as well as the big ones, and understanding the differences; • Elaborated effectively on why the experience of their team and the projects listed in proposal set them up well to deliver on the SOW; • Capable of getting out to any project site within the SCAG region on short notice. Expertise with sewer, electrical, water and working with public agencies; • Team composition was well explained and showed a thoughtful approach to meeting the needs of the project. The selection and inclusion of each team member was elaborated on and justified in the interview; • Solid understanding of where pinch points or issues are likely to arise; and • Presentation and answers aligned well with the understanding demonstrated in their proposal (ex. they noted the extensive work they have done with government agencies) and how their approach reflects that.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-040-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 6

Consultant:	Arup US, Inc.																		
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On June 29, 2023, SCAG awarded Contract 23-040-C01 to Arup to provide consultant services to convene stakeholders and develop the SoCal Greenprint Data Standards (approved by Regional Council in February 2024) as well as build the web-based mapping application.</p> <p>This amendment increases the contract value from \$451,308 to \$499,981 (\$48,673) and extends the contract through December 31, 2026.</p> <p>This increase reflects Arup’s provision of application hosting on its cloud infrastructure, along with ongoing technical support for users. To ensure reliable and consistent service delivery throughout the hosting period, a Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been incorporated into the contract. Additionally, Arup will support long-term maintenance of the tool by demonstrating the SoCal Greenprint during engagements with agency partners.</p>																		
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The SoCal Greenprint is a data tool of publicly available geographic layers to help cities, counties, and transportation agencies make land use and transportation decisions and conserve natural and farmlands. The tool includes curated regionally comprehensive data layers that cover the following thematic areas: Agriculture and Working Lands; Habitat and Biodiversity; Water Resources; Built Environment; Environmental Justice, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Vulnerabilities and Resilience; and Geographic Context. The data is intended to be used for informational purposes only and not be identified, qualified, or defined as constraints on future development or land use. By offering credible, centralized data for grant applications and project justification, the SoCal Greenprint empowers communities across the SCAG region to pursue impactful, future-focused investments.</p>																		
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing																		
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Project Number:	290-4862UD.05 \$43,090 290-4862E.05 \$5,583 Funding sources: FY24 SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula; FY25 SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula; and Transportation Development Act (TDA)
Basis for the Amendment:	The Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for both 2020 and 2024, and their program environmental impact reports, required SCAG to develop the SoCal Greenprint to support regional advance mitigation programs. The consultant services added to the contract allow the SoCal Greenprint to be launched and help SCAG to support users to address any technical issues, log-in issues, or user errors. In February 2024, the SCAG Regional Council approved data standards to ensure the SoCal Greenprint tool meets its objectives, aligns with the Regional Advanced Mitigation Program Policy Framework, and accounts for feedback from the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee. The data standards also ensure the tool’s data are consistent and trustworthy, with clearly defined rules for use, access, distribution, and security. This amendment helps to ensure that the SoCal Greenprint Tool is aligned with the Data Standards.



AGENDA ITEM 12

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 1, 2026

To: EAC - Executive Administration Committee
RC - Regional Council

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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

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Subject: CFO Monthly Report

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 May 31, 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 May 31, 2026, SCAG has invested \$27.43 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$753,453.34 in interest income (as of Q3). The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 3.810%. 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 May 31, 2026, SCAG has invested \$45.60 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$1,712,157.08 (YTD), in interest income.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

Caltrans provided their comments to the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) 3rd Quarter Progress Report. Staff addressed the comments and provided responses to Caltrans in June.

Staff kicked off the FY 2027-28 Budget Development process, and Planning Division is currently working on developing their FY 2027-28 Budget Requests. The budget request materials from the



Planning Division will be submitted to the Budget & Grants Department in July, and the requests from Other Divisions will be submitted in August.

Also in June, staff prepared the FY 2026-27 OWP In-Kind Match Package for the value of third-party services by local transportation agencies that may be accepted as match for federal funds for specific SCAG planning work activities. The In-Kind Match Packet was prepared in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200 and will be submitted to Caltrans for review and approval.

Lastly, SCAG received grant awards from Caltrans for the following projects under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program:

- Connected Paths: Building a Regional Inventory for Active Transportation - \$700,000
- Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study - \$700,000

Staff is currently working on addressing the conditions for the awards, and the required grant documents will be submitted to Caltrans in July.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

As of June 15, 2026, the Contracts Administration Department supported an average of 20 formal procurements and managed 208 active contracts valued at approximately \$73.40 million.

The following contracts started in May-June:

Agreement No.	Project Name	Vendor	Award Amount	Start Date	End Date
26-055-C01	Heavy Duty Truck Count Data Purchase	National Data & Surveying Services, Inc.	\$49,920	5/15/2026	11/30/2026
26-036-C01	Complete Communities Framework and Toolkit	Raimi + Associates, an Alta Company	\$498,940	6/4/2026	11/30/2027