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MEETING OF THE

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy A Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, September 3, 2026
9:30 AM

The Energy and Environment 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 Rick Denison, 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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

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| 1. Minutes of the Meeting – July 2, 2026 | PG. 8 |
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Receive and File

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| 2. EEC Outlook and Future Agenda Items | PG. 14 |
| 3. Connect SoCal 2050: CEQA Documentation Initiation | PG. 18 |
| 4. Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study | PG. 21 |

ACTION ITEMS

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| 5. Recommendation to Adopt Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. : 2022100337) | PG. 26
10 Mins. |
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- (Karen Calderon, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG)*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 26-684-1 approving Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR, SCH No. 2022100337), and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the approval.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

6. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 10 Mins. **PG. 35**
(Ryan Banuelos, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2027 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2; and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for final approval.

7. Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework 15 Mins. **PG. 39**
(Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG and Sarah Dominguez, Department Manager, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study Overview 15 Mins. **PG. 55**
(India Brookover, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG)

CHAIR'S REPORT

(The Honorable Rick Denison, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Ivette Macias, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



Southern California Association of Governments

September 3, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: [<http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>](http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/).

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) 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. Rick Denison (Chair)	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos (Vice Chair)	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Hon. Ed Chen	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	Pres. Appointment
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	Pres. Appointment
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
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Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG

Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Regional Council Member, Riverside, Patricia Lock Dawson, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Denison opened the public comment period and noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment on matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

Chair Denison asked if any comments were received after the deadline. SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline on July 1, 2026.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Denison closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 4, 2026

Receive and File

2. 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities
3. Connect SoCal 2024 Final Program Environmental Impact Report Addendum 2 (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update and Preliminary Findings

A MOTION was made (Taj) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Lock Dawson) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Cardenas-Singh, Chen, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Garcia, Horne, Huff, Johz, Lock Dawson, McMorrin, Ramos, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ACTION ITEM

4. Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

There were no public comments on item 4.

Ryan Banuelos, Associate Regional Planner, stated that staff sought the committee's recommendation to release the draft transportation conformity analyses for public review. He indicated that the action fulfilled SCAG's federal requirements under the Clean Air Act and represented a procedural step rather than a final approval. He stated that the draft analyses demonstrated compliance with all five federal transportation conformity tests and that the analyses confirmed consistency with Connect SoCal, included a regional emissions analysis, demonstrated timely implementation of transportation control measures, showed financial constraint, and reflected interagency consultation and public involvement requirements. He stated that the analyses showed the transportation activities met all federal conformity requirements.

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) to Recommend that the Regional Council (RC) authorize the Executive Director to release the draft transportation conformity analyses as part of the draft 2027 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2 for public review and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Cardenas-Singh, Chen, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Horne, Huff, Lock Dawson, McMorrin, Ramos, Saro, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. EEC Outlook and Future Agenda Items

There were no public comments on item 5.

Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager stated that upcoming agenda items would address regional resilience, transportation conformity, environmental impact review efforts, and implementation strategies associated with Connect SoCal. He indicated that SCAG would continue advancing its Regional Resilience Framework and producing practical planning guides for local jurisdictions. He stated the Clean and Resilient Utility Infrastructure Study would examine how utility systems could support future growth, electrification, and climate resilience and that the study would evaluate the current condition of regional infrastructure and identify future investment needs related to utilities, economic development, and population growth. Lastly, he indicated that future discussions would also address natural resource areas, environmental hazards, adaptation planning, and innovative technologies.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

6. Vehicle to Grid (V2G) Technology

There were no public comments on item 6.

Javier Silva, Associate Planner indicated that V2G technology could help balance electricity supply and demand, provide backup power during emergencies, and support overall grid resilience. He stated that electric vehicles functioned as large batteries that spent most of their time parked, creating opportunities to use stored energy more efficiently. He stated that increasing EV adoption could place additional demands on the electrical grid, making technologies such as V2G potentially valuable. He indicated that widespread adoption remained limited by equipment requirements, vehicle availability, interoperability standards, and utility coordination. He stated that only a small number of vehicle models currently supported V2G functionality and that charger compatibility remained a significant challenge. He stated that adoption would depend on continued development by vehicle manufacturers, charging equipment providers, and utility companies.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

7. SoCal Greenprint Completion and Launch

There were no public comments on item 7.

Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager stated that the SoCal Greenprint tool had launched and provided an overview of its purpose, development process, data standards, maintenance procedures, and intended uses. He indicated that the committee would next receive a demonstration of the tool. He stated that SCAG's consultant, Eric Ota from ARIP, would provide a live walkthrough of the platform and demonstrate its functionality.

Eric Ota, ARIP Consultant, stated that the Greenprint tool allowed users to visualize and combine environmental, infrastructure, land use, and planning datasets on an interactive map. He stated that users could select data layers, review attributes, view legends, measure distances, and examine information in tabular formats and that the platform provided detailed metadata for each dataset, including source information, geographic coverage, update schedules, and responsible agencies. He stated that users could create customized maps and share them through web links or PDF exports and exported maps included supporting information such as legends, attributes, scale bars, and disclaimer language. Lastly, he stated that users could also download datasets in multiple formats for additional analysis outside the platform.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Denison stated that SCAG recently released a new white paper titled, "Practical Applications of AI and Big Data for Metropolitan Planning Organizations" which examined how emerging technologies were transforming regional planning. He stated the white paper highlighted real-world applications in transportation planning, geospatial analysis, and public engagement, while outlining best practices for responsible adoption. Lastly, he welcomed new member Ed Chen, Temple City, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to the committee.

STAFF REPORT

Erik Rodriguez, Senior Government Affairs Officer, stated that the Regional Council will discuss a new program announcement and project checklist for the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Rebate Program. He stated that the program initially opened in October 2025 with applications submitted through January 2026. He indicated that SCAG was preparing to reopen the LMFP rebate program in July 2026 with approximately \$49 million in remaining funding available. He stated that additional information could be found on the SCAG webpage.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT															
2026-2027															
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	1	D										1	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, RC District 42	1	0											1	
Cardenas-Singh, Martha	Imperial County	0	1											1	
Chen, Ed	Temple City, SCVCOG	1	1											2	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, Pres. Apt	1	1											2	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	0											1	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1											2	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0											1	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	1											2	
Garcia, Victoria	San Fernando, Pres. Apt	0	1	A										1	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	0											1	
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1											2	
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	0	0	R										0	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	0											1	
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68	0	1											1	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	0											1	
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG	1	1											2	
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1	1	K										2	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	1	0											1	
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1	1											2	
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG	1	1											2	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1											2	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1	1											2	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	0	1											1	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	0	1											1	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0	1											1	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1	1											2	



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2026

To: EEC - Energy and Environment Committee
From: Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager (S and R)
213-630-1527, wolfe@scag.ca.gov
Subject: EEC Outlook and Future Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In April 2024, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024, which is the guiding document for SCAG's regional planning, programming, and local assistance activities. Each year during the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat, the President leads a conversation with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all policy committees and the full EAC membership to discuss priorities for implementing and updating Connect SoCal alongside meeting other federal and state requirements. For FY2027, the EEC Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2026 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat EEC and discussions with the EEC Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item and can be pulled by the Chair for discussion at the request of members for input and modifications

BACKGROUND:

The work of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the leadership from the agency's Policy Committees and Regional Council is driven by SCAG's legally mandated duties as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, the long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal 2024 as well as, the agency Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Administrative Committee on May 1, 2024.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Outlook and Framework

The Policy Committees help to further the implementation of Connect SoCal by advising on policy, research or resource programs. The Policy Committees will also be informed and advise on broader regional leadership items as needed.

In addition, as appropriate within the scope of each Policy Committee, the FY2027 Presidential Priorities are incorporated in the Outlook.

