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MEETING NO. 669

# REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Thursday, December 5, 2024*  
*12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

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In-Person & Remotely***

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- 58. Hon. Traci Park**  
Los Angeles, RC District 58
- 59. Hon. Nikki Perez**  
Burbank, District 42
- 60. Sup. Luis Plancarte**  
Imperial County
- 61. Hon. Curren Price**  
Los Angeles, RC District 56
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- 63. Hon. Gil Rebollar**  
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- 69. Hon. Suely Saro**  
Long Beach, RC District 29
  
- 70. Hon. Zak Schwank**  
Temecula, RC District 5
  
- 71. Hon. David J. Shapiro**  
Calabasas, RC District 44
  
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Lynwood, RC District 26
  
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Los Angeles, RC District 60
  
- 76. Sup. Karen Spiegel**  
Riverside County
  
- 77. Hon. Steve Tye**  
Diamond Bar, RC District 37
  
- 78. Sup. Donald Wagner**  
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SBCTA Representative
  
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- 81. Hon. Thomas Wong**  
Monterey Park, District 34
  
- 82. Hon. Jeff Wood**  
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Los Angeles, RC District 52
  
- 84. Hon. Frank A. Yokoyama**  
Cerritos, RC District 23



## REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
**12:15 PM**

The Regional Council 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 Curt Hagman, President)***

### **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**

#### **CHAIR’S REPORT**

- ***The Honorable David J. Shapiro – Community, Economy and Human Development Committee***
- ***The Honorable Luis Plancarte – Energy and Environment Committee***
- ***The Honorable Mike T. Judge – Transportation Committee***

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 7, 2024 PPG. 9
2. 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Projects PPG. 24
3. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships PPG. 39

#### Receive and File

4. December 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 42
5. Status Update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance for Evaluating Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics PPG. 68
6. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold PPG. 71
7. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 79





**INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. Southern California Economic Update 75 Mins. PPG. 81  
*(SCAG Economic Round Table)*

9. Federal Elections Update 30 Mins. PPG. 83  
*(Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs, SCAG; and Holland & Knight)*

**BUSINESS REPORT**

*(Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)*

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Curt Hagman, President)*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



**NO. 668**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held a regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

**Sup. Curt Hagman, President**

**Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President**

**Hon. Ray Marquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Hon. Art Brown, Imm. Past President**

Sup. Luis Plancarte

Sup. Don Wagner

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*Eastvale*

*Colton*

*San Bernardino*

*Yucca Valley*

*Dana Point*

*Mission Viejo*

*Anaheim*

*Seal Beach*

*Brea*

**San Bernardino County**

**District 30**

**District 10**

**District 21**

Imperial County

Orange County

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Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

Sup. Kathryn Barger  
Sup. Hilda Solis  
Hon. Gil Rebolgar  
Hon. Kathleen Kelly  
Hon. Linda Krupa  
Hon. Zak Schwank  
Hon. Acquanetta Warren  
Hon. L. Dennis Michael  
Hon. Tammy Kim  
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Hon. Steve Tye

**Members Not Present**

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*Temecula*  
*Fontana*  
*Rancho Cucamonga*  
*Irvine*  
*Newport Beach*  
*Santa Ana*  
*Orange*  
*La Palma*  
*Downey*  
*Lynwood*  
*Long Beach*  
*Rosemead*  
*Glendora*  
*Diamond Bar*

**Members Not Present**

Los Angeles County  
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District 1  
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Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Hon. Karen Bass	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hagman called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. and asked Immediate Past President Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there was one public comment received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline and indicated that it had been transmitted to the Regional Council members.

The Clerk of the Board also acknowledged that they had not received any Public Comment speaker cards for items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers for items not listed on the agenda, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

President Hagman asked Board Counsel to explain how voting would be handled.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, stated that this was an in-person only meeting and they would not be having any remote participation under the Brown Act. However, he noted that pursuant to their obligations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, they had received one request from a member of the Regional Council for an accommodation. He further noted that the accommodation had been provided. He explained that the clerk would take a verbal vote after members had used their voting device to record their votes.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

David J. Shapiro, Community, Economy and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Chair, reported that at the CEHD Committee meeting they had two information items. The first presentation was an update on Implementation Strategies included within Connect SoCal 2024 which was given by Elizabeth Carvajal, SCAG's Deputy Secretary of Planning in Land Use. The other presentation was on two reports related to SCAG's Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) implementation grant program: 1) Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities and 2) Apprenticeship Best Practices. He further noted that in Spring 2022, with support from State

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Senator Susan Rubio, SCAG received one-time grant funding from the California Workforce Development Board to implement several core recommendations from the IERS and to guide SCAG's efforts in advancing inclusive economic growth. He shared that to better understand how these reports would help deliver inclusive economic prosperity to their region, the CEHD committee heard from SCAG staff, their project consultants, and speakers from the Institute for Local Government.

There were no comments on the CEHD Chair report.

Luis Plancarte, Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Chair, reported that at the EEC Committee meeting they had three information items. He noted that the first was an expert panel on groundwater sustainability that consisted of speakers from UCLA's Luskin Center for Innovation, the California Department of Water Resources, Ventura County of Public Works, and Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency. He shared that the speakers focused on the importance of groundwater for a resilient and reliable water supply and related key policies, challenges, and opportunities at the state, regional, and local levels. He noted that the second item was on the joint MPO letter sent to CARB on SB 375 and the response from CARB. He indicated that the third item focused on Connect SoCal 2024 implementation strategies and the progress made in advancing them to this point.

There were no comments on the EEC Chair report.

Mike Judge, Transportation Committee (TC) Vice Chair, reported that at the Transportation Committee recommended the approval of the SCAG Region's project nominations which were seeking Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding. He also reported that they had four information item presentations. The first presentation was from Frances Dea-Sanchez, Associate Deputy Director at the California Transportation Commission, who provided an update on State Senate Bill 1121 State and Local Transportation Needs Assessment. He shared that the needs assessment was intended to provide an understanding of statewide transportation funding needs and anticipated revenues. He noted that the Commission would be releasing the draft needs assessment for public comment and would be finalized for submission to the Legislature in early 2025. He indicated that in light of the revenue shortfalls forecasted and road charge strategies identified to mitigate in Connect SoCal 2024, this was a critical discussion to be having statewide. He also reported that they received a presentation on SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies and some core programs like the Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI), which directly support the implementation of Connect SoCal via innovative pilot projects with local cities and other partners. He also reported that the Transportation Committee received a presentation regarding the Future Communities Pilot Program (FCPP) and an update on SCAG's Smart Cities Program, key examples of Connect SoCal implementation, in partnership with local cities and other partners.

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There were no comments on the TC Chair report.

President Hagman asked Board Counsel Duran to address the rules for the meeting with Regional Council Member Frank Navarro, Colton, District 6.

Board Counsel Duran asked Regional Council Member Navarro to ensure that his video was engaged at all times and if there was someone in the room with him over the age of 18 to please identify them for the record in compliance with the Attorney General's Opinion in California.

Regional Council Member Navarro stated that there was nobody else present for the meeting in his office.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Public Comments on the Consent Calendar.

President Hagman stated that he had two notes to report for the Consent Calendar. For Item No. 4, there was a typographical error in the last sentence of the 7<sup>th</sup> Recital of Resolution No. 24-668-1. As described in the staff report, the General Fund budget was proposed to be increased, instead of decreased. For Item No. 9, partners had withdrawn two projects from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program nomination list – which changes the total number of projects from 15 to 13, and the total regional funding ask from \$474 million to \$323 million. He noted that the projects that had been withdrawn were Caltrans' Arizona & California Railroad Desert Rail Infrastructure Improvement Project and LA Metro's Malabar Yard project, both of which appeared on the project list on page 101 of the agenda packet.

Board Counsel Duran reminded Regional Council Member Navarro to activate his camera.

### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 5, 2024
2. 2025 Meeting Schedule of the Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees, and Regional Council
3. Contract 24-020-C01 Amendment 2, Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities
4. Resolution No. 24-668-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget

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5. Master Fund Transfer Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2034
  6. Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant (OTS) Funds 2025: Go Human Campaign
  7. Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Funds: Safety Modeling
  8. Resolution No. 24-668-5 to Address California's Marketplace for Residential and Commercial Property Insurance
  9. 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program: SCAG Region Projects Nominations
  10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

11. November 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update
12. Senate Bill 1121 State and Local Transportation Needs Assessment
13. REAP 2.0 Program Update
14. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold
15. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve **Consent Calendar Items** 1 through 10; and Receive and File Items 11 through 15. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Eich, Finlay, Gabbard, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelley, Lara, Leon, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Manos, McCallon, Meister, Nava, Navarro\*, Perez, Plancarte, Rhodes, Saleh, S. Sanchez, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner, Wong, Wood, and Yokoyama (38)

**NOES:** Marquez\*\* (1)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)



\* Regional Council member Frank Navarro was not physically present during the meeting to conduct electronic voting. The Clerk of the Board asked him what his vote was for the Consent Calendar.

\*\*Regional Council Member Marquez indicated he voted yes on the Consent Calendar. Unfortunately, the voting device captured a no vote.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### 16. Vision of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Lessons Learned from Paris 2024

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles would include more than 800 events at 75 venues across the region, bringing athletes, spectators, and visitors from all over the world into Southern California, and they were beginning to marshal efforts across the region and agencies. He indicated that they would identify their role so that SCAG could continue to brief them [the Regional Council] and get direction from this board on their participation and in the preparation for the Olympics. He reported that SCAG staff had been working in partnership with LA28, Metro, Caltrans, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, and Metrolink—a group collectively known as the Games Mobility Executives (GME) to develop mobility plans and pursue state and federal funds for transportation infrastructure and mobility resources before, during, and after the Games. He shared that at the EAC meeting, they had Mayor Bass speak to them about the preparation for the games and that at SCAG they were focused on their role that includes developing a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan for the region. He indicated that TDM was really work that allows them to be able to scope how they manage behavior and travel demand during the games for all the people that will be here, including visitors. He indicated this would also help them manage how goods and freight will be delivered during the times of the games. He reminded them that TDM approaches had been instrumental in the success of past Olympic Games – including the 1984 Games in Los Angeles and indicated that they were looking forward to working with the large stakeholder group to come up with TDM strategies for the region with direction and guidance from the Board. He shared that they would be looking at the development of a suite of regional initiatives to provide resources to local jurisdictions and transit agencies to support implementation for the games, as well as promoting system improvements that support games mobility, aligning with TDM strategies that they can collectively come up with. He introduced Erin Bromaghim, Deputy Mayor of International Affairs for the City of Los Angeles to provide a presentation on the Olympic and Paralympic games. He briefly shared that in her role as Deputy Mayor of International Affairs, she was focused on bringing global opportunities to Angelenos and connecting the city to economic and cultural partners around the world. He noted that before coming to the Mayor's office, she spent 14 years as a senior civilian with the U.S. Department of Defense, where she managed interagency defense, intelligence, special operations and security reform.

Ms. Bromaghim discussed the upcoming Mega events in the region, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She highlighted the importance of preparing for these events early, as advised by Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, and the potential for these events to serve as a deadline for policy priorities and community connectivity. She also discussed the roles and responsibilities of different entities involved in the games, including the city of Los Angeles, the Organizing Committee, and the International Olympic Committee. She also touched upon the potential economic impact of these events, with a reference to a 2017 economic impact report that would be updated. She also discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Organizing Committee, highlighting the importance of transportation and arts in the 2028 Games. She mentioned that the GME was working on 15 project teams, including transportation demand management. She also highlighted the efforts underway for the Games Arts Festival or Cultural Olympiad, with regional convenings being organized to discuss a framework and structure for the festival.

The Regional Council and Ms. Bromaghim engaged in discussions regarding the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games. The potential for community sites to host events was discussed. Concerns about transportation, particularly the role of Metrolink, and the need for a discussion on how Metrolink will pay for its involvement was also addressed. Discussion was also had on the planning and preparation for the 2028 games and the need for federal and state support to cover the operational costs of an expanded transit system and other capacities. The success of the 1984 Olympics was highlighted as a benchmark for future events, with a focus on sustainability and minimizing the carbon footprint. The importance of supporting local small businesses during the games was emphasized, with the Mayor's commitment to this priority noted. Lastly, concerns were raised about the games being perceived as LA-centric, with a need for broader Southern California involvement.

Executive Director Ajise introduced the next speakers from LA28, the organizing committee for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He indicated Sam Morrissey was the Vice President of Transportation for LA28, who had more than 25 years of experience across a wide spectrum of transportation elements in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. He noted that Mr. Morrissey had an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from University of Southern California. He also indicated that Mr. Morrissey would introduce Vic Nol who was the Director of Venue Cities Relations.

Sam Morrissey, VP of Transportation for LA28, noted they had the largest sports program of any Olympic and Paralympic games in history, with additional sports being added. He explained the locations for all those sports was something they were still determining as an organization and hoped to get this locked down soon from a transportation standpoint. He proceeded to provide an update on transportation plans and discussed the challenges and plans for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Southern California. He highlighted the need to transport around 100,000 accredited stakeholders, spectators, and workforce, with a focus on public transportation. He also

discussed the Games Route Network, a dedicated lane system for accredited stakeholders, and the need to maintain regional traffic and business operations. He emphasized the importance of minimizing impacts on businesses and residents, and the need for a consistent wayfinding message for all aspects of the games. He also mentioned their partnership with GME and the need to work closely with security partners. He ne noted that the Secret Service would be in charge due to the event's national special security designation. He emphasized the excitement and the need for everyone's involvement.

The Regional Council and Mr. Morrissey engaged in discussions. Transportation security was addressed, and it was noted that this type of event would fall under the national incident command structure with respect to type of operation. The need for additional funding for transportation assets, specifically for Metrolink, to support the games was also addressed.

