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1.	August 14, 2020	Chris Thompson	Southern California Edison (SCE)	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Reaffirm support for the timely adoption of Connect SoCal	N/A
2.	August 20, 2020	Donald P. Wagner, Michael C. Carroll and Alan D. Wapner	County of Orange; City of Irvine; SCAG	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Requesting more information and clarification on the Traffic Analysis Zones	2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy – Connect SoCal Comments
3.	August 24, 2020	Esteban Garcia	Resident of Walnut Park, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
4.	August 24, 2020	Thomas Stewart	Resident of Long Beach, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
5.	August 24, 2020	Anthony Dedousis	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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6.	August 24, 2020	Arjun Kolachalam	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
7.	August 24, 2020	Alexander Booth	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
8.	August 24, 2020	Nicholas Burns III	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
9.	August 24, 2020	Joshua Gray-Emmer	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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10.	August 24, 2020	Will Wright	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
11.	August 24, 2020	Eddie Isaacs	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
12.	August 24, 2020	Samuel Laskey	Resident of Glendale, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
13.	August 24, 2020	Brian Trautman	Resident of Woodland Hills, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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14.	August 24, 2020	Marth Camacho-Rodriguez	Resident of Downey, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
15.	August 24, 2020	Chase Engelhardt	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
16.	August 24, 2020	Jonathan Hersh	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
17.	August 24, 2020	Ellen Riotto	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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18.	August 24, 2020	Paul Moorman	Resident of West Hollywood, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
19.	August 24, 2020	Brooks Dunn	Resident of Venice, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
20.	August 24, 2020	Terry Luedecke	Resident of Valley Village, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
21.	August 24, 2020	Matthew Luery	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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22.	August 24, 2020	Jessamyn Garner	Resident of Huntington Beach, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
23.	August 24, 2020	Jayro Queme	Resident of Pico Rivera, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
24.	August 24, 2020	Thomas Irwin	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
25.	August 24, 2020	Caleb Balbera	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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26.	August 24, 2020	Martha Kriley	Resident of Pasadena, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
27.	August 24, 2020	Gabrielle Seiwert	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
28.	August 24, 2020	Teri Neustaedter	Resident of Hermosa Beach, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
29.	August 24, 2020	David Kitani	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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31.	August 24, 2020	Grayson Peters	Resident of Agoura Hills, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
32.	August 24, 2020	Marcos Rodriguez Maclel	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
33.	August 24, 2020	Brent Gaisford	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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35.	August 24, 2020	Emily Skehan	Resident of Sherman Oaks, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
36.	August 24, 2020	Victoria McCormick	Resident of Graham, WA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
37.	August 24, 2020	Brad Foley	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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38.	August 24, 2020	Andrew Silver	Resident of Studio City, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
39.	August 24, 2020	Sister Bernie Galvin	Resident of Saint Charles, MO	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
40.	August 24, 2020	Tami Kagan-Abrams	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
41.	August 24, 2020	Judy Saunders	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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42.	August 24, 2020	Davide Barboza	Resident of Whittier, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
43.	August 24, 2020	Andy Freeland	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
44.	August 24, 2020	Carie Povar	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
45.	August 24, 2020	Chris Dower	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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46.	August 24, 2020	Kira Durbin	Resident of Sherman Oaks, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
47.	August 24, 2020	Isaac Gendler	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
48.	August 24, 2020	Matthew Dixon	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
49.	August 24, 2020	Nancy Barba	Resident of Culver City, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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50.	August 25, 2020	Jessica Lall	Central City Association of Los Angeles	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	concerned that any further delays to Connect SoCal will negatively impact RHNA and local cities' housing element processes, urge Regional Council to approve the latest SCAG recommended version of Connect SoCal, and to instruct SCAG staff to immediately begin the RHNA appeals process	Connect SoCal
51.	August 25, 2020	Jeshow Yang	Resident of Alhambra, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
52.	August 25, 2020	Nicole Beaudoin	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA	Please protect the RHNA process

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53.	August 25, 2020	Gregory Dina	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
54.	August 25, 2020	Charles Felder	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
55.	August 25, 2020	Marek Slipski	Resident of Pasadena, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
56.	August 25, 2020	Leonora Camner, Elizabeth Hansburg, Anthony Dedousis, Brian Hanlon, Bryn	Abundant Housing LA; People for Housing OC; Abundant Housing LA; California YIMBY; Climate Resolve; Center	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Approve the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS, and to instruct SCAG	Demographics and Growth Forecast - Connect SoCal

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57.	August 25, 2020	Rebecca Muli	Resident of Beaumont, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
58.	August 25, 2020	Elisa Visick	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process

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60.	August 26, 2020	Peggy Bejarano	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
61.	August 26, 2020	Dietrick Jager	Resident of Long Beach, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
62.	August 26, 2020	Michelle Shimogawa	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process

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64.	August 26, 2020	Mark Chenevey	Resident of Long Beach, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
65.	August 26, 2020	Meredith Jung	Resident of Burbank, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
66.	August 27, 2020	Marnie O. Primmer	Orange County Council of Governments	RC AI #3, CEHD AI #1 - Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines	Broader support for Housing Trusts, Align reimbursement dates for eligible activities with HCD's NOF, Clarity of Requirements	OCCOG Comments on Draft Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program Guidelines

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68.	August 28, 2020	Maria Paz	Alianza Coachella Valley	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support of SCAG's Connect SoCal Plan	Letter in Support of The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Connect SoCal Plan
69.	August 28, 2020	John Gamboa	The Two Hundred	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Commend SCAG for neutralizing the adverse and racially discriminatory redlining depicted in the growth forecasts in the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) maps used for modelling in Connect SoCal, also commend SCAG for recognizing the importance of addressing historic and ongoing racism in its July 2020 Resolution, believe that the next plan update process needs to take the issue of systemic racism	Connect SoCal & Civil Rights

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70.	August 31, 2020	Manuel Hurtado	Resident of Montclair, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process
71.	August 31, 2020	Shona Ganguly and Liz O'Donoghue	The Nature Conservancy	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support for the Connect SoCal plan, urge Regional Council to approve	Support for Connect SoCal
72.	September 1, 2020	Sean McKenna	Resident of Los Angeles, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS and beginning the RHNA appeals process without delay	Please protect the RHNA process

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74.	September 1, 2020	Prabhu Reedy	Resident of Torrance, CA	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal	Support approval of the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal	Please protect the RHNA process

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77.	September 2, 2020	Margo Pedroso, Gracie Torres, Ana Gonzalez, Cesar Covarrubias, Kristopher Fortin, Esther Rivera, Rosario Galeas, Maryann Aguirre, Sharon Ellis, Marven Norman, Chanell Fletcher	Safe Routes Partnership; Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice; Kennedy Commission; Santa Ana Active Streets; California Walks; Latino Health Access; People for Mobility Justice; Habitat for Humanity of Orange County; Inland Empire Biking Alliance; ClimatePlan	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Opposes adoption; recommends requesting federal extension; calls on SCAG to further update Connect SoCal to better address COVID-19 Impacts and other comments	Comments on Proposed Final Draft of Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

August 14, 2020

Mr. Kome Ajise
Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
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Dear Mr. Ajise,

On behalf of Southern California Edison (SCE), I am writing to reaffirm our support for the timely adoption of SCAG's Connect SoCal – The 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. At SCE, we value our long-time partnership with SCAG and are committed to building a clean energy future together with our local government and community partners.

Connect SoCal -- the culmination of months painstaking research and rigorous collaboration by your staff and local stakeholders -- aims to establish a vision for a sustainable region that balances economic growth objectives with environmental and equity goals. The plan lays out a foundation for sustainable transportation and housing development throughout a significant portion of SCE's service territory. We look forward to working with you and our local government partners on the successful implementation of this plan to realize its economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits.

SCE is committed to helping our state transition to a clean energy future. We invest over \$4 billion each year in grid maintenance, modernization, and hardening to ensure our region has the clean, reliable, and resilient power we will need in a low carbon future.

As California continues to reimagine how we move, produce and consume energy, housing and transportation infrastructures will be crucial to achieving its clean air and greenhouse gas reduction goals. We believe that Connect SoCal will help guide our region's transition to lower emissions and improved regional economic performance.

SCE is actively working with developers, transit agencies, fleet operators, and other customers to help them navigate their decarbonization journey in a way that is affordable and meets their operational needs. Additionally, we've been rolling out new programs and incentives that will help facilitate the strategies outlined in the Connect SoCal plan and make it easier for all customers to adopt clean energy technologies.

We stand ready to help implement the Connect SoCal plan. We strongly urge SCAG's Regional Council to approve this living document, so we can give our region every potential advantage in recovering from our current economic situation and start realizing the potential benefits that this plan can unlock.

Sincerely,



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Subject: 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy – Connect SoCal Comments

Dear Mr. Ajise:

Due to concerns brought to our attention from several stakeholders and a number of jurisdictions, we are requesting more information and clarification on the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) within the Connect SoCal plan. Specifically, we are looking for input from cities regarding conformity and land use control for current and future projects.

As members of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), we want to ensure the Connect SoCal plan is providing complete transparency and communication with its members and stakeholders. To date, we have not received any formal briefings or information specifically on how the Connect SoCal plan will affect our jurisdictions' general plans. While we have previously identified some inconsistencies within our own jurisdiction's TAZ level data in the past couple of months following SCAG's outreach effort after the May 7, 2020 Regional Council meeting, we have not received any feedback from SCAG staff to confirm that those issues were, in fact, resolved.

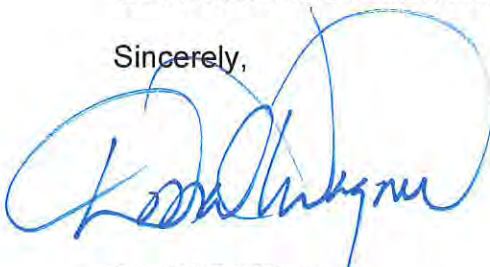
We are formally requesting that SCAG conduct a "General Plan and TAZ Map" outreach with every jurisdiction starting with the SCAG leadership and Board, followed by SCAG hosted briefings with each jurisdiction that is inclined to participate. We believe this information and communication is warranted and will help move the Connect SoCal plan forward in a positive, collaborative manner. We have identified the following areas to be addressed and clarified:

1. Assessment of the household/housing, employment, and population projections in the TAZ maps used to model the emission consequences of Connect SoCal and its intentions to create any recommended cap or limit on household/housing, employment, or population within the boundaries of the individual TAZs.
2. Clarification of the Connect SoCal plan and its official or intended role solely as an advisory and elective planning vision for consideration by other stakeholders or its more legal definition.

