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MEETING OF THE

**EXECUTIVE/
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Wednesday, October 4, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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, October 4, 2023
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

ACTION ITEM

1. Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds
(Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer)

PPG. 8

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-1 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety grant funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 to support the Go Human Campaign and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

2. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds: Safety Modeling
(Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer)

PPG. 13

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-2 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting this project.



EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Art Brown, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

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ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Alina Borja, Community Engagement Specialist
(213) 630-1449, borja@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-1 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety grant funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 to support the Go Human Campaign and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

RECOMMENDED ACTION TC:

Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve Resolution No. 23-659-1 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety grant funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 to support the Go Human Campaign and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted the Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative." To pursue this effort, SCAG launched Go Human, a Regional Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, with funding from the Active Transportation Program. To extend campaign efforts, SCAG applied for Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of



\$1,354,475 to conduct an eighth round of Go Human safety programming and engagement across the region. On July 14, 2023, SCAG was informed that the grant award was being tentatively offered. SCAG is seeking Regional Council approval to receive the funds and authorization for the Executive Director to execute necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

BACKGROUND:

In the six-county SCAG region, walking or bicycling accounts for 8.9% of all trips, but 27% of all roadway fatalities, according to Connect SoCal, SCAG’s Adopted 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). To address this, the SCAG 2014 General Assembly passed Resolution No. GA 2014-2, titled “Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative” to support a regional safety initiative aimed at improving roadway safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. To implement the resolution, SCAG secured \$2.3 million through California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) grant funding from the statewide 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP) call for projects to coordinate a Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

Using these grant resources, SCAG successfully initiated the Go Human Campaign with the launch of a first round of advertising and outreach in September of 2015 as well as six additional grant opportunities through the Office of Traffic Safety to implement safety strategies. The advertising campaign has secured more than one billion impressions to date (each time an ad is seen) regionwide through a combination of SCAG’s initial investment, as well as leveraged and donated media from local and county partners. SCAG has also completed and extended other components of the initial grant scope of work which include implementing a series of Go Human events in partnership with local cities, awarding grants to community-based organizations for community engagement, and other programming to create active transportation champions.

To continue the Go Human Campaign’s momentum, SCAG applied for additional funding in January 2023 in the amount of \$1,354,474.82 from the Office of Traffic Safety to extend the campaign into 2023 and 2024. On July 14, 2023, SCAG received notice that an award in the amount of \$1,354,475 was being tentatively offered, given final approval from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, anticipated in October 2023. If awarded, this funding will be used to conduct traffic safety engagement strategies and programming. Funds will be used to support localized traffic safety outreach for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists across the region, through the multiple safety strategies, including safety messaging and co-branding, temporary safety demonstration projects, and the distribution of Community Streets Grants across the region. Funds will also be used for research development and analysis to assess existing strategies and inform new ones. SCAG is seeking Regional Council approval to receive the funds.



FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, SCAG will receive \$1,354,475 in grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety that will be utilized for the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. SCAG will use available general funds balance to begin project work. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the grant funding will be included and reconciled in a future budget amendment during FY 2023-24 and the general fund will be reimbursed for grant expenditures.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-1 Acceptance of Traffic Safety Grant Funds



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN

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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;

WHEREAS, on average, 1,500 people are killed and 136,000 are injured in traffic collisions throughout the SCAG region every year;

WHEREAS, SCAG has applied for an award of \$1,354,475 in Office of Traffic Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Funds ("Grant Funds"), to support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign;

WHEREAS, the mission of the California Office of Traffic Safety is to "Effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways"; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Funds will be used for the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign, which will involve consulting services to extend the Go Human Safety and Encouragement Campaign and support Community Outreach and Engagement strategies focused on traffic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council that SCAG is authorized to accept and administer the Grant Funds to support the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept the tentative Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,354,475 Office of Traffic Safety to support the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.
2. That SCAG's Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to supporting the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign.

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Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-1 Acceptance of Traffic Safety Grant Funds (Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael Gainor, Senior Regional Planner
(213) 236-1822, gainor@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds: Safety Modeling

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution No. 23-659-2 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve Resolution No. 23-659-2 authorizing SCAG to accept, if awarded, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting this project.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 31, 2023, SCAG submitted a grant application to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$886,684 to fund the development of a transportation safety data analysis and predictive modeling platform. On July 14, 2023, SCAG was informed by OTS that the grant was tentatively awarded, pending final approval. SCAG is now seeking Regional Council (RC) approval to receive the anticipated grant funding and authorization for the Executive Director to execute all necessary agreements and other documents as they relate to supporting development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform.

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG region continues to experience unacceptably high levels of fatalities and injuries incurred due to collisions occurring on our regional multimodal transportation system. A coordinated regional approach is required to help address this enduring travel safety crisis to focus local and regional planning and investment strategies toward the most effective treatments for improving safety conditions on our regional roadways and for developing a proactive strategy for reducing risk through use of a standardized set of data resources and analytical tools. Transportation safety will continue to be among the region's highest planning priorities as we develop Connect SoCal 2024. With the emergence of new and more dynamic data resources and safety analytical methods, SCAG is committed to fully leveraging these opportunities to significantly enhance the safety of the SCAG regional multimodal transportation system for all users.

The overall objective of the proposed project is to improve the safety performance of the SCAG regional multimodal transportation system through development of a web-based transportation safety data predictive modeling and analytical platform. The ability to model, predict, and analyze regional multimodal transportation system safety risks will promote a data-focused decision-making process to support safety planning throughout the region. The dynamic information and proactive roadway safety insights provided through the platform will effectively serve to reduce the number and ameliorate the severity of collisions occurring throughout the region by leveraging innovative technologies, such as in-vehicle information systems and newly available safety modeling capacities to improve the ability of SCAG and local safety planning agencies to measure, monitor, and anticipate current and future transportation system safety conditions and performance.

To provide funding for this ambitious proposal, SCAG applied for a grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in January 2023 for an amount totaling \$886,684 to develop the proposed platform and to secure the requisite real-time traffic data. On July 14, 2023, SCAG received notification that the requested grant award was being tentatively offered, pending final approval from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in October of 2023. If awarded, this funding will be used to develop the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform and acquire the appropriate licensing to access the real-time regional traffic datasets to enable the analytical and predictive modeling elements of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, SCAG will receive \$886,684 in grant funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to be utilized for development of the proposed SCAG Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Crash Predictive Modeling Platform. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the grant funding will be included and reconciled in a future budget amendment during FY 2023-24 and the general fund will be reimbursed for grant expenditures.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-2 Acceptance of OTS Grant Funds - Safety Modeling



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$886,684 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PREDICTIVE MODELING PLATFORM

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;

WHEREAS, on average, 1,500 people are killed and 136,000 are injured in traffic collisions throughout the SCAG region every year;

WHEREAS, SCAG has applied for an award of \$886,684 in State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Transportation Safety Funds ("Grant Funds"), to support development of a Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform;

WHEREAS, the mission of the California Office of Traffic Safety is to "Effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways"; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Funds will be used for development of a Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform, which will involve consulting services to obtain real-time traffic data, and to develop the requisite analytical and predictive modeling capabilities to support efforts to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries throughout the SCAG region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council, that SCAG is authorized to accept and administer the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to develop the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. That the Regional Council hereby authorizes SCAG to accept the tentative State of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$886,684 to support development of the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.
2. That SCAG's Executive Director or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all necessary agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council as they relate to supporting development of the Regional Transportation Safety Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling Platform.

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Energy & Environment Deborah Robertson, Rialto
Transportation Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-2 Acceptance of OTS Grant Funds - Safety Modeling (Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds:

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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.ig2.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. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	Los Angeles County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
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Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel
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 Luis Plancarte, Imperial County, 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 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 ITEM

1. 2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan

There were no public comments on this item.

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Director, reported staff was requesting the EAC to recommend the Regional Council approve the 2023-2024 EAC work plan which was discussed in detail during the EAC Retreat. She explained that during the retreat they reviewed the 2022-2023 accomplishments and progress the agency had made on their four priority areas which included regional policy development, leadership and resource deployment, legislative actions and technology and innovation leadership. She noted that they also reviewed and discussed new objectives to continue progress in these priority areas. She indicated that among the new objectives outlined for this year, President Brown identified uniting and elevating the region's voice on transit recovery goods movement and clean transportation technology as key policy areas. She also explained that another area of interest and discussion at the retreat was around opportunities for SCAG to continue to promote advancements in technology, and they had since added an objective to the work plan related to artificial intelligence (AI) and providing direction to staff to explore opportunities to leverage AI's benefits in support of SCAG's operations and planning work. She noted that they would continue to refine the policy committee outlooks and would use them to guide the agenda development at each of the committees to ensure that they bring forward information and policy discussions that advance the priority areas that are identified in the work plan. She highlighted that the policy committee outlooks are living documents that would be subject to change.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Solache) that the Executive/Administration Committee review and finalize the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan and recommend approval by the Regional Council at the October 5, 2023 meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update

There were no public comments on this item.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Department Manager, explained that they had built a very robust housing program with lots of funding toward programs that help develop and accelerate housing production across the region. She explained that this was a \$35 million program for housing

supportive utility infrastructure which also involved strategic partnerships with utility providers and other agencies. She noted that they were asking the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve the updates to the REAP 2 PATH guidelines that align with the recommendations that are specific to the launch and implementation of the RUSH program.

Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Regional Planner, provided a brief overview of SCAG's REAP 2.0 program framework. She explained that the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) was one of the three funding areas under SCAG's REAP 2.0 program and that the RUSH pilot program fell within that. She indicated that the guidelines they were updating were specific to the PATH guidelines that oversaw three programs. 1) the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) For Lasting Affordability; 2) Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPPL); and Regional Utility Supporting Housing (RUSH). She noted that in the PATH guidelines for RUSH they had stipulated that they would refine the program based on the recommendations from an advisory panel and an industry forum which was held in April. She noted that the RUSH grant program was set to fund both capital and planning projects that implement basic utility infrastructure needed for housing in Southern California such as water, wastewater, stormwater, management, and electricity. She also indicated that it was also meant to support jurisdictions in meeting their housing production goals defined in the 6th cycle RHNA and housing elements. She further explained that SCAG partnered with the Urban Land Institute and with Placeworks to convene an industry forum where they brought an expert in development, finance, housing, utilities, and equity to evaluate opportunities for them to consider as part of the RUSH program. She explained that the advisory panel identified a series of challenges and recommendations to consider under the RUSH program. She indicated that the challenges consisted of entitlement delays, long-range planning for utilities, missed opportunities to "dig-once", lack of utility mapping, no accounting for underserved discriminated populations, lack of workforce, etc. She noted that the common theme stemming from these recommendations was how SCAG can take on a regional leadership role in advancing regional utility coordination, including integrating mapping within SCAG databases. She indicated that other recommendations suggest that SCAG consider including funding projects that address mapping utility infrastructure constraints and capacity, and capital funding for capacity issues at priority housing sites. She also indicated that it was recommended that SCAG consider equity to be a central focus for distributing RUSH program funds. She also noted that the advisory panel recommended funding three capital pilot projects in urban, suburban, and rural areas. She also provided a brief overview of the PATH guidelines update with respect to eligibility, project types, funding and implementing agencies. She explained that approval of this item would allow SCAG to go ahead and release the call for applications this fall.