Vic Nol, Director of Venue Cities and Relations at LA28, engaged in discussions with the Regional Council and discussed the ongoing evaluation of venues and the use of temporary builds to maintain fiscal responsibility.

Executive Director Ajise thanked the speakers for their briefing on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.

#### 17. State/Regional Partnerships to Accelerate Housing Production

Executive Director Ajise reported that their housing team had prepared a staff report that highlighted key efforts SCAG was in engaged in to tackle barriers to housing production. He shared that they had been engaged in strengthening their partnerships to bring capacity to their cities and counties to enable housing production. He introduced Dhakshike Wickrema, Deputy Secretary of Homelessness at the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, who had more than 15 years of experience in addressing homelessness and housing, both in public, private and nonprofit sectors. He noted that most recently she served in the office of City Council District 10, where she was the Senior Deputy for Homelessness and Housing. He also noted that she served as Senior Deputy for Homelessness and Mental Health in Los Angeles County.

Ms. Wickrema's presentation focused on the importance of housing production and addressing homelessness in the region. She discussed the State's efforts to tackle housing barriers and strengthen partnerships. She highlighted the State's investments in housing, including the Homekey Program and the Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and mentioned the upcoming NoFA for the Behavioral Health Services Act Reform and Bond. She noted that \$1 billion would be set aside for veterans with behavioral health issues who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and another \$1 billion was for anybody who was experiencing homelessness and has a behavioral challenge.

The Regional Council and Ms. Wickrema engaged in discussions regarding the need for more housing units and the State's efforts to allocate public land for housing. There was also discussion on the complexity of building housing and the need for efficiency in the process.

### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn, Business Representative, noted that her business report was on page 210 of the packet. She reported that with respect to federal interest rates the 50 basis points were granted but it did not move mortgage rates to lower them for housing. She noted that during the meeting they had gotten another 25 basis points, and they would wait to see if that helped to spur home sales. She reported that their labor market continued to be strong which tends to push up mortgage rates, but if the rates were to fall below 5.5%, nearly half of consumers would take on a mortgage for a new home purchase. She indicated not to expect mortgage rates to fall anytime soon. She shared that economists were saying that they were close to a soft landing and avoiding a recession. She noted that inflation was just a above the 2 percent goal that the Feds had been looking at but that they still had a bit of a two-track economy. She also shared that Proposition 36 was a big issue followed by the business community this year on retail and safety. She reported that it passed overwhelmingly as projected. She also reported that the GLUE Council was not meeting this month and since the Economic Summit had been canceled, they would be doing a briefing in December. She noted that the GLUE Council had been invited to join the Regional Council at that presentation. She thanked SCAG for addressing the insurance crisis in California. She shared that the default insurance plan by the State was called the Fair Plan because of all the insurance companies that were leaving. She indicated that the Fair Plan had \$500 billion of assets at risk which was how many Californians have had to sign up under this fair plan in place of private insurance. She further indicated that the Fair Plan was only funded to \$1 billion in capacity. She expressed that perhaps the next step was to ask the Regional Council to consider asking the legislature to please fund the Fair Plan. She indicated that without insurance, condos didn't get built, single family might but they needed a full range of housing to meet their goals. She indicated that they needed to keep pushing their legislators on insurance solutions and funding the Fair Plan.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Hagman reported that with another election cycle working its way through, they had some lineup changes for their Regional Council and Policy Committees. He acknowledged outgoing members and thanked them for their service: Luis Plancarte, Gary Boyer, Marshall Goodman, Damon Alexander, Paul Krekorian, Immediate Past President Art Brown, Jose Luis Solache, and Celeste Rodriguez. He noted Regional Council Member Solache and Rodriguez were leaving to go to the legislature. He also reported that the Southern California Clean Cities Coalition, administered by SCAG since 2010, received two first place awards at the 2024 Clean Cities and Communities Training Workshop last month. He noted that the awards were for the greatest percentage increase

in gasoline gallon equivalents – which measures the use of alternative fuel sources equivalent to one gallon of fossil fuel – and the largest reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. He further noted that more than 75 coalitions across the national network of clean cities coalitions were eligible for the awards. He thanked their partners and their significant contributions in advancing alternative fuels and vehicles toward these impressive outcomes. He also reported that they convened the Emerging Technologies Committee last week to discuss their role in the last five years. He shared that there was a great summary by staff. He indicated that they were considering ending the Committee and integrating it with the policy committee meetings but that there was so much desire to keep it going. He indicated that they would be discussing how to keep it going. He also reported that due to scheduling conflicts, they were losing a meeting so they would not be having the annual Economic Summit. He explained that instead they would be passing all the information out at the December meeting. He also reported that the 60<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was taking place May 1-2, 2025, at the JW Marriott and noted that Second Vice President Ray Marquez was working hard on this [the General Assembly Host Committee]. He indicated that if anyone wanted to help sponsor the event to contact Second Vice President Marquez or Perla Lopez, Special Events Producer. Lastly, he reminded members that the next meeting of the Regional Council was scheduled for December 5.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise called the members attention to the REAP 1.0 report which was a testament to the collaboration that they had across the region and spending the resources they received from the state. He also noted that they were good stewards of those resources in trying to promote housing production. He explained that page two of the report included a list of accomplishments of the \$47 million in REAP 1.0. He also reported that REAP 2.0 was a \$231 million program and they had about \$192 million in projects, which funds about 100 projects that are in all of their jurisdictions across the region. He explained that they were working very quickly to restart that program and get those projects going. He further explained that last month they were able to negotiate an administrative extension with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that allowed them to extend by seven months how they can spend the money. He reported that there was a joint letter that the four biggest MPO's in the state signed and sent to the Air Resources Board regarding trying to reform SB 375. He indicated that that they would continue to talk to the Board about this. He also noted that they had received a response back which was not what they were hoping to get back. He indicated that they would continue to work with them and would report back on the progress they make in reforming SB 375. He also reported that there was a presentation at the Policy Committees on the implementation strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 and noted that the strategies were organized under four categories: 1) Collaboration and Policy Leadership; 2) Federal Funding Administration; 3) Data Collection, Analysis, and Research; and 4) Local Technical Assistance Resources. He indicated that SCAG had advanced about 71 of the 93 implementation strategies in the plan. He noted that they would continue to

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show the progress on that. He explained that one of the issues they had with SB 375 was that it doesn't give them enough opportunities to work on implementation of the plan. Lastly, he reported that on November 22, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., there would be a mobility workshop. He explained that mobility workshops were opportunities for Board members to go out in the field in different parts of the region to see what's happening as a result of the conversations that they were having here and things that are connected to the work that they all do at SCAG. He shared that they would be having an exclusive tour of the SoCal Gas Hydrogen in Downey.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

President Hagman asked staff to present at the next meeting an update on the election and possible changes that would be coming from the Federal government.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the meeting of the Regional Council at 1:48 p.m.

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Regional Council Attendance Report																
2024-2025																
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date		
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, RC District 7	0			1		1							2		
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1			0		1							2		
Amezcuca, Valerie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	0			0		0							0		
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	0			0		0							0		
Bass, Karen	Los Angeles, (Member at Large)	0			0		0							0		
Becerra, Elizabeth	Victorville, RC District 65	0			0		0							0		
Blumenfield, Bob	Los Angeles, RC District 50	0			0		0							0		
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	0			1		0							1		
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40	1			0		0							1		
Brown, Art	Buena Park, RC District 21	1			1		1							3		
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	D	D	1	D	1							3		
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		0							2		
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1							3		
de Leon, Kevin	Los Angeles, RC District 61	0			0		0							0		
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1							3		
Dumitru, Jon	Orange, RC District 17	1			0		0							1		
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1			1		1							3		
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1			1		1							3		
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1	A	A	0	A	1							2		
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1			0		0							1		
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12	0			1		1							2		
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1			0		0							1		
Goodman, Marshall	La Palma, RC District 18	1			0		0							1		
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC Representative				1		1							2		
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1							3		
Harnik, Jan C.	RCTC Representative	1			1		1							3		
Harris-Dawson, Marqueece	Los Angeles, RC District 55	0			0		0							0		
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1			0		1							2		
Hernandez, Eunisses	Los Angeles, RC District 48	0			0		0							0		
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1		0							2		
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57	0	R	R	0	R	0							0		
Judge, Mike T.	VCTC Representative	1			1		1							3		
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1							3		
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			0		1							2		
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1			1		0							2		
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14	1			0		0							1		
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1			0		0							1		
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles, RC District 49/Public Transit Rep	0			0		0							0		
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1	K	K	0	K	0							1		
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, RC District 31				1		1							2		
Lee, John	Los Angeles, RC District 59	0			0		0							0		
Leon, Carlos A.	Anaheim, RC District 19	0			1		1							2		
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, RC District 68	0			1		1							2		
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	0			1		1							2		
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1		1							3		
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1			0		0							1		
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1							3		
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1							3		
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov. Reg. Plng. Brd.	0			0		0							0		
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1							3		
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1			0		0							1		
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62	1			0		0							1		
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1			1		1							3		
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, RC District 9	0			0		0							0		
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1			1		1							3		
Navarro, Frank J.	Colton, RC District 6	1			0		1							2		
Padilla, Imelda	Los Angeles, RC District 53	0			0		0							0		
Park, Traci	Los Angeles, RC District 58	0			0		0							0		
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, RC District 42	0			0		1							1		
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1			1		1							3		

Attachment: RC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - November 7, 2024)

Price, Curren D.	Los Angeles, RCDistrict 56	0	0	0							0
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51	0	0	0							0
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	1	0							2
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1							3
Rodriguez, Celeste	San Fernando, RC District 67	1	0	0							1
Rodriguez, Monica	Los Angeles, RC District 54	0	0	0							0
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1	0	1							2
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, RC District 66	1	1	1							3
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38	1	0	0							1
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1	1	0							2
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5	0	0	0							0
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1							3
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1	1	1							3
Solache, José Luis	Lynwood, RC District 26	1	1	0							2
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County	0	0	0							0
Soto-Martinez, Hugo	Los Angeles, RC District 60	0	0	0							0
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1	1	1							3
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37	1	0	0							1
Wagner, Donald P.	Orange County	1	1	1							3
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA/SBCOG	1	1	1							3
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, RC District 8	1	1	0							2
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, RC District 34	1	1	1							3
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24	1	1	1							3
Yaroslavsky, Katy	Los Angeles, RC District 52	0	0	0							0
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	0	1							2





**AGENDA ITEM 2**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Rachel Om, Senior Regional Planner  
213-630-1550, om@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety  
Recommended Projects

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR TC:**

Recommend the Regional Council approve the Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Project List and Contingency List and authorize SCAG staff to fully fund awarded projects, and if applicable, any contingency projects, subject to the identification of additional funding.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:**

Approve the Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Project List and Contingency List and authorize SCAG staff to fully fund awarded projects, and if applicable, any contingency projects, subject to the identification of additional funding.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*In June 2024, following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 and to support Connect SoCal implementation, the Regional Council directed staff to release a call for applications through the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) focused on active transportation and safety. The SCP sought proposals for active transportation-related plans and quick-build projects, which primarily support Connect SoCal 2024 mobility policies under Complete Streets, Transit and Multimodal Integration, and Safety. A total of 40 applications were evaluated, and 13 projects are recommended for funding through a combination of state and federal sources.*

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2024, following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 and to support Connect SoCal implementation, the Regional Council directed staff to release a call for applications through the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) focused on Active Transportation and Safety, which primarily supports Connect SoCal 2024 mobility policies under Complete Streets, Transit and



Multimodal Integration, and Safety. The 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety call for applications was open from July 8 to September 27, 2024, and solicited applications for active transportation-related plans and quick-build projects. The call is funded by Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 regional funds, a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant, and SCAG matching state funds. The state budget enacted in June 2024 significantly reduced ATP funding, which was intended to serve as local match for SCAG’s SS4A grant. The reduction in ATP Cycle 7 funding resulted in an approximately \$1.9 million gap for SCAG’s SS4A local match. SCAG is exploring alternative state funding sources to address the gap. To align with state ATP guidelines and reduced funding availability, in September 2024, the Regional Council directed staff to amend the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety guidelines to reflect the revised funding availability of \$8.2 million.

Engagement Summary

Prior to the opening of the call, draft guidelines were available for public comment from April 8 to 26, 2024, and the final guidelines were adopted by SCAG Regional Council on June 6, 2024 (and amended on September 5, 2024 as noted above). In addition, staff gave presentations at over 20 county transportation commission and council of governments meetings on quick-build projects and the upcoming SCP call for projects. Following the adoption of the guidelines, staff hosted two application workshops (July 25 and August 7) and weekly office hours. Prospective applicants participated in nearly 30 office hour appointments.

Application Summary

Twenty-nine applications (12 plans and 17 quick-build projects) were submitted from five of the six counties in the SCAG region for a total funding request of \$15.9 million, approximately twice the amount of funding available. Applications were received from all counties except for Imperial, though outreach was conducted. SCAG staff had several meetings with prospective applicants from Imperial County, including Imperial County Public Health Department, Westmorland School District, and City of El Centro. Challenges discussed during the Imperial County outreach meetings included identifying a lead applicant and project delivery concerns due to limited capacity. SCAG staff will continue engagement with jurisdictions across the region on future funding opportunities. **Table 1** summarizes the number of applications submitted by county.