3. Clarification that the TAZ map projections do not constitute and may not be used or relied upon as the prescriptive "pattern" of future development for any purpose relating to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, General Plan amendment or approval process.
4. Update on how cities' and counties' General Plans and amendments on zoning designations will be able to accommodate the substantial new RHNA sixth cycle housing mandates.
5. Clarification of the required RHNA General Plan and zoning changes that will need to accommodate many more housing units and population growth than projected in the combined TAZs within the jurisdiction that could possibly exceed the total number of housing units and population growth assigned to that jurisdiction in Connect SoCal (Inconsistencies between the RTP/SCS and the RHNA).
6. Clarification of obligations to comply with state housing laws including RHNA, pertaining to jurisdictional and/or individual TAZ exceedances that result from city or county compliance with sixth cycle RHNA requirements.

We believe obtaining this information will help solve many of the questions and/or issues to ensure that local control of land use decision-making is not intended to be constrained or negatively impacted in any way by Connect SoCal. We support SCAG and appreciate the efforts this organization has made to support the SoCal plan. We look forward to a written response and will assist your office as needed.

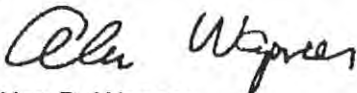
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August 20, 2020
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Subject: Please protect the RHNA process

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August 25, 2020

SCAG Regional Council

Via Email

Re: Connect SoCal

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Sincerely,

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President & CEO, Central City Association of Los Angeles

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August 25, 2020

The Honorable Rex Richardson
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Subject: Demographics and Growth Forecast - Connect SoCal

Dear President Richardson,

The undersigned organizations are writing to express our serious concerns about proposed revisions to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that would have a severe negative impact on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. We would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on these important matters that will affect growth patterns throughout the region for decades to come.

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At the May 7, 2020 Regional Council meeting, the Regional Council voted to approve Connect SoCal for the purposes of the Regional Transportation Plan, but to delay it up to 120 days for the purposes of the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Connect SoCal contains [demographics and growth forecasts](#) that project the population, number of households, and number of jobs in Southern California's jurisdictions by 2045.

Since these forecasts act as numerical inputs into the RHNA housing target distribution methodology ("the Coastal Plan"), the delay to Connect SoCal has also delayed the finalization of jurisdictions' RHNA targets. While SCAG was required to distribute its official draft RHNA allocations and begin accepting appeals 18 months prior to the housing element adoption deadline (i.e. on April 15, 2020), this has not yet occurred.

Organizations representing the building industry were among the primary advocates of the 120-day delay to Connect SoCal. Their concerns stemmed from a need to carefully review Connect SoCal in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; they also contended that Connect SoCal did not fully account for some already-entitled projects in exurban areas, such as Tejon Ranchcorp's Centennial development. It appears that subsequent revisions to Connect SoCal have now accounted for Centennial, though the California Air Resources Board has found it to be inconsistent with state climate goals.

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Subject: OCCOG Comments on Draft Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program Guidelines

Dear Ma'Ayn,

Thank for you for providing the Orange County Council of Governments with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program Guidelines. This important funding source will enable OCCOG to provide much needed support to our member jurisdictions as they work towards updating their housing elements and seek to bring more housing to Orange County.

Attached you will find detailed comments from OCCOG regarding the draft document you provided. I wanted to call your attention to our top three issues for your consideration:

1. **Broader support for Housing Trusts.** As you are aware, Orange County has two housing trusts that are working diligently to bring more housing for low- and very low-income residents, as well as permanent supportive housing, to support our most vulnerable population. In our recent survey of our members, 54% of our respondents ranked support for our housing trusts as a top priority for use of OCCOG's REAP funding. OCCOG encourages SCAG to add an additional eligible activity to support housing trusts to include their operational activities, which are geared by their very nature to support the goals of the REAP program. For greater detail on this request, please see the letter provided by Adam Eliason of the Orange County Housing Trust, attached.
2. **Align reimbursement dates for eligible activities with HCD's NOFA.** OCCOG understands that SCAG will be administering this REAP sub-allocation program and that you have discretion over the terms and expectations for the program. However, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) provided guidelines about the start date for project eligibility and the requirements for when all projects must be complete and documentation provided. Thus, OCCOG urges SCAG to align your milestones and dates of project eligibility for reimbursement with HCD's NOFA, and projects should be eligible for reimbursement on October 1, 2019. SCAG should accept invoices through July 31, 2023 to allow work to complete by June 30, 2023.
3. **Clarity of Requirements.** OCCOG appreciated SCAG's willingness to work with your sub-regions to develop the REAP sub-allocation program. We understand that before SCAG will



approve an application from a sub-region for a project(s) that we must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SCAG regarding the REAP Program. The draft guidelines indicate that SCAG will begin accepting applications on September 17, 2020. When will SCAG make the MOU available for sub-regions to review? For us to be successful, we will require as much detail as SCAG can provide regarding reporting requirements and documentation as early in the process as possible. We have asked several clarifying questions in the attached draft guidelines feedback, and I want to especially call out these items;

- a. How will jurisdictions need to document the work of employees related to REAP?
- b. Will projects be eligible to be funded from Phase 1 and 2 funds? Will separate applications be required for each Phase or is a single application acceptable?
- c. Will OCCOG be required to enter into a binding partnership agreement with non-member jurisdictions who wish to access projects under our REAP program? If so, could SCAG provide a template for such agreements to ensure it meets SCAG's standards.

OCCOG looks forward to partnering with SCAG to deliver the program of projects that have been approved by the OCCOG Board of Directors August 27, 2020. The list of projects is attached for your reference. We will continue to work closely with SCAG staff to submit our applications as expeditiously as possible and to manage the program of projects according to the requirements set up by SCAG for procurement, management, accounting, and reporting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at marnie@occog.com or 949-698-2856.

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- Encl:
- i. Draft REAP Program Guidelines, annotated
 - ii. Letter from Orange County Housing Finance Trust
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Cc: OCCOG Board of Directors
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REAP Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines

Section 1

Program Objectives

The Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program is intended to increase planning to accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region, increasing housing supply to meet the sixth cycle regional housing needs assessment (RHNA), and have a net-positive effect on housing supply by increasing housing planning. The Subregional Partnership program has been designed to augment and complement funds that are awarded to jurisdictions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) pursuant to Senate Bill 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program (LEAP).

Additional objectives for the Subregional Partnership Program were developed from SCAG's program framework for REAP funding, as reviewed by the Regional Council at its October 3, 2019 meeting. These objectives include:

- Align resources with allocation methodology for the 6th Cycle of RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing identified housing needs,
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts,
- Maximize funding allocations by providing technical assistance and capacity building necessary to support local agencies in applying for and expending program resources, and
- Direct resources toward programs and activities that complement and increase the competitiveness of the SCAG region for other funding programs, including by increasing the number of jurisdictions that are designated by HCD as "pro-housing", pursuant to AB (Assembly Bill) 101 (2019), qualifying them to receive additional points in the scoring of program applications for housing and infrastructure programs pursuant to guidelines adopted by HCD.
- Build longer term capacity at SCAG and in the region to address housing issues, including by:
 - Facilitating compliance with state housing law
 - Defining a sustainable role for SCAG that marries housing with transportation objectives
 - Strengthening regional/sub-regional partnerships, collaborations and funding models
 - Establishing regional/subregional vision as basis for future funding

Based on these broader objectives, the Southern California REAP program aims to align investment in housing planning and production with the RHNA allocation while building subregional capacity to coordinate these goals. The emphasis on subregional partnerships is integral to this program area of REAP funding. While other programs provide technical assistance directly to local jurisdictions and other stakeholders, this program relies on subregional partnerships to encourage a cross-jurisdiction approach to the housing crisis while considering local needs and opportunities. This subregional partnership approach creates a means for local efforts to align with SCAG's regional plans and implement the broader goals of the Connect SoCal Plan.

Section 2

Background

The REAP is one of two one-time planning programs enacted with the State 2019-20 Budget Act. The LEAP (Local Early Action Program) program is a formula grant program cities and counties are eligible for based on population size.¹ Councils of government (COGs) such as SCAG are eligible for REAP program awards of planning funds of fixed amounts for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction's 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

The REAP program authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. SCAG is eligible to administer \$47 million in REAP funding for activities to support local governments and stakeholders in housing planning. SCAG intends to administer the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance, including housing element data components and policy assessments, subregional partnerships, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and Sustainable Communities Strategy Integration competitive grants to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions.

Of the \$47 million SCAG is eligible for, up to 50 percent of this amount will be allocated, or approximately \$23 million, to fund subregional partnership projects. Qualifying projects will be authorized by SCAG subsequent to a consultation and application process. Funds are available on a reimbursement basis, requiring completed contractual deliverables. For the most part, approved projects and activities will be reimbursed directly by SCAG.

The planning activities are required to accommodate the development of housing and supportive infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals and regional priorities.

¹ As of this writing LEAP applications are due January 31, 2021 and will not be available for applications after that date.

Section 3

3a. Eligible Applicants/ Sub-Allocation Methodology

Eligible applicants for Subregional Partnership Program funding are limited to agencies designated as subregions under this program. While most of SCAG's fifteen defined subregional entities are considered as subregions for this program, several jurisdictions have membership in more than one subregion. Additionally, several jurisdictions span more than one subregion. To address these unique circumstances, the designated subregions and thus eligible program applicants are:

Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Orange County COG (Council of Governments)
Gateway Cities COG	San Bernardino COG
Imperial County Transportation Commission	San Fernando Valley COG
Las Virgenes-Malibu COG	San Gabriel Valley COG
City of Los Angeles	South Bay Cities COG
County of Los Angeles	Ventura COG
County of Riverside	Westside Cities COG
North Los Angeles County	Western Riverside COG

Except for the entities listed above, funding will not be made available directly to local jurisdictions for this program. A full list of subregional assignment by jurisdiction for this program is included in attachment 3.

Based on the Regional Council action of March 5, 2020, approximately \$23,736,000 of REAP funds available to SCAG can support local partnerships implementing eligible activities, leveraging SB 2 Planning Grants and local LEAP funds where appropriate. The amount of funding allocated to each subregional applicant will be determined by the subregion's total share of regional housing need, as determined by the RHNA allocation scheduled for adoption in early 2021.

Funding for each subregional partner is non-competitive and will be based on the adopted final RHNA allocation. While the final RHNA allocation will not be available until early 2021, below is the estimated amount of funding available to each subregion based on the estimated RHNA allocation from the RHNA methodology, which was adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in March 2020. The amounts in the table are subject to change based on the completion of the RHNA process, which includes the release of the Draft RHNA allocation in September 2020 and the RHNA appeals process, which will occur in Fall 2020. To ensure that Subregional Program projects are sufficient to augment LEAP and SB 2 activities, the minimum amount per subregional partner will be set to \$100,000.