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including comments which focused on the closing period for application applicants, how much weight is put towards equity and what percentage of the SCAG population has jurisdictions or agencies that are directly involved in housing, the number of local jurisdictions or cities within their region that have

the element of housing authority or housing unit, if the private developer sitting on public land will receive preference to produce housing, if there are any geographic equity considerations, and if there is any opportunity for a grant workshop.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, explained that the program had been previously approved by the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee, however, due to the Joint Policy Committee occurring, the EAC was being asked to move this forward to Regional Council on behalf of CEHD given the time sensitivity around this project.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to recommend that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) approve updates to the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Guidelines, which align with the recommendations specific to the RUSH Pilot Program as described in the staff report. Motion was SECONDED (Harnik) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

3. Resolution No. 23-658-1 Regarding the SCAG 2023 Title VI Program

There were no public comments on this item.

Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel, reported that every 3 years, it is required by law to adopt a new title VI program. He explained that SCAG's current title VI program was adopted in October 2020 and would expire in November 2023. He noted that SCAG would submit the resolution that approves the Title VI program to the Federal Transit Administration upon approval by the Regional Council.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to Recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 23-658-1 approving the SCAG 2023 Title VI Program. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following votes:



AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting - June 29, 2023 through June 30, 2023
5. Minutes of the Meeting – July 5, 2023
6. Contract Amendment Exceeding \$150,000: Contract No. 18-011A-C01, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Online
7. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-018-C01, Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (ELA)
8. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program Application
9. AB 833 (Rendon): Freeway Caps
10. AB 1637 (Irwin): Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses
11. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

12. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve the Consent Calendar Item 4 through 11; and Receive and File Item 12. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon,

McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the CFO report included the CFO charts that tracks SCAG's progress through the fiscal year end, June 30, 2023. She stated that accounting was still in the process of completing the year end close and audit. She noted that the audit and annual financial statements were anticipated to be completed towards the end of the second quarter. Lastly, she stated Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Director, would provide updates of the work completed over the past quarter.

Ms. Jepson indicated that the update had been included to show the progress being made on some of the key projects completed through the fourth quarter ending on June 30. She stated that several of the projects are products of REAP and that SCAG received 47 million dollars as part of the REAP 1.0 program. She explained that there were 100 individual projects that were part of the program which will increase housing, supply, accelerate housing production and help SCAG jurisdictions meet their 6th cycle RHNA allocations. She noted that half of the funds received from REAP 1.0 were allocated to the sub-regional partnership program and that more projects would wrap up this fall and winter, which would be showcased at CEHD meetings. She stated a major highlight was the formation of EIFD by the city of Covina.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown reported that SCAG's 34th annual Demographic Workshop would take place on September 20 and that the event would be held at the SCAG's main office, with an online option for virtual viewing. He noted that the program would feature expert discussions on how generational dynamics are influencing changes to Southern California's demographic landscape and implications for housing, transportation and sustainability. He also reported that SCAG participated on a panel about cross sector and cross jurisdictional collaboration at the biennial California Adaptation Forum last month in Pomona. The event brought together decision-makers, technical experts and practitioners to learn about opportunities and tools to build climate resilience in the near and long-term. Regional Councilmember and Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval presented his city's community-focused approach to transformative climate solutions. He also reported that in July, SCAG met with the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority to discuss streamlining grant executions, the VMT regional model threshold and interagency communication. He also reported that SCAG met with California State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and former SCAG Regional Councilmember

Assemblymember Juan Carillo. He noted that SCAG shared legislative and budgetary priorities, including support for ongoing investments in active transportation and infill infrastructure grant programs, as well as the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 program. He further reported that SCAG joined the Los Angeles County Business Federation to advocate for regional priorities and that SCAG met with eight legislative offices, including with Assemblymembers Carrillo and Blanca Rubio. Lastly, he reported the next regular meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that SCAG would hold a joint policy committee meeting to preview the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan which would showcase key policies and strategies that will be included in the draft Plan to address existing and emerging challenges facing the region. He noted that SCAG anticipates requesting authorization to release the draft Plan at the November Regional Council meeting, as well as release the corresponding Program Environmental Impact Report within 30 days of the draft Plan release. SCAG has had early engagement from a coalition of business stakeholders and have considered their input in draft Plan development and anticipate continued feedback and discussion during the public comment period. He noted that following the public review and comment period, including a concurrent review and comment period for the program environmental impact report, SCAG anticipates seeking approval for the adoption of a final Connect SoCal in April 2024. He also reported that SCAG Deputy Director of Planning Annie Nam was on a panel discussing regional transportation solutions focusing on planning and funding for the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions held at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority last late month. He explained that the presentation highlighted the importance of state action furthering the establishment of a user fee-based system to better reflect the true cost of transportation for a more equitable distribution of costs and benefits. He also reported that the second meeting of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee took place on August 28 and included discussion of potential draft data standards for identifying, evaluating, and selecting data. He explained this work supports the TAC's purpose of ensuring the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the approved Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning policy framework. He indicated that the final TAC meeting is scheduled for September 25th, with a discussion of revisions to the draft data standards, tool functionality and beta testing. He further explained that SCAG staff would continue to integrate TAC input into recommendations for further development of the Greenprint tool, which will be brought to the Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for consideration. Lastly, he reported SCAG Leadership met virtually with leadership from the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Coalition Redesignation Committee. He indicated that the SCAG Executive team shared the importance of the Clean Cities Program, as well as the California regulatory drivers and the need for more funding in this area. He noted that SCAG staff presented about SCAG's coalition structure, recent accomplishments, and activities and future workplan, highlighting work such as the



Passenger Electric Vehicle Atlas, the Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study and the Last Mile Freight Program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, thanked SCAG for support of the Aviation Symposium.

Frank Yokoyama reported there was a Special CEHD meeting in August and thanked staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:58 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2022-23																Total M Attend To Da
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	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									5
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0	1									4
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1	1									3
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1	0									3
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	1									3
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1	1									3
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62	0	0	0	0	1									1
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0									3
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1									5
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - September 6, 2023)



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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.s 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, Information Technology (IT) – Application Development and Support Bench Contracts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff requests the following actions:

1. Approve contracts to be referenced as 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, with the ten firms who have qualified to serve on SCAG’s IT bench consultant, in a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,991,000, to provide project-based technical resources for the next five (5) years; and
2. Request a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement to obtain Regional Council (RC) approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants, as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.
3. 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 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG’s Information Technology (IT) Division requires project-based application and development resources to develop and support current and future applications to meet business needs. Staff seeks to create a bench contract with ten (10) qualified IT resources firms selected through SCAG’s competitive procurement 23-013 for as-needed IT Application and Development Services. A Request for Offer (RFO) for each IT project or system related scope of work will be sent to these 10 firms whenever the need arises.



Staff requests to exceed the \$500,000 contract limit per procurement procedures for each individual contract for IT resources, when an individual resource is retained for project support to maintain consistency and effectiveness for up to 5 years. This includes a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement to obtain RC approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$200,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
<u>23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10 (various consultants)</u>	The various IT firms shall provide technical project resources to complete defined scopes of work, including some multi-year projects, under contracts 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10.	\$1,991,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811.1163.04 and 811.1163.13, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contact Summary 23-013-C01 through C10
2. Contract Summary 23-013-C01 through C10 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-013-C01 through C10

**Recommended
Consultant:**

1. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
2. California Creative Solutions, Inc.
3. Computer Aid, Inc.
4. Datahouse Consulting, Inc.
5. E.K. Associates
6. Infojini, Inc.
7. MindPROS, Inc.
8. SoftHQ, Inc.
9. Stellar Services, Inc.
10. V3IT Consulting, Inc.

**Background &
Scope of Work:**

SCAG's Information Technology (IT) Division requires project-based application and development resources to develop and support current and future applications to meet business needs. Staff seeks to create a bench contract with ten (10) qualified IT Resource firms selected through SCAG's competitive procurement 23-013 for as-needed IT Application and Development Services. A Request for Offer (RFO) for each IT project or system related scope of work will be sent to these 10 firms whenever the need arises.

As in the past, staff requests to exceed the \$500,000 contract limit per procurement procedures for each individual contract for IT resources, when an individual resource is retained for project support to maintain consistency and effectiveness for up to five (5) years. This includes a waiver of the agency's procurement requirement of obtaining the Regional Council's approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement of needing Regional Council approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants.

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

Using IT resources on a contract-by-contract as-needed basis gives SCAG the ability to acquire specialized skills to manage evolving technology demands and meet business needs. This increases SCAG's effectiveness in deploying and supporting new technology, broadens the qualified resource pool, shortens project delivery time, and in many cases, reduces the overall cost of projects. The work of each IT firm will be tied to a specific scope related to a particular project, including agreed deliverables and rates, estimated hours, and schedules.

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

\$1,991,000

To be awarded to eligible firms specified through SCAG RFP 23-013 for various scopes of work related to IT projects.

Contract Period:

Notice to Proceed through December 31, 2028

Project Number(s): \$189,000 811.1163.04
\$11,000 811.1163.13

Funding Source: Indirect Cost Program Budget

Funding of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811.1163.04 and 811.1163.13, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

Request for Proposal (RFP):

SCAG staff notified 1,415 firms of the release of RFP 23-013 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System. A total of 159 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following forty-seven (47) proposals in response to the solicitation:

1. 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
2. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
3. Alliance Innovations
4. ASEG Inc.
5. BayInfotech LLC
6. CAI
7. California Creative Solutions Inc, dba CCS Global Tech
8. COGENT Infotech Corporation
9. Commercial Programming Systems, Inc
10. CrowdPlat, Inc
11. DataHouse Consulting, Inc.
12. Delta Computer Solutions, Inc
13. DPP Tech Inc.
14. E.K. Associates
15. Elegant Enterprise-Wide Solutions, Inc.
16. EPAM Government Solutions
17. ERPA
18. FAAZ Consulting LLC
19. HexaCorp
20. Infojini, Inc
21. Infostride
22. Jada Systems, Inc.
23. Kapital Data Corp
24. Kiefer Consulting, Inc.
25. MindPROS, Inc.
26. MSys, Inc.
27. Paramount Software Solutions, Inc.
28. Prelude Systems Inc.
29. Protiviti Government Services, Inc.
30. QUADRANT RESOURCE LLC
31. Red Sun Technology Solutions, LLC
32. Resource Logistics Inc
33. Riya Interactive, Inc.
34. SATWIC INC
35. SDI Presence LLC
36. Serigor, Inc.
37. SoftHQ, Inc
38. Stellar Services

39. ThoughtFocus, Inc.
40. Trinus Corporation
41. Triune Infomatics, Inc.
42. TRYFACTA, INC.
43. Tunabear Consulting
44. V Group Inc.
45. V3iT Consulting, Inc.
46. Vastek Inc
47. Zion Cloud Solutions

The highest ranked consultants being recommended for contract award (inclusion on the bench) are:

1. AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
2. California Creative Solutions, Inc.
3. CAI
4. Datahouse Consulting, Inc.
5. E.K. Associates
6. Infojini, Inc.
7. MindPROS, Inc.
8. SoftHQ, Inc.
9. Stellar Services, Inc.
10. V3IT Consulting, Inc.

Basis for Selection:

The PRC recommends each of the ten (10) firms listed above for the contract award based on technical qualifications, breadth and quality of resources, company stability and viability, and customer references.

Additionally, each firm:

- Clearly identified previous experience performing similar work scopes;
- Demonstrated the best understanding of the project's intent and scopes; and
- Provided rates that were reasonable and within the desired range.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For October 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

Staff requests the following actions:

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2. Requests a waiver of the agency’s procurement requirement of obtaining the Regional Council’s (RC’s) approval for contracts above \$500,000 for any individual contract awarded to one of the IT bench consultants, as well as a waiver to the procurement requirement of needing Regional Council approval for any contract amendment beyond \$150,000 or 30% of its original value or beyond the normal \$500,000 RC approval threshold for any individual contract awarded to any of the IT bench consultants; and
3. 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)?
AgreeYa Solutions, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
California Creative Solutions, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Jada Systems, Inc. (sub-consultant)	No – form attached
CAI (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Datahouse Consulting, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Kambrian Corporation (sub-consultant)	No – form attached
E.K. Associates	No – form attached
Infojini, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
ICM Federal, Inc. (sub consultant)	No – form attached
MindPROS, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
SoftHQ, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
Stellar Services, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached
V3IT Consulting, Inc. (prime consultant)	No – form attached

Attachment: Contact Summary 23-013-C01 through C10 (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No.s 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10,

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-013

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 www.scag.ca.gov. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "OPPORTUNITIES", then "Doing Business with SCAG" and scroll down under the "CONTRACTS" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "ABOUT", then scroll down to "ELECTED OFFICIALS" on the left side of the page and click on "See the list of SCAG representative and their Districts."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Deputy Legal Counsel, 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: AgreeYa Solutions, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Ajay Kaul
Project Title: Information Technology Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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) Ajay Kaul, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Partner of (firm name) AgreeYa Solutions, 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 06/02/2023 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.


 _____ 06/02/2023 _____
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (Original signature required)

NOTICE

A materially 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.

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No. 23-013

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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Name of Firm: California Creative Solutions, Inc. dba CCS Global Tech

Name of Preparer: Raminder Singh

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) – Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support.

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/6/2023

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

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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

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YES NO

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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?

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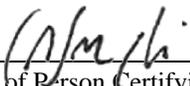
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Raminder Singh, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) California Creative Solutions, Inc. dba CCS Global Tech, 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 6/2/2023 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.



6/2/2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
 (Original signature required)

 Date

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Name of Firm: Jada Systems Inc.

Name of Preparer: Troy Davis

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Troy Davis, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & C.E.O. of (firm name) Jada Systems 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 6/05/2023 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.

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Name of Firm: Computer Aid, Inc.

Name of Preparer: D. Abraham Hunter, EVP

Project Title: Information Technology (IT) - Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support

RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/6/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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YES NO

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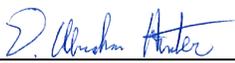
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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) D. Abraham Hunter, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Executive Vice President of (firm name) Computer Aid, 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 6/6/2023 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.

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Name of Firm: DataHouse Consulting, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Edward Ontai
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 023-013 **Date Submitted:** 05/30/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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Edward Ontai
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05/22/2023

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Name of Firm: Kambrian Corporation
Name of Preparer: Cathy Hsieh
Project Title: IT Application Development & Support
RFP Number: RFP 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 5/30/2023

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Name of Firm: E.K TECHNOLOGIES DBA E.K. ASSOCIATES

Name of Preparer: REENA J VASWANI

Project Title: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

RFP Number: RFP No. 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

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I, (printed full name) REENA J VASWANI, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) PRESIDENT of (firm name) E.K. ASSOCIATES, 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 06/05/2023 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.

Reena Vaswani _____ 06/05/2023 _____
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Name of Firm: Infojini Inc
Name of Preparer: Sandeep harjani
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 Date Submitted: 06/06/2023

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I, (printed full name) Sandeep Harjani, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President of (firm name) Infojini 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 06/05/2023 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.


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Name of Firm: ICM FEDERAL INC.
Name of Preparer: SARAH HASHEMI
Project Title: CEO/PRESIDENT
RFP Number: _____ Date Submitted: June 6th 2023
"State of California IT Application Development"

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

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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

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YES NO

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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) SARAH HASHEMI, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO/PRESIDENT of (ICM FEDERAL 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 June 6th 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.

Sarah Hashemi



June 6th 2023

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(Original signature required)

Date

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Name of Firm: MindPROS, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Jaya Ravoori
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: #23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/06/2023

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

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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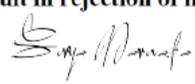
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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Surya Maruvada, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) MindPROS, 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 06/05/2023 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
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06/05/2023
Date

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Name of Firm: SoftHQ, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Kranti Ponnam
Project Title: President
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 09/26/2023

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

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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

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YES NO

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YES NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Kranti Ponnam, **hereby declare that I am the (position or title)** President **of (firm name)** SoftHQ, 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 09/26/2023 **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.****

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Name of Firm: Stellar Services, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Liang Chen
Project Title: Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 6/06/2023

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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Name of Firm: V3IT Consulting, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Vandana Padgaonkar
Project Title: IT Application Development and Support
RFP Number: 23-013 **Date Submitted:** 06/06/2023

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YES NO

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AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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. 24-022-C01, Amazon Web
Services (AWS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-022-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$4,445,445, with AWS to provide continued support and maintenance of SCAG’s cloud-based compute and storage infrastructure, while ensuring maximized cost savings and increased administrative efficiency, with the common goal of providing enhanced compute capability, centralized storage of critical data, and overall improved IT services and solutions to the entire organization. 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 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cloud computing has become an indispensable tool for organizations like SCAG seeking scalability, flexibility, and cost-efficiency in providing IT infrastructure. SCAG has benefited from utilizing AWS cloud computing for several key strategic areas, including high demand processes in Modeling and the Regional Data Platform. However, our AWS utilization is currently fragmented across multiple accounts, which has presented challenges in maximizing cost savings and gaining administrative efficiency.

This contract will allow SCAG to consolidate our existing AWS accounts and continue to utilize cloud computing through 2026. This strategic consolidation will allow SCAG to simplify management, optimize costs, improve security, and ensure business continuity. Further, by consolidating our accounts, we can better manage our cloud resources and expenditure. This initiative reflects our commitment to a more efficient and cost-effective cloud infrastructure that will support SCAG’s continued growth and innovation.



BACKGROUND:

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Amazon Web Services (24-022-C01)	This contract will allow staff to consolidate SCAG’s existing AWS accounts and continue to utilize cloud computing through 2026.	\$4,445,445

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$1,111,362 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Numbers 811-1163.24, 811-1163.22, 811-1163.08, 811-1163.23, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budgets, subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-022-C01
2. Contract Summary 24-022-C01 COI

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-022-C01

Recommended Consultant:

Amazon Web Services

Background & Scope of Work:

Cloud computing has become an indispensable tool for organizations like SCAG seeking scalability, flexibility, and cost-efficiency in providing IT infrastructure. SCAG has benefited from utilizing Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud computing for several key strategic areas, including high demand processes in Modeling and the Regional Data Platform. However, our AWS utilization is currently fragmented across multiple accounts, which has presented challenges in maximizing cost savings and gaining administrative efficiency.

SCAG’s current AWS accounts include:

1. Modeling – AWS allows SCAG to scale and simultaneously run large modeling runs efficiently, reducing costs;
2. Regional Data Platform (RDP) – AWS enables SCAG to develop and implement a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that promotes efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region;
3. Aerial Imagery; and
4. IT Operations.

Managing multiple AWS accounts introduces complexity in terms of billing and resource provisioning. Duplication of resources across different accounts can lead to inefficiencies and increased costs. Ensuring consistent security controls and compliance standards across multiple accounts is also challenging and duplicative versus a more unified cloud computing strategy.

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Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:

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

- Effectively and efficiently manage SCAG’s cloud compute and storage capacity to meet the specialized needs and growth of Modeling, RDP, Aerial Imagery and IT Operations;
- Provide scalable, flexible and cost-efficient cloud based computing and high capacity centralized data storage; and
- Simplify account management, cost optimization and billing efficiency.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For October 5, 2023 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-022-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$4,445,445, with AWS to provide continued support and maintenance of SCAG's cloud-based compute and storage infrastructure, while ensuring maximized cost savings and increased administrative efficiency, with the common goal of providing enhanced compute capability, centralized storage of critical data, and overall improved IT services and solutions to the entire organization. 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)?
Amazon Web Services (prime consultant)	No - form attached

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RFP No./Contract No. RFP-022-C01

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Name of Firm: Amazon Web Services, Inc.

Name of Preparer: n/a

Project Title: N/A

Date Submitted: September 27, 2023

The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy (the “Policy”), by its terms, covers “members, employees and consultants of the Southern California Association of Governments [“SCAG”].”

Amazon Web Services, Inc. (“AWS”) is not a member, employee, or “consultant” as defined¹ in the Policy.

