

Value for Your Investment

Who We Are

SCAG leads Southern California by developing long-range transportation and mobility plans, aligning land-use and housing strategies, and advancing air quality and climate goals. Established in 1965, SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents in six Southern California counties.

Why a SCAG Membership

SCAG provides member cities with a forum to discuss regional issues, influence legislation, and access information on state and local activities.

SCAG provides members with research, training, and technical expertise to support local efforts toward a regional vision.

SCAG membership offers opportunities for regional collaboration and helps shape policies and projects that impact Southern California now and in the future.

Leadership and Representation

SCAG unifies and advocates for Southern California’s diverse communities by working with local, state, and federal partners to address regional challenges. Here are ways your city can make an impact with SCAG:

- Advocate for the region’s fair share of federal and state funding.
- Shape regional legislative priorities through SCAG’s teams in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
- Support key regional projects and help develop new ideas for long-term benefits.
- Participate in regional events, including the annual Regional Conference and General Assembly.

Resources for Capacity Building

SCAG helps member cities achieve sustainable growth with best practices and practical tools. Here are some of the ways SCAG can support your city:

- Custom city profiles, free GIS training, data sharing, mapping, and technical help for better future planning.
- Tools, resources, and technical assistance for projects and programs that support Connect SoCal implementation.
- Grant programs and resources help local jurisdictions build a sustainable future.

Planning

SCAG sets a long-term vision for Southern California, ensuring state and federal compliance and funding. SCAG’s planning centers on four pillars:

- Mobility:** Build and maintain an integrated, multimodal transportation network.
- Communities:** Develop, connect, and sustain livable and thriving communities.
- Environment:** Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow.
- Economy:** Support a sustainable and productive regional economy with opportunities for all residents.



SCAG Jurisdictions by Population

While the region is big, most jurisdictions are small and have limited staffing and/or resources.

78% have less than 100,000 people

96% have less than 500,000 people

% OF SCAG	JURISDICTION SIZE
10%	Very Small Under 10,000 people
48%	Small 10,000–59,999 people
20%	Medium 60,000–99,999 people
18%	Medium Large 100,000–299,000 people
3%	Large 300,000–499,000 people
1%	Very Large Over 500,000 people

SCAG's Local Investments Dashboard

LOCAL FUNDING AWARDS TO DATE: **\$234,166,426***

**Funding data through January 2024 featured on SCAG's Local Investments Dashboard.*

SCAG's Local Investments Dashboard allows users to explore SCAG-funded plans, programs, and projects by jurisdiction, in support of shared regional goal aligning with Connect SoCal.

Understanding Membership Dues Assessment and Pricing

Dues are based on the respective populations of the counties and cities, as determined by the California Department of Finance's most recent estimate. Dues paid to SCAG are equivalent to eight cents per capita, far less than those assessed for other councils of governments locally and statewide (dues in other metropolitan areas range from 12-21 cents per capita).

How SCAG Dues are Calculated

Step One: Assessing the Base Rate

Once the base rate is established for all cities, they are added together, and that total is deducted from the annual dues goal (based on the total of the previous years' dues).

Step Two: Assessing the Percent of Regional Population

Cities are charged based on their population's proportion of the overall regional population. Tribal governments in the SCAG region are treated as cities for purposes of dues assessment. Counties are charged based on the proportion of the population unincorporated areas bear on the regional population.

Calculating Dues Example

Sample City | Population: 29,000

\$4,022 **Dues Assessment of Population**
29,000 represents approximately **0.0015422%** of the regional population of **18.6 million**

+ \$500 **Base Rate**
which are added to the total for all cities and subtracted from the annual dues goal

\$4,522 **Total Dues for Sample City**



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