- Clean Transportation Technology
- Housing Production
- Regional planning in support of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games
- Infrastructure as Driver of Housing & Economic Development

The topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that this agenda item be pulled for discussion, or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the EEC Policy Committee and the considerations noted above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - FY27 EEC Agenda Outlook - September

Energy and Environment Committee

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

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	• 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	• 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 • Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study Overview (<i>Added</i>) • Resilience Quick Guides (<i>Moved to November</i>)
Oct	• 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	• Request to Release Connect SoCal 2050 PEIR Notice of Preparation • Data Center Policy Approaches • Connect SoCal 2050: Green Region Resource Areas Overview • Resilience Quick Guides (<i>Moved from September</i>)
Dec	Joint Policy Committee Meeting: Economic Update

EEC Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2027

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

Date	Agenda Items
Jan	- 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	- Transportation Conformity Challenges in the SCAG Region - SCAG Climate Adaptation Planning Guide Update - Caltech Orbital Solar
Mar	Joint Policy Committee
Apr	- 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	- 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



AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2026

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

From: Karen Calderon, Principal Regional Planner (PS)
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Subject: Connect SoCal 2050: CEQA Documentation Initiation

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), SCAG is the Lead Agency responsible for preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the upcoming 2028-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), titled Connect SoCal 2050 (Plan). The PEIR will serve as a programmatic CEQA document that will provide a cumulative and regional-scale assessment of potential environmental effects of the transportation improvements and land use developments discussed in Connect SoCal 2050. The purpose of this staff report is to inform the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) that staff will be initiating the CEQA process and environmental documentation for Connect SoCal 2050. SCAG staff will provide periodic updates on the development of the PEIR at future EEC meetings.

BACKGROUND:

Connect SoCal 2050 is a long-term plan which outlines the development and preservation of the region's transportation system. For a transportation project to become eligible for federal funding, it must be included in the financially-constrained portion of the RTP. In addition, per state law, the Plan must include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that demonstrates compliance with California Air Resources Board targets for greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction from cars and light duty trucks. CEQA, codified at California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and its implementing regulations, CEQA Guidelines, found at 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq., require SCAG as the Lead Agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the

Plan because approving or adopting the Plan is a discretionary governmental action (CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(b)).

Connect SoCal 2050 is a regional planning document and necessitates preparation of a programmatic EIR (PEIR) as the appropriate CEQA document. A PEIR is a “first-tier” CEQA document designed to consider “broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures” and may serve as a foundation for subsequent, site-specific environmental review documents for individual transportation and development projects in the region (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15168 and 15385). The PEIR will serve as a programmatic document that provides a region-wide assessment of potential significant environmental effects of Connect SoCal 2050. The PEIR will provide an opportunity to inform decision-makers and the public about these effects. The PEIR will evaluate and disclose region-wide, potential significant environmental effects, including direct and indirect impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts of the Plan at a programmatic level. The PEIR will propose and evaluate feasible mitigation measures capable of avoiding or reducing the significant effects of the Plan. The PEIR will also consider a range of reasonable alternatives to the Plan, including the no-project alternative and alternatives that could feasibly accomplish most of the basic objectives of the Plan and could avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant adverse environmental effects of the Plan.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE PEIR:

On July 2, 2026, SCAG’s Regional Council (RC) approved the PEIR Legal Services contract (27-004-C01) to assist SCAG staff with the preparation of a legally defensible document. On September 3, 2026, SCAG staff is presenting to SCAG’s Executive Administration Committee (EAC), followed by the RC, a contract for CEQA consulting services to assist with preparation of the PEIR and associated technical studies. The consultants will assist SCAG staff in completing the PEIR and provide needed technical and legal knowledge, expertise, and services to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state planning and environmental laws for the PEIR.

NEXT STEPS:

SCAG staff will be preparing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a PEIR for Connect SoCal 2050 and come back to the EEC to seek authorization for the release of the NOP, which will formally initiate the PEIR process. The NOP will undergo a required 30-day public review and comment period to notify public agencies, organizations, and interested parties that SCAG plans to prepare a PEIR for Connect SoCal 2050 and seek their comments and input with respect to the scope and content of the environmental information to be considered and evaluated in the Draft PEIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15082(c), SCAG will conduct at least one public scoping meeting during the NOP review period. The public scoping meeting(s) will provide a presentation on Connect SoCal 2050’s development process and allow for further comments on the environmental information to be included in the PEIR. Comments and input received will be evaluated for incorporation into the Draft PEIR and will help



inform the scope and content of the Draft PEIR's environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives analysis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.



AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2026

To: EEC - Energy and Environment Committee
TC - Transportation Committee

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Subject: Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In December 2018, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 13 § 2023.1) regulation, which requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition to 100-percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleets by 2040. The regulation requires transit agencies to publish ZEB Rollout Plans and has purchase requirements for transit agencies of different sizes by year. To support the region in meeting the transition deadline, SCAG kicked off the Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study in summer 2025. The Study is intended to ensure transit agencies in the region are supported in their efforts to transition to ZEBs by the 2040 deadline. The Study assessed the efforts of the region's transit operators to develop and implement the ZEB Rollout Plans and evaluate the readiness of the region to transition to zero emission transit fleets. This staff report provides an update on the Study's progress to date, including the publication of the Study's final report and the associated toolkit.

BACKGROUND:

The six-county SCAG region boasts an extensive transit network spanning 33,485 miles of local, express, and bus rapid transit (BRT) routes. As outlined in SCAG's long-range plan, Connect SoCal 2024, this network is a cornerstone of the region's mobility ecosystem, providing essential access and connectivity for residents and visitors. Transit also plays a critical role in improving air quality and addressing climate change. According to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), transportation is responsible for approximately 37 percent of the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with passenger vehicles contributing 26 percent. Expanding frequent, reliable, accessible, and affordable

transit service is key to increasing ridership and reducing emissions. Recognizing the need to achieve reduced emissions, the SCAG Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 23-654-5 in April 2023, establishing the Clean Transportation Technology Policy. This policy supports the development, commercialization, and deployment of a zero-emission transportation system while maintaining technology neutrality, allowing operators to invest in the technologies best suited to their operational needs. SCAG's commitment aligns with the State's efforts to motivate additional emissions reductions via the Innovative Clean Transit regulation, which the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted in December 2018. The regulation requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition to 100-percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleets by 2040. It also requires transit agencies to publish ZEB Rollout Plans and includes purchase requirements for transit agencies of different sizes by year.

INNOVATIVE CLEAN TRANSIT REGIONAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study examines how transit agencies across Southern California are preparing for this transition by evaluating existing fleet and infrastructure conditions, regional readiness, best practices, and key implementation challenges and opportunities. The Study was informed by document review, data analysis, case study research, targeted surveys, and interviews. Input was gathered from transit agencies, bus manufacturers, infrastructure providers, and utilities. As part of the stakeholder engagement process, the Study team provided updates and held discussions with and solicited feedback from SCAG's Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee, Transportation Committee, and Energy and Environment Committee.

This staff report provides a final update on the Study's conclusion, including an overview of the final report, which builds on the key findings from the existing conditions, best practices, stakeholder engagement, and assessment of readiness, opportunities and challenges, the implementation action plan and the final report. Since the last update to the SCAG policy committees, the draft final report received feedback from transit agencies and stakeholders from across the region and the state. The project team resolved the feedback before finalizing the report.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINAL REPORT

The report organizes the Study's key findings into a series of clearly structured sections, and moves from context to action. Section 1 introduces the study purpose and regulatory background. Section 2 reviews best practices for ZEB regulation and planning, technology, infrastructure, operations, workforce, and funding. Section 3 summarizes existing conditions in the SCAG region, including rollout plans, deployment trends, infrastructure, policies, and workforce resources. Section 4 assesses regional readiness based on research, surveys, and interviews. Section 5 identifies key challenges and opportunities. Section 6 presents the implementation plan, including goals, actions, and supporting resources.