**Table 1: 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Applications Submitted by County**

County	Plan		Quick-Build Project		Total	
	Quantity	Total Request	Quantity	Total Request	Quantity	Total Request
Imperial	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Los Angeles	5	\$1,486,670	11	\$8,554,920	16	\$10,041,590
Orange	6	\$2,515,000	1	\$890,000	7	\$3,405,000
Riverside	0	\$0	3	\$1,645,000	3	\$1,645,000
San	1	\$240,000	1	\$503,700	2	\$743,700

Bernardino						
Ventura	0	\$0	1	\$72,000	1	\$72,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$4,241,670</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$11,665,620</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$15,907,290</b>

Evaluation Summary

Applications were reviewed by 28 evaluators from SCAG, sub-regional agencies, and community-based organizations. Evaluators had experience in active transportation, complete streets, and/or safety. Evaluators reviewed applications using the scoring rubric that was published on the SCP webpage throughout the application period. The evaluation of applications occurred during October 2024, followed by debrief sessions among evaluators. A recommended project list and contingency list were developed based on application scores, geographic equity, and funding eligibility, as described in the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety call guidelines.

Recommended Projects

*Plans*

Per the guidelines, the maximum plan award is \$500,000. Of the nineteen plan applications considered, two plans are recommended for funding. **Table 2** summarizes the recommended plans. Given the reduction in ATP Cycle 7 regional funds, the OCTA plan is recommended for a partial award as there is insufficient funding for a full award. Plans are not included on the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety recommended contingency list as unfunded plans will be handled through the ATP Cycle 7 regional component, which will be developed in partnership with the six county transportation commissions and brought to the Regional Council in April 2025.

**Table 2: 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety – Recommended Plans**

County	Applicant	Project Name	Funding Request	Recommended Funding	Percent of Request
Los Angeles	Cal State University, Dominguez Hills	CSUDH TDM Plan: LA 28 and Beyond	\$266,670	\$266,670	100%
Orange	OCTA	Move OC: A Vibrant Path to Active Transportation	\$500,000	\$400,000	80%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$766,670</b>	<b>\$666,670</b>	

*Quick-Build Projects*

Per the guidelines, the maximum quick-build project award is \$900,000. Of the 21 quick-build applications evaluated, 11 quick-build projects are recommended for funding and five quick-build projects are recommended for the contingency list. The remaining five quick-build projects are not recommended for the contingency list as they generally did not propose eligible quick-build scopes of work. **Table 3** summarizes the recommended quick-build projects. Several projects are

recommended for less funding than requested amount due to project components that would not use eligible quick-build materials or had requests exceeding the maximum award.

**Table 3: 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety – Recommended Quick-Build Projects**

County	Applicant	Project Name	Funding Request	Recommended Funding	Percent of Request
Los Angeles	Burbank	Safer Downtown Burbank Mobility Network Improvement Project	\$900,000	\$900,000	100%
Los Angeles	Covina	Covina Town Center Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity (Gap Closure) Quick-Build Roadway Project	\$790,000	\$790,000	100%
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	Norwalk Boulevard Vision Zero Quick-Build Pedestrian Safety Project	\$803,000	\$803,000	100%
Los Angeles	Monrovia	Monrovia Active Community Travel Vinculum Phase II	\$995,748	\$900,000	90%*
Los Angeles	Montebello	Montebello CycleSafe Bridge Project	\$702,500	\$362,500	52%**
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Pio Pico Bikeway Connector Project	\$900,000	\$900,000	100%
Los Angeles	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Neighborhood Greenways Project	\$875,552	\$875,552	100%
Orange	Westminster	City-wide Safe Routes to Schools Quick-Build Project	\$890,000	\$445,000	50%**
Riverside	Banning	Banning Two-Way Cycle Track Safety Project	\$895,000	\$895,000	100%
San Bernardino	Victorville	La Paz Dr. / Seneca Rd. Traffic Circle	\$503,700	\$503,700	100%
Ventura	Port Hueneme	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Citywide	\$70,150	\$70,150	100%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$8,325,650</b>	<b>\$7,444,902</b>	

\*The recommended funding for the City of Monrovia reflects the maximum award amount of \$900,000 for quick-build projects.

\*\*The recommended funding for the City of Westminster and the City of Montebello reflects the proposed project components that are eligible quick-build elements.

Quick-build projects that scored at least 70 out of 100 points are recommended for the contingency list as those applications proposed projects that met the quick-build criteria of conducting community engagement, using quick-build materials, and conducting evaluation. The remaining five quick-build projects are not recommended for the contingency list as the applications scored below the contingency list threshold and generally did not propose eligible quick-build scopes of work. **Table 4** summarizes the recommended quick-build contingency list.

**Table 4: 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety – Recommended Quick-Build Project Contingency list**

County	Applicant	Project Name	Request
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	East Los Angeles Pedestrian Enhancements Project	\$1,525,000*
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	West Carson Pedestrian Safety Project	\$1,175,000*
Los Angeles	Montebello	Madison Avenue Neighborway	\$442,400
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Walkable Uptown Pico Rivera	\$900,000
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	City of San Bernardino Rectangle Rapid Flashing Beacons Installation Project	\$399,000

*\*The Los Angeles County applications were submitted to the ATP Cycle 7 statewide component but were not selected for funding. If either of these projects are selected for funding through the contingency list process, they will be subject to the maximum \$900,000 award outlined in the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines.*

Table 5 summarizes the total number of projects and funding by county.

**Table 5: 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Awards by County**

County	Plan		Quick-Build Project		Total	
	Quantity	Total Award	Quantity	Total Award	Quantity	Total Award
Imperial	0	\$-	0	\$-	0	\$-
Los Angeles	1	\$266,670	7	\$5,531,052	8	\$5,797,722
Orange	1	\$400,000	1	\$445,000	2	\$845,000
Riverside	0	\$-	1	\$895,000	1	\$895,000
San Bernardino	0	\$-	1	\$503,700	1	\$503,700
Ventura	0	\$-	1	\$70,150	1	\$70,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$666,670</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$7,444,902</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$8,111,572</b>

Next Steps

Upon Regional Council approval, staff will begin coordinating with quick-build project awardees to initiate the environmental clearance processes under the California Environmental Quality Act



(CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Staff will continue to collaborate with county transportation commissions on the development of the ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program, which will include the plans and quick-build projects funded with ATP Cycle 7 regional funds and infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. The latest anticipated schedule is below:

<b>2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety and 2025 ATP Milestone</b>	<b>Anticipated Date</b>
SCAG Regional Council approves the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Project List and Contingency List*	December 5, 2024
SCAG Regional Council approves the ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program*	April 3, 2025
California Transportation Commission adopts the 2025 ATP Regional Program, including the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety projects*	June 26-27, 2025
2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety project initiation	Summer/Fall 2025

*\*Projects selected to receive ATP funding are subject to approval by the SCAG Regional Council and California Transportation Commission as part of the adoption of the complete 2025 Regional ATP. In addition, projects receiving ATP funding will be subject to the programming and allocation process, requirements, and schedule of the Commission.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for staff work on this effort is included in the FY25 Overall Work Program (OWP) in projects 050.0169.06 Complete Streets: Active Transportation Program, 050.0169.11 Active Transportation Program, and 225.4955.01: Safe Streets and Roads for All.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Projects
2. 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Project and Contingency List



# 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Projects

Transportation Committee  
December 5, 2024

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2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety

## Call Overview

- Following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, Regional Council directed staff to release a call for applications through the **Sustainable Communities Program (SCP)** focused on **Active Transportation and Safety** from July 8 to September 27, 2024.
- Supports implementation of Connect SoCal 2024 mobility policies under **Complete Streets, Transit and Multimodal Integration, and Safety**.

## Call Overview

- \$8.2 million funded by:
  - Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Regional Funds
  - FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All Federal Grant
  - SCAG State Matching Funds (due to ATP budget cuts)
  
- Project Types:
  - Community/Areawide Plans: \$500,000 maximum award
  - Quick-Build Projects: \$900,000 maximum award

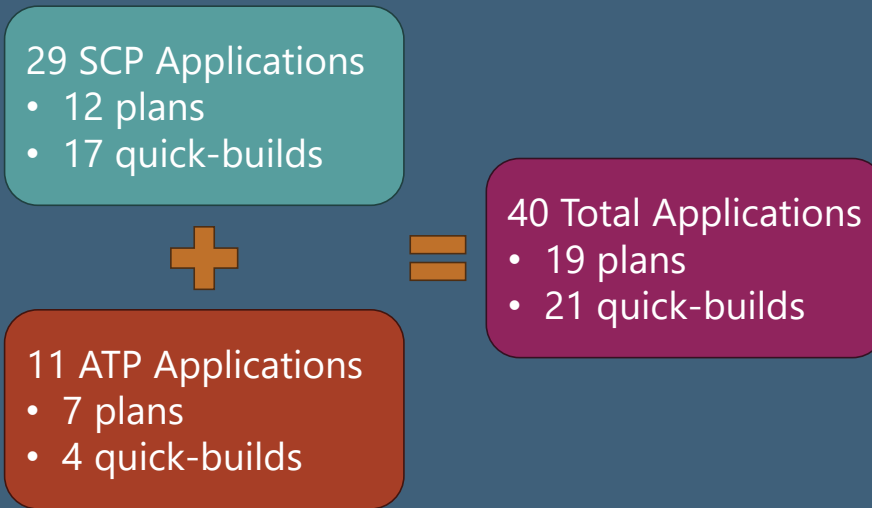
## Engagement Summary

Engagement Touch Point	Timeframe (2024)	Reach
<b>Feedback Survey</b> for Guidelines Development	March	121 responses
<b>Public Comment</b> on Draft Guidelines	April	9 comments
<b>Presentations</b> to County Transportation Commissions, Councils of Governments, SCAG Safe and Active Streets Working Group	June – September	20+ presentations
<b>Application Workshops</b>	July, August	2 workshops, 80 attendees
<b>Office Hours</b>	June – September	30 sessions
<b>Emails, Individual Meetings, and Phone Calls</b> throughout the call process		



## Application Summary

- Submissions from five of six counties
  - No applications from Imperial County, but SCAG staff coordinated with several prospective applicants.
  - Potential challenges around identifying a lead applicant and staff capacity for project delivery.



## 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Application Summary

Total SCP funding request approximately twice funding availability.

County	Plan		Quick-Build Project		Total	
	Quantity	Total Request	Quantity	Total Request	Quantity	Total Request
Imperial	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Los Angeles	5	\$1.5M	11	\$8.6M	16	\$10M
Orange	6	\$2.5M	1	\$890K	7	\$3.4M
Riverside	0	\$0	3	\$1.6M	3	\$1.6M
San Bernardino	1	\$240K	1	\$504K	2	\$744K
Ventura	0	\$0	1	\$72K	1	\$72K
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$4.2M</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$11.7M</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$15.9M</b>

## Recommended Plans

County	Applicant	Project Name	Funding Request	Recommended Funding
Los Angeles	Cal State University, Dominguez Hills	CSUDH Travel Demand Management Plan: LA28 and Beyond	\$266.67K	\$266.67K
Orange	OCTA	Move OC: A Vibrant Path to Active Transportation	\$500K	\$400K*
Total			\$766.67K	\$666.67K

\*Given the reduction in ATP Cycle 7 regional funds, the OCTA plan is recommended for a partial award as there is insufficient funding for a full award.

## Recommended Quick-Build Projects

County	Applicant	Project Name	Funding Request	Recommended Funding
Los Angeles	Burbank	Safer Downtown Burbank Mobility Network Improvement Project	\$900K	\$900K
Los Angeles	Covina	Covina Town Center Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity (Gap Closure) Quick-Build Roadway Project	\$790K	\$790K
Los Angeles	LA County	Norwalk BI Vision Zero Quick-Build Pedestrian Safety Project	\$803K	\$803K
Los Angeles	Monrovia	Monrovia Active Community Travel Vinculum Phase II	\$996K	\$900K*
Los Angeles	Montebello	Montebello CycleSafe Bridge Project	\$702.5K	\$362.5K*
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Pio Pico Bikeway Connector Project	\$900K	\$900K
Los Angeles	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Neighborhood Greenways Project	\$875.6K	\$875.6K
Orange	Westminster	Citywide Safe Routes to Schools Quick-Build Project	\$890K	\$445K*
Riverside	Banning	Banning Two-Way Cycle Track Safety Project	\$895K	\$895K
San Bernardino	Victorville	La Paz Dr. / Seneca Rd. Traffic Circle	\$503.7K	\$503.7K
Ventura	Port Hueneme	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Citywide	\$70.15K	\$70.15K
Total			\$8.3M	\$7.4M

\*Projects are not recommended full funding request due to ineligible project component(s) or the funding request exceeds the maximum award.

## Recommended Quick-Build Projects Contingency List

County	Applicant	Project Name	Request
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	East Los Angeles Pedestrian Enhancements Project	\$1.53M*
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	West Carson Pedestrian Safety Project	\$1.18M*
Los Angeles	Montebello	Madison Avenue Neighborway	\$442.4K
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Walkable Uptown Pico Rivera	\$900K
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	City of San Bernardino Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Installation Project	\$399K

*\*The LA County applications were submitted to the ATP Cycle 7 statewide component but were not selected for funding. If either of these projects are selected for funding through the contingency list process, they will be subject to the maximum \$900,000 award outlined in the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines.*

- Unfunded plans will be handled through ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program Contingency List.

## 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Award Summary

County	Plan		Quick-Build Project		Total	
	Quantity	Total Award	Quantity	Total Award	Quantity	Total Award
Imperial	0	\$-	0	\$-	0	\$-
Los Angeles	1	\$266.67K	7	\$5.5M	8	\$5.8M
Orange	1	\$400K	1	\$445K	2	\$845K
Riverside	0	\$-	1	\$895K	1	\$895K
San Bernardino	0	\$-	1	\$503.7K	1	\$503.7K
Ventura	0	\$-	1	\$70.15K	1	\$70.15K
Total	2	\$666.67K	11	\$7.4M	13	\$8.1M

## Next Steps

2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety and 2025 ATP Milestone	Anticipated Date
SCAG Regional Council approves the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Project List and Contingency List	December 5, 2024
SCAG staff work with quick-build awardees to initiate environmental clearance (CEQA/NEPA)	December 2024 – March 2025
SCAG Regional Council approves the ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program	April 3, 2025
California Transportation Commission adopts the 2025 ATP Regional Program, including the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety projects	June 26-27, 2025
2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety project initiation	Summer/Fall 2025

## Recommended Actions

- Recommend the Regional Council approve the Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Project List and Contingency List and authorize SCAG staff to fully fund awarded projects, and if applicable, any contingency projects, subject to the identification of additional funding.



# THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

<https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program>

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# Sustainable Communities Program



## 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Recommended Project List and Contingency List

### Community/Areawide Plans

County	Applicant	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Los Angeles	Cal State University, Dominguez Hills	CSUDH Travel Demand Management Plan: LA 28 and Beyond	\$266,670
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### Quick-Build Projects

County	Applicant	Project Name	Recommended Funding
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Los Angeles	Monrovia	Monrovia Active Community Travel Vinculum Phase II	\$900,000
Los Angeles	Montebello	Montebello CycleSafe Bridge Project	\$362,500
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Pio Pico Bikeway Connector Project	\$900,000
Los Angeles	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Neighborhood Greenways Project	\$875,552
Orange	Westminster	City-wide Safe Routes to Schools Quick-Build Project	\$445,000
Riverside	Banning	Banning Two-Way Cycle Track Safety Project	\$895,000
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Ventura	Port Hueneme	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Citywide	\$70,150

2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety  
Recommended Project List and Contingency List

Quick-Build Projects Contingency List

County	Applicant	Project Name	Request
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	East Los Angeles Pedestrian Enhancements Project	\$1,525,000*
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County	West Carson Pedestrian Safety Project	\$1,175,000*
Los Angeles	Montebello	Madison Avenue Neighborway	\$442,400
Los Angeles	Pico Rivera	Walkable Uptown Pico Rivera	\$900,000
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	City of San Bernardino Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Installation Project	\$399,000

*\*The Los Angeles County applications were submitted to the ATP Cycle 7 statewide component but were not selected for funding. If either of these projects are selected for funding through the contingency list process, they will be subject to the maximum \$900,000 award outlined in the 2024 SCP Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines.*



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst  
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve up to \$35,000 for memberships in 1) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$10,000) and 2) METTRANS Transportation Consortium (\$25,000).

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*At its November 19, 2024, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$35,000 for memberships with 1) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$10,000) and 2) METTRANS Transportation Consortium (\$25,000).*

**BACKGROUND:**

**Item 1:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America  
**Type:** Membership      **Amount:** \$10,000

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), a nonprofit established in 1991, advocates for deploying Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the United States. Its mission is to advance the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, increase accessibility and equity, promote sustainability, and improve efficiency and productivity. ITS America seeks to do this by convening leaders from the public and private sectors, academia, and research organizations to foster innovation. ITS America advocates for policies that support investment in ITS. The organization also conducts research, educates stakeholders, and spreads awareness of innovations in smart transportation technologies.

ITS America's membership brings together the most influential voices from its 240+ members throughout 45 sectors ranging from state departments of transportation (DOT), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), cities, transit, freight, start-ups, automakers, suppliers, academia, and more, including:



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- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
  - American Automobile Association (AAA)
  - California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)
  - HDR, Inc.
  - HNTB
  - Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
  - Los Angeles County MTA
  - Metropolitan Transportation Commission
  - National League of Cities

The FY 25 dues for MPOs are \$10,000, which includes the following benefits:

- Join leaders that drive and shape the discussion on a wide range of emerging mobility issues through ITS America’s Standing Advisory Committees;
- Receive weekly updates on federal, legislative, state, and local regulations in the Policy Rundown newsletter and participate in federal advocacy;
- Discounted executive forum attendance fees, exhibit and conference discounts, and forum and policy roundtable speaking opportunities;
- Promote SCAG’s projects and accomplishments in the transportation ecosystem on ITS America’s digital media platforms, ITSABlog, and in the Momentum newsletter; and
- Access to ITS America’s global network of ITS Professionals.

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**Item 2:** The METRANS Transportation Consortium

**Type:** Membership      **Amount:** \$25,000

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The METRANS Transportation Center operates through a partnership with the University of Southern California and California State University, Long Beach. METRANS focuses on solving the most pressing transportation problems facing large metropolitan regions, like the Los Angeles Metropolitan area, through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach. METRANS facilitates collaboration between the University community, the private sector, and the public sector to study trends in goods movement and international trade and to discuss the latest updates, developments, and policies in the transportation sector.

SCAG staff is recommending that the agency retain membership at the “Silver” level, which will provide SCAG with the following:

- Membership on the METRANS Advisory Board
  - Opportunities to propose special topical events related to current transportation issues
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- Customized opportunities for student engagement and recruitment and METRANS approved/recommended intern for one semester
  - Sponsorship acknowledgment and participation in the annual Careers in Transportation panel
  - Feature article in various METRANS/CITT publications and online media
  - Admission to all METRANS events and VIP receptions, including four (4) complimentary admissions to the biennial International Urban Freight Conference (I-NUF)
  - Recognition on the METRANS website and other communication materials and at all METRANS events, including I-NUF, Town Hall meetings, and the annual Seminar Series

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$35,000 for memberships with 1) the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$10,000) and 2) METRANS Transportation Consortium (\$25,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on November 19, 2024. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$35,000 for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America and METRANS Transportation Consortium memberships is included in the approved FY 24-25 Indirect Cost Budget.



**AGENDA ITEM 4**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Regional Council (RC)  
**From:** David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst  
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S**  
**APPROVAL**

**Subject:** December 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

**STATE**

**California State Legislature November 2024 General Election Update**

The United States held the November 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, where all 80 California State Assemblymembers, half of the 40 State Senators, one U.S. Senator, and all 52 members of the House of Representatives were on the ballots of Californians. These contests also included ten statewide ballot measures and various local offices and local measures.

In the California State Legislature, twenty-four races were anticipated to be competitive, with eighteen in the Assembly and six in the Senate, including open seats and incumbent challenges, with thirteen intraparty contests. Due to term limits and close elections, 30 new legislators will be sworn in on December 2, 2024. First-time members of the legislature will be able to serve up to 12 years. Notably, SCAG Regional Council members Jose Luis Solache and Celeste Rodriguez won their contests to serve in the State Assembly. In addition, SCAG Energy and Environment Committee Member Nick Schultz also won election to the State Assembly. Cruz Strategies' November 2024 General Election Update document contains more details about the election, which is attached to this staff report. Additionally, staff attached a memo detailing the results of local elections, which had candidates that serve on a SCAG board, as well as additional information on state and federal elections.

**California State Auditor Conducts Audit of Housing Element Review Process**

At the request of Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa), approved unanimously at a Joint Legislative Audit Committee meeting, the California State Auditor is auditing the state's housing element review process. While the audit itself is limited to ten (10) cities that meet certain criteria,

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cities and counties are encouraged to provide comments and feedback to the auditor's office regarding their experiences with the state's housing element review process.

This audit will provide an opportunity to identify ways to improve the housing element review process and to allow local jurisdictions to express their individual experiences, which will be critical to helping the State Auditor understand the complexity of the housing element review process and the crucial need for more technical assistance, funding, and tools to allow local jurisdictions to plan for and accelerate housing production.

Local jurisdictions can participate in the audit by submitting comments about their experiences with the housing element review and the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) processes to [audit-2024-109@auditor.ca.gov](mailto:audit-2024-109@auditor.ca.gov).

### **Governor Newsom Announced a Second Special Session**

Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation convening a special session of the California Legislature to "safeguard California values and fundamental rights in the face of an incoming Trump administration." The Governor noted that the special session would focus on making more legal resources available for the state to "protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families" and will start on Monday, December 2, 2024.

The Governor previously called a special session to address gas price spikes, adjourning after the legislature passed one bill allowing the state to require oil refiners to maintain higher reserve levels and authorizing the California Energy Commission to require refiners to plan for scheduled maintenance that can cause gas supplies and prices to fluctuate. In contrast to the special session regarding gas prices, Republicans in the State Legislature plan not to introduce any legislation in this upcoming special session, as legislation introduced as part of a special session must be limited to the issues outlined in the Governor's proclamation.

## **FEDERAL**

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### **Congressional November 2024 General Election Update**

The United States held the November 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, where all 80 California State Assemblymembers, half of the 40 State Senators, one U.S. Senator, and all 52 members of the House of Representatives were on the ballots of Californians. These contests also included ten statewide ballot measures and various local offices and local measures.

The election resulted in President-Elect Trump's re-election as President of the United States and Senate Republicans taking control of the U.S. Senate, having flipped three seats, with an anticipated flip of a fourth seat at the time of writing this report. Republicans now control the Senate by an expected margin of 53 to 47. In California, Representative Adam Schiff won his contest for the U.S. Senate seat for California. George Whitesides flipped Congressional District 27 in the House of

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Representatives, defeating incumbent Representative Mike Garcia (R-Santa Clarita). In addition, Derek Tran is currently ahead of incumbent Representative Michelle Steel (R-Cypress) in District 45, though that race remained uncalled. House Republicans have clinched 218 House districts across the county to win a majority, while Democrats have 212. Five House districts remain uncalled by the Associated Press.

### **Federal Appropriations Bills Update**

Congress began its October recess upon adjournment on September 27, 2024, as legislators were busy leading up to the November 2024 General Election. Both chambers reconvened to continue their business on November 12, 2024. Before the October recess, the House and Senate faced a September 30, 2024, deadline to pass all twelve appropriations bills before the end of the federal fiscal year or agree to a continuing resolution (CR) to avoid a government shutdown. Given that both parties and chambers are still not close to agreeing on a full budget, the House and Senate passed a CR on September 25, 2024, which would temporarily fund the federal government at current funding levels through December 20, 2024, with some additional funding included for the Secret Service. The CR passed on a 341 to 82 vote in the House and a 78 to 18 vote in the Senate, and President Biden signed it on September 26, 2024, just four days before the federal government would have shut down.

Congress must pass all 12 appropriations bills or an additional CR by the new December 20 deadline to avoid a government shutdown.

It remains improbable, however, that Congress will pass all 12 appropriations bills by the new deadline. It remains more likely that Congress will pass an additional CR to temporarily fund the government into 2025, which will be the first order of business for the new 119th Congress.

The House of Representatives previously approved five of its 12 appropriations bills in late July before the August recess, including the bills for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, State-Foreign Operations, Homeland Security, Defense, and Interior-Environment. While the House took an additional vote to consider passage of the Legislative Branch appropriations bill in July, it failed by a margin of 205 to 215. At the time of writing this report, the Senate had yet to vote on any of the appropriations bills on the floor.

Both chambers in session

Senate only in session

House only in session

**July**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 GOP National Conv.	16 GOP National Conv.	17 GOP National Conv.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**August**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Dem National Conv.	20 Dem National Conv.	21 Dem National Conv.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**September**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**October**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 Rosh Hashana (begins)	4 Rosh Hashana (ends)	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Yom Kippur (begins)	12 Yom Kippur (ends)
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**November**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

**December**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah (begins)	27	28
29	30	31				

Sources: Offices of Senate Majority Whip Richard J. Durbin, Senate Minority Whip John Thune and House Majority Leader Steve Scalise  
Chris Hale/CQ Roll Call

Updated 11/17/23

**Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update**

In 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. This bipartisan infrastructure law provides \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years, \$110 billion of which is made available through competitive grant funding. These historic levels of investment in transportation grant programs have allowed areas in the SCAG region to apply for funding for critical infrastructure improvement projects.

Below is a current list of open NOFOs issued for transportation and sustainability-related competitive programs:

Program	Deadline	Agency
Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA) Program	January 9, 2025	U.S. Department of Transportation
Rebuilding American Infrastructure	January 30, 2025	U.S. Department of Transportation

with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)		
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)	February 24, 2025	Federal Highway Administration
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	Forecasted to open November 2024	U.S. Department of Transportation
All Stations Accessibility Program	Forecasted to open November 2024	Federal Transit Administration
Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Program	Forecasted to open December 2024	U.S. Department of Transportation
Port Infrastructure Development Program	Forecasted to open December 2024	U.S. Department of Transportation
Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program	Forecasted to open Fall 2024	U.S. Department of Energy

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the December 2024 State and Federal Legislative Update is within the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Cruz Strategies - State Legislature November 2024 General Election Update
2. SCAG 2024 General Election Memo



## CRUZ STRATEGIES

### **November 2024 General Election Update**

**As of: 11/13/24 at 3:30PM**

The results of the 2024 General Election resulted in the victory of President Trump, Republican control of the Senate, and tight House margins. California leaders are already poised to again serve as the 'resistance' to D.C. On November 7, Governor Newsom called for a special session to *"safeguard California values and fundamental rights in the face of an incoming Trump administration. The special session will focus on bolstering California legal resources to protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families."*

The session is expected to open on December 2 parallel to the organizational session.

In the 2024 General Election, twenty-four legislative races were marked as competitive, with eighteen in the Assembly and six in the Senate. These included open seats as well as challenges to incumbents, and notably, thirteen of these were intraparty contests. Campaign spending reached new heights, with Independent Expenditure (IE) committees contributing close to \$100 million. State and county parties added over \$25 million to the spending total.

In Sacramento, over 30 new legislators will be sworn in on December 2 and may serve up to 12 years. Not to be overlooked, Californians issued strong mandates on ballot measures from stricter public safety laws and support for school bonds and climate spending. They also showed restraint on spending by turning down local government efforts to pass bonds by a lower threshold.



As it stands, there will be 30 Democrats and 10 Republicans in the State Senate (Flip of 1 seat to the Republicans). In the Assembly, there will be 60 Democrats and 20 Republicans (flip of 2 seats to the Republicans).

Counties have until December 5 to certify their local election results, and the Secretary of State has until December 13 to certify statewide results.

**\*\*Nearly 2 million ballots (13%) remain uncounted statewide at the time of this update.**

**November 5th, 2024 General Election Statewide Races**

President of the United States:

- ★ KAMALA D. HARRIS (DEM)
- ★ DONALD J. TRUMP (REP)

United States Senate:

- ★ ADAM SCHIFF (DEM)
- ★ STEVE GARVEY (REP)

**November 5th, 2024 General Election PROPOSITIONS**

- ★ PROPOSITION 2 (\$10B Schools Facilities Bond) **PASSING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 3 (Repeal Same-Sex Marriage Ban) **PASSING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 4 (\$10 Climate Bond) **PASSING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 5 (Lower Threshold to Approve Certain Bonds) **FAILED**
- ★ PROPOSITION 6 (Ban Mandatory Prison Labor) **FAILED**
- ★ PROPOSITION 32 (\$18/Hr Minimum Wage) **FAILING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 33 (Expand Rent Control) **FAILED**
- ★ PROPOSITION 34 (Restrict Spending by Certain Health Care Providers) **PASSING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 35 (MCO Tax) **PASSING**
- ★ PROPOSITION 36 (Increase Penalties for Theft/Fentanyl Crimes) **PASSING**

## November 5th, 2024 General Election Senate Races

The following is a list of all 20 odd-numbered Senate seats that are up for election in 2024:

- Incumbents are indicated with an (i) following their name.
- Candidates currently in the lead are bolded.
- Close races are highlighted.

Senate District 1:

- ★ **MEGAN DAHLE (i) (REP)**
- ★ DAVID FENNELL (REP)

Senate District 3:

- ★ THOM BOGUE (REP)
- ★ **CHRISTOPHER CABALDON (DEM)**

Senate District 5:

- ★ JIM SHOEMAKER (REP)
- ★ **JERRY MCNERNEY (DEM)**

Senate District 7:

- ★ **JESSIE ARREGUÍN (DEM)**
- ★ JOVANKA BECKLES (DEM)

Senate District 9:

- ★ **TIM GRAYSON (DEM)**
- ★ MARISOL RUBIO (DEM)

Senate District 11:

- ★ **SCOTT WIENER (i) (DEM)**
- ★ YVETTE CORKREAN (REP)

Senate District 13:

- ★ **JOSH BECKER (i) (DEM)**
- ★ ALEXANDER GLEW (REP)

Senate District 15:

- ★ **DAVE CORTESE (i) (DEM)**
- ★ ROBERT PAUL HOWELL (REP)

Senate District 17:

- ★ **JOHN LAIRD (i) (DEM)**
- ★ TONY VIRRUETA (REP)

Senate District 19:

- ★ **ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH (i) (REP)**
- ★ LISA MIDDLETON (DEM)

Senate District 21:

- ★ **S. MONIQUE LIMÓN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ELIJAH MACK (REP)

Senate District 23:

- ★ **SUZETTE MARTINEZ VALLADARES (REP)**
- ★ KIPP MUELLER (DEM)

Senate District 25:

- ★ **SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ (DEM)**
- ★ ELIZABETH WONG AHLERS (REP)

Senate District 27:

- ★ **HENRY STERN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ LUCIE VOLOTZKY (REP)

Senate District 29:

- ★ **ELOISE GOMEZ REYES (DEM)**
- ★ CARLOS A. GARCIA (REP)

Senate District 31:

- ★ **SABRINA CERVANTES (i) (DEM)**
- ★ CYNTHIA NAVARRO (REP)

Senate District 33:

- ★ **LENA A. GONZALEZ (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MARIO PAZ (REP)

Senate District 35:

- ★ **LAURA RICHARDSON (DEM)**
- ★ MICHELLE CHAMBERS (DEM)

Senate District 37:

- ★ JOSH NEWMAN (i) (DEM)
- ★ **STEVEN 'STEVE' CHOI (REP)**

Senate District 39:

- ★ **AKILAH WEBER (DEM)**
- ★ BOB DIVINE (REP)

**November 5th, 2024 General Election Assembly Races**

The following is a list of all 80 Assembly seats that are up for election in 2024:

- Incumbents are indicated with an (i) following their name.
- Candidates currently in the lead are bolded.
- Close races are highlighted.

Assembly District 1:

- ★ **HEATHER HADWICK (REP)**
- ★ TENESSA AUDETTE (REP)

Assembly District 2:

- ★ **CHRIS ROGERS (DEM)**
- ★ MICHAEL GREER (REP)

Assembly District 3:

- ★ **JAMIE 'JAMES' GALLAGHER (i) (REP)**
- ★ AARON DRAPER (DEM)

Assembly District 4:

- ★ **CECILIA M. AGUIAR-CURRY (DEM)**
- ★ DARREN T. ELLIS (REP)

Assembly District 5:

- ★ **JOE PATTERSON (i)(REP)**
- ★ NEVA PARKER (DEM)

Assembly District 6:

- ★ **MAGGY KRELL (DEM)**
- ★ NIKKI ELLIS (REP)

Assembly District 7:

- ★ **JOSH HOOVER (i)(REP)**
- ★ PORSCHE MIDDLETON (DEM)

Assembly District 8:

- ★ GEORGE RADANOVICH (REP)
- ★ **DAVID J. TANGIPA (DEM)**

Assembly District 9:

- ★ **HEATH FLORA (i)(REP)**
- ★ TAMI NOBRIGA (AI)

Assembly District 10:

- ★ **STEPHANIE NGUYEN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ VINAYA SINGH (REP)

Assembly District 11:

- ★ **LORI D WILSON (i)(DEM)**
- ★ DAVE ENNIS (REP)

Assembly District 12:

- ★ **DAMON CONNOLLY (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ANDY PODSHADLEY (REP)

Assembly District 13:

- ★ **RHODESIA RANSOM (DEM)**
- ★ DENISE AGUILAR MENDEZ (REP)

Assembly District 14:

- ★ **BUFFY WICKS (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MARGOT SMITH (DEM)

Assembly District 15:

- ★ **ANAMARIE AVILA FARIAS (DEM)**
- ★ SONIA LEDO(REP)

Assembly District 16:

- ★ **REBECCA BAUER-KAHAN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ JOSEPH A. RUBAY (REP)

Assembly District 17:

- ★ **MATT HANEY (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MANUEL NORIS-BARRERA (REP)

Assembly District 18:

- ★ **MIA BONTA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ANDRE SANDFORD (AIP)

Assembly District 19:

- ★ **CATHERINE STEFANI (DEM)**
- ★ DAVID LEE (REP)

Assembly District 20:

- ★ **LIZ ORTEGA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ SANGEETHA SHANBHOGUE (REP)

Assembly District 21:

- ★ **DIANE PAPAN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MARK GILHAM (REP)

Assembly District 22:

- ★ **JUAN ALANIS (i)(REP)**
- ★ JESSICA SELF (DEM)

Assembly District 23:

- ★ **MARC BERMAN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ LYDIA KOU (DEM)

Assembly District 24:

- ★ **ALEX LEE (i)(DEM)**
- ★ BOB BRUNTON (REP)

Assembly District 25:

- ★ **ASH KALRA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ TED STROLL (REP)

Assembly District 26:

- ★ **PATRICK AHRENS (DEM)**
- ★ TARA SREEKRISHNAN (DEM)

Assembly District 27:

- ★ **ESMERALDA SORIA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ JOANNA GARCIA ROSE (REP)

Assembly District 28:

- ★ **GAIL PELLERIN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ LIZ LAWLER (REP)

Assembly District 29:

- ★ **ROBERT RIVAS (i)(DEM)**
- ★ J.W. PAINE (REP)

Assembly District 30:

- ★ **DAWN ADDIS (i)(DEM)**
- ★ DALILA EPPERSON (REP)

Assembly District 31:

- ★ **JOAQUIN ARAMBULA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ SOLOMON VERDUZCO (REP)

Assembly District 32:

- ★ **VINCE FONG (i)(REP)**
- ★ KEN WEIR (REP)

Assembly District 33:

- ★ **ALEXANDRA MACEDO (REP)**
- ★ XAVIER AVILA (REP)

Assembly District 34:

- ★ **TOM LACKEY (i)(REP)**
- ★ RICARDO ORTEGA (DEM)

Assembly District 35:

- ★ **JASMEET BAINS (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ROBERT ROSAS (REP)

Assembly District 36:

- ★ **JEFF GONZALEZ (REP)**
- ★ JOSE 'JOEY' ACUÑA JR (DEM)

Assembly District 37:

- ★ **GREGG HART (i)(DEM)**
- ★ SARI M. DOMINGUES (REP)

Assembly District 38:

- ★ **STEVE BENNETT (i)(DEM)**
- ★ DEBORAH 'DEB' BABER (REP)

Assembly District 39:

- ★ **JUAN CARRILLO VENTURA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ PAUL ANDRE MARSH (REP)

Assembly District 40:

- ★ **PILAR SCHIAVO (i)(DEM)**
- ★ PATRICK LEE GIPSON (REP)

Assembly District 41:

- ★ MICHELLE DEL ROSARIO MARTINEZ (REP)
- ★ **JOHN HARABEDIAN (DEM)**

Assembly District 42:

- ★ **JACQUI IRWIN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ TED NORDBLUM (REP)

Assembly District 43:

- ★ **CELESTE RODRIGUEZ (DEM)**
- ★ VICTORIA GARCIA (REP)

Assembly District 44:

- ★ **NICK SCHULTZ (DEM)**
- ★ TONY RODRIGUEZ (REP)

Assembly District 45:



- ★ **JAMES C. RAMOS** (i)(DEM)
- ★ SCOTT P. OLSON (REP)

Assembly District 46:

- ★ **JESSE GABRIEL (i)(DEM)**
- ★ TRACEY SCHROEDER (REP)

Assembly District 47:

- ★ **GREG WALLIS (REP)**
- ★ **CHRISTY HOLSTEGE (DEM)**

Assembly District 48:

- ★ **BLANCA RUBIO** (i)(DEM)
- ★ DAN T. TRAN (REP)

Assembly District 49:

- ★ **MIKE FONG (i) (DEM)**
- ★ LONG 'DAVID' LIU (REP)

Assembly District 50:

- ★ **ROBERT GARCIA (DEM)**
- ★ ADAM PEREZ (DEM)

Assembly District 51:

- ★ **RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR** (i)(DEM)
- ★ STEPHAN HOHIL (REP)

Assembly District 52:

- ★ **JESSICA CALOZA (DEM)**
- ★ FRANKY CARRILLO (DEM)

Assembly District 53:

- ★ **MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ (DEM)**
- ★ NICK WILSON (REP)

Assembly District 54:

- ★ **MARK GONZALEZ (DEM)**
- ★ JOHN K. YI (DEM)

Assembly District 55:

- ★ **ISAAC G. BRYAN (i)(DEM)**
- ★ KEITH G. CASCIO (REP)

Assembly District 56:

- ★ **LISA CALDERON (i)(DEM)**
- ★ JESSICA MARTINEZ (REP)

Assembly District 57:

- ★ EFREN MARTINEZ (DEM)
- ★ **SADE ELHAWARY (DEM)**

Assembly District 58:

- ★ CLARISSA CERVANTES (DEM)
- ★ **LETICIA CASTILLO (REP)**

Assembly District 59:

- ★ **PHILLIP CHEN (i) (REP)**
- ★ DAVE OBRAND (DEM)

Assembly District 60:

- ★ **COREY JACKSON (i)(DEM)**
- ★ RON EDWARDS (REP)

Assembly District 61:

- ★ **TINA SIMONE MCKINNOR (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ALFONSO HERNANDEZ (REP)

Assembly District 62:

- ★ **JOSE LUIS SOLACHE (DEM)**
- ★ PAUL JONES (REP)

Assembly District 63:

- ★ **BILL ESSAYLI (i)(REP)**
- ★ CHRIS SHOULTS (DEM)

Assembly District 64:

- ★ **BLANCA PACHECO (i)(DEM)**
- ★ RAUL ORTIZ JR. (REP)

Assembly District 65:

- ★ **MIKE GIPSON (i)(DEM)**
- ★ LYDIA GUTIERREZ (REP)

Assembly District 66:

- ★ **AL MURATSUCHI (i)(DEM)**
- ★ GEORGE BARKS (REP)

Assembly District 67:

- ★ **SHARON QUIRK-SILVA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ ELIZABETH 'BETH' CULVER (REP)

Assembly District 68:

- ★ **AVELINO VALENCIA (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MIKE TARDIF (REP)

Assembly District 69:

- ★ **JOSH LOWENTHAL (i)(DEM)**
- ★ JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ (REP)

Assembly District 70:

- ★ **TRI TA (i)(REP)**
- ★ IMMY D. PHAM (DEM)

Assembly District 71:

- ★ **KATE SANCHEZ (i)(REP)**
- ★ GARY KEPHART (DEM)

Assembly District 72:

- ★ **DIANE DIXON (i)(REP)**
- ★ DOM JONES (DEM)

Assembly District 73:

- ★ **COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS (i)(DEM)**
- ★ SCOTTY PEOTTER (REP)

Assembly District 74:

- ★ **LAURIE DAVIES (i)(REP)**
- ★ CHRIS DUNCAN (DEM)

Assembly District 75:

- ★ **CARL DEMAIO (REP)**
- ★ ANDREW HAYES (REP)

Assembly District 76:

- ★ KRISTIE BRUCE-LANE (REP)
- ★ **DARSHANA PATEL (DEM)**

Assembly District 77:

- ★ **TASHA BOERNER (i)(DEM)**
- ★ JAMES BROWNE (REP)

Assembly District 78:

- ★ **CHRIS WARD (i)(DEM)**

Assembly District 79:

- ★ COLIN PARENT (DEM)
- ★ **LASHAE SHARP-COLLINS (DEM)**

Assembly District 80:

- ★ **DAVID ALVAREZ (i)(DEM)**
- ★ MICHAEL W. WILLIAMS (REP)



# MEMO

**To:** Kome Ajise, Executive Director and members of the Executive Team  
**From:** Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager  
**Regarding:** 2024 November General Elections

**Versions:**

November 12, 2024 – Updated at 1pm. Updates in red, below.

