

FACT SHEET

# Connect SoCal™ 2024

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to a Brighter Future



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# What is Connect SoCal 2024?

Connect SoCal 2024 is Southern California's long-range Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, which outlines a vision for a more resilient and equitable future with policies and strategies for achieving the region's shared goals through 2050.

## Plan Elements

### Regional Planning Policies

Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation

### Project List

Details plan investments

### Forecasted Regional Development Pattern

Demonstrates where the region can sustainably accommodate jobs and needed housing

### Regional Strategic Investments

Addresses the gap between local plans and regional performance targets and goals

### Implementation Strategies

Guides where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation

## Plan Summary

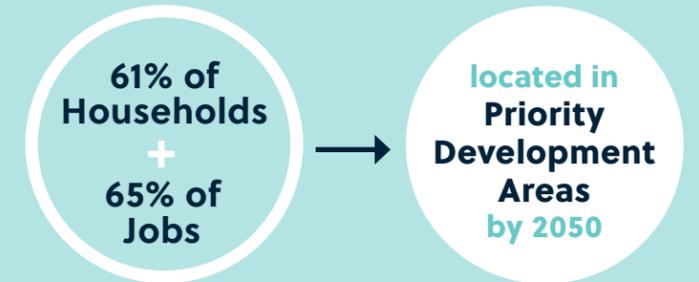
### Policy and Strategies

Connect SoCal 2024 includes guidance for local agencies and direction for SCAG to implement a vision of "a healthy, prosperous, accessible and connected region for a more resilient and equitable future" across 22 strategies, including complete streets, housing the region, climate resilience and workforce development.

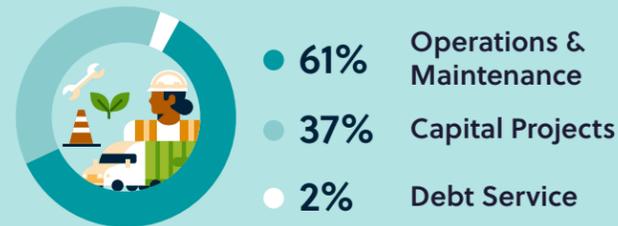
### Demographic Forecast



### More Efficient Development Pattern



### \$751.7 Billion in Investments through 2050



### Less Congestion



### Reduced GHG Emissions from Passenger Vehicles



### More Travel Options



### Direct Economic Impacts



# Plan Development

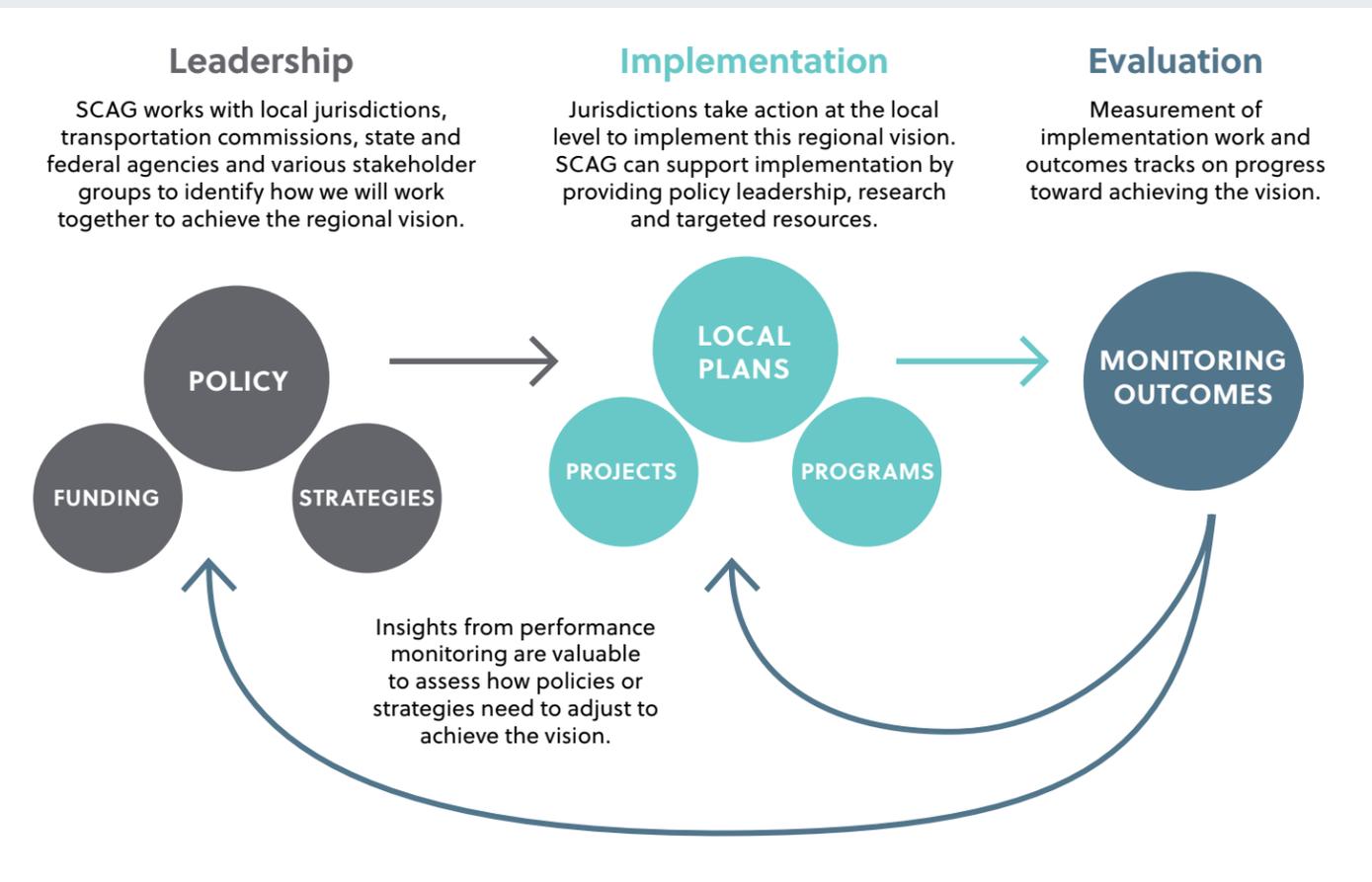
Connect SoCal 2024 was developed through a four-year planning process involving rigorous technical analysis, extensive stakeholder engagement and robust policy discussions with local elected leaders.

