MEETING OF THE

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Thursday, May 18, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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1. **AB 2334 Technical Assistance**  
   *Tom Vo*  
   20 minutes  
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2. **Job Quality Index**  
   *Gigi Moreno*  
   25 Minutes  
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3. **Connect SoCal 2024 – LDX Survey Results**  
   *Sarah Dominguez*  
   20 minutes  
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4. **RHNA Reform Update**  
   *David Kyobe & Ma’Ayn Johnson*  
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Meeting Minutes (Abridged)
April 20, 2023 (Supplemental)
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconferencing.

Membership Attendance

**LAND USE AUTHORITIES**
- Briska, Ari  City of Los Angeles
- Darnell, Doug  City of Menifee
- Equina, Justin  City of Irvine / OCCOG
- Gable, Emily  City of Los Angeles
- Lauffer, Amanda  City of Anaheim
- Luna, Kimberly  City of Menifee
- Taylor, Matthew  City of Riverside
- Shiomoto-Lohr, Gail  City of Mission Viejo
- Wong, Jimmy  City of Santa Fe Springs

**REGIONAL PARTNERS**
- Anaya, Mairany  SBCTA/SBCOG
- Huddleston, Lori  LA Metro
- Kent, Andrew  VCTC
- Peterson, Suzanne  WRCOG
- Primmer, Marnie  OCCOG
- Tso, Kristin  OCTA
- Vivian Tricia  SBCTA

**REGULATORY & COORDINATING AGENCIES**
- Miranda, Jude  Caltrans – D12

**FIELD EXPERTS**
- Diep, Deborah  CDR/CSUF

**ALTERNATES & PUBLIC ATTENDEES**
- Aranguri, Cesar  Indigenous Ark Urban Technologies
- Estrada, Cesar  All American War Veterans
- Henderson, Andy  --
- Manalo, Jack  --
Meeting Summary

1. **CONNECT SOCAL 2024 FORECASTED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN – GROWTH VISION EVALUATION**

   Kevin Kane and Lyle Janicek presented on the growth vision evaluation relating to the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern. The presentation included an overview of the preliminary small area household forecast methodology and an update on the first draft of Scenario Planning Model Transportation Module (SPM-TM) results. Deborah Diep (CDR/CSUF), Gail Shiomoto-Lohr (City of Mission Viejo), Matthew Taylor (City of Riverside), Ari Briski (City of Los Angeles), and Andy Henderson (public attendee) provided comments and questions for discussion.

2. **WINTER 2023 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA UPDATE**

   Kevin Kane presented on a update on recent demographic data in collaboration with Echo Zheng. Highlights of the presentation include new state population estimates and the updated definition of “urban” by the Census Bureau. Attendees had no comments or questions.

3. **CONNECT SOCAL 2024: DRAFT REGIONAL PLANNING POLICIES**

   Sarah Dominguez shared an overview of the Draft Regional Planning Policies which will be included in the updated Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Marnie Primmer (OCCOG), Doug Darnell (City of Menifee), and Deborah Diep participated in discussion.

4. **SOCAL GREENPRINT UPDATE**

   India Brookover presented an overview of the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee application process and updated attendees on the extended application deadline. Marnie Primmer participated in discussion.
Assembly Bill 2334
Requirements & Potential Opportunities for Regional Collaboration

Tom Vo, Principal Regional Planner | Planning Strategy
May 18, 2023
AB 2334 Background Information

- Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks & Senator Scott Weiner
- Approved by Governor Newsom on 9/28/2022
- Effective on January 1, 2023
- Built upon State Density Bonus Law:
  - Increases housing developments including projects with affordable units
  - Further expands on AB 1763 (approved in 2019) which allows density bonus ONLY within a half-mile of a major transit stop
• What does AB 2334 really do?
  
