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### **MEETING OF THE**

## TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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- Draft Connect SoCal 2024 A Roadmap for Your Review Sarah Dominguez 30 minutes Packet page 5
- 2. Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR: Status Update *Ryan Banuelos* 10 Minutes <u>Verbal update</u>
- SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee Wrap Up *Kim Clark*  20 Minutes <u>Packet page 30</u>



## **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

### **Meeting Minutes (Abridged)**

September 21, 2023 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconferencing.

### **Membership Attendance**

#### LAND USE AUTHORITIES

Champion, Siri	City of Rialto	Lauffer, Amanda	City of Anaheim
Chantarangsu, David	City of Murrieta	Shiomoto-Lohr, Gail	City of Mission Viejo
Gable, Emily	City of Los Angeles	Wikstrom, Alexander	LADOT
Katigbak, Steven	City of Los Angeles		

#### **REGIONAL PARTNERS**

Brooks, Caitlin	VCTC	Huddleston, Lori	LA Metro
Equina, Justin	OCCOG / City of Irvine	Smith, Steve	SBCTA
Garfio, Angel	OCTA	Tso, Kristin	OCTA

#### **REGULATORY & COORDINATING AGENCIES**

#### **FIELD EXPERTS**

Diep, Deborah

CDR/CSUF

#### **ALTERNATES & PUBLIC ATTENDEES**

Aranguri, Cesar Indigenous Ark Urban Technologies Henderson, Andy --



## **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

### **Meeting Summary**

#### 1. CONNECT SOCAL 2024 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Sarah Dominguez presented an overview of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (or Plan), which was previously previewed at the September Joint Policy Committee. The presentation consisted of a look into the future of the region, development milestones, outreach summary, critical Plan elements and policy framework, and next steps. Gail Shiomoto-Lohr (City of Mission Viejo) and Andy Henderson (non-TWG) participated in discussion.

#### 2. CONNECT SOCAL 2024 PEIR STATUS UPDATE

Ryan Banuelos presented a status update on the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The update consisted of a summary of the PEIR's objectives and SCAG's role, outreach conducted to date, an overview of the PEIR outline and contents, and next steps. Andy Henderson, Gail Shiomoto-Lohr, Deborah Diep (CDR/CSUF), and David Chantarangsu (City of Murrietta) participate in discussion.

#### 3. SOCIOECONOMIC FORECAST DATA DISTRIBUTION

Kevin Kane presented on the growth forecast availability of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 for TWG discussion. Andy Henderson and Gail Shiomoto-Lohr participated in discussion.

#### 4. SOCAL GREENPRINT TAC UPDATE

Kim Clark provided a verbal update on the status of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Andy Henderson noted to follow-up with staff separately.

#### 5. 2022 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) DATA RELEASE

Echo Zheng presented on the released ACS 2022 1-Year Estimates and associated report. No questions or comments were provided.

#### 6. OPEN DISCUSSION

Gail Shiomoto-Lohr congratulated SCAG staff for a successful Demographic Workshop.







### 2023-2024 Regional Council Board Members



Art Brown PRESIDENT City of Buena Park



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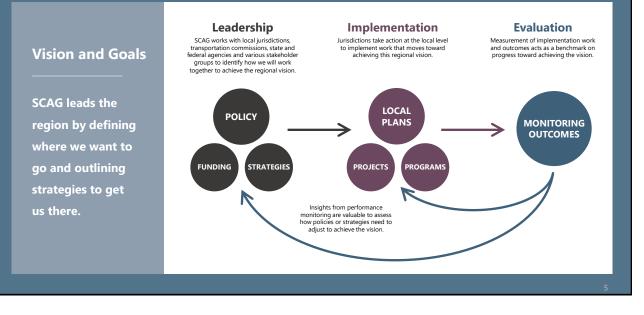


Jan Harnik IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Riverside County Transportation Commission

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### **Our Role in the Region**







### **Connect SoCal is:**

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



A plan to meet federal and state requirements, which is critical for projects in the region to receive transportation funding or approval



A 20+ year plan with \$750 billion in transportation investments, a regional development pattern and many supportive programs and strategies

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### The Plan is Critical for Ensuring Funding



Meets federal and state requirements to ensure transportation project funding and approvals

#### FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY

Necessary for advancing projects regardless of funding sources

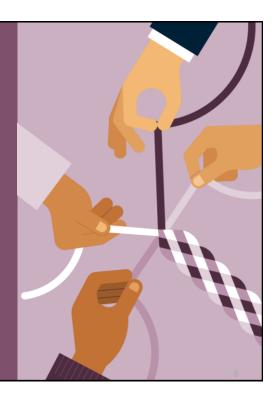
#### STATE GHG EMISSION REDUCTION TARGET

Required for Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program requirements

**\$1.5 billion** in projects since adoption of Connect SoCal 2020



### WHAT MAKES UP THE PLAN?



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### **Plan Elements**

**Regional Planning Policies** *Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation* 

**Project List** *Details plan investments* 

**Forecasted Regional Development Pattern** Demonstrates where the region can sustainably accommodate jobs and needed housing

**Regional Strategic Investments** Address the gap between local plans and regional performance targets and goals

**Implementation Strategies** *Guide where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation* 

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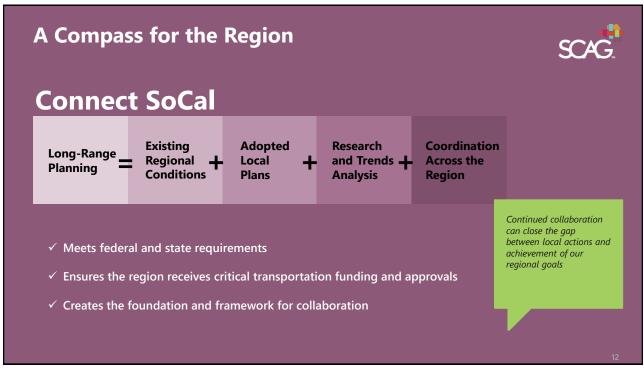
### **Framework for Collaboration**

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**Regional Planning Policies** For Jurisdictions and Transportation Agencies | Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

**Regional Strategic Investments** For the Region | Necessary to supplement local input to reach performance targets and goals

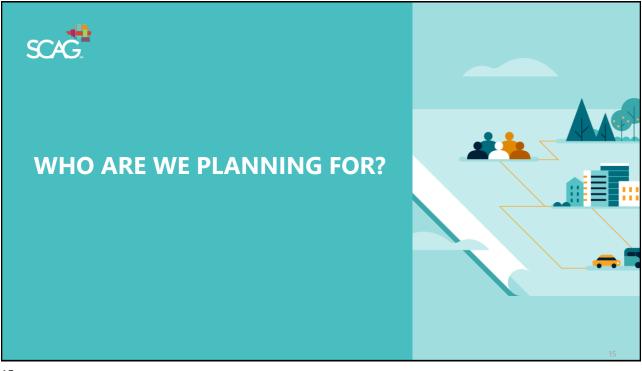
**Implementation Strategies** For SCAG | Areas for SCAG to lead, partner or support other responsible parties