Section 1 – Introduction

The introduction establishes the regulatory framework and the importance of transitioning public transit fleets to zero-emission buses (ZEBs) as part of California’s broader climate and air quality goals and highlights the purpose of the Study. The section highlights the ICT regulation requirements for transit agencies to gradually increase ZEB purchases, prepare ZEB Rollout Plans, and report progress annually to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), while providing flexibility through compliance options and exemptions where necessary.

Section 2 – Best practices

The report finds that successful ZEB deployment requires a comprehensive approach that extends beyond vehicle procurement. Effective programs integrate regulatory compliance with agency planning documents, align technology choices with operational needs, coordinate infrastructure development early, and invest in workforce readiness. Battery-electric buses are generally better suited for shorter and more predictable routes, while fuel-cell buses can be advantageous for longer or higher-mileage service. Agencies that plan holistically, coordinate closely with utilities, phase infrastructure investments, and leverage multiple funding sources are better positioned to deploy ZEBs efficiently and cost-effectively

Section 3 – Existing conditions

The SCAG region is a statewide leader in ZEB deployment, accounting for more than half of California’s deployed zero-emission buses. Most agencies are pursuing battery-electric technologies, although several larger operators are advancing mixed battery-electric and fuel-cell strategies. Charging infrastructure is expanding rapidly, with hundreds of chargers planned or operational, while hydrogen fueling infrastructure continues to develop at key transit facilities. Agencies benefit from a diverse mix of federal, state, regional, and utility funding programs, and workforce training resources are growing, though many agencies still require additional technical and financial support to scale implementation.

Section 4 – Regional Readiness

The Study finds that the SCAG region demonstrates strong overall readiness for the ZEB transition, supported by state policy mandates, regional planning alignment, and significant early deployment activity. However, readiness varies considerably among agencies. Larger operators are advancing complex, multi-depot deployments and actively implementing fleet transitions, while many smaller agencies remain in the planning or early deployment stages. Infrastructure readiness, particularly utility capacity, interconnection timelines, permitting, and facility upgrades, remains the most significant factor affecting deployment schedules. Funding uncertainty, workforce capacity limitations, and the evolving maturity of the ZEB market also affect readiness levels. The report categorizes agencies into operational leaders, agencies currently delivering fleets and infrastructure, and agencies still building foundational readiness, demonstrating that while the region has

established strong momentum, targeted support is needed to ensure all operators can successfully transition.

Section 5 – Key Challenges and Opportunities

This section identifies several major challenges that continue to slow ZEB implementation. These include gaps in rollout planning, technology and operational uncertainties, lengthy permitting and utility coordination processes, limited staffing capacity, and significant vehicle and infrastructure costs. At the same time, substantial opportunities exist to accelerate deployment through stronger integration of ZEB plans into agency planning processes, enhanced peer learning and regional coordination, standardized tools and procurement strategies, improved utility engagement, better access to funding information, workforce development partnerships, and selective use of shared charging and fueling infrastructure.

Section 6 – Implementation Action Plan

The implementation plan provides a structured roadmap built around five goals: strengthening regulatory readiness and technology advancement, improving infrastructure planning, creating sustainable funding pathways, building long-term workforce capacity, and promoting integrated planning with related zero-emission transportation initiatives. The plan includes short-, medium-, and long-term actions designed to help agencies move from planning to implementation. Recommended actions include expanding technical assistance, strengthening utility coordination, supporting workforce training, developing funding tools, promoting joint procurement opportunities, facilitating peer exchange, and creating regional monitoring and readiness tracking systems. These actions are intended to help agencies overcome deployment barriers and achieve a reliable and financially sustainable transition to zero-emission fleets by 2040.

Appendices

The appendices serve as the report's technical reference library and implementation resource. They provide detailed information on agency-specific rollout plans, ZEB deployment statistics, charging and hydrogen infrastructure inventories, federal regulations, planning frameworks, technology evaluation case studies, technology selection criteria, innovative charging and energy-management solutions, cost benchmarks, and a deployment toolkit. Together, these materials offer practical guidance that transit agencies can use to support planning, procurement, infrastructure development, workforce training, funding applications, and long-term fleet transition decision-making, reinforcing the report's recommendations with detailed data and implementation tools

ZERO-EMISSION BUS DEPLOYMENT TOOLKIT

The Toolkit provides practical guidance to transit agencies on planning, procuring, deploying, and operating ZEBs and supporting infrastructure. It translates complex technical, operational, and organizational considerations into accessible resources, including step-by-step guidance, templates, decision-support tools, and focused fact sheets. These resources are designed to help agencies

navigate key decisions throughout the project lifecycle while considering cost, scalability, and operational needs.

More information on the Study along with the Final Report and Study Toolkit are available on the SCAG [website](#).

NEXT STEPS

SCAG staff hosted a Toolbox Tuesday Session on “Advancing Clean Transit Through Innovative Tools and Strategies” on August 18. A recording will be posted online: <https://scag.ca.gov/toolbox-tuesday>. Staff are currently identifying additional options for furthering the work of the Study and sharing the Toolkit across the region and beyond.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None



AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2026

To: EEC - Energy and Environment Committee
RC - Regional Council

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Karen Calderon, Principal Regional Planner
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Kome Ajise

Subject: Recommendation to Adopt Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Final
Program Environmental Impact Report [State Clearinghouse (SCH) No.:
2022100337]

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 26-684-1 approving Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR, SCH No. 2022100337), and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-684-1 approving Addendum 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR, SCH No. 2022100337), and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for the approval.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As reported to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) in July 2026, SCAG staff completed a second addendum to the previously certified Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (hereafter referred to as Addendum 2) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Addendum 2 concludes that project additions and changes identified in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 are programmatically consistent with the environmental analysis, Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies, CEQA mitigation measures, alternatives, Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the certified PEIR, and that proposed project additions and changes would not result in a substantial change in the region-wide environmental impacts as compared to those analyzed in the certified PEIR. Addendum 2 must be considered for adoption by the Regional Council (RC) prior to approving Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. Therefore, staff is seeking the EEC's recommendation that the RC adopt Addendum 2 to the PEIR.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG RC approved Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 and adopted Addendum 1 to the associated PEIR (State Clearinghouse No: 2022100337) on September 5, 2024. Since then, SCAG staff has received requests from several county transportation commissions to further amend Connect SoCal 2024 to reflect additions or changes to project scopes, costs, and/or schedule for a number of transportation projects, as well as the addition of some new projects.

Draft Connect SoCal Amendment 2 was prepared and released for public review from July 6 to August 4, 2026. As refined following the public process, Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 consists of 723 project changes, including 69 new, 605 modified, and 49 deleted projects. There are 696 financially constrained projects, and 27 financially unconstrained plan projects. About 448 out of 723 project changes involve short-term RTP projects. Among the 448 project changes, most of them are modifications to existing projects, including revised project descriptions, modeling updates, schedules, and/or total costs. The 69 new projects include primarily Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management projects, minor arterial widenings, intermodal facilities, and bikeway improvements, which provide benefits such as improving efficiency of existing systems and reducing congestion. These new projects involve new costs and modeling changes for projects that were previously not included in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1. There are 49 projects removed due to project cancellation or duplicate entries.

Of the 723 project changes in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2, 13 of the projects are within Imperial County, 232 of the projects are within Los Angeles County, 30 of the projects are within Orange County, 241 of the projects are within Riverside County, 131 of the projects are within San Bernardino County, 74 of the projects are within Ventura County, and 2 of the projects spread across multiple counties. A complete list of the project modifications is available in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. Consistent with the certified PEIR and the adopted Addendum 1, the environmental analysis in Addendum 2 is limited to the financially constrained projects.