AWS employs thousands of individuals globally and it is impracticable for AWS to make the below Declaration on behalf of all of its employees. Amazon.com has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics currently posted at <https://ir.aboutamazon.com/corporate-governance/documents-charters/code-business-conduct-and-ethics> (as updated from time to time, the “Code”) that covers issues including, among other things, conflicts of interest and bribery. AWS will conduct its operations in compliance with the Code.

AWS understands that SCAG nevertheless requires AWS to submit this form. AWS’s limits its responses below to only address the activities of the three specific AWS employees who will interact with or otherwise support SCAG in its provision of AWS commercial cloud services.

¹ “For purposes of this policy, a “consultant” shall mean any individual, including an executive director or coordinator who provides management, coordinating, consulting or similar services pursuant to a contract or other agreement with the Association, Subregional Council of Governments (“SUB-COG”), or any other subregional organization affiliated with SCAG. A “consultant” shall not include an executive director or coordinator of a SUB-COG with a fixed contract or salary from SCAG that is not dependent on a dollar amount of contracts received.”

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YES — **NO** *N/A

*AWS response subject to AWS remarks on page 1 of this form.

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YES **NO***

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YES **NO***

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

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If "yes," please list name and the nature of the 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*

*AWS response subject to AWS remarks on page 1 of this form.

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) Matthew Briggs, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Authorized Signatory of (firm name) Amazon Web Services, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. Subject to AWS's remarks on page 1 of this form, I hereby submit this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated September 27, 2023. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

DocuSigned by:


Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

September 27, 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 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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

From: India Brookover, Senior Regional Planner
(213) 236-1919, brookover@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Grant Program
Application

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to submit the Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding Full Application to the California Department of Conservation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* and authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer, to submit the Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding Full Application to the California Department of Conservation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Council previously adopted Resolution No. 23-658-2 Authorization to Apply for Full Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Funding Program on September 7, 2023, and the complete grant application was submitted to the California Department of Conservation by SCAG staff on September 8, 2023. Since receiving the grant application, the Department of Conservation has indicated that updates are needed to the previously adopted resolution.

To pursue full funding for the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study under the SALC planning grant, SCAG staff recommends approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3 Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program by the Regional Council.

Authorization to apply through the Regional Council's adoption of a Resolution of Support is required to submit the full application to the California Department of Conservation.

SCAG is eligible to receive approximately \$500,000 in grant funding through the SALC planning grant, a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program administered by the California Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency. The purpose of the SALC program is to protect agricultural land to support infill and compact development and to further the purposes of AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses. To fulfill Connect SoCal's goals and promote a healthy and sustainable region, SCAG staff is seeking a SALC Planning Grant to fund the creation of a Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study, which will result in a better understanding of the state of agricultural activities and conservation in the region and help quantify the economic and resilience benefits of agricultural and natural lands.

BACKGROUND:

SALC and SCAG's Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study

Agriculture and natural lands play a significant role in the SCAG region's economy, culture, and ecosystem. SCAG has included a commitment to conservation in the Sustainable Communities Strategy ("Connect SoCal"), through the goal to "Promote conservation of natural and agricultural lands and restoration of habitats." This goal is also intended to help the region meet its greenhouse gas reduction commitments, because of the role natural and agricultural lands play in avoiding greenhouse gas emissions through reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and sequestering carbon.

A component of the California Strategic Growth Council's (Council) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) supports the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals by protecting agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG intensive uses, which promotes smart growth within existing jurisdictions, ensures open space remains available, and supports a healthy agricultural economy and resulting food security.

Administered by the California Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency, SALC Agricultural Land Conservation Planning grants provide funds to cities and counties in collaboration with local stakeholders to develop and implement plans for the protection of agricultural land at risk of conversion to non-agricultural uses. SALC planning grants incentivize local governments to work closely with local stakeholders to develop local and regional land use policies and implementation strategies that integrate agricultural land conservation goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support job creation, and benefit priority populations.

SCAG is eligible for \$500,000 in SALC planning grant funding. The Regional Council previously adopted Resolution No. 23-658-2 Authorization to Apply for Full Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Funding Program on September 7, 2023, and the complete grant application was submitted to the California Department of Conservation by SCAG staff on September 8, 2023. Since receiving the grant application, the Department of Conservation has indicated that updates are needed to the previously adopted resolution. The revisions to the resolution include:

- Certifying that SCAG will have sufficient funds to meet the match requirement;
- Certifying that SCAG will work towards the California’s Planning Priorities;
- Authorizing a designated individual, or designee, as agent to accept the award of grant funding and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of the plan; and
- Acknowledging that SCAG understands and accepts that they must cover the costs to complete work related to the development and execution of the planning project until reimbursement by the State.

To pursue full funding for the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study under the SALC planning grant, SCAG staff recommends approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3 *Authorization to Apply for Full SALC Funding Program* by the Regional Council. Authorization to apply through the Regional Council’s adoption of a Resolution of Support is required to submit the full application to the California Department of Conservation.

The Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits study will provide an analysis of the economic and fiscal benefits of key environmental services and resilience benefits provided by select natural lands and farmlands, estimated costs of replacing those services and benefits, and relevant social and public health benefits. In addition to technical economic and fiscal work, the study will include stakeholder engagement, case studies, and an assessment of funding, resources, and policy recommendations that can support preservation and enhancement of these environmental services and resilience benefits, and continued reduction of VMT and GHG emissions, resulting from the preservation of natural and farmlands, consistent with the adopted Connect SoCal Plan. This research will be presented in the form of a Landscape Analysis White Paper.

The Landscape Analysis White Paper will cover:

- Agricultural Baseline: Identify locations and acreages of farm and range lands, soil types and commodities grown in the region (food and non-food), and quantify the associated crop values.

- Land-use Trends: Document and compare trends related to agricultural and natural lands, including changes in land-use, economic productivity, and estimated GHG emissions, biodiversity, and public health outcomes.
- Carbon Sequestration and GHG Reduction: Explore the climate benefits of conservation-related greenhouse gas reduction methods such as supporting local food production, reducing transportation intensity of food supply, crop types with the highest carbon sequestration potential, and agricultural practices and technologies that promote healthy soil.
- Environmental Services: Explore the economic and fiscal value of environmental services from natural and agricultural lands, such as contributions to water storage and quality and the cost of replacing those services.
- Co-benefits: Identify and estimate social and public health benefits of agricultural and natural lands preservation.
- Farmworker Housing: Adequate farmworker housing is a key issue related to equity and long-term sustainability for the agricultural economy. The analysis will research the region's farmworker population, identify where they live in relation to where they work, quality and quantity of existing housing stock, supply and availability of clean drinking water, and explore potential funding opportunities to increase the affordability, quantity, quality and accessibility of farmworker housing.

Quantifying the economic benefits of agricultural and natural lands can help inform land use decisions across the region. This research can also play an important role in identifying resources, funding, and programs for lands that are priorities for conservation and preserve their economic, fiscal, and resilience benefits.

This project further advances the goals of Senate Bill 375, which sets regional targets for reduction of GHG emissions, as the project aims to provide an assessment of funding, resources, and policy recommendations that can further support the reduction of GHG emissions from the preservation of natural and farmlands.

Next Steps

Following the RC's approval of the revised Resolution No. 23-659-3, SCAG will submit the resolution to the State Partners as supplemental material to the full Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Funding application. Upon the award of SCAG's full application by the State Partners, SCAG will return to the Regional Council to authorize acceptance of the full SALC Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant funds.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item will be included in the FY23-24 OWP via budget amendment, once funding is received, with no fiscal impact to the existing budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 23-659-3 SCAG's application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC)



RESOLUTION NO. 23-659-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM PLANNING GRANTS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
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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 hereby consents to, adopts and ratifies the following resolution;

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

President
Art Brown, Buena Park

First Vice President
Curt Hagman, County of San Bernardino

Second Vice President
Cindy Allen, Long Beach

Immediate Past President
Jan C. Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is a component of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainability Program and is administered by the Department of Conservation in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program are to protect agricultural land to support infill and compact development and to further the purposes of AB 32 by avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses; and

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Executive/Administration
Art Brown, Buena Park

Community, Economic & Human Development
Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos

Energy & Environment
Deborah Robertson, Rialto

Transportation
Tim Sandoval, Pomona

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to accomplish the above purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation has established Guidelines to disburse said allocated funds via a competitive process, which Guidelines require a resolution certifying approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes the submittal of the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation (SALC) grant application to the California Department of Conservation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes entrance into a grant agreement with the Department of Conservation for the project and agrees to accept the template terms and conditions included in the SALC Program Guidelines if the project is awarded funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies that no conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest exists for any member of the Regional Council as relates to the project; and

Attachment: Resolution No. 23-659-3 SCAG's application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC) (Sustainable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies provision of sufficient funds to meet the SALC grant matching funds requirement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby certifies that work funded by the SALC grant will be consistent with the California State Planning Priorities established in Cal. Gov. Code § 65041.1 Section 65041.1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorizes the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, as agent to accept the award of grant funding and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests which may be necessary for development of the plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby acknowledges that, as applicant, the agency is responsible for costs to complete the work related to the development and execution of the planning project until reimbursement by the State;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Southern California Association of Governments hereby authorize staff to execute tasks, such as signing documents, related to the application, grant agreement, and acquisition, if the project is awarded funding.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of October 2023.

Art Brown
President, SCAG
City of Buena Park

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Acting Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 7
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its September 19, 2023, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America
Type: Membership Amount: \$8,000

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), a non-profit established in 1991, advocates for deploying Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in the United States. Its mission is to advance the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, increase accessibility and equity, promote sustainability, and improve efficiency and productivity. They seek to do this by convening leaders from the public sector, the private sector, academia, and research organizations to foster innovation. ITS America advocates for policies that support investment in ITS. The organization also conducts research, educates stakeholders, and spreads awareness of innovations in smart transportation technologies.

ITS America’s membership brings together the most influential voices from its 240+ members throughout 45 sectors ranging from state departments of transportation (DOT), metropolitan

planning organizations (MPOs), cities, transit, freight, start-ups, automakers, suppliers, academia, and many more, including:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- American Automobile Association (AAA)
- American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)
- Deloitte
- ESRI
- HDR, Inc.
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Los Angeles County MTA
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Mobility21
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Staff recommends membership at an \$8,000 level, which includes the following benefits:

- Join leaders that drive and shape the discussion on a wide range of emerging mobility issues through ITS America’s Standing Advisory Committees;
- Receive weekly updates on federal, legislative, state, and local regulations in the Policy Rundown newsletter and participate in federal advocacy;
- Discounted executive forum attendance fees, exhibit, and conference discounts, and forum and policy roundtable speaking opportunities;
- Promote SCAG’s projects and accomplishments in the transportation ecosystem on ITS America’s digital media platforms, ITSABlog, and in the Momentum newsletter; and
- Access to ITS America’s global network of ITS Professionals.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented the agenda item for up to \$8,000 to retain membership with the 1) Intelligent Transportation Society of America (\$8,000) to the LCMC at its meeting on September 19, 2023. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.



FISCAL IMPACT:

\$8,000 to retain membership with the Intelligent Transportation Society America is included in the approved FY 23-24 General Fund Budget.



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Alisha James, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
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Subject: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC, CEHD, EEC, AND TC:
Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:
Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:
This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Resolution 22-649-1 authorizes SCAG to receive and administer \$246,024,084.00 in Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. REAP 2.0 is managed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). REAP 2.0 supports Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities and accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), support Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and advance implementation of the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

In July 2023, SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application was approved by HCD, formally awarding \$246 million to SCAG. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program will sub-allocate a large portion of these funds to eligible entities in the SCAG region to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address

transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program includes technical assistance programs and six Calls for Applications for funding opportunities. This report provides a progress update for SCAG's REAP 2.0 program.

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 REAP 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.

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program combines coordinated and transformative actions aligning transportation and housing development by investing in innovative finance, land use, and transportation strategies to help achieve California's housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. SCAG's REAP 2.0 program includes three major program areas: The Early Program Initiatives (EPIs), Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH), and the Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP). The three major program areas in SCAG's REAP 2.0 program work together to meet the REAP 2.0 objectives and support implementation of SCAG's adopted Connect SoCal.

SCAG staff, under the direction of the policy committees, the EAC, and the RC, has had an extensive engagement process to develop a comprehensive REAP 2.0 program based on stakeholder input. Major milestones in the program development process include the following:

- February 3, 2022, the Regional Council (RC) authorized staff to apply for the REAP 2.0 advance funding to support outreach and program development, including hiring required limited-term staff.
- July 7, 2022, the RC adopted the REAP 2.0 Program Framework.
- October 6, 2022, the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) reviewed the comprehensive REAP 2.0 Draft Proposed Budget.
- November 30, 2022, the EAC, on behalf of the RC, authorized SCAG to apply for the full REAP 2.0 funding and authorized the acceptance of the full REAP 2.0 funds.
- December 29, 2022, SCAG submitted the full REAP 2.0 application ahead of the December 31, 2022, deadline.
- June 27, 2023, SCAG received an award letter for the full REAP 2.0 allocation from HCD.

EARLY PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The Early Program Initiatives program area is focused on building capacity for planning innovation across the region through advancements in community engagement and partnerships, data driven decision making, and performance measurement and monitoring.

Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ)

The Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Call for Applications was released on April 12, 2023. The program includes two project categories: Multimodal Communities projects will be funded through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) and Housing and Land Use Strategies projects will be funded through REAP 2.0.

The Call for Applications closed on June 5, 2023, and SCAG received 17 applications totaling \$6.9 million in funding requests. In October, staff will bring the recommended award list of 11 projects, totaling over \$4.3 million to the Regional Council for approval. Specifically, SCAG staff will recommend five Multimodal Communities projects totaling almost \$2 million and six Housing and Land Use Strategies projects totaling \$2.3 million for award.

Sub-Regional Partnership Program 2.0 (SRP 2.0)

The SRP 2.0 Program makes \$23 million available to sub-regional partners for eligible activities supporting member cities implementing housing element work plans and strategies for increasing affordable housing. The SRP 2.0 guidelines include the types of eligible activities and allocates a portion of the funding based on the amount of the RHNA received to each subregional partner to develop the programs available to its member cities. SCAG has received applications from 15 subregions in the region. While the proposed programs are being reviewed for compliance with the SRP 2.0 and REAP 2.0 program guidelines, the participating subregions are able to work with their member jurisdictions to identify and further develop the programs that will be included. This includes developing project work scopes and requests for proposals (RFP)s for consultants, all of which can occur in advance of and in preparation for executing the MOU which is anticipated to occur at the end of 2023 or early 2024.

Call for Fellowship Providers Program

Through the Call for Fellowship Providers, SCAG seeks to create opportunities for early-career and mid-career fellows to gain experience and proficiency in public service and to make meaningful positive impact in the SCAG region. The Call for Fellowship Providers will provide grants, as funding becomes available, to approved Fellowship Providers that will place students from local universities and/or professionals seeking to work on regional planning issues, expand their experience base, and contribute to the realization of Connect SoCal.

Fellows will support the implementation of REAP 2.0-funded projects: three fellows will support the delivery of Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) projects, two fellows will support the implementation of SCP CEEEJ projects; one fellow will support County Transportation Commissions as they develop transportation projects funded through REAP 2.0; one fellow will support efforts on mobility hubs in support of the Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI) program area,

Mobility Hubs; and one fellow will support efforts on an universal basic mobility wallet program in support of the RPI program area, Mobility Wallets and Universal Basic Mobility.

Fellows will ideally be seeking to establish a career in and studying or bring professional experience in the areas of housing, urban planning, public administration, public policy, data science, health administration, business, public health, or related areas of study. The fellowship programs will help prepare the fellows for a future in the public sector.

SCAG released a call for Fellowship Providers on April 19, 2023 and closed the call on May 19, 2023. SCAG received two eligible applications from qualified fellowship providers. Qualified fellowship providers then competed for eligible funds from REAP 2.0. One fellowship provider was selected to fund a total of eight fellows for the upcoming year.

StreetLight Insight Web App Big Data Platform

Through SCAG's Regional Data Platform, SCAG is providing licenses to StreetLight's Insight Web App big data platform to public entities or academic institutions and organizations or consultants working with them in the six-county region. StreetLight's Insight Web App platform provides users access to anonymized, and aggregated travel and safety information, sourced from mobile data and sensors. This provides insights into travel behavior trends in an easy-to-use interface.

As of September 2023, SCAG has allocated 151 licenses to users throughout the region. Users can utilize the platform to support a wide variety of research, planning, and project analysis. SCAG staff have been supporting users with onboarding and offering technical assistance support, including hosting Toolbox Tuesday workshops.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP) is comprised of two complementary programs that target investments towards critical mobility infrastructure– the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program and the Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Partnership Program.

The County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program

The CTC Partnership Program connects infill housing to daily services and increases travel options that support multimodal communities to shift travel modes. On April 12, 2023, SCAG released the CTC Partnership Program Call for Applications. Prior to closing the Call on May 9, 2023, SCAG held an application workshop and made office hours available to applicants. SCAG received a total of 37 project applications totaling over \$115 million. On July 6, 2023, the Regional Council approved staff recommendations to fund 33 transformative planning and implementation projects that expand access, increase mobility, and bring jobs and housing closer together to achieve a more sustainable growth pattern across the region. Project awards are split across three eligible project categories:

- \$35 million invested in projects that increase transit ridership;

- \$36 million invested in multimodal communities projects;
- \$9 million invested in projects to shift travel behavior

SCAG is developing agreements with the CTCs and expects to have executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) by end of November 2023.

Regional Pilot Initiatives

The RPI Program is a \$15 million program focused on demonstrating innovative, next generation technologies and models of regional significance, specifically those with the potential to change transportation and housing paradigms towards building more sustainable communities. RPI relies on partnerships with the public sector (local jurisdictions, transit agencies, County Transportation Commissions, etc.) to permit, construct and operate these pilots, and with private sector vendors to implement the pilots. Informed by extensive research, alignment with REAP 2.0 and Connect SoCal, and recommendations from existing SCAG plans and work products, SCAG has identified the following program areas:

1. Big Data Research
2. Accelerating Active Transportation
3. Mobility Hubs
4. Mobility Wallets and Universal Basic Mobility (UBM)
5. Curb Space Management
6. Transportation Demand Management Technology

SCAG is continuing outreach to further identify public partners and begin scoping projects and partnering arrangements. Projects will be brought to TC and RC through information items prior to the formal launch of individual projects.

PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH)

PATH supports strategies to accelerate infill development leading to increased housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively further fair housing, while also reducing VMT. The PATH program has three funding areas, which are the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program (HIPP), Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability (NOFA), and Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH). A summary for each funding area is provided below.

Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program (HIPP)

The HIPP Pilot Program makes \$8 million available to support eligible applicants in scaling up development of available land and implementing large corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives. The Call for Applications opened May 10, 2023 and closed July 10, 2023. SCAG received a total of 23 applications totaling over \$14 million in funding requests. Proposed projects awarded include site assessments, site inventories, inclusionary housing programs and specific plans that seek to unlock lands for housing with diverse housing types. There are 11 projects recommended to receive the \$8 million in available funding; the award recommendations

are included in the October 5, 2023 CEHD Policy Committee and Regional Council agendas for approval. Following action by the Regional Council, staff will work with each awarded applicant to formalize the scope of work in advance of executing the MOU, anticipated to occur in early 2024.

NOFA for Lasting Affordability (NOFA)

The NOFA for Lasting Affordability provides \$45 million to support innovative housing finance, trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources. SCAG released a competitive Call for Applications on June 7, 2023. The Call for Applications closed on July 31, 2023, and SCAG received 25 eligible applications totaling over \$139 million in funding requests. Currently, a selection panel is evaluating the applications and developing the recommendation. SCAG staff plans to bring the proposed funding award list to the CEHD Polity Committee and the Regional Council in November for approval.

Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Program (RUSH)

The Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) program focuses on investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements that will support jurisdictions in basic utility infrastructure needed for housing: water, wastewater, stormwater management and electricity. On Friday, April 28, SCAG hosted the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Industry Forum, in partnership with PlaceWorks and the Urban Land Institute of Los Angeles (ULI/LA), to bring together thought leaders from Southern California and across the country and develop recommendations to implement the program.

The RUSH program released a Call for Applications on September 11, 2023, closing on November 6, 2023. This is a competitive Call for Applications, with an estimated budget of \$35 million available. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, Tribal Governments and public agencies with a role in housing production (within the SCAG Region). The RUSH Program Call for Applications will award funding for projects which meet the definition of infill in any of the following categories:

- Planning Projects – Plans, programs and green infrastructure plans to support increased utility capacity to support the residential development identified in housing elements.
- Capital Projects – Projects that address current and future utility restrictions for housing development through upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater, and dry utilities systems to enable continued infill housing.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Building on the successes of the REAP 1.0 consultant bench, SCAG is developing a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) to prequalify consultants and establish on call consultants to assist SCAG, its member jurisdictions, community-based organizations and other eligible entities to complete projects funded by REAP 2.0. This RFIQ is planned to be released in late September/ early October 2023.



NEXT STEPS

Staff will provide regular updates to the Regional Council and Policy Committees on the REAP 2.0 program and any changes to the grant budget will be processed through SCAG's budget amendment procedures.

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).



AGENDA ITEM 9
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)
From: Jaimee Lederman, Senior Regional Planner
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Subject: Gas Tax Revenue Decline and Zero Emission Vehicle Transition

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 7, 2023, the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) received a presentation on key elements of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and recommended that the Regional Council authorize the release of the draft plan for public comment during their November 2nd meeting. The zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) transition and its implications for transportation finance was among several key issues discussed during the JPC. To further address the questions raised, staff has prepared this report summarizing and building upon previous presentations to the Transportation Committee on the financial plan for Connect SoCal 2024. A more detailed technical report will be available as part of the agenda packet for the November 2nd meeting.

It is important to understand that we are no longer looking forward to the coming ZEV transition, but that it is here, now. In California, the percentage of ZEVs as a portion of total registered vehicles has grown every year, with its largest percentage increase in 2022. Coupled with expanded ZEV options and high gas prices, ZEV sales nationally grew by 66 percent year over year in the second quarter of 2022, even as overall new vehicle sales declined. Further acceleration of this trend is promised as a result of California's Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII), which was adopted in 2022 and requires that by 2035 all new passenger cars, trucks and SUVs sold in California are ZEVs. With this significant regulatory change, the California Air Resources Board estimates that nearly 49.3 percent of the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will be ZEVs by 2035, growing to more than 92.5 percent of the VMT by 2050, the horizon-year for Connect SoCal 2024.

While the aggressive adoption of ZEVs advances the region's air quality and climate goals, ZEV regulations are rapidly accelerating the demise of the traditional gas tax as a viable source for transportation revenue. Excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels are the basis of most federal and state transportation funding sources. Since these taxes are primarily based on cents-per-gallon purchased, they depend on fuel consumption. Increases in conventional fuel efficiency and the adoption of zero emission vehicles will reduce overall fuel consumption. The financial plan assumes that reduction in fuel consumption during the Plan period will result in overall revenue loss of up to \$93 billion compared to 2019 fuel efficiency (state and federal combined).

The transition to a mileage-based user fee (MBUF) to address the waning viability of the gas tax has long been underway by policy makers, and significant steps have been taken at all levels of government to enact MBUF pilot programs to support the transition. SCAG was one of the first Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state to call for a gas tax replacement and has assumed the transition of the gas tax to a new, sustainable source in the Regional Transportation Plan for the last decade. Recent acceleration of vehicle electrification increases this transition's urgency and centers support for a MBUF as a key priority to maintain a state of good repair for the current transportation system, while also setting the foundation for a more sustainable and equitable funding model to meet the region's growing needs.

BACKGROUND:

Transportation Funding from Fuel Excise Taxes Continue to Decrease

Excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels are the basis of most federal and state transportation funding sources. Since these taxes are primarily based on cents-per-gallon purchased, they depend on fuel consumption. The Federal gas tax was last updated in 1993 and is not indexed to inflation. The revenues have historically been sustained by additional travel from population growth, while per-capita revenues have been steadily declining.

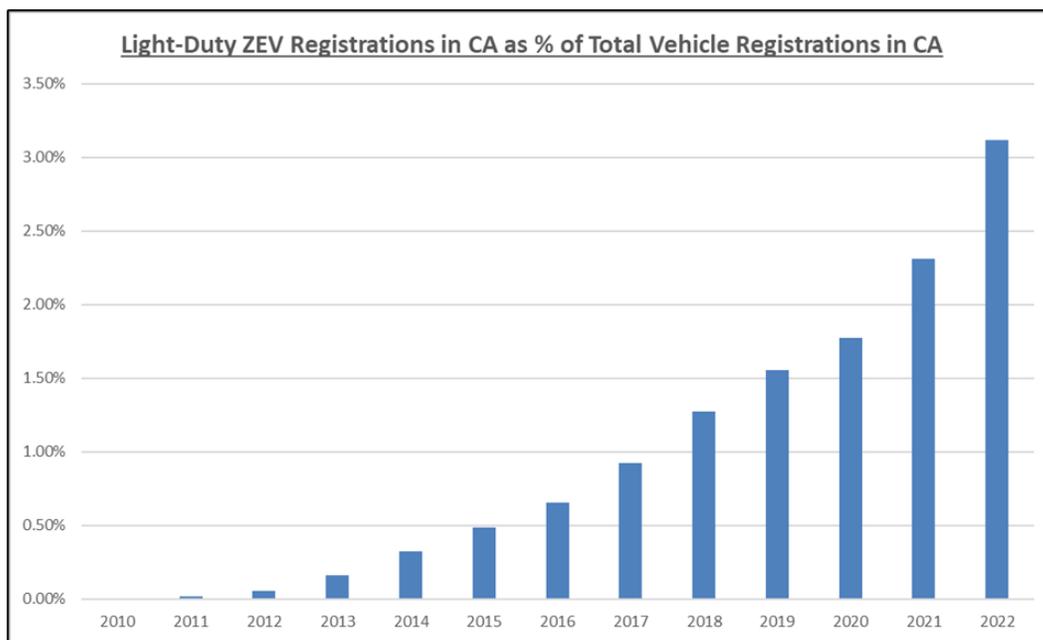
The Federal Highway Trust Fund provides federal highway and transit funding from a nationally imposed 18.3 cent-per-gallon gasoline excise tax. The federal gas excise tax today is levied at the same nominal cent-per-gallon rates that they were in the fall of 1993, 30 years ago, and are not adjusted for inflation. If it had been adjusted to account for inflation, the current federal gas tax would be approximately 37-cents-per-gallon—more than double the current federal rate. Since 2008, the Trust Fund has failed to meet its obligations and has required the United States Congress to make transfers from the General Fund to keep it solvent.

California Senate Bill (SB) 1 (2017) increased the level of state-imposed excise taxes and indexes these taxes to inflation using the statewide value of the Consumer Price Index. SB 1 also includes a supplemental yearly registration fee for alternative fuel vehicles beginning at \$100 in 2020 and similarly indexed. Still, SB 1 does not fully address the fuel tax-based revenue loss projected over

the course of the Plan due to increases in vehicle fuel efficiency and the increased adoption of alternative fuel and powered vehicles and resulting reduction in fuel consumption. Recent research found that the optimal annual fees to recover the loss revenues from zero emission vehicle (ZEV) penetration would range from \$241 (in 2021) upwards.¹

Zero Emission Vehicle Market Penetration Undermines the Gas Tax as a Viable Source of Transportation Funding

It is important to understand that we are no longer looking forward to the coming ZEV transition, but that it is here, now. In California, the percentage of ZEVs as a portion of total registered vehicles has grown every year, with its largest percentage increase in 2022.



Federally, as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress approved financial incentives (in the form of tax credits) to encourage consumers and governments to buy ZEVs, and these incentives will last until 2032 under the current bill. Coupled with expanded ZEV options and high gas prices, ZEV sales grew by 66 percent year over year in the second quarter of 2022, even as overall new vehicle sales declined.

¹ Theodora Konstantinou, Samuel Labi, Konstantina Gkritza, Assessing highway revenue impacts of electric vehicles using a case study, Research in Transportation Economics, Volume 100, 2023,101248, ISSN 0739-8859 (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0739885922000737>)

Connect SoCal 2024 Forecasts Significant Revenue Declines from ZEV Adoption

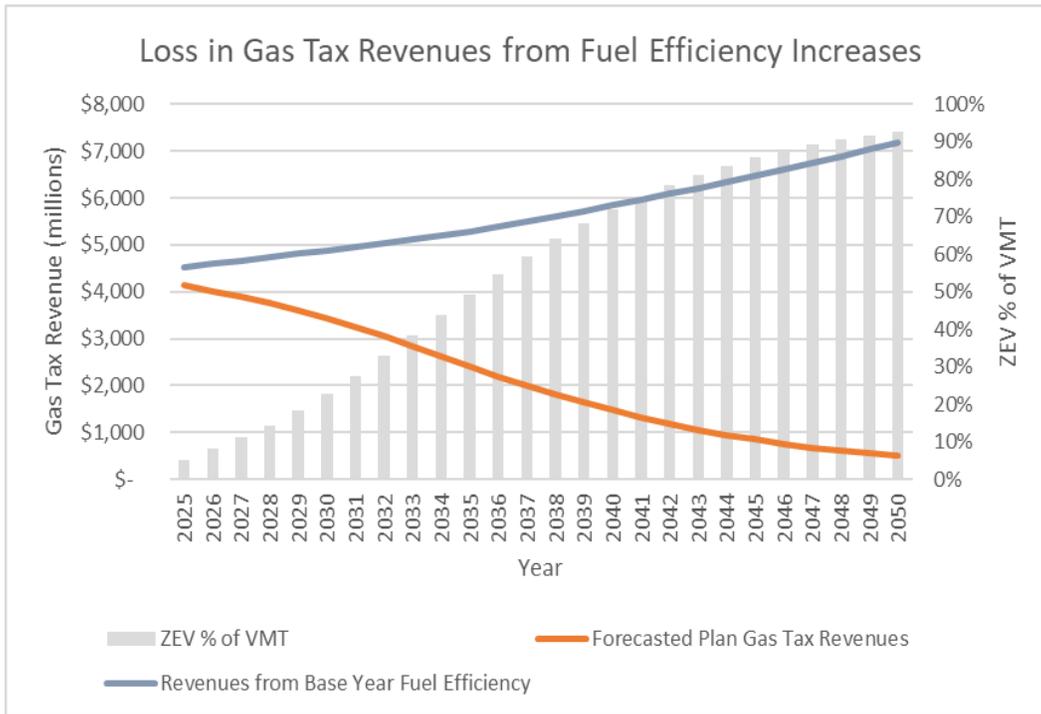
California’s Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) requires that by 2035 all new passenger cars, trucks and SUVs sold in California are zero emission vehicles. The chart below shows the state forecast of the percentage of new vehicle purchases that will be ZEV in each year leading up to the 2035 regulation.

Zero Emission Vehicle Purchase Share



To date, seven states have also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, and multiple automobile manufacturers have pledged to meet similar timelines to curtail traditional vehicle sales.