- **Project List:** Connect SoCal 2024 includes projects submitted by county transportation commissions based on their county- or district-level needs and goals as well as Regional Strategic Investments critical for meeting regional needs and goals.
- **Forecasted Regional Development Pattern:** The plan builds on adopted local land use plans and feedback from jurisdictions to achieve a more sustainable development pattern.

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** SCAG hosted 90+ working group and technical advisory committee meetings.
- **Public Outreach and Engagement:** SCAG held 27 public workshops and received more than 3,600 completed survey responses.
- **Leadership:** SCAG’s policy committees reviewed and discussed more than 100 staff reports relating to various aspects of plan process and content. SCAG also formed three special subcommittees to address key planning issues: 1) Racial Equity and Regional Planning, 2) Resilience and Conservation and 3) Next Generation Infrastructure.

## VISION AND GOALS

SCAG leads the region by defining where we want to go and outlining strategies to get us there.



# Plan Spotlight

**California’s transition to clean vehicle technologies requires the region to identify new revenue sources.**

**Electric vehicles (EV) and Advanced Clean Cars II regulation**

- Advanced Clean Cars II requires that all vehicles sold in California be zero emissions by 2035.
- California Air Resources Board estimates that 45 percent of vehicle miles traveled will be zero emission by 2035.
- This transition results in an estimated \$93 billion loss in gas tax revenue through 2050.
- Senate Bill 1 included a \$100 EV fee, which is not enough to replace this lost revenue.

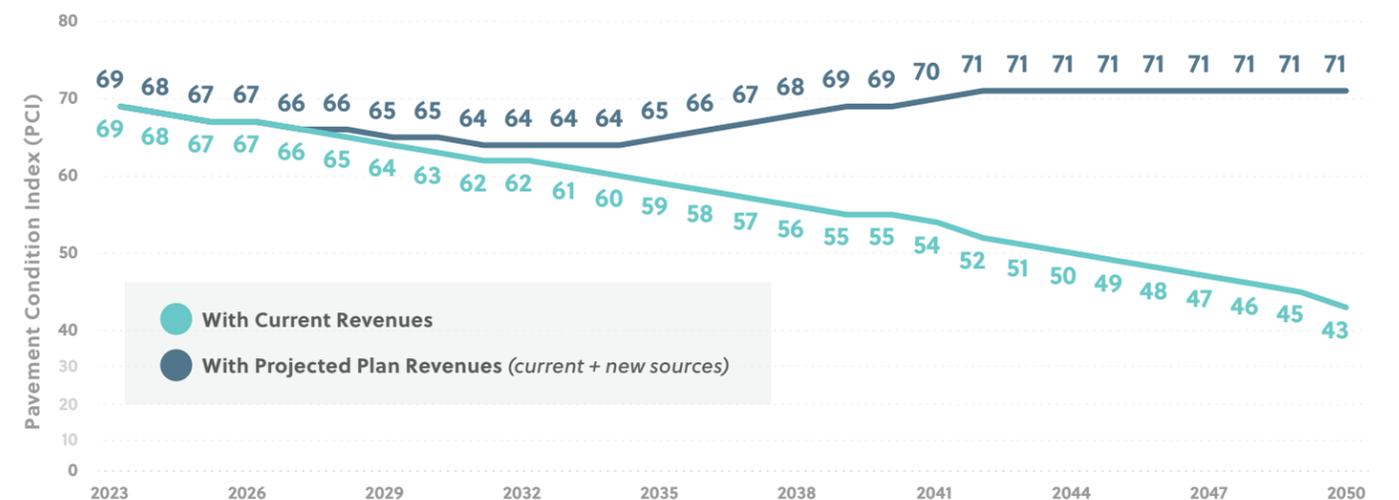
**Finding new ways to make transportation funding more sustainable in the long term is critical.**