CEQA BASIS FOR A PEIR ADDENDUM:

When an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been certified and the project is modified or otherwise changed after certification, additional environmental review may be necessary pursuant to the CEQA. The key considerations for determining the need and appropriate type of additional CEQA review are outlined in Section 21166 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164. In general, an addendum is the appropriate form of environmental documentation when there are no substantial changes to the project or there is no significant new information that would require major revisions to the analyses or the conclusions in the EIR. Substantial changes are defined as those which “will require major revisions of the previous EIR...due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.” An addendum itself is not required to be

circulated for public review. The CEQA Lead Agency for the project shall consider an addendum with the final EIR prior to making a decision on the project.

PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND CONTENTS:

Pursuant to CEQA, SCAG staff conducted and completed a programmatic environmental assessment of the changes to the Connect SoCal 2024 Project List documented in Amendment 2, as refined following public review. The contents of Addendum 2 are as follows:

- **Chapter 1.0, Introduction** describes the purpose and scope of this document and the basis for the addendum. The introduction includes applicable statutory sections of the Public Resources Code and Guidelines.
- **Chapter 2.0, Project Description** summarizes the changes to the Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 Project List.
- **Chapter 3.0, Environmental Analysis** discusses the extent to which the changes to the Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 Project List would have effects on the environment as compared to those already identified in the certified PEIR.
- **Chapter 4.0, Alternatives** discusses the extent to which the changes to the Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 Project List would have effects on the project alternatives previously considered in the certified PEIR, including the No Project Alternative and Intensified Land Use Alternative.
- **Chapter 5.0, Other CEQA Considerations** discusses the extent to which the changes to the Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 Project List would have effects on the other CEQA considerations previously considered in the certified PEIR, including an assessment of growth inducing impacts, programmatic level unavoidable impacts, and irreversible impacts.
- **Chapter 6.0, Findings** describes the CEQA findings of Addendum 2.

A copy of the complete Addendum 2 to the PEIR is available on SCAG's website at: www.scag.ca.gov/peir.

SUMMARY OF CEQA FINDINGS:

Although the new projects identified in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 were not identified in the PEIR or Addendum 1, SCAG staff has assessed these additional projects at the programmatic level and finds that they are consistent with the scope, goals, Regional Planning Policies, and Implementation Strategies contained in the approved Connect SoCal 2024 and with the analysis and conclusions presented in the previously certified PEIR. See Table 1, below, for a summary of the findings for environmental impacts analyzed in Addendum 2.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF CEQA FINDINGS FROM CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 AMENDMENT 2

Environmental Impact Areas	Compared to the Previously Certified PEIR
Aesthetics	Same; no new impacts
Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Same; no new impacts
Air Quality	Same; no new impacts
Biological Resources	Same; no new impacts
Cultural Resources	Same; no new impacts
Energy	Same; no new impacts
Geology and Soils	Same; no new impacts
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Same; no new impacts
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Same; no new impacts
Hydrology and Water Quality	Same; no new impacts
Land Use and Planning	Same; no new impacts
Mineral Resources	Same; no new impacts
Noise	Same; no new impacts
Population and Housing	Same; no new impacts
Public Services	Same; no new impacts
Parks and Recreation	Same; no new impacts
Transportation	Same; no new impacts
Tribal Cultural Resources	Same; no new impacts
Utilities and Service Systems	Same; no new impacts
Wildfire	Same; no new impacts
Alternatives	Same; no new impacts
Other CEQA Considerations	Same; no new impacts

SCAG staff finds that the projects additions and changes identified in the Amendment 2 would result in impacts within the range and severity of environmental impacts and the range of alternatives already identified and addressed in the previously certified PEIR. Therefore, no significant new environmental impact or a substantial increase in the severity of physical impacts to the environment

beyond those already anticipated, mitigated, and disclosed in the previously certified PEIR are anticipated. Further, each project will be assessed at the project-level by the implementing agency in accordance with CEQA, National Environmental Policy Act, and all applicable regulations. No changes to the CEQA mitigation measures or alternatives contained in the previously certified PEIR are necessary or proposed.

CONCLUSION:

The environmental assessment and CEQA findings provided above indicate that the projects additions and changes identified in Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 are programmatically consistent with the analysis, Regional Planning Policies and Implementation Strategies, CEQA mitigation measures, alternatives, Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the certified PEIR and that the proposed modifications would not result in new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts in the certified PEIR. Therefore, it is determined that a subsequent or supplemental PEIR is not required and that Addendum 2 to the PEIR is the appropriate CEQA document for Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.

NEXT STEPS:

Pursuant to CEQA, Addendum 2 to the PEIR must be adopted by the RC prior to the RC's consideration of Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. Staff is seeking the EEC recommendation that the RC adopt Addendum 2 to the PEIR. Following the EEC's recommendation, the RC will consider adoption of a resolution approving Addendum 2 to the PEIR and directing staff to carry out administrative tasks associated with the approval. The resolution is attached to this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 26-684-1 Approving the 2024 PEIR Addendum 2

RESOLUTION NO. 26-684-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING ADDENDUM 2 TO THE FINAL PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CONNECT SOCAL 2024
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2022100337)**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is a Joint Powers Agency established pursuant to California Government Code (Government Code) Section 6500 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, SCAG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region consisting of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties pursuant to Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 134 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, SCAG is responsible for maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process which involves the preparation and updating every four years of a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) pursuant to Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134 *et seq.*, Title 49, U.S.C. Section 5303 *et seq.*, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 450 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, SCAG is the multi-county designated transportation planning agency under state law, and as such is responsible for preparing, adopting, and updating every four years the RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (RTP/SCS) pursuant to Government Code Section 65080 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as codified in California Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.* and CEQA Guidelines (California Code Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*), SCAG is the Lead Agency responsible for preparing the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the RTP/SCS;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, SCAG Regional Council certified the Final PEIR for the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal 2024) (State Clearinghouse #2022100337), in accordance with applicable provisions of CEQA, Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*;

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WHEREAS, when certifying the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 24-664-1 which is incorporated herein by reference (available at [https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resolution_no_24-664-1 -
_certify the final peir for connect socal 2024.pdf](https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resolution_no_24-664-1_-_certify_the_final_peir_for_connect_socal_2024.pdf)) to adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, SCAG Regional Council also adopted Connect SoCal 2024, including the associated transportation conformity determination, and on May 10, 2024, FHWA and FTA, in coordination with US EPA Region 9, determined that the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS Amendment 1 and adopted Addendum 1 to the Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR in accordance with Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164;

WHEREAS, when approving Addendum 1 to the Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 24-667-1 which is incorporated herein by reference (available at https://scag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/resolution_no-24-667-1-2024-peir-addendum-1.pdf);

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 and the associated Addendum 1 to the PEIR, staff received requests from all six county transportation commissions in the SCAG region to further amend Connect SoCal 2024 to reflect addition of projects or modifications to project scopes, costs, and/or schedules for critical transportation projects, as well as the addition of some new projects as specified in the Amendment 2 to the Connect SoCal 2024 (“Amendment 2”), in order to allow such projects to move forward toward the implementation phase;

WHEREAS, when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been certified and the project is modified or otherwise changed after certification, then additional CEQA review may be necessary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), an addendum may be prepared by the lead agency that prepared the original EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions have occurred set forth under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, SCAG staff determined that, for the reasons set forth in Addendum 2 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, an addendum is the appropriate CEQA document for Amendment 2 to Connect SoCal 2024 because the proposed project revisions set forth in Amendment 2 do not meet the conditions of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, requiring the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, SCAG has finalized Addendum 2 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, incorporated herein by reference, to address the proposed changes to Connect SoCal 2024 as described in Amendment 2;

WHEREAS, an addendum is not required to be circulated for public review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c);

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2026, the Energy and Environment Committee recommended the Regional Council adopt this Resolution to adopt Addendum 2 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 (State Clearinghouse #2022100337); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d), the Regional Council has considered Addendum 2 with the previously certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 prior to making a decision on Amendment 2 for Connect SoCal 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SCAG Regional Council finds as follows:

1. Addendum 2 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 has been completed in compliance with CEQA.
2. The adoption of the proposed revisions set forth in Amendment 2 would not result in either new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects for the reasons described in Addendum 2; such proposed changes in Amendment 2 are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures, alternatives, Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024; and thus, a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required and Addendum 2 to the previously certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 3rd day of September 2026.