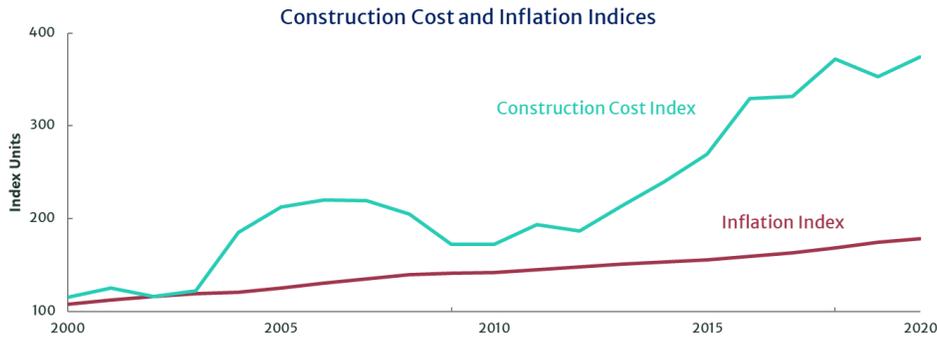
ZEV regulations will rapidly accelerate the demise of the traditional gas tax as a viable source for transportation revenue. Every EV that replaces a combustion engine vehicle contributes to significant revenue decline. Assuming the fleet mix resulting from the ACCII, overall revenue loss is up to \$93 billion over the life of the Plan compared to base year (2019) fuel efficiency (state and federal combined). As noted previously, the SB 1 supplemental yearly registration fee for alternative fuel vehicles only partially offsets the loss of fuel tax-based revenues. The chart below highlights the impact to gas tax revenues from ZEV market penetration, and does not include supplemental registration fees.



Increasing Costs over the Plan Period Present Further Challenges

The critical need to find alternative revenue sources to replace the gas tax is further exacerbated by increases in the underlying drivers of the cost of building and maintaining the transportation system.

Looking forward, Connect SoCal forecasts a decrease in purchasing power of transportation revenue sources due to cost escalation. The SB 1 CPI adjustment factor provides significant revenue over the life of the Plan, but is not enough to maintain purchasing power as construction materials, labor and other costs are projected to grow at a higher rate than inflation. For transportation capital needs, including rehab and replacement needs for system preservation and maintenance, long-term inflation is projected to grow at 2.3 percent annually, while capital costs are projected to grow at 4.7 percent, based on historical trends. This means a decline in purchasing power of CPI-indexed transportation revenue sources by over 70 percent by the end of Plan period.



As freeway expansion wanes, more costs will shift to system preservation and operations, and we expect these costs to increase over time due to multiple factors. Overall, our region, and the nation, are challenged to maintain a state of good repair of transportation system assets. The compromised condition of our roadways, bridges and transit infrastructure is due to years of underfunding our preservation needs. The ever-increasing backlog of deferred maintenance, and the significantly greater cost to rehabilitate assets compared to maintaining assets currently in a state of good repair, means that our needs will continue to grow at the same time as our primary transportation funding source dwindles.

What Does This Mean for Your Community?

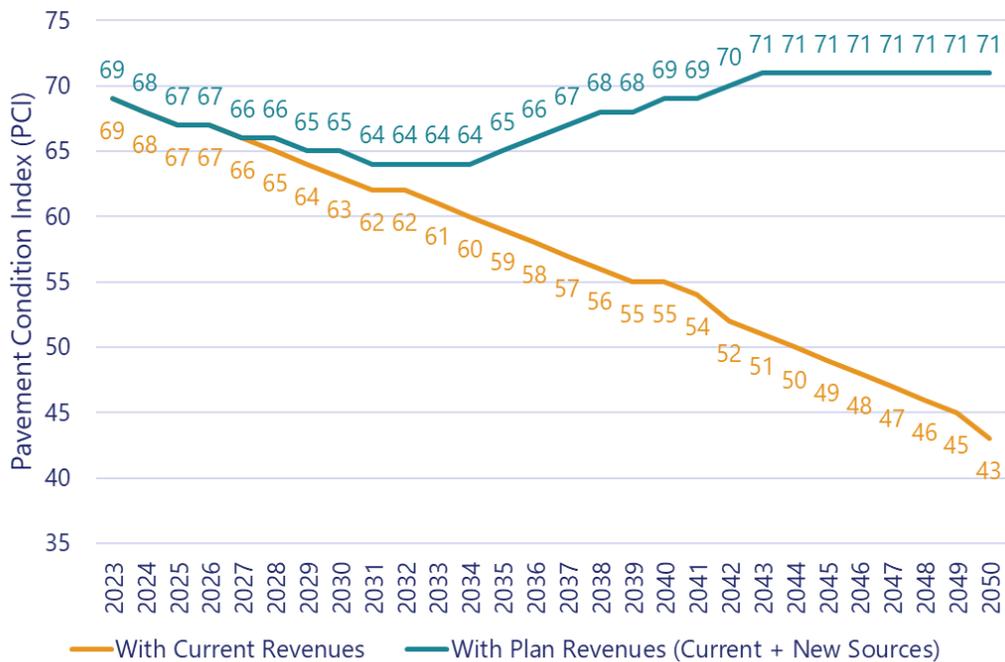
As revenues from the gas tax continue to decrease, the SCAG region cannot keep up with the needs of our current transportation system, let alone plan for investment in innovative mobility. Our region struggles to maintain a state of good repair on local streets and roads, as well as other modes.

The SCAG region is currently failing to attain a state of good repair for our local streets and roads, currently averaging a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) value of 69. As gas tax revenues continue trends to decline towards the ZEV mandate, the region is forecasted to average a PCI of 43 by 2050, a grade of “poor”, if we continue to rely on traditional revenue sources.



SCAG considers this a critical issue that endangers the region’s progress towards economic, mobility and safety goals. Unfortunately, due to significant funding limitations, the condition of our roadways has progressively worsened over time and will continue to worsen without significant investments. Connect SoCal 2024 prioritizes investment of revenue from new funding sources to improving and preserving the condition of regionally significant local streets and roads. Even with an investment of \$87 billion in new sources assumed in Connect SoCal 2024, an increase of \$30 billion over the 2020 Plan, we are still barely maintaining local streets and roads at a PCI of 71, just over the threshold for a state of good repair.

Regional Average PCI Projections

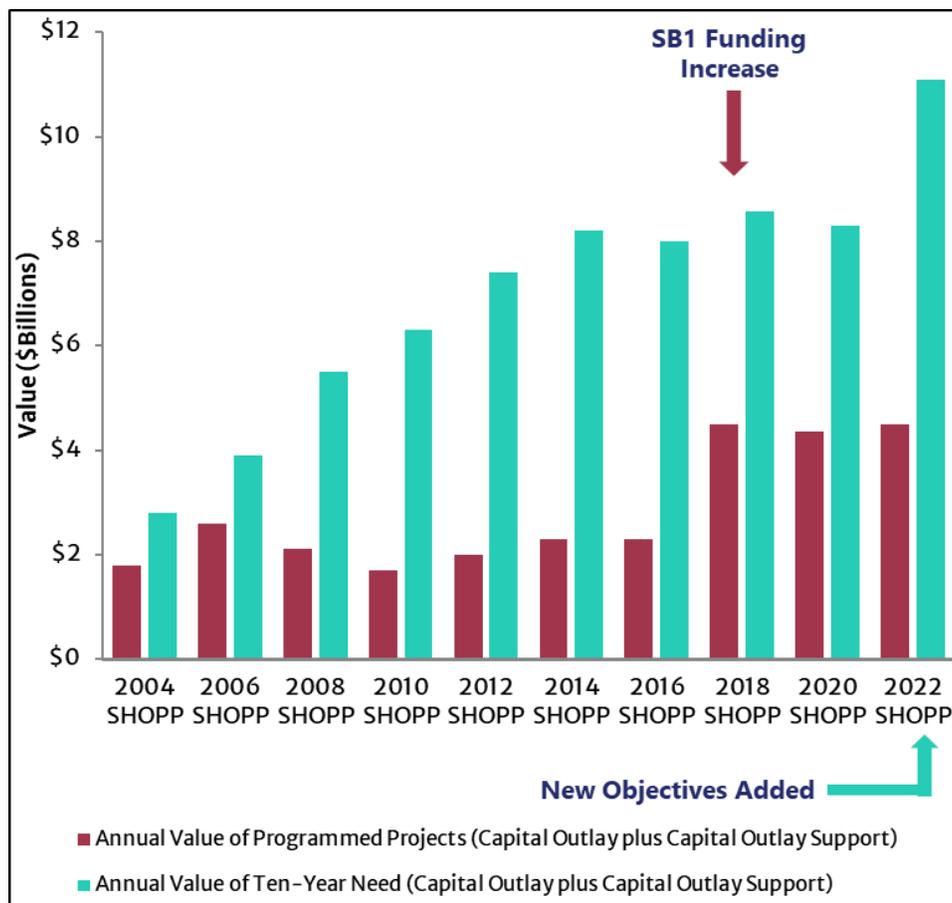


Similar challenges with meeting operational needs and maintaining a state of good repair extend to all surface transportation modes.

For transit and passenger rail, post-COVID service levels remain lower, and many operators are still working toward pre-pandemic service. Escalating labor costs and costs to maintain transit rider safety are presenting transit agencies with further challenges as they work to add service. Transit agencies benefited from large-scale federal operating support during the pandemic from a series of one-time federal stimulus funding bills that partially compensated for increased costs and decreased farebox revenues. The recent surface transportation funding bill (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) increased transit funding over previous legislation but does not rise

to the level of support in the stimulus bills. Additionally, the 2018 Innovative Clean Transit Rule mandates the purchase of zero-emission buses (ZEBs) by transit agencies, which are more expensive than the current fleet. Beginning in 2029, 100 percent of new purchases by transit agencies must be ZEBs, with a goal for full transition by 2040.

For state highways, passage of SB 1 provides a needed down payment, but viability of the State Highway Account remains another critical issue—State Highway Operation and Protection Plan (SHOPP) funds less than half of state highway maintenance, safety, and rehab 10-year needs. SHOPP needs were updated in this cycle to include additional resiliency needs, increasing the shortfall in available funding to address system preservation.



Connect SoCal 2024 Funding Strategies

A transition toward a mileage-based user fee (MBUF) system would address the challenges outlined above. Foremost, it would address the critical shortage in traditional transportation funding sources

Program, as it is officially known, had 85 percent participant satisfaction, and 73 percent of participants found a MBUF more equitable than the gas tax. Caltrans has continued to pursue further feasibility studies for road charge implementation, including exploring how a road charge would work with ridesharing, EVs, and autonomous vehicles, and is planning further piloting of revenue collection mechanisms. Caltrans is also part of RUC America, a consortium of states studying the integration of road user charges across state lines.

A MBUF is levied on the number of miles traveled by an individual vehicle and could directly link usage to transportation spending (similar to existing express lanes in the SCAG region). In the long-term, a usage-based funding system could help allocate resources to maintain and preserve the system. As currently structured, transportation funding is often restricted to a particular dedicated purpose, either for a particular mode, or exclusively for capital or operations), and often time makes it difficult to secure adequate funding to support ongoing maintenance and preservation of capital projects. Spending restrictions limit the ability of local jurisdictions to meet local needs, and will require long-term shift in funding sources and regulations.

A MBUF can address a myriad of existing transportation inequities inherent in our current system, and have the potential to increase equitable mobility if implemented as part of a carefully-designed program of transportation improvements. Currently, ZEV drivers are not paying the same for system usage as drivers of conventional vehicles, an inequity that would be rectified by a MBUF. Additional work by SCAG as part of the Connect SoCal equity analysis demonstrates that a MBUF would not penalize low-income and rural drivers in the SCAG region, who tend to drive less fuel-efficient vehicles. Our work over the past several years has centered equity as a key component of any potential future user charge program. At the core of this strategy is to think about user charges more holistically—not just about roads, but about how pricing is a tool to improve the entirety of the system and how it works together. Connect SoCal 2024 assumes the replacement of the federal and state gas tax with a MBUF by 2035 providing options for countywide measures to augment the federal and state user-fee, as has historically been pursued through California’s network of Self-Help Counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Overall Work Program (015.0159.01: RTP Financial Planning).



AGENDA ITEM 10
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Leyton Morgan, Department Manager
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Subject: Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council's
Approval Threshold

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 (PO's) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>PO' Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Constangy, Brooks, Smith, and Prophete LLP	FY23 Data Privacy Review	\$20,000
Accusource, Inc.	FY24 Accusource Software Renewal	\$10,000
UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies	FY24 UCLA Lake Arrowhead Symposium	\$10,000
Los Amigos De La Comunidad Inc.	FY24 Social Media Services	\$9,900
1-800-Pack-Rat LLC	FY24 Kit of Parts Storage	\$9,527

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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
1. DLT Solutions (24-002-C01)	Under this agreement, DLT Solutions will provide Amazon Web Services (AWS) Infrastructure to support Connect SoCal Modeling work and the Regional Data Platform (RDP) through June 30, 2024. Thereafter, cloud	\$308,368



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

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract's Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
	computing for modeling, aerial imagery, RDP, and internal systems will be under one consolidated contract with AWS.	
2. Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook (23-055-C01)	Under this agreement, Fifth Asset will provide a subscription to their Capital lease software to help SCAG comply with accounting requirements. This is a three-year agreement that includes a prorated amount per year for new software licenses, and a one-time fee for implementation services.	30,372

SCAG executed these Amendments for more than \$5,000 but less than \$150,000 and less than 30% of the original contract value

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Amendment's Purpose</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.) (23-002-C01)	After completion of the data assessment task for this project (i.e., "Task 3"), SCAG Staff and consultant agreed that reliable, region-specific data required for assigning index weights for computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index are not available. The solution is to conduct a statistically reliable survey of workers in the region. This amendment provides the resources to conduct a statistically reliable survey and allows the consultant and SCAG Staff to complete computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index.	\$49,807

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-002-C01
2. Contract Summary 23-044-C01
3. Contract Summary 23-002-C01 Amendment 1

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-002-C01

Recommended Consultant:	DLT Solutions
Background & Scope of Work:	SCAG has the critical mission of supporting 191 cities and six counties in Southern California with regional governance of transportation, planning and economic development. A significant component of this mission is providing complete and up-to-date data, methods, and tools to member agencies to support local planning activities. Under this agreement, DLT Solutions will provide Amazon Web Service (AWS) Infrastructure to support Connect SoCal Modeling work and the Regional Data Platform (RDP) through June 30, 2024.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	This project directly supports the development and implementation of Connect SoCal Modeling and RDP. Key benefits include flexibly to increase SCAG's computing capacity to meet the specialized needs of the Regional Data Platform, flexible high-capacity data storage, efficient and cost-effective computing resources.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region; Objective F. Model best practices by prioritizing continuous improvement and technical innovations through the adoption of interactive, automated, and state-of-the-art information tools and technologies.
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$308,368
Contract Period:	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Project Number(s):	811.1163.24 \$308,368 Funding source: Indirect Cost Program Budget Funding of \$308,368 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811.1163.24.
Basis for Selection:	<p>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 U.S. Communities Contract Number 4400006643 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted volume pricing.</p> <p>As previously stated, this project directly supports the development and implementation of the Regional Data Platform. The AWS infrastructure will enable SCAG to develop and implement a modern and comprehensive Regional Data Platform that will promote more efficient, cost-effective, and transparent planning across the SCAG region.</p>

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-055-C01

Recommended Consultant: Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook

Background & Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Fifth Asset will provide a subscription to their Capital lease software to help SCAG comply with accounting requirements. This is a three-year agreement that includes a prorated amount per year for new software licenses, and a one-time fee for implementation services.

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

- Providing a software that will assist staff be more efficient with the tracking of capital leases and subscription-based Information Technology Systems,
- Calculating amortization schedule, create journal entries, and provide the require information for disclosure notes, and
- Ensuring SCAG’s annual financial statements are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Strategic Plan: This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products. Objective: Pioneer best practices and streamline administrative processes to better support agency activities.

Contract Amount: **Total not to exceed** **\$30,372**
Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook (prime consultant)

Contract Period: June 27, 2023, through June 30, 2026

Project Number(s): 810.0120.08 \$30,372
Funding source(s): Funding of \$11,000 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 budgets, 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 Contract Number 14-03 (the “Master Agreement”) between DebtBook and Region 14 Education Service Center (“Region 14 ESC”), was put into place on its own behalf and on behalf of other government agencies, and made available through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (“NCPA”).

Attachment: Contract Summary 23-044-C01 (Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council’s Approval Threshold)

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 23-002-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 1

Consultant:	Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (B.E.A.R.)
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>To implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity) and then-FY20/21 SCAG President Rex Richardson’s Work Plan, SCAG staff developed the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS), adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021. Findings and recommendations were presented to the SCAG Economist Bench, the Global Land Use and Economics (GLUE) Council, and the stakeholders who participated in the convenings. The Economic Bench is a consortium of economic consultants that advise SCAG staff on the economic outlook for the region. The GLUE council is an advisory board of business leaders and elected officials that advises SCAG staff on land use and economic issues.</p> <p>This project pertains specifically to the development of a subregional (county-level) job quality index, which SCAG proposed in the IERS report to help measure progress toward high-quality jobs. While numerous strategies were included in the IERS report, the development of a job quality index was elevated as a priority task because it is feasible to implement and aligns with the data needs identified in the Governor’s “California Future of Work Commission Report” circa March 2021 https://www.labor.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/338/2021/02/ca-future-of-work-report.pdf.</p> <p>After completion of the data assessment task for this project (i.e., “Task 3”), SCAG Staff and consultant agreed that reliable, region-specific data required for assigning index weights for computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index are not available. The solution is to conduct a statistically reliable survey of workers in the region. This amendment provides the resources to conduct a statistically reliable survey and allows the consultant and SCAG Staff to complete computation of the SCAG Job Quality Index.</p>
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The key deliverables for this project are a conceptual and statistical framework (model) for computing a county-level job quality index and the documentation to accompany this framework. The project’s benefits include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A job quality index is a beneficial tool for measuring the growth potential for job markets and provides a means of tracking progress in the development of jobs.• A county-level job quality index captures the specific labor market conditions in the SCAG region and is, therefore, more informative for local policy-making and economic development.• A region-specific job quality index reveals a qualitative dimension of jobs beyond the unemployment rate, wages, and benefits, thus providing regional policymakers a tool for measuring and addressing inequities in regional labor markets, and helps regional employers better compete for workers. Building a well-grounded framework unique to the SCAG region allows SCAG to update the job quality index as new data becomes available.

Strategic Plan:

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goals 3-5:

- Goal 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.
- Goal 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’ planning and operations and promote regional collaboration.
- Goal 5: Recruit, support, and develop a world-class workforce and be the workplace of choice.

Amendment

Amendment 1

\$49,807

Amount:

Original contract value

\$74,691

Total contract value is not to exceed

\$124,498

Contract Period:

October 27, 2022 through December 31, 2023

Project Number:

320-4902Y2.01 \$124,497.10

Funding source: Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy Implementation (CWDB-IERS)

Funding of \$49,807 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Overall Work Program (OWP) in Project Number(s) 320-4902Y2.01.

Basis for the Amendment:

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AGENDA ITEM 11 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2023

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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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 August 31, 2023, 130 cities, 5 counties, 5 commissions, and 4 tribal governments have paid their FY24 membership dues. We have collected \$1.48M out of \$2.48M billed. This represents 59.88% 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 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 \$16.65M in the LAIF account as of August 31, 2023, and interest earnings will be distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 3.37%. Additionally, SCAG has earned \$59.80 interest from the remaining funds in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool as of August 31, 2023.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On August 31, 2023, staff submitted the FY 2022-23 (FY23) Overall Work Program (OWP) Year-End Package to Caltrans, which included the certification of final expenditures, the final progress report, and the final work products for projects completed in the fiscal year. The final expenditures reported for the year were \$79.4 million or 57% of the FY 2022-23 OWP Amendment 3 Budget.

In September, staff worked on reviewing budget change requests received for Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget. Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 OWP will also include any adjustments to the grant balances to reflect the unexpended CPG and State planning grant balances as of June 30, 2023, which will be confirmed in a reconciliation letter from Caltrans. Amendment 1 to the FY 2023-24 Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) for review in November.

Also, during this month, B&G staff analyzed and validated the requests received for FY 2024-25 Comprehensive Budget and OWP. The preliminary analysis and data were shared with the Executive Team, and divisional budget meetings to further review and discuss the requests will continue through October. A draft budget will be presented to the EAC and RC in March 2024.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION

In August 2023, Contracts Administration staff issued one (1) Request for Proposal; awarded two (2) contracts; issued seventeen (17) contract amendments; and processed one hundred-ninety-five (195) purchase orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 210 consultant contracts. Contracts Administration staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. It should be noted that for FY 2022-23 staff negotiated a total \$1,628,554 in savings.