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MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE/
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*Wednesday, April 3, 2024
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS*

Lucy Dunn 3065 Brownbirds Nest Drive Henderson, NV 89052	Marshall Goodman CSULB School of Social Science and Public Affairs 1250 Bellflower Boulevard Room 344 Long Beach, CA 90815
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Deborah Robertson City of Rialto - City Hall 150 S. Palm Ave Rialto, CA 92376	Tim Sandoval City of Pomona - City Hall 505 S. Garey Ave Chuck Bader Conference Room Pomona, CA 91767

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EAC - Executive/Administration Committee
Members – April 2024

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- 6. Hon. David J. Shapiro**
CEHD Vice Chair, Calabasas, RC District 44
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- 12. Hon. Jose Luis Solache**
LCMC Vice Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26
- 13. Hon. Marshall Goodman**
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- 14. Hon. Clint Lorimore**
Eastvale, RC District 4, Pres. Appt.
- 15. Hon. Larry McCallon**
Air District Representative

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- 16. Hon. Tim McOsker**
Los Angeles, RC District 62

- 17. Hon. Andrew Masiel**
Tribal Govt Regl Planning Board Representative

- 18. Ms. Lucy Dunn**
Business Representative - Non-Voting Member

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
3:00 PM

The Executive/Administration Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Art Brown, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is *not* listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – March 6, 2024 PPG. 6
2. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG Region PPG. 16
3. Resolution No. 24-664-3 Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including Overall Work Program (OWP) PPG. 28

Receive and File

4. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 40
5. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 71

INFORMATION ITEM

6. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Update & Prioritization Principles PPG. 73

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

CFO REPORT

(Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director of Finance)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Art Brown, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employment

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: Executive Director

Public Employment

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Art Brown, President	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Sup. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.		Air District Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, 2 nd Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	Los Angeles County
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Art Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Brown asked Regional Council Member Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) Draft Comprehensive Budget

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, presented the members with the Draft Comprehensive Budget. She stated SCAG works collaboratively with its member agencies, to develop solutions for regional challenges, such as transportation, housing and air quality. She reported the proposed budget supported these goals and complied with SCAGs primary responsibility to develop sustainable community strategy, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, the annual Overall Work Program (OWP) and the transportation related local air quality management plans.

She referenced table 1 in the staff report which showed that the total budget totals were just under \$377.5 million. She shared this was down \$68 million from the current year budget. She explained that over 90% of the decrease could be attributed to 3 programs; Those being the wind down of the MSRC Last Mile Freight, the REAP 2019 programs, and the reduction of REAP 2021 funds based on fiscal year 24 forecasted expenditures. She reminded the members that they had assumed no reduction in their REAP 2021 funds in the proposed budget. She stated that once there was a final resolution on the State budget, staff would return to the Board for review and approval of any needed modifications to the REAP 2021 program. She reported the largest component of SCAGs budget was the overall work program, which totaled under \$370 million and spread across 34 different agency programs. She stated page 13 of the staff report had a chart that detailed the total budget for each program, and within the comprehensive budget document itself, they could find narratives on each program describing the objectives and alignment with SCAGs strategic plan. Ms. Giraldo shared there was a new funding source within the OWP, which was the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). She reported that after discussion with key stakeholders and consistent with SCAGs Regional Council direction, 35% of the local CRP funds were set aside for SCAG, while 65% were made available through a call for projects process. She stated the OWP included the use of nearly \$8.8 million of SCAGs portion of the CRP funds for 11 different projects, all aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation sources. She stated the projects were detailed in table 3 of the staff report. She highlighted major expenditure categories of the budget were detailed in Table 2 of the staff report and stated they included salaries and benefits for employees, which totaled, \$47.4 million, cash and in-kind commitments of \$81 million, which was again, almost entirely related to their last mile freight program. She stated this also included consultant and technical assistant and pass through payments totaling \$227 million, of which 85%, or \$191 million was REAP 2021 funded. She reported salaries and benefits amount to \$47.4 million, which was less than a 3% increase over the current year. She explained the small increase was predominantly attributed to SCAGs annual merit program, an increase in their unfunded pension liability payment and increasing benefit costs. She stated attachment 2 of the staff report provided details of the six position changes incorporated in the proposed budget, which nets to a total cost savings of \$559,000. She also stated that in addition, two new IT position classifications had been added to the salary schedule, which would allow for more leadership and specialized support within the division. She explained there was no budget impact as funding for these classifications had not been included in the proposed budget. Ms. Giraldo reported there was one new employee benefit being proposed, which is the addition of Veterans Day as a recognized non-work holiday. She detailed that while the addition of the Veterans Day holiday did not impact their total salary and benefits budget, they estimated the value of one workday as approximately \$137,000. She clarified that with the inclusion of Veteran's Day there would be a total of 10 staff holidays in addition to the 44 personal floating holiday hours. Finally, she reported the General Fund totals just over \$3 million. She explained the General Fund provided funding for the Regional Council and its subcommittees stipends, travel, the General Assembly, and other expenditures that may not be grant eligible. She reported the General Fund was predominantly funded through membership dues totaling \$2.7

million. She informed members that the detailed breakdown of the membership dues by agency was provided within the comprehensive budget document, starting on page 83 of the agenda packet.

Members of the Committee sought clarifying questions regarding unfunded pension liability and the TDA program budget which Ms. Giraldo addressed.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was provided in the agenda packet. The meeting video recording is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$377,421,908; 2) Authorize the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and 3) Approve the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment and transmit to the General Assembly. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Shapiro and Yokoyama (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. 2023 District Evaluation

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, provided a report on Item 2 and gave members background information of the process that had already occurred. He shared they had provided a presentation at the EAC retreat in June on the district evaluation process, including the bylaw requirements and the 2023 population data. He shared they had made a recommendation at that time that no changes be made due to the decrease in population size in the region. He shared they had proposed a meeting of the District Evaluation Committee (DEC) to review the process and to provide to a recommendation for to the Regional Council (RC). He stated that the DEC met in November and February and was now bringing a recommendation to EAC and RC. He detailed that per the Bylaw requirements they were required to have this review every 5 years. He stated it was based on city population data as most recently available from the Department of Finance, which should have a geographic community of interest and be of approximate equal population. He stated it could span multiple counties but must not cross subregional boundaries. He also stated they were limited to 70 districts and were currently at 69. He stated they were required to conduct outreach to subregional

organizations, and they could make recommendations for changes in their subregion. Furthermore, he discussed information regarding the decrease in population in the area. He reported that based on this information, at the first meeting of the DEC, staff recommended to keep things as they currently were. He stated that at the meeting the committee discussed the proposal and also discussed a verbal request submitted by the city of Santa Clarita requesting to add Santa Clarita as a single district and made the recommendation to move forward with staff's recommendations and seek subregional input. He stated they reached out to their subregional partners and had received five responses out of the 14 subregional organizations they had reached out to. He reported none of them requested any changes to the district boundaries or representation but received a written request from the city of Santa Clarita to become its own district. He detailed the city of Santa Clarita's proposal and shared they argued they were the most populous city in a multi-city district, and they continued to experience growth. He also stated they had set forth some justifications for adding San Fernando to District 54, including the fact that San Fernando shared its boundaries entirely with District 54. Furthermore, he stated that in addition to the proposal received from Santa Clarita, they received letters from District 54, and District 49 recommending staff's recommendation and not moving forward with the proposal put forth by Santa Clarita. He stated the justifications were along the lines of the fact that Santa Clarita did not meet the population requirement, and District 54 did. In addition, they stated that many of the justifications put forth [by Santa Clarita] were not part of what was included in the Bylaws for consideration. Mr. Elder shared that at the second DEC meeting, and after hearing a public comment from the city of Santa Clarita, it was decided to put forth the recommendation to remain as recommended by staff. However, he reported there was an additional recommendation added that, prior to the next DEC process in 5 years, a subcommittee be formed to do a more holistic review of the Bylaws and reach out to the subregional partners for input and bring those as any potential changes that should be done prior to the next process.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was provided in the agenda packet. The meeting video recording is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve the recommendation by the District Evaluation Committee, that the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council (RC):

- 1) Maintain the existing population range for each District of 245,000 to 345,000 and deviation of +/- 50,000.
- 2) Maintain the current District boundaries.
- 3) Maintain the current number of Districts.
- 4) Form a Subcommittee prior to the next District Evaluation process to evaluate the Bylaws requirements and make recommendations on potential changes to the process.

Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Shapiro and Yokoyama (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

- 3. Minutes of the Meeting – January 31, 2024
- 4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-015-C01, Research and Media Buying
- 5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

- 6. RHNA Reform Legislative Update
- 7. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
- 8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 3 through 5; and Receive and File Items 6 through 8. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Shapiro and Yokoyama (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported it had been a busy month for [the Finance department]. She shared they had reached a major milestone with the preparation and presentation of SCAGs proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which would now be released for public comment. She reported they had also been working on their second Budget Amendment for the current fiscal year which would be going before them the following month for approval. She explained that despite some challenging economic news from both the Federal and State levels, they continued to pursue grant funding at SCAG. She stated they had applied for the U.S. Department of Transportation 2024 Raise Program in February. She explained this was a discretionary program, and if they were successful, they would bring in \$9.5 million in Federal funds which would be matched with \$2.4 million of local funds to support the development of a comprehensive sustainable freight plan. This concluded her report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown reported they would be having a Joint Policy Committee meeting the following day where staff would present a summary of comments from the public review and comment periods for the draft Connect SoCal 2024, Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He informed the members that the Joint Policy Committee would be asked to recommend the draft Connect SoCal 2024 update to the Regional Council for adoption and how this plan balanced many needs and interests throughout the region. He stated an adopted plan was also required for the region to continue to receive approvals and funding for transportation projects. President Brown announced that registration for the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly was open. He stated early bird registration ended March 29 and for additional details, they could visit scag.ca.gov/ga2024. Additionally, President Brown reported he had a mobile workshop for Regional Council and Policy Committee members in San Bernardino County. He stated their first stop was a tour of the Esri Headquarters in the City of Redlands, where they met with CEO and founder Jack Dangermond. He shared Esri was the global market leader in geographic information systems mapping technology and had been a partner to SCAG over the past several years. He stated they also received presentations from Metrolink and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority on the new Metrolink Arrow Service. Lastly, he stated the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, highlighted an important staff report in the agenda packet for the Regional Council meeting scheduled for the following day. He shared the U.S. EPA was required to take action by July 1 on the South Coast Air Quality Management District 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 federal ozone standard. He informed the members that on February 2nd, the EPA published a notice of proposed disapproval of the air plan, which would set in motion a 24-month highway sanction clock for AQMD to address underlying issues in the plan. He stated that if

the issues were not addressed within the 24-month period, highway sanctions and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, impacting the ability of non-exempt highway capacity projects in the region to receive federal approval and funding. He reported SCAG provided comments on the substantial negative consequences of the EPA's proposed disapproval and requested an extension of the public comment period to allow analysis on the implications for the SCAG region. He stated the EPA granted this extension and comments were due April 3rd. Furthermore, he shared SCAG and county transportation commissions prepared a letter outlining significant implications of the disapproval and recommending that EPA consider full approval of the plan, conditional approval that supports meaningful partnerships, or partial approval that provides realistic and short pathway to resolve the underlying issues. Lastly, he stated the EPA and AQMD had been asked to provide a status report on the proposed disapproval at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings and that they would continue to evaluate potential impacts of highway sanctions and provide updates as they were available. Mr. Ajise shared that in alignment with President Brown's priorities in the EAC work plan for this fiscal year, they would hear a panel discussion on key issues and opportunities for goods movement in Southern California at the Regional Council meeting. He shared they invited speakers from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, the Arizona & California Railroad Company, Watt EV and Sysco Corporation. Lastly, Mr. Ajise shared he had toured the City of Adelanto with Mayor Gabriel Reyes, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Ramos and city staff. He shared the tour included an overview of Adelanto's challenges, including infrastructure and pedestrian safety needs. He also shared they had toured some local industry, including a prefabricated building manufacturer and two-cannabis manufacturers who represent the city's leading industry.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) - Trisha Sharma v. SCAG (LASC Case No. 22STCV38949)

There were no public comments for closed session. Seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

President Brown recessed the EAC into Closed Session.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

President Brown reconvened the meeting of the EAC.

Board Counsel Duran announced there was no reportable action.



ADJOURNMENT

President Brown announced that SCAG Regional Planner John Asuncion passed away after a long and heroic battle with cancer. He shared that John served the agency for more than 17 years and was a beloved colleague of the SCAG family. He took a moment of silence and adjourned the meeting in John's memory.

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:28 p.m. in memory of John Asuncion.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2023-24												Total M Attend To Da	
			31-May	29-Jun	30-Jun	JULY	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR		MAY
Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1		10
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		8	
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11	
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11	
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11	
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0		6	
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		9	
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0		7	
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		8	
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0		7	
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		10	
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11	
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		9	
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0		3	
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		5	
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		10	
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 - March 2024 (Minutes of the Meeting - March 6, 2024)



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile
Project Assessment for the SCAG Region

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-024-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$838,708 with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell), to conduct a Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG Region. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration. 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 29, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) granted the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) \$996,058 through the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program to support broadband infrastructure assessments. Following this, SCAG enlisted the expertise of Burns & McDonnell to collaborate on a Broadband Last Mile Assessment across the SCAG region. This initiative aims to establish the groundwork for last-mile infrastructure services for specific local jurisdictions, aligning with SCAG’s commitment to bridging the digital divide as outlined in its Digital Divide Resolution and Digital Action Plan, as well as the strategies detailed in Connect SoCal 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Burns & McDonnell 24-024-C01	The Project will support local jurisdictions that are missing the necessary technical, staff, and financial resources to pinpoint and examine potential areas and create preliminary engineering designs for last-mile services. It will identify and design three shovel-ready projects within its region. This effort will produce conceptual designs and advanced engineering plans, establishing the groundwork for three shovel-ready initiatives aimed at providing speeds of at least 100/100 or 100/20 Mbps to communities that are currently unserved or underserved.	\$838,708

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$838,708 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 100.4901.02 and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-024-C01
2. Conflict of Interest Form 24-024-C01

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-024-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell)

Background & Scope of Work:

On June 29, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) granted the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) \$996,058 through the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program to support broadband infrastructure assessments. Consistent with the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant, and consistent with SCAG’s Digital Divide resolution and Digital Action Plan, the Consultant and strategies detailed in Connect SoCal 2024, the consultant shall assist SCAG to identify and design three shovel-ready projects within its region. This effort will produce conceptual designs and advanced engineering plans, establishing the groundwork for three shovel-ready initiatives aimed at providing speeds of at least 100/100 or 100/20 Mbps to communities that are currently unserved or underserved.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

This project is designed to aid local jurisdictions that are currently lacking in technical expertise, staff, and financial resources, enabling them to identify and analyze potential areas for development and to create preliminary engineering designs for last-mile services. These services will be specifically directed towards areas in need, such as low-income households and communities of color, among others, to ensure equitable access to essential infrastructure.

Key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Special meetings with external stakeholders
- Regional infrastructure assessment of the SCAG Region
- ArcGIS File Geodatabase
- Gap analysis and Public Asset Inventory
- Market Assessment Report
- Technology Roadmap
- Last Mile Design

Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies and operations and promote regional collaboration. 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to deliver work products effectively and efficiently.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$838,708
Burns & McDonnell (prime consultant)	\$688,614
The Robert Group (subconsultant)	\$150,094

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2025

Project Number(s): Funding of \$838,708 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 100-4901.02 and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 20 firms from the Broadband bench contracts list of the release of RFP 24-024 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System. A total of six (6) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following proposal in response to the solicitation:

Burns & McDonnell (1 subconsultant)

Note: This solicitation was conducted as an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement and therefore as required by law each offeror was evaluated based on qualifications and not cost. The Proposal Review Committee ranked Burns & McDonnell as the qualified proposer and their cost proposal was kept sealed.

