



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017
T: (213) 236-1800
www.scag.ca.gov

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

President
Curt Hagman
County of San Bernardino

First Vice President
Cindy Allen, Long Beach

Second Vice President
Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

Immediate Past President
Art Brown, Buena Park

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Executive/Administration
Curt Hagman
County of San Bernardino

Community, Economic &
Human Development
David J. Shapiro, Calabasas

Energy & Environment
Luis Plancarte
County of Imperial

Transportation
Tim Sandoval, Pomona

MEETING OF THE

COMMUNITY,
ECONOMIC AND
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

**Members of the Public are Welcome to Attend
In-Person & Remotely**

**Thursday, September 5, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

To Attend In-Person:

**SCAG Main Office – Policy B Meeting Room
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

To Watch or View Only:

<https://scag.ca.gov/scag-tv-livestream>

To Attend and Participate on Your Computer:

<https://scag.zoom.us/j/85813464379>

To Attend and Participate by Phone:

**Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 858 1346 4379**

PUBLIC ADVISORY

If members of the public wish to review the attachments or have any questions on any of the agenda items, please contact Maggie Aguilar at (213) 630-1420 or via email at aguilarm@scag.ca.gov. Agendas & Minutes are also available at: www.scag.ca.gov/committees.

SCAG, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), will accommodate persons who require a modification of accommodation to participate in this meeting. SCAG is also committed to helping people with limited proficiency in the English language access the agency's essential public information and services. You can request such assistance by calling (213) 630-1410. We request at least 72 hours (three days) notice to provide reasonable accommodations and will make every effort to arrange for assistance as soon as possible.



Instructions for Attending the Meeting

To Attend In-Person and Provide Verbal Comments: Go to the SCAG Main Office located at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or any of the remote locations noticed in the agenda. The meeting will take place in the Policy B Meeting Room on the 17th floor starting at 10:00 a.m.

To Attend by Computer: Click the following link: <https://scag.zoom.us/j/85813464379>. If Zoom is not already installed on your computer, click “Download & Run Zoom” on the launch page and press “Run” when prompted by your browser. If Zoom has previously been installed on your computer, please allow a few moments for the application to launch automatically. Select “Join Audio via Computer.” The virtual conference room will open. If you receive a message reading, “Please wait for the host to start this meeting,” simply remain in the room until the meeting begins.

To Attend by Phone: Call **(669) 900-6833** to access the conference room. Given high call volumes recently experienced by Zoom, please continue dialing until you connect successfully. Enter the **Meeting ID: 858 1346 4379**, followed by #. Indicate that you are a participant by pressing # to continue. You will hear audio of the meeting in progress. Remain on the line if the meeting has not yet started.

Instructions for Participating and Public Comments

Members of the public can participate in the meeting via written or verbal comments.

- In Writing:** Written comments can be emailed to: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Written comments received **by 5pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2024**, will be transmitted to members of the legislative body and posted on SCAG’s website prior to the meeting. You are **not** required to submit public comments in writing or in advance of the meeting; this option is offered as a convenience should you desire not to provide comments in real time as described below. Written comments received after 5pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of this committee regarding any item on this agenda (other than writings legally exempt from public disclosure) are available at the Office of the Clerk, at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or by phone at (213) 630-1420, or email to aguilarm@scag.ca.gov.
- Remotely:** If participating in real time via Zoom or phone, please wait for the presiding officer to call the item for which you wish to speak and use the “raise hand” function on your computer or *9 by phone and wait for SCAG staff to announce your name/phone number.
- In-Person:** If participating in-person, you are invited but not required, to fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Clerk of the Board or other SCAG staff prior to speaking. It is helpful to indicate whether you wish to speak during the Public Comment Period (Matters Not on the Agenda) and/or on an item listed on the agenda.

General Information for Public Comments

Verbal comments can be presented in real time during the meeting. Members of the public are allowed a total of 3 minutes for verbal comments. The presiding officer retains discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting, including equally reducing the time of all comments.

For purpose of providing public comment for items listed on the Consent Calendar, please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called. Items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted on with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.

In accordance with SCAG’s Regional Council Policy, Article VI, Section H and California Government Code Section 54957.9, if a SCAG meeting is “willfully interrupted” and the “orderly conduct of the meeting” becomes unfeasible, the presiding officer or the Chair of the legislative body may order the removal of the individuals who are disrupting the meeting.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS*

<p>Debra Dorst-Porada City of Ontario - City Hall 303 East B Street Conference Room 2 Ontario, CA 91764</p>	<p>Bobby Duncan City of Yucaipa – City Hall Executive Conference Room 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard Yucaipa, CA 92399</p>	<p>Rose Espinoza City of La Habra - City Hall 110 East La Habra Boulevard La Habra, CA 90631</p>
<p>Margaret Finlay 2221 Rim Road Duarte, CA 91008</p>	<p>Claudia Frometa City of Downey - City Hall 11111 Brookshire Avenue Council Conference Room Downey, CA 90241</p>	<p>Camilo Garcia City of Calexico - City Hall 608 Herber Avenue Council Chambers Calexico, CA 92231</p>
<p>Marshall Goodman CalState University, Long Beach Social Science/Public Affairs Building (SS / PA) 1250 Bellflower Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90804</p>	<p>Mark E. Henderson SBCCOG, Environmental Services Center 2355 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 125 Torrance, CA 90501</p>	<p>Kathleen Kelly 46-100 Burroweed Lane Palm Desert, CA 92260</p>
<p>Matt LaVere Ventura County Government Center 800 S Victoria Avenue, Fourth Floor Ventura, CA 93009</p>	<p>Jed Leano City of Claremont - City Hall 207 Harvard Avenue Conference Room Claremont, CA 91711</p>	<p>Anni Marshall City of Avalon - City Hall 410 Avalon Canyon Road Avalon, CA 90704</p>
<p>Joseph Morabito City of Wildomar - City Hall 23873 Clinton Keith Road Wildomar, CA 92595</p>	<p>Zizette Mullins City of Burbank - City Hall 275 E. Olive Avenue, 2nd Floor Burbank, CA 91502</p>	<p>Joe Murphy Pechanga Government Center 12705 Pechanga Road Temecula, CA 92592</p>
<p>George A. Nava City of Brawley - City Hall 383 Main Street Brawley, CA 92227</p>	<p>Misty Perez 2505 Seafoam Court Port Hueneme, CA 93041</p>	<p>Freddy Puza 6001 Canterbury Drive, #104 Culver City, CA 90230</p>
<p>Sonny Santa Ines City of Bellflower - City Hall 16600 Civic Center Drive Bellflower, CA 90706</p>	<p>Becky A. Shevlin City of Monrovia - City Hall 415 S Ivy Street Monrovia, CA 91016</p>	<p>Mary Solorio City of San Fernando - City Hall 117 Macneil Street San Fernando, CA 91340</p>
<p>Helen Tran City of San Bernardino - City Hall 290 North D Street Mayor's Office San Bernardino, CA 92401</p>	<p>Mark Waronek 24116 Alliene Avenue Lomita, CA 90717</p>	<p>Tony Wu 4509 Temple City Boulevard Temple City CA, 91780</p>

* Under the teleconferencing rules of the Brown Act, members of the body may remotely participate at any location specified above.



CEHD - Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
Members – September 2024

- 1. Hon. David J. Shapiro**
CEHD Chair, Calabasas, RC District 44
- 2. Hon. Rocky Rhodes**
CEHD Vice Chair, Simi Valley, RC District 46
- 3. Hon. Cindy Allen**
2nd Vice President, Long Beach, RC District 30
- 4. Hon. Valerie Amezcua**
Santa Ana, RC District 16
- 5. Hon. Gary Boyer**
Glendora, RC District 33
- 6. Hon. Drew Boyles**
El Segundo, RC District 40
- 7. Hon. Wendy Bucknum**
Mission Viejo, RC District 13
- 8. Hon. Don Caskey**
Laguna Hills, OCCOG
- 9. Hon. Tanya Doby**
Los Alamitos, OCCOG
- 10. Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada**
Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)
- 11. Hon. Bobby Duncan**
Yucaipa, SBCTA
- 12. Ms. Lucy Dunn**
Business Representative, Non-Voting Member
- 13. Hon. Keith Eich**
La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36
- 14. Hon. Bob Engler**
Thousand Oaks, VCOG
- 15. Hon. Rose Espinoza**
La Habra, OCCOG

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

- 16. Hon. Waymond Fermon**
Indio, CVAG
- 17. Hon. Margaret Finlay**
Duarte, RC District 35
- 18. Hon. Claudia Frometa**
Downey, RC District 25
- 19. Hon. Martin Fuentes**
Cudahy, GCCOG
- 20. Hon. John Gabbard**
Dana Point, District 12
- 21. Hon. Camilo Garcia**
Imperial County, CoC
- 22. Hon. Marshall Goodman**
La Palma, RC District 18
- 23. Hon. Mark Henderson**
Gardena, RC District 28
- 24. Hon. Cecilia Hupp**
Brea, OCCOG
- 25. William Hussey**
Grand Terrace, SBCTA
- 26. Hon. Lynda Johnson**
Cerritos, GCCOG
- 27. Hon. Kathleen Kelly**
Palm Desert, RC District 2
- 28. Hon. Tammy Kim**
Irvine, RC District 14
- 29. Hon. Lauren Kleiman**
Newport Beach, RC District 15
- 30. Sup. Matt LaVere**
Ventura County CoC
- 31. Hon. Jed Leano**
Claremont, SGVCOG

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

- 32. Hon. Carlos Leon**
Anaheim, RC District 19
- 33. Hon. Anni Marshall**
Avalon, GCCOG
- 34. Hon. Andrew Masiel**
Tribal Govt Regl Planning Board Representative
- 35. Hon. Casey McKeon**
Huntington Beach, RC District 64
- 36. Hon. John Mirisch**
Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)
- 37. Hon. Geneva Mojado**
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- 38. Hon. Joseph Morabito**
Wildomar, WRCOG
- 39. Hon. Zizette Mullins**
Burbank, AVCJPA
- 40. Hon. Joseph Murphy**
Pechanga Band of Indians
- 41. George Nava**
Brawley, ICTC
- 42. Hon. Marisela Nava**
Perris, RC District 69
- 43. Hon. Misty Perez**
Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)
- 44. Hon. Freddy Puza**
Culver City, WCCOG
- 45. Hon. Nithya Raman**
Los Angeles, RC District 51
- 46. Hon. Gabriel Reyes**
San Bernardino County CoC
- 47. Hon. Sonny Santa Ines**
Bellflower, GCCOG

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

- 48. Hon. Becky Shevlin**
Monrovia, SGVCOG

- 49. Hon. Mary Solorio**
San Fernando, SFVCOG

- 50. Hon. Helen Tran**
San Bernardino, SBCTA

- 51. Hon. Mark Waronek**
Lomita, SBCCOG

- 52. Hon. Acquanetta Warren**
Fontana, SBCTA

- 53. Hon. Jeff Wood**
Lakewood, RC District 24

- 54. Hon. Tony Wu**
West Covina, SGVCOG

- 55. Hon. Frank A. Yokoyama**
Cerritos, RC District 23

- 56. Hon. Frank Zerunyan**
Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, September 5, 2024
10:00 AM

The Community, Economic and Human Development 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 David Shapiro, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 6, 2024 PPG. 9

Receive and File

2. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 PPG. 18

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. SCAG 101: Overview of Organization 40 Mins. PPG. 22
(Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, SCAG)
4. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items 15 Mins. PPG. 49
(Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, SCAG)
5. Review of California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation 40 Mins. PPG. 60
(Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Manager, SCAG)



COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

CHAIR'S REPORT

(The Honorable David Shapiro, Chair)

STAFF REPORT

(Jonathan Davis, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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. David Shapiro, Chair	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Bobby Duncan	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Camilo Garcia	<i>Imperial County</i>	CoC
Hon. Marshall Goodman	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County</i>	CoC



Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians</i>	
Hon. George A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23

Members Not Present

Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. Freddy Puza	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	CoC
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable David Shapiro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Councilmember John Mirisch, Beverly Hills, Member at Large, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Shapiro provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov after 5pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Shapiro opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on 5pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Shapiro closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the April 4, 2024 Meeting

Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1

Chair Shapiro noted that he was notified by staff that there was a typo on the public release start date for agenda item No. 3 under the Executive Summary portion. The Executive Summary indicates July 11, 2024, and the correct public release start date is July 12, 2024; the body of the report has the correct public release start date. This is reported as part of the official record.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1; and Receive and File Items 2 and 3, noting the clarification to agenda item No. 3, as reported. Motion was SECONDED (Frometa). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Amezcua, Bucknum, Doby, Duncan, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Finlay, Frometa, Fuentes, Garcia, Goodman, Henderson, Hupp, Hussey, Kelly, LaVere, Leano, McKeon, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, Murphy, G. Nava, M. Nava, Rhodes, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Wu, and Yokoyama (33)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Expanding Homeownership - Shared Appreciation Programs

Chair Shapiro provided brief background information on the Shared Appreciation Programs. He asked Jacob Noonan, SCAG staff, to introduce today's panelist who will present how their shared appreciation program is used to expand homeownership.

Mr. Noonan provided background information on the shared equity approach to homeownership noting that the program can reduce the initial purchase price of a home using a one-time public investment model which makes home affordable for an income-qualifying family or individual to purchase.

Mr. Noonan introduced Ms. Liz Bieber, Manager of the Housing Strategies Unit, Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) and Mr. William Hughes, Executive Director, Irvine Community Land trust (ICLT).

Highlights of Ms. Bieber's presentation focused on the three LACDA's first-time homebuyers' programs and homebuyer requirements, including two down-payment programs as well as a Density Bonus and Inclusionary housing homeownership program which provides low, moderate and middle-income first-time homebuyers the opportunity to purchase an affordable home.

Mr. Hughes' presentation focused on how his organization uses equity to achieve its mission to support the City of Irvine's housing goals including case studies by securing and retaining title to land on which permanent affordable rental, ownership, and special needs housing is constructed and maintained in perpetuity for the benefit income-qualifying families.

The Committee thanked Ms. Bieber and Mr. Hughes for their great presentations on expanding homeownership opportunities. Staff and the Panelists responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including some responses as noted: known challenges that may limit entry to purchasing affordable housing in the City of Irvine, the applicant's qualifications process, available financing for construction projects, information on the homebuying counseling process, and concerns for equity growth and sustainability for the homebuyer. Ms. Bieber noted that she would provide data to the CEHD Committee on successful cases and homeownership opportunities in participating cities.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – Expanding Homeownership: Shared Appreciation Programs, was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

5. Regional Rail Station Housing Analysis

Chair Shapiro provided remarks noting that today's presentation will provide a summary of California's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant program infill housing study, including opportunities and constraints to encourage housing production near transit. He asked Grieg Asher, SCAG staff, to share the presentation and introduce the consulting team.

Mr. Asher provided background information on the Regional Rail Station Housing Analysis project which was funded by the (REAP) 1.0 grant program. He referred to the project consulting team, BAE and Placeworks, and introduced Aaron Barker Associate Principal (BAE) to provide an overview of the project along with discussing the strategies developed and lessons learned for the various cities.

Mr. Barker's presentation focused on the study, project phases and approach to support housing production near Metrolink stations which may accelerate the region's goals of producing 1.3 million new housing units by the year 2029. Highlights focused on the collaboration and partnerships with consultant teams, BAE and Placeworks; along with SCAG as lead, Metrolink and the nine participating jurisdictions, in their group efforts to implement strategies for accelerating housing production near Metrolink stations. It was also noted that the project aimed to support Transit-Oriented-Development (TOD) in 15-minute communities and use empirical data to inform future policy decisions. Mr. Barkers presentation concluded with key project takeaways, lessons learned for future work efforts, common themes and challenges to housing production, and next steps.

Mr. Barker and staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including responses for data on the actual TOD usage in existing projects to inform future policy

decisions. Staff noted that the final report on the project workplans would be made available to the CEHD members.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – Regional Rail Study, was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

6. California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation

Chair Shapiro provided brief remarks regarding the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) published Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform report. He asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to present an overview of the RHNA reform report structure.

Ms. Johnson provided background information on the RHNA reform process noting that AB 101 (2019) required that HCD provide ways to reform RHNA and make recommendations. She noted the report was published April 18, 2024, is approximately 176 pages and that SCAG staff is comprehensively reviewing the report. Ms. Johnson's presentation included an overview of the report's organizational structure, recommended topics, and next steps, noting that further analysis of the report's recommendations, review of SCAG's comment letter integration and any updates on HCD implementation efforts, would be presented to the CEHD Committee at a future date.

Staff responded on the comments expressed by the Councilmembers including responses regarding the increases in RHNA categories, requests for an ongoing audit of HCD, and discussion of AB 2485, SCAG's sponsor bill. Staff noted that staff will continue to monitor HCD updates and legislative bills and will keep the Committee updated.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – 24-0606 HCD RHNA Reform Report was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shapiro provided comments regarding his first meeting of the fiscal year. He expressed appreciation to former Chair Frank Yokoyama and thanked him for his guidance and dedication to the CEHD Committee.

Chair Shapiro welcomed the following members to the CEHD Committee:

- Martin Fuentes (Gateway Cities COG)
- William (Bill) Hussey (SBCTA)
- Jeff Wood (RC District 24)

Chair Shapiro also thanked Andrew Sarega (RC District 31, La Mirada) for his recent service as a member of the CEHD Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Shapiro provided highlights of the Chair's Report. He reported on the following SCAG activities and noted that additional information can be found on SCAG's website.

- A recap of SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly noting that it was a huge success with over 800+ attendees, esteemed speakers, panelist, members, partners and sponsors who gathered to collaborate on fundamental issues, such as mobility, housing and communities, following the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, SCAG staff, announced the following updates:

- On June 6, the SCAG Regional Council approved a call for application guidelines for an estimated \$10.4 million in funding through the Sustainable Communities Program.
- Eligible projects include communitywide/area plans and quick-build projects. Funded projects will align with Connect SoCal 2024 to build and maintain an integrated multimodal transportation network.
- The call for applications is anticipated for Summer 2024.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, Planning, provided updates to the Joint Legislative Budget Plan and its impacts to the REAP 2.0 program.



ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shapiro noted that the CEHD Committee would not meet in July due to the July 4, 2024 holiday, and commented that Policy Committees and Regional Council will be dark in August. The next meeting of the CEHD will be on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. There being no further business, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE]

//

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2024-25

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1												0
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1												1
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33													0
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40													0
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1												1
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1												1
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1												1
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)													0
Duncan, Bobby	Yucaipa, SBCTA	1												1
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1												1
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	D	D										1
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1												1
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1												1
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1												1
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1												1
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1												1
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG	1												1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12													0
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County CoC	1	A	A										1
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1												1
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1												1
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1												1
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1												1
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG													0
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1												1
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14	1												1
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15		R	R										0
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC	1												1
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1												1
Leon, Carlos A.	Anaheim, RC District 19													0
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG													0
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov Reg Planning Board													0
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1												1
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Lar	1												1
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	1	K	K										1
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1												1
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA	1												1
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1												1
Nava, George A.	Brawley, ICTC	1												1
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1												1
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)													0
Puza, Freddy	Culver City, WCCOG													0
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51													0
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC													0
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1												1
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1												1
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1												1
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1												1
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG													0
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA													0
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG													0
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA	1												1
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24													0
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1												1
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1												1
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG													0
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		38												

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY24-2025 (Minutes of the June 6, 2024 Meeting)



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 5, 2024

To: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Lijin Sun, Principal Planner
213-236-1804, sunl@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2025
Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final
Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EEC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1; and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for final approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD AND TC:

Receive and File.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1; and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for final approval.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is responsible for developing and maintaining the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), including the associated transportation conformity analyses, in cooperation with the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the county transportation commissions, and public transit operators.

Pursuant to federal and state law, SCAG, in cooperation with the county transportation commissions and stakeholders, has developed the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity analyses. On June 6, 2024, the Regional Council (RC) authorized the release of the draft transportation conformity analyses of the draft 2025 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 for a 30-day public review and comment period spanning July 12, 2024 through August 12, 2024. SCAG received a total of 21 comments on the draft 2025 FTIP: five general and 16 project specific comments. SCAG staff has worked closely with the county transportation commissions to address all comments. Based on a review and analysis of the comments, the comments were for the most part technical in nature and did not raise issues that affect the associated transportation conformity analyses. SCAG staff does not anticipate significant changes to the proposed final 2025 FTIP as a result of the comments. SCAG also received eight comments on the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1: one on demographics and growth forecast, six project specific comments, and one general comment. The comments on the draft Amendment 1 were also technical in nature and did not affect transportation conformity analyses. Staff does not anticipate significant changes to the proposed final Amendment 1 as a result of the comments. Furthermore, SCAG staff has determined that the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 meet all federal transportation conformity requirements.

At the Transportation Committee (TC) meeting today, SCAG staff is presenting a final summary of public comments and responses and seeking the TC's recommendation that the RC approve the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1. Because there will be no RC meeting in October 2024, staff is seeking the EEC's recommendation that the RC approve the transportation conformity analyses and then the RC's approval of the transportation conformity analyses on the same day today.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six (6) county region of Southern California and the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) per state law. As such, it is responsible for developing and maintaining the FTIP and RTP/SCS in cooperation with the State (Caltrans), the county transportation commissions, and public transit operators in the SCAG region. The FTIP is developed through a "bottom-up" approach.

In consultation and continuous communication with the county transportation commissions throughout the region, staff has developed the proposed final 2025 FTIP over the past several months. The proposed final 2025 FTIP is a programming document totaling \$38.8 billion in programming and containing over 1,100 projects covering a six (6) year period. The 2025 FTIP includes 25 projects for Imperial County programmed at \$39.5 million; 670 projects for Los Angeles County programmed at \$22.2 billion; 66 projects for Orange County programmed at \$1.6 billion;

135 projects for Riverside County programmed at \$8.1 billion; 132 projects for San Bernardino County programmed at \$5.4 billion; and 99 projects for Ventura County programmed at \$1.3 billion.

Concurrent with the proposed final 2025 FTIP, staff has also developed the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, which serves as a consistency amendment to the 2025 FTIP, allowing for changes to long-range RTP/SCS projects in addition to changes to state and local highway and transit projects currently in the FTIP that will be carried forward as part of the 2025 FTIP. The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 consists of 351 project modifications. Of these, 15 projects have been deleted and 21 new projects have been added.

Under the U.S. Department of Transportation's (US DOT) metropolitan planning regulations and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) transportation conformity regulations, the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 must pass five required transportation conformity tests: (1) consistency with the adopted Connect SoCal 2024, (2) regional emissions analysis, (3) timely implementation of transportation control measures, (4) financial constraint, and (5) interagency consultation and public involvement.

Pursuant to applicable federal transportation conformity regulations, staff developed the federally required transportation conformity analyses for the draft 2025 FTIP and draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1. The draft analyses relied on and updated the transportation conformity analysis for Connect SoCal 2024, which received final federal approval on May 10, 2024. As recommended by the TC and the EEC at their respective meetings on June 6, 2024, the RC authorized the release of the draft 2025 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated draft transportation conformity analyses for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 12, 2024 to August 12, 2024. Staff held two public hearings, each providing the same information, on July 23, 2024 and July 30, 2024 during the public review and comment period. These public hearing were publicly noticed in numerous newspapers throughout the region. The public notices were published in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese languages.

SCAG received a total of 21 comments on the draft 2025 FTIP: five general comments and 16 project specific comments. The comments were for the most part technical in nature and did not raise issues that affect conformity. Multiple comments were submitted by SCAG's Caltrans Headquarters Liaison responsible for reviewing SCAG's FTIP and FTIP Amendments. SCAG staff has worked closely with the county transportation commissions to address the comments and has provided responses to all comments in the proposed final 2025 FTIP. All minor and technical changes to projects will be addressed in Amendment 1 of the 2025 FTIP. SCAG received eight comments on the draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 1: one (1) on demographics and growth forecast, one general comment, and six project specific comments. These comments were also technical in nature, and no comment affected transportation conformity.

Based on a review of the public comments on the draft 2025 FTIP and draft Amendment 1, staff has finalized the federally required transportation conformity analyses and determined that the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 continue to meet all five required transportation conformity tests. Therefore, they demonstrate positive transportation conformity.

At their respective meetings today, the TC is considering whether to recommend the RC approve the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1. On a separate but parallel track, the EEC is considering whether to recommend the RC approve the associated proposed final transportation conformity determinations portion. Since there will be no RC meeting in October 2024, staff is seeking the RC's consideration to approve the proposed final transportation conformity determinations of the proposed final 2025 FTIP and the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 on the same day today, and direct staff to carry out administrative tasks for submittal to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final approval.

Upon adoption by the RC, the transportation conformity determinations of the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 will be submitted to the FHWA/FTA for final federal approval. Federal approval of the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 is expected to occur in December 2024. Once approved by the federal agencies, the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 will allow projects to receive the necessary federal approval and move forward towards implementation.

The proposed final 2025 FTIP is accessible at:

www.scag.ca.gov/2025-ftip

The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 is available at:

<https://scag.ca.gov/connect-socal>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2024-25 Overall Work Program (25-025.0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 5, 2024

To: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG 101: Overview of Organization

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The SCAG 101 presentation will provide an orientation and a refresher to new Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) members of the SCAG organization and the major areas of work.

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG 101 presentation includes an overview of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The presentation highlights key characteristics of the region, an overview of Board leadership, the organizations' vision, goals, and Strategic Plan Priorities.

In addition, the presentation briefly highlights a few elements of SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 Plan and examples from the transportation and housing work programs and areas of collaboration and advocacy.

FISCAL IMPACT: Work associated with this item is included in the FY25 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG 101 Presentation



SCAG 101

September 2024

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV



ABOUT SCAG

The SCAG Region

6
COUNTIES

16
TRIBAL
GOVERNMENTS

191
CITIES

18.7M
RESIDENTS



38,618
SQUARE MILES

\$1.6T
REGIONAL GDP

15th
LARGEST
ECONOMY
WORLDWIDE

47.6%
OF STATE
POPULATION

Our Vision

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

Our Mission

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

2024-2025 Regional Council Board Members



Curt Hagman
PRESIDENT
County of San Bernardino



Cindy Allen
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
City of Long Beach

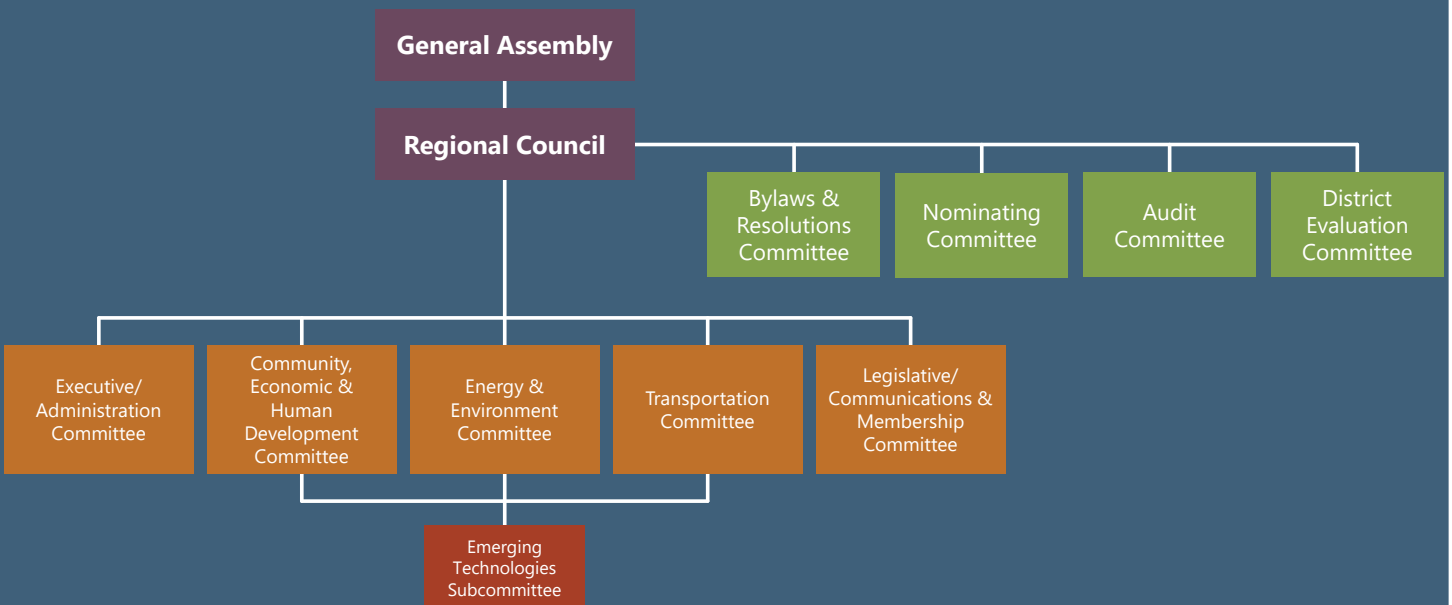


Ray Marquez
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
City of Chino Hills



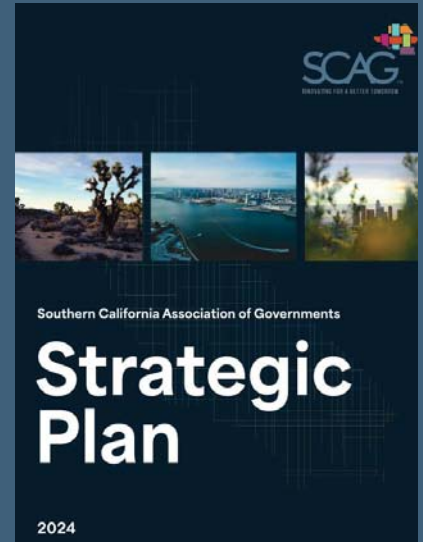
Art Brown
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
City of Buena Park

Governing Structure



Strategic Plan Priorities

1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.
2. Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.
3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.
4. Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.
5. Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.



Our Core Values

Be Open

Be accessible, candid, collaborative, and transparent in the work we do.

Lead by Example

Commit to integrity and equity in working to meet the diverse needs of all people and communities in our region.

Make an Impact

In all endeavors, effect positive and sustained outcomes that make our region thrive.

Be Courageous

Have confidence that taking deliberate, bold, and purposeful risks can yield new and valuable benefits.

Cultivate Belonging

Embrace differences, foster equity, champion inclusion, and empower all.



WHAT WE DO

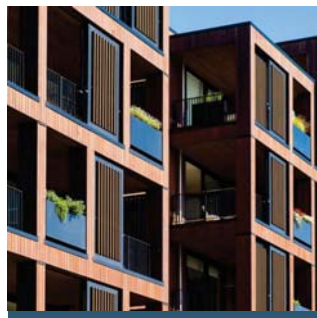
WHAT WE DO

Vision & Plan

SCAG serves as a catalyst for a brighter future for Southern California by leading a vision to elevate the region and creating the holistic plan to achieve our unified goals.



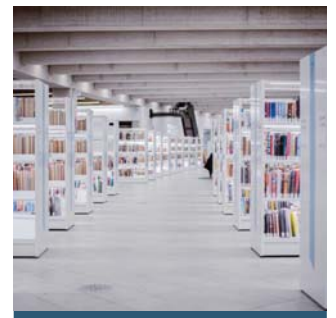
Transportation



Housing



Collaboration & Advocacy



Tools & Resources

Primary Roles & Responsibilities

- 1 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- 2 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- 3 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- 4 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
- 5 Regional Data & Information Center
- 6 Forum for Issues of Regional Significance



VISION & PLAN

What is Connect SoCal?

A 20+ year plan with \$751.7 billion in transportation investments, a regional development pattern, and many supportive policies, programs, and strategies.

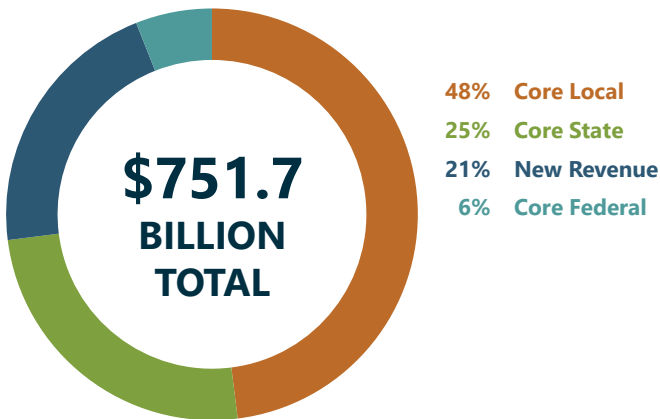
- Mobility, communities, environmental, and economic goals
- Reduce congestion and travel times
- Increase opportunities to walk, bike, or take transit
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants
- Conserve open space and farmland
- Improve access to transit and jobs, and meet regional housing needs
- Support new jobs, improved competitiveness
- Facilitate efficient and resilient goods movement



Connect SoCal Revenues & Expenditures

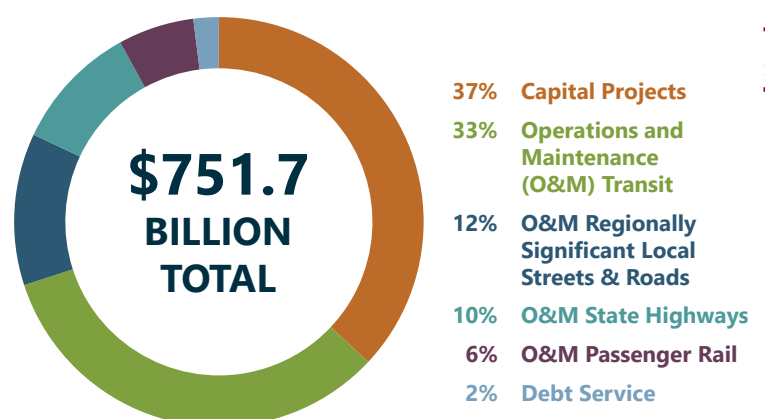
REVENUES FY2025-FY2050

IN NOMINAL DOLLARS, BILLIONS



EXPENDITURES FY2025-FY2050

IN NOMINAL DOLLARS, BILLIONS





TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION

Goods Movement Initiatives

Industrial Warehousing in the SCAG Region

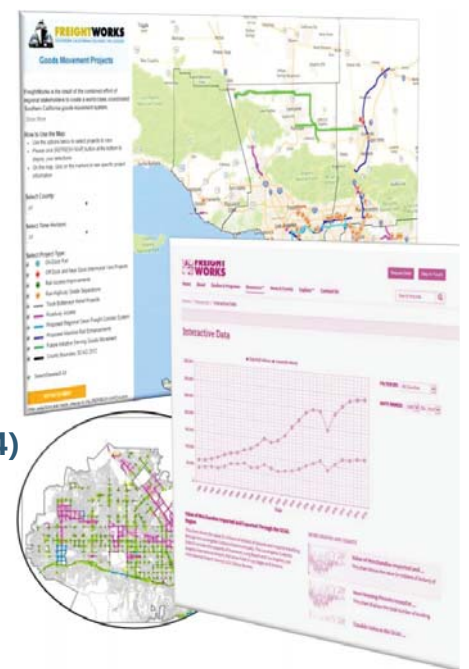
- Assesses variables affecting supply/demand of warehouses
- Evaluates operational parameters/locations of the region’s warehouses, distribution centers, and transload facilities

Last Mile Freight Program

- *Phase 1:* \$10 million zero-emission & near-zero emission (ZE/NZE) commercial deployment
- *Phase 2:* \$5 million ZE/NZE public-private partnership

Heavy/medium Duty ZE infrastructure study Connect SoCal (2024)

- Integrated passenger & freight rail
- E-commerce trends
- Commodity flows
- Technology advancement
- Freight resiliency



Clean Mobility Technology

Vision: De-carbonizing or Electrifying Passenger Vehicles, Transit, and Goods Movement Vehicles

- Increasing EV infrastructure to accelerate EV adoption
- Fostering a zero-emission goods movement system integrating current near-zero emissions technologies

Impactful Projects

- EV Charging Site Suitability Study
- AI-Powered Automated Traffic Monitoring Demonstration
- Research Hub for Electric Technologies in Truck Applications pilot partnership with Electric Power Research Institute/California Energy Commission
- Heavy/Medium Duty ZE Infrastructure Study
- Southern California Clean Cities Coalition
- Last Mile Freight Program



Transit/Rail Vision & Strategies

Vision – Multimodal Ecosystem & Transit Rail Backbone

Multimodal Strategies

- Complete streets, mobility hubs, mobility as a service (MaaS), first/last mile connections

Operations & Transit Prioritization

- Dedicated lanes, high quality transit corridors, safety & security

Land Use Integration

- Transit-oriented development

Equity & Resilience

- Universal basic mobility & mobility wallets, system preservation, clean technology



HOUSING

HOUSING

Housing Planning & Technical Assistance

Regional Early Action Planning 2019–\$47 Million Partnerships & Outreach

- Subregional partnerships
- Outreach and education
- Partnerships with nonprofits and community-based organizations
- **Housing Policy Solutions**
 - Toolkits and best practices
 - Data and technical assistance
- **Sustainable Communities Strategy Integration**
 - Priority growth areas
 - Housing near transit infrastructure



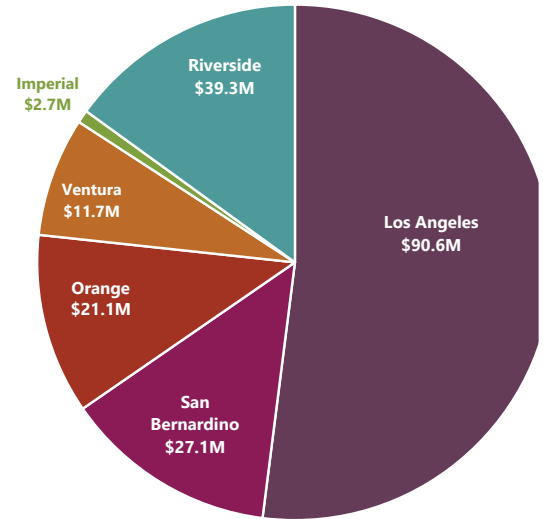
REAP 2.0 Program Overview

- **\$231.5 million:** SCAG region’s formula share.
- SCAG suballocating ~**80%** of funding to partners.
- \$192.7 million suballocated.

Funding programs that address regional challenges:

- Increase capacity for housing on infill available lands and large corridor-wide and area-wide infill housing initiatives.
- Funding finance strategies, housing trusts, land trusts, catalyst funds.
- Funding utility infrastructure capacity expansion to support housing development.
- Funding to support transportation infrastructure.

FUNDING BY COUNTY



COLLABORATION & ADVOCACY

Unique Regional Forums



Regional Conference & General Assembly

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Southern California Economic Summit



Demographic Workshop

23

State Legislative Priorities



- 1 **Protect Regional Early Action Planning 2021 (REAP 2.0) Funding**
- 2 **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Reform**
- 3 **Protect Active Transportation Program and Infill Infrastructure Grant Program Funding**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

24

Federal Legislative Priorities



- 1 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing
- 2 Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program
- 3 Healthy Streets Program
- 4 Affordable Connectivity Program
- 5 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

www.scag.ca.gov



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 5, 2024

To: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

Subject: CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In April 2024, SCAG’s Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024. Following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed a 12-month CEHD Outlook to carry forward the policy priorities and Implementation Strategies of Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2025, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2024 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat, survey responses from CEHD members, and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.

BACKGROUND:

The work of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the leadership from the agency’s Policy Committees and Regional Council is driven by SCAG’s legally mandated duties as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, the long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal 2024 as well as, the agency Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Administrative Committee on May 1, 2024¹ Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Outlook and Framework.

The Policy Committees help to further the implementation of Connect SoCal by advising on policy, research or resource programs. The Policy Committees will also be informed and advise on broader

¹ SCAG 2024 Strategic Plan: <https://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2497&Inline=True>

regional leadership items as needed. Over the upcoming year, most agenda items fall under the following three categories:

1. **Connect SoCal:** Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy was approved on April 4, 2024. These agenda items will be focused on implementation of the investments and strategies included in the plan, as well as amendments as needed.
2. **Local Resources:** This refers to programs administered by SCAG such as the Sustainable Communities Program, the Regional Early Action Program, or Go Human. Action and information items may relate to guideline development or program awards. These agenda items may also include updates of grants, data or tools available to local jurisdictions.
3. **Regional Leadership:** These agenda items relate to issues or policy areas of regional significance and may include updates and presentations from external speakers.

The topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that the agenda item be pulled for discussion or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the CEHD and the considerations noted above.

CEHD Survey

The Chair of the CEHD directed staff to prepare a survey for Policy Committee members to better understand topics of interest as it related to the CEHD. Staff released a survey on August 1st over a two-week period. The survey included three questions focused on housing, economic development, and miscellaneous topics of interest within the scope of the CEHD. A total of 15 members responded to the survey. The overarching themes for each of the questions are summarized below, with more detail on Attachment 1.

- Responses to the housing questions were categorized around four themes ‘housing production (affordable and market) and location’, resources and land trusts, data, and technical information.
- Responses under economic development were focused on downtown recovery, economic development best practices, and resources and partnerships.
- Finally, the responses to the miscellaneous question resulted in responses that pertained to housing and economic development (those were considered as part of those topics), placemaking, and data.

Responses that fell out of the scope of the CEHD generally were those that fell within the scope of other committees pertaining to legislation, transportation, or energy and the environment. Given that the CEHD has a condensed meeting schedule this year and in response to the survey, staff updated the draft CEHD Outlook that was shared in June at the EAC retreat. The revisions to the Outlook are attached to this report. The Outlook maintains items that are important updates regarding SCAG local assistance (REAP, for example) and other programs (Connect SoCal and Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy), a series of items were removed to accommodate the more condensed schedule and to elevate some of the items that were recommended in the survey. The remaining recommendations will be considered if new opportunities arise in the current fiscal year and/or can be reassessed in the next fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY25 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 24-0905 CEHD Outlook Major Themes_Attachment 1
2. 24-09-05 CEHD Agenda Outlook presentation

Attachment 1: CEHD Survey Responses, Major Themes

1. What housing topics would you like to learn more about and discuss? (For example: funding programs, affordable housing preservation, zoning, land banking, affirmatively furthering fair housing, housing elements, etc.)

Housing--Major Themes

- **Housing Production (AH and Market) and Location**
 - *Affordable housing (production and preservation)*
 - *Market rate housing*
 - *Housing beyond the urban core*
 - *Community Land Trusts*
 - *Homeownership*
 - *Housing for unhoused*
 - *Home Insurance*
 - *Joint Powers Authorities to create housing*
- **Resources (\$)**
 - *First Time Homebuyer funding programs*
 - *Funding Programs and resources to build housing and help agencies*
- **Data**
 - *Housing production data (over last decade)*
 - *ADU data*
- **Technical Info**
 - *Surplus Land Act*
 - *Zoning as a land use tool for housing*
 - *ODS and SB330- successful strategies*
 - *Education on Affordable Housing (avoid stigma)*
 - *Streamlining Tools*
 - *Enacted legislation and housing planning and production*
- **Out of scope**
 - *Topics within scope of other committees*

2. What economic development topics would you like to learn more about and discuss?
(For example: funding programs, downtown recovery, economic development best practices, tax increment financing, etc.)

Economic Development--Major Themes

Downtown recovery

- *Downtown Recovery Strategies*

Economic Development Best Practices

- *Tools and Best Practices*
 - *Targeting business investment*
 - Technology and AI in Economic Development
- District Strategies
- Tax Increment Financing
- LAEDC Strategic Plan/Other Counties Efforts

Resources and Partnerships

- Foundations and Endowments
- Private Sector
- Schools and city partnerships

3. Are there other topics that you would like to recommend for the CEHD?

Miscellaneous --Major Themes

- Investments in Placemaking and Best Practices
- Data on population, economic, and education
- Out of scope
 - Items related to housing and economic development were considered there
 - Out of scope--topics within scope of other committees

Items that are noted above in italics are covered in the FY25 CEHD Outlook. The remaining will be considered if new opportunities arise in the outlook and can be reassessed in the next fiscal year.



CEHD Outlook

September 2024

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV



COMMUNITY ECONOMY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

CEHD Focus

The duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) are to study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters pertaining to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing, and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans, and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.

Survey Process and Results

- Received 15 responses
- Reviewed and evaluated to identify common themes and relevance to the CEHD
- Items out of scope were within realm of other committees
- In FY25, there will be a total of 6 CEHD meetings and one Joint Policy Committee meeting
- The Outlook will include items that need to come before the CEHD along with topics that touch on scope of the committee
- Items that are not covered this year can be considered in future years

Housing

- What housing topics would you like to learn more about and discuss? (For example: funding programs, affordable housing preservation, zoning, land banking, affirmatively furthering fair housing, housing elements, etc.)

Major Themes

- **Housing Production (AH and Market) and Location**
 - Affordable housing (production and preservation)
 - Market rate housing
 - Housing beyond the urban core
 - Community Land Trusts
 - Homeownership
 - Housing for unhoused
 - Home Insurance
 - Joint Powers Authorities to create housing
- **Resources (\$)**
 - First Time Homebuyer funding programs
 - Funding Programs and resources to build housing and help agencies
- **Technical Info**
 - Surplus Land Act
 - Zoning as a land use tool for housing
 - ODS and SB330- successful strategies
 - Education on Affordable Housing (avoid stigma)
 - Streamlining Tools
 - Enacted legislation and housing planning and production
- **Data**
 - Housing production data (over last decade)
 - ADU data

Economic Development

- What economic development topics would you like to learn more about and discuss? (For example: funding programs, downtown recovery, economic development best practices, tax increment financing, etc.)

Major Themes

Downtown recovery

Economic Development

- *Tools and Best Practices*
 - *Targeting business investment*
 - Technology and AI in Economic Development
- District Strategies
- Tax Increment Financing
- LAEDC Strategic Plan/Other Counties Efforts

Resources and Partnerships

- Foundations and Endowments
- Private Sector
- Schools and city partnerships

Miscellaneous

• Are there other topics that you would like to recommend for the CEHD?

• Major Themes

- Investments in Placemaking and Best Practices
- Data on population, economic, and education

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2025-Revised

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Resources	Regional Leadership
Sept.- Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Stabilization Strategies Transit Supportive Housing and Land Use Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 1: Bi-Annual Update REAP 1: Leveraging Public Land for Housing REAP 1: LA Metro Joint Development Partnership for Housing Acceleration REAP 1: Housing Supportive Financing Strategies REAP 1: Economic and Market Analysis for Housing Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive Economic Growth Update RHNA Reform Overview of Enacted Housing Legislation 2025 Tribal Data Needs Assessment Project Update SCAG 101 and CEHD Agenda Outlook
(No October meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Progress Report Expanding Homeownership – Alternative Ownership and Financing Models 		

KEY

- ❖ = Emerging Technology Item
- ✓ Local Assistance and Program Updates

**Removed
Additions**

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2025-Revised

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Program	Regional Leadership
Feb. – March (No January meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Progress Report ✓ Joint Policy Committee: Plan Implementation (Feb) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ REAP 2.0 Update ✖ REAP 1: Housing Supportive Specific Plans ✖ REAP 1: Inclusionary Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Revitalization Economic Development Strategies ✖ Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ❖ Factory Built Housing
April- June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✖ Equitable Stakeholder Engagement Strategies ✖ 15-Minute Communities Update • Housing production strategies across the region • Housing Production Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✖ REAP 1: Parking Strategies to Support Housing ✖ REAP 1: Housing Trust Funds ✖ REAP 1: Overcoming Constraints to Housing Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✖ Elements of Successful Community Development ✖ Land Banking Strategies ✖ Elements of Equitable Economic Development • Best Practices for Economic Development • Community Land Trusts (moved) • Community Development Funding Programs (moved)
<u>KEY</u>	General Assembly		

- ❖ = Emerging Technology Item
- ✓ Local Assistance and Program Updates

**Removed
Additions**

Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

www.scag.ca.gov



**AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments
September 5, 2024

To: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL**

From: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Department Manager
(213) 236-1975, johnson@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Review of California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation *Kome Ajise*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Information Only – No Action Required.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:
This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a process under Government Code Section 65584 that determines the existing and projected housing needs for each jurisdiction within the state of California. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is undertaking a Statewide effort on reforming RHNA, as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 101 (2019). Complementary to these efforts, SCAG conducted its own engagement process to develop recommendations to reform the RHNA process. After review and approval by the CEHD Committee and Regional Council in August and September 2023, 14 recommendations were submitted in a comment letter to HCD to include in its Statewide RHNA reform efforts. The recommendations included proposals requiring legislative action, administrative recommendations under the purview of HCD, and methodological recommendations for SCAG's consideration during the 7th Cycle RHNA.

In April 2024, HCD issued their report on RHNA reform, entitled California's Housing Future 2040 – The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation. The report includes a series of recommendations to the legislature, which are categorized as either determination-related, allocation-related, or process-related, an overview of policy considerations, and an outline of implementation measures that HCD will initiate. Reform efforts were restricted to Government Code Sections 65584 through 65584.2, which covers the RHNA regional determination, methodology for Councils of Government (COGs) to follow, the appeals process, and the adoption of the final RHNA plan.

Staff has now reviewed and analyzed the entirety of the report. This report and its attachments include a detailed breakdown of the report's contents and their relevance to SCAG's September 2023 comment letter, along with the next steps SCAG is taking to monitor the outcomes of this report.

BACKGROUND:

The RHNA is a process that determines the existing and projected housing needs for each jurisdiction within the state of California. This housing need, also known as the RHNA allocation, covers an 8-year period and requires each jurisdiction, defined as cities and unincorporated communities within counties, to plan for this need in their housing elements through an analysis of suitable sites and implementing various programs, including rezoning.

HCD provides a regional RHNA determination to each COG, including SCAG. HCD determines the total housing need for the region, and the COG is responsible for developing a methodology to distribute this need to individual jurisdictions.

The latest 6th Cycle RHNA determination for the SCAG region is 1,341,827 housing units across four income categories for the planning period spanning October 2021 through October 2029.

Government Code Section 65584.01 outlines the steps HCD must follow to determine the regional RHNA determination. In addition to the population projections provided by the California Department of Finance (DOF), and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional transportation plans, in consultation with the COG, HCD also considers other factors in its assessments, including vacancy rates, percentage of households that are overcrowded and the overcrowding rate for a comparable housing market, and relationship between jobs and housing.

HCD is required to meet and consult with the COG regarding assumptions and methodology, and is also responsible for making the final assumptions for each required factor and providing a regional determination. The COG may object to HCD's determination, though the final decision for a regional determination is ultimately made by HCD.

State Auditor's Report

In October 2021, the California State Joint Legislative Audit Committee approved an emergency audit to examine HCD's regional determination process. The request for an audit was based on the assertion that "the public has almost no information about the formula HCD uses to calculate these initial numbers". This was due to confusion and mistrust among regional planning bodies and jurisdictions and the need for an independent and objective review of the process. As part of its audit, the State Auditor examined three regions: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and Amador County.

According to the California State Auditor's findings published in March 2022, HCD made several errors in making regional determinations for the regions reviewed. As a result of these errors and inaccuracies, the Auditor made several recommendations for HCD and the state legislature to improve the RHNA process. These recommendations include a suite of statutory changes, as well as planned adjustments to HCD's processes under existing authority, broadly intended to more accurately account for the housing needs of existing and future residents, promote and streamline housing development, affirmatively further fair housing, advance the state's climate goals, and substantially address California's housing shortage.

AB 101

AB 101 (2019), along with an extension granted by SB 197 (2022), required HCD, in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research, to conduct RHNA reform and make recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2023. Reform efforts are restricted to Government Code Section 65584 through 65584.2, which covers the RHNA regional determination, COG methodology, appeals process, and adoption of the final RHNA plan. To ensure that comments from stakeholders in the SCAG region are considered as part of HCD's AB 101 RHNA reform, SCAG conducted its own concurrent engagement process to inform RHNA reform recommendations to HCD.

SCAG RHNA Reform Process

In July and August of 2022, SCAG staff conducted an initial stakeholder engagement process to gather input and feedback on RHNA reform. The initial outreach process included a publicized comment period, one public listening session, five presentations to councils of governments, and one presentation each to the Housing Working Group and the Technical Working Group. Staff reviewed the feedback and comments submitted during this process and prepared draft recommendations, which were made available for public comment in May 2023.

Between May and June 2023, SCAG held a second public engagement process on the draft recommendations. SCAG held two public listening sessions to gather feedback on the recommendations. In addition, a RHNA reform survey was posted on the SCAG website and written letters were also accepted. The feedback received was used to refine and augment the draft recommendations, where appropriate.

SCAG staff provided RHNA reform outreach process updates to the CEHD Committee at their June 1 and July 6, 2023, meetings. At the June 1 meeting, the CEHD Committee emphasized the importance of transparency and inclusivity in its Statewide RHNA reform outreach efforts. SCAG staff attended the June Sounding Board hosted by HCD and stressed the need for transparency and

inclusivity in any reforms to the RHNA process, and HCD staff indicated that they made note of the comments.

SCAG Recommendations for RHNA Reform

As noted above, SCAG conducted a robust stakeholder engagement process to gather feedback. SCAG then synthesized the feedback received across all stakeholder engagement mediums and distilled it into a series of common themes, which was used to form a series of 14 total recommendations to HCD on how best to reform the RHNA process. The recommendations were mostly divided into three categories based on the method of action necessary to make the change:

- 1) Legislative Change: Changes to relevant Government Code in Sections 65584 through 65584.2 and any other statutory changes required for consistency – SCAG will continue to review and explore these issues and recommendations and ways to implement them
- 2) SCAG and/or HCD Administrative Change: Changes that can be implemented administratively by either SCAG or HCD, respectively
- 3) 7th Cycle RHNA Change: Changes that were recommended for consideration and evaluation by the SCAG Regional Council as part of the 7th cycle RHNA

The full set of recommendations, which are summarized in Attachment 1, were approved by the Regional Council and provided to HCD.

HCD's California's Housing Future 2040 Report

As referenced earlier in this report, AB 101 (2019) required that HCD conduct RHNA reform and make recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2023. HCD published the report on April 18, 2024. The report is divided into the following sections:

- 1) Letter from BSCH Secretary Tomiquia Moss
- 2) Introduction
- 3) Recommendations to the Legislature
- 4) Policy Considerations for the Legislature
- 5) HCD Future Implementation Efforts
- 6) Conclusion
- 7) Appendix

REPORT ANALYSIS:

For ease of reference back to California's Housing Future 2040 – The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation, this staff report assesses how SCAG comments have or have not been addressed in

HCD's report. This staff report also highlights recommendations in the report outside of SCAG's comment letter that are noteworthy or raise some potential concerns. A separate table outlining how SCAG's comments are included in the presentation is attached to this report.

The report covers a wide range of topics regarding the RHNA process, including the regional housing needs determination, distribution methodology, appeals process, and consistency between the RHNA and the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). It also provides recommendations on how to achieve these reforms, including through legislative changes and administrative changes.

Attachment 2 to this report provides a comprehensive evaluation of how HCD's report aligns or does not align with SCAG's submitted comments. The attachment also highlights other important topics in HCD's report that were not covered in SCAG's comment letter.

Next Steps

SCAG staff expects that the California's Housing Future 2040 Report will directly lead to further legislation to implement the recommended reforms developed by HCD, as already demonstrated by recent bills such as AB 3093 and SB 7. As such, in August 2024 SCAG sent a letter to the State Assembly Housing Committee to formally request a public hearing on the report to better understand its recommendations and how HCD developed them, which would ideally be accomplished prior to any further legislation based on the report's recommendations. Further work on legislation from this report will be based on direction provided by SCAG's Legislative, Communications & Membership Committee.

SCAG has also invited HCD staff to speak at a SCAG Regional Council meeting to discuss the report and its recommendations. SCAG staff will update the CEHD Committee as more information becomes available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 24-25 Overall Work Program (800.0160.03 – Regional Housing Needs Assessment).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 24-0905 SCAG Recommendations for Regional Housing Needs Assessment
2. 24-0905 Evaluation of SCAG Comments in HCD Report
3. PowerPoint Presentation - 24-0820 Review of CA Housing Future 2040

Attachment 1

SCAG Recommendations for Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform

The following recommendations were reviewed and approved by the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and Regional Council in August and September 2023 to submit as part of a comment letter to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)'s RHNA reform process.

The recommendations were mostly divided into three categories based on the method of action necessary to make the change:

- 1) Legislative Change: Changes to relevant Government Code in Sections 65584 through 65584.2 and any other statutory changes required for consistency – SCAG will continue to review and explore these issues and recommendations and ways to implement them
- 2) SCAG and/or HCD Administrative Change: Changes that can be implemented administratively by either SCAG or HCD, respectively
- 3) 7th Cycle RHNA Change: Changes that were recommended for consideration and evaluation by the SCAG Regional Council as part of the 7th cycle RHNA

Legislative Change

Regional Determination

1. Extend existing need from the regional determination across multiple planning cycles to ensure that the RHNA can be fully accommodated by jurisdictions. Correspondingly, extend the housing element planning periods over multiple cycles to be consistent with the extension of the determination period for existing need.
2. Recommend that procedures be established for HCD to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology, including assumptions and factors used in DOF projections and engagement process with the COG, prior to finalization of the regional determination to facilitate a transparent process with accessible information prior to finalization from HCD.
3. Establish formal processes to review and document HCD's considerations as part of its regional determination. HCD should also convene an advisory panel of experts that would advise HCD on their assumptions, data, and analysis prior to HCD making its final determination, which would also minimize politicization of the process.
4. Establish additional due process opportunities for housing need determination with defined grounds on which Councils of Governments and jurisdictions can appeal the methodology and assumptions used for housing need determination.
5. Codify an earlier date, which is currently at least 26 months before a housing element due date, for HCD to provide the regional determination to a COG so that more time is available to coordinate with the concurrent Sustainable Communities Strategy, prepare the RHNA methodology, increase local engagement, and have potentially additional time for the appeals process.

Other

6. Reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions with limitations so that it also furthers state housing objectives, including affirmatively furthering fair housing.

SCAG and/or HCD Administrative Change

Regional Determination

7. (SCAG) Facilitate conversations with HCD to continue ensuring that the determination process considers all available data at the time, including a review of how remote work affects a region's housing need.
8. (SCAG) Exercise the option of additional time to the appeals process provided that there is sufficient time available, if needed.

Other

9. (SCAG and HCD) Inquire if the State has considered having RHNA allocation be one of the considerations for housing funding opportunities, including but not limited to transit-oriented development that meet both housing and climate change goals.
10. (SCAG) Provide jurisdictions more time between the issuance of RHNA allocation and the statutory deadline for housing element adoption.

7th Cycle RHNA Change

Regional Determination

11. SCAG to facilitate conversations with HCD to ensure that the determination process by HCD considers all available data sources, including a review of how remote work affects a region's housing need.

Methodology

12. (SCAG) Consider different distribution methodologies, assumptions, and factors as part of the 7th cycle RHNA, starting in 2026. These include consideration of a distribution methodology that considers assignment of housing need to individual jurisdictions instead of a single formula, other definitions used for job access, constraints for existing job centers and potential loss of revenue versus the potential housing demands of those that are new, alignment of factor horizon years, the threshold definition and adjustments for disadvantaged communities, factors that further the goal of jobs housing relationship, density, climate change and resiliency, the presence of a universities and community colleges, influence of transit, remote work, and exclusion of housing need assignments to permanent open space and industrial zones.

Appeals

13. Explore preparing a guidebook to help appellants more easily understand how to file an appeal, what information should be included in an appeal, and three bases on which an appeal can be filed.

Beyond RHNA Reform

14. Request that HCD review housing element law to address challenges to housing building and production, including incentives for specific types of housing typologies.

Although SCAG Comment #14 was not directly related to RHNA Reform, it was determined to be pertinent given that it aims to accomplish the same goals as RHNA Reform.

Attachment 2

Evaluation of SCAG’s Comments in the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) California’s Housing Future 2040 Report

In its comment letter to HCD, SCAG provided a few recommendations that were included in the report. Some of the HCD recommendations were inconsistent with SCAG’s comment letter recommendations. However, a number of comments or issues were not addressed at all. The following is an evaluation of whether HCD’s report addressed SCAG’s recommendations and also includes an overview of other important topics in the report but outside of SCAG’s recommendations.

SCAG Comments Addressed by HCD’s Report

The comments recommend that an earlier date be codified for HCD to provide its regional housing need determination (RHND) to the COGs so that more time is available for the RHNA process and to better coordinate with the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known at SCAG as the Connect SoCal Plan. Additionally, the report cites the possibility of rewarding jurisdictions that meet RHNA goals with grants, which was included in SCAG’s comment letter.

SCAG Comment #5:

(Legislative Change) Codify an earlier date, which is currently at least 26 months before a housing element due date, for HCD to provide the regional determination to a COG so that more time is available to coordinate with the concurrent Sustainable Communities Strategy, prepare the RHNA methodology, increase local engagement, and have potentially additional time for the appeals process.

SCAG Comment #9:

(SCAG and HCD Administrative Change) Inquire if the State has considered having RHNA allocation be one of the considerations for housing funding opportunities, including but not limited to transit-oriented development that meet both housing and climate change goals.

The report acknowledges that HCD received feedback pertaining to this topic via the dedicated email inbox that was launched in early March 2023. Specifically, the report cites that HCD received feedback inquiring as to the possibility of rewarding cities with grants for meeting RHNA goals and allowing for REAP funding to be used as a critical tool for implementing RHNA. However, although the report does acknowledge the feedback, no policy changes or implementation measures to address the comment are recommended in the report.

SCAG Comment #10:

(SCAG Administrative Change) Provide jurisdictions more time between the issuance of RHNA allocation and the statutory deadline for housing element adoption.

