WHAT IS SCAG

Founded in 1965, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the nation’s largest Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG), encompassing six counties, 191 cities and 10.1 million residents. In addition to conducting research and developing long-range transportation plans, SCAG convenes local governments and agencies to address regional transportation, land use and other issues of mutual concern.

SCAG REGION AT A GLANCE

191 CITIES

15th LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD

6 COUNTRIES

38,618 SQUARE MILES

48.3% OF TOTAL STATE POPULATION

19.1 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE REGION

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advances, information sharing, and promoting best practice.

HOW SCAG IS FUNDED

SCAG receives most of its funding from the federal government through Consolidated Planning Grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In addition to federal sources, SCAG applies for and receives funding from Caltrans. SCAG receives supplementary funding through state and local sources, in addition to third party matching.

DATA, MODELING, & FORECASTING

SCAG develops various growth projections, including population, households, and employment, which serve as the basis for developing federal and state mandated long-range planning efforts.

TRANSPORTATION MODELING

SCAG develops, maintains and operates the Regional Transportation Model in support of federal and state mandated planning activities including the RTP/SCS, FTIP, air quality management plans, corridor and anti-pollution strategies. Encouraging high quality and climate adaptation are principal focuses.

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

The Sustainability Program develops initiatives that support the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), such as integrating land use and transportation planning. Encouraging travel with high-quality transit and climate adaptation are principal focuses.

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING GRANTS

To implement the strategies in the RTP/SCS, the Sustainability Planning Grants Program offers funding and technical assistance to SCAG member jurisdictions to assist local planning and policy efforts in three categories: Integrated Land Use, Active Transportation and Green Region.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) PROGRAM

To help implement the State’s goals for zero emission vehicles, SCAG is studying how to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure in residential, commercial and public buildings. EVs will play a critical role in helping the region reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and other air pollutants.

KEY INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS

TRANSPORTATION

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) is the long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals.

Transit & Passenger Rail

SCAG collaborates with various state and regional stakeholders to plan, develop, finance, and implement transportation improvements that enhance mobility and interregional mobility improvements to effectively move people throughout the region.

Goods Movement

SCAG evaluates the regional goods movement system and identifies strategies to address current and future goods movement challenges while strengthening the region’s international trade and interregional mobility improvements to effectively move goods throughout the region.

Active Transportation

SCAG engages and supports local jurisdictions in developing active transportation plans and projects to encourage the use of human-powered transportation such as walking and biking.

Federal & State Compliance

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FIP)

Every two years, SCAG develops the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FIP), a comprehensive list of planned or proposed transportation projects over a six-year period.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

SCAG conducts the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) every eight years to determine each jurisdiction’s “fair share” of the region’s future housing need by income group based on existing need and anti-poverty growth.

Air Quality

SCAG ensures that programs comply with federal, state, and regional air quality requirements, so that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the prescribed air quality standards.

Federal Highway Administration Planning

44%

Federal Transit Administration

21%

Other

25%

Sustainability Program

Membership Dues

10%

General Fund

2%

Membership Dues

57%

General Fund

10%

Membership Dues

20%

General Fund

3%

Membership Dues

67%

General Fund

5%

Membership Dues

13%

General Fund

5%
HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE AT SCAG

Regional Council (RC)
The Regional Council is SCAG’s 86-member governing board. This decision-making body is comprised of local elected officials representing the six counties and 191 cities in the SCAG region, as well as representatives from each of the counties and county transportation commissions, Transportation Corridors Agency, recognized tribal governments, and in equity districts, as well as a public transportation representative. The Regional Council convenes monthly and has general authority to conduct the affairs of SCAG and implement the policy direction provided at the annual General Assembly of the membership. In addition, the Regional Council acts upon policy recommendations from SCAG policy committees and external agencies, appoints committees to study specific problems and programs, and amends, decreases, or increases the proposed budget to be reported to the General Assembly.

Policy Committees
SCAG’s decision-making process is also guided by the work of SCAG’s Executive/ Administration Committee (EAC), Policy Committees (listed below) and the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee.

• Transportation (TC)
• Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)
• Energy and Environment (EEC)

Members of the Regional Council each serve on one Policy Committee for a two-year term. Each of the 16 ad-hoc subgroups also appoint Policy Committee representatives. Much of the discussion and debate on issues occurs in the Policy Committees and all issues considered by the Regional Council must originate through one or more of the committees.

General Assembly (GA)
SCAG is governed by the General Assembly, which includes one official delegate from each of SCAG’s member cities (except for the City of Los Angeles which has three), one from each county in the SCAG region, and one from each member county transportation commission. General Assembly representation considers and adopts the SCAG Biennial and the General Fund budgets, as well as elect the incoming President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. This body meets annually at the Regional Conference and General Assembly.

WHAT ARE THE POLICY COMMITTEES

Executive Administration Committee (EAC)
The Executive Administration Committee is responsible for developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred to the Committee by the Regional Council.

Chair: Carmen Ramirez, County of Ventura

Transportation Committee (TC)
The role of the Transportation Committee is to study programs, problems and other matters which pertain to the regions’ issues of mobility, air quality, transportation control measures and communications, and make recommendations on such matters to the Regional Council. The TC approves release of the draft Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for public comment and recommends the RTP/SCS for approval by the Regional Council.

Chair: Miguel A. Ortega, City of Chula Vista, RC District #20

Second Vice Chair: Art Brown, City of Buena Park, RC District #21

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR: Clint Lorimore, City of Covina, RC District #4

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
The role of the Committee, Economic and Human Development Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regions issues of economic and human development and growth. This committee reviews project plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans. The CEHD recommends the Regional Council adopt the region’s growth forecast and the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Chair: Frank Yokoyama, City of Cerritos, RC District #23

Vice-Chair: Tim Sandoval, City of Fontana, RC District #36

Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
The Energy and Environment Committee considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, habitat preservation, environmental justice and one-traveller transportation impact analysis. The EEC approves release of the Draft Program Environment Impact Report (DEIR) for the RTP/SCS and recommends the Regional Council approve the RTP/SCS RIR.

Chair: Deborah Boike, City of Norco, RC District #4

Vice-Chair: Israel Pancrate, County of Imperial

Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)
The Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee provides guidance and recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative matters impacting the regions policy direction on SCAG’s communications strategy, outreach, issues and materials, SCAG membership benefits and sponsorship opportunities.

Chair: Peggy Huang, Transportation Corridors Agency (TCA)

Vice-Chair: Jose Luis Solexa, City of Compton, RC District #6

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