After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed the six (6) firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. One firm responded to staff’s inquiry, which disclosed the main reason this firm did not respond was they did not have the bandwidth to respond to this RFP. Note staff advertised the RFP for 4 weeks, however, after receiving only 1 offer, staff extended the due date for another 14 days to allow more time for proposers. After the extension, SCAG still received only (1) proposal. Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer. Staff believes that soliciting for a third time would not likely yield a different result and needed to maintain the project’s schedule and therefore proceeded to evaluate the one (1) offer.

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the one proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Marisa Laderach, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
- Roland Ok, Planning Supervisor, SCAG
- Maiten Mowreader, Senior Digital Equity Planner, SANDAG
- Randy Bowman, Program Manager – Transportation, Coachella Valley Association of Governments

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Burns & McDonnell for the contract award because the consultant:

- Provided a comprehensive proposal that showcased extensive knowledge of broadband infrastructure;
- Exhibited high-level comprehension of the project's vision and overarching objectives, particularly highlighting the critical connectivity deficit in local jurisdictions marked by high densities of low-income households and

communities of color, underscoring the urgency for enhanced broadband infrastructure to promote digital equity;

- Offered an effective technical strategy, detailing the development of an infrastructure assessment ArcGIS file Geodatabase, methodology for needs assessment, identification of priority areas, public outreach strategies, and high-level engineering design;
- Presented a feasible project management plan and timeline that aligns with the requirements and deadlines specified in the CPUC grant guidelines;
- Demonstrated extensive experience working with local jurisdictions and agencies within the SCAG region such as the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the San Pedro Bay Ports, LA Metro, and West Hollywood; and
- Demonstrated they are a nationally acclaimed leading firm known for its expertise and services in broadband planning.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For April 4, 2024 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-024-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$838,708 with Burns & McDonnell, to conduct a Last Mile Project Assessment for the SCAG Region. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (prime consultant)	No - form attached
The Robert Group (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP 24-024

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG’s Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG’s Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under “GET INVOLVED”, then “Contract & Vendor Opportunities” and scroll down under the “Vendor Contracts Documents” tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under “ABOUT US” then “OUR TEAM” then “Employee Directory”; and Regional Council members can be found under “MEETINGS”, then scroll down to “LEADERSHIP” then select “REGIONAL COUNCIL” on the left side of the page and click on “Regional Council Officers and Member List.”

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG’s Legal Division, especially if you answer “yes” to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Matt Olson

Project Title: Last Mile Project Assessment

RFP Number: 24-024 **Date Submitted:** 11/16/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Attachment: Conflict of Interest Form 24-024-C01 (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile Project Assessment for

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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_____	_____

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

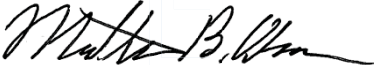
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Matt Olson, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Vice President of (firm name) Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 11/16/2023 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



11/16/2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.

These questions have been answered to the best of our knowledge.

Attachment: Conflict of Interest Form 24-024-C01 (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile Project Assessment for

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP 24-024

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: The Robert Group

Name of Preparer: Christine Robert

Project Title: Last Mile Project Assessment

RFP Number: 24-024 **Date Submitted:** 11/16/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

YES NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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_____	_____

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

YES NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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Attachment: Conflict of Interest Form 24-024-C01 (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-024-C01, Last Mile Project Assessment for

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

YES NO

If “yes,” please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

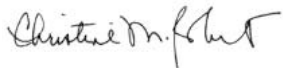
Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Christine Robert, **hereby declare that I am the (position or title)** President **of (firm name)** The Robert Group, **and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated November 2, 2023 **is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.****



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

November 2, 2023

Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Resolution No. 24-664-3 Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24
Comprehensive Budget including Overall Work Program (OWP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt Resolution No. 24-664-3 approving a second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$9,652, including:

1. A second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Work Program (FY24 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$22,351 (including an \$8,245 increase in allocated indirect cost), increasing the FY24 OWP Budget from \$437,388,777 to \$437,411,128;
2. A second amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, in the amount of \$6,146, increasing the Indirect Cost Budget from \$35,358,096 to \$35,364,242, and the net impact to the Comprehensive Budget due to the indirect cost budget change and allocated indirect cost change is (\$2,099); and
3. A second amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of (\$10,600), reducing the General Fund Budget from \$3,146,957 to \$3,136,357.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC) adopt Resolution No. 24-664-3 approving a second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$9,652, including:

1. A second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Work Program (FY24 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$22,351 (including an \$8,245 increase in allocated indirect cost), increasing the FY24 OWP Budget from \$437,388,777 to \$437,411,128;
2. A second amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, in the amount of \$6,146, increasing the Indirect Cost Budget from \$35,358,096 to \$35,364,242, and the net impact to the Comprehensive Budget due to the indirect cost budget change and allocated indirect cost change is (\$2,099); and
3. A second amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of (\$10,600), reducing the General Fund Budget from \$3,146,957 to \$3,136,357.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the EAC and RC adopt Resolution No. 24-664-3 approving a second amendment (Budget Amendment 2) to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$9,652, including:

- 1. A second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Work Program (FY24 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$22,351 (including an \$8,245 increase in allocated indirect cost), increasing the FY24 OWP Budget from \$437,388,777 to \$437,411,128;***
- 2. A second amendment to the Indirect Cost Budget, in the amount of \$6,146, increasing the Indirect Cost Budget from \$35,358,096 to \$35,364,242, and the net impact to the Comprehensive Budget due to the indirect cost budget change and allocated indirect cost change is (\$2,099); and***
- 3. A second amendment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of (\$10,600), reducing the General Fund Budget from \$3,146,957 to \$3,136,357.***

BACKGROUND:

On May 3 and 4, 2023, the EAC and RC, respectively, approved the FY 2023-24 Final Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$350.34 million. Of which, the FY 2023-24 OWP budget was in the amount of \$342.25 million. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) subsequently approved SCAG's FY 2023-24 OWP on May 30, 2023.

On November 2, 2023, the EAC and RC approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP), increasing the budget from \$350.34 million to \$445.56 million. The 2023-24 OWP budget was also increased from \$342.25 million to \$437.39 million. The changes were primarily due to adjustments to account for the actual grant balances certified by Caltrans and adjustments for other carryovers for various Federal, State, and Local funding sources.

DISCUSSION:**A. Budget Amendment**

Staff recommends that the EAC and RC approve Budget Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$9,652, increasing the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget from \$445.56 million to \$445.57 million. Table 1 shows the changes to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget Funding Sources:

FUNDING SOURCES	FY24 Amend #1	Change	FY24 Amend #2
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	30,246,010	(531,779)	29,714,231
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	19,301,042	38,240	19,339,282
Federal Other	4,365,489	110,000	4,475,489
State Other	9,174,511	505,000	9,679,511
State Highway Account (SHA)	299,959	-	299,959
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	8,924,120	-	8,924,120
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grants (REAP 2019)	12,221,469	-	12,221,469
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants (REAP 2.0)	239,697,681	-	239,697,681
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	16,697,495	-	16,697,495
TDA	5,725,773	(63,498)	5,662,275
In-Kind Commitments	6,039,118	(73,500)	5,965,618
Cash/Local Other	85,754,160	37,888	85,792,048
General Fund	3,146,957	(10,600)	3,136,357
Fringe Benefits Carryforward	1,130,592	-	1,130,592
Indirect Cost Carryforward	2,578,112	-	2,578,112
Indirect Cost Budget Change/Allocated Indirect Cost Change	256,740	(2,099)	254,641
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	445,559,228	9,652	445,568,880

i. Amendment 02 to the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Budget Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget includes an increase to the FY 2023-24 OWP in the amount of \$22,351, increasing the FY 2023-24 OWP budget from \$437.39 million to \$437.41 million. Table 2 shows the changes to the FY 2023-24 OWP Funding Sources:

FUNDING SOURCES	FY24 Amend #1	Change	FY24 Amend #2
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	30,246,010	(531,779)	29,714,231
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Federal Other	4,365,489	110,000	4,475,489
State Other	9,174,511	505,000	9,679,511
State Highway Account (SHA)	299,959	-	299,959
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	8,924,120	-	8,924,120
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2019 Grants (REAP 2019)	12,221,469	-	12,221,469
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants (REAP 2.0)	239,697,681	-	239,697,681
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	16,697,495	-	16,697,495
TDA	4,975,391	(63,498)	4,911,893
In-Kind Commitments	6,039,118	(73,500)	5,965,618
Cash/Local Other	85,446,492	37,888	85,484,380
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	437,388,777	22,351	437,411,128

- 1) **(\$531,779)** decrease for FHWA PL and a **\$38,240** increase for FTA 5303 (Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG) funds) due to adjustments needed to reflect the Final FY 2023-24 CPG Allocation amount, consistent with the letter issued by Caltrans;
- 2) **\$110,000** increase in Federal Other funds to account for year four of the U.S. Department of Energy grant for Clean Cities Coalition Network – Outreach, Education, and Performance

Tracking Program. The renewal grant agreement is currently pending execution and is anticipated to be executed in Fiscal Year 2023-24;

- 3) **\$505,000** increase for State Other funds, including:
 - a. \$500,000 for programming the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant funding for a project to support the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study and Landscape Analysis White Paper. The grant agreement is currently pending execution and is anticipated to be executed in Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
 - b. \$5,000 for cash contribution provided by Caltrans to support the expert panel speaking engagement services for the Transportation User Fee project;
- 4) **(\$63,498)** decrease for Transportation Development Act (TDA), **(\$73,500)** decrease for In-Kind Commitments, and a **\$37,888** increase for Cash/Local Other contributions primarily due to match funding adjustments to support various transportation planning activities.

Table 3 shows the changes to the FY 2023-24 OWP expenditures in the amount of \$22,351:

Table 3. FY 2023-24 OWP Expenditures			
OWP EXPENDITURES	FY24 Amend #1	Change	FY24 Amend #2
Salaries, Allocated Fringe Benefits and Indirect Costs	55,069,385	14,250	55,083,635
Consultants*	270,722,449	335,748	271,058,197
Non-Profits/IHL	-	-	-
In-Kind Commitments	6,039,118	(73,500)	5,965,618
Cash/Local Other	84,259,265	37,888	84,297,153
Other Costs	21,298,560	(292,035)	21,006,525
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	437,388,777	22,351	437,411,128

*Consultants included: Consultant, Consultant TC, Consultant TA, Consultant Admin REAP

- 1) **\$14,250** increase in Salaries, Allocated Fringe Benefits, and Indirect Costs due to reallocating the staff time from the Indirect Cost Budget to the OWP Budget;
- 2) **\$335,748** increase in consultants, primarily due to activities associated with the new SALC grant as well as adjustments to reflect the latest grant budget for special grants, incorporating any revisions made to date;
- 3) **(\$73,500)** decrease for In-Kind Commitments as a match to support various grant activities;
- 4) **\$37,888** increase for the Cash/Local Other to account for the partner agency contributions for the Last Mile Freight Program and
- 5) **(\$292,035)** decrease for Other Costs primarily due to adjustments made to the set-aside unprogrammed CPG for the FY 2024-25 OWP to account for the reduction in the Final FY 2023-24 CPG Allocation amount.

Attachment 2 includes a detailed list of FY 2023-24 OWP Budget changes. The updated FY 2023-24 OWP incorporating Amendment 2 changes will be submitted to Caltrans following the EAC and RC approval and is available online at https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2_fy_2023-2024_owp_formal_amendment_2.pdf?1711126334.

ii. Indirect Cost Budget

This Budget Amendment results in an increase of \$6,146 to the Indirect Cost Budget. The proposed changes include:

- **(\$6,954)** reduction in Salaries and Allocated Fringe Benefits due to reallocating the staff time from the Indirect Cost Budget to the OWP Budget;
- **\$2,500** increase in Travel to support the Legal Division travel budget needs; and
- **\$10,600** increase in Professional Membership to reallocate the eligible professional membership budget from the General Fund Budget to the Indirect Cost Budget.

The amended Indirect Cost Budget includes \$35.36 million for staff salaries, fringe benefits, and other non-labor costs not attributable to an individual direct program. The increase in the allocated indirect costs under the OWP Budget offsets the increase to the Indirect Cost Budget, resulting in a net budget impact of (\$2,099) (\$6,146 Indirect Cost Budget increase less \$8,245 increase in allocated indirect costs).

iii. General Fund Budget

This Budget Amendment results in a reduction of **(\$10,600)** to the General Fund Budget, reducing the total budget from \$3.15 million to \$3.14 million. The reduction is to account for the Professional Membership budget shift from the General Fund Budget to the Indirect Cost Budget, as described in the Indirect Cost Budget section above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budget Amendment 2 increases the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$9,652 increasing the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget from \$445.56 million to \$445.57 million, which includes an increase to the FY 2023-24 OWP in the amount of \$22,351, increasing the OWP budget from \$437.39 million to \$437.41 million. After approval by the EAC and RC, Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 OWP will be submitted to Caltrans for final approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. List of Budget Changes - FY24 OWP Amendment 2
2. Resolution No. 24-664-3 - Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget Including Overall Work Program (OWP)