If a jurisdiction elects not to participate with its suggested subregional partner (see attachment 3), the funding allocation for that jurisdiction will be subtracted from the total amount available to the subregional partner. However, unless the partner is identified in this section, funding will not be provided directly to individual jurisdictions. Remaining funds due to the non-participation of a jurisdiction with a subregional partner or unencumbered by a subregion after the application deadline will be used to fund other REAP programs by SCAG.

A list of each subregional partner’s estimated sub-allocation from this program is included in attachment 3.

3b. Eligible Recipients

Funding recipients can be different than the subregional applicants. Subregional partnerships should include projects benefiting multiple jurisdictions within each subregion and can contractually include administrative and additional participating entities eligible for Partnership Agreements. Partnership agreements may be used with one or more local governments or other forms of government, or other entities where the project will be a planning document designed to have a direct effect on housing-related land-use or development within the participating localities. This includes, but is not limited to, partnerships with other local governments, regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, community-based organizations, or any duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria. Applicants forming partnerships must submit a legally binding agreement between the partners. Such partnerships are encouraged where funds can be aggregated or leveraged for more cost-efficient use and benefit addressing inter-jurisdictional common needs.

3c. Eligible uses and activities

Projects funded by the Subregional Partnership Program must be used for housing planning activities and must create a net-positive effect on housing supply. In alignment with the HCD-issued REAP notice of funding availability (NOFA):


1. Projects must be housing planning and processes and associated environmental certification activities, which can include, for example, general plan element updates triggered by housing element update or housing program design but excludes planning for individual development projects or their operational costs. Climate Action Plans, Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), and other related documents are considered indirect planning activities and to qualify, must demonstrate a clear nexus to housing plans that are designed to result in housing production. All deliverables, including EIRs (Environmental Impact Reports), must be completed by the end of the project period, or June 30, 2023.
2. Activities with components such as housing preservation or anti-displacement strategies must be in conjunction with incentivizing new housing development or other programs that result in a net-positive effect on housing supply.
3. Projects should align with State and regional planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals. The key policies of Connect SoCal constitute SCAG’s regional planning priorities (see attachment 2)
4. Projects and activities must have a clear and demonstrable completed deliverable, such as an adopted housing planning document, adoption of a policy or program, or housing units produced or permits processed. While feasibility studies and other types of housing-related analysis can be components of eligible projects, there must be an expected outcome or result, such as an adopted inclusionary zoning ordinance, specific plan, or other regulatory document.

Potential housing planning projects proposed under the Subregional Partnership program can include, but are not limited to:

- Technical Assistance via temporary staffing for local government process(es)
- Other Technical Assistance improving housing permitting and planning
- General plan element(s) updates (including housing elements)
- Local Coastal Plan amendments
- New or amended zoning ordinances (including rezoning)
- Development of policies promoting ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) or other innovative building strategies
- Development of objective design & development standards supporting by-right development
- Infrastructure Planning supporting additional housing
- Affordable housing preservation programs in conjunction with promoting new housing construction
- Development of pre-approved architectural & site plans
- Planning document promoting development of publicly owned land for housing, including Surplus property
- Fee reduction strategies
- Data collection on permit tracking, feasibility studies, site analysis, or other background studies ancillary that will result in an adopted policy, plan, or program to accelerate housing production
- Feasibility studies supporting efficient housing siting
- Other Pro-housing activities,
- Establishing a new regional or countywide housing trust fund for affordable housing: an adopted strategy for the legal development and operational plan for a new housing trust fund supporting affordable housing development with services to be available at least countywide; or an adopted financing or operational plan or policy guidelines for a housing trust fund which has been legally established for two years or less. The implementation period for either plan should be within the housing element update cycle.
- A Financial Incentive Plan for Affordable Housing Development – an adopted set of policies and procedures and implementation strategy for deploying existing financial resources, or targeting and securing new financial resources supporting provision of housing affordable to low or moderate income households; to be implemented within the housing element update cycle; can be an activity related to a countywide or regional housing trust fund

Projects eligible for funding under this Program must result in a deliverable, such as a policy or program, that will help to accelerate housing production. Eligibility of a project in the published REAP NOFA does not automatically mean the application will be accepted by SCAG. To apply for project funding, the applicant will be required to demonstrate a specific deliverable or adopted program designed to result in the acceleration of housing production.

- *Indirect activities:* Some proposed activities and projects may be indirectly related to housing production. Climate Action Plans, environmental impact reports (EIR), supporting infrastructure plans, and other related activities are considered indirect to housing production. Such projects must demonstrate a strong nexus to housing production.

- *Staffing activities:* Temporary staff support to manage and implement eligible activities is an eligible activity provided incurred from additional staffing must involve work on eligible activities. Costs incurred by existing staff must clearly delineate and differentiate work that is funded by existing sources and is limited to work on REAP-eligible activities 


3d. Ineligible Activities

- Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production
- Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes;
- Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects; and
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities;

SCAG will not accept applications for, nor reimburse for, ineligible activities or projects.

Section 4

4a. Application

To apply for project funding, subregional partners will be required to submit a Subregional Partnership Program application (attachment 1). The application will require information on proposed projects and activities, key tasks and deliverables, estimated costs, and identification of the implementing agency for each project and activity. It will also require details regarding the projects' nexus to housing production, alignment with SCAG regional priorities, status of LEAP applications for local jurisdiction  and progress toward housing element implementation. Applicants must receive approval o Applications will be reviewed by SCAG staff on an ongoing basis and will be assessed on activity eligibility, nexus to housing production, alignment with REAP program objectives and SCAG regional priorities², status of LEAP applications for local jurisdictions, and progress toward housing element implementation. r authorization by the applicant's decision-making body on the portfolio of projects prior to submittal to SCAG.

The first filing date for applications is September 17, 2020 and all applications must be submitted to SCAG by December 1, 2020. Projects that do not meet the assessment criteria cannot be funded under this program, however the subregional partner may revise their project scope to meet these criteria and resubmit their application. SCAG staff intends to evaluate applications with a decision made within 21 days of receipt.

² Per the published February 27, 2020 REAP NOFA, "Suballocation of moneys directly and equitably to jurisdictions or other subregional entities in the form of grants for planning that will accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals."

4b. Assessment Criteria

To further the objectives of REAP, SCAG will be evaluating submitted projects using the following assessment criteria:

- Prioritization of eligible activities
- Nexus to accelerating housing production
- Alignment with SCAG regional priorities

Prioritization of eligible activities

Activities proposed for funding must qualify as an eligible activity for REAP funding as described by the published REAP NOFA and the corresponding section of these guidelines. SCAG encourages applicants to evaluate the priorities of local jurisdictions, particularly in three main areas: (1) Housing element update preparation; (2) Temporary staffing for housing element preparation and other eligible activities, and; (3) Activities related to accessory dwelling units to prepare and implement housing elements. Projects and activities that align with these three main areas are highly encouraged, particularly in subregions where resources to achieve them is limited.

Nexus to accelerating housing production

Projects and activities that are outside of these areas will be further evaluated on their nexus to housing production and alignment with SCAG regional priorities. All REAP activities must accelerate housing production by demonstrating an outcome that achieves this. Examples of outcomes include the adoption of policies or plans that remove barriers to housing production or increase residential capacity, an increase in affordable housing units to existing housing stock, and measured time saved from streamlining a development process. Submitted projects must clearly describe expected outcomes that will result in accelerating housing production. As part of the evaluation process, SCAG will evaluate the project's expected outcome and feasibility in achieving these goals.

Alignment with SCAG regional priorities

To coordinate SCAG's regional planning goals with REAP objectives, applicants will be required to describe how the specified project or activity aligns and advances the priorities of the adopted Connect SoCal Plan. A full list of Connect SoCal Plan and SCAG Housing Program objectives is attached to these guidelines.

Applications for ineligible activities or projects or that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted. However, applicants may resubmit applications for previously reviewed projects to address feedback from SCAG. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the December 1, 2020 deadline.

Section 5

5a. Implementing Agencies

Eligible applicants are not required to serve as the implementing agency of the program projects and activities for which it has applied for funding. Applicants may elect to serve as the implementing agency but agencies such as local housing authorities may also serve as an implementing agency. Implementing agencies must be entities eligible to enter into intergovernmental agreements, and must demonstrate


capacity to implement government grant administration tasks in a timely manner, including applications, contract execution and monitoring, funds management and transfer, and accounting and reporting, including any competitive sub-contracting if applicable. The implementing agency cannot have any unresolved audit findings from prior government contracts and cannot be party to pending land use, housing, or environmental litigation which could impact the proposed activities.

The implementing agency will be responsible for developing the scope of work for the project or activity and leading the procurement process for obtaining consultants and/or resources. The implementing agency may also elect to manage and administer the project, which includes tasks such as monitoring activity progress, reviewing tasks and deliverables, and reviewing and processing invoices. If the implementing agency does not elect to manage and administer the project, SCAG will take on this implementation role.


5b. Administrative fee


Up to five percent (5%) of a subregional partner's allocation may be charged as administrative activities by the subregional partner. Tasks such as reviewing project invoices, processing project invoices, and preparing reports and metrics of project progress and completion are considered administrative activities. Activities such as developing scopes of work and requests for proposals (RFP), reviewing tasks and deliverables, and outreach with jurisdictions related to the project are considered programmatic and can be charged as a program activity. For projects and activities administered by SCAG, SCAG reserves the right to use the 5% administrative fee for costs related to project administration.

5c. Expenditure period

Per the requirements of AB 101, all funds distributed under REAP must be expended by December 31, 2023. In order to meet this deadline and receive reimbursement in alignment with REAP guidelines, SCAG will require that all invoices associated with the Subregional Partnership Program be submitted to SCAG no later than June 30, 2023. Invoices received by SCAG after this date cannot be guaranteed for reimbursement by SCAG. 

Advance Funding ("Phase 1")

For the first phase of the program, a maximum of \$200,000 will be available for each subregional partner until an agreement for the remainder of REAP funds from HCD is signed by SCAG, after which the remaining allocated amount will be available for subregional projects.  An exception will be made for the City of Los Angeles, which is eligible to receive \$300,000 in advance funding for projects. Subregional partners that have an estimated allocation smaller than \$200,000 will have their full allocation made available during the initial application period.

Due to the limited amount of funding available for subregional projects at the time of the filing start date in September 2020, applicants will be requested to prioritize projects for funding in their respective applications. It is encouraged to prioritize projects and activities that are intended to prepare or assist in the preparation of housing elements due to the October 2021 statutory deadline for housing element adoption. 

Remaining Available Funding ("Phase 2")

The remainder of Subregional Partnership Program funds outside of Phase 1 advance funding will be made available for projects and activities after SCAG receives its remaining REAP funding amount from HCD, which will most likely occur in February or March 2021. Subregional partners may submit multiple applications through the final due date for eligible projects and activities until they have reached their estimated allocation threshold based on the draft RHNA allocation. Awards outside of the initial Phase 1 amount are conditional until the final RHNA allocation is adopted and an agreement is signed with HCD for the remaining REAP funding. All applications for project funding are due to SCAG by December 1, 2020. Remaining funds due to the non-participation of a jurisdiction with a subregional partner or unencumbered by a subregion after the application deadline will be used to fund other REAP programs by SCAG.

Applicants may combine projects and activities into one application if they identify which projects will be funded under Phase 1 and Phase 2. SCAG will prioritize evaluation of phase 1 projects though they may also approve Phase 2 projects with the condition of funding availability. Costs incurred for a Phase 2 project prior to a signed agreement between HCD and SCAG for full REAP funding may not be eligible for reimbursement.


5d. Reimbursement

All projects must submit invoices to SCAG on a monthly basis to receive reimbursement. Invoices must follow the requirements set forth in the Subregional Partnership contract and SCAG's regular invoicing procedures. SCAG may consider advance payments or alternative arrangements to reimbursement and payment methods based on demonstrated need of the subregional partner. These arrangements will be included in the agreements between SCAG and the subregional partner. After the agreement is signed, the subregional partner or consultant may submit invoices for reimbursement for eligible activities as specified in the signed agreement.

SCAG will provide reimbursement only for costs as specified in the signed agreement(s) with the subregional partner. Costs incurred prior to the September 3, 2020 Regional Council approval of the Subregional Partnership Program guidelines will not be reimbursed. For costs incurred in between the guidelines approval and before an agreement for Phase 1 projects is signed between SCAG and the subregional partner, SCAG will only reimburse costs specifically associated with program development, such as preparation of the program application, development of guidelines and other related documents, and development of scopes of work and contracts. Subregional partners are encouraged to discuss with SCAG planned costs during this time in order to ensure that activities receive appropriate reimbursement.

Section 6

6a. Reporting Requirements

Consistent with SCAG's Overall Work Program reporting procedures, each subregional partner will be required to provide a quarterly progress report to track and measure activity progress. Project progress will be measured according to the tasks, deliverables, costs, and timeline outlined in the subregional partnership agreement 

6b. Metrics

All REAP activities must be designed to have a net-positive effect on housing supply. The applications and final invoice submitted to SCAG must include proposed metrics and a short description of how the funded activities have had an impact on housing supply and/or accelerated housing production within the subregional area. Quantitative metrics can include a summary of building permits, certificates of occupancy, or other completed entitlements issued by jurisdictions within the subregion, a summary of zoning ordinances that have been updated or streamlined and their effect, and/or the average decrease in time for the issuance of residential permits. Metrics are not limited to this list and may be customized according to the specific activity.

Section 7

7a. Technical assistance

SCAG will provide technical assistance to subregional partners starting in Fall 2020 through June 2023. Technical assistance will be available to help subregional partners prioritize activities and augment or compliment the planned LEAP activities and complete the application and contracting process. After the start of subregional partnership projects, SCAG will also retain an external consultant to assist jurisdictions on an on-call basis to link projects to ongoing SB 2 and LEAP projects, along with assisting with invoicing and reporting. All technical assistance will be coordinated with the technical assistance provided by HCD for SB 2 and LEAP grants.

7b. Timeline

- June 9 and 17, 2020: Subregional partner listening sessions
- June 2020: Survey conducted with subregions on project administration capacity and needs
- July-August 2020: SCAG staff held consultation meetings with subregional partners to follow up on submitted surveys and eligible activities.
- September 3, 2020: Regional council adoption of Subregional Partnership Program guidelines
- September 17, 2020: Application for REAP Subregional Partnership Program with prioritized projects from subregions due to SCAG
- October/November 2020: Initial subregional partnership agreements completed; start of subregional partnership projects
- December 1, 2020: Final application and list of prioritized projects from subregions due to SCAG by this date
- February 4, 2021: Adoption of final RHNA allocation
- October 15, 2021: Housing elements due to HCD
- June 30, 2023: All REAP projects and activities must be completed; final activity reports due to SCAG; final project invoices due to SCAG

List of Attachments

- (1) REAP Subregional Partnership Program Application
- (2) SCAG Regional Planning Priorities and Housing Program Framework and Objectives
- (3) List of Subregional Partners and Jurisdictions

Attachment 1: Application

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Subregional Partnership Program

Application for Project and Activity Funding

Program Objectives

The Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program is intended to help accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region and have a net-positive effect on housing supply by increasing housing planning, meeting the sixth cycle regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). The Subregional Partnership program has been designed to augment and complement funds that are awarded to jurisdictions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) pursuant to SB (Senate Bill) 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program (LEAP).

Approximately \$23 million is available to fund subregional partnership projects. The REAP funds are available on a reimbursement basis, requiring completed contractual deliverables.

The planning activities are to accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals and regional priorities.

Please refer to the Subregional Partnership Program guidelines for more information about this program, along with requirements for project funding, applicants, and other important information.

Questions about REAP and the Subregional Partnership Program can be submitted to Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager, at johnson@scag.ca.gov.

Application

All subregional partners requesting project or activity funding must submit a program application. Applications may be filed starting September 17, 2020. All applications are due to SCAG no later than December 1, 2020. Subregional partners may submit more than one application for different projects and activities during this time period.

Applications should be submitted to: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager, at johnson@scag.ca.gov.

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Subregional Partnership Program

Application for Project and Activity Funding

Date	
Applicant (subregional partner)	
Authorized representative name	
Authorized representative title	
Authorized representative address	
Contact person name	
Contact person title	
Contact person email	

Projects and Activities

Please list the projects and activities the applicant is requesting funding for and how much funding will be required for Phase 1 and Phase 2 REAP funding:

	Project/Activity Name	Phase 1 funding	Phase 2 funding
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Total funding amount requested in this application	\$
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Individual Project/Activity Information

Using the list of projects/activities in the above section, please provide more information about each one listed. Use additional pages if needed.

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Estimated cost	
Expected start date	
Expected end date	
Does this project require the procurement of a consultant?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Agency expected to procure consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> subregional partner <input type="checkbox"/> SCAG <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
Agency expected to administer or implement project or activity*	<input type="checkbox"/> subregional partner <input type="checkbox"/> SCAG <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
Which agency will be directly paying consultant invoices?	<input type="checkbox"/> subregional partner (SCAG will reimburse the subregional partner) <input type="checkbox"/> SCAG

*The implementing agency cannot have any unresolved audit findings from prior government contracts and cannot be party to pending land use, housing, or environmental litigation which could impact the proposed activities.

For each project and activity listed, please provide more details about the project or activity, including

- Brief Description of project Key deliverables and tasks, proposed performance indicators
- Nexus to housing production
- Expected outcome of project or activity (i.e., plans for adoption or implementation)
- Related Tasks that will be funded from other funding sources besides REAP (e.g., LEAP, SB 2) and the amount

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Alignment with SCAG Connect SoCal regional priorities (refer to Program Guidelines and attachment)

Please describe below how the project or activity aligns and advances Connect SoCal and Housing Program regional priorities and framework



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Project/Activity Tasks

Task	Estimated cost	Begin date	End date	Deliverable
Total projected cost	\$			

Housing element progress


Subregional partners must demonstrate jurisdictional progress toward housing element preparation before projects and activities that are not directly related to housing element preparation can be funded. In the section below, please list the jurisdictions your subregional area covers, planned SB 2 and LEAP activities (if any), and housing element progress. The rubric below can be used to indicate housing element progress: Use additional space if needed.

- A. The jurisdiction has either consultant or dedicated staff resources for their housing element updates, with all updates underway; no additional REAP support is proposed.*
- B. The jurisdiction has either consultant or dedicated staff resources for their housing element updates. A REAP support project for housing element updates is proposed by our subregion.*
- C. The jurisdiction has neither consultant nor dedicated staff resources for their housing element updates. A REAP support project for housing element updates by our subregion is NOT proposed. This jurisdiction will need technical assistance resources for their housing element update.*
- D. Our subregion is unaware of the status of housing element updates for this jurisdiction*

Jurisdiction	SB 2 or LEAP (Local Early Action Program) Tasks re: Housing Element	Housing element progress (A. , B., C. or D.)

Attachment 2: Alignment with Regional Planning Priorities

To coordinate SCAG's regional planning goals with REAP objectives, SCAG will evaluate a project's alignment with regional priorities from the adopted Connect SoCal Plan and SCAG Housing Program objectives as identified in a report to the Regional Council at their October 3, 2019 meeting.

REAP Subregional Partnership applications will be required to describe how the specified project or activity aligns with these priorities, strategies, and objectives. 

Priorities and Strategies in the Connect SoCal Plan

The adopted Connect SoCal Plan lists several priorities and strategies specifically relating to land use, housing, sustainability, and social equity:

Focus Growth Near Destinations & Mobility Options

- Emphasize land use patterns that facilitate multimodal access to work, educational and other destinations
- Focus on a regional jobs/housing balance to reduce commute times and distances and expand job opportunities near transit and along center-focused main streets
- Plan for growth near transit investments and support implementation of first/last mile strategies
- Promote the redevelopment of underperforming retail developments and other outmoded nonresidential uses
- Prioritize infill and redevelopment of underutilized land to accommodate new growth, increase amenities and connectivity in existing neighborhoods
- Identify ways to "right size" parking requirements and promote alternative parking strategies (e.g. shared parking or smart parking)

Promote Diverse Housing Choices

- Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing and prevent displacement
- Identify funding opportunities for new workforce and affordable housing development
- Create incentives and reduce regulatory barriers for building context sensitive accessory dwelling units to increase housing supply
- Provide support to local jurisdictions to streamline and lessen barriers to housing development that supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Support Implementation of Sustainability Policies

- Pursue funding opportunities to support local sustainable development implementation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Support statewide legislation that reduces barriers to new construction and that incentivizes development near transit corridors and stations
- Support local jurisdictions in the establishment of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs), or other tax increment or value capture tools to finance sustainable infrastructure and development projects, including parks and open space
- Work with local jurisdictions/communities to identify opportunities and assess barriers to implement sustainability strategies
- Enhance partnerships with other planning organizations to promote resources and best practices in the SCAG region
- Continue to support long range planning efforts by local jurisdictions
- Provide educational opportunities to local decisions makers and staff on new tools, best practices and policies related to implementing the Sustainable Communities Strategy

Objectives of the Housing Program Framework

At the October 3, 2019 Regional Council meeting, concepts for a Housing Program Framework were included as part of the agenda. These objectives were developed based on preliminary discussions with policy members and stakeholders and are intended not only for REAP activities, but also to guide a broader SCAG Housing Program:

