2017
NOMINATION PACKET

SCAG
SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE PLANNING THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Deadline: January 23, 2017 at 2 PM
The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is committed to highlighting excellence in sustainable planning efforts and development projects in the SCAG Region. These plans and projects are integral to carrying out the goals and policies of the 2016 RTP/SCS, and promote a cleaner, healthier, and happier Southern California. Each year, SCAG honors projects that best exemplify the core principles of sustainability with awards at the Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly. SCAG is now accepting nominations for projects that coordinate land use and transportation actions to improve the mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability of our region. More information about the types of projects that SCAG recognizes can be found below. The SCAG Sustainability Awards Program is open to all parties, including local governments, non-profits, developers, and others. Partnerships are welcome; public agencies, in combination with other public or private organizations or individuals may jointly submit an entry. Eligible submittals include plans, projects, and programs completed or adopted after January 1, 2013, and prior to December 20th, 2016. Along with the awards ceremony, videos of winning projects will be presented at the 2017 Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa on May 4-5, 2017.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION SUBMITTALS IS JANUARY 23, 2017 AT 2 PM.

AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

This year, SCAG is proud to announce the addition of three new categories to the Sustainability Awards: Against All Odds, Collaborative Partnership, and Healthy and Safe Communities. SCAG is still taking nominations for Integrative Planning, Green Region Initiative, and Active Transportation. Applicants can submit their nomination under only one category. Submissions will be primarily evaluated based on criteria relevant to selected category. Examples of last year’s award winners can be found at the end of the nomination packet.

AGAINST ALL ODDS
Honors a sustainability planning effort completed by a public agency, jurisdiction, or community despite facing exceptional challenges and obstacles to success. Challenges include, but are not limited to, funding constraints, lack of capacity, and regulatory issues. Extra consideration will be given to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP
Honors a project that was completed as a partnership between two public entities or between a public entity and a private/non-profit organization. The Collaborative Partnership award serves to recognize stewards of sustainability who have worked together on a specific project or plan that improves the environment and quality of life within the SCAG region.

HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES
Honors a project or plan focused on public health and/or safety. Examples include, but are not limited to, plans that improve local air quality, access to healthy foods, traffic safety, physical activity, and contaminated industrial sites (i.e., brownfields).

INTEGRATED PLANNING
Honors a project or plan that is focused on the integration of land use and transportation planning. Submissions should identify how the project promotes infill, Transit Oriented Development, job and housing balance and other sustainable land use mixes.

GREEN REGION INITIATIVE
Honors a project or plan that addresses climate change through GHG emission reduction of adaptation planning. This includes projects that preserve rural, agricultural, recreational, and environmentally sensitive areas; promote energy and/or water efficiency and savings; ensure environmental justice regardless of race, ethnicity, or income class; and/or promotes overall sustainability on various resource issues.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
Honors a project or plan that promotes active (bicycle and pedestrian) transportation planning. Submissions could include projects that promotes physical activity, safety, education, and outreach; establish linkages within existing active transportation and transit networks; and encourage shift from cars to active transportation.
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The SCAG Sustainability Awards Program rewards those projects, programs, and actions (e.g., policy or ordinance) in the SCAG region that demonstrate the goals and benefits of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

For questions, contact India Brookover at (213) 236-1919 or brookover@scag.ca.gov

A. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Review the Eligibility and Evaluation Process and Criteria.
2. Select a category that best fits the submitted project.
3. There are four parts to the Sustainability Awards application:
   a. Submittal Form: PDF copies of the form are available online at www.sustain.scag.ca.gov.
   b. Evaluation Criteria Response: Responses should be 2,000 words or less. Keep in mind that the application will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and judges will favor entries that are persuasive and concise. PDF copies of the form can be completed electronically; you must have Adobe Acrobat 9 Standard to save changes to the form. Separate Microsoft Word documents will be accepted as well.
   c. Images: Include up to ten graphics to represent and demonstrate the quality of the project, program, or action. Images should be submitted in PowerPoint, as well as one of the following formats: TIFF, JPG, or PDF. Photographs that showcase the community surroundings and community involvement are encouraged.
   d. Letters of Support (not required): Applicants are encouraged to include letters of support from organizations and individuals involved in the project indicating why the project is worthy of an award.
4. The four parts of the application should be submitted electronically. To ensure all submittals are properly processed, please include the following information:
   a. Name of the submitting agency and project title in the subject line of the e-mail.
   b. Clear titles for each part of the application.

Please e-mail India Brookover at brookover@scag.ca.gov for a link to share the files.

Deadline for nomination packets must be submitted to SCAG no later than Tuesday, January 23, 2017 at 2 PM.

B. ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to all projects, programs, and actions taken within the SCAG region. Nominations are welcomed from cities, counties and sub regions, in combination with individual developers, consultants, builders, and others who strive to implement the goals and policies of the 2016 RTP/SCS. Agencies may submit up to three (3) nominations for different projects. Eligible submittals must have been completed or adopted after January 1, 2013 and prior to December 20, 2016.

C. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Projects will be evaluated by a review panel consisting of experts in the fields of planning and development. In an initial review, each entry will be scored based on how well the project meets the criteria of its category. Projects that score a minimum point total will qualify for a second review consisting of a group evaluation by the full panel of judges, who will ultimately determine the winning entries for each category.

D. AWARDS

Winners will be recognized at SCAG’s annual Regional Council & General Assembly in JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa on May 4-5, 2017.

Top winners will also receive a short video highlighting their winning project and the possibility to present their projects during the event.
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**SUBMITTAL FORM (FILL OUT ALL THAT ARE APPLICABLE)**

Provide contact information for the individual submitting this application.

**Select a Category that Best Fits Your Project:**

- Against all Odds
- Collaborative Partnership
- Healthy & Safe Communities
- Integrated Planning
- Green Region Initiative
- Active Transportation

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Submitter’s Organization Name & Address:

Provide contact information for an individual to act as liaison for all correspondence to/from SCAG regarding this application.

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Primary Contact’s Organization Name & Address:

Additional Contact Person *(other than the nominator)*:

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Project Name & Address:

Project Adoption, Construction, or Completion Date:

**Key Statistics (to the extent possible or applicable; e.g. number of units, miles of bike lanes, amount of reduced GHG emissions, number of people involved in public participation/outreach, etc.)**
Description (maximum 500 words) (Note: You may submit a separate document instead of completing the electronic form.)

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Name:                                      Date:
EVALUATION CRITERIA RESPONSE

1. List up to 5 examples of how the project meets the criteria for the selected category:
IMAGES

Please submit up to 10 supporting graphics in two formats: (1) PowerPoint; and (2) TIFF, JPG, or PDF at a minimum resolution of 150 pixels per inch. The graphics should be numbered, and a brief, one-sentence description of each image should be completed for each PowerPoint slide below, corresponding to the image number, as well as on the notes page for each slide in the PowerPoint presentation. Photographs are encouraged. You may combine image descriptions with a color “contact sheet” showing thumbnails of included images. Please keep in mind that the project images are instrumental in helping the jury reach its decision. In addition, they may be used to make a video to be presented at the Awards Program and SCAG’s Regional Conference & General Assembly, on SCAG’s website, and in case studies and articles; therefore, the higher the quality, the better.

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2016 Awardees

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Sustainable City pLAn

The Sustainable City pLAn is a comprehensive and actionable policy roadmap to prepare the city of Los Angeles for an environmentally healthy, economically prosperous, equitable future. The Sustainable City pLAn lays out ambitious short and long-term targets in 14 categories related to the environment, economy, and equity encompassing water conservation, clean energy, waste, green jobs, transportation, housing, and neighborhood livability.

Excellence Awards

EXCELLENCE IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Breeze Bike Share

Breeze Bike Share is a network of 500 public bicycles at 75 stations throughout Santa Monica and select locations in nearby Venice. This new program offers flexibility for one-way bike rides to get around town in a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly way and achieve community’s sustainability goals.

EXCELLENCE IN GREEN REGION INITIATIVE

ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Antelope Valley Electric Bus Fleet

For the past two years, the Antelope Valley Transit Authority has been working diligently in a commitment to environmental responsibility with a goal of a complete conversion to a 100 percent electric bus fleet. In 2014, the agency added two zero-emission, state-of-the-art all-electric buses to its transit fleet, manufactured by local Los Angeles electric vehicle company BYD Motors. On February 11th 2016, the AVTA board voted to award BYD Motors to build 85 all-electric buses for the transit agency, making it the first all-electric public transit fleet in the country. BYD, the world’s largest electric vehicle manufacturer, will manufacture up to 85 all-electric buses at its facility in Lancaster, California.
EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

COUNTY OF VENTURA
2015 Update to Saticoy Area Plan

Saticoy is a unique community in Ventura County with a stable residential neighborhood, several historic structures dating back to the late 1800s, and a commercial “Old Town” district that, while less vibrant now than during the community’s past, still contains locally-serving groceries and several small restaurants. The 2015 Update to the Saticoy Area Plan focuses on the physical and economic revitalization of Saticoy including new zoning, form-based zoning code, and a detailed implementation program. The project sets the stage for future reinvestment in Saticoy through improved land use and circulation patterns as well as increased opportunities for employment and affordable housing. Also integrated into each of the project’s components are greenhouse gas reductions, smart growth, sustainable infill development, multimodal transportation, and land use patterns that facilitate improvements to public health and the environment.

Achievement Awards

ACHIEVEMENT IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
Herando Street/ Harbor Drive Gateway Park and Cycle Track

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS
Metrolink and BRT Station Accessibility Project

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Quechan Crossing

ACHIEVEMENT IN GREEN REGION INITIATIVE

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

ACHIEVEMENT IN INTEGRATED LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

CITY OF SANTA ANA
Depot at Santiago

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program (TUMF)
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES:

» JANUARY 23, 2017 AT 2:00 PM Nomination Packet Deadline
» LATE MARCH 2017 SCAG Sustainability Award Winners Notification
» MAY 4-5, 2017 Sustainability Awards Program at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa