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Next Steps
Planning Process

**Fall 2017 to Spring 2019**
- Update Data (through 2045, the new horizon year)

**Summer 2019**
- Transportation Financial Analysis
- Update Planning Assumptions
- Issues Exploration
- Land Use/Transportation Scenarios Development

**Fall 2019**
- Compile/Analyze Draft Connect SoCal
- Develop Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

**Winter 2019–2020**
- Release Draft Connect SoCal & PEIR
- Public Outreach & Comment Period

**May 2020**
- Approve Proposed Final Connect SoCal & PEIR
DEVELOPING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
Required by federal law to prepare and update a long-range transportation plan.

KEEPING UP WITH CLEAN AIR ACT REQUIREMENTS
Meet federal transportation conformity requirements.

MONITORING SYSTEM PERFORMANCE
Required by federal law to conduct transportation system performance planning/monitoring.

DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
State law requires the integration of land use and transportation strategies.

HITTING SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
California Air Resources Board sets emission reduction targets for the region.
Core Vision & Key Connections

**CORE VISION**
- COMPLETE STREETS INVESTMENT
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- DEMAND & SYSTEM MANAGEMENT
- SYSTEM PRESERVATION & RESILIENCE
- GOODS MOVEMENT
- TRANSIT BACKBONE

**KEY CONNECTIONS**
- SHARED MOBILITY & MOBILITY AS A SERVICE
- SMART CITIES & JOB CENTERS
- ACCELERATED ELECTRIFICATION
- GO ZONES
- HOUSING SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Over 4,000 individual transportation capital projects and programs across the region, advanced through local and countywide plans.

Connect SoCal Expenditures – FY2021-2045

- **$638.9 Billion Total**
  - 45% Capital Projects
  - 6% Debt Service
  - 11% O&M State Highways
  - 27% O&M Transit
  - 4% O&M Passenger Rail
  - 7% O&M Regionally Significant Local Streets & Roads

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- **METRO PURPLE LINE EXTENSION**
- **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TOLL LANES**
- **OC STREETCAR**
- **REDLANDS PASSENGER RAIL**
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Connect SoCal Public Comment Period

**Nov 14, 2019**
Official Release of the Draft Connect SoCal plan

**Jan 24, 2020**
Close of the Public Comment Period

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**81** Agencies & Organizations

**1,800~** Public Comments

**26** Individuals

**107** Separate Communications

(Letters, Online Submissions, Public Hearing Statements, Emails, etc.)

**Most Comments Were Supportive of Connect SoCal**
Clarifications

- Confirm Local Control & Authority of General Plans
- Reinforce Housing Variety & Affordability
- Clarify Source and Use of Entitlement Data
Clarifications

Process for Adding Projects and Amending the Plan

Emission Reduction Strategies

Transportation Conformity

Responding to the Pandemic

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Technical Updates

- Update Project List
- Update Financial Plan
- Refine Modeling Data
- Model Enhancements

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Refining Modeling Data

• Reviewed growth forecast data with local jurisdictions to assess alignment with plan policies and principles:
  • Don’t exceed local general plan capacities.
  • Capture entitlements as reflected by local jurisdiction.
  • Reflect regional Growth Vision policies.

• Revisions included:
  • Modifications to address general plan capacities or better reflect entitlements.
  • Deference to Local Input, when better reflected regional policies and principles as compared to draft Plan.

Refinements Resulted in Improved Plan Performance on GHG Emission Reduction
Connect SoCal will create 168,400 jobs annually through transportation system investments, as well as 264,500 jobs annually due to enhanced economic competitiveness and improved overall regional economic performance.

- Construction ranks #4 out of 20 industries for anticipated job growth over 2016–2045 (+30.6%)
- Present-day average wage of $63,674.
Joint Policy Committees recommended and Regional Council approved the release of the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) within 30 days of the Plan’s release on November 7, 2019.

SCAG released the Draft PEIR for a 46-day public review and comment period from December 9, 2019 through January 24, 2020.

During the public review and comment period, staff conducted a public workshop on January 9, 2020.

- 41 participants in the workshop.
- 52 comment letters
- 262 unique comments
None of the corrections or additions significantly change the conclusions presented in the Draft PEIR and recirculation is not required.
Mitigation measures avoid or lessen the severity of potentially significant impacts and have been separated into two groups:

- **SCAG Mitigation Measures**
  - Designed to be aligned with SCAG’s Programs
  - Go Human
  - SB 743 Implementation
  - Clean Cities

- **Project Level Mitigation Measures**
  - Local jurisdictions are not required, but are encouraged, to implement at the project level.
  - Designed to facilitate CEQA Streamlining.
• The PEIR determined that most of the environmental resource areas would result in significant and unavoidable impacts.
• When compared with not adopting the Plan, however, the Plan would improve upon, and meet the following objectives:

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Responding to the Pandemic: Listening & Learning

- Telework
- Emergency Transportation
- Transit Safety
- Fiscal Impact
- Tele-Medicine
- Environmental Justice
- Density
- Community Design Standards
- Economic Recovery
- Job Creation
- Active Transportation
- Community Engagement
- Health Equity
- Last Mile Delivery
- Future of Retail
- Digital Divide
- Demographic Changes
- Future of the Work Place
- Economic Recovery
- Community Engagement
- Next Steps
REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTIONS

• Certify Connect SoCal PEIR, Approve Connect SoCal (For Federal Conformity Only)—May 7
• Consider Approval of Connect SoCal (For All Other Purposes)—Expected Within 120 Days

FEDERAL REVIEW & ACTIONS

• FHWA and FTA review and certify transportation conformity.
• SCAG to request expedited review process to prevent June 1, 2020 lapse.

STATE REVIEW & ACTIONS (Following Future RC Action)

• California Air Resources Board confirms SCS meets the GHG emission reduction targets, which keeps the region eligible for major state funding, especially SB 1-funded programs.
• SCAG distributes Draft RHNA Allocations and initiates Appeals Process.
Connect SoCal is a...
Questions? Comments?

Read the plan at www.connectsocal.org