November 6, 2024 – Originally written.

**Executive Summary:**

The following elected officials will not return to the SCAG Regional Council after the November 2024 election:

- Imperial County Supervisor **Luis Plancarte** (did not run for re-election)
- Lynwood Mayor **Jose Luis Solache** (won election to State Assembly)
- San Fernando Councilmember **Celeste Rodriguez** (won election to State Assembly)
- Glendora Councilmember **Gary Boyer** (did not run for re-election)
- La Palma Mayor **Marshall Goodman** (term-limited)
- Buena Park Councilmember **Art Brown** (term-limited)
- San Bernardino City Councilmember **Damon Alexander** (failed to advance from the March primary election)
- Los Angeles Councilmember **Paul Krekorian** (term-limited)

The following elected officials were re-elected on Tuesday, November 5, 2024:

- Pico Rivera Mayor **Andrew Lara** – Re-elected. Currently at a comfortable second place in a vote for three out of five contest.
- El Segundo Mayor **Drew Boyles** – Re-elected. Currently in a comfortable lead in first place in a vote for three out of six contest.
- Santa Ana Mayor **Valerie Amezcua** – Re-elected. Currently at 60% of votes tallied.

- Brea Councilmember **Marty Simonoff** – Re-elected. Currently in comfortable second place in a vote for two out of four contest.
- La Quinta Councilmember **Steve Sanchez** – Re-elected. Currently in a comfortable first place lead for a vote for two out of three contest.
- Lake Elsinore Mayor **Steve Manos** – Re-elected. Currently at 64% of votes tallied.
- Victorville Mayor **Liz Becerra** – re-elected. Currently at 65% of votes tallied.
- Los Angeles Councilmember **Heather Hutt** – re-elected. Currently at 63% of the votes tallied.

**The following elected officials were likely not re-elected on Tuesday, November 5, 2024:**

- Los Angeles Councilmember **Kevin de Leon** – Lost. Currently at 43% of the votes tallied.
- Palm Desert Councilmember **Kathleen Kelly** – Lost. Currently in second place in a vote for one out of three contest.
- Irvine Councilmember **Tammy Kim** – likely lost. Currently in second place for a directly elected Mayoral position. ~5,000 votes behind current top vote-getter, Larry Agran.

**MORE DETAIL ON LOCAL ELECTIONS IMPACTING SCAG ARE INCLUDED, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Imperial County:**

Imperial County Supervisor Luis Plancarte chose not to run for re-election. The two candidates running to replace Supervisor Plancarte on the Board of Supervisors are separated by 30 votes out of more than 4,000 cast. The Imperial County Board of Supervisors will likely select its RC Member at its January 7, 2025 meeting.

Imperial County's other two RC Members were not up for (re)election this year.

**Los Angeles County:**

RC Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger won her re-election outright in the March Primary and was not impacted by the November election.

**NB – NEW RC MEMBER:** Former Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian was termed out after 14 years in office. Krekorian's city council district, which includes the East San Fernando Valley spanning from Toluca Lake to Van Nuys, will now be represented by **ADRIN NAZARIAN**, a former State Assemblymember from the same area.

Los Angeles Councilmember **HEATHER HUTT** won re-election to Council District 10, which includes Koreatown, Mid-City, and West Adams. Hutt was appointed to the position in September 2022 after the previous District 10 representative, Mark Ridley-Thomas, was indicted on federal corruption charges.

**NB – NEW RC MEMBER:** Los Angeles Councilmember **KEVIN DE LEON** lost re-election to Council District 14, which includes Boyle Heights, Downtown Los Angeles, El Sereno, Highland Park, and Lincoln Heights. From a crowded primary race, which included eight candidates, Ysabel Jurado and De León had a close finish, with each getting about 24% and 23% of the votes, respectively. Ultimately, **Ysabel Jurado** bested Councilmember de Leon 57% to his 43% and will become the new Councilmember for District 14.

RC Members **JOSE LUIS SOLACHE** (Lynwood) and **CELESTE RODRIGUEZ** (San Fernando) both won election to the State Assembly. These elections create vacancies for RC District 26 (Lynwood and Compton) and RC District 67 (San Fernando and Santa Clarita). Given the “gentleman’s agreement” for District 67 between the two cities, it’s likely that the next RC Member from District 67 will come from Santa Clarita. District 26 will require a district election in partnership with the Gateway Cities COG.

RC Member Mayor **ANDREW LARA** (Pico Rivera) won re-election to the Pico Rivera City Council.

RC Member Mayor **DREW BOYLES** (El Segundo) won re-election to the El Segundo City Council.

RC Member **GARY BOYER** (Glendora) decided not to run for re-election to the Glendora City Council. This will leave RC District 33 (Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, and Irwindale) vacant.

### **Orange County:**

Orange County Supervisor **DON WAGNER** won his re-election outright in the March Primary and was not impacted by the November election.

RC Member and Councilmember **JON DIMITRU** (Orange) ran unopposed for re-election to the Orange City Council.

RC Member and Mayor **MARSHALL GOODMAN** (La Palma) was termed out, which will leave RC District 18 (La Palma, Cypress, and Garden Grove) vacant. This will require an election in partnership with the Orange County COG.

RC Member and Councilmember **ART BROWN** (Buena Park) was termed out and will leave RC District 21 (Buena Park and Fullerton) vacant, requiring an election in partnership with the Orange County COG.

RC Member and Councilmember **TAMMY KIM** (Irvine) **lost** the Mayoral election to the Irvine City Council. The election was not a “free ride,” as Councilmember Kim would have been up for re-election to the Council in 2024 anyway but ran for Mayor.

RC Member and Mayor **VALERIE AMEZCUA** (Santa Ana) **won** re-election to the Santa Ana City Council.

RC Member and Councilmember **MARTY SIMONOFF** (Brea) **won** re-election to the Brea City Council.

### **San Bernardino County:**

RC Member and Councilmember **DAMON ALEXANDER** (San Bernardino) lost the March primary. Though his current term did not end until December, his election loss will leave vacant RC District 7 (San Bernardino and Highland). This vacancy will require an election in partnership with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority.

RC Member and Mayor **LIZ BECERRA** (Victorville) **won** re-election to the Victorville City Council.

RC Member and Mayor Pro Tem **LARRY MCCALLON** (Air Districts) was up for re-election to the Highland City Council but ran unopposed.

### **Riverside County:**

RC Member and Councilmember **KATHLEEN KELLY** (Palm Desert) **lost** re-election to the Palm Desert City Council.

RC Member and Councilmember **STEVE SANCHEZ** (La Quinta) **won** re-election to the La Quinta City Council.

RC Member and Mayor **STEVE MANOS** (Lake Elsinore) **won** re-election to the Lake Elsinore City Council.

### **Ventura County:**

RC Member and Ventura County Supervisor **VIANEY LOPEZ** won her re-election outright in the March Primary and was not impacted by the November election.

No other RC Members from Ventura County were on the ballot this cycle.

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES:**

Every two years, all 80 seats in the State Assembly and half of the 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election.



Of the 80 Assembly seats up for election, 24 Assemblymembers will not return either because they are subject to term limits or because they chose not to run for re-election to the State Assembly. Of those 24 members not returning, the following 11 represented districts in the SCAG region:

- Wendy Carrillo (D) – AD 52 – has four years remaining.
- Sabrina Cervantes (D) – AD 58 – running for Senate – has four years remaining
- Laura Friedman (D) – AD 44 – running for Congress – has four years remaining
- Eduardo Garcia (D) – AD 36 – has two years remaining
- Chris Holden (D) – AD 41 – due to term limits
- Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D) – AD 57 – due to term limits
- Anthony Rendon (D) – AD 62 – due to term limits
- Eloise Gomes Reyes (D) – AD 50 – running for Senate – has four years remaining
- Luz Rivas (D) – AD 43 – running for Congress – has four years remaining
- Freddie Rodriguez (D) – AD 55 – due to term limits
- Miguel Santiago (D) – AD 54 – has two years remaining

At this time, all incumbent Assemblymembers are ahead of their challengers except for the following:

- Greg Wallis (R) – AD 47 – Assemblymember Wallis trails his opponent, Palm Springs Councilmember Christie Holstege 49 to 51. **UPDATE: Assemblymember Wallis now leads his opponent by 269 votes. It is very likely that the lead will bounce back and forth over the next few days as the last ballots are counted and rejected ballots are cured.**

Before the Tuesday election, Democrats held 62 of the 80 seats. To maintain their super majority status of 2/3s, the Democrats needed to hold onto 54 seats in the Assembly and 27 seats in the State Senate. This allows them to pass urgency legislation or refer initiatives and constitutional amendments directly to the voters without any input or by-in from the Republican legislators.

While ballots are still be counted, there are two seats currently held by Democrats in which the Republican candidate is ahead. If these results hold, and Assemblymember Wallis continues to **lead** his Democrat opponent, this will result in a net gain of **two seats** for the Assembly Republican Caucus. The seats in question are:

- Assembly District 36 (Coachella Valley) – In this seat Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia had decided not to run for re-election.
- Assembly District 58 (Riverside) – In this seat Assemblymember Clarissa Cervantez ran (and won) a seat to the State Senate.

Of the 20 State Senate seats up for election this cycle, 12 districts will have new Senators. This is because 12 Senators were either termed-out or decided not to run for re-election. Of those 12, the following six are districts inside the SCAG region:

- Steve Bradford (D) – SD 35 – due to term limits
- Dave Min (D) – SD 37 – running for Congress – has eight years remaining
- Janet Nguyen (R) – SD 36 – running for board of supervisors – has four years remaining
- Anthony Portantino (D) – SD 25 – due to term limits
- Richard Roth (D) – SD 31 – due to term limits
- Scott Wilk (R) – SD 21 – due to term limits

That said, four sitting Assemblymembers were promoted to the Senate, which blunts the impact of the novice members. This includes the following two from the SCAG region:

- Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-San Bernardino)
- Sabrina Cervantez (D-Riverside)

At this time, all incumbent Senators are ahead of their challengers except for the following:

- Josh Newman (D) SD 37 – Senator Newman trails his opponent, former Assemblymember Steven Choi **48.7% to 51.3%**. While Mayor of Irvine, Choi served on the SCAG Regional Council.

To maintain their super majority status of 2/3s, the Democrats needed to hold onto 27 seats in the State Senate. Before the election, the Democrats held 31 Senate seats. While ballots are still being counted, Senator Newman’s SD 37 is the only senate district in the SCAG region that could flip from one party’s control to the other. If this holds, this will result in a net gain of one seat for the Senate Republican Caucus. **The only other close contest in the State Senate is between two Democrats, so the number of seats will not be affected by the final tabulation.**

### **CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS:**

Every two years, all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives are up for election, including 52 seats in California. Of the 52 seats in California, 27 are represented by Members whose districts touch some part of the SCAG region. Of those 27, the following four will not be returning to the House:

- Tony Cardenas (D) CD 29 – retiring after six terms.
- Grace Napolitano (D) CD 31 – retiring after 12 terms.
- Katie Porter (D) CD 47 – ran for U.S. Senate and lost the March 2024 primary.
- Adam Schiff (D) CD 30 – running for U.S. Senate.

The SCAG region was home to several high-profile House elections. While there are many ballots yet to be counted, the Secretary of State’s office partially reports results as follows:

- Ken Calvert (R) CD 41 – Currently claiming **51.3%** of the vote against former federal prosecutor, Will Rollins. The two men are separated by about **7,500** votes. **This race has**

been called by the Decision Desk for Calvert, but has not been called by the AP or the New York Times.

- Mike Garcia (R) CD 27 – **LOST**. Currently claiming **48.8%** of the vote against former Virgin Galactic CEO, George Whitesides **who took 51.2%**. **This race has not been called by the AP or New York Times, but Congressman Garcia has conceded the race to Mr. Whitesides.**
- Michelle Steel (R) CD 45 – Currently claiming **50.7%** of the vote against trial attorney and veteran, Derek Tran. With more than \$46 million pouring into this Orange County-based seat, this was the single most expensive House race in the United States this cycle. Steel was a member of the SCAG Regional Council when an Orange County Supervisor.
- Open Seat CD 47 – Representative Katie Porter (D-Irvine) currently holds this seat, but ran for the U.S. Senate in the March 2024 primary instead of running for re-election to the House. The election to replace her was a contest between State Senator Dave Min (D-Irvine) and former Assemblymember Scott Baugh (R-Huntington Beach). Currently, Baugh **trails** Min **49.5% to 50.5%**. The two men are separated by about 3,200 votes out of **306,600** cast.

**Aside from Congressman Garcia**, it appears that all other incumbent members of the House from California have won re-election. In addition, there is **one other** congressional district (outside the SCAG region) designated as a “Close Contest” by the Secretary of State’s office. This is a designation given to races in which there is less than a 2% difference between first and second place candidates.

Before the election, there were 220 House Republicans, 212 House Democrats, and three vacancies. Currently, the *New York Times* reports that the Republicans have retained at least **214** seats, the Democrats have retained at least **205** seats, and that **16** have yet to be called.

In addition, 34 of the 100 United States Senate seats were up for election. Known as “Class I” Senators, their terms ran from the beginning of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress on January 3, 2019, to the end of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress which will be on January 3, 2025. Senators in Class I were elected to office in the November 2018 general election, unless they took their seat through appointment or special election.

Of the 34 Senators up for election, one election is taking place to be the junior Senator from California.