- Align resources with allocation methodology for the 6th Cycle of RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing identified housing needs
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts
- Maximize funding allocations by providing technical assistance and capacity building necessary to support local agencies in applying for and expending program resources
- Direct resources toward programs and activities that complement and increase the competitiveness of the SCAG region for other funding programs, including by increasing the number of jurisdiction that are designated by HCD as “pro-housing”, as specified in AB 101, qualifying them to receive additional points in the scoring of program applications for housing and infrastructure programs pursuant to guidelines adopted by HCD.
- Build longer term capacity at SCAG and in the region to address housing issues, including by:
 - Facilitating compliance with state housing law
 - Defining a sustainable role for SCAG that marries housing with transportation objectives
 - Strengthening regional/sub-regional partnerships, collaborations and funding models
 - Establishing regional/subregional vision as basis for future funding

Other objectives

Other SCAG programs also include similar housing, land use, sustainability, and social equity objectives. In an effort to coordinate strategies and objectives, the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP), which will include a focus area for housing-related project grants in an upcoming call for projects, outlines several key goals, including:

- Provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for active transportation and multimodal planning efforts, sustainability, land use, and planning for affordable housing;
- Promote, address and ensure health and equity in regional land use and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color;
- Encourage regional planning strategies to reduce motorized Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly in environmental justice communities where there is the highest need for air quality improvements;
- Develop local plans that support the implementation of key strategies and goals outlined in Connect SoCal and the Sustainable Communities Strategy;

Evaluation of Subregional Partnership Program Applications

All projects and activities funded by the Subregional Partnership Program will need to identify how they align with SCAG program priorities, strategies, and objectives. Applicants for the Subregional Partnership Program are encouraged to discuss with SCAG their proposed projects prior to submitting an application to discuss ways to align their projects with the priorities of SCAG’s regional planning efforts. Since funded projects will be considered as an implementation tool of SCAG’s regional plans, it is expected that program projects and activities support -- and not undermine -- the Connect SoCal Plan.

Attachment 3: Subregional Partnership Program Sub-allocation and List of Subregional Partners and Jurisdictions

Subregion	Estimated percentage of Sub-allocation*	Estimated Sub-allocation*
Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	2.4%	\$558,000
Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)	5.5%	\$1,316,000
Imperial County jurisdictions (ICTC)	1.2%	\$282,000
Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments	0.4%**	\$100,000**
City of Los Angeles	34.0%	\$8,058,000
County of Los Angeles	6.7%	\$1,589,000
County of Riverside	3.0%	\$721,000
North Los Angeles County	1.2%	\$276,000
Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	13.7%	\$3,245,000
San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG)	10.3%	\$2,437,000
San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG)	2.5%	\$600,000
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)	6.7%	\$1,582,000
South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	2.5%	\$603,000
Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)	1.8%	\$432,000
Westside Cities Council of Governments (WCCOG)	1.4%	\$340,000
Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)	7.1%	\$1,678,000
Total	100.0%	\$23,819,000

*The estimated amount is derived from the estimated draft RHNA allocation based on the RHNA methodology adopted in March 2020. This amount is subject to change and will not be final until the adoption of the Final RHNA allocation in early 2021.

**The amount originally allocated for this subregional partner based on the estimated RHNA allocation was lower than the minimum threshold amount.

Subregional Partners and Jurisdictions

Subregional Partner	Jurisdiction
CVAG	Blythe city
CVAG	Cathedral City city
CVAG	Coachella city
CVAG	Desert Hot Springs city
CVAG	Indian Wells city
CVAG	Indio city
CVAG	La Quinta city
CVAG	Palm Desert city
CVAG	Palm Springs city
CVAG	Rancho Mirage city

Gateway	Artesia city
Gateway	Avalon city
Gateway	Bell city
Gateway	Bell Gardens city
Gateway	Bellflower city
Gateway	Cerritos city
Gateway	Commerce city
Gateway	Compton city
Gateway	Cudahy city
Gateway	Downey city
Gateway	Hawaiian Gardens city
Gateway	Huntington Park city
Gateway	La Habra Heights city
Gateway	La Mirada city
Gateway	Lakewood city
Gateway	Long Beach city
Gateway	Lynwood city
Gateway	Maywood city
Gateway	Norwalk city
Gateway	Paramount city
Gateway	Pico Rivera city
Gateway	Santa Fe Springs city
Gateway	Signal Hill city
Gateway	South Gate city
Gateway	Vernon city
Gateway	Whittier city
Imperial	Brawley city
Imperial	Calexico city
Imperial	Calipatria city
Imperial	El Centro city
Imperial	Holtville city
Imperial	Imperial city
Imperial	Unincorporated Imperial Co.
Imperial	Westmorland city
Las Virgenes Malibu	Agoura Hills city
Las Virgenes Malibu	Calabasas city
Las Virgenes Malibu	Hidden Hills city
Las Virgenes Malibu	Malibu city

Las Virgenes Malibu	Westlake Village city
Los Angeles City	Los Angeles city
North LA County	Lancaster city
North LA County	Palmdale city
OCCOG	Aliso Viejo city
OCCOG	Anaheim city
OCCOG	Brea city
OCCOG	Buena Park city
OCCOG	Costa Mesa city
OCCOG	Cypress city
OCCOG	Dana Point city
OCCOG	Fountain Valley city
OCCOG	Fullerton city
OCCOG	Garden Grove city
OCCOG	Huntington Beach city
OCCOG	Irvine city
OCCOG	La Habra city
OCCOG	La Palma city
OCCOG	Laguna Beach city
OCCOG	Laguna Hills city
OCCOG	Laguna Niguel city
OCCOG	Laguna Woods city
OCCOG	Lake Forest city
OCCOG	Los Alamitos city
OCCOG	Mission Viejo city
OCCOG	Newport Beach city
OCCOG	Orange city
OCCOG	Placentia city
OCCOG	Rancho Santa Margarita city
OCCOG	San Clemente city
OCCOG	San Juan Capistrano city
OCCOG	Santa Ana city
OCCOG	Seal Beach city
OCCOG	Stanton city
OCCOG	Tustin city
OCCOG	Unincorporated Orange Co 
OCCOG	Villa Park city

OCCOG	Westminster city
OCCOG	Yorba Linda city
Riverside County	Unincorporated Riverside Co.
SBCTA/SBCOG	Adelanto city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Apple Valley town
SBCTA/SBCOG	Barstow city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Big Bear Lake city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Chino city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Chino Hills city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Colton city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Fontana city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Grand Terrace city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Hesperia city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Highland city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Loma Linda city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Montclair city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Needles city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Ontario city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Rancho Cucamonga city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Redlands city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Rialto city
SBCTA/SBCOG	San Bernardino city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Twentynine Palms city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Unincorporated San Bernardino Co.
SBCTA/SBCOG	Upland city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Victorville city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Yucaipa city
SBCTA/SBCOG	Yucca Valley town
SFVCOG	Burbank city
SFVCOG	Glendale city
SFVCOG	San Fernando city
SFVCOG	Santa Clarita city
SGVCOG	Alhambra city
SGVCOG	Arcadia city
SGVCOG	Azusa city
SGVCOG	Baldwin Park city

SGVCOG	Bradbury city
SGVCOG	Claremont city
SGVCOG	Covina city
SGVCOG	Diamond Bar city
SGVCOG	Duarte city
SGVCOG	El Monte city
SGVCOG	Glendora city
SGVCOG	Industry city
SGVCOG	Irwindale city
SGVCOG	La Cañada Flintridge city
SGVCOG	La Puente city
SGVCOG	La Verne city
SGVCOG	Monrovia city
SGVCOG	Montebello city
SGVCOG	Monterey Park city
SGVCOG	Pasadena city
SGVCOG	Pomona city
SGVCOG	Rosemead city
SGVCOG	San Dimas city
SGVCOG	San Gabriel city
SGVCOG	San Marino city
SGVCOG	Sierra Madre city
SGVCOG	South El Monte city
SGVCOG	South Pasadena city
SGVCOG	Temple City city
SGVCOG	Walnut city
SGVCOG	West Covina city
South Bay Cities	Carson city
South Bay Cities	El Segundo city
South Bay Cities	Gardena city
South Bay Cities	Hawthorne city
South Bay Cities	Hermosa Beach city
South Bay Cities	Inglewood city
South Bay Cities	Lawndale city
South Bay Cities	Lomita city
South Bay Cities	Manhattan Beach city
South Bay Cities	Palos Verdes Estates city
South Bay Cities	Rancho Palos Verdes city
South Bay Cities	Redondo Beach city
South Bay Cities	Rolling Hills city

South Bay Cities	Rolling Hills Estates city
South Bay Cities	Torrance city
Ventura	Camarillo city
Ventura	Fillmore city
Ventura	Moorpark city
Ventura	Ojai city
Ventura	Oxnard city
Ventura	Port Hueneme city
Ventura	San Buenaventura (Ventura) city
Ventura	Santa Paula city
Ventura	Simi Valley city
Ventura	Thousand Oaks city
Ventura	Unincorporated Ventura Co.
Westside Cities	Beverly Hills city
Westside Cities	Culver City city
Westside Cities	Santa Monica city
Westside Cities	West Hollywood city
WRCOG	Banning city
WRCOG	Beaumont city
WRCOG	Calimesa city
WRCOG	Canyon Lake city
WRCOG	Corona city
WRCOG	Eastvale City
WRCOG	Hemet city
WRCOG	Jurupa Valley City
WRCOG	Lake Elsinore city
WRCOG	Menifee city
WRCOG	Moreno Valley city
WRCOG	Murrieta city
WRCOG	Norco city
WRCOG	Perris city
WRCOG	Riverside city
WRCOG	San Jacinto city
WRCOG	Temecula city
WRCOG	Wildomar city

August 19, 2020

Ms. Marnie O'Brien Primmer
Orange County Council of Governments
3972 Barranca Pkwy. Suite J127
Irvine, CA 92606

RE: REAP Funding Request Proposal

Dear Ms. Primmer,

The Orange County Housing Finance Trust (Trust), was established by legislation as a regional Joint Power Authority consisting of 23 member cities and the County of Orange representing over 80% of the population in Orange County. The Trust has a singular purpose: to strengthen the communities of Orange County by financing the development of affordable and supportive housing.

Just one year after their first Board Meeting, seven housing developments were awarded the funds needed to move forward and create 467 new affordable and supportive housing units scattered throughout the County of Orange. Capital funding came from County and State funding sources. The Trust continues to explore and pursue various other sources of capital funding to promote its mission.

The Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP) overview states, *"Increasing the availability of affordable homes statewide is critical to bettering the quality of life of all Californians and to ending homelessness. REAP provides one-time grant funding to regional governments and regional entities for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation."* Again, the Trust's sole purpose is to financially support the development of affordable housing in Orange County and it has demonstrated success in doing so.

Section I.d.i. of HCD's REAP NOFA states, "Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out the eligible activities are "activity costs" and not "administrative costs.'" The Trust has an annual operating budget of \$450,000, all of which goes towards the provisioning of new affordable housing units in the County. These operating expenses are for consultants and to

reimburse the County of Orange through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement for County staff time spent directly on work performed for the Trust.

The following Trust staff functions are identified below.

1. Trust Manager (contract)
2. Administrative Assistant (contract)
3. Trust Counsel (MOU with County)
4. Clerk of the Trust (MOU with County)
5. Audio/Video Staff (MOU with County)
6. Treasurer (MOU with County)
7. Auditor-Controller (MOU with County)
8. Development Services (MOU with County)
9. Financial Consultant (contract)
10. Auditing Consultant (contract)
11. Advocacy/Lobbying (contract)
12. Marketing & Communication Services (contract)

The Trust requests that OCCOG approve an allocation of REAP funding to cover the Trust's expenses for private and contract consultants identified in the Trust budget. It is understood that REAP funding must be spent by June 2023. Therefore, the Trust requests \$1,000,000 in REAP funding for the purposes stated above.

Unlike municipalities and other jurisdictions, the administrative costs of the OCHFT directly result in the funding and development of housing units. Therefore, the operation of the OCHFT itself is an eligible activity and all costs associated with the OCHFT should be considered eligible costs. We would like a small modification to SCAG's REAP Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines to allow for the funding of the OCHFT as an eligible activity and the operational costs of the OCHFT as eligible costs under the REAP program in accordance with HCD's REAP NOFA.

We propose adding a bullet point to the list of eligible activities in Section 3c of the Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines to read:

- Operations of existing regional or countywide housing trust fund for affordable housing.

If approved, the deliverable for the allocation of this REAP funding will be capital funding letters of commitment from the Trust to various developers that will create 400-500 new affordable and supportive housing units per year all of which will be restricted to households earning 30% area median income and below. This helps fulfill the RHNA requirements of the County of Orange and the Trust member cities. It lessens the financial burden of cities in these hard economic times and allows the Trust to encourage the remaining cities in Orange County to join the Trust at no cost and continue to strengthen the Trust as a strong regional collaborative

entity addressing the most vulnerable populations during this affordable housing crisis. The Trust looks forward to partnering with OCCOG in achieving our common goal of meeting the housing needs of our residents.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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




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ATTACHMENT A

Proposed List of REAP Grant Program Projects for OCCOG Sub-region

Project	Description	Proposed Allocation
HOUSING PRODUCTION SUPPORT	<p>“ADU How-To” toolkit including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Videos, • Collateral (printed by jurisdictions) • Pre-approved ADU plans <p>Support developing Housing-related Ordinances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motel Conversion • Inclusionary Zoning • ADUs • Other 	\$210,000
HOUSING TRUST SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support strategic planning and certification activities of OCHT • Support for consultant and staff resources for OCHFT for 2 years 	\$987,000
RHNA SUPPORT		2,000,000
Staff Augmentation	<p>Access to on-call consultant services to support individual jurisdiction needs. Potential consultant support could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing element preparation including site selection and rezoning • Additional planning counter staff to help expedite housing permits • Public engagement, outreach, and/or meeting facilitation • Provide support to residents for ADUs • Update Local Coastal Plans related to housing and the 6th cycle • Infrastructure planning that prioritizes infill development 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR preparation support for housing projects • Conduct feasibility or parking studies related to accelerating housing production 	
*Countywide GIS-based Site Selection Support	Online tool for jurisdictions to identify RHNA-compliant housing sites. Includes overlays for parking availability/impacts, VMT, GHG emissions, ADUs, EJ, jobs rich and transit rich areas, etc.	
Housing Site Planning Visualization Tool	Web-based tool for visualizing specific site development opportunities	
TOTAL		\$3,197,000

*OCCOG has confirmed SCAG is not providing this tool region-wide, rather this tool will augment data that will be provided by SCAG.

From: Jonnykingdomhearts@everyactioncustom.com <Jonnykingdomhearts@everyactioncustom.com>
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August 26, 2017

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RE: Letter in Support of The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Connect SoCal Plan

Dear Mr. Richardson:

On behalf of Alianza Coachella Valley, I write in full support of SCAG's Connect SoCal Plan. Alianza recognizes that the vitality of our region is deeply interconnected and that a thriving Eastern Coachella Valley benefits the whole. We focus in the city of Coachella and the unincorporated communities of Thermal, Mecca, Oasis, and North Shore near the northwest shore of the Salton Sea.

As an organization working to bring together community members, nonprofits, and government to lead efforts we need for a thriving region, we are happy to be part of this process. Last summer, we had the opportunity to organize community meetings and focus groups to gather input from community members across Eastern Coachella Valley. We applaud SCAG for its interest in taking community needs into consideration.

We understand the adoption of Connect SoCal will not only ensure that the more than 4,000 transportation infrastructure projects in the plan will be eligible for federal funding, but also keep jurisdictions in the SCAG region eligible for certain streams of state funding such as SB 1. Plan adoption will also spur the creation of hundreds of thousands of badly needed new jobs.

Thank you for your consideration of this important plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at silvia@alianzacv.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Silvia Paz".

Silvia Paz
Executive Director



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Kome Ajise
SCAG Executive Director
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RE: Connect SoCal & Civil Rights

Dear Mr. Ajise:

We want to commend SCAG for neutralizing the adverse and racially discriminatory redlining depicted in the growth forecasts in the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) maps used for modelling in Connect SoCal.

We also want to commend SCAG for recognizing the importance of addressing historic and ongoing racism in its July 2020 Resolution. For too many organizations, this results only in improving diversity in recruitment efforts while avoiding entirely the serious evaluation of how the policies and actions of their organization perpetuates and exacerbates racism, and causes ongoing disparate harm to communities of color.

With SB 375, the Legislature has charged SCAG with the important role of knitting together regional housing and transportation planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Even SB 375 makes clear, however, that these regional planning efforts must provide effective and attainable housing and transportation solutions for existing residents, and for the ongoing growth of the region's population and economy. This plan must provide for urgent current needs, like the 1.3 million new homes the region has been assigned by another state law to accommodate over the next eight years. And this plan must provide for today's economic and technological realities, and not sacrifice even more people to poverty, homelessness, housing insecurity, and unattainable homeownership, based on infeasible and discriminatory hypothetical future taxes, fees, housing and transportation policies.

SB 375 also requires these plans to be updated every four years. We believe that the next plan update process needs to take the issue of systemic racism much more seriously, especially given the apparent disregard of Fair Housing Act laws in the redlining TAZ map growth projections. And as we have previously pointed out, Connect SoCal totally omits recognizing the fundamental equity principle of providing for attainable homeownership by the region's median income earners – the now majority minority cohort aptly called the “missing middle” in the housing crisis.

We are hereby formally requesting an appointment to the committee to address racism that SCAG has formed, and further formally request that that committee expressly address (and assure that staff receive training on) civil rights, fair housing, and minority homeownership well in advance of the 2024 plan process.

From The Two Hundred,

John Gamboa
Vice-Chair

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August 28, 2020

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Re: Support for Connect SoCal

Dear SCAG President Richardson:

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), I am writing to express support for the Connect SoCal plan and urge the Regional Council to approve the plan at its meeting on September 3, 2020. The Connect SoCal Plan makes significant strides toward more sustainable land use patterns and transportation investments in the vast region that incorporate conservation in its plans and investments.

TNC is an international, non-profit conservation organization working around the world to protect important lands and waters for people and nature. TNC is the world's largest conservation organization with over one million members, including 100,000 in California. TNC has been working in Southern California for half a century, focusing on protecting and enhancing the region's rich lands, waters, and wildlife upon which all life depends. As a global biodiversity hot spot, the six counties of the SCAG region host an extraordinarily rich array of valuable natural communities and ecosystems that provide habitat for rare plants and wildlife, and support residents' health and quality of life by providing clean drinking water, clean air, opportunities for outdoor recreation, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, protection from disasters like flooding, landslides, and adaptation to climate change. At the same time, the historic trend of urbanization in the region has seen the decline of these very lands and waters, and the benefits provided to the residents, lost over time. The region continues to experience pressure to house a growing population, build and upgrade the infrastructure and other needs to support the growing population, create resilience in a changing climate, all while supporting the environmental, economic and equity goals of the region. This is no small task.

Connect SoCal embraces these goals and lays out a plan to address the needs and pressures that currently face the region. The Plan's programs and investments support climate friendly transportation, create a better jobs-housing balance to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions and reduce commute times, and encourage investment in existing communities to promote vibrant local economies and avoid converting greenfields and farmlands to urbanization.

Connect SoCal recognizes the importance of conservation to the health and vibrancy of the region, including both human communities and natural communities. As outlined in the Natural and Farm Lands Conservation appendix, SCAG integrated conservation into its scenario development and assessment to consider impacts to those resources as an input into decision making, an important first step for regional planning agencies. It is also developing a regional greenprint (with TNC) to help guide conservation and development investment in the near future. It has also committed funding to develop and implement Regional Advance Mitigation Planning strategies in the future, to support both conservation priorities and transportation project delivery.

The Plan is not perfect. Given the state and region's climate and conservation goals, more will need to be done, in particular to create and protect wildlife connectivity throughout the region which has been increasingly impacted by the transportation network. Land use patterns will need to be focused on equitable and more concentrated growth in existing communities to reduce the pressure to grow outward, losing the lands and waters that are essential to people and nature. Simultaneously, increased investment in nature and farms in urban spaces and communities, deployed equitably with community direction, will be needed to help address our health and climate goals.

We look forward to working with SCAG and its partners to advance the goals expressed in Connect SoCal, and we urge the Regional Council to vote to approve the Plan.

Sincerely,



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September 1, 2020

The Honorable Rex Richardson
 Mr. Kome Ajise
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RE: Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Dear President Richardson and Mr. Ajise:

The undersigned organizations, which represent thousands of people throughout California, are writing to comment on the Southern California Association of Governments’ (“SCAG”) Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (“Plan”).

We are heartened to see that SCAG has provided additional discussion and mitigation measures regarding conservation issues in the Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum. However, we are concerned that the Plan may push Southern California’s imperiled mountain lions closer to extinction by streamlining the approval of more highways and sprawl development in key connectivity areas. The Plan could and should do more to discourage large-scale development in fire-prone areas, and it improperly includes development proposals in the Plan that are clearly inconsistent with California’s climate goals. While there are positive aspects of the Plan and we believe the Plan should be approved for purposes of finalizing the existing Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process targets, we believe the Plan should thereafter be amended to address the issues in this letter. We urge SCAG to work collaboratively with stakeholders to further improve the Plan.

