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# News Release

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## ***SCAG Launches Connect SoCal; Will Host Series of Public Workshops in May and June***

**Palm Desert, Calif.** – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on Friday formally launched Connect SoCal, the agency’s 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

At its annual Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert, SCAG announced a series of public workshops across the six-county region beginning this month to engage residents and stakeholders in the planning and visioning process for the 25-year plan.

“Long-term planning is critical to shaping the future of Southern California – a region of 19 million people, and growing,” said Bill Jahn, a Big Bear Lake City Councilmember and President of SCAG. “Connect SoCal will be our most comprehensive region plan to date, but we need the public’s involvement. These workshops will provide insight into where our growth is occurring, and allow participants to provide input on how to keep the region moving in the right direction.”

The SCAG region is one of the fastest-growing population and economic centers in the United States, and is expected to add 4 million people over the next quarter-century.

“Connect SoCal will present a long-range vision that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals,” said Kome Ajise, SCAG’s Executive Director.

The workshop schedule, by county:

### **Los Angeles County**

May 16, 1-3 p.m., Michelle Obama Public Library, 5870 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach

May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Larry Chimbole Cultural Center (Lilac Room), 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale

May 30, 9-11 a.m., Carson Community Center (Hall A), 801 E. Carson St., Carson

May 30, 4-6 p.m., Boyle Heights Community Room, 2130 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Los Angeles

June 5, 4-6 p.m., El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte

June 12, 4-6 p.m., City of Monrovia (Kay Dalton Room), 119 W. Palm Ave., Monrovia

June 13, 9-11 a.m., Culver City (Pattachia Room), 9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City

### **Orange County**

May 14, 4-6 p.m., Aliso Viejo City Council Chambers, 12 Journey, Suite 150, Aliso Viejo

May 17, 4-6 p.m., ARTIC Anaheim, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd, Anaheim

May 23, 3-5 p.m., OCTA (Conference Room 07), 550 S. Main St., Orange

**Riverside County**

May 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Perris City Hall, 101 N. D St., Perris  
May 22, 5-7 p.m., Murietta Public Library, 8 Town Square, Murietta  
May 28, 1-3 p.m. Tribal Representatives Workshop, UCR Palm Desert Extension, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert  
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May 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., UCR Palm Desert Extension, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert  
June 11, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., SCAG Riverside Office, 3403 10<sup>th</sup> St. (8<sup>th</sup> Floor), Riverside  
June 11, 5-7 p.m., Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main St., Corona

**San Bernardino County**

May 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., SCAG San Bernardino Office – Historic Santa Fe Depot, 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., San Bernardino  
May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ovitt Family Library (Community Room), 215 E. C St., Ontario  
May 29, 5-7 p.m., Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst St., Joshua Tree  
June 4, 3-5 p.m., Victorville City Hall (Training Room 1, 2), 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville  
June 5, 9-11 a.m., Historic Santa Fe Depot (Tile Room), 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., San Bernardino

**Ventura County**

June 1, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Ventura Community Center, 501 Poli St., Ventura  
June 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo  
June 10, 3-5 p.m., City of Moorpark Community Center (Apricot Room), 799 Moorpark Ave., Moorpark

**Imperial County**

June 3, 4-7 p.m., El Centro Regional Medical Center Event Center, Imperial Valley Mall, 3541 S. Dogwood Road, El Centro

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**About SCAG**

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG's regional efforts, please visit [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).