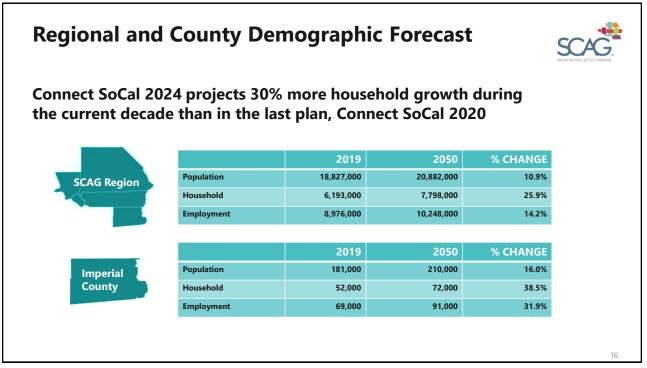


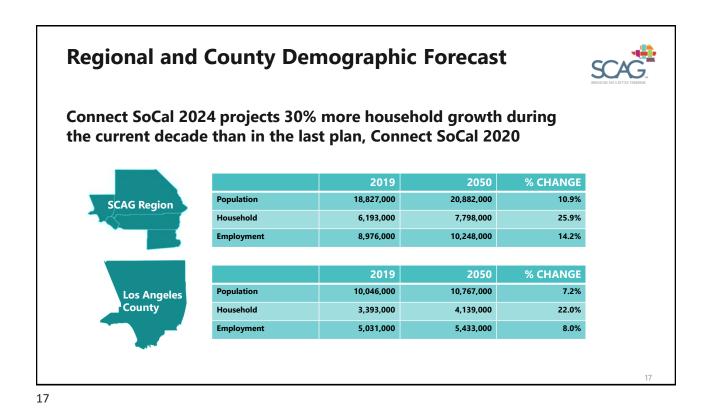


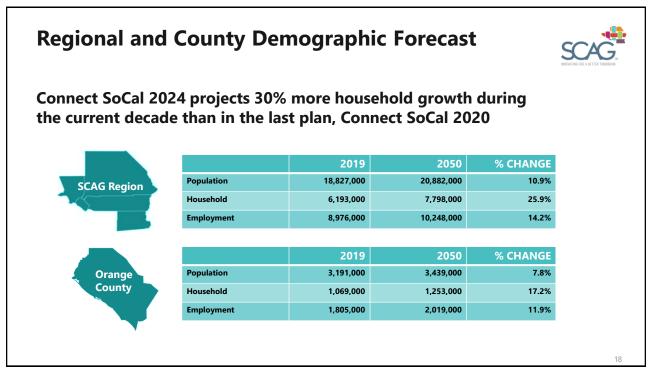
### A "Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive" Approach

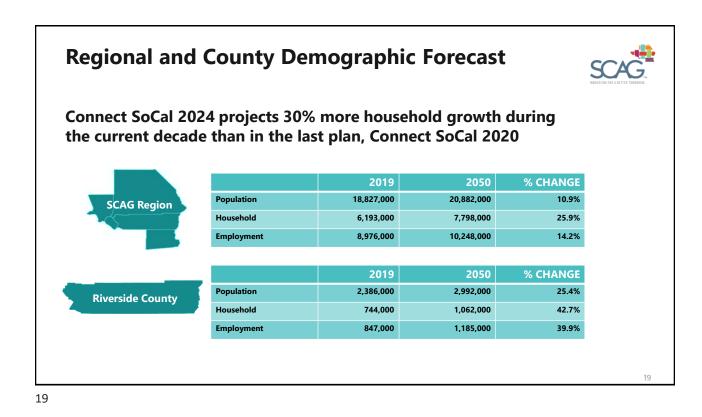
2021	2022	2023	2024		
FOUNDATIONS AND FRAMEWORKS	DATA COLLECTION AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT	OUTREACH AND ANALYSIS	DRAFT PLAN AND ADOPTION		
<ul> <li>Plan development included many steps including:</li> <li>90+ Working Group and Technical Advisory Committee meetings</li> <li>3,600+ public outreach survey responses</li> <li>Input solicited from County Transportation Commissions for Plan Project List</li> <li>Input solicited from local jurisdictions for Forecasted Regional Development Pattern</li> <li>100+ Staff Reports to SCAG's Policy Committees and Regional Council</li> </ul>					