Sarah Jepson	115.4912.03	AI-Based Mobility Monitoring System and Analytics Demonstration Pilot	Other												Task Manager Change
Cindy Giraldo	120.0175.01	OWP Development & Administration	Staff	(45,043)	(78,691)	38,814								(5,166)	Adjusted the CPG revenue funding to match the allocated CPG
Cindy Giraldo	120.0175.01	OWP Development & Administration	Staff	(18,638)	(16,500)									(2,138)	Adjusted the CPG revenue funding to match the allocated CPG
Sarah Jepson	130.0162.18	Goods Movement Planning	Staff	(112,956)	(100,000)									(12,956)	Adjusted the CPG revenue funding to match the allocated CPG
Sarah Jepson	140.0121.01	Transit Planning	Staff	(68,117)	(60,304)									(7,813)	FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	140.0121.02	Passenger Rail Planning	Staff	(107,039)	(94,762)									(12,277)	FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	140.0121.08	Transit Performance Monitoring and Target Setting	Staff	(4,519)	(4,001)									(518)	FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	156.4939.01	The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan	Other	-											Step and product date change.
Sarah Jepson	225.3564.19	FY24 OTS - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program	Consultant	609									609		Reallocated the budget within the task based on the latest grant budget approved by the funding agency
Sarah Jepson	225.3564.19	FY24 OTS - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program	Staff	(609)									(609)		Reallocated the budget within the task based on the latest grant budget approved by the funding agency
Sarah Jepson	225.3564.20	SCAG Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform	Consultant	(1,135)									(1,135)		Reallocated the budget within the task based on the latest grant budget approved by the funding agency
Sarah Jepson	225.3564.20	SCAG Transportation Safety Predictive Modeling and Analysis Platform	Staff	1,135									1,135		Reallocated the budget within the task based on the latest grant budget approved by the funding agency
Sarah Jepson	230.0174.05	Regional Aviation Program Development and Implementation in support of RTP/SCS	Staff	(22,074)	(19,542)									(2,532)	FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	235.4900.01	LIST - General Plan Technical Assistance, RDP Technical Assistance, or Local Data Exchange Technical Assistance	Staff	(49,661)	(43,965)									(5,696)	FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	267.1241.04	SCAG and DOE/NETL Clean Cities Coalition Coordination	Staff	110,000								110,000			Programming FY25 grant funds for the DOE grant
Sarah Jepson	275.4892.02	Sustainable Communities Program - 2020 Call 1 (ATP Cycle 5)	Staff	(14,421)				(14,421)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	275.4895.02	Sustainable Communities Program - 2020 Call 3 (FY23 SB1 Formula)	Staff	(25,392)				(25,392)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	275.4895.02	Sustainable Communities Program - 2020 Call 3 (FY23 SB1 Formula)	Staff	(12,002)				(12,002)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	275.4895.02	Sustainable Communities Program - 2020 Call 3 (FY23 SB1 Formula)	Staff	14,987				14,987							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Consultant	(5,000)				(5,000)							Task manager update; reallocated the budget to Other Meeting Expense
Sarah Jepson	290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Staff	5,000				5,000							Reallocated the budget from Consultant expenditure
Sarah Jepson	290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Staff	(64,158)				(64,158)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	290.4827.03	Mobility Innovations & Incentives Study	Staff	(14,989)				(14,989)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	290.4862.04	Regional Advance Mitigation and Conservation Planning (FY 24 SB1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4869.02	Regional Resiliency Analysis (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4905.01	SB 743 VMT Mitigation Assistance Program (FY22 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	825				825							Increased the consultant budget
Sarah Jepson	290.4915.01	Connect SoCal - Development of Land Use Strategies (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Consultant	(75,000)				(8,603)	(66,397)						Reallocated the budget to a new task
Sarah Jepson	290.4915.01	Connect SoCal - Development of Land Use Strategies (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Staff	(106,982)					(94,711)					(12,271)	Reallocated the budget to a new task
Sarah Jepson	290.4915.02	Connect SoCal - Development of Land Use Strategies (FY24 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4915.04	Connect SoCal-Development of 15-Minute Community Strategies (FY23 SB1 Formula)	Consultant	181,981				20,873	161,108						New task; FY23 SB1 funds shifted from 290.4915.01
Sarah Jepson	290.4919.01	Regional Advanced Mitigation Program Development (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4919.01	Regional Advanced Mitigation Program Development (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4919.01	Regional Advanced Mitigation Program Development (FY23 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	290.4931.01	SCAG Regional Travel Survey (FY24 SB 1 Formula)	Other	-											Step and product date change
Sarah Jepson	300.4887.01	2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)	Consultant	(62,358)					(62,358)						Decreased Consultant budget for estimated FY24 CO
Sarah Jepson	300.4887.01	2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)	Staff	195,150					195,150						FTE Shifts; updated the budget based on the latest grant reconciliation document
Sarah Jepson	300.4887.02	TOD & PGA Work Programs - LA Metro	Staff	(15,660)					(15,660)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	300.4887.04	Priority Growth Area Strategies	Staff	58,498					58,498						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	300.4888.01	Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) (AB 101)	Staff	(287,469)					(287,469)						Decreased legal services budget
Sarah Jepson	300.4889.01	Subregional Partnership Program (AB 101)	Consultant	(110,478)					(110,478)						Decreased Consultant budget for estimated FY24 Carryover
Sarah Jepson	300.4889.01	Subregional Partnership Program (AB 101)	Consultant	(2,964)					(2,964)						Decreased Consultant admin budget for estimated FY24 Carryover
Sarah Jepson	300.4889.01	Subregional Partnership Program (AB 101)	Staff	178,766					178,766						FTE Shifts; updated the budget based on the latest grant reconciliation document
Sarah Jepson	300.4890.02	Research/Policy Briefs, Honorariums, University Partnerships (AB 101)	Staff	(3,916)					(3,916)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	300.4891.01	Reporting and Invoicing (AB 101)	Staff	(45,614)					(45,614)						Reduced Misc Labor budget
Sarah Jepson	300.4891.01	Reporting and Invoicing (AB 101)	Staff	70,080					70,080						Increased Misc Labor budget
Sarah Jepson	300.4891.01	Reporting and Invoicing (AB 101)	Staff	54,414					54,414						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	300.4891.02	REAP Grant Program Management	Staff	(28,449)					(28,449)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	303.4917.01	Economic Empowerment - New Funding and Partnerships	Staff	(117,164)				(117,164)							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	305.4925.01	REAP 2.0 - Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)	Staff	(363,725)					(363,725)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.01	REAP 2.0 - Early Program Initiatives	Other	-					-						Project Manager/Steps/Products update
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.01	REAP 2.0 - Early Program Initiatives	Staff	217,238					217,238						FTE Shifts

Sarah Jepson	305.4927.02	REAP 2.0 - Early Program Initiatives - DMTTA	Other	-														Project Manager/Steps/Products update
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.03	REAP 2.0 Early Initiatives - SCP Call 4	Other	-														Project Manager/Steps/Products update
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.03	REAP 2.0 Early Initiatives - SCP Call 4	Staff	74,521								74,521						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.04	REAP 2.0 Early Initiatives - SRP 2.0	Other	-														Project Manager/Steps/Products update
Sarah Jepson	305.4927.04	REAP 2.0 Early Initiatives - SRP 2.0	Staff	(187,435)								(187,435)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	305.4928.01	REAP 2.0 - Program Development and Outreach	Staff	(191,796)								(191,796)						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	305.4929.01	REAP 2.0 - Project Administration	Staff	414,140								414,140						Shifted FTEs to REAP 1.0 and increased Misc Labor
Sarah Jepson	305.4929.01	REAP 2.0 - Project Administration	Staff	37,057								37,057						FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.01	Connect SoCal Development	Consultant TC	75,470							75,470							Reallocated the budget from another task to increase the
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.01	Connect SoCal Development	Staff	(14,596)	(12,922)													(1,674) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.02	Key Connections Strategy Team	Staff	(24,328)	(21,537)													(2,791) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.02	Key Connections Strategy Team	Staff	(22,593)	(20,002)													(2,591) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	14,421							14,421							FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(37,271)	(32,996)													(4,275) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(30,212)	(26,747)													(3,465) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(14,596)	(12,922)													(1,674) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(24,325)	(21,535)													(2,790) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(27,113)	(24,003)													(3,110) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(10,158)	(8,993)													(1,165) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	(18,442)	(16,326)													(2,116) FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	310.4874.03	Planning Studios	Staff	21,473	19,010													2,463 FTE Shifts
Sarah Jepson	315.4898.01	Last Mile Freight Program (MSRC)	Consultant	37,888														37,888 Increased the in-kind commitments based on the latest match requirement for the grant
Sarah Jepson	320.4902.01	Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation	Staff/Consultant	-														- Updated the budget based on the latest grant budget approved by
TOTAL				\$ 22,351	\$ (531,779)	\$ 38,240	\$ (63,498)	\$ -	\$ 505,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ (35,612)	



RESOLUTION NO. 24-664-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING AMENDMENT 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, SCAG has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget that includes the following budget components: the Overall Work Program (OWP); the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; the TDA Budget; the General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; and the Fringe Benefits Budget; and

WHEREAS, the OWP is the basis for SCAG's annual regional planning activities and budget; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the OWP Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG for the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), and the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is also eligible to receive other Federal and/or State grant funds and/or local funds for certain regional transportation planning related activities. For such funding upon award, the funds are implemented through the OWP and, SCAG and the applicable Federal or State agency shall execute the applicable grant agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, SCAG's Regional Council approved the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP in May 2023, which was subsequently approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in May 2023. The Regional Council approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP, will result in: an OWP budget increase of \$22,351, from \$437,388,777 to \$437,411,128; an Indirect Cost budget increase of \$6,146, from \$35,358,096 to \$35,364,242; a General Fund budget decrease of \$10,600, from \$3,146,957 to \$3,136,357; and

Attachment: Resolution No. 24-664-3 - Approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget Including Overall Work Program

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, along with its corresponding staff report and this resolution, has been reviewed and discussed by SCAG's Regional Council on April 4, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, and as further described in the recitals above, is approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes the submittal of Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 OWP to the participating State and Federal agencies.
2. The Regional Council hereby authorizes the submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2023-24 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) to the participating State and Federal agencies.
3. SCAG pledges to pay or secure in cash or services, or both, the matching funds necessary for financial assistance.
4. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to execute all related agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council.
5. The SCAG Bylaws give the SCAG Executive Director authority to administer the Personnel Rules. In accordance with that authority, the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP to implement the Personnel Rules.
6. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make and submit to the applicable funding agencies, the necessary work program, and budget amendments to SCAG's FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, based on actual available funds and to draw funds as necessary on a line of credit or other requisition basis.
7. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to submit grant applications and execute the applicable grant agreements and any amendments with the applicable Federal or State agency and to implement grant funds through SCAG's OWP, and this includes submittal and execution of the required Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) with Caltrans, as part of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Programs, which includes a grant project entitled, "The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan."
8. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2023-24 OWP that do not affect the delivery of regional transportation planning tasks, activities, steps, products, or the funding amounts listed on the OWPA.

9. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; the Fringe Benefit Budget; FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; and the TDA Budget that do not exceed the overall funding amounts approved by the SCAG Regional Council and the participating State and Federal agencies.
10. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2023-24 TDA Budget, including exceeding the TDA Budget approved by the Regional Council, for the purpose of allocating additional funding to projects that are included in the approved OWP, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the OWP approved by the Regional Council.
11. The Executive Administration Committee, as authorized by the General Assembly through the General Fund budget adoption, and to be consistent with such delegation from the General Assembly, is delegated authority and authorized to make amendments to the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance.
12. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute subrecipient agreements (e.g., memorandum of understanding) and related documents, on behalf of the Regional Council, involving the expenditure of funds programed under the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 4th day of April, 2024.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's
Approval Threshold

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
South Bay Workforce Investment Board	Honorarium, Advisory Group	\$6,440
Progress Software	DevCraft License Renewal	\$9,055
CALCOG	Leadership Training	\$9,900
CVENT, Inc.	Event Registration Equipment	\$10,035
Pinnacle Business Solutions, Inc.	VEEAM Renewal	\$21,000
BB2 Technology Group, Inc.	VEEAM Data Platform License	\$23,984
Daily Journal Corporation	Public Notices Draft PEIR	\$34,045

SCAG executed the following Contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Accent on Languages, Inc. 24-017-C01	The consultant will provide translation and interpretation services of technical and standard content to support the development and adoption process of agency programs.	\$52,620
BB2 Technology Group, Inc.	This contract is for the purchase of Microsoft	\$114,048



<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24-006-C01	Windows Server Datacenter Edition - Licenses & Software Assurance in support of SCAG's 250+ enterprise servers.	
Third Wave Corporation 23-029-C01	The consultant will evaluate current HR processes and define a comprehensive implementation strategy for an integrated HRIS solution.	\$123,451
Intertwined, Inc. 24-026-C01	The consultant will provide event coordinator services, and logistical and stage management support for SCAG signature events, such as the General Assembly and the Economic Summit.	\$129,845
Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color 24-032-C01	This contract is to provide comprehensive printing services for reports, brochures, fact sheets, and other materials in support of SCAG plans and projects.	\$137,811
Estolano Advisors 24-014-C01	The consultant will support the implementation of SCAG's Water Action Resolution and conduct research, stakeholder interviews, and landscape analysis of water management practices, and make recommendations on SCAG's potential role to help address water issues regionally.	\$187,329
Dalberg Consulting-U.S., LLC 24-020-C01	The consultant will support the development of a region-wide report with recommendations and best practices that address barriers to economic opportunities, such as job training and employment, with an emphasis on lower-income communities and communities of color.	\$243,409
Carahsoft Technology Corp. 24-005-C01	This contract is for the implementation of ServiceNow, an integrated platform that provides IT service management solutions i.e. Ideas, Service Requests, Incidents, Projects, Portfolio, Release, and Change Management.	\$271,898



<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Circulate Planning 24-023-C01	The consultant will support the implementation of SCAG’s Go Human Community Streets Grant Program, including approximately twelve (12) non-profit community-based organization sub-recipients throughout the grant period, coordinate five (5) Kit of Parts deployments for temporary safety demonstration projects, and produce and distribute Go Human safety advertisements.	\$311,131

SCAG executed the following Contract Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 and 30% of the initial contract value:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment’s Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
KOA Corporation 21-015-C01, Amend. 5	The consultant will continue to provide project evaluation for the four (4) quick-build demonstration projects for the cities of El Monte, Calexico, Glendale, and Pasadena under the ATP Cycle 4 grant program.	\$49,041
Fehr and Peers 21-058-C01, Amend. 2	The consultant will continue to support SCAG’s Heavy-Duty Truck (HDT) model, specifically revising Task 5 to enhance the truck model components and develop a framework for a new establishment-based freight survey.	\$89,310
AECOM Technical Services 21-047-MRFP-14, Amend. 2	The consultant will continue to support SCAG’s Regional Resilience Framework and stakeholders in preparing applications for funding under the EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.	\$107,703

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-017-C01
2. Contract Summary 24-006-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-029-C01
4. Contract Summary 24-026-C01
5. Contract Summary 24-032-C01
6. Contract Summary 24-014-C01
7. Contract Summary 24-020-C01
8. Contract Summary 24-005-C01



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9. Contract Summary 24-023-C01
 10. Contract Summary 21-015-C01 Amend. 5
 11. Contract Summary 21-058-C01 Amend. 2
 12. Contract Summary 21-047-MRFP 14 Amend. 2

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 24-017-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Accent on Languages, Inc.											
Background & Scope of Work:	The consultant shall provide translation and interpretation services of technical and standard content to support the development and adoption process of agency programs and services, including Connect SoCal, SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.											
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide written translation for various key documents in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese; and • Provide interpretation services, including American Sign Language, for public events as needed. 											
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.											
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$52,620</p> <p>Accent on Languages (prime consultant) Bubel Consulting (subconsultant)</p> <p>Contract amount is inclusive of all foreseen expenses for delivering translation and interpretation services. Consultant will be reimbursed by their labor hourly rates on an as needed basis.</p>											
Contract Period:	February 23, 2024 through January 31, 2027											
Project Number(s):	<p>090-0148B.01 \$52,620</p> <p>Funding source(s): Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Transit Administration (FTA 5303).</p> <p>Funding of \$7,650 is available in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget and \$44,970 is expected to be available in future fiscal years.</p>											
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 84 firms of the release of RFP 23-022 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 25 firms downloaded the RFP.</p> <p>SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation. Note: the amounts below were derived using the same assumptions for a 3-year period (estimated number of documents to be translated per language and standard interpreter hourly fee):</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Accent on Languages (1 subconsultant)</td> <td align="right">\$41,190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance OC. (disqualified, DBE not met)</td> <td align="right">N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Focus Language International; (no subconsultants)</td> <td align="right">\$30,440</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Language Bank, Inc. (no subconsultants)</td> <td align="right">\$58,650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leken Translations (disqualified, DBE not met)</td> <td align="right">N/A</td> </tr> </table>		Accent on Languages (1 subconsultant)	\$41,190	Advance OC. (disqualified, DBE not met)	N/A	Focus Language International; (no subconsultants)	\$30,440	Language Bank, Inc. (no subconsultants)	\$58,650	Leken Translations (disqualified, DBE not met)	N/A
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Attachment: Contract Summary 24-017-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

The proposed amounts do not include minimum interpreter and translation fees, equipment, technician, and set up fees which differ between firms. The selected firm has the lowest technician hourly fee, the most reasonable rush service fee, and the minimum charge per assignment.

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC conducted two (2) interviews of the highest ranked proposals.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Margaret de Larios, Communications Supervisor, SCAG
Francesca Ramos, Public Affairs Specialist II, SCAG
Tom Vo, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommends Accent on Languages because the consultant team:

- Provided detailed information on how the consultant team conducts translation and interpretation services which showcased a streamlined process that entails rigorous reviews and translations that are both system and person based.
- Provided a “glossary management” system within their technical approach that highlighted their endeavor to provide consistency, especially when it comes to translations with highly technical content. This will provide streamlining of translations and will make for a more efficient review of documents and their translations.
- Provided an in-depth summary of the interpretation skills and role of the interpreter and the Code of Ethics that they must adhere to. This portion of the technical approach was distinctive from the other proposals.
- Provided an extensive Quality Control Plan that included the various industry standards that they adhere to and a Multi-dimensional Quality Metrics Model which is a system that allows Accent to assess translation quality based on SCAG’s expectations and needs.
- Has a highly qualified team of experts with comparable experiences which add content knowledge that will assist with the “glossary management” system. Relevant experience includes work with Alameda County, AC Transit, BART, and San Diego County.
- Provided reasonable rates that are in with a standard industry range and are in line with the projected cost estimate for the contract.
- Provided a thoughtful and detailed presentation during the interview period which showcased systems and processes within their organization.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-006-C01

Recommended Consultant:	BB2 TECHNOLOGY GROUP INC
Background & Scope of Work:	This contract is for the purchase of Microsoft Windows Server Datacenter Edition - Licenses & Software Assurance in support of SCAG’s 250+ enterprise servers. These servers support daily operations, business functions, and communications across the agency and with our partner agencies and local jurisdictions. The licenses and software assurance helps SCAG keep business technologies up to date, secure, and responsive to business needs.
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enterprise server licenses and updates necessary to run business applications for SCAG;• Scalability and high availability of SCAG’s large data warehouses and line-of-business applications; and• Software assurance which keeps critical systems up to date, secure, and configured on best practices for the agency.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal No. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$114,048
Contract Period:	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Project Number(s):	811-1163.17 \$114,048 Funding source(s): Indirect Cost Program Funding of \$114,048 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811-1163.17.
Basis for Selection:	In accordance with SCAG’s Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG’s federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially “piggy-backing” on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with the Omnia Partners Contract: NCPA 01-97 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted pricing for Electronic Signatures

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-029-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Third Wave Corporation

Background & Scope of Work:

This project aims to evaluate our current HR processes (as-is) and define a comprehensive implementation strategy for an integrated HRIS solution (to-be). This strategy will guide the selection and implementation of a new HRIS that streamlines workflows, improves data accuracy and accessibility, and empowers data-driven HR practices.

The consultant will perform the following key tasks:

- **Discovery and Needs Analysis:** This involves conducting workshops and interviews to assess current HR processes, identify pain points, and define user needs.
- **Requirements Development:** Functional and technical requirements for the new HRIS will be documented based on the needs analysis.
- **HRIS Evaluation and Selection:** The consultant will assist in evaluating potential HRIS solutions based on our defined requirements and develop a shortlist of qualified vendors.
- **Implementation Strategy:** A comprehensive implementation plan will be developed outlining system configuration, data migration strategies, user training, and change management activities.

Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:

Implementing a modern, integrated HRIS solution will yield significant benefits for our organization, including:

- Optimization of HR processes, leverage technology to improve efficiency, and gain a competitive edge in talent acquisition and retention.
- Improved data accuracy and consistency across all HR functions.
- Enhanced reporting capabilities to support data-driven decision-making.
- Streamlined onboarding and talent management processes.
- Improved employee self-service capabilities.
- Reduced administrative burden and costs.
- Enhanced compliance with relevant HR regulations.

The consultant will deliver the following key outputs:

- As-Is Process Maps
- To-Be Process Recommendations
- Functional and Technical Requirements for a new HRIS
- ERP Integration Strategy
- Shortlist of qualified HRIS Vendors with detailed evaluations
- Recommendation for the optimal HRIS solution

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice; and Goal No. 3 Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Contract Amount: Total not to exceed **\$123,451**

Contract Period: January 29, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Project Number(s): 810-0120.08 \$75,000
 Funding source(s): Indirect Cost Program

Funding of \$75,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810-0120.08, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 5,080 firms of the release of RFP 23-029-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 89 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Third Wave Corporation	\$123,451
Berry Dunn	\$135,625
Soft Resources	\$431,800
Guidehouse	\$1,328,254
McCullough	\$1,644,435

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Sana Gautam, IT PMO Supervisor, SCAG
- Beatriz Valdez, Department Manager – Accounting, SCAG
- Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director – Finance, SCAG
- James Ramirez, Principal Human Resources Analyst, SCAG
- Jonathan Holt, Department Manager – Application Development & Support, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Third Wave Corporation for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the most technical and comprehensive proposal;
- Demonstrated the most years of in-depth experience in ERP advisory and project management;
- Demonstrated the most innovative approach with their adaptive change management plan; and
- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-026-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Intertwined Inc.

Background & Scope of Work:

The consultant shall manage various tasks, working alongside SCAG’s Media & Public Affairs team to create successful signature events. The consultant shall provide the services of an event coordinator to provide logistical and stage management support and overall program execution to ensure that the events run smoothly. The consultant services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Developing a Master Event and Production schedule detailing staging, audio-visual and room set-ups, staff roles, and other meeting details;
- Utilizing experience from past events to anticipate and plan for potential issues and difficulties;
- Working with SCAG’s Special Events Producer and staff to develop protocols and staff responsibilities to ensure a smooth program, such as where and when to meet and greet speakers, etc.;
- Working with SCAG’s Special Events Producer and staff to actively monitor the various meeting spaces within the hotel venue to foresee, troubleshoot and alert appropriate staff of any potential issues, including, but not limited to, audio-visual difficulties, signage changes, temperature problems, and schedule changes;
- Providing support with logistical program preparation and coordination, scheduling speaker preparation meetings, sending pre-event instructions to speakers and providing on-site coordination on the event day;
- Coordinating with SCAG staff to pre-position and assemble program speakers and session timekeepers; and
- Providing logistical support and stage management to ensure a smooth conference event from start to finish.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Developing a Master Event and Production schedule detailing staging, audio-visual room setups, staff roles, and other meeting details to maintain organization throughout the event;
- Providing support in developing the Master Script for a smooth-running program, including but not limited to providing stage direction and meeting locations for speakers; and
- Providing logistical and stage management support to SCAG’s Special Events Producer and staff to develop protocols and staff responsibilities to ensure SCAG signature events run smoothly and achieve their goals.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed

\$129,845

Intertwined Inc (prime consultant)

Note: Intertwined Inc. originally proposed \$176,250, but staff negotiated the price down to \$129,845 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period: March 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

Project Number(s): 800-0160.06 \$129,845
 Funding source(s): General Fund

Funding of \$37,392 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 General Fund Budget in Project Number 800-0160.06, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 1,777 firms of the release of RFP 24-026 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System. A total of 45 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following five (5) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Intertwined Inc. (No subconsultant)	\$129,845
Utopia Worldwide Inc (no subconsultant)	\$102,829
Verdugal Group (no subconsultant)	\$109,796
Modern Times (no subconsultant)	\$239,215
Fruition Consulting (no subconsultant)	\$762,400

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest-ranked offerors. The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

- Perla Lopez, Special Events Producer, SCAG
- Ana Vallianatos, Manager, Media and Public Affairs, SCAG
- Margaret de Larios, Communications Supervisor, SCAG
- Jennifer Martinez, Sr. AV Technician, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Intertwined Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:

- Provided the best technical approach and the most thorough and concise explanation of the way they would approach SCAG signature events, such as the General Assembly and the Economic Summit; and
- Was not only focused on ensuring an excellent execution of event production, but on growth as well which is an added benefit to SCAG as SCAG’s signature events are growing and expanding each year with great success.

Although other firms proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend these firm(s) for contract award because these firms:

- Utopia did not provide the level of detail during their interview. Specifically, they did not provide detail about how and why they would be best suited or qualified as event consultants to execute SCAG’s signature events. During the Q&A, their responses were very short, and lacked details in their answers and did not give us a clear understanding of how the tasks listed in the scope of work would be executed. They did not mention how they could support the different areas or teams involved in the event planning process

or how they could help us improve the planning process. During the interview, Utopia seemed more interested in speaking about items they could offer, most of them were neither listed on the scope of work nor relevant to the SCAG conferences; they were more entertainment focused.

- Utopia also spent most of the interview focused on event components of their entertainment projects, like fireworks and complex outdoor video projections on city buildings not part of this RFP. This was not a good use of the PRC's time and made it seem like Utopia's interest didn't align with the needs of the SCAG's signature events, such as the General Assembly and Economic Summit.
- Verdigal did not give specific examples or outline specific tactics of how the tasks on the scope of work would be successfully executed. Their responses to the interview questions were vague and repetitive, which made it difficult to identify how they would plug into the SCAG staff work. They focused more on sharing how they've worked with SCAG partners and less on how familiar they were with SCAG events which demonstrated a lack of preparation.
- Further, Verdigal staff did not provide sufficient details on their experience with event planning and coordinating logistics. They focused primarily on sharing their experience with programming and sponsorship outreach, which didn't capture the needs listed on the scope of work in those specific areas. They did not demonstrate sufficient knowledge or experience on the tasks that would be required of them during the SCAG events.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-032-C01

**Recommended
Consultant:**

Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the largest Metropolitan Planning Organization in the nation, serving six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. The agency authors a regional plan, Connect SoCal, and supports its implementation with a variety of planning work, resources, and tools for jurisdictions to do local planning and a robust legislative advocacy program. The agency is also responsible for allocating regional housing targets and organizing transportation infrastructure projects to bring federal dollars into the region.

In order to fulfill its mission of creating and implementing a regional plan, effective communication is paramount, and printing services are one of SCAG's most essential tools. Printed materials serve as a powerful medium to inform and engage our diverse audiences. We prepare reports, brochures, fact sheets, and other materials to:

- Disseminate information about our plans and projects: We want everyone to understand our vision for the future of Southern California. Printed materials provide clear and accessible explanations of our initiatives, fostering awareness and support;
- Facilitate engagement: We actively seek the input of our communities through workshops, meetings, and hearings. Printed materials serve as valuable tools to inform stakeholders about these opportunities; and
- Comply with legal requirements: Public transparency is crucial to our operations. We utilize printed materials to ensure compliance and foster trust with our stakeholders.

In our commitment to shaping a vibrant and sustainable future for Southern California, SCAG recognizes the invaluable role of printing services. By disseminating information, facilitating public engagement, and complying with legal requirements, we ensure informed decision-making, strong community collaborations, and ultimately, a better tomorrow for all residents of our region.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- Digital printing: This includes printing documents such as brochures, flyers, postcards, and business cards;
- Offset printing: This includes printing large quantities of documents, such as report books and conference programs;
- Large format printing: This includes printing posters, banners, and other signage;
- Specialty printing: This includes printing documents that require special finishing techniques, such as embossing, foil stamping, and die-cutting; and
- Binding and finishing: This includes services such as folding, stapling, binding, and laminating.

Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color will be a key partner in helping us achieve our goals of informing our communities, fostering engagement, and shaping a vibrant and sustainable future for Southern California.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Increased public awareness: Clear and concise printed materials ensure that everyone understands our plans and projects, leading to greater public participation and support;
- Improved communication: Printed materials provide a tangible way to communicate with diverse audiences, overcoming language barriers and ensuring accessibility for all; and
- Enhanced stakeholder engagement: By providing readily available information through print, we foster a more informed and engaged public, leading to better decision-making and outcomes for our region.

Key Deliverables – Printing of:

- Program Books
- Plan/Report Documents
- Brochures
- Envelopes and Note Cards
- Business Cards
- Mailing Labels
- Folders
- Event Signage
- Surface Graphic Vinyl
- Other items not scoped on an as-needed basis

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal:

- Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians
- Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy
- Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration
- Goal 6: Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$137,811
	Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color (prime consultant)	\$137,811
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through March 2025	

Project Number(s): 810-0120.06 \$5,269
700-4743E.05 \$21,330

Funding source(s): Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Indirect Cost (IC)

Funding of \$26,599 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget/TDA Budget in Project Number(s) 810-0120.06 and 700-4743E.05 and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 5,573 firms of the release of RFQ 24-032-C01 via SCAG's PlanetBids website. A total of three (3) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) quotes in response to the solicitation:

Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color (no subconsultants)	\$137,811
MK Printing (no subconsultants)	\$88,931
Crisp Imaging (no subconsultants)	\$92,257

*Please note pricing for firms not selected reflects pricing that did not provide costs for items required/listed in the RFQ's Scope of Work. Acuprint provided catalog pricing for all items required in the RFQ's Scope of Work.

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the three (3) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Ludlow Brown, Senior Creative Designer, SCAG
Stephanie McGrath, Communications Supervisor, SCAG
Diana Chamberlain, Senior Creative Designer, SCAG
Daniela D'Elia, Creative Designer, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Acuprint, DBA Ink and Color for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, which included a well put together equipment list that suggests they are able to accomplish every task listed in the proposal onsite. Their onsite equipment further illustrated their ability to facilitate the volume and quality needed to provide SCAG event attendees as well as our stakeholders and other valued constituents;
- Provided the best technical approach given the following:
 - Demonstrated capabilities and services in being a diversely skilled and fast-moving team of professionals, excelling in customer communication;
 - Had the ability in providing high-quality products in a timely manner and at a competitive price;

- Offered a wide range of printing services, including program books, reports, brochures, business cards, folders, and signage, with the ability to complete projects within 5-7 working days; and
- Furthermore, the selected vendor is prepared to work on a rush basis if needed, demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness to client needs;
- Recognized by highly valued organizations such as, Public Interest Network, Skechers and Cal State University Northridge. All of the listed references provided high praises for Acuprint as being a vendor who is:
 - Easy to work with, flexible, responsive, and reliable
 - Routinely provided quick turnaround, great quality, willingness to work with the client to meet their needs; and
 - Excellent in communicating the status of a given project and accurately foreseeing the time/date in delivering the requested work; and
- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed. Their comprehensive approach showcases the company's commitment to meeting client challenges and delivering high-quality printing services efficiently.

Although, other firm(s) proposed a lower price(s), the PRC did not recommend this/these firm(s) for contract award due to the following:

- Other vendors proposed lower prices but did not propose a technical approach that fully met the RFP scope;
- The other vendors indicated they were not able to deliver on some of the items required as listed in the RFP's Scope of Work;
- Pricing was flagged as an area of concern;
- There were several items missing from the cost proposal, suggesting they may not have the capability to deliver those items for SCAG's public events;
- Failed to clearly articulate their process in producing the required items; and
- Did not demonstrate the familiarity and breadth of experience as the selected vendor illustrated in their technical proposal.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-014-C01

**Recommended
Consultant:**

Estolano Advisors

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

On October 6, 2022, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) formally affirmed the drought and water shortage emergency in Southern California and called on local and regional partners to join together to adopt an “all of the above” approach to addressing the region’s water challenges and catalyzing opportunities across a six-county region that’s home to more than 19 million people. Clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply is central to Southern California’s people, economy, and natural systems and necessary to support the region’s Forecasted Development Pattern at the center of Connect SoCal, and the associated sustainable transportation and land use strategies that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with requirements under SB 375. Further, SB 375 calls for reduced water usage and avoidance of flood hazards as a key requirement for transportation priority projects, and also that flood hazards (among other resource areas) shall be a factor in the development of SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Strategy. The resilience of the region’s water systems and supply is key to supporting the continuation of Southern California’s quality of life, as well as the heartiness of current and future transportation investments that are often impacted by floods and extreme weather events, such as hurricanes or heavy downpours. To support partners in tackling the region’s deepening water crisis, SCAG’s Regional Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

- To reduce water use;
- Improve water conservation, reuse, and efficiency;
- Enhance water systems’ health and resilience;
- Pursue and potentially implement new water supply and storage opportunities; and
- Support investments in water infrastructure and conservation practices that support the region’s economic and population growth and foster planning for the region’s housing needs.

In implementing the Resolution, SCAG is seeking a consultant to conduct research, stakeholder interviews, conduct a landscape analysis of water management practices and actors impacting Southern California, and make recommendations on SCAG’s potential role to help address water issues regionally.

**Project’s Benefits
& Key Deliverables:**

This project will help identify current and emerging issues related to water supply and storage constraints, data availability, water quality and pollution, climate change impacts, policy limitations, regulatory and funding considerations – including flooding, technological advancements, and equity considerations, amongst other topics. Deliverables include:

- Recommendations on SCAG’s potential role in supporting water management;
- Water data landscape analysis; and
- Water stakeholder mapping, interviews, and matrix of actors in the water ecosystem.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal #1 – innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians, and Goal #4 – provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$187,329
	Estolano Advisors (prime consultant)	\$92,314
	Better World Group Advisors (subconsultant)	\$30,771
	Geosyntext Consultants (subconsultant)	\$64,244

Contract Period: Notice to Proceed Through February 28, 2025

Project Number(s):	290-4914UB.01	\$165,846
	290-4914E.01	\$21,483

Funding source(s): Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Funding of \$187,329 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 290-4914UB.01 and 290-4914E.01, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 5,648 firms of the release of RFP 24-014-C01 via SCAG’s PlanetBids website. A total of 33 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) responsive proposals in response to the solicitation:

Estolano Advisors (2 subconsultants)	\$187,329
RAND (no subconsultants)	\$174,064
BEAR (no subconsultants)	\$178,925
Raftelis (1 subconsultant)	\$192,010

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:

Kim Clark, Planning Supervisor, SCAG
 Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable & Resilient Development, SCAG
 Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG
 Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Estolano Advisors for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, and specifically had the strongest background in water policy and analysis;

- Provided the best technical approach, by proposing a multi-disciplinary team that included infrastructure analysis from registered professional engineers who have experience in stormwater infrastructure, as well as water equity and data analysis;
- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed as the selected consultant had the lowest hourly rate, and the PRC scored the consultant the highest on a cost basis; and
- Other firms proposed a lower price, but the winning firm's proposal was within the range of what the PRC determined it would take to meet the deliverables, and provided the most hours with the lowest cost per hour per staff person.

Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firm(s) for contract award because these firms:

- Did not comply with SCAG's proposed schedule;
- Did not include a dedicated team member for outreach to stakeholders in the water resources space (including disadvantaged communities);
- Did not put a strong enough emphasis on equity aspects of the project; or
- Had limited experience in water-related work products.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-020-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Dalberg Consulting-U.S., LLC

Background & Scope of Work:

Consistent with the requirements of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Implementation Grant that funds this project, the consultant shall support SCAG in the development of a region-wide report with recommendations and best practices that address barriers to economic opportunities, such as job training and employment, with an emphasis on lower-income communities and communities of color. Consultant shall conduct a literature review on the barriers workers in the SCAG region face related to accessing employment and training opportunities. Consultant shall conduct community engagement to ground the truth of this research and identify the community’s top priority areas. Consultant shall also convene working groups of experts to develop recommendations and best practices to address the top priority areas. Consultant shall produce a report that addresses barriers to economic opportunities for workers in Southern California.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Document common barriers to training and employment opportunities in the SCAG region, with an emphasis on communities of color and low-income communities, through research and community engagement;
- Develop a report with recommendations and best practices for addressing intersectional barriers to economic opportunities in the SCAG region;
- Tie recommendations to existing funding resources where applicable, and identify where new or different funding resources are needed; and
- Support a more dynamic and inclusive regional economy by addressing barriers to economic mobility.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal:

- Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.
- Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.
- Deploy strategic communications to further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional planning.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$243,409
Dalberg Consultant-U.S., LLC (prime consultant)	\$243,409

Note: Dalberg originally proposed \$248,126, but staff negotiated the price down to \$243,409 without reducing the scope of work.

Contract Period:

February 23, 2024 through September 30, 2024

Project Number(s): 320-4902Y2.01

Funding source(s): California Workforce Development Board (CWDB-IERS)

Funding of \$243,409 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 320-4902Y2.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s).

Request for Proposal (RFP): SCAG staff notified 4,401 firms of the release of RFP 24-020 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 73 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following eight (8) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Dalberg Consulting -U.S., LLC (no subconsultants)	\$243,409
Charles Communications Group (no subconsultants)	\$126,907
Berkeley Economic Advisory and Research, LLC (no subconsultants)	\$245,649
Estolano Advisors (no subconsultants)	\$316,978
Guidehouse Inc. (no subconsultants)	\$348,500
Public Works LLC (no subconsultants)	\$352,456
Deloitte Consulting LLP (no subconsultants)	\$456,474
Abt Associates (Non Responsive)	

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. Abt Associates was declared nonresponsive for not providing a cost proposal in the manner outlined in the RFP; the proposal was not given to the PRC for review. After evaluating the seven (7) responsive proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information to base a contract award.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:
Alisha James, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, SCAG
Victor Negrete, Department Manager, Inclusive Economic Growth, SCAG
Anna Van, Associate Regional Planner, Inclusive Economic Growth, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC recommended Dalberg Consulting-U.S. LLC for the contract award because the consultant:

- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically the proposal accomplishes the RFP objectives while making key recommendations and additions that demonstrate the firm’s expertise, thoughtfulness, and willingness to make suggestions that improve the overall success of SCAG’s project. Though other firms referenced SCAG’s Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) and Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report, Dalberg’s proposal went a step further and discussed how the “Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities” report will build upon SCAG’s existing work, which demonstrated a better understanding of why SCAG is doing this work and the message we want to communicate to the public, and this is critical to the successful completion of this project. Dalberg demonstrates a strong understanding of equity and workforce development, as well as the SCAG region and opportunities to create impact.

- Provided the best technical approach. For example, the consultant team proposed a collaborative, community-led approach to developing the report. The technical approach is meant to be additive to SCAG's existing work on transportation and land use as a metropolitan planning organization. The approach specifically outlined goals and objectives for each working group session and considered additional community engagement meetings to ensure coverage of the Southern California region. In addition to providing the best technical approach, Dalberg provided a reasonable schedule to complete the work within six months and clearly walked through the timeline and foreseeable challenges. The project team embedded strategies within the project approach to optimize the project schedule, such as concurrently drafting the report during the working group convening phase and building relationships with stakeholders during interviews for literature review.
- Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed. Though Dalberg did not propose the lowest price, the PRC selected the firm's proposal because of the value the firm will bring to this project. The firm with the lowest price did not demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work. The low number of hours and lack of relevant team members needed for the literature review and data analysis piece of the project demonstrate the firm's lack of understanding of the Scope of Work. Meanwhile, another firm proposed a lower price than Dalberg's proposal but did not demonstrate experience to fully meet the RFP scope of work. Though the proposed team had strong analytical skills, they did not have a lot of experience facilitating community outreach and engagement. As so, the PRC determined the firms that proposed lower prices than Dalberg did not provide the best value for SCAG's needs at this time.
- The consultant team highlighted their analytical and outreach capabilities that can support the research and engagement needs. Dalberg also demonstrated their extensive experience in helping public and private institutions develop workforce development policies, which the other firms with lower prices did not demonstrate. Based on this extensive experience, Dalberg's cost proposal included the cost of payment to community organizations and members for participating in engagement meetings. This was not considered for firms that proposed lower prices. With this consideration, Dalberg presents the best overall value for SCAG.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-005-C01

Recommended Consultant:

CARASOFT TECHNOLOGY CORP

Background & Scope of Work:

To manage IT operations and project delivery efficiently, SCAG is in partnership with ServiceNow through our authorized partner, Carahsoft. ServiceNow is an integrated platform that provides IT service management (ITSM) solutions i.e. Ideas, Service Requests, Incidents, Projects, Portfolio, Release, and Change Management.

The implementation of ServiceNow through Carahsoft represents a strategic investment in improving IT operations, project management capabilities, and overall organizational efficiency. Through this contract, SCAG gains access to a comprehensive suite of ServiceNow applications, IT staff training, and ongoing support, empowering employees and fostering collaboration across divisions. By streamlining processes, improving decision-making, and increasing productivity, ServiceNow will contribute significantly to achieving SCAG’s organizational goal of developing a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

Project Benefits:

- Enhanced IT Service Delivery through streamlined incident, problem, change, and release management through a centralized platform.
- Improved self-service capabilities for IT request submission and tracking through the portal.
- Increased transparency and visibility into IT operations for stakeholders.
- Improved resource allocation and prioritization through portfolio analytics and demand management functionalities.
- Automation of routine tasks through ServiceNow workflows will free up IT staff to focus on more strategic initiatives.

Key Deliverables

- Access to a comprehensive suite of ServiceNow applications for managing IT services, project portfolios, and software development lifecycles. It includes:
- Training resources for IT support staff on the various ServiceNow applications.
- Regular platform upgrades to ensure access to the latest features and security patches.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal No. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed

\$271,898

Contract Period:

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028

Attachment: Contract Summary 24-005-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

Project Number(s): 811-1163.14 \$68,254
Funding source(s): Indirect Cost Program

Funding of \$68,254 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811-1163.14, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Basis for Selection: In accordance with SCAG’s Procurement Manual (January 2021) Section 9.3, to foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG’s federal procurement guidance (2 CFR 200.318 [e]) authorizes SCAG to procure goods and services by using an Intergovernmental Agreement (Master Service Agreement – MSA, also known as a Leveraged Purchase Agreement – LPA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity (SCAG is essentially “piggy-backing” on the agreement.) SCAG utilized an MSA with the Omnia Partners EDU Contract: R191902 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted pricing for Electronic Signatures

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-023-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Circulate Planning

Background & Scope of Work:

Consistent with the requirements of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant that funds this project, the Consultant shall manage the needs of approximately twelve (12) non-profit community-based organization subrecipients throughout the grant period, coordinate five (5) Kit of Parts deployments for temporary safety demonstration projects, produce and distribute Go Human safety advertisements to a minimum of twelve (12) local jurisdiction or community-based organization partners, and facilitate the development of training materials from community expert training services. This project supports a regional transportation nexus by implementing neighborhood- and community-level engagement strategies focused on traffic safety across each of the region’s six counties.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Final reports and documentation for approximately twelve (12) projects funded through the Community Streets Grant Program;
- Coordination of five (5) deployments of the *Go Human* Kit of Parts to support temporary demonstrations of traffic safety infrastructure;
- Co-branded safety advertisements for a minimum of twelve (12) partners;
- A minimum of six (6) training opportunities by Traffic Safety Community Experts; and
- Draft and final report.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	\$311,131
Circulate Planning (prime consultant)	\$311,131

Contract Period:

February 20, 2024 through September 30, 2024

Project Number(s):

225-3564J9.19 \$311,131
Funding source(s): Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant

Funding of \$311,131 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564J9.19, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 3,188 firms of the release of 24-023-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 46 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:

Circulate Planning (no subconsultants)	\$311,131
Sensis, Inc. (no subconsultants)	\$316,204
Mark Thomas & Company (no subconsultants)	\$320,899

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.

The PRC consisted of the following individuals:
Alina Borja, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG
Julia Lippe-Klein, Planning Supervisor, SCAG
Andres Carrasquillo, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommended Circulate Planning for the contract award because the consultant:

- Proposed the lowest price that included a value-added demonstration project to Task 3, and proposed a feasible completion of the scope of work with appropriate timeliness, adequate staff, and thoughtful considerations for community engagement work;
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically a strong understanding of the importance of equity and creative community engagement to the project goals, demonstrated by enhancements to the temporary demonstration process, experience with community-based organizations, and past storytelling projects related to traffic safety;
- Demonstrated strong, relevant experience with SCAG and the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) project goals and timelines, by detailing their successful projects using the same funding source; and
- Proposed the most cost-effective approach by expanding the impact of the project by reaching additional participants and engaging an additional jurisdiction.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 21-015-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 5

Recommended Consultant: KOA Corporation

Background & Scope of Work: Consistent with the requirements of the California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 funding, the Consultant shall plan and support the implementation of four (4) quick build demonstration projects for four local agencies. Local agencies include the Cities of El Monte, Calexico, Glendale, and Pasadena. The Consultant shall plan, support the implementation, and evaluate the performance of four (4) quick build projects and produce a final report documenting the outcomes for each local jurisdiction.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging local communities in planning processes through demonstrating infrastructure elements;
- Conducting robust community engagement to receive public input and engaging local stakeholders in the planning process;
- Supporting the implementation of SCAGs Connect SoCal goal to, “support healthy and connected communities,” through demonstrating safe active transportation infrastructure; and
- Delivering a final report detailing community feedback, project performance, and support for future grant applications for permanent improvements.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1:
Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

Amendment Amount:	Amendment 5	\$49,041.42
	Amendment 4 (administrative- no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Amendment 3	(\$20,510.00)
	Amendment 2 (administrative- no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Amendment 1 (administrative- no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Original contract value	<u>\$1,246,862.52</u>
	Total contract value not to exceed	\$1,275,393.94

Contract Period: September 22, 2021 through June 30, 2025

Project Number(s): 225-3564E.14
Funding source: TDA

Funding of \$49,041.42 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number 225-3564E.14

Basis for the Amendment: This Amendment enables the project evaluation to occur approximately six months to one year post implementation, which will be no later than June 30, 2025. The evaluation was not feasible under the existing contract as projects were implemented shortly before the original contract expiration date of January 31, 2024, and the ATP grant expiration date of February 29, 2024.

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-015-C01 Amend. 5 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-058-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 2

Consultant: Fehr and Peers

Background & Scope of Work: On November 8, 2021, SCAG awarded Contract 21-058-C01 to Fehr and Peers to review, enhance, and validate the Heavy-Duty Truck (HDT) model and provide a framework for future HDT model enhancements.

This amendment also increases the contract value from \$303,747.31 to \$393,057.35 (\$89,310.04) and extends the contract term from 6/30/23 to 6/30/24.

This increase is due to Scope of Work revisions to Task 5 to prepare a memorandum recommending the best practice to use GPS data to enhance the truck model components and develop a framework for a new establishment-based freight survey. This amendment herein requires the development of survey questionnaires and a contact list to send the survey.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Providing a comprehensive HDT model that can analyze various transportation improvements and policies for SCAG’s plans and programs in support of the 2024 RTP/SCS;
- Providing technical assistance on model estimation and validation to enhance staff’s technical and analytical skills;
- Providing future HDT model strategic framework to further advance HDT model
- SCAG Heavy Duty Truck Model Software;
- Technical documents; and
- Framework for future HDT model enhancements.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies; Objective: a) Develop and maintain planning models that support regional planning.

Amendment	Amendment 2	\$89,310.04
Amount:	Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
	Original contract value	\$303,747.31
	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$393,057.35

Contract Period: November 8, 2021 through June 30, 2024

Project Number: 070-0130B.12 \$393,057.35

Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Funding of \$129,824 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 070-0130B.12.

Attachment: Contract Summary 21-058-C01 Amend. 2 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval

**Basis for the
Amendment:**

To revise the Scope of Work, Task 5 (Model Framework and Data Plan for Future Enhancement) to prepare a memorandum recommending the best practice to use Global Positioning System (GPS) data to enhance the truck model components and develop a framework for a new establishment-based freight survey. This amendment provides the development of survey questionnaires and a contact list to send the survey that is needed to complete the deliverables in Task 5.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-047-MRFP-14 AMENDMENT NO. 2

Consultant: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

Background & Scope of Work: On May 12, 2022, SCAG awarded Contract 21-047-MFP-14 to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to develop a “Regional Resilience Framework” (Resilience Framework) to identify, understand, and prioritize the degree of shocks and stressors across the myriad settings and jurisdictions in the SCAG region.