- Adam Schiff (D) – Currently claiming **59%** of the vote.

Senator-elect Schiff is a longtime member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and was first elected to the House in 2000. He bested Republican Steve Garvey, a 10-time Major League Baseball All-Star of the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres.

Before the election, there were 49 Republican Senators, 47 Democrat Senators, and four Independent Senators who caucus with the Democrats. Currently, the *New York Times* reports that there will be 52 Republican Senators, 45 Democrat Senators, two Independent Senators who caucus with the Democrats, and one race (Pennsylvania) that has not yet been called.

**OTHER INTERESTING ELECTIONS:**

- Former RC Member **Deborah Robertson** is losing re-election as Mayor of Rialto to former Congressman Joe Baca.
- Former RC Member **Andrew Sarega** lost election to the Anaheim City Council District #5. Sarega had resigned as Mayor of La Mirada to run for city council in Anaheim.
- Former RC Member **John Nielsen** was re-elected to the Tustin City Council after having been off council for several years.



# AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)  
**From:** Ryan Banuelos, Associate Regional Planner  
(213) 630-1532, banuelos@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Status Update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District  
(AQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance for  
Evaluating Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**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:**

*The South Coast AQMD has initiated development of a CEQA guidance for evaluating cumulative impacts from air toxics for projects that are located within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction and are not exempt from environmental reviews under CEQA. The CEQA guidance is an update to the existing South Coast AQMD's cumulative analysis guidance that was developed in 2003. Based on the current proposed guidance, the project-level cumulative air toxics impact analysis, if approved and adopted as proposed, includes the most significant changes. South Coast AQMD staff is holding public workshops and meeting with stakeholders to encourage and seek input and will be preparing a preliminary draft of the proposed CEQA guidance document in coming months. SCAG staff will continue to monitor the ongoing development of guidance and apprise members of SCAG's Regional Council, Policy Committees, and stakeholders of major updates as appropriate.*

**BACKGROUND:**

CEQA requires cumulative impacts analysis for non-exempt projects and defines cumulative impacts as "two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15355). South Coast AQMD is the resource agency with expertise in air quality and develops guidance on how to conduct air quality analysis for CEQA purposes.

The California Air Resources Board identifies diesel particulate matter (DPM) emissions from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. In February 2022, South Coast AQMD staff initiated a public process for the development of new CEQA guidance on cumulative air quality impacts from air toxics (e.g., DPM) because the largest contributor to cancer risk from air pollution is DPM emissions. The development is intended to update South Coast AQMD's existing cumulative analysis guidance, which was developed in 2003 and to serve as a tool to support CEQA lead agencies when they evaluate projects' cumulative air toxics impacts pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. South Coast AQMD staff has held six public working group meetings to seek stakeholder feedback.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH COAST AQMD'S DRAFT CEQA GUIDANCE FOR CUMULATIVE IMPACTS FROM AIR TOXICS (DISCUSSED AT WORKING GROUP MEETING #6 ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024):**

The draft guidance is currently proposed to focus on the operational phase of a project and applies to both regional projects and project-level analysis. The draft guidance includes revisions that may be relevant to project- or site-specific environmental reviews that are conducted by implementing agencies, as well as to environmental reviews for regional projects such as the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) when SCAG is a lead agency pursuant to applicable provisions of the CEQA. While South Coast AQMD staff has not developed a definition for regional projects, regional projects are expected to include plan-level documents such as master plans, general plans, and regional plans. The draft guidance for regional projects' cumulative air toxics impact analyses is proposed to remain largely unchanged from the current analysis approach, which uses 10 in a million significance threshold for cancer risk to determine if cumulative air toxics impacts would be significant.

The draft guidance for project-level cumulative air toxics impact analysis, if approved and adopted as proposed, includes significant changes. They would involve a multi-step process based on a number of project characteristics such as land use type, project size, location, and a project's proximity to high volume diesel-fueled trucks and health sensitive populations within Senate Bill 535 disadvantaged communities and/or Assembly Bill 617 designated communities that are most impacted by air pollution. The project-level cumulative cancer risk significance threshold would range between one in a million and 10 in a million depending on the project's background cancer risk from the South Coast AQMD's Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) plus various project-specific characteristics.

The draft guidance also states that linear projects such as bridges, roads, and freeways (new or improvements) are medium cancer risk impact projects, and that major transportation projects (e.g., airport, port, railyard, bus/train station) are high cancer risk impact projects. Moreover, if regional projects have long-term construction activities, under the draft guidance, they could not be screened out from the cumulative air toxics impacts analysis because long-term construction activities take on characteristics of operational impacts. While the draft guidance would apply to all project types including transportation projects that are subject to CEQA within the South Coast

AQMD's jurisdiction, warehouse and distribution center projects appear to be of particular concern due to DPM emissions from diesel-fueled trucks contributable to cumulative air toxics impacts and associated cancer risk.

If the draft guidance is adopted as proposed, non-exempt CEQA projects that have initiated their environmental review processes after the guidance becomes effective are subject to the new guidance. In addition, CEQA projects located within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction or partially encompassing their jurisdiction are subject to the new guidance. CEQA projects located completely outside the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are not subject to the new guidance. For more information on the draft guidance and other related materials, please visit South Coast AQMD website: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa/ceqa-policy-development-\(new\)](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa/ceqa-policy-development-(new)).

SCAG staff will continue to track the development and provide periodic status updates on major updates as appropriate. Cities, counties, and other agencies such as County Transportation Commissions (LA Metro, OCTA, RCTC, and SBCTA) and Caltrans Districts (Districts 7, 8, and 12) that may have future non-exempt CEQA projects within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are encouraged to participate in the South Coast AQMD's development process.

**NEXT STEPS:**

South Coast AQMD staff will continue to hold public workshops and meetings with stakeholders to seek feedback on the draft guidance. In addition, South Coast AQMD staff will be preparing a preliminary draft of the proposed CEQA guidance document in coming months. At stakeholders' request, South Coast AQMD staff is considering a public review and comment period for the preliminary draft guidance document and plans to provide an update to the Mobile Source Committee in early 2025 prior to seeking South Coast AQMD Governing Board approval and adoption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overall Work Program (24-020.0161.04: Environmental Compliance, Coordination and Outreach).



**AGENDA ITEM 6**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's  
Approval Threshold

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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. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

**BACKGROUND:**

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in October 2024:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City Fare, Inc.	Catering for the 2024 Demographic Workshop	\$11,169
Antelope Valley Partners for Health	Traffic Safety Event in Lancaster	\$5,700

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

<b>Consultant/Contract No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
GoTo Communications, Inc. 25-015-C01	The vendor will continue to provide Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone services to SCAG.	\$128,026





## REPORT

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Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. 24-043-C01	The vendor shall develop a Citywide Pedestrian Access Plan, focusing on the priority community of Edgemont, a Disadvantaged Community Area (DAC) in the western portion of the City of Moreno Valley.	\$226,854
Iteris, Inc. 24-042-C01	The vendor shall provide services for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services for the Warner Center Active Transportation Hub project.	\$477,077

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract Summary 25-015-C01 (Info Item)
2. Contract Summary 24-043-C01 (Info Item)
3. Contract Summary 24-042-C01 (Info Item)

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-015-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	GoTo Communications, Inc.
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	Under this agreement, GoTo Communications, Inc. will continue to provide Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone services to SCAG. SCAG staff will continue to use this system to communicate with other staff, various partners, stakeholders, and community members, and it is essential to daily work. SCAG has used this provider for the past three years without issue.
<b>Project's Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides various telephone services and features essential to daily work;</li> <li>• Integrates with existing systems, including Microsoft Teams Dialpad;</li> <li>• Ensures continuity through vendor provided soft phones; and</li> <li>• Provides a simple setup, easy to manage, and reliable system with necessary technical support.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.
<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<b>Total not to exceed</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$128,026</b></span>
<b>Contract Period:</b>	January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	811-1163.08 \$128,026  Funding source(s): Indirect Cost  Funding of \$64,013 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Indirect Cost budget in Project Number 811-1163.08, and the remaining amount is subject to budget availability.
<b>Basis for Selection:</b>	In accordance with SCAG's Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement or Master Service Agreement (MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with GoTo Communications via TIPS (Agreement No. 221003) that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing and qualification for services as provided by GoTo Communications, Inc.

Attachment: Contract Summary 25-015-C01 (Info Item) (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-043-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.							
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	The Consultant shall develop a Citywide Pedestrian Access Plan, focusing on the priority community of Edgemont, a Disadvantaged Community Area (DAC) that lies on the western portion of the City of Moreno Valley (City). They will identify the pedestrian routes to access major employment centers, shopping centers, regional transit centers, schools, and residential neighborhoods. They will also identify the non-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant locations throughout the city and provide safe routes for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users such as people with disabilities, older adults, and children.							
<b>Project's Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a pedestrian access plan to improve connectivity and walkability in the City of Moreno Valley;</li> <li>• Enhancing accessibility to major destinations within the city; and</li> <li>• Promoting walking and biking via safe, efficient infrastructure that will provide environmental benefits and improve the overall health of the community members.</li> </ul>							
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.							
<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<b>Total not to exceed</b>	<b>\$226,854</b>						
	Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$149,421						
	Lemmon Planning LLC (subconsultant)	\$77,433						
<b>Contract Period:</b>	October 31, 2024 through November 30, 2025							
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	275-4823UC.08 \$200,834 275-4823E.08 \$26,020 Funding source(s): Senate Bill 1 (SB1), Transportation Development Act (TDA)  Funding of \$226,854 is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Numbers 275-4823UC.08 and 275-4823E.08, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into FY 2025-2026, subject to budget availability.							
<b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b>	SCAG staff notified 2,857 firms of the release of RFP 24-043-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 58 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><b>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</b></td> <td align="right"><b>\$226,854</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodsong Associates (1 subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$243,506</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KTU&amp;A (1 subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$244,955</td> </tr> </table>		<b>Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</b>	<b>\$226,854</b>	Woodsong Associates (1 subconsultant)	\$243,506	KTU&A (1 subconsultant)	\$244,955
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Attachment: Contract Summary 24-043-C01 (Info Item) (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval)

<p><b>Selection Process:</b></p>	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Anikka Van Eyl, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG  Guadalupe Cortes, Associate Engineer, City of Moreno Valley  Wei Sun, Principal Engineer/City Traffic Engineer, City of Moreno Valley</p>
<p><b>Basis for Selection:</b></p>	<p>The PRC recommended Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the contract award because the Consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project; specifically, the Consultant has prior experience working with the City of Moreno Valley and strong prior experience with active transportation plans with a focus on pedestrian access and transportation safety. Their proposal clearly demonstrated their understanding of the importance of focusing on the Edgemont Community, and the specific needs from the context of this disadvantaged community.</li> <li>• Provided the best technical approach, for example, the Consultant proposed using PublicCoordinate to capture resident input as well as hosting a larger outreach event such as their prior work with the Bakersfield Active Transportation Summit and Festival to get more engagement. Their proposal provided a strong example of what the project website would look like and how it makes it easy for residents to engage both in person and online. The Consultant proposed using Replica and other traffic engineering programs to support their technical analysis. Although other proposals proposed using other types of technical analysis, the Consultant had the proposal with the best balance of in-depth local knowledge, extensive safety and active transportation experience. Finally, the project schedule is well thought through, with tasks and milestones clearly detailed in their proposed schedule, with two months built in for contingency.</li> <li>• Proposed the lowest price and lowest number of hours to perform the work. The rates and hours proposed by the Consultant were reasonable and appropriate for the scope of work. Project costs are realistic given the workload and timeline and have been carefully considered through clear project management and workload scheduling. The Consultant team’s extensive experience ensures the project will deliver on time and under budget.</li> </ul>

**CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-042-C01**

<b>Recommended Consultant:</b>	Iteris, Inc.	
<b>Background &amp; Scope of Work:</b>	The Consultant shall provide services for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funded by Caltrans through Senate Bill 1 funds for the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works – Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) for the project, “Linking Warner Center as an Active Transportation Hub to Jobs and Housing” (Warner Center Active Transportation Hub). Specifically, the Consultant shall identify barriers to walking and biking, identify the top 20 priority corridors, and develop active transportation design prototypes for typical roadways in the Warner Center (WC) area. The Consultant shall identify ways to coordinate and leverage future funding strategies, including the WC Specific Plan’s Mobility Fee, and create a funding strategy to implement the top three priority corridors. The Consultant shall engage the community throughout the project and advance the top 3 priority projects to 30% Design Development (DD) with cost estimates. The outcome of this project will be a community-driven active transportation plan.	
<b>Project’s Benefits &amp; Key Deliverables:</b>	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand transit accessibility by proposing innovative, context-informed roadway designs for Warner Center, which would enhance overall active transportation connectivity.</li> <li>• Implement climate-resilient and safe streets to walk, bike, and roll to essential neighborhood and regional destinations and services.</li> <li>• Promote a community-informed and inclusive decision-making process that engages a broad range of community stakeholders of all ages and abilities in developing the Warner Center active transportation plan.</li> <li>• Facilitate transit investment and implementing multi-modal transit options that decrease Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT), reduce greenhouse gases (GHG), and improve air quality.</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.	
<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<p><b>Total not to exceed</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$477,077</b></span></p> <p>Iteris, Inc. (prime consultant) <span style="float: right;">\$245,474</span></p> <p>Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (subconsultant) <span style="float: right;">\$103,821</span></p> <p>Katherine Padilla &amp; Associates, Inc.(subconsultant) <span style="float: right;">\$82,032</span></p> <p>Armen Hovanesian Transportation Consulting, Inc (subconsultant) <span style="float: right;">\$45,750</span></p> <p>Note: Iteris, Inc. originally proposed \$486,339, but staff negotiated the price down to \$477,077 without reducing the scope of work.</p>	
<b>Contract Period:</b>	October 29, 2024 through February 28, 2026	
<b>Project Number(s):</b>	275.4823UC.08 \$422,357 275.4823E.03 \$54,720	