The Plan can do more to address connectivity for Southern California's imperiled mountain lions

We are encouraged to see that SCAG has improved their mitigation measures to reduce impacts to wildlife connectivity and provided additional guidance for project-level mitigation measures based on previous comment letters. Lack of regional connectivity especially impacts Southern California mountain lions. If nothing is done to preserve remaining corridors and enhance connectivity at existing barriers, scientists predict that the Santa Ana and Santa Monica mountains populations could become extinct within 50 years or less. If inbreeding depression occurs, scientists predict these populations could disappear within 12-15 years.ⁱ Other populations in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains are showing similar patterns of an extinction trajectory.ⁱⁱ

Therefore, it is concerning that the \$1 billion funding to develop a Regional Advanced Mitigation Program remains unidentified and no funding is provided for badly needed wildlife crossings. Meanwhile, the Plan still streamlines the funding and development of numerous highway expansion projects that will impair regional connectivity. In the Plan's 300-page project list, there is only a single listed proposal for a wildlife crossing. SCAG should prioritize funding for public transit and adequate wildlife crossings on existing highways. The Plan also should require that highway projects include adequate wildlife crossings and fully mitigate impacts on connectivity if they are to be considered "consistent" with the Plan.

The Plan should discourage development in fire-prone areas

We are encouraged to see revisions in the Addendum that include developing a Regional Climate Adaptation Framework and additional suggested mitigation measures at the project level. However, as currently written, the Plan envisions adding thousands of acres of development to fire-prone areas. The science is clear that the vast majority of wildfires in Southern California are caused by humansⁱⁱⁱ, and inducing sprawl development in high fire hazard areas could increase the likelihood and frequency of such fires^{iv}. The Plan can and should discourage further development in high fire hazard severity areas by stating that such development is inconsistent with the Plan. Instead, more housing density should be encouraged and supported in infill urban areas.

Including unsustainable development proposals in the Plan undermines the goals of the Plan

We understand that SCAG is "work[ing] with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions."^v However, if SCAG sees its role as simply "including" existing entitlements to the Plan, the Plan may result in the streamlining of approval of unsustainable development projects favored by local politicians. For instance, the Plan now includes Tejon Ranchcorp's 12,000-acre "Centennial" development at the northern edge of L.A. County, which would destroy vital habitat in a critical mountain lion movement corridor important for statewide genetic connectivity.

According to the California Air Resources Board, the Centennial development "substantially conflicts with the State's climate goals" and "its laudable housing goals do not

outweigh the public health, environmental, and quality of life costs that will be imposed by its development.”^{vi} Likewise, the Plan’s Transportation Project List earmarks \$600,000,000 for the 138 Northwest Corridor Improvement Project to accommodate the immense traffic generated by the Centennial development. Elsewhere, the Plan concedes it “will result in the direct consumption of 41,546 acres of greenfield [including areas with] a high potential to contain sensitive plant communities and riparian habitats.”

If SCAG chooses to include clearly unsustainable development proposals and infrastructure projects like Centennial in the Plan, SCAG should state that those projects conflict with the goals of the Plan, but are being included for forecasting purposes.

Conclusion

We appreciate the efforts of SCAG staff to engage stakeholders in the process and provide thoughtful revisions based on previous comments. However, there is an opportunity for more to be done as we aspire to sustainable communities and coexistence with California’s unique flora and fauna. We urge SCAG to approve the Plan for purposes of finalizing the existing RHNA process targets, and then work to amend the Plan with stakeholders to address the issues outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Please protect the RHNA process

Dear SCAG Public Comment,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about proposed revisions to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that would have a severe negative impact on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.

In particular, I ask you to reject efforts to prevent a timely completion of the RHNA process, and urge you to oppose further changes to Connect SoCal. Additional changes to Connect SoCal would slow down the already-delayed RHNA process, fuel more sprawl development in exurbs, and perpetuate exclusionary housing policies in high-income cities near major urban centers. This delay to Connect SoCal has also delayed the finalization of jurisdictions' RHNA targets.

Some organizations are still pushing for more changes to Connect SoCal that would result in the unraveling of the RHNA process. Specifically, they have found fault with SCAG's projections of future land use patterns within cities, which generally assume denser housing development near transit and jobs. A departure from the SCAG-recommended methodology would be ill-advised for two reasons:

1: this would risk further delays to the finalization of the Connect SoCal plan, as well as to the RHNA process. Major revisions to Connect SoCal at this late stage could take years to complete, not least because they could necessitate new environmental impact analysis. This would further slow down the finalization of RHNA targets and create further confusion around an already-delayed process that has lacked transparency. For local governments, it could lead to an untenable situation where housing element updates are due before RHNA targets are finalized.

2: the proposed alternate land use projections in Connect SoCal assume a higher proportion of dispersed single-family housing production within cities, relative to the SCAG-recommended within-city projections. This would lead to more development of environmentally unsustainable sprawl, and continued housing scarcity and exclusionary zoning in high-opportunity cities with strong job and transit access.

This change would have serious consequences for Southern California's future, including rising traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, and acceleration of climate change. Housing costs near high-opportunity job centers will continue to rise, pricing more and more of our neighbors out of these areas. Historically marginalized communities will continue to be excluded from the region's high-opportunity cities and neighborhoods, which perpetuates segregation and prevents equitable access to public resources.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that the Regional Council vote to approve the latest SCAG-recommended version of Connect SoCal for the purposes of the SCS, and to instruct SCAG staff to begin the RHNA appeals process without delay.

Finally, we wish to address the likelihood that as cities update their housing elements over the coming year, they will introduce zoning and other policy changes designed to achieve the Coastal Plan-based housing growth targets, which will cause cities' actual populations and number of households to diverge from the Connect SoCal demographic and growth forecasts over time. For this reason, we additionally

request that the Regional Council instruct SCAG staff to begin the process of amending the RTP/SCS to reflect the household and population growth patterns that are implied by the Coastal Plan RHNA methodology. This will allow the RHNA process to proceed without further delay.

By approving the Coastal Plan in November 2019, you and your colleagues took a courageous vote in favor of a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable future for Southern Californians. We are counting on you to be courageous again today.

Personally sent by Prabhu Reddy using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,

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Sent via Electronic Mail to all Addressees

RE: Business Coalition SUPPORT for the Resolution Adopting the Final "Connect SoCal" Plan (SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy).

Dear President Richardson and Regional Council Members:

On behalf of the business, industry and community organizations subscribing to this letter, we write today as a Business Coalition to express our support for the adopting resolution under which the Southern California Association of Governments' ("SCAG") Regional Council would approve and implement its final 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, titled "Connect SoCal".

For years, most of the organizations that have signed onto this letter (hereinafter, our “Coalition”) have been actively involved in the work of SCAG related to regional transportation planning and, ever since the enactment of California Senate Bill 375 in 2008, have also been involved in SCAG’s periodic formulation of its sustainable communities strategies (each an “SCS”). Additionally, many of our Coalition’s members were actively involved in the formulation and adoption processes for SCAG’s 2012 and 2016 SCSs, and have also been attentive to and engaged in the process that led to the creation of the final draft 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal).

The organizations within our Coalition and their respective memberships care deeply about the SCAG region, its economy, its communities, and its residents. Many of our members engage in developing the housing, business properties and infrastructure that are needed to maintain the region as an excellent place to live and work. Our Coalition includes some of Southern California’s largest business associations, whose membership includes many of our region’s largest private employers. With that in mind, our Coalition supports the development of an SCS that recognizes the critical importance of transportation, infrastructure, housing and land use to economic vitality, job creation and the quality of life for all Southern Californians. We believe that the final Connect SoCal does this and will lead to the overall betterment of the SCAG region.

That said, we believe that the final Connect SoCal, which the Regional Council will consider on September 3rd, has benefitted greatly from the additional time the Council wisely provided for plan review and improvement prior to its adoption. As you will recall, on May 7th of this year, at the urging of many constituencies (including our Business Coalition) and supported by SCAG’s Officers and Staff, SCAG’s Regional Council postponed for 120 days its consideration of whether to adopt Connect SoCal as the region’s new SCS. As was stated in the resolution that resulted in the postponement, the reasons for the delay were three-fold:

- First, the postponement was to afford SCAG’s staff time to determine whether already-entitled development projects (and the accompanying growth in household, population and employment) were properly reflected in the SCS projections or had instead been mistakenly omitted.
- Second, the postponement resolution tasked SCAG’s staff with undertaking an initial study concerning the potential effects of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on SCAG’s transportation planning and the proposed SCS. Specifically, the goal was to look at some of the immediate and clear impacts of the pandemic that could be addressed through modest amendments to Connect SoCal. Likewise, it was understood that as additional pandemic impacts become clear in the months and years ahead, they would be studied and addressed either through future amendment to Connect SoCal or be included in greater depth in SCAG’s 2024 RTP/SCS.
- The third reason for the postponement of the consideration of Connect SoCal as stated in the Regional Council’s resolution was so that SCAG’s staff could “identify and quantify all differences within [Connect SoCal] and locally-approved General Plans and quantify the increase (or decrease) in housing, jobs or population between Connect SoCal and each local General Plan.” This third item was particularly important for determining if Connect SoCal

would help facilitate and enable housing production, housing affordability and the upcoming implementation of the Sixth Cycle RHNA.

During the 120-day postponement, SCAG's staff worked hard to implement the direction as given by the Regional Council in May. Likewise, our Coalition undertook a similar effort, and worked diligently – both with SCAG's staff and on our own – to examine the specific areas of investigation which were identified by the Regional Council. Specifically, first, we worked to identify and have SCAG take into account existing entitlements that were omitted when projections of household, population and employment growth were calculated in connection with Connect SoCal. We believe this issue has now been resolved effectively in the final Connect SoCal Plan. Second, we worked to compare such Connect SoCal growth projections to local jurisdictions' General Plans throughout the region, assuming the latter's full realization. This is an important issue addressed in the recently posted adoption resolution in connection with the final Connect SoCal (the "Adoption Resolution"). Lastly, we recognize that SCAG's and all stakeholders' attention to COVID-19 recovery will be a long-lasting endeavor – one that must largely await the pandemic's end and will require entirely new thinking on many fronts.

Having thus considered Connect SoCal and the Adoption Resolution, we write to support their approval. We do so particularly in light of the additional clarity and qualification that is provided in the Adoption Resolution. Specifically, we strongly support the Adoption Resolution as it was posted and is proposed – given the clarification of both the intent and the effect of Connect SoCal which it sets forth.

The Adoption Resolution makes plain that Connect SoCal cannot be regarded as a granular-level prescription for land use development at an intra-jurisdictional level. We welcome this clarification. It is consistent with our Coalition's long-stated view that a periodic SCS should not prejudice local governments when they act to fulfill their respective visions of growth within their boundaries. As the Adoption Resolution explains, the maintenance of local governments' prerogatives is needed, especially now, as SCAG finalizes the Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment ("RHNA") process. The pending RHNA process will require many local governments to make major changes in their respective General Plan Housing Elements in order to create opportunities for the construction of hundreds of thousands more housing units. It is therefore essential that Connect SoCal not be viewed as handcuffing local governments when they act to cope with such massive new RHNA obligations, or when they approve desperately needed housing production within their respective jurisdictions.