Although the report does not directly address SCAG’s concerns to provide additional time for local jurisdictions to adopt their housing elements, it does recommend moving up the date by which the RHND must be provided by one year. Currently, the RHND must be provided two years prior to the due date for housing element adoption; the recommendation would result in the RHND being provided at least three years prior to the due date. The implementation of this recommendation

would effectively accomplish what the SCAG comment is seeking by allowing jurisdictions to begin the process of adopting an updated housing element a full year sooner.

It is also worth noting that the report indicates that HCD's goal is to encourage more Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to include the RHND as an input in the concurrent RTP/SCS update, thus promoting greater consistency between the two projections.

The proposal by HCD to provide the RHND earlier would allow SCAG more time to coordinate with its Connect SoCal Plan and also allow the COG more time to process RHNA. Additionally, while SCAG's recommendation #10 was included as a recommendation for SCAG to administratively undertake, an earlier RHND would allow for more time overall in the process that would result in more time between the issuance of the RHNA allocation and the housing element adoption statutory deadline.

SCAG Comments Not Addressed by HCD's Report

The report published by HCD does not directly address all of the SCAG letter recommendations, though some of the report's proposals indirectly address some of them.

The following comments submitted by SCAG were not addressed in the report:

SCAG Comment #1:

(Legislative Change) Extend existing need from the regional determination across multiple planning cycles to ensure that the RHNA can be fully accommodated by jurisdictions. Correspondingly, extend the housing element planning periods over multiple cycles to be consistent with the extension of the determination period for existing need.

This comment was not addressed at all.

SCAG Comment #3:

(Legislative Change) Establish formal processes to review and document HCD's considerations as part of its regional determination. HCD should also convene an advisory panel of experts that would advise HCD on their assumptions, data, and analysis prior to HCD making its final determination, which would also minimize politicization of the process.

The report acknowledges the topics discussed in this comment as feedback heard during HCD's Sounding Board Meeting #1, which took place on May 3, 2023. However, apart from that, the report does not address this comment.

SCAG Comment #6:

Reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions with limitations so that it also furthers state housing objectives, including affirmatively furthering fair housing.

The report acknowledges the trade and transfer topic discussed in this comment as feedback received via the HCD dedicated email inbox HCD that was launched in early March 2023. However, aside from acknowledging the feedback, the report does not address this comment.

SCAG Comment #7:

(SCAG Administrative Change) Facilitate conversations with HCD to continue ensuring that the determination process considers all available data at the time, including a review of how remote work affects a region's housing need.

The report does address the issue of remote and hybrid work and indicates that it can affect a region's housing need. However, while the report acknowledges that working from home is an increasingly important consideration to jobs housing balance, HCD does not recommend any action beyond monitoring and further consultation with stakeholders at this time. According to the report, the data that is currently available does not indicate where remote workers' jobs are located, making it difficult for HCD to assess whether the presence of remote workers is impacting the jobs/housing adjustments or how the adjustments could be better refined. As such, HCD explains that they will continue to monitor new academic findings on the topic, but otherwise do not recommend that any action be taken at this time.

The remainder of the comment, which discusses facilitating conversations with HCD to ensure that the RHND process considers all currently available data, is actually counteracted by the report. The report recommends that the legislature remove the consultation process outlined by Government Code Section 65584.01(a). According to the text, the consultation process "could result in an inconsistent application of the determination methodology across regions" depending on how consultations with each COG are resolved. The proposed removal of the consultation process would effectively contradict the SCAG comment by removing an opportunity for conversation with HCD to discuss data considerations as opposed to facilitating more discussions.

SCAG Comment #8:

(SCAG Administrative Change) Exercise the option of additional time to the appeals process provided that there is sufficient time available, if needed.

The report acknowledges that, as part of the public engagement process for the report, HCD documented that many stakeholders felt that additional time for hearings could be beneficial, but apart from that, the report does not address this comment directly. However, the report does recommend that the date by which HCD must provide the RHND be advanced by one year. This would result in a good deal of additional flexibility for both SCAG and SCAG's member jurisdictions. As it relates to this comment, if SCAG were afforded additional time to work with the RHND, that extra time could be exercised as more time to process appeals, among other things. In this manner, the report actually would indirectly achieve what SCAG's comment was seeking.

SCAG Comment #13:

Explore preparing a guidebook to help appellants more easily understand how to file an appeal, what information should be included in an appeal, and three bases on which an appeal can be filed.

The report does not address this comment.

SCAG Comment #14:

(7th Cycle RHNA Change) Request that HCD review housing element law to address challenges to housing building and production, including incentives for specific types of housing typologies.

The report does not address this comment.

SCAG Comments Inconsistent or Contrary with HCD's Report Recommendations

Several comments submitted by SCAG are inconsistent or contrary to the recommendations in HCD's report.

SCAG Comment #2:

(Legislative Change) Recommend that procedures be established for HCD to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology, including assumptions and factors used in DOF projections and engagement process with the COG, prior to finalization of the regional determination to facilitate a transparent process with accessible information prior to finalization from HCD.

Although the report does not address the bulk of this comment, it does indirectly address some of the perceived transparency issues with respect to the assumptions and factors used in the Department of Finance (DOF) projections. However, the report also recommends removing the consultation process with COGs regarding differences with DOF's household projections. Instead, HCD recommends that the legislature simply require them to use DOF's household projections if the COG's projections vary by more than 4.25%. While in one sense, this would establish a procedure for HCD's determination process, it would also remove a current process that COGs such as SCAG participate in and, therefore, the recommendation is contrary to the comment submitted by SCAG.

Apart from these proposed revisions to the handling of DOF projections, the remainder of the comment is not addressed in the report.

During the 2023-2024 Legislative Session, SCAG staff supported the development of AB 2485 (Carillo), which would have required HCD to hold a "panel of experts" to review its assumptions, data, and methodology used to determine each COG's RHND. Along with this panel of experts, the bill would have required HCD to publish its assumptions, data, and methodology prior to finalizing each RHND. Ultimately however, AB 2485 did not pass, and currently there is no further action to implement this recommendation.

SCAG Comment #4:

(Legislative Change) Establish additional due process opportunities for housing need determination with defined grounds on which Councils of Governments and jurisdictions can appeal the methodology and assumptions used for housing need determination.

The report recommends the elimination of the RHND consultation process that directs HCD to discuss with COGs why their projections differ from DOF's and come to agreement on what projection should be used in the RHND. While HCD indicates that this will streamline the RHND process, it also removes a level of due process for the COG if it has any objections to DOF's methodology and assumptions.

SB 7 (Blakespear) was amended in June 2024 to include specific statutory language that would preclude a city or county from filing an objection to the RHND. At the time of the drafting of this report the bill was passed by the State Senate as part of the 2023-2024 Legislative session.

SCAG Comment #11:

(7th Cycle RHNA Change) SCAG to facilitate conversations with HCD to ensure that the determination process by HCD considers all available data sources, including a review of how remote work affects a region's housing need.

While this recommendation is intended to be implemented by SCAG facilitating conversation with HCD, the report's recommendation to remove part of the RHND consultation process is contrary to the comment's intention. The report acknowledges that monitoring on topics such as remote work is needed and implies that this could be addressed as part of a future RHND process, but also recommends the removal of part of the COG consultation process that could consider COG projections if the difference is too large with that of DOF. The latter action could be contrary to the SCAG recommendation of ensuring that HCD considers all data sources since in certain circumstances the COG's projections would not be considered.

SCAG Comment #12:

(SCAG Administrative Change) Consider different distribution methodologies, assumptions, and factors as part of the 7th cycle RHNA, starting in 2026. These include consideration of a distribution methodology that considers assignment of housing need to individual jurisdictions instead of a single formula, other definitions used for job access, constraints for existing job centers and potential loss of revenue versus the potential housing demands of those that are new, alignment of factor horizon years, the threshold definition and adjustments for disadvantaged communities, factors that further the goal of jobs housing relationship, density, climate change and resiliency, the presence of a universities and community colleges, influence of transit, remote work, and exclusion of housing need assignments to permanent open space and industrial zones.

Currently statute requires that a COG submit its draft methodology to HCD for review prior to adoption. HCD has 60 days to review the submitted draft methodology and determine whether it furthers the five statutory RHNA objectives. If the draft methodology is not consistent, the COG may revise its methodology and adopt a final methodology, or it may adopt without revisions and make a determination of why it believes the methodology furthers the objectives.

A COG-adopted RHNA methodology can vary by cycle and as such, SCAG has the discretion to adopt a 7th cycle methodology different from the 6th cycle. While the report does not change a COG's ability to consider different factors and assumptions from prior cycles, in cases where the draft methodology does not further statutory objectives, HCD recommends that instead of allowing COGs to decide whether to adjust its methodology, the COG must develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD within 45 days and obtain approval from HCD that the revised methodology furthers the objectives before adoption. Some of the considerations outlined in SCAG's comment letter could potentially be overridden by HCD if SCAG does not obtain their approval of the draft methodology.

Report Recommendations Outside of SCAG's Comment Letter

California's Housing Future 2040 Report has a number of recommendations that are outside those in SCAG's comment letter. Listed below are several that SCAG staff indicate are significant changes to the RHNA process.

Report Recommendation Topic #1: Creation of additional income categories to address homelessness in RHNA

The current RHNA process does not fully account for individuals experiencing homelessness since the basis of the RHND is a demographic projection based on people that live in households. To address this concern, the report recommends that the RHNA income categories be expanded from four (4) to six (6). The report proposes the addition of extremely low income¹ (ELI) and acutely low income (ALI) in order for RHNA and housing elements to address homelessness. Currently, the lowest income category, very low income, covers households that earn between 0 and 50% of county median income. While the report does not define these two new income categories, AB 3093 (Ward), which was amended in May 2024 to include these categories, defines them as 0 to 15% of county median income for ALI and 15 to 30% for ELI. At the time of the drafting of this report the bill was passed by the State Senate as part of the 2023-2024 Legislative session.

Report Recommendation Topic #2: Remove the RHND consultation process that concerns the differences of the COG's and DOF's projections and subsequent discussions

SCAG's recommendations emphasize additional transparency and due process during the RHND process. To streamline the process, the report recommends the removal of a consultation process that currently allows a COG to share its growth forecast and the factors and assumptions within, if the difference between COG and DOF projections is above a certain threshold. Rather than increase opportunities to discuss methodologies and assumptions, this action would eliminate an opportunity for it.