  • Aims to increase the number of eligible project sites to include all qualifying sites within very low vehicle-mile-traveled (VMT) areas in 5 (out of 17 statewide) designated counties within the SCAG region
    • Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura
  
  • Enhances density bonuses for qualifying affordable projects (at least 80% of units to lower-income households) in very low VMT areas
    • Allows 100% affordable housing projects to receive unlimited density and an additional height increase of 33 ft (or 3 stories)
    • Additional analysis required at the local level to determine the specific qualifying areas
Technical Information

• What are ‘very low VMT areas’? (Similar to SB 743)
  • “Urbanized Area . . . where the existing residential development generates VMT per capita that is below 85% of either regional VMT per capita or city VMT per capita”
    • Urbanized Areas (e.g., Census, Caltrans, etc.)
    • Population (e.g., SCAG, Census, DOF, etc.)
    • VMT (e.g., SCAG, CTC, StreetLight, INRIX, etc.)
  • ‘Area’ may include a Travel Analysis Zone (TAZ), hexagon, or grid
Publicly Available Tools and Data

- Existing tools & data developed for SB 743 implementation may facilitate implementation of AB 2334
OPR Site Check Tool (https://sitecheck.opr.ca.gov/)
F&P VMT+ | Providing VMT Per Capita Estimates Across California

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e9fb17d33a2c4d60a6747071be3d5b4a

Regional Filters

- Select a single or multiple filters to create a subset of block groups with VMT above or below regional VMT averages. Regions are jurisdictionally defined by City, Unincorporated County (UC), County, or MPO.

- HBX Filter by City / Unincorporated County
  - 0 - 15% below the City / UC VMT average

- HBW Filter by City / Unincorporated County
  - Below or above City VMT average

- HBX Filter by County
  - Below or above County VMT average

- HBW Filter by County
  - Below or above County VMT average

- HBX Filter by MPO
  - Below or above MPO VMT average

- HBW Filter by MPO
  - Below or above MPO VMT average

VMT+ | Providing VMT Per Capita Estimates Across California

Served from StreetLight Data

Block Group: 00037203701
HBX VMT: 15.3

0 - < 15% below the City / UC VMT average

15% below the County VMT average

15% below the MPO VMT average

15% below the Statewide VMT average

HBW VMT: 12.9

Higher than the City / UC VMT average

0 - < 15% below the County VMT average

0 - < 15% below the MPO VMT average

0 - < 15% below the Statewide VMT average

City: South Gate

HBX VMT: 16.4, HBW VMT: 11.3

County: Los Angeles

HBX VMT: 18.3, HBW VMT: 14.2

MPO: Southern California Association of Governments

HBX VMT: 20.4, HBW VMT: 15.0

Statewide VMT Averages:

HBX: 21.1, HBW: 15.3

Data sources: Maps: Contour, County of Los Angeles, California Geospatial Data Clearinghouse, U.S. Census, SafeGraph, Geo Technologies, Inc. - Data provided by Esri and shapefiles from Caltrans.
Local & Regional Potential Collaboration

- **Locally, AB 2334:**
  - Suggests local governments administer the Density Bonus Law (e.g., ordinance)
  - Suggests additional analysis is needed to determine the methodology for identifying ‘very low VMT’ areas

- **Regionally, AB 2334:**
  - Applies to 5 (out of 17 designated counties) counties within the SCAG region
  - Suggests local governments may use ‘regional’ or ‘city’ VMT per capita

- **Potential local & regional collaboration, SCAG:**
  - May provide technical assistance in supporting or conducting residence-based very low VMT per capita analysis & data for the region
AB 2334 TA Moving Forward…

Based on the feedback, SCAG is moving forward with:

1) generating ‘very-low VMT’ per capita in urbanized areas (TAZs);
   • Regional-, county-, and jurisdiction-level VMT per capita
   • Connect SoCal 2020, 2016 base year
   • 2020 Census urban areas

2) providing a memo of SCAG’s AB 2334 technical assistance; and
   • Background, methodology, data request procedure, disclaimer, etc.

3) sending the data (1) and memo (2) as a package to each CTC
AB 2334: Regional Very-Low VMT per Capita in Urbanized Areas

Disclaimer: The regional very-low VMT per capita data is based on the 2019 Plan scenario of Connect SoCal 2020. Explanation of the methodology for estimating VMT and population is included in the Data Methodology section of this memo. This data may undergo changes as SCAG Connect SoCal 2024 become available, and updates to this information will be forthcoming, in SCAG's discretion, as information becomes available. SCAG assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the use of this information by individuals, businesses, or other public entities and any use by such parties constitutes acceptance of this disclaimer. Contact SCAG Local Information Services Team (LIST) at LIST@scag.ca.gov for any inquiries.
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Economic Update: Focus on the SCAG Job Quality Index

Technical Working Group
May 18, 2023
Gigi Moreno, Ph.D., Senior Economist, SCAG

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Agenda

• Why do we need a Job Quality Index?
• Overview of SCAG Job Quality Index
• Questions/Comments
SCAG JOB QUALITY INDEX
SCAG Job Quality Index Project

- Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy
- California Future of Work Commission Report
- State grant to implement IERS Strategies
- Collaborating with consultant Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (BEAR)
What is the SCAG Sub-Regional Job Quality Index?

• Comprehensive, standardized indicator of prevailing job quality in the region

• Assess and track job quality based on many attributes important to the region

• Informs decision-making along with other information
Real Wages are Stagnant and Inequitable in the SCAG Region

Median Wage Income and per capita GDP in the SCAG Region, 2022 U.S. Dollars

Notes: Wage income computed for adults (age 25+) in the labor force from ACS PUMS, 1-Year Samples 2010-2019, 2021. GDP per capita from REMI. Figures inflated to 2022 dollars using the CPI for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA.
Racial Gap in Real Wages Persists in the SCAG Region

Median Real Wage Income in the SCAG Region by Race and Ethnicity, 2022 U.S. Dollars

Notes: Computed from American Community PUMS 1-Year Survey, 2010-2019, 2021. Hispanic includes all races. While, Black, Asian include respondents of each race group who identify as non-Hispanic.
Gender Gap in Real Wages Persists in the SCAG Region

Median Real Wage Income in the SCAG Region by Gender, 2022 U.S. Dollars


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Wage Gap Among Industrial Sectors

Median Real Wage Income in the SCAG Region for Largest Sectors, 2022 U.S. Dollars

Job Quality Index Purpose Statement

The SCAG Job Quality Index (JQI) will provide a benchmark for a common understanding of the region’s job markets. This can inform policy discussions and help measure progress toward a more robust, inclusive, and equitable economy.
Why is a regional job quality index valuable?

For policymakers

- Identify policy priorities
- Monitor job quality
- Identify areas for improvement
- Assess the impacts of policy interventions
Why is a regional job quality index valuable?

For employers

• Become more competitive in labor market
• Better understand what is a quality job and improve working conditions
• Improve aspects of jobs to create a more equitable and supportive work environment
Conceptual Framework and Job Attributes to Consider

- Self-esteem
- Sense of purpose
- Skill development
- Other learning
- Hours
- Commute
- Stress
- Sociocultural fit

- Direct compensation
- Incentive pay
- Severance
- Pension

- Medical insurance
- Family inclusion
- Life/disability Ins
- Childcare

- Self-esteem
- Sense of purpose
- Skill development
- Other learning

Compensation
Benefits
Workplace
Personal

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** Listed weights are hypothetical – conducting survey to estimate weights.

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Stakeholder Outreach Plan

• Gather feedback
  • Global Land Use and Economics Council (GLUE)
  • Technical Working Group (TWG)
  • SCAG Economic Roundtable
  • Subregional Executive Director’s Meeting

• Focus Questions
  • What measurable job attributes should be included?
  • What is the relative importance of the different job attributes?
THANK YOU!