Amendment 1 was an administrative amendment with no change to the contract value.

Amendment 2 increases the contract value from \$504,954 to \$612,657.29 and extends the contract term from 1/31/24 to 12/31/24.

This increase is due to the addition of tasks to the project’s scope of work to address engagement needs related to SCAG’s support for regional partners participating in the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program, along with an increase in costs related to the project’s delay from the originally proposed timeframe.

Amendment 3 was a funding amendment with no change to the contract value. The cumulative funding available under this contract is \$414,130.23.

Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables: The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Regional Resilience Outreach and Engagement Strategy;
- Matrix of Resilience Shocks, Stressors, Indicators, and Performance Metrics;
- Resilience Exploratory Scenario Analyses;
- Resilience Toolkit for Local and Regional Jurisdictions;
- Resilience Financing and Funding Report and Matrix and Resilience Case Studies;
- Community-based organization (CBO) focus groups to gather stakeholder input on CPRG implementation projects.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians

Amendment Amount:

Amendment 3 (funding amendment – no change to contract value)	\$0
Amendment 2	\$107,703.29
Amendment 1 (administrative - no change to contract’s value)	\$0
Original contract value	<u>\$504,954</u>
Total contract value is not to exceed	\$612,657.29

Contract Period: May 12, 2022 through December 31, 2024

Project Number:	290-4896UA.01	\$61,971 (expired 2/29/24)
	290.4896E.01	\$8,029 (expired 2/29/24)
	290-4896UB.02	\$159,353
	290-4896E.02	\$20,647
	290-4913UC.02	\$37,182
	290-4913E.02	\$4,817.40

Funding sources: FY23 SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula, FY24 SB 1 Sustainable Communities (SC) Formula, Transportation Development Act (TDA)

Funding of \$292,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 290-4896UA.01, 290-4896E.01, 290-4896UB.02, 290-4896E.02, 290-4913UC.02 and 290-4913E.02 and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

Basis for the Amendment:

Staff is supporting regional stakeholders, including LA, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Imperial Counties; LA Metro; OCTA; and South Coast AQMD in preparing documentation and applications for funding under the EPA’s CPRG program. The additional funding provided by this contract amendment allows SCAG to provide critical support on public engagement and regional coordination for this effort, which will ultimately result in local jurisdictions in Southern California receiving federal funds for climate action priorities. This program, and the projects to be funded as a result, are consistent with the resilience goals established for the region in Connect SoCal.



AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: CFO Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of February 29, 2024, 188 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 8 tribal governments have paid their FY2024 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.46M out of \$2.48M billed. This represents 99.29% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. During FY 2022-23, SCAG transferred all funds invested in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool to the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account, except any outstanding interest gains received in July 2023. The Los Angeles County Investment Pool account was closed in August 2023. SCAG has invested \$28.91M in the LAIF account as of February 29, 2024, and has earned \$251,559.66 interest income from LAIF. The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis, with an average interest rate of 4.00%. Additionally, SCAG has also earned \$59.80 interest from the Los Angeles County Investment Pool prior to closing that account in August 2023.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

Staff completed the development of the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP). The proposed Comprehensive Budget of \$377.42 million was approved by the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) on March 6, 2024 and the Regional Council (RC) on March 7, 2024. The Draft OWP was released for a 30-day public comment period ending April 8, 2024. The Final Budget will be presented to the EAC and RC for approval in May.



Staff also completed preparing Amendment 2 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP. After approval by the EAC and RC in April 2024, Amendment 2 to the FY2023-24 OWP will be submitted to Caltrans for final approval.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

The Contracts Administration Department staff are currently supporting 20 active procurements and 217 active contracts. In February 2024, the staff issued one (1) request for proposals to qualify agencies capable of providing temporary worker services to SCAG. The proposals are due on April 2, 2024. Additionally, Contracts Administration staff awarded four (4) contracts, executed three (3) contract amendments, and processed 39 Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Furthermore, the staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services, and so far, this fiscal year staff negotiated a total of \$145,988 in savings.

Finally, progress has been made on the Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) for REAP 2.0 On-Call Services. The six (6) Proposal Review Committees (one for each discipline) completed their review of the proposal and recommended 30 consultants for the on-call services bench. On March 22, 2024, Contracts Administration staff issued a Notice of Intent to Award to the 30 successful consultants and will begin the contract negotiation process shortly.



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2024

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
213-236-1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Update
& Prioritization Principles

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Information Only – No Action Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operation and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 10, 2024, Governor Newsom released the draft FY2025 Budget which included a fifty percent reduction to the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) across the State. For SCAG, this would reduce the \$246,024,084 SCAG REAP 2.0 allocation to approximately \$123M. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program is designed to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals. The program was developed based on Core Program Objectives and Guiding Principles (see Attachment A), which were approved in the REAP 2 Program Development Framework by the Regional Council on July 7, 2022 after an extensive outreach process. Based on the Program Development Framework, SCAG has fully budgeted its entire award to eligible projects, expended approximately 11.1M to date and committed \$193M to subrecipients through formula-based and competitive programs.

SCAG continues to urge the Governor to reconsider the budget reduction and remains committed and confident in our advocacy efforts. However, the disruption and uncertainty has forced a delay of at least six months, compromising our ability to deliver the full program by June 2026 (the REAP 2.0 deadline). In order to facilitate a restart of the program amid budget uncertainty, SCAG staff is preparing a revised and phased four-year expenditure plan that will allow some work to restart as soon this summer with Regional Council approval.

The staff report presents initial concepts for revising the Guiding Principles to inform a phased expenditure plan. Projects programmed in Phase 1 will be prioritized for funding and those projects programmed in Phase 2 will be awarded if full funding is restored in this year's or future state budget cycles. The initial concepts to be discussed with the EAC as a means for prioritization include:

- *Prioritize reimbursement of eligible expenses*
- *Prioritize sub-allocated programs*
- *Prioritize competitively awarded projects over formula based programs*
- *Prioritize funding to jurisdiction to meet 6th cycle RHNA goals while ensuring all Core Program Objectives are met*
- *Optimize funding to the region by giving preference within prioritized programs to projects that have matching funds that will expire*
- *Defer to Phase 2 any regional studies or technical assistance resources not competitively awarded*

Based on EAC input on the initial concepts, staff will draft and release Revised Guiding Principles and seek input from stakeholders during a listening session and public comment period initiated in mid-April. Based on this feedback, staff plans to return to the EAC and Regional Council this summer with Revised Guiding Principles, a detailed expenditure plan that aligns with the Core Programs Objectives and Revised Guiding Principles; and a request to approve projects recommended in Phase 1.

BACKGROUND:

The REAP 2.0 program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140. REAP 2.0 builds on the success of Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2019 (REAP 1.0) and expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allows for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting infill development to facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability.

Major investments in program development and prioritization of projects have resulted in SCAG's development of a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program that combines coordinated and transformative actions aligning transportation and housing development by investing in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies.

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program is designed to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals. The program was developed based on Core Program Objectives and Guiding Principles (see Attachment A), which

were approved in the REAP 2 Program Development Framework by the Regional Council on July 7, 2022 after an extensive outreach process. Based on the Program Development Framework and as authorized by the California Department of Housing and Community Development through a fully executed agreement, SCAG has budgeted its entire award to eligible projects, expended approximately 11.1M to date and committed \$193M to subrecipients through formula-based and competitive programs. The full list of sub-allocated projects is attached (See Attachment B: REAP 2 Investments by County).

On January 10, 2024 Governor Gavin Newsom announced a proposed budget that would cut \$1.2 billion in funding for housing programs, including \$300 million for the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) program. SCAG issued a hold on suballocation programs and executed advocacy efforts with partners across the region.

Advocacy Efforts

Governor Newsom’s January 10, 2024, budget proposal served as the first step of a lengthy budget process that can last through September 30, 2024. There are many more steps that the Governor and the Legislature must take before finalizing the fiscal year 2024-25 budget. Legislative budget hearings will continue through the May 14 deadline, mandated by state law, for the Governor to issue an updated budget proposal, known as the “May Revision.”

Before the State Legislature reaches a deal with the Governor, both chambers must work together to reach a budget agreement and pass a balanced budget bill by midnight on June 15, 2024, as mandated by the state constitution. The Governor will then have a June 27, 2024, deadline to sign into law, veto, or line-item veto the budget bill. However, the budget process is usually far from over at this point. The Legislature will be able to pass budget bill juniors and budget trailer bills until August 31, 2024, the last day on which any bill may be passed. Then, the Governor will have until September 30, 2024, to sign or veto any remaining bills, including budget-related bills, on his desk.

SCAG encouraged Governor Newsom to reconsider these cuts and submitted an official letter to state legislators and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. SCAG advocated to preserve REAP 2.0 at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Sacramento and will continue to advocate during the state budget process. SCAG has also prepared a grantee toolkit, with template letters and other shareable information, for partners to assist in this advocacy.

PHASED 4-YEAR EXPENDITURE PLAN

SCAG remains committed and confident in our advocacy efforts. However, the disruption and uncertainty has forced a delay of least six months, compromising our ability to deliver a full program by June 2026 (the original REAP 2.0 deadline). In order to facilitate a smooth restart of the program amid budget uncertainty, SCAG staff is preparing a revised and phased expenditure plan. The four-year expenditure plan will include two, 2-year phases. Each phase will program fifty percent of the

remaining funds in SCAG's \$246,024,084 grant. Projects programmed in Phase 1 will be prioritized for funding and those projects programmed in Phase 2 will be awarded only if full funding is restored in this year's or future state budget cycles. An extended schedule is anticipated to result in a reduction in annual staffing needs to maximize Phase 1 funding for sub-recipient projects. The legislature would need to authorize this extension, however, SCAG is confident an extension would be granted given the tremendous program disruption resulting from proposed cuts and the state's interest in optimizing state funding.

SCAG staff is proposing the Core Program Objectives and Guiding Principles (see Attachment A), which were approved by the Regional Council on July 7, 2022 after an extensive outreach process, serve as the basis for developing the phased expenditure plan. Staff anticipates the core program objectives can be retained and achieved in Phase 1 with fifty percent of SCAG's remaining allocation, however, the guiding principles would need to be further refined to help prioritize more limited resources.

Initial Concepts for Revising and Supplementing the Guiding Principles:

- Prioritize reimbursement of eligible expenses
- Prioritize sub-allocated programs
- Prioritize competitively awarded projects over formula based programs
- Prioritize funding to jurisdiction to meet 6th cycle RHNA goals while ensuring all Core Program Objectives are met
- Optimize funding to the region by giving preference within prioritized programs to projects that have matching funds that will expire
- Defer to Phase 2 any regional studies or technical assistance resources not competitively awarded

NEXT STEPS

Staff is seeking input from the EAC on these initial concepts as a starting point for drafting and releasing Revised Guiding Principles later this month. Following the release of the draft Revised Guiding Principles, staff anticipates hosting a listening session and public comment period to solicit feedback from stakeholders. REAP 2.0 awardees will be directly notified of staff's intention to develop a phased expenditure plan and invited to provide comment during this time. Additional feedback may be requested of current grantees on leveraged funding and project delivery schedules and constraints. Based on feedback from the EAC and public comment, staff plans to return to the EAC and Regional Council this summer with staff proposed final Revised Guiding Principles, a detailed expenditure plan and request to approve projects recommended in Phase 1.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (305.4928.01 – REAP 2.0 – Program Development and Outreach).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Attachment A_REAP 2 Core Program Objectives and Guiding Principles
2. Attachment B REAP 2 Investments by County

Attachment A: REAP 2: Core Program Objectives and Guiding Principles (Adopted July 7, 2022)

Core Program Objectives

- Support transformative planning and implementation activities that realize Connect SoCal objectives
- Leverage and augment the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy to support activities that can be implemented quickly and in line with community-driven, pandemic recovery priorities
- Build regional capacity to deliver housing that realizes 6th cycle RHNA goals
- Represent best practices in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction
- Demonstrate consistency with the Racial Equity Early Action Plan
- Promote infill development in Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas

Guiding Principles

1. Funding shall be allocated to three programmatic areas focused on Early Program Initiatives to implement Connect SoCal 2020 and realize 6th Cycle RHNA goals, Housing Supportive Infrastructure (*renamed as Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)*) and a County Transportation Commission Partnership Program.
2. Funding opportunities within each program area will balance formula allocations with competitive programs ensure funding supports critical planning and implementation activities across the region while also prioritizing the most regionally impactful projects.
3. Early Program Initiatives shall seek to provide immediate benefit to the region through support for transformative planning activities that can be implemented quickly to advance strategies in Connect SoCal 2020 and inform the 2024 plan update, and to meet the region's 6th Cycle RHNA commitments. Early Program Initiatives shall comprise no more than 15% of the full program budget.
4. The Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program (PATH) and the County Transportation Commission Partnership Program shall serve as the primary vehicles for awarding REAP 2.0 funds focused on Connect SoCal 2020 implementation either through the deployment of pilot projects or support for the creation and/or expansion of new funding programs that directly support housing and mobility solutions. The Programs shall include regional initiatives and technical assistance led by SCAG and/or subregional partners to advance regionally coordinated and significant solutions as well as county-specific or geographically targeted programs that advance best practices reflecting the unique opportunities in the region.
5. The Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program (PATH) and the County Transportation Commission Partnership Program shall include SCAG-led projects as well as the sub-allocation of resources to implementing agencies.

6. Funding guidelines will be developed specific to the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program (PATH) and County Transportation Commission Partnership Program or for any subprograms, including, but not limited to, the Subregional Partnership 2.0 (SRP 2.0) and the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) for which SCAG may award resources to a partner agency via formula allocations or competitive programs. Funds available to each program shall be specified in the program guidelines, which will each be submitted to the Regional Council for approval.
7. At least 80% of the REAP 2.0 funding in the full application will be directed to suballocated or partner-led projects, both formula-based and competitive, across all three programmatic areas to ensure efficient and effective delivery of REAP 2.0 and limit administrative costs to SCAG.
8. SCAG will work to balance funding allocation according to a number of equity considerations; ensuring that under-resourced jurisdictions are not left out due to lack of capacity and that geographic balance, equity, and need are all considerations in the suballocation of funding across all program areas.
9. No resources beyond those approved to support outreach and program development shall be expended until the application is approved by the State Partners.

REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) 2.0 INVESTMENTS BY COUNTY

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ABOUT SCAG

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future.

VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

MISSION

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

REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) 2.0 INVESTMENTS BY COUNTY

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FULFILLING THE REGIONAL NEED

SCAG is uniquely positioned to support communities across Southern California to address the climate and housing needs in the region.

Building on the success of the state's REAP 2019 program, REAP 2.0 provides \$246M to SCAG to fund and implement projects that will support achieving our housing and climate goals.

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program implements Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, by supporting integrated and transformative planning that realizes the region's mobility, land use, housing and environmental goals.

The governor's proposed state budget for next year would cut REAP 2.0 in half. This would have a dire impact across the state and the region in providing jurisdictions and other partners the resources that are critical to rising to the challenge of meeting our state housing and climate goals.

The following project lists summarize SCAG's investment across the region, by county, under the REAP 2.0 Program.



IMPERIAL COUNTY

INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$2.7 million** to support three partner-led projects in Imperial County.
- The Subregional Partnership 2.0 program allocates **\$274,133** to the Imperial County Transportation Commission to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$1 million** to the Imperial County Transportation Commission to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Program, **\$1.5 million** will support utility infrastructure improvements to accelerate housing production.



PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

City of Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center

\$1 million

The project will construct a new intermodal transportation center in downtown Calexico to consolidate public and private transportation providers in one facility to improve mobility and safety of passengers, increase transit ridership, accommodate zero-emission transit vehicles, reduce vehicle emissions, and enhance the Downtown Business District.

REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

City of Calipatria, Delta Street Pump Station

\$1.5 million

This project will design and construct necessary repairs to the Delta Street Pump Station to promote existing and future affordable residential development in the Calipatria Eastside Specific Plan, which can accommodate up to 736 units. Improvements include the installation of an updated electrical control system, a new blower system to remove corrosive gases, upgraded centrifugal pumps and rehabilitation of the wet well concrete and steel support members.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

ICTC Regional Housing Element Implementation Assistance Program

\$274,133

The project's main goal is to provide technical support to local agencies with housing planning and to facilitate housing production. The goal is to create higher-density housing in infill areas, which will spur revitalization and help improve affordability.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$90.6 million** to support 44 partner-led projects in Los Angeles County.
- The Subregional Partnership 2.0 program allocates **\$14.1 million** to the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County and subregional councils of governments to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$41.2 million** to LA Metro to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing Program, **\$34.7 million** in funding will support investments in financing solutions, infrastructure and land use planning to accelerate housing production.
- The Sustainable Communities Program provides **\$427,350** to support housing and land use strategies benefiting historically disadvantaged communities.

PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

North Hollywood Transit Center \$15 million

The project will result in an expanded North Hollywood Transit Center that increases and improves multi-modal transportation options for area residents and transit riders. The new Transit Center design improves the third busiest station in the Metro system and will accommodate increased transit demand from future bus rapid transit services and a planned mixed-use development project.

Metro Bike Share Infill Expansion \$7.5 million

The project installs new Metro Bike Share stations in Metro-defined Equity Focus Communities to fill in a service gap between the currently disconnected Metro Bike service areas on the Westside and Downtown/Central Los Angeles.

Connecting Communities with Stress Free Connections \$5.2 million

The project will deliver safety and connectivity investments in Mid City West, South Los Angeles, and Central Los Angeles by designing and constructing 10 innovative Toucan traffic signals that prioritize crossings for people walking and biking. This project will connect more than 20 miles of streets that currently are bisected by high-stress intersections without safe crossing points.

Mobility Wallets Pilot 2.0: Challenge and Low-Income \$4 million

The project will use an integrated wallet of shared transportation to incentivize non-drive-alone trips and provide access to opportunity (including housing) through mobility.

Countywide Signal Priority Cloud Based Solution \$4 million

The project will deploy innovative cloud-based transit signal priority improving transit service for riders throughout Los Angeles County.

Enhanced GoSGV E-Bike Share Program \$2.6 million

The program expands the San Gabriel Valley's innovative regional electric bike share program that is focused on replacing driving trips. The program expansion will focus on extending the program's engagement, subsidies, and resources to disadvantaged communities.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

First Last Mile Revolution: Transforming Metro Connections to Housing \$1 million

The project will fund designs for improved transit and active transportation connections to 10 priority Metro stations to create safe, connected, and reliable transportation to access jobs, schools, and opportunities.

Traffic Reduction Study \$1 million

The study will develop a plan for a congestion pricing pilot in Los Angeles County that improves roadway travel, reinvests in high-quality transportation alternatives and includes assistance programs to address equity and fairness concerns.

Developing Neighborhood Mobility Hub Pilot Projects in Disadvantaged Communities in the South Bay \$404,250

The project develops an implementation plan for Neighborhood Mobility Hub Pilot Projects in South Bay disadvantaged and senior communities. The planned Neighborhood Mobility Hubs will serve as a place where individuals can access micro-transit, as well as shared mobility options that may include e-bikes, neighborhood electric vehicles or other personal mobility options.

Urban Wilderness Access Feasibility Plan \$372,000

The plan will create a comprehensive park access strategy to increase access and improve circulation to Griffith Park and surrounding parklands in the Hollywood Hills with a specific focus on improving access for disadvantaged communities.

HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC & PRIVATE LANDS PILOT PROGRAM

City of Los Angeles, Scaling up Housing Development on City-Owned Land \$2.9 million

This project will re-envision how the city uses assets and partners with other public agencies to maximize housing production on public lands.

City of San Fernando, San Fernando Housing Infill \$791,818

This project will evaluate opportunities for streamlined infill housing development on private and public lands through a comprehensive approach to increase capacity and affordability.

City of Culver City, Fox Hills Specific Plan \$505,000

The updated plan will guide the redevelopment and transformation of approximately 330 acres of existing suburban office park, surface parking and underutilized commercial lands into walkable, high-density mixed residential uses with transit access.

City of Long Beach, Inclusionary Housing Program \$250,000

This project will update the city's existing Inclusionary Housing Program with expanded program boundaries, and new unit requirements and incentives to increase affordable housing development.

City of South Pasadena, Missing Middle Housing Program \$57,000

This project will establish a floating zone with objective design and development standards and a ministerial approval process for certain housing types in infill low-density residential zones within high-quality transit areas.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

City of Lancaster, Transit Oriented Development Zones Plan Update & Environmental Analysis \$499,036

The proposed project is a comprehensive update to the underutilized 2015 form-based TOD Zones Plan that aims to encourage development, especially housing projects, near the Lancaster Metrolink Station. A major goal of the plan update is to provide a streamlined process for new housing development that makes most residential projects permitted by-right. The plan would also establish minimum density requirements to support and encourage greater housing density and housing types in the plan area. This project is jointly funded through the Subregional Partnership Program 2.0.

City of La Puente, Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones \$427,350

This project will encourage infill development by initiating an amendment to the General Plan and Zoning Code to include a new mixed-use zoning program that can be applied to existing underutilized commercial properties. Active SGV, a community-based organization, is co-awardee.

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust, Gateway Cities Pre-Development Loan Program \$5 million

The Gateway Cities Pre-Development Loan Fund offers low-interest loans for pre-development expenses to identify, entitle and secure construction and permanent financing for affordable housing development projects. This proposal includes a match doubling the REAP 2.0 investment. Anticipated outcomes of the funding award include seven affordable housing developments with 679 affordable housing units by 2028.

San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, Revolving Loan Fund \$5 million

The award will expand an existing revolving loan program offering short-term pre-development funding for affordable housing projects. As structured, the loans are repaid as projects receive construction or permanent financing, making those funds available for future projects. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the revolving loan fund include an increase of up to three projects and 75 to 100 affordable housing units.

Century Affordable Development Inc., Catalytic Development Fund \$5 million

Century Affordable Development Inc. will create a zero-interest short-term pre-development loan program as a means of reducing development costs for affordable housing projects by reducing soft debt. The anticipated outcomes from creating the fund include six projects and 568 affordable housing units.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund \$5 million

The project will develop a revolving fund for assessing surplus available transit lands and completing remediation to ready sites for affordable and mixed-income development. Twenty-one sites will be assessed initially, with anticipated outcomes from the fund contributing to the goal of achieving 10,000 new housing units by 2031, of which 5,000 units will be affordable.

Housing on Merit (HOM), Affordable Housing Catalyst Fund \$700,000

The project will create a fund, supported by private philanthropic contributions, to develop affordable housing without tax credits or public subsidies. The anticipated outcomes from the fund include 750 new affordable housing units by 2028.

Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), Strategic Plan & Program Design \$660,000

The funding will support LACAHS in creating a program model and strategic plan for this Joint Powers Authority in Los Angeles County, which is focused on increasing housing supply and affordability.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

City of Montebello, Transformative Corridors Project \$200,000

The City of Montebello will study the feasibility of and establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to facilitate several community and economic development strategies associated with affordable housing development. The anticipated outcome of the EIFD will be to advance beneficial improvements for affordable housing and economic growth.

City of West Hollywood, Feasibility Study for Community Land Trust Creation \$150,000

The City of West Hollywood will study the feasibility of, and take actions to, create a community land trust (CLT) to expand the approaches for achieving affordable housing and affordable homeownership. The anticipated outcome of forming the CLT includes 500 new affordable housing units by 2029.

REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, One San Pedro Redevelopment Infrastructure \$4 million

This capital project will help expand the electrical capacity at the One San Pedro Specific Plan site and 327 Harbor Site. The development will replace 478 units of low-density housing and a vacant site with over 1,500 units of new, accessible and higher-density mixed-income housing in a transit-oriented location.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Project Powerhouse, Supporting Affordable Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles \$3.7 million

This project will eliminate costs for routing power and expedite needs determination and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power approvals for 100 percent affordable or supportive housing projects by building out public right of way utility infrastructure needed to provide reliable electricity to these facilities.

City of Santa Fe Springs, New Downtown Residential Infrastructure Study and Plans \$800,000

This grant award will help the city complete construction plans for public utility and green infrastructure within 98.7 acres recently rezoned from industrial to mixed-use. The project will allow the continuation of low- and moderate-income residential projects in an area that can accommodate nearly 1,600 new housing units.

City of Torrance, Housing Corridor Utility Infrastructure Study \$100,000

This planning project will identify green and sustainable utility infrastructure to support new housing development within the city's existing Housing Corridor Overlay (HCO). The HCO, approved in 2023 for the city's 6th Cycle Housing Element, allows housing and mixed-use development at a variety of income levels to be permitted by-right in seven areas throughout the city.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

City of Los Angeles, Fair Share Growth Strategy \$2.3 million

The City of Los Angeles will build on previous work to incorporate 2021-2029 housing goals into the citywide growth strategy. This project will launch the more public-facing aspects and the early environmental analysis.

City of Los Angeles, Housing Element Implementation \$1.9 million

The City of Los Angeles will pursue various 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation activities: including developing ADU, Low Rise Missing Middle Guidebook and standard plan and rezoning implementation.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

City of Los Angeles, Community Plan (Land Use) Updates \$1.9 million

The City of Los Angeles is proposing to utilize REAP 2.0 funding to support the update of 12 Community Plans, clustered in the Southwest Valley, Southeast Valley, Westside and Central Los Angeles. These plans will be the blueprints that guide development in neighborhoods by establishing the community’s vision for the future, outlining policies to implement that vision and designating land uses and zoning.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Housing Incubator \$1.4 million

The “Housing Incubator” will allow the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to establish a bench of consultants in several disciplines that member cities could access to implement programs or projects in their housing elements. This would relieve constraints associated with insufficient staff, time, or technical support. Each project would incorporate some element that can be shared across the region to reduce the administrative burden on cities and maximize economies of scale.

County of Los Angeles, Regional Sewer Model \$1.4 million

The County of Los Angeles will develop a regional sewer model that determines the capacities and deficiencies of the county’s sewer system to handle the demand of existing and built-out conditions within the focus areas. The model will be utilized to streamline the project approval process within the focused areas. It would create a mechanism to collect fair-share fees from developers and/or search for applicable grants/funds to improve the deficient infrastructures within the focus areas.

City of Los Angeles, Design for Housing and Mobility \$940,000

The City of Los Angeles will initiate a comprehensive revision of the city’s Street Design Manual that will create a more centralized resource hub for housing developers seeking development approvals from the city (Program 57, Improvements to Development Processing, of the Housing Element) and further the Housing Element’s third goal: a city in which housing creates healthy, livable, sustainable and resilient communities that improve the lives of all Angelenos.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Technical Assistance Team \$813,619

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments Technical Assistance Team will provide the technical resources to support Gateway Cities’ need to implement the goals, policies and programs included in their 6th cycle housing elements.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Affordable Housing Trust Management \$385,000

This project will support the management of the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Fund, a new Joint Powers Authority formed in January of 2023, with 17 of the 27 Gateway Cities as Members. This project will ensure that the over \$4 million the council of governments has raised in seed funding for the Trust, from the council of governments’ allocation of LA County Measure H funding, can be used to support capital funding for new affordable housing units.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Commercial Redevelopment into Housing: Extension and Expansion \$334,281

This project will offer all South Bay incorporated cities the opportunity to evaluate commercially zoned parcels on arterials for potential redevelopment into housing. The intent of this project and the Other-To-Residential Toolkit is to help cities evaluate the feasibility of redeveloping commercially zoned sites that each city can designate for housing development to meet Regional Housing Needs Assessment assignments.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

San Fernando Valley Council of Governments, City of San Fernando Zoning Code and Specific Plan Update \$333,182

The City of San Fernando will update its Zoning Code and San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan to allow residential use in currently restricted areas, aiming to increase new housing units on underutilized or vacant infill sites. The focus is on implementing mixed-use housing and removing governmental constraints and incentivizing density bonuses for affordable housing to meet Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation.

City of Los Angeles, Inclusive Engagement (CBO Small Grants) \$300,000

The City of Los Angeles will partner with local CBOs to host targeted outreach efforts with the intention of overcoming immediate barriers and defray the cost of public participation for historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under-resourced areas. The outreach plan will include the development of educational and promotional material with incentives for public feedback/engagement with targeted communities.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments, South Bay Regional Housing Trust \$251,575

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments will form the South Bay Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) as a joint powers authority. SBRHT would fund planning and finance construction of affordable and permanent supportive housing. SBRHT’s programs would make construction of affordable housing more appealing to housing developers.

San Fernando Valley Council of Governments, City of Santa Clarita. Objective Design and Development Standards \$250,000

The City of Santa Clarita will establish Objective Design and Development Standards for multi-family and mixed-use projects and integrate the standards conditions of approval currently applied through the development review process. This will implement a portion of the city’s 6th cycle Housing Element, which will aid in reducing constraints to the entitlement process for housing projects.

Westside Cities Council of Governments, WSCCOG Regional Housing Trust Implementation Plan \$198,213

This project will further explore the formation of a regional housing trust that will support cities in the Westside Cities Council of Government (WSCCOG) subregion to meet the need of producing 9,621 units of affordable housing by 2031. The WSCCOG will develop an implementation plan that will result in the formation of the Trust and membership recruitment by December 2025.

Westside Cities Council of Governments, Housing Element Implementation On-Call Technical Assistance \$132,142

The WSCCOG will offer a team of consultants for an on-call technical assistance program to support cities in addressing specific challenges, questions, and/or needs related to the 6th cycle housing element.

ORANGE COUNTY



INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$21.1 million** to support 17 partner-led projects in Orange County.
- The Subregional Partnership 2.0 program allocates **\$3.1 million** to the Orange County Council of Governments to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$13.29 million** to the Orange County Transportation Authority to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing Program, **\$4 million** in funding will support investments in financing solutions to accelerate housing production across the region.
- The Sustainable Communities Program will fund projects, totaling **\$669,700**, that support housing and land use strategies benefiting historically disadvantaged communities.

PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

First Street Multimodal Boulevard Design \$4.3 million

The project will complete planning and design work to advance bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements such as protected bike lanes, transit signal priority, and bus stops shelters on a four-mile stretch of First Street in Santa Ana.

McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot \$3.7 million

The project will complement planned bicycle improvements for McFadden Avenue by providing funding to design and install innovative transit improvements including transit signal priority and real-time arrival signage, which in turn will improve service on one of the highest ridership bus routes in Orange County, Route 66.

Next Safe Travels Education Program 2.0 \$1.2 million

The project will deliver Safe Routes to School education to encourage safe active transportation behavior for students and families. It will involve engaging with the community to conduct walk audits and develop conceptual recommendations and cost estimates to install active transportation safety improvements around schools.

Reconnecting Communities through Complete Streets \$550,000

The project will reconnect communities in Orange County by improving pedestrian and bicycle connections at ten interchanges selected based on equity and crash data.

Bikeways Connectivity Study \$500,000

The planning study builds on the Orange County Transportation Authority's Master Plan for Arterial Highways Complete Streets Assessment report to utilize advanced data analytics and robust community engagement to identify opportunities in Orange County for additional bicycle lane connections and routes.