Report Recommendation Topic #4: Replacement of comparable regions with comparison to the national average for cost burden and overcrowding rates

Current statute requires that HCD calculate a COG's cost burden and overcrowding rates based on differences between the region's rates and those of comparable regions in the United States. For the 6th cycle however, HCD determined that there was difficulty in determining a comparable region to the SCAG region and instead used the national average. SCAG officially protested the use of the national average, citing demographic and statistical reasons for why the national average should not be used. HCD disagreed with SCAG's assessment and continued to use the national average in SCAG's RHND. While SCAG's RHNA reform comment letter to HCD did not specifically address the use of comparable regions, HCD's recommended action would be contrary to SCAG's earlier position.

Report Recommendation Policy Consideration #1: Grant HCD authority to establish higher income limits in areas with high housing costs

¹ While RHNA has four income categories, housing elements currently have five. The lowest housing element income category, extremely low income (ELI), is 0 to 30% of county median income. To determine this category need, jurisdictions may elect to take half of their RHNA very low income category assignment and designate this as ELI. They may also choose to do an analysis to determine the specific number of households that are ELI within their assigned very low income category.

HCD indicates in its report that it plans to implement several changes to its RHNA income category definitions to enhance consistency and accuracy in determining income limits for housing-related purposes. To achieve this, the report encourages the legislature to grant HCD authority to establish higher income limits in instances where conditions such as high housing costs are present. This would change the currently methodology to determine housing need for RHNA income categories, which does not directly factor in the cost of housing. The report indicates that this change is poised to have a notable impact on moderate income categories, particularly in regions where high housing cost adjustments have been applied to lower income limits for HUD purposes.

Report Recommendation Topic #5: Require that the COG consult with HCD if HCD indicates that the draft methodology does not further the RHNA objectives

Currently statute requires that a COG submit its draft methodology to HCD for review prior to adoption. HCD has 60 days to review the submitted draft methodology and determine whether it furthers the five statutory RHNA objectives. If the draft methodology is not consistent, the COG may revise its methodology and adopt a final methodology, or it may adopt without revisions and make a determination of why it believes the methodology furthers the objectives.

In cases where the draft methodology does not further statutory objectives, HCD recommends that instead of allowing COGs to decide whether to adjust its methodology, the COG must develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD within 45 days and obtain approval from HCD that the revised methodology furthers the objectives before adoption. This change would add another consultation to the RHNA process, and it is unknown whether the data, assumptions, or methodology used would be publicly available. In consideration of SCAG's comments to increase overall transparency in other RHNA processes, this recommendation may be contrary to the comments submitted by SCAG.

Report Recommendation Topic #10: Require that the RTP/SCS development pattern must also be consistent with RHNA

HCD recommends that Government Code 65080(b)(2)(B)(ii) be amended to clarify that the RTP/SCS household projection should include both the needs of the projected population and the needs of the existing population. The RTP/SCS and RHNA processes have different requirements and policy goals when developing a projected growth pattern and are also required to consider different inputs. Current statute requires that the RHNA methodology be consistent with the development pattern of the RTP/SCS but there is not a parallel requirement that the RTP/SCS growth forecast be consistent with RHNA.

The report recommends that to address this, statute should be amended so that the RTP/SCS growth pattern must also be consistent with RHNA. The report further recommends that if the RTP/SCS forecasted development pattern does not further the statutory objectives of RHNA, the COG should revise the methodology in consultation with HCD, which may require reducing the weighting of the RTP/SCS growth pattern in the allocation formula. This change would have several implications regarding the relationship between RHNA and the RTP/SCS, perhaps the most significant of which is that it would reduce the weight of the climate objectives in favor of the pursuit of housing targets. This recommendation could potentially uproot the shared governance structure between HCD, the

California Air Resources Board, the Office of Planning and Research, and local governments with respect to climate and development goals.

Report Recommendation HCD Implementation Effort #1: Apply the Cost Burdened & Overcrowded Determination Adjustment Factors to Existing Households

There are several factors that HCD must consider as part of a COG's RHND. While there are also several ways to apply these factors to determine housing need, for the 6th cycle, HCD applied overcrowding to both projected and existing households but applied cost burden only to projected households. HCD intends to apply cost burden to both projected and existing households. SCAG's comment letter did not address this specific issue, but it is important to note that if HCD applied cost burden to both projected and existing households for SCAG's 6th cycle RHND, the RHND would have been much higher. For example, although it is difficult to predict how one change to an RHND input would actually affect the total RHND because there are many interdependencies involved, HCD's final 6th cycle RHND for the SCAG region included a cost-burden adjustment of 117,505 units, which was then applied to projected need. Applying this same adjustment to both projected and existing households would have likely changed this adjustment to an estimated 717,377 units.



Review of California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV

Background

- Requirement of AB 101 (2019) that HCD provide the State Legislature recommendations to improve the RHNA process
- Statewide outreach in 2023, including "Sounding Board"
- SCAG submitted a letter of RHNA reform recommendations in September 2023
- Due December 31, 2023
- Published April 18, 2024
- Addresses issues raised in March 2022 State Auditor's report
- Ideally implemented prior to the 7th RHNA cycle

Areas of Shared Perspectives

- Provide the RHND one year earlier than current timeline
- Some planning factors, such as remote work, should continue to be monitored
- Remove obscure processes such as an alternative RHND process
- Remove redundant methodology factors on planning conditions
- Add options to streamline appeals and allocation processes where COG determines is beneficial
- Provide more technical assistance and guidance for COGs to navigate requirements

Areas of Concern

- Expansion of income categories to six (6)
- Removal of RHND consultation process with COG
- Require COG to consult with HCD if draft methodology does not further objectives and obtain HCD approval before adopting
- Misunderstanding regarding RTP/SCS development pattern and RHNA consistency

Structure

Organization of report

- Recommendations to Legislature
- Policy considerations
- Future HCD Efforts
- Appendix

Topic areas

- Regional Housing Needs Determination process
- Methodology/Appeals/Allocation process
- RTP/SCS Consistency and Growth Forecasts

Overview of SCAG Recommendations and Comments to HCD

- Extend existing need from regional determination across multiple cycles
- Increase transparency and due processes
- Request an earlier date to receive the regional determination and allow more time for RHNA processes and housing elements
- Reinstate trade and transfer option
- Consider various factors and formulas for determining housing need
- Request HCD increase funding opportunities tied to housing
- Better assist jurisdictions to navigate appeals processes
- Address challenges to housing building and production, including incentives

SCAG Comments Addressed in HCD's Report

Topic	SCAG Recommendation	HCD Recommendation
RHND/ Consistency with SCS, Legislative change	#5: Codify an earlier date for HCD to provide a regional determination to a COG so more time is available to coordinate with the RTP/SCS and more process time	HCD recommends that the legislature move the date that the RHND must be provided forward by one year
Other, Administrative change	#9: Inquire if the State has considered having RHNA allocation be one of the considerations for housing funding opportunities	The report cites the possibility of rewarding jurisdictions that meet RHNA goals with grants
RHND/Other, Administrative change	#10: Provide jurisdictions more time between issuance of RHNA allocation and statutory deadline for housing element adoption	Not addressed directly but the recommendation of moving up the RHND date can accomplish this

SCAG Comments Not Addressed by HCD's Report

Topic	SCAG Recommendation	HCD Recommendation
RHND, Legislative change	#1: Extend existing need from the regional determination across multiple planning cycles, and extend the housing element planning cycles over multiple cycles	Not addressed
RHND, Legislative change	#3: Establish formal processes to review and document HCD's considerations as part of the regional determination and convene a panel of experts to advise HCD on the RHND process	Not addressed, but part of SCAG-sponsored AB 2485 (Carrillo)
Allocation, Legislative change	#6: Reinstate a trade and transfer option between two or more jurisdictions	Not addressed

SCAG Comments Not Addressed by HCD's Report

Topic	SCAG Recommendation	HCD Recommendation
RHND, Administrative change	#7: Facilitate conversations with HCD to continue ensuring the determination process considers all available data at the time, including remote work	Not addressed but HCD noted will continue to monitor academic findings on this topic
Appeals, Administrative change	#8: Exercise the option of additional time to the appeals process, if possible	Not addressed directly but the recommendation of moving up the RHND date could allow for SCAG to exercise the option
Appeals, 7 th Cycle Change RC	#13: Explore preparing a guidebook for help appellants easily understand the appeals process	Not addressed
Other, Beyond RHNA reform	#14 Request that HCD review housing element law to address challenges to housing building and production, including incentives for specific types of housing typologies	Not addressed

SCAG Comments Inconsistent or Contrary with HCD's Report Recommendations

Topic	SCAG Recommendation	HCD Recommendation
RHND, Legislative change	#2: Recommend that procedures be established for HCD to publicize data sources, analyses, etc. prior to the finalization of the regional determination for transparency	Recommends removal of COG consultation process, which would remove a level of transparency for the COG
RHND, Legislative change	#4: Establish additional due processes opportunities in which COGs and jurisdictions can appeal the RHND	Not directly addressed but recommends removal of COG consultation process; SB 7 specifically adds language that a jurisdiction is prohibited from appealing the RHND

SCAG Comments Addressed but Inconsistent with HCD’s Report

Topic	SCAG Recommendation	HCD Recommendation
RHND, 7 th Cycle Change RC	#11: SCAG to facilitate conversations with HCD to ensure that the determination process by HCD considers all available data sources, including how remote work affects a region’s data need	Recommendation of potential removal of COG consultation process
Methodology, 7 th Cycle Change RC	#12: Consider different methodologies, assumptions, and factors for RHNA allocation distribution, including individual assignments by factor rather than through a formula and a variety of other factors not currently listed in statute	Not addressed directly but does propose several amendments designed to increase clarity and reduce redundancy. Recommends that COG be required to revise methodology in consultation with HCD if draft methodology doesn’t further 5 objectives at end of methodology process, which may alter a COG-approved draft methodology.

Other topics/issues outside of comment letter that are important

- Addition of acutely low and extremely low-income categories, for a total of six (6) income categories
- Removal of the RHND consultation process
- Removal of comparable region for vacancy rate calculation and instead use national average
- Grant HCD authority to establish higher income limits in areas with high housing costs
- Apply the RHND cost-burden factor to existing population

Other topics/issues outside of comment letter that are important

- Require that the COG consult with HCD if HCD indicates that the draft methodology does not further the RHNA objectives
- Require that the COG obtain HCD approval of the RHNA methodology prior to adoption
- Require that the RTP/SCS development pattern must also be consistent with RHNA

Next Steps

- SCAG expects further legislation to be proposed to implement HCD's report
- SCAG sent a letter to the Legislature to formally request a public hearing on the report
- Any legislative work will be guided by SCAG LCMC
- Invitation to HCD staff to speak on the report at the Regional Council



THANK YOU