For more information, please contact:

Gigi Moreno, PhD
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LDX Survey Results
LDX Survey Overview

• **Purpose:** Better understand the trends, existing conditions and local planning in the region

• **Contents:** 41 Questions;
  - Land use and housing (23 questions)
  - Transportation (5 questions)
  - Environmental (5 questions)
  - Public Health and Equity (5 questions)
  - Data (1 question)
**LDX Survey Responses**

- Responses: 90 jurisdictions completed all or part of the survey

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Please enter the year of your jurisdiction’s most recent general plan element update. (n=90)

- a. Land Use: 67% have updated since 2010
- b. Circulation: 62% have updated since 2010
- c. **Housing: 98% have updated since 2010**
- d. Conservation: 50% have updated since 2010
- e. Open Space: 53% have updated since 2010
- f. Noise: 53% have updated since 2010
- g. Safety: 76% have updated since 2010
- h. Environmental Justice: 37% have updated since 2010
Does the most recently adopted general plan update support any of the following Sustainable Communities Strategy? (n=90)

Top responses for “Supports” + “Supports and Includes Strategies“:
• Infill: 77 jurisdictions
• Promote Diverse Housing Choices: 73 jurisdictions

Does your jurisdiction offer any of the following incentives for infill or transit-oriented development? (n=90)

Top responses include:
• By Right Approval
• Density Bonus
• Waived or Reduced Minimum Parking Requirement
• Fast Track Permitting
Does your jurisdiction use any of the following zoning or land use strategies for housing (e.g., in your 6th Cycle Housing Element? (n=89)

Top responses include:

- Density Bonus (60 jurisdictions)
- Fair Housing Policy (57 jurisdictions)
- Incentives for Affordable Housing (50 jurisdictions)
- Waived or Reduced Minimum Parking Requirements (44 jurisdictions)
Responses: Transportation

Has your jurisdiction adopted or plans to adopt any of the following policies, plans and strategies?

Top responses for “Yes” and “In Development”:
• Bicycle Master Plan (57 jurisdictions)
• Pavement Management Plan (50 jurisdictions)
• Truck Route/Truck Prohibit Route Plan (50 jurisdictions)

Least common policies, plans and strategies:
• Intermodal Facility Plan (4 jurisdictions)
• Transit Overlay District (9 jurisdictions)
• Curb Space Management or Inventory (11 jurisdictions)
Responses: Barriers

- Across the region, **limited staff capacity** is a barrier that prevents agencies from updating and implementing policies.
  - 47% of respondents reported that staffing constraints inhibited their agency’s ability to update or implement General Plan elements.
  - Over 60% of respondents reported that this barrier prevented their agency from updating its zoning code.

- **Budget limitations** are noted as a major barrier for agencies seeking to update their General Plan.
  - 55% of respondents reported that funding constraints inhibited their agency’s ability to update or implement General Plan elements.
  - Additionally, 50% of respondents reported that additional grant or budget funding would most positively impact their capacity to add Sustainable Community Strategies to their General Plans.
• Jurisdictions throughout the region each face unique circumstances that impact their ability to fulfill RHNA and housing element quotas. Survey respondents noted a range of reasons why housing production goals remain unmet.
  • The most common responses cited a lack of land (42%), lack of developer interest (25%), lack of funding for affordable housing (25%), and public opposition (21%).

• Over half (55%) of respondents reported political or community pushback as barriers to implementing parking reforms.

• Most agencies reported either financial (34%) or political (30%) barriers to implementing infill or TOD incentives, with the most popular implemented incentive programs being density bonuses for affordable housing (27% of agencies).
Next Steps

Summary **Staff Report** to June Policy Committees

Incorporation into draft **Connect SoCal 2024 Technical Reports**, as applicable

Evaluation of results and noted barriers to inform **Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies**
# SCAG RHNA Reform Timeline

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<td>Submit comment letter on approved recommendations to HCD</td>
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