



# Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee

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## Recommended Action:

***Approve submission of Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee White Paper recommendations to the Joint Policy Committee.***



## Today

- 1 **Subcommittee Goals**
- 2 **Look Ahead**
- 3 **White Paper Recommendations**
- 4 **Facilitated Discussion**

# Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee

## GOALS

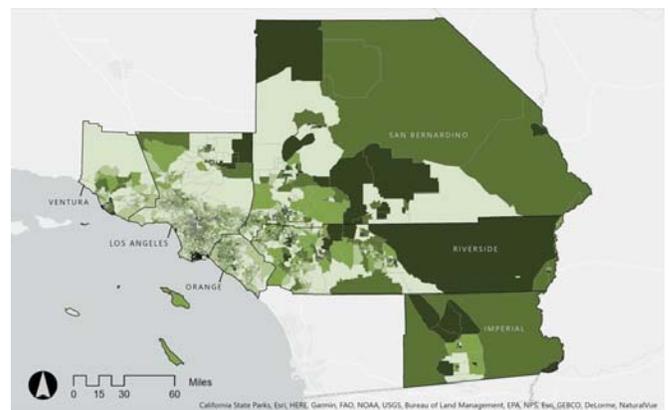
1. To identify opportunities to advance racial equity through the policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and
2. To guide how planning and investments over the next 30 years can address and rectify the effects of racially discriminatory policies in SCAG's communities.

# Racial Equity and Regional Planning: Look Ahead

#	DATE	TOPIC
1	September 15	Historic and contemporary impacts of systemic racism in the U.S.
2	October 20	Impacts and Outcomes of Systemic Racism in the SCAG region
3	November 17	Best Practices for Mitigating the Impacts of Systemic Racism
4	January 19	<b>Connect SoCal: Final Racial Equity in Regional Planning Subcommittee Recommendations (<i>White Paper</i>)</b>
	March 2023	Joint Policy Committee

## SCAG Racial Equity Work

- Motion 20-623-2
- Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice
- Racial Equity Early Action Plan and Implementation
- Racial Equity Definition
- Racial Equity Baseline Report
- Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy



# White Paper Overview

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1. Subcommittee Foundations
2. Discussions and Key Findings
3. Subcommittee Recommendations
4. Next Steps

## Key Findings

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### Process and Systems

- Implementation
- Breakdown Silos
- Short to Long Term
- Identify Strategies-using data and science
- Disaggregate Data further and share
- Analyze equity for SCAG and support jurisdictions

# Key Findings

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## Engagement and Representation

- Diversity in representation
- Effectively Engage disadvantaged and communities of color
- Recognize historic inequities and consult indigenous and other marginalized groups
- Communicate SCAG's work

# Key Findings

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## Housing, Mobility, Economic, Environment, & Public Health

- Systemic racism has shaped housing/transportation
- Housing Cost
- Homeownership for People of color
- Predatory real estate practices
- Mobility infrastructure
- Environmental Justice
- Economic opportunities for those with barriers to employment

## Recommendations

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1. Connect SoCal 2024 will be a vehicle to promote racial equity (as defined in the Racial Equity Early Action Plan), to address the historic impacts of systemic racism and coordinate and implement equity centered activities across the region.

## Recommendations

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2. Embed a racial equity lens in Connect SoCal implementation, prioritize equity as a process and outcome that benefits and reduces burdens for the most disadvantaged communities and people across the region, and identify opportunities to measure and track success and lessons learned.

## Recommendations

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3. Incorporate equity centered best practices in data collection to ensure that data assessments reflect community needs, disaggregate data by race/ethnicity and other important demographic factors, ground truth data, widely distribute data to impacted stakeholders, and incorporate community perspective in data-informed decision-making.

## Recommendations

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4. Break down silos-within SCAG and among other local, regional, and federal agencies that are doing equity-centered work, for example State Reparations Effort and Justice40.

## Recommendations

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5. Prioritize community-centered interventions, resources, and programming that serve the most disadvantaged communities and people in the region with strategies that can be implemented in the short-to-long-term.

## Recommendations

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6. Identify and target communities that are vulnerable to displacement and work towards stabilizing communities and increase access to housing that meets the needs of the region, with an emphasis on preserving and producing affordable housing, increasing homeownership opportunities, and reducing housing cost burden (for renters and homeowners), with a focus on the communities with the greatest need.

## Recommendations

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7. Incorporate equity-centered economic activities that increase access to opportunity and living wages for disadvantaged communities and individuals who face barriers to employment and economic mobility.

## Recommendations

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8. Increase equitable, inclusive, and meaningful representation and participation of people of color and disadvantaged communities in SCAG led and funded planning processes.

# Next Steps

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- Discussion
- Consider recommendation to ***approve submission of Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee White Paper recommendations to the Joint Policy Committee***
- Joint Policy Committee- March 2023
  - Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee
  - Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee
  - Resilience and Conservation Subcommittee



**THANK YOU**

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