Ray Marquez
President, SCAG
City of Chino Hills

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

September 3, 2026

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

From: Ryan Banuelos, Senior Regional Planner
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Subject: Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2027
Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final
Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2027 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2; and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for final approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD AND TC:

Receive and File.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2027 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2; and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for final approval.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Over the past several months, SCAG staff has developed the transportation conformity analyses for the proposed final 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. On July 2, 2026, the Regional Council (RC) authorized the release of the draft transportation conformity analyses of the draft 2027 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 for a 30-day public review and comment period spanning July 6, 2026 through August 4, 2026. SCAG received 24 comments on the draft 2027 FTIP and 15 comments on the draft

Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. The comments were technical in nature and did not affect transportation conformity analyses or findings. As such, staff has determined that the proposed final 2027 FTIP and proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 meet all applicable federal transportation conformity requirements and demonstrate positive transportation conformity. Staff is seeking the EEC's recommendation and then on the same day the RC's approval of the transportation conformity determinations and authorization to submit the documents to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final federal approval.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six (6) county region of Southern California and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) under state law. In this role, SCAG develops and maintains the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) every two years and the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) every four years in cooperation with the State (Caltrans), county transportation commissions (CTCs), and public transit operators.

As the MPO for Southern California, SCAG must comply with federal and state transportation and air quality planning regulations. SCAG's RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments are required to demonstrate regional transportation conformity and receive federal approval of transportation conformity determination in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations and the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). Federal transportation regulations authorize federal funding for highway, highway safety, transit, and other surface transportation programs, while the federal CAA establishes air quality standards and planning requirements for criteria air pollutants.

Federal transportation conformity regulations require the FTIP, RTP/SCS, and applicable amendments to satisfy five transportation conformity tests: (1) consistency with the adopted Connect SoCal 2024, as amended; (2) regional emissions analysis; (3) timely implementation of transportation control measures (TCMs); (4) financial constraint; and (5) interagency consultation and public involvement. Staff completed all required analyses and determined that the proposed final 2027 FTIP and proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 satisfy each and all of these requirements.

Pursuant to applicable federal transportation conformity regulations, staff developed the federally required transportation conformity analyses for the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. The draft analyses relied on and updated the transportation conformity analyses for Connect SoCal 2024, which received final federal approval on May 10, 2024, as well as those for the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, which received final federal approval on December 16, 2024.

Following the recommendation by the EEC and then the authorization by the RC on July 2, 2026, the draft transportation conformity analyses were released as part of the draft 2027 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 6, 2026 through August 4, 2026. Staff held two public hearings on July 21 and July 28, 2026. The hearings were publicly noticed in newspapers throughout the region and provided opportunities for stakeholder and public input.

SCAG received 24 comments on the draft 2027 FTIP and 15 comments on the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. The comments were primarily technical in nature and did not raise issues affecting transportation conformity. Based on a review of the public comments, staff has finalized the federally required transportation conformity analyses and determined that the proposed final 2027 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 continue to meet all five required transportation conformity tests. Therefore, they demonstrate positive transportation conformity.

In addition to the public review and consistent with federal transportation conformity requirements, SCAG conducted and completed the federally required interagency consultation through Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings held between April and August 2026. Participating agencies included FHWA, FTA, U.S. EPA, Caltrans, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and local air quality agencies. No issues were identified during consultation that would affect the proposed final transportation conformity determinations.

As previously discussed with the EEC, the anticipated transportation conformity lockdown associated with the Coachella Valley ozone motor vehicle emissions budget does not affect the transportation conformity determinations for the proposed final 2027 FTIP and proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. For more information, please visit: [Energy and Environment Committee June 4, 2026 Full Agenda Packet](#) (Agenda Item 4).

At its meeting today on September 3, 2026, the Transportation Committee (TC) is considering recommending approval of the proposed final 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2. On a separate but parallel track through this report, the EEC is considering recommending approval of the associated transportation conformity determinations. The recommendations from the TC and EEC will then proceed on the same day (September 3, 2026) to the RC, to approve the proposed final transportation conformity determinations, final 2027 FTIP, and final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2, and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal of the RC-approved documents to FHWA and FTA for final federal approval.

Upon approval by the RC, the transportation conformity determinations for the 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 will be submitted to FHWA and FTA for final federal approval. Federal approval is anticipated in December 2026. Once approved, the 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal

2024 Amendment 2 will provide the federal planning and programming approvals necessary for transportation projects throughout the SCAG region to proceed toward implementation.

The proposed final 2027 FTIP is accessible at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/2027-ftip>

The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 is available at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/connect-socal>

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.



AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2026

To: CEHD - Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
EEC - Energy and Environment Committee
TC - Transportation Committee

From: Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner (PS)
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Subject: Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework.

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:

Under current law, SCAG must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal, every four years. In April 2024, SCAG's Regional Council approved the most recent plan, Connect SoCal 2024. The next plan, Connect SoCal 2050, is being prepared for adoption by the Regional Council by spring 2028. The purpose of this staff report is to share the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework which outlines the policy structure, areas of focus, and leadership roles for updating the key policy elements as part of the Connect SoCal 2050 process. At its August 2026 meeting, the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee took action to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the framework.

BACKGROUND:

For the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG needs to update policies and strategies considering recent trends analyses, changes in our policy landscape, emerging technology and other new information about transportation and land use issues.

Policy Development Framework

The Policy Development Framework outlines parameters, focus, and roles for updating the key policy elements as part of development of Connect SoCal 2050. The Draft Policy Development Framework was presented to and discussed with the Joint Policy Committee in April 2026.

A final version of the Policy Development Framework was presented to the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee in August 2026. The Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee took action to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the framework with an addition to include consideration for resilience issues.

The revised Policy Development Framework attached to the staff report incorporates feedback from the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee. It is organized in the following sections:

- Policy Structure
- Areas of Focus
- Policy Development Leadership

Policy Structure

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

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

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

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

Areas of Focus

Typical in our plan development process, SCAG identifies emerging issues that should be areas of focus for policy discussion. Informed by the input received from the Joint Policy Committee discussion, three salient and interconnected challenges facing our region are identified as areas of focus for Connect SoCal 2050:

- Demographics and Economic Implications
- Transportation Technology and the Future of Transit
- Complete Communities and Housing the Region

At its August 2026 meeting, the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee directed staff to include in this Policy Development Framework the consideration of the ways resilience impacts all three areas of focus. Subcommittee members discussed how sea level rise, wildfire, extreme heat, floods, drought, water supply, and erosion are impacting their communities. Staff added a section describing how resilience issues will be used as a lens for consideration of the policy discussions regarding all areas of focus.

Detailed descriptions of each of these areas of focus and the added resilience lens are described in the attached revised Policy Development Framework.

Policy Development Leadership

This section of the Policy Development Framework outlines opportunities for SCAG members to shape long-range regional policy to address key issues and questions. This policy leadership structure is similar to last cycle. As a new component to this cycle, the Regional Council took action in May 2026 to create a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee. Minor edits were made to the description of the subcommittee to reflect its final composition which includes four ex-officio members.