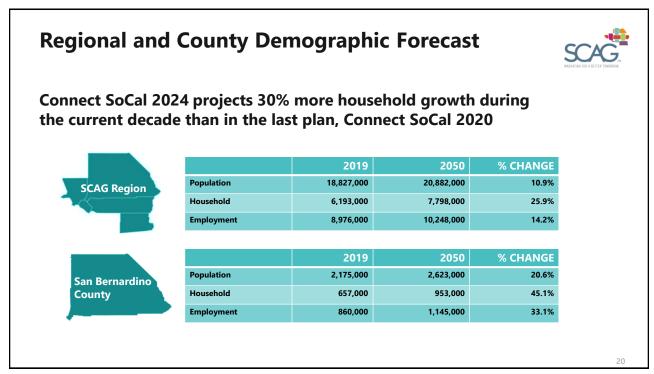


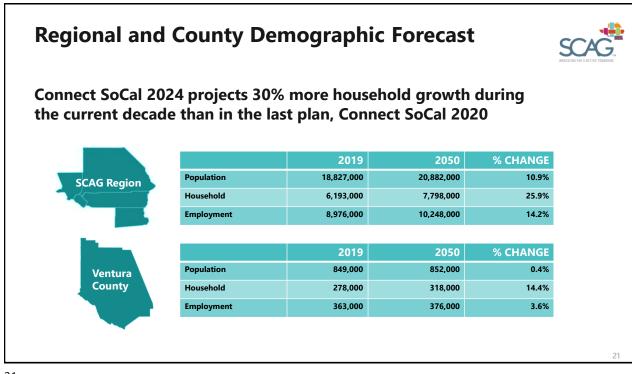
















### WHAT IS IN THE PLAN?



### **Vision and Goals**



#### "A Healthy, Prosperous, Accessible and Connected Region for a More Resilient and Equitable Future"



#### MOBILITY

**Build and maintain** a robust transportation network

#### COMMUNITIES

Develop, connect and sustain livable and thriving communities



#### ENVIRONMENT

Create a **healthy** region for the people of today and tomorrow



#### ECONOMY

Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional environment that provides **opportunities for all** 



### Equity and Resilience as a Lens



#### MOBILITY

- System Preservation
   and Resilience
- Complete Streets
- Transit and Multimodal Integration
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management
- Technology Integration\*
- Safety
- Funding the System/User Fees

#### COMMUNITIES

- Priority
   Development Areas
- Housing the Region\*
- 15 Minute
   Communities\*
- Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making\*

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

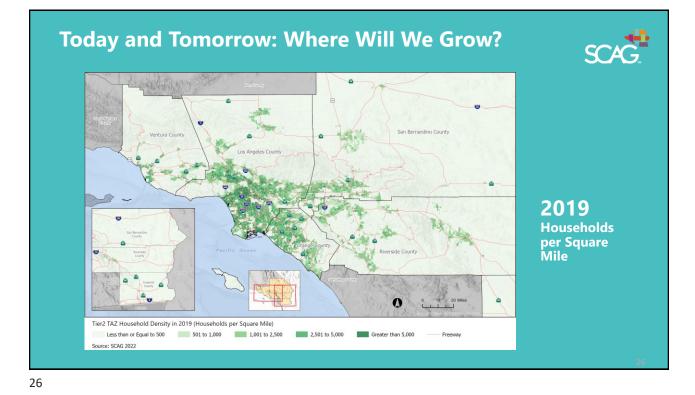
- Sustainable
   Development
- Air Quality
- Clean Transportation
- Natural & Agricultural Lands Preservation
- Climate Resilience\*

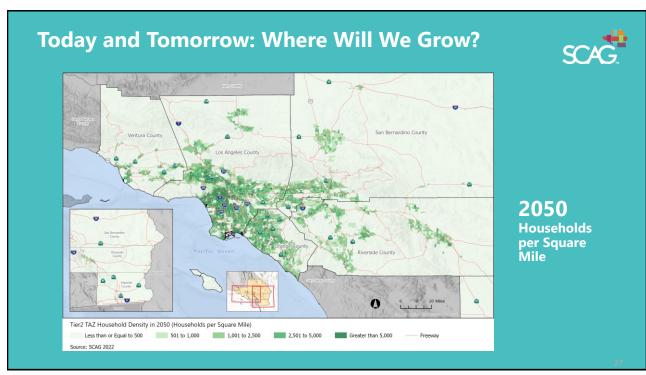
#### **ECONOMY**

- Goods Movement
- Broadband\*
- Universal Basic Mobility\*
- Workforce Development\*
- Tourism

\*New policy area for Connect SoCal 2024







### **Forecasted Regional Development Pattern**

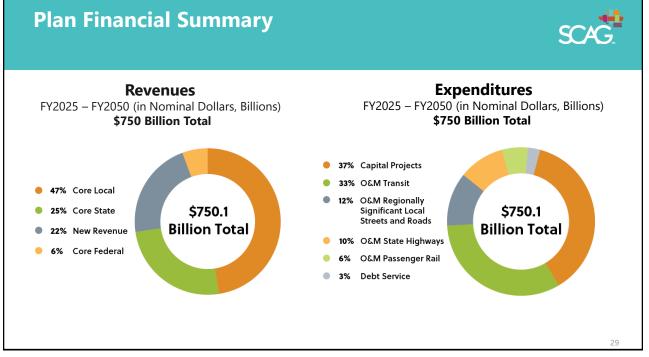
#### **Connect SoCal includes:**

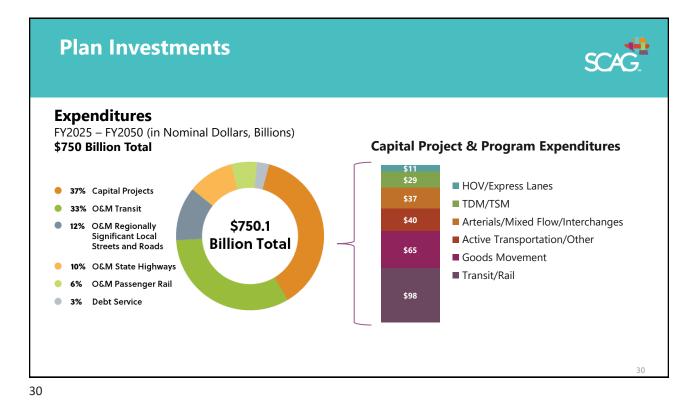
Jurisdictions have made progress toward more sustainable land use over the past 10 years

Most future growth will occur in priority areas and avoids resource areas

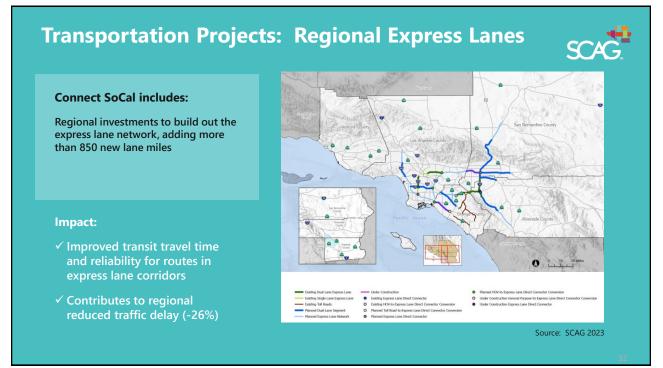
Household production is anticipated to address backlog of unmet need











### **Transportation Projects: Transit/Rail Network**

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#### **Connect SoCal includes:**

181,200 new miles of transit revenue service

Metrolink SCORE buildout

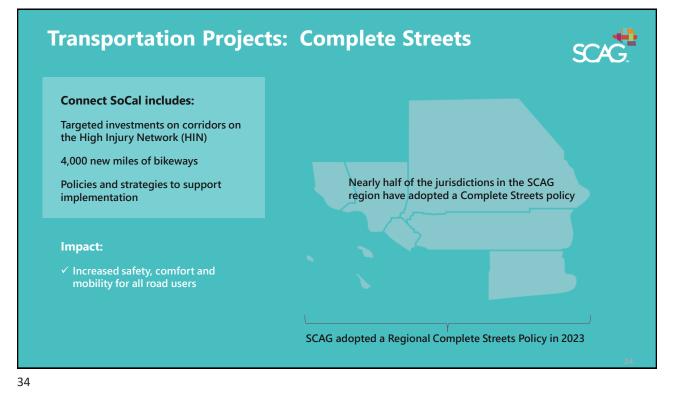
Regional investments for dedicated lanes and mobility hubs

#### Impact:

✓ Increase in transit/rail use for commuting by 800,000 trips annually



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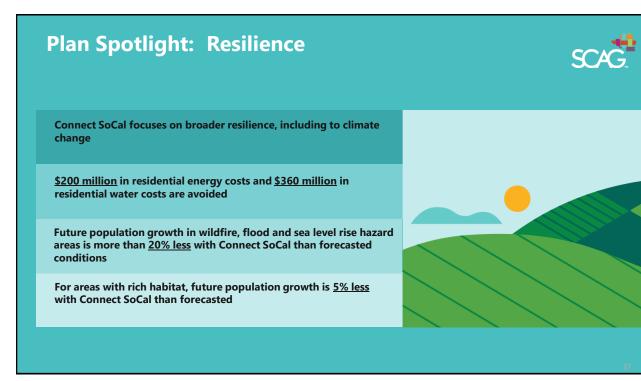
### **Plan Spotlight: Prosperity**

