COVID-19 Preliminary Assessment
  - Development and Timeline
  - Preliminary Impact Assessment

Continuity of Service

Planning for the Recovery
  - Connect SoCal and Existing Work Plan
  - SCAG Leadership and Initiatives
COVID-19 Pandemic Development

- **Identification and spread**
  - A novel coronavirus first identified in China in December 2019
  - As of May 5, 2020, US leads in confirmed cases (1,812,000) and deaths (69,100)*
  - SCAG region: 36,525 confirmed cases and 1,620 deaths*

- **Controlling the spread**
  - California’s statewide stay-at-home order began March 19
  - As of early May, some states have begun to relax restrictions

- **Monitoring the impact**
  - Standard forecasting toolkits are challenged since “the virus makes the timeline”
  - Substantial uncertainty in public health implementation timeline, ability to resume economic activity, and consumer response

- **Accelerating existing trends**
  - E.g. telework, telemedicine, decline in brick-and-mortar retail

*Source: Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, [www.coronavirus.jhu.edu](http://www.coronavirus.jhu.edu), 5 May 2020*
Preliminary Impact: GDP and Employment

- **2020 first quarter GDP dropped 4.8%**
  - But only 2 out of the 12 weeks took place under “lockdown”

- **Over 30 million US jobless claims since mid-March**
  - 21 percent of US nonfarm workers
  - Suggests one in four Americans now effectively unemployed
  - SCAG region: higher reliance on tourism, hospitality, etc. may increase impact here
Health Care
- Connect SoCal already expects employment to outpace any other industry through 2045
- Despite recent gains, coverage gaps and unemployment expose vulnerabilities

Supply Chains and Global Demand
- Erratic consumer demand and effect of lockdown on suppliers impacts supply chains
- Greater impact? Virus origination in China, importance of Asian trade to the SCAG region
- E-commerce puts pressure on warehousing and fulfillment
- Rail, truck, and port traffic declines
- Significant air passenger declines (95% drop at LAX by mid-April)

Housing
- 6.4% of all US mortgages (3.4M) now in COVID-related forbearance plans
- Census data showed both housing permits and starts declined in March

Public Finance
- National League of Cities survey: 96% of all cities report unanticipated revenue declines and expenditure increase

Environment and Sustainability
- Temporary regional air quality improvements – a glimpse of future potential?
- Pandemic exposes key vulnerabilities – planning for the next disaster
Scenarios and Pace of Recovery

- SCAG beginning to model possible impacts on taxable sales and employment
- The recovery will be fragile, partial and slow

Economic Vulnerability and Resiliency – Uneven Across Region

- Vulnerability dashboard in development
Public Transportation
- Federal CARES act provided $1.4B region-wide
- SCAG collaborated with FTA and CTCs to apportion $1.4B regionwide
- Developed online platform for transit operators to share COVID-19 data & policies

Transportation and Local Planning Programs
- Grant Extensions, Scope Revisions
- Innovating on Outreach— GoHuman mini-grants to CBOs to identify/respond to emerging mobility, safety issues

E-government Support
- Future Communities Pilot Program funding online permitting and licensing systems for Riverside and Cerritos
- Collaborative broadband study with CA Emerging Technology Fund

Technical Assistance, Data Resources
- Continued development and launch of tools to improve data-driven governance and operational efficiency
- SCAG Aerial Imagery Consortium – cost-savings for local jurisdictions
Planning for the Recovery

- Connect SoCal Adoption/Implementation

- Regional Housing Program
  - Legislative Platform
  - Regional Early Action Program—AB 101

- Regional Resilience Framework

- Future Communities Initiative
  - Regional Data Platform
  - Pilot Projects & Broadband Study

- Regional Economic Summit

Regional Economic Recovery Strategy
Next Steps

- **Continuing to monitor the situation**
  - Impacts of COVID-19 will continue to unfold over coming months/years
  - Staff will keep monitoring key indicators

- **Develop framework for Regional Economic Recovery Strategy**
  - Assess gaps and need for regional convening and leadership
  - Explore alignment with SCAG planning programs, resources, expertise

- **Seeking your input**
  - Seek input from the Regional Council
  - Staff will report back with additional analyses and recommendations
Questions?
Comments?

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