NEXT STEPS

SCAG staff are seeking approval by the Regional Council of the Policy Development Framework to confirm the approach for the updating key policy elements over the next year in preparation of the draft Connect SoCal 2050 which is anticipated to be released in fall 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

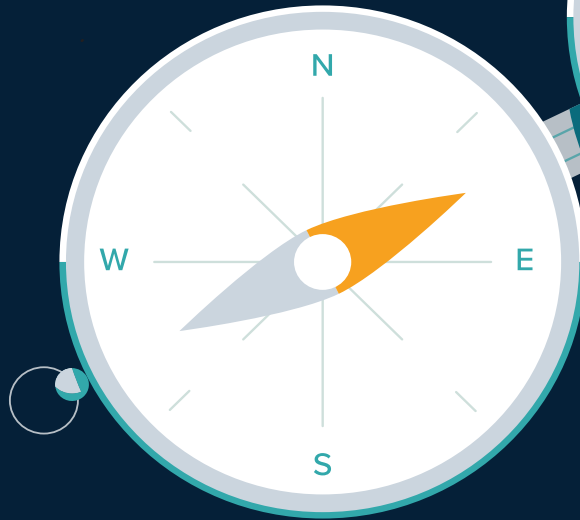
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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Policy Development Framework
 2. Final Policy Development Framework with revisions
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Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework

September 3, 2026
Policy Committees



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

1



CONTEXT: PLAN ELEMENTS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Plan Elements

Regional Planning Policies
Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

Forecasted Regional Development Pattern
Demonstrates where the region can sustainably accommodate jobs and needed housing

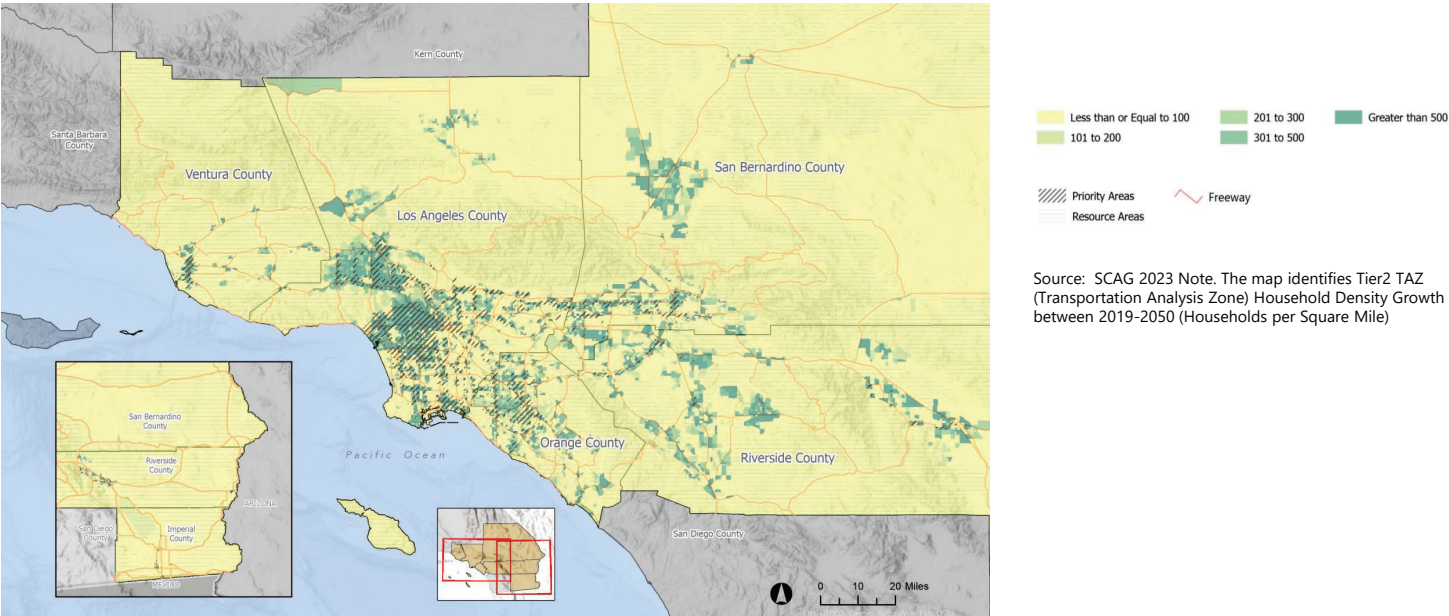
Project List
Details plan investments

Regional Strategic Investments
Address the gap between local plans and regional performance targets and goals

Financial Plan
Identifies federal, state, and local sources of revenues to pay for transportation

Implementation Strategies
Near-term SCAG actions towards plan implementation

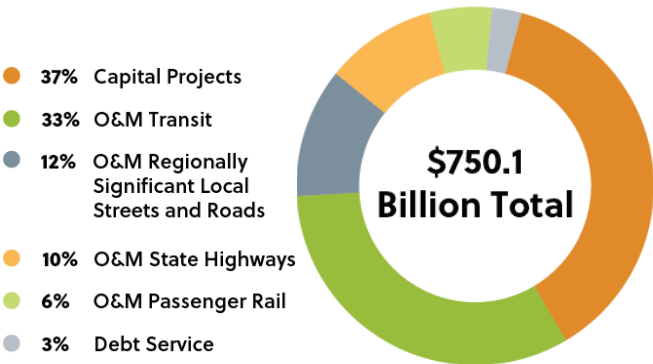
Connect SoCal 2024: Forecasted Regional Development Pattern