Fullerton Park and Ride Transit Oriented Development Site Design Concepts \$500,000

The project will develop a comprehensive solution for developing a mixed-use residential building with affordable housing and multimodal transportation options at the Fullerton Park-and-Ride Facility.

Active Transportation Outreach and Engagement Support \$400,000

The Orange County Transportation Authority will deliver a range of education, engagement, and encouragement activities aimed at fostering a better environment for residents to use bicycling and walking as a means of transportation. Work will include fun engagement events such as bicycle rodeos and distributing quality bike safety equipment to residents.

ORANGE COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Harbor Boulevard Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority Stage I \$400,000

The project will improve reliability and speed for transit riders by advancing transit signal priority improvements for the highest ridership bus routes in Orange County, OC Bus Route 43 and Bravo! 543 Rapid Bus.

Harbor Boulevard Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority Stage II \$1 million

The project will complete the second phase of work initiated by the Harbor Boulevard Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority Stage 1 project bringing improved reliability and speed for transit riders on Orange County's busiest bus routes, OC Bus Route 43 and Bravo! 543 Rapid Bus.

Orange County Cyclic Counts 2024-2025 \$400,000

The project involves robust active transportation data collection for Orange County, including information on volumes, contraflow riding, sidewalk riding, and electric/non-electric bicycles. This project will greatly expand the Orange County Transportation Authority's active transportation database shared with agencies throughout Orange County.

Orange County Mobility Hubs Pilot Concept of Operations \$300,000

The project will develop a concept design and operation plan for installing a network of mobility hubs in Orange County. The Mobility hub network will provide the community with access to multiple travel options and amenities.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

City of Santa Ana, Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update \$469,700

This project will include extensive and inclusive grassroots community engagement to inform a comprehensive update to the City's zoning code, which will accelerate infill, mixed-use, affordable housing, and/or commercial development in major transit corridors. The Kennedy Commission and Charitable Ventures are community-based organization co-awardees.

City of Laguna Beach, Environmental Impact Report – Downtown Specific Plan Phase II \$200,000

This project will result in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Phase II of the city's Downtown Specific Plan to expand opportunities for infill housing, allow nearly unlimited housing density, increase maximum allowable building heights and allow parcel mergers for affordable housing projects in certain areas. The Kennedy Commission, a community-based organization, is a co-awardee.

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

Orange County Housing Finance Trust, Affordable ADU Loan Program \$4 million

The award will expand an existing loan program that provides low-to-no interest, partially forgivable loans to homeowners to construct an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in exchange for a 10-year affordability term. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the program include 34 ADUs and, over the next 20 years as loans are repaid, an additional 240 ADUs.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

Orange County Council of Governments, Housing Technology Tools \$1.4 million

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) will continue offering ArcUrban GIS-based tools and 3-D renderings using Unreal Engine, as well as the Housing SoCal website, ADU How-To Toolkit, and Housing OC video series under REAP 1.0. OCCOG will introduce new tools, such as innovative public outreach, land use and vehicle miles traveled model tools, and developing anti-displacement policies and programs.

Orange County Council of Governments, Housing-Related Technical Assistance \$1.3 million

OCCOG will provide technical assistance and staff augmentation to expedite housing-related actions, including public outreach and assist jurisdictions with housing element implementation.

Orange County Council of Governments, Missing Middle Pre-Approved Plans \$210,000

This project aims to develop a gallery of missing middle housing pre-reviewed plans. Missing middle housing units are defined as small-scale multifamily housing that can range from duplexes to townhouses to smaller apartment buildings compatible with walkable neighborhoods.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$39.3 million** to support 16 partner-led projects in Riverside County.
- The Subregional Partnership 2.0 program allocates **\$2.3 million** to the County of Riverside and the Western Riverside Council of Governments to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$11 million** to the Riverside County Transportation Commission to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing Program, **\$25.4 million** will support investments in financing solutions, infrastructure and land use planning to accelerate housing production.
- The Sustainable Communities Program provides **\$478,894** to support housing and land use strategies benefiting historically disadvantaged communities.



PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Riverside County Transportation Commission Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study **\$3 million**

The study will evaluate transit potential along Interstate 15, Interstate 215 and along the San Jacinto Branch rail line in western Riverside County. The long-term vision of the study is a fully integrated transportation network that allows for multimodal access while leveraging advanced technology.

Riverside Transit Agency GoMicro Microtransit Pilot Program Extension **\$2.3 million**

This project funds the GoMicro Microtransit Pilot Program that serves the Hemet-San Jacinto area with on-demand shared ride service. RTA will prepare a Best Practices Summary to serve as a foundational document to implement similar on-demand transit service in other areas of the SCAG region.

Vehicle Miles Traveled Study **\$2 million**

The study will provide local jurisdictions in the Coachella Valley with a framework to utilize vehicle miles traveled as the primary transportation evaluation metric by establishing screening criteria, analysis methodologies, calculation tools, and mitigation strategies.

Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network **\$2 million**

The study will create a vision and implementation plan for the multimodal transit-supportive rail station district in the City of Coachella, including a land use-focused development strategy, infrastructure investments, active transportation projects, and placemaking amenities to increase housing and jobs in a walkable and transit-accessible environment.

Coachella Valley (CV) Link Community Connectors Analysis **\$1.7 million**

The project builds upon CV Link, a \$118 Million multimodal transportation facility that connects various cities, tribal nations, and unincorporated areas in the region, by developing design plans for connector routes to this important regional active transportation route.

HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC & PRIVATE LANDS PILOT PROGRAM

City of Riverside, Missing Middle Prototype Plans for Infill Housing Sites **\$500,000**

This project will expand mid-scale housing stock through prototype plans for infill development sites.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

City of Jurupa Valley: Pedley Town Center Plan – Implementation **\$478,894**

This project will result in the development of mixed-use zoning in the Pedley Town Center Plan area, accelerating infill, mixed-use, affordable and/or commercial development near a Metrolink station, reducing vehicle miles traveled.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

Lift to Rise, We Lift: the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund **\$5 million**

The award will expand an existing regional catalyst fund providing flexible, low-interest loans for community-prioritized affordable housing projects that are stalled due to a gap in financing. The fund includes a match that will double the REAP 2.0 investment. The anticipated outcomes from expanding the expanded fund include fully funding nine projects with 1,150 affordable housing units.

City of Murrieta, Murrieta Housing Authority Revolving Loan Program **\$4.1 million**

The City of Murrieta will create a revolving loan program offering gap financing for affordable housing projects. Significant community engagement will be included to support affordable housing development in Western Riverside County. The anticipated outcomes from the new fund include loans to fully fund six to eight affordable housing projects.

City of Desert Hot Springs, Downtown Infill Tax Increment Financing Program for Housing Supportive Infrastructure **\$190,000**

The City of Desert Hot Springs will study the feasibility of and establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to fund infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, and streetscape and open space improvements that accelerate housing development. The anticipated outcome of the project is the establishment of the EIFD.

REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

City of Palm Desert, Flood Control Infrastructure for Housing Need **\$8 million**

This project will expand the city's utility capacity to mitigate future severe flooding impacting future and existing housing developments along the I-10 corridor in an area that has experienced recent flood disasters. The project will support the development of 3,386 units currently approved and 1,663 units under review.

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, Stormwater Drainage Project **\$6.1 million**

This capital project will construct a stormwater collection system to collect runoff resulting from rain flow from the foothills of the Soboba Indian Reservation. Catastrophic flood events have impacted existing homes and stopped future home development from continuing in the area.

County of Riverside, Cabazon Infrastructure Plan **\$997,500**

The county will conduct an infrastructure assessment for the unincorporated community of Cabazon to help coordinate the expansion of utility infrastructure necessary for up to 1,484 housing units of high-density residential development.

City of Desert Hot Springs, Downtown and Palm Dr. Corridor Infill Development Sewer Area Study **\$500,000**

This grant award will fund a sewer area study for Downtown Desert Hot Springs and Palm Drive to support new infill development of local affordable housing while promoting connectivity and sustainability. The study's boundaries include newly zoned mixed-use and high-density residential vacant land, as well as the Green Day Village project recently approved for a 608-unit multi-family housing development.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), Jurisdictional Technical Assistance **\$1.5 million**

Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) will offer support to their member cities with programs and activities that implement local housing element programs and support infill development, this could include a wide variety of projects that include but are not limited to: rezonings, General Plan, Specific Plan and municipal code amendments, meetings or convenings of regional partners to strategize and discuss homelessness solutions, affirmatively further fair housing programs, plans and strategies, site preparations and environmental clearance, infrastructure capacity enhancing projects and energy efficiency programs.

County of Riverside, Promoting Affordable Housing in High Opportunity Areas **\$670,603**

This two-pronged strategy will incorporate both robust community engagement and policy change to implement three housing supply, affordability and infrastructure-focused programs under the 6th Cycle Housing Element.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY



INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$27.1 million** to support 9 partner-led projects in San Bernardino County.
- The Subregional Partnership 2.0 program allocates **\$2.3 million** to the San Bernardino Council of Governments to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$9.5 million** to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing Program, **\$15.2 million** will support investments in financing solutions, infrastructure, and land use planning, to accelerate housing production.

PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Countywide Multi-Modal Complete Streets Program \$6.5 million

The project will fund portions of several multi-modal projects in the cities of Fontana, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Twentynine Palms, and Upland. These projects will lay the groundwork for developing efficient mobility hubs and addressing infrastructure needs related to affordable housing development.

San Bernardino County Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Bank \$3 million

The project will establish a new and innovative San Bernardino County Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Bank; using proceeds from the Vehicle Miles Traveled Bank, the San Bernardino County Housing Trust will be able to target funding to affordable housing and supportive infrastructure projects located in disadvantaged communities.

HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS PILOT PROGRAM

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/San Bernardino Council of Governments, Public Land-to-Residential Project–Inventory, Analysis & Toolkit for Workforce and Teacher Housing \$720,000

This project includes a comprehensive assessment of public lands in San Bernardino County to identify sites available for residential development. It also includes a toolkit to help public agencies use the Surplus Land Act to make sites available for affordable housing development with a focus on educators and the regional workforce.

City of Rialto, Catalytic Housing Initiative for Downtown Rialto \$193,875

This project will accelerate development of affordable housing on public and private lands in Rialto’s downtown by identifying site-specific constraints and solutions for utilities, financing and residential and mixed-use development.

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

San Bernardino Council of Governments, San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust \$5 million

The project will establish the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority serving the San Bernardino area, and will create an initial loan program that provides gap funding for affordable housing projects. The anticipated outcomes from the project include formation of the trust and loans for two affordable housing projects.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

San Bernardino County, Bloomington Sewer Extension \$6.5 million

This project will extend existing sewer infrastructure and increase capacity for recently upzoned areas. Bloomington, San Bernardino County’s most populated unincorporated community, has minimal active service connections and several parcels not currently supported by the local sanitation district.

City of Rialto, Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project \$2.5 million

This project will equip an existing unused water well with a treatment system to provide an additional local water source. When completed, the system will pump treated water into an existing water distribution pipeline and provide water to the entire Rialto Water Service Area, including 4,994 newly-zoned housing units identified in Rialto’s 6th Cycle Housing Element.

City of Upland, Affordable Housing Utilities Planning \$303,500

This project will produce design and engineering plans for two utility projects needed for the development of 174 affordable housing units in Historic Downtown Upland.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, Accelerating Housing Element Implementation \$2.3 million

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) will provide on-demand jurisdictional support for 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation and assist jurisdictions with California Department of Housing and Community Development pro-housing designation.

VENTURA COUNTY



INVESTMENTS

- SCAG is sub-allocating nearly **\$11.7 million** to support 11 partner-led projects in Ventura County.
- The Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 program allocates **\$419,127** to the Ventura County Council of Governments to support member cities and counties in implementing Housing Element plans.
- The County Transportation Commission Partnership Program provides **\$3.7 million** to the Ventura County Transportation Commissions to implement high-impact and transformative transportation plans, policies and projects.
- Through the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing Program, **\$7 million** will support investments in financing solutions, infrastructure and land use planning to accelerate housing production.
- The Sustainable Communities Program provides **\$499,991** to support housing and land use strategies benefiting historically disadvantaged communities.

PROJECT LIST

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Santa Paula Branch Line Active Transportation - Master Plan Update & Connections **\$1.6 million**
 This project is led by the Ventura County Transportation Commission and will advance the Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan which will improve active transportation connections to housing, transit, and job centers in the Santa Clara River Valley.

Ventura Countywide Transit Stops Inventory & Accessibility Assessment/ Capital Improvements Grant Program **\$1.5 million**
 The Ventura County Transportation Commission will conduct an inventory of all bus stops and train stations in Ventura County and fund capital improvements at transit stops and stations. Capital improvements that result from this project can be paired with future affordable housing investments within Ventura County to foster inclusive development and boost accessibility and mobility for historically disadvantaged communities.

Ventura Countywide Paratransit Integration Study **\$300,000**
 The Ventura County Transportation Commission will evaluate and provide recommendations for consolidation of all demand-response (paratransit and dial-a-ride) operations into a new countywide agency with a single call/dispatch center. By improving paratransit service, Ventura County will be able to more effectively and efficiently serve more locations enabling residents to maintain their mobility and independence while remaining connected to their community.

Community Traffic Calming & Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program **\$300,000**
 The Ventura County Transportation Commission will establish a Community Traffic Calming Program in Ventura County. The program will target areas with excessive vehicle speeds, identify concepts for permanent infrastructure improvements, and develop and implement a comprehensive traffic calming program incorporating the SCAG *Go Human* Kit of Parts.

VENTURA COUNTY PROJECT LIST (CONTINUED)

HOUSING INFILL ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS PILOT PROGRAM

City of Oxnard, Transit Oriented Development/High-Quality Transit Corridors (TOD/HQTC) Program **\$1 million**
 This project will create a TOD/HQTC Specific Plan to support future growth around transit improvements, the plan is anticipated to reduce the cost of housing production and increase a significant amount of affordable housing units by incentivizing deeper affordability for very low, extremely low and acutely low-income households in proximity to transit.

County of Ventura, Unlocking Land for Housing **\$756,500**
 This collaboration between the County of Ventura, cities and school districts aims to develop a pipeline of available public lands for housing/mixed use.

City of Moorpark, Downtown Specific Plan **\$250,000**
 This project will advance the city's Downtown Specific Plan, with a focus on increased density, mixed-use areas, objective development standards, permit streamlining, and potential incentives for affordability in infill areas, leading to additional residential and mixed-use capacity on at least 285 infill sites in the downtown area.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

County of Ventura, Resources Management Agency, Planning Division. Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan **\$499,991**
 This project will develop a Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan for county and city governments, affordable housing providers, farmworker advocates and other public and private stakeholders, including those in the healthcare, transportation, finance and education sectors. House Farm Workers! is a community-based organization co-awardee..

LASTING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

Ventura County Housing Trust Fund Revolving Long-Term Loan Program **\$5 million**
 The project will establish a long-term loan program and will increase the capacities of the Housing Trust Fund and Land Trust Fund to attract additional capital. The anticipated outcomes from the fund include 656 affordable housing units by 2031.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2.0

Ventura County Council of Governments, Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Technical Assistance **\$364,127**
 This project provides technical assistance to the Ventura County Council of Governments (VCOG) jurisdictions to implement 6th Cycle Housing Element affirmatively further fair housing programs and the Countywide 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and 5-Year Regional Consolidated Plan.

Ventura County Council of Governments, Multi-Region Accessory Dwelling Unit Program **\$45,000**
 This project will support the joint Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) efforts of VCOG and Orange County Council of Governments by continuing the HousingSoCal website that provides the public detailed jurisdiction-specific ADU opportunity and development information for all jurisdictions in the three council of governments areas.



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