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## ***3 LA County agencies among 8 jurisdictions across SoCal to split \$2.5 million to address mobility, air quality challenges***

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the City of Long Beach and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments are among eight jurisdictions across Southern California to receive Smart Cities funding to address congestion and air quality challenges.

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on Thursday (July 1) approved the awarding of \$2.5 million, in total, through its Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) and *Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations* initiative. A major element of the Smart Cities initiative is to support innovative solutions to the mobility and air quality challenges associated with parking, single-occupancy vehicle use, freight and last-mile deliveries, and commerce at the curb.

LADOT and Long Beach will receive a portion of the funding to develop their curb management plans. For the Council of Governments, the money will be used to support its GoSGV e-bikesharing program.

“Innovative efforts such as those underway in Los Angeles County will go a long way toward improving quality of life in communities across Southern California while also recognizing the growing importance of goods movement and e-commerce on our regional economy,” said Clint Lorimore, President of SCAG and an Eastvale City Councilmember. “We’re proud to support the groundbreaking work that’s occurring at the local level, and look forward to the positive, lasting impact these projects will have.”

The Smart Cities concept uses information and communications technology to manage assets, resources and services efficiently, while addressing challenges and improving the quality of living within a community. To qualify for SCP *Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations* funding, individual projects needed to address specific program goals, such as creating dynamic, connected, built environments that support multimodal mobility and reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles; reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality by reducing driving alone, idling or searching for parking; and allocating curb space and other public resources more equitably.

LADOT will develop a digital curb zone inventory to optimize commercial loading activities of people and goods while also advancing the department's vision for digital stewardship of curb zones.

The San Gabriel Valley COG will analyze the GoSGV Regional E-Bike Share Program in order to quantify vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions and evaluate the overall program while drafting recommendations for improvements. The project aims to collaborate with a number of community-based organizations and implement innovative outreach solutions.

The City of Long Beach will develop a curb occupancy and usage study with real-time data collection and monitoring, integrating disparate datasets into a data dashboard for further analysis and data

visualization. Project areas will focus on communities disproportionately impacted by negative environmental factors and climate change.

Over the next several months, SCAG staff will work with each of the jurisdictions to help develop plans, scopes of work, timelines and budgets for each of the projects.

In addition to the three LA County agencies, other jurisdictions to receive SCP funding are:

**In the Inland Empire:** The City of Rialto, for its Smart Cities plan for warehousing and logistics.

**In the Coachella Valley:** The City of Desert Hot Springs, for its downtown and light industrial parking plan.

**In Orange County:** The City of Stanton, for its citywide curb management plan; the City of Laguna Woods, for its mobility technology plan; and the City of Garden Grove, for its curb data study.

Three other jurisdictions were identified as potential awardees, should additional funds become available: the City of Culver City, for its Fox Hills Area parking management plan; the City of San Clemente, for its parking management plan; and the City of Torrance, for its parklet program.

Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director, said the *Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations* funding will help individual communities address their mobility and air quality challenges, while modeling innovative solutions for others to consider.

“The world is changing at a pace unimaginable just a few years ago. For cities and our region, the challenge is not only to keep up with this extraordinary rate of change, but to make sure we’re evolving the right way and building a better world in the process,” Ajise said.

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