Attachment: Contract Summary 24-042-C01 (Info Item) (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval

	<p>Funding source(s): SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula and Transportation Development Act (TDA)</p> <p>Funding of \$477,077 is available in the FY 2024-25 OWP budget in Project Number 275.4823.08, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>				
<p><b>Request for Proposal (RFP):</b></p>	<p>SCAG staff notified 2,155 firms of the release of RFP 24-042 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 54 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><b>Iteris, Inc. (3 subconsultants)</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$486,339</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Here Design Studio LLC. – list lowest to highest (1 subconsultants)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$348,672</td> </tr> </table> <p>Although staff only received two (2) proposals, staff proceeded with the evaluation process given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The solicitation process and requirements were not overly restrictive;</li> <li>• We adequately advertised the procurement from May 17<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup> (i.e., our normal 28 days); and</li> <li>• The two (2) firms that responded could perform the scope of work.</li> </ul> <p>Staff believed that re-soliciting was not likely to yield a different result and needed to maintain the project's schedule, therefore, proceeded to evaluate the two offers received.</p>	<b>Iteris, Inc. (3 subconsultants)</b>	<b>\$486,339</b>	Here Design Studio LLC. – list lowest to highest (1 subconsultants)	\$348,672
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<p><b>Selection Process:</b></p>	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Lyndsey Nolan, Senior Regional Planner (Project Manager), SCAG          Nina Phinouwong, Landscape Architectural Associate, City of Los Angeles          Mark Wissa, Civil Engineer, City of Los Angeles</p>				
<p><b>Basis for Selection:</b></p>	<p>The PRC recommended Iteris for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project; specifically, the consultant team has extensive background knowledge of the project due to their involvement with previous work on the Warner Center Specific Plan (WC2035) and their familiarity with the associated engagement work / stakeholder groups. Their proposal discussed the context for this project including how it will build on previous WC2035 work and how it relates to the City's Mobility Fee Nexus Study. This demonstrates a strong understanding of why StreetsLA initiated this project, which is to equitably complete the active transportation portion of the Specific Plan. In addition, their approach makes clear the Prime's understanding that the intent of the</li> </ul>				

	<p>project is to translate the active transportation plan into funded grant/implementable projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided the best technical approach; for example, the Prime proposed a potential framework to evaluate the top 20 projects and demonstrated an intent to acknowledge and build upon the ongoing efforts existing under the WC 2035 Specific Plan. The proposal provides a good explanation as to who and how the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)/Community Advisory Committee (CAC) committees will be selected, identified stakeholder groups in area, and provided project milestones. The roles of the Prime and Sub are well coordinated / integrated, particularly how the consultants will connect Task 3 (Engagement) to Tasks 4 (Project Prioritization, Concept Designs, and Implementation) and 5 (Final Plan) to ensure community and stakeholder preferences inform the outcomes of the project. Finally, the project schedule is well thought through, with tasks and milestones divided into five-month increments.</li><li>• Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed. Though Iteris did not propose the lowest price, the PRC selected the firm's proposal because of the value the firm will bring to this project. The rates and hours proposed by Iteris are appropriate for this project scope. The consultant team highlighted their technical and outreach expertise that can support the project's needs. Project costs are more realistic given workload and timeline and reflects more diverse array of staff levels and backgrounds such as planners, principal engineers, engineers, landscape architects, advisors, outreach specialists, and accountants.</li></ul> <p>Although another firm proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because this firm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work; and</li><li>• Did not demonstrate a strong level of understanding around the project context and background, and did not elaborate on technical approach other than re-stating language from the RFP. For example, their proposal did not describe how this project will build on WC2035. In Task 2 (Existing Conditions Analysis), it did not elaborate on what existing conditions to account for or assess. It also underestimated the amount of time it would take to complete key tasks such as recruiting TAC/CAC members and completing 30% DD work. Further, the proposal did not provide an explanation, strategies, or approach on how they would accomplish those tasks on such an aggressive timeline.</li></ul>
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**AGENDA ITEM 7**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** CFO Monthly Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

**ACCOUNTING:**

Membership Dues

As of October 31, 2024, 187 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 11 tribal governments have paid their FY25 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.72M out of \$2.76M billed. This represents 98.44% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of October 31, 2024, SCAG has invested \$27.09 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$283,157.66 in interest income. The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 4.51%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of October 31, 2024, SCAG has invested \$45.50 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$812,286.06, in interest income.

**BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):**

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2024-25 (FY25) Comprehensive Budget including the FY 25 Overall Work Program (OWP), in the amount of \$30,867,046, increasing the FY 25 Comprehensive Budget from \$403.7 million to \$434.6 million. The Amendment 1 to the FY25 OWP was submitted to Caltrans for approval.



In November, B&G staff analyzed the budget requests for FY 2025-26 (FY26) Comprehensive Budget and OWP. The preliminary analysis and data were shared with the Executive Team and divisional budget meetings were held to discuss the FY26 Work Plans and priorities. A draft FY26 Comprehensive Budget and OWP will be presented to the EAC and RC in March 2025.

Lastly, staff worked on finalizing the 2019 Regional Early Action Planning Program (REAP 1.0) close-out report, reconciled the expenditures, and submitted the close-out report as well as the final billing to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) this month. SCAG recently published a [REAP 1.0 project list](#) that details investments by county in the SCAG region to highlight work completed.

**CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:**

In October, the Contracts Administration Department staff supported 14 formal procurements and 191 active contracts and issued 21 purchase orders for active agreements. In this month's consent calendar agenda item, "Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold," staff reports executing three (3) contracts and issuing two (2) purchase orders to support ongoing business operations.

On October 10, 2024, SCAG submitted the semi-annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Utilization Report for the period of April-September 2024 to the Caltrans Office of Regional and Community Planning, Contracts and Audit Compliance. SCAG reported the following:

- Awarded two (2) federal-aid contracts totaling \$3.9 million, of which 62% was awarded to DBEs.
- Made payments for 20 federal-aid contracts totaling \$1.5 million, of which 34% was paid to DBEs.
- Completed six (6) federal-aid contracts totaling \$2.7 million, of which 47% went to DBEs.



**AGENDA ITEM 8**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Regional Council (RC)  
**From:** Kevin Kane, Principal Planner  
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**Subject:** Southern California Economic Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**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. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**  
*The “2024 Southern California Economic Update” will be presented during the December 5<sup>th</sup> SCAG Regional Council meeting alongside regular SCAG business. The update will present SCAG’s annual economic analysis and near-term outlook from SCAG’s Economic Roundtable, followed by an in-depth discussion on the state of the economy among Regional Council members.*

**BACKGROUND:**  
Each year since 2009, SCAG has hosted the Southern California Economic Summit, an event designed to provide up-to-date regional and county-specific economic analysis and insights to stakeholders. Due to scheduling conflicts with multiple holidays over 2024-2025, this year SCAG will provide a shorter Southern California Economic Update as part of the December 2024 Regional Council meeting alongside regular SCAG business.

The 2024 Southern California Economic Update will present a detailed economic outlook for the region, highlighting that growth in sectors such as goods movement, healthcare, and tourism will drive the economy in the coming year.

The Economic Roundtable is a select group of economists from across the region who meet quarterly to discuss trends, data, and current events impacting the region’s economy. Not surprisingly, a group of seven economists will have different perspectives on issues, causes, and outlooks. Recognizing this, the objective of the Economic Roundtable is to provide common, consensus-based understanding of regional economic data, trends, and themes affecting regional

planning. The roundtable's Quarterly Reports can be found on SCAG's [Economic and Demographic page](#) and all accompanying economic data for the region can be visualized on and exported from the [SCAG Econ Trends Tool](#). Roundtable members include:

- IMPERIAL COUNTY: Michael Bracken, Managing Partner & Chief Economist, Development Management Group, Inc.
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY: Shannon Sedgwick, Director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- ORANGE COUNTY: Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Adviser, Orange County Business Council
- RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES: Manfred Keil, Chief Economist, Inland Empire Economic Partnership and Claremont McKenna College
- VENTURA COUNTY: Mark Schniepp, Director, California Economic Forecast
- SUSTAINABILITY: David Roland-Holst, Managing Director, Berkeley Economic Advising & Research
- EQUITY: Beth Tamayose, Research Director, University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy
- ECONOMIC UPDATE MODERATOR: Kate Gordon, CEO, California Forward

SCAG's primary role as a metropolitan planning organization is to develop a plan for a healthy, prosperous, accessible, connected, and equitable Southern California. To that end, Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's quadrennial Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, was adopted by the Regional Council in 2024. The objective of this Economic Update is to provide a review of the past year and outlook for the next year is to assist policymakers in planning for the next 30 years.

The Economic Summit's traditional "Briefing Book" is provided under separate cover. It contains the written overview and outlook for the SCAG region and a summary of its six counties and short essays from roundtable members covering region-wide economic sustainability and equity. Full reports for the region's counties will also be provided as a resource.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Staff coordination and economic roundtable consultant tasks are funded through SCAG Overall Work Program Item 055-1531.01, Southern California Economic Growth Strategy.



**AGENDA ITEM 9**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Regional Council (RC)  
**From:** David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst  
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**Subject:** Federal Elections Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Holland & Knight, SCAG’s federal lobbyist, will provide a broad overview of the 2024 General Election results, as well as what to expect from Washington, D.C., as there has been a significant shift in the balance of power after the election.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The United States held the November 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, where all 80 California State Assemblymembers, half of the 40 State Senators, one U.S. Senator, and all 52 members of the House of Representatives were on Californians’ ballots. These contests also included ten statewide ballot measures and various local offices and local measures.

The election resulted in former President Donald Trump’s re-election as President of the United States and Senate Republicans taking control of the U.S. Senate, having flipped three seats, with an anticipated flip of a fourth seat at the time of writing this report. Thus, Republicans now control the Senate by an expected margin of 53 to 47. House Republicans retained a bare majority of 218 seats and Democrats held onto 212. At deadline, five races for the House of Representatives remain uncalled, with votes still being tabulated in Alaska, California, Iowa, and Ohio.

Holland & Knight, SCAG’s federal lobbyist, will provide a federal update and overview of the 2024 General Election results. Tom Davis, Partner, Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor, and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisor, will join us from H&K to present.

Below are the biographies of each speaker:

**Tom Davis, Partner**

Tom Davis is a Washington, D.C., attorney who focuses his practice on handling various congressional and regulatory affairs, including congressional investigations, land use, and legislative strategy. Mr. Davis is a co-leader of the Public Policy & Regulation Group's Congressional Investigations Team.

Mr. Davis served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. He served as chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform from 2003 to 2007, where he led a number of high-profile investigations. In addition, Mr. Davis was elected chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee and served in that role from 1999 to 2002. When he joined Congress, Mr. Davis was the first freshman representative in 50 years to hold a subcommittee chairmanship, taking the gavel of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. Mr. Davis also served as a supervisor on the Fairfax County (Va.) Board of Supervisors from 1980 to 1994, and as the board chairman from 1991 to 1994.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Davis was managing director of the Government Relations Office at Deloitte, where he advised the consulting side of the firm and its clients in its efforts to develop business with governmental clients. Mr. Davis also served 14 years as general counsel for a publicly held professional services firm in McLean, Virginia, up until his election to Congress.

Mr. Davis has served as a director on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) where, as vice chairman, he oversaw the construction of Phase I of Metrorail to Dulles Airport and helped procure the funding agreement for Phase II. He currently serves as Rector (chairman of the Board of Visitors) at George Mason University, where he is also a distinguished professor of Public Policy at the Schar School of Policy and Government.

Mr. Davis also has authored numerous thought pieces in The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and The Hill on the workings of Congress and other governmental issues. He also has appeared as a commentator on various television news and entertainment programs, including "Meet the Press," "Fox News Sunday Show" (power player of the week), MSNBC, CNN, and the "Bill Maher Show." Mr. Davis completed a B.A. at Amherst College and a J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law.

**Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor**

Leslie Pollner is co-leader of Holland & Knight's Local Government Advocacy Team and a member of the firm's Public Policy & Regulation Group. Ms. Pollner focuses on several key industries, including transportation, economic development, and housing. Her extensive experience in government at both the federal and local levels allows her to help clients develop innovative solutions and advocacy strategies to achieve results.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Pollner was the deputy mayor for federal affairs in Los Angeles under Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She led the city of Los Angeles' office in Washington, D.C., directed its federal advocacy efforts, and managed lobbying teams at the Los Angeles port, airport and public utilities commissions. Ms. Pollner was also the principal liaison with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, while Mayor Villaraigosa was the organization's president and worked with mayors across the country on key issues, including building a coalition to support the transportation reauthorization bill.

Prior to that, Ms. Pollner was a two-time chief of staff for U.S. Reps. Suzanne Kosmas and Tim Mahoney, both of Florida. She has also worked in public affairs consulting and crisis communications support for Fortune 500 companies and helped develop communications strategies for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, concentrating on the nonprofit's education investments.

**Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisor**

Lauri Hettinger is a senior policy advisor in the Public Policy & Regulation Group in the Washington, D.C., office of Holland & Knight. Ms. Hettinger advocates for local government municipalities' and industry's infrastructure needs, including surface transportation, water resources, economic development, and Army Corps of Engineers.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Ms. Hettinger served as staff director for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member, George Voinovich (R-OH). In this role, she served as his primary advisor on transportation, water infrastructure, environment, Army Corps of Engineers, and economic development. Ms. Hettinger also served as a legislative assistant to Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN), handling his infrastructure, environment, energy, and appropriations issues. During the 2002 election cycle, Ms. Hettinger was a senior research analyst for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. She started her legislative career in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond as a legislative correspondent.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the Federal Election Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.