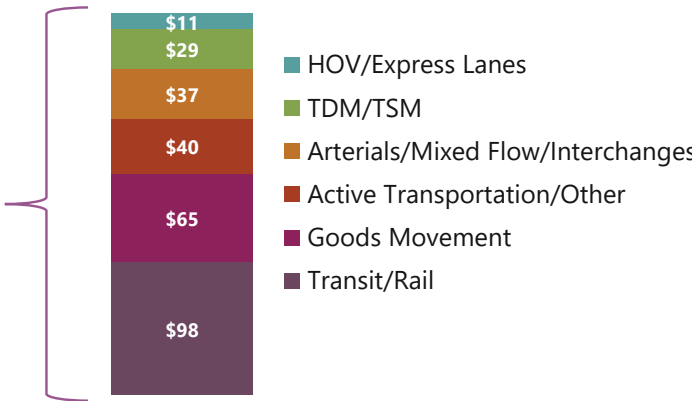
Connect SoCal 2024 Investments

Expenditures

FY2025 – FY2050 (in Nominal Dollars, Billions)
\$750 Billion Total



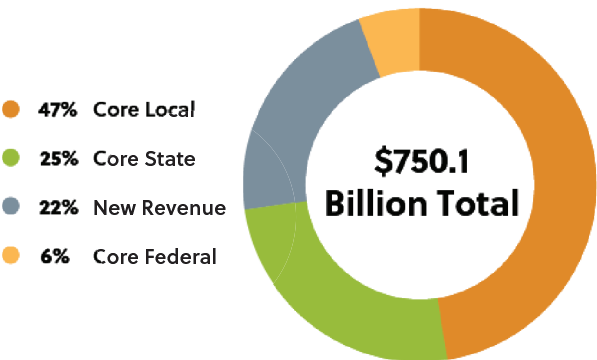
Capital Project & Program Expenditures



Connect SoCal 2024 Financial Plan

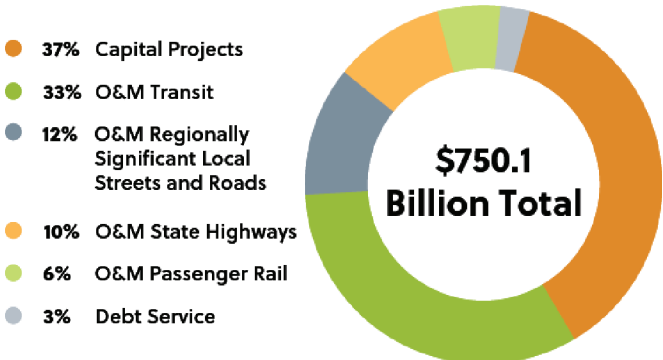
Revenues

FY2025 – FY2050 (in Nominal Dollars, Billions)
\$750 Billion Total



Expenditures

FY2025 – FY2050 (in Nominal Dollars, Billions)
\$750 Billion Total



Examples from Connect SoCal 2024

	Regional Planning Policy	Regional Strategic Investments
Mobility	System Preservation and Resilience: Prioritize repair, maintenance and preservation of the SCAG region's existing transportation assets, following a "Fix-It-First" principle	Highways, Local Streets & Roads Preservation
Communities	Priority Development Areas: Promote the growth of origins and destinations, with a focus on future housing and population growth, in areas with existing and planned urban infrastructure that includes transit and utilities	Financing mechanisms to fund housing supportive infrastructure, such as transit and sidewalks.
Environment	Natural and Agricultural Land Preservation: Prioritize the climate mitigation, adaptation, resilience and economic benefits of natural and agricultural lands in the region	Advanced mitigation programs
Economy	Goods Movement: Explore and advance the transition toward zero-emission and clean technologies and other transformative technologies, where viable	Zero-emission freight vehicles and infrastructure



POLICY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Policy Development Framework Overview



Areas of Focus



Leadership: Topic Areas by Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
<i>Regional Planning Policies</i>		
Mobility • System Preservation and Resilience • Complete Streets • Transit and Multimodal Integration • Transportation Demand Management • Transportation System Management • Technology Integration • Transportation Safety • Funding the System/User Fees	Communities • Housing the Region • Complete Communities • Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making Economy • Tourism • Economic Development	Environment • Air Quality • Clean Transportation • Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation • Climate Resilience
<i>Environmental Compliance</i>		
Economy • Goods Movement • Tourism		• PEIR • Transportation Conformity • SB 375 Technical Methodology

Leadership: Policy Committees

Currently Scheduled Topic Area and Plan Development Items

	2026				2027			
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
TC		Core Revenue Forecast	Operations & Maintenance Policy		Draft Performance Measures Public Outreach Activities	Draft Core Revenues and Costs Goods Movement & Aviation Framework Mobility Framework Travel & Tourism Framework LDX Results - A First Look		Draft New Funding Strategies Region and County Forecast, post-LDX Evaluation
CEHD	Local Data Exchange (LDX) Update & Last Chance to Meet				Draft Performance Measures Public Outreach Activities (R&F)	LDX Results - A First Look		Region and County Forecast, post-LDX Evaluation
EEC			Green Region Resource Areas Overview		Draft Performance Measures Public Outreach Activities			Region and County Forecast, post-LDX Evaluation

Policy Development Schedule



Recommended Action for Policy Committee

Recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework.



THANK YOU

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Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework

September 2026

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

POLICY STRUCTURE

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

VISION AND GOALS

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

Vision

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

Goals

Mobility: Build and maintain a robust transportation network.

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

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

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

REGIONAL PLANNING POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

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

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

Policy and Strategy Updates

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

AREAS OF FOCUS

The areas of focus are key issues to guide the update of policies and strategies in Connect SoCal 2050.

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

Staff also conducted early public outreach and engaged policy stakeholders in spring 2026 to understand which issues are most pressing to them. This included conducting a statistical survey of residents and discussions with the inaugural cohort of SCAG's Future Leaders Initiative.

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

There are three salient and interconnected challenges facing our region that will be areas of focus for policy development in Connect SoCal 2050:

Demographics and Economic Implications

As presented to the April 2026 Joint Policy Committee, SCAG staff developed a preliminary projection of population, household, and employment growth for Connect SoCal 2050's 2024-2050 time horizon for the region and its six counties. The latest information, modeling approaches, and top expert insights currently yield a long-range growth projection that is very different from prior RTP/SCS cycles in Southern California. Region-wide population change is expected to be minimal over the next twenty-five years, the combined effect of lower fertility rates, higher total mortality due to an older population, and changes to federal immigration policy. This flat population outlook will have implications on anticipated future tax revenues and the fiscal health of local jurisdictions and the region. In addition, the level of future job growth will also be constrained by a lower future population. However, in the long-run, the further integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and continued workplace automation suggest that the number of new jobs will bear a weaker relationship to economic growth and development.

Transportation Technology and the Future of Transit

Personal vehicles and commercial fleets continue to move toward automation, electrification, and AI. These technologies may offer new mobility options, improved connectivity, and increased accessibility for individuals, potentially transforming the way people move within and between communities. Policy questions remain regarding SCAG's role in ensuring that investments in emerging technologies advance safety, sustainability, and regional mobility outcomes while also preventing the exacerbation of disparities.

Complete Communities and Housing the Region

Complete Communities are neighborhoods and places that combine different types of land uses—such as housing, jobs, shops, services, and recreation—with convenient transportation options. Complete communities exist across the SCAG region and are an essential element of economic vitality, access to opportunity, and quality of life.

One essential element of complete communities is the availability of housing that meets the needs of the region. Housing affordability and supply remain critical regional issues, even as Southern California’s overall population growth is expected to plateau through 2050. SCAG’s role includes funding, data, technical assistance, policy dialogue, and consensus building to help cities and counties increase housing supply and affordability, support housing equity, expand housing diversity and choice, align housing with transportation, infrastructure planning and investments, and sustainability, and advance financial tools.

Building on these efforts, Connect SoCal 2050 can identify further policies that foster complete communities across the region, including those that lay the foundation for meeting the region’s housing needs. Areas of exploration include how complete communities foster economic vitality at the local level and the importance of infrastructure investments in setting the table for the necessary planning and investments.

Lens Across Areas of Focus: Resilience

Resilience requires comprehensive consideration in planning efforts. Resilience refers to the capacity of the region’s built, social, economic and natural systems to anticipate and effectively respond to changing conditions, acute shocks and chronic stressors by creating multiple opportunities for a sustainable, thriving and equitable future. Shocks are sudden and acute events that threaten immediate safety and well-being, such as earthquakes and wildfires. Stressors are ongoing challenges, often known or foreseen, that weaken built, social, economic and natural systems, such as persistent air quality issues or transportation system disrepair. One major known challenge that contributes to the occurrence of acute shocks and chronic stressors is climate change. Staff used a lens of resilience in the development of Connect SoCal 2024 to consider and address the shocks and stressors facing the region. For Connect SoCal 2050, staff will build upon the policy work in Connect SoCal 2024 to continue to consider resilience within intersectional policy discussions and identify additional ways to reduce the impacts of shocks and stressors on the region’s systems.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

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

MAIN POLICY COMMITTEES

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

Policy Committee Topic Areas for Connect SoCal 2050

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Regional Planning Policies		
Mobility - System Preservation and Resilience - Complete Streets - Transit and Multimodal Integration - Transportation Demand Management - Transportation System Management - Technology Integration - Transportation Safety - Funding the System/User Fees Economy - Goods Movement - Tourism	Communities - Housing the Region - Complete Communities - Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making Economy - Tourism - Economic Development	Environment - Air Quality - Clean Transportation - Natural and Agricultural Lands Preservation - Climate Resilience Environmental Compliance - PEIR - Transportation Conformity - SB 375 Technical Methodology

JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

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

SPECIAL CONNECT SOCIAL 2050 SUBCOMMITTEE

To provide additional leadership on overarching policy development for Connect SoCal, ~~staff recommended the establishment of a special Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee.~~ the President of the Regional Council appointed members to the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee at the June 2026 Executive Administrative Committee retreat.