Even though we support the Adoption Resolution and adoption of Connect SoCal, we do so while reserving serious concerns about California's legal and regulatory impediments to sound land use planning and development. We have repeatedly expressed such concerns in recent years and in many venues, including in Sacramento. Simply put, our persistent concerns relate to what we see as an irreconcilable conflict between (i) current regulatory policy in California, and (ii) the unprecedented need to foster large increases in housing production. Specifically, there are, on the one hand, growing regulatory imperatives to curtail sharply individual mobility (i.e., vehicle miles traveled exactions) and reject organic land use growth, all in favor of directing growth almost exclusively toward urban transit centers. On the other hand, there is an undeniable need to accelerate housing production toward many times over its current rate, which can be realized only by facilitating more organic land use planning and growth. Such organic planning and growth requires planning policies that allow for flexibility, adaptation, and local governments to put housing where it is wanted, needed, and can be built affordably and at a high enough volume. This is what is necessary, and yet our state seems intent on focusing more and more growth into a smaller and smaller footprint which in most cases makes it unaffordable, limited in quantity, and subject to severe NIMBY

opposition. We are pleased that Connect SoCal works to preserve as much local control and flexibility as possible.

We therefore look forward to working with SCAG's able staff to better illuminate and address our region's planning challenges. In particular, we look forward to working with SCAG, local governments and other stakeholders to continue to improve the regional planning process, so that by the 2024 planning cycle, we see greater convergence and consistency between our regional planning vision and local General Plans. We also look forward to working with SCAG forthwith to assure that housing production in our region moves forward strongly, both under this SCS and through the upcoming RHNA implementation. Ultimately, we need to develop new approaches and solutions that will quickly result in much higher housing production so that our underserved populations can be housed not just decently, but also in desirable and equitable communities.

Our Coalition also appreciates SCAG's newly sharpened focus on social justice under the leadership of its President Rex Richardson. All hands must be on deck as we all work toward solutions at this crucial moment in history. With that in mind, our Coalition looks forward to participating in this effort and bringing our knowledge and perspective into these discussions. We will do so with the aim of helping to uplift our Southern California region to its best possible future for all of its communities and its people.

We wish to applaud SCAG, its leaders, its staff, its consultants and the Regional Council on a herculean and well-done effort in producing the final Connect SoCal plan. We recognize the daunting regulatory and administrative challenges that are inherent in producing an effective RTP/SCS under the SB 375 process, and how the circumstances this year made that challenge even greater. However, SCAG's staff and leaders rose to the occasion; and we particularly applaud their responsiveness and hard work over the last 120 days to re-evaluate and improve Connect SoCal based on a careful, new review of the information against a rapidly changing backdrop. The final Connect SoCal is a better plan because of this, which means that over the life of this plan, the Region will benefit greatly from the 120-day postponement that the Regional Council so wisely implemented back in May.

Our Coalition again wishes to express our support for the final Connect SoCal plan and the Adoption Resolution that will be up for approval during the September 3, 2020 SCAG Regional Council meeting. We look forward to working with SCAG and its staff over the months and years ahead to ensure that Connect SoCal is appropriately implemented and that we have a viable regional land use, housing and transportation strategy for Southern California – one that leads to increases in housing production, environmental benefits, job creation and economic opportunity for all Southern Californians.

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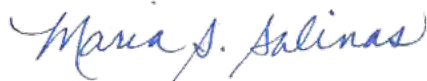
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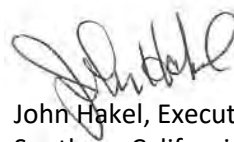
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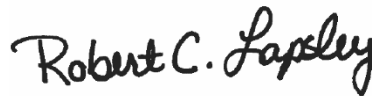
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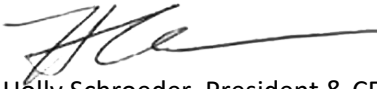
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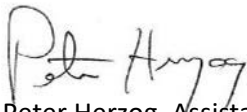
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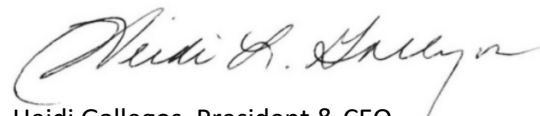
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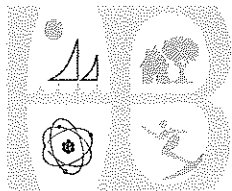


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Re: CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH COMMENT LETTER - SCAG FINAL ADOPTION OF CONNECT SOCAL AND PROGRAM EIR

Dear Mr. Ajise,

The City of Huntington Beach appreciates SCAG's public outreach efforts for the Connect SoCal and RHNA process. The following comments and concerns are offered for your consideration in response to SCAG's 120 day Connect SoCal delay to conduct additional public outreach.

SCAG Disregards Coastal Issues in Connect SoCal and RHNA Methodology

Through its various administrative agencies, the State of California has declared that the impact of sea level rise and planning for coastal inundation is of great concern. The State's Ocean Protection Council (OPC) adopted its first sea level rise guidance document in March 2013. The California Coastal Commission (CCC) has adopted multiple guidance documents since 2015 regarding climate change, sea level rise, and coastal inundation utilizing the best available data. At their May 13, 2020 meeting, the CCC adopted a document titled, "Making California's Coast Resilient to Sea Level Rise: Principles for Aligned State Action." CCC said that the document is a tool for aligned, consistent state agency action in planning and preparing for a minimum baseline 3.5 feet of sea level rise statewide. The principles outlined in the document are intended to guide unified, effective action towards sea level rise resilience for California's coastal communities, ecosystems, and economies across state agencies in order to improve effectiveness in addressing this immediate challenge.

Despite the declaration by State agencies concerning sea level rise, it is notable that the OPC and the CCC have not been engaged in the public review process. The CCC and the OPC are key stakeholders for jurisdictions in the coastal zone across the State. Development proposals in the coastal zone are subject to final approval of the CCC even if the jurisdiction has a certified Local Coastal Program. The CCC has the ability to appeal a City's approval of any project within

the coastal zone and conduct their own review of the project, which may ultimately result in project disapproval beyond control of the City. Rezoning and associated land use changes required to adequately plan for the current RHNA methodology allocations will necessitate a Local Coastal Program Amendment for all jurisdictions with certified Local Coastal Programs. Coastal jurisdictions may adopt land use changes to comply with RHNA requirements, but there is no guarantee that those changes will be approved by the CCC.

SCAG's Connect SoCal and RHNA methodology have not addressed the impact of sea level rise (SLR), coastal inundation, and other coastal issues or the ability of coastal jurisdictions to plan for their RHNA. SCAG's 2017 RTP Data Map Book for Huntington Beach includes an exhibit depicting "Sea Level Rise Impacted Areas (2 feet) 2040 Scenario in Orange County¹." Nearly all of the lowest lying land in Orange County is within Huntington Beach and its annexation of Sunset Beach; a small portion affects Newport Beach and Seal Beach. The data from the Map Book does not utilize the best available science/data as the State has since revised SLR analysis to plan for a baseline of 3.5 feet of SLR statewide. It must also be noted that the Map Book contains these exhibits and information regarding SLR but SCAG does not utilize them for any analysis within Connect SoCal or RHNA.

SCAG fails to address this critical information from the CCC. Coastal cities are explicitly unable to accommodate any new development (especially residential development) in the Coastal Zone and adjacent areas, as it is specifically vulnerable and unable to adapt to managed retreat within areas of sea level rise. The CCC expects all LCPs to recognize that public lands adjacent to the Pacific Ocean and harbors will extend inward as a direct result of sea level rise². This information alone indicates that coastal cities will lose land available for development (and land that is currently developed) to the public trust boundary. The CCC also recommends that coastal cities purchase land within areas of sea level rise to remove all associated structures and conserve the land as open space.

The development challenges faced by coastal cities due to sea level rise appear to be completely ignored by SCAG throughout the RHNA and Connect SoCal process and replaced with the politics from other areas of the SCAG region to keep RHNA numbers and housing out of their jurisdictions.

Connect SoCal, including the associated Program EIR, characterize coastal cities as resistant to new development due to "community resistance to new housing, especially medium and high density projects." It appears that SCAG purposefully does not acknowledge any relevant information regarding the significant negative environmental impacts and CCC policies on development other than protected open space within areas subject to sea level rise, including SCAG's own Data Map Book exhibits produced in 2017. Excluding this pertinent analysis from the RHNA and RTP/SCS process enables Connect SoCal and RHNA to arbitrarily and capriciously achieve Governor Newsom's admitted "stretch goal" to construct 3.5 million units in California by 2025.

¹ <http://scagrtpscs.net/Documents/DataMapBooks/HuntingtonBeach.pdf>

² California Coastal Commission Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance
https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/slr/guidance/2018/0_Full_2018AdoptedSLRGuidanceUpdate.pdf

All lands within the state of California that are subject to sea level rise, including those within the SCAG region such as Huntington Beach, must be accurately identified in Connect SoCal and the PEIR, removed from the model scenarios in each, and also excluded from the RHNA calculation (including but not limited to job accessibility, HQTAs proximity, reallocated residual need, and additional social equity adjustments) in order for Connect SoCal and RHNA to be consistent (Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B) and Section 65584.04(m)).

High Quality Transit Areas (HQTAs)/High Quality Transit Corridors (HQTC)

As noted in multiple public comments from the City of Huntington Beach, the portion of Beach Boulevard within the City is incorrectly identified as HQTAs. Public Resources Code Section 21155 (b) defines a high-quality transit corridor as "a corridor with fixed route bus service with service intervals no longer than 15 minutes during peak commute hours." It must be emphasized that Public Resources Code Section 21155 (b) does not include planned HQTC within the definition. Further, Government Code Section 65584.04 (e)(3) requires the RHNA methodology to include "the distribution of household growth assumed for purposes of a comparable period of regional transportation plans and opportunities to maximize the use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure." SCAG's Final RHNA Allocation Methodology³ explains that HQTAs "are based on state statutory definitions of high-quality transit corridors (HQTCs) and major transit stops." However, SCAG's application of HQTC is incorrect. Public Resources Code Section 21155 (b) does not include planned HQTC within its definition. SCAG's RHNA methodology creates its own definition of HQTC as inclusive of planned HQTC which conflicts with the statutory definition. The Public Resources Code identified above does not include future planned facilities in the definition of HQTC. This new definition is illegal and cannot be used in calculation of RHNA.

Again, SCAG's RHNA Methodology to determine a jurisdiction's existing housing need "assigns 50 percent of regional existing need based on a jurisdiction's share of region's population within the high quality transit areas (HQTAs) based on future 2045 HQTAs." This does not adhere to state statutory definitions of high-quality transit corridors and must be revised to accurately reflect Public Resources Code Section 21155 