- The financially constrained Connect SoCal 2024 includes both a “traditional” core revenue forecast comprising existing local, state and federal sources—and a forecast of innovative but reasonably available sources of revenue.
- Connect SoCal 2024 proposes a mileage-based user fee to replace gas tax revenue and provide for the region’s ongoing transportation maintenance needs.
- Implementation of user fees will require further collaboration with local, regional, state and national partners—including enabling legislation, determining the mechanism(s) for capturing miles driven and ensuring equity for low-income households.

## Regional Pavement Condition Index



## Pavement Conditions Linked to Revenue Projections



## HOUSING SUPPLY & POPULATION GROWTH

As the region’s population grows, more housing units are needed to make up for decades of unmet demand.

-  Housing built to meet population growth
-  Unmet housing needs
-  Housing built beyond population growth needs



The forecasted housing in Connect SoCal 2024 is anticipated to address the backlog of unmet housing needs.

Source: U.S. Decennial Census, 1980–2020. Three persons per housing unit assumed, equivalent to the SCAG regional average household size since 2000. Each house represents 100,000 new housing units. The above figures illustrate the housing need but are not a specific estimate of housing need.

## Plan Spotlight

### Connect SoCal 2024 plans to reduce barriers to housing development to keep up with growing demand.

- Connect SoCal 2024 plans for a forecasted 1.6 million new households between 2019-2050, about 30 percent more household formation than Southern California achieved in the previous 30 years.
- The plan, informed by feedback from local jurisdictions, helps address the backlog of unmet housing needs from the 1980s and 1990s.
- SCAG has used its 2019 Regional Early Action Program (REAP 1) grant funding and will leverage REAP 2.0 to support local planning and stimulate development to meet regional housing needs.
- The population forecast in Connect SoCal 2024 is about half the projected forecast from the last plan.
- Although the region’s population has recently declined, SCAG’s demographic experts advise that over the long term, population growth will resume, but at a slower pace than previous periods.

### Connect SoCal 2024 focuses on improving regional resilience, including, but not limited to, the impacts of a changing climate.

- Connect SoCal 2024 considered the built, social, economic and natural shocks and stressors that can impact the region, such as a pandemic or a recession, and includes strategies to improve overall regional resilience.
- Connect SoCal 2024 implementation would reduce population growth in hazard areas facing risks like wildfire, flood and sea level rise by roughly 15 percent compared to “business-as-usual” or baseline conditions.
- A more efficient development pattern, focused in Priority Development Areas (PDAs), creates residential and commercial energy and water cost savings of \$6.7 billion and \$361 million, respectively, compared to “business-as-usual” or baseline conditions. PDAs are locations where people can access alternative modes of transportation or make short trips for day-to-day tasks.

### Connect SoCal 2024 acknowledges the policy roots of inequality and identifies policies and strategies to create an equitable future and economic prosperity.

- Connect SoCal 2024 includes an Equity Analysis to evaluate the potential impacts of plan implementation on communities, including protected populations and Priority Communities. Performance measures include access to everyday destinations, bicycle and pedestrian collisions, noise impacts and geographic distribution of transportation investments.
- Direct transportation investments and increased efficiency of the transportation system will result in an estimated 465,000 new jobs per year on average.
- The spatial allocation of forecasted employment in the plan is based on feedback on preliminary forecasts by local jurisdictions.
- Connect SoCal 2024 includes policies and strategies to support workforce development within the region and to educate and train individuals to meet the needs of current and future businesses and industries.
- Connect SoCal 2024 includes \$62.6 billion in goods movement capital projects and other programs, including grade separations.
- Connect SoCal 2024 addresses equity concerns through enhanced transportation alternatives for transit-dependent populations and discounts for low-income travelers, including establishing a Mobility Equity Fund.



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## Get Involved

Connect with SCAG to stay informed about key developments and upcoming opportunities as we collaborate to implement Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG implements Connect SoCal 2024 primarily through:

**Collaboration & Policy Leadership:** Stay updated on SCAG’s efforts to build consensus on policies that cross jurisdictions, collaborating to align land use and transportation planning, streamline development regulations and work toward the region’s economic and environmental goals.

**Federal Funding Administration:** Stay in the loop regarding project selection, programming and federal formula and discretionary funds, including updates of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, which SCAG completes every two years to advance infrastructure goals aligned with Connect SoCal 2024’s goals and regional performance measures.

**Data Collection, Analysis & Research:** Learn more about SCAG’s research initiatives in land use and transportation. SCAG’s data collection, analysis and research can inform strategic, effective planning decisions.

**Local Technical Assistance Resources:** Stay connected to the resources, funding and tools provided by SCAG to support local action toward regional solutions.



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