The subcommittee is comprised of at least two members from each of the three Policy Committees with representation across the region and ~~may includes four up to three~~ ex-officio members to provide additional policy perspective. ~~The President of the Regional Council appointed members to the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee at the June 2026 Executive Administrative Committee retreat.~~ The main responsibility of the subcommittee are to advance recommendations to SCAG Policy Committees on the following items:

- Final Policy Development Framework

Readers note: Edits since the August 2026 Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee meeting are marked within the document. However, minor grammatical or stylistic edits that did not affect the meaning of a sentence or paragraph are left unmarked.

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

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



AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

September 3, 2026

To: EEC - Energy and Environment Committee

From: Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager (S and R)
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Subject: Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study Overview

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

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. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$700,000 to undertake a regional wildlife connectivity study, an initiative identified in SCAG's Resilience Action Resolution, to improve wildlife connectivity across the SCAG region, improve safety, and strengthen overall resilience. The Study will support the region to plan and implement transportation infrastructure that reduces wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVC), improves ecosystem connectivity and species movement, and enhances the region's carbon sequestration potential and overall resilience.

BACKGROUND:

Caltrans released the FY 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPG) awards, including \$700,000 in grant funding for the Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study. Roadway and rail transportation infrastructure can act as a physical barrier to wildlife connectivity, contributing to increases in wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs), traffic congestion, transportation emissions, and impacts on ecosystems and their ability to sequester GHGs now and into the future. Between 2009 and 2023, California recorded more than 52,660 WVCs, with economic costs exceeding \$68 million in Southern California between 2016 and 2023 (UC Davis, Roadkill, a Preventable Disaster, 2024). Wildlife connectivity transportation infrastructure has the potential to significantly reduce WVCs and their impacts, achieving effectiveness rates above 90%.

The Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study will support local jurisdictions, transportation agencies, and stakeholders in reducing WVCs and their associated impacts by identifying high-value areas within

the SCAG transportation network for potential wildlife connectivity improvements. The Study will lift up best practices for enhancing wildlife connectivity, strategies for building partnerships and securing funding, and data to support planning and implementation efforts that strengthen regional wildlife connectivity.

The Study will advance the Resilience Action Resolution (No. 25-674-1) adopted by the Regional Council in June 2025 and a number of policies and strategies in Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG will engage key partners in the region throughout the Study. The Study is estimated to begin in Spring of 2027 and conclude June of 2029. Staff will return to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) with updates at key junctures throughout the study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this report. Work performed is funded through 065-4878.01 Natural and Agricultural Lands Policy Development and Implementation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study Overview

Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study Overview

September 3, 2026

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CONNECT SOCAL CONNECTION

The Study helps advance Connect SoCal

Assists increased transportation safety by supporting reduced wildlife-vehicle collisions (WCVs)

Supports a resilient transportation system

Encourages the protection and restoration of natural habitat and wildlife corridors

Supports the reduction of hazardous air pollutants and GHG emissions

Background



Transportation infrastructure can fragment habitat, limit wildlife movement, and contribute to wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs).



More than **52,660 wildlife-related traffic incidents** were reported across Southern California between 2009 and 2023, with **economic costs exceeding \$68 million** between 2016 and 2023 (UC Davis, 2024).



Wildlife connectivity transportation infrastructure can reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by over 90%.

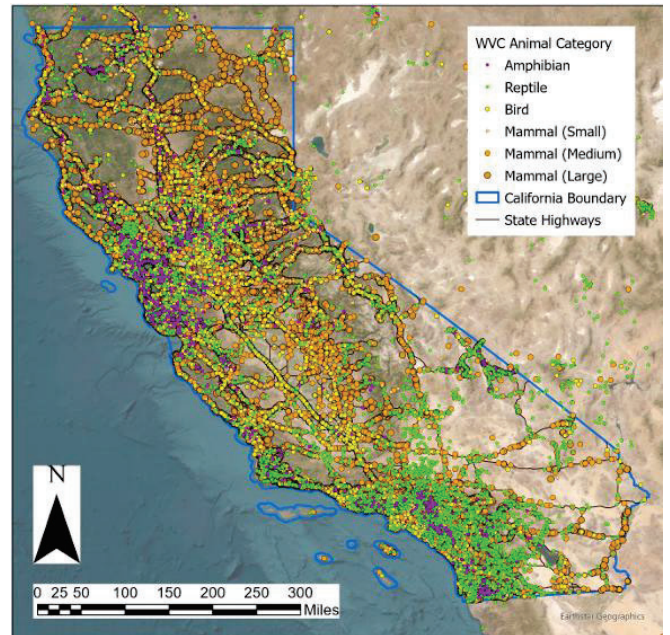
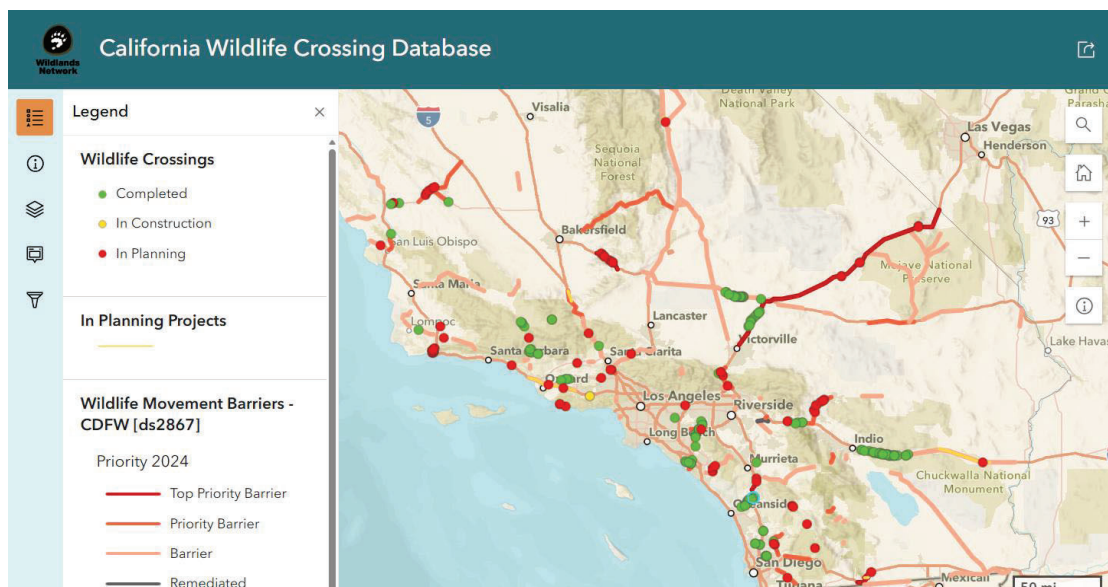


Figure 1. California wildlife-vehicle collision observations reported to various roadkill reporting systems (UC Davis, 2024).

The SCAG Region Has Wildlife Connectivity Infrastructure



Wildlife Connectivity Infrastructure Types



Harbor Boulevard Wildlife Underpass
in La Habra Heights, Los Angeles
County



Rendering of potential overpass over I-8 in Imperial
County. (Bridge design: Sahar Sadegh, UC Davis
Road Ecology Center).

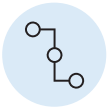


Retrofitted culvert under Route 118 in
Ventura Country

Project Outcomes



Identify high-value areas within the SCAG transportation network for wildlife connectivity improvements



Lift up best practices for enhancing wildlife connectivity



Identify funding and partnership strategies

Project Timeline



THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

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