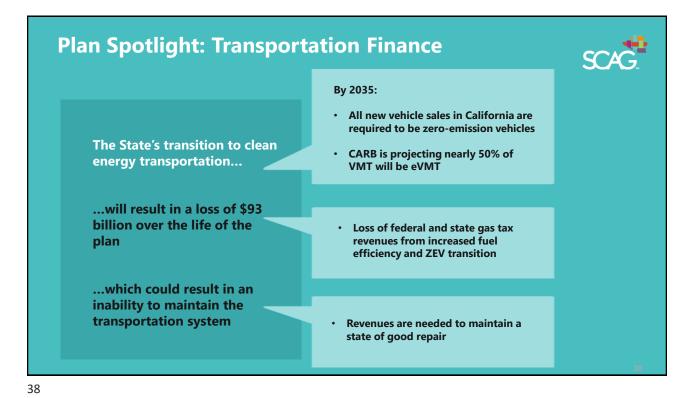
Connect SoCal investments and improved competitiveness would result in 480,100 new jobs per year on average in the SCAG Region.

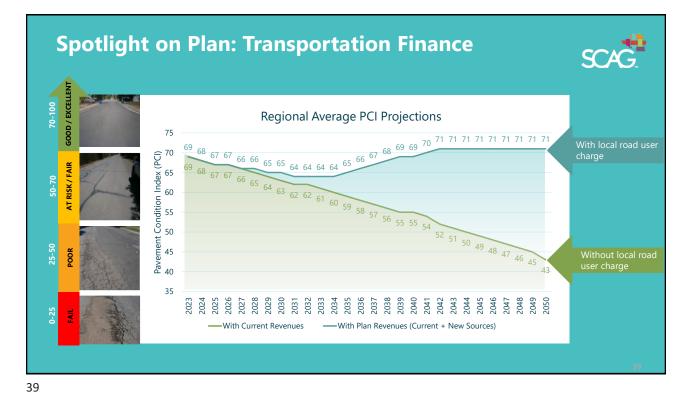
According to SCAG analysis, the region's gross domestic product would be 17% higher if wage inequities were eliminated in the SCAG Region.

Connect SoCal policies and implementation strategies aim to reduce this lost economic activity by supporting an efficient, sustainable and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all.











### **Plan Impact: GHG Emission Reduction**

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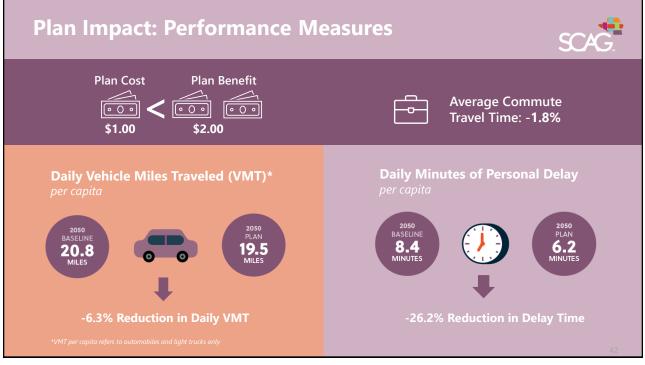
Connect SoCal 2024 meets the 19% per capita GHG emission reduction target

(by 2035 from 2005 levels)

### What are the most impactful strategies?

- ✓ Land Use
- Pricing/User Fees
- ✓ Transit and Shared Mobility
- ✓ Active Transportation



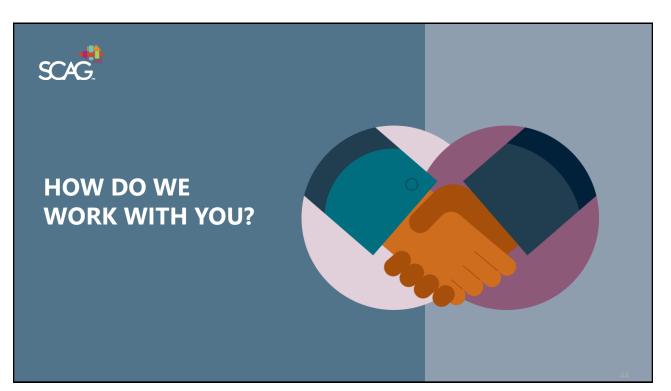


### **Plan Impact: Implementation**



SCAG leads the region Establishes the vision, defining regional goals and strategies Ensures collaboration between jurisdictions and agency partners Identifies and administers funding for the region's projects

Performs research throughout the region Assists membership partners in the implementation of Connect SoCal projects Provides resources to its regional membership

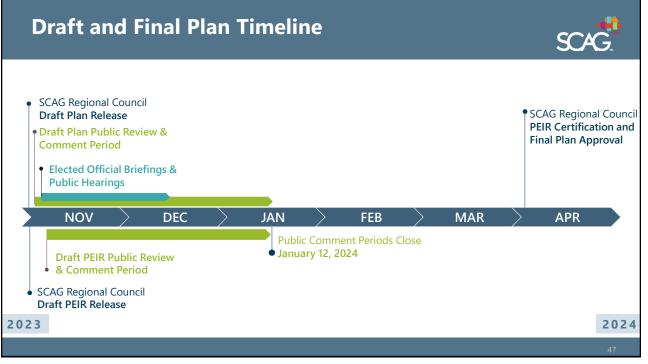


### **Resources and Technical Assistance**

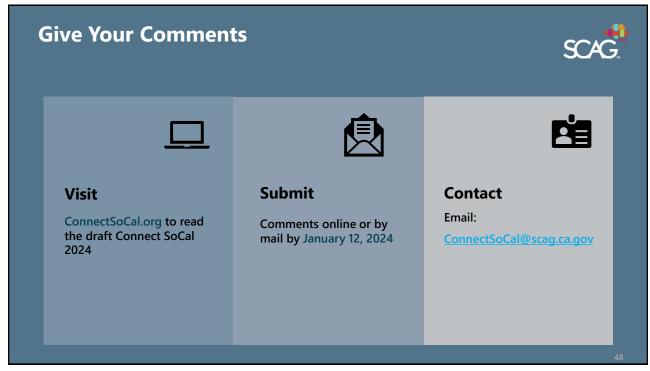












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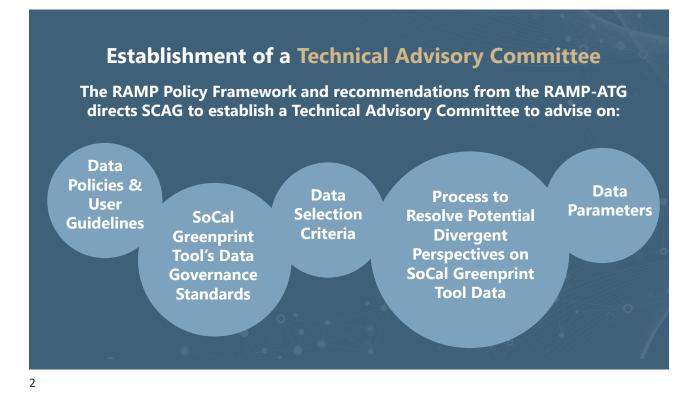
The Southern California Association of Governments' 2024–2050 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy



## **SoCal Greenprint Update**

SCAG Technical Working Group (TWG) Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

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### **Purpose and Process for Greenprint TAC**

- The GTAC will provide input and consultation for SCAG staff to develop data policies, governance standards, user guidelines, data selection criteria, and data parameters for the SoCal Greenprint tool.
- The GTAC will inform land use cases and analytical functionality of the tool.
- The GTAC is an advisory body.
- Feedback from the GTAC will be presented to the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) and the Regional Council along with recommended data policies, governance standards, user guidelines, data selection criteria and data parameters for their review and approval. This will include a clear description of how GTAC feedback informed the recommendations.

### Draft Data Standards - Evaluation

**Standard A1.** Data must be publicly available, meaning that existing datasets are available online or can be accessed if requested and/or licensed.

**Standard A2:** Data will consist of the most recent publicly available data and must include a defined set of metadata including information on authorship, geographic unit of accuracy, methodology for data development and anticipated timeline for regular updates.

Standard A3: Draft data will not be included in the tool.

**Standard A4:** Data should be created, used and/or recommended for use by regulatory agencies, and other state and federal agencies.

Standard A5: Data depicted will not be altered from their original source.

**Standard A6:** Data will be regionally comprehensive to the extent feasible, unless data is locally important and not available through a regionally comprehensive source. Data gaps will be identified and explained for datasets in the tool to ensure accurate use of the information.

# Application of Draft Data Standards to Selected\* Layers

Layer Name	Last Updated	A1. Data must be publicly available	A2. Data will consist of the most recent publicly available data & include a defined set of metadata	A3. Data should be finalized (no draft data)	A4. Data should be created, used and/or recommended for use by regulatory agencies	A5. Data will not be altered from original source.	A6. Data will be regionally comprehensive	Include in Greenprint?
California Fault Traces	2022	Yes	Yes – includes most recent data Meets some metadata requirements (others to be updated)	Finalized	Yes – CA Department of Conservation	Unaltered	Yes	Yes
Northern Sierra Nevada Foothill Landscape Blocks	2022	Yes	Yes – includes most recent data Metadata is incomplete	Finalized	Yes – CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Unaltered	Not in SCAG region	No

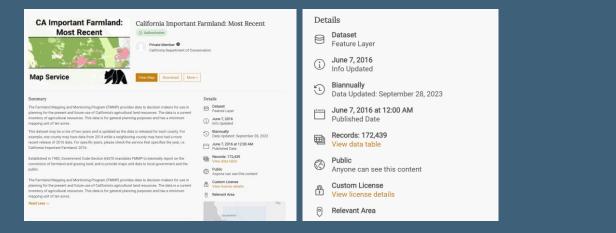
\*All data layers have been evaluated adopting these standards; only two are listed here for example

### **Proposed Data Layers Foundation** (examples)

- Caltrans' Regional Advance Mitigation Assessments (RAMNA)
  - Agriculture and Working Lands
  - Built Environment
  - Vulnerabilities and Resilience
  - Environmental Justice
  - Geographic Context
  - Habitat and Biodiversity
  - Water Resources
- Other Layers Useful for State Grant Applications
  - Water and Energy Use Efficiency for Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Projects
  - Wetland Restoration
  - Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program
  - Urban and Community Forestry Program

### **Draft Standard A2: Metadata**

Example of Complete Metadata: CA Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP)

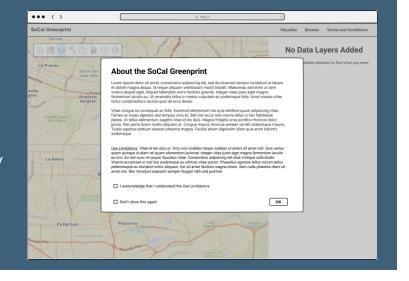


### **Draft Data Standards - Presentation**

- **Standard A7:** Data will be for informational purposes only and not be identified, qualified, or defined as constraints on future development or land use
- **Standard A8:** Data will be for informational purposes and will not be adopted by SCAG and are not an expression of regional policy.
- **Standard B1:** To convey limitations and foster its proper use as well as emphasize to users that the SoCal Greenprint tool is for informational purposes only with no legal effect on land-use decisions made by local agencies or property owners, the final, publicly available version of the tool will include a "popup screen" displaying disclosure language and will require user acknowledgment of the data's limitations
- **Standard B2:** Prior to using the tool, users will be required to acknowledge and agree to the terms of use, containing the disclosures and data limitations, through a "clickwrap" statement that is reasonably and prominently visible to all users. This will require the active, affirmative acknowledgement of each user; and will be written to be easily understood by the average user.

### Mockup Example: Clickwrap

Users will be asked to review and agree to use limitations via a clickwrap which will display whenever the Greenprint is accessed by a user.



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### **Disclaimer Principles**

Based on TAC feedback staff has identified the following preliminary principles:

- The SoCal Greenprint is an informational tool only, and all maps and reports created with the tool are purely informational
- · Local jurisdictions have land use authority; SCAG does not
- · Local jurisdictions have the most accurate local data
- Local jurisdictions are the primary decision maker for projects' CEQA compliance

### **Beta Testing**

- 10 representatives, each representing core public sector tool users
- Initial review of the tool at the 90% complete stage through predefined use cases
- Two-week period for users to test by going through the use-cases, this should take ~2 hours per person
- 1-hour feedback session + survey will be conducted to collect feedback and bug reports from testing period
- To be done virtually

## **Next Steps**

#### January 2nd, 2024:

• Present Draft Data Standards to SCAG Energy and Environment Committee for consideration

#### February 1st, 2024:

• Present Draft Data Standards to SCAG Regional Counsel for consideration

#### Summer 2024:

• Perform Beta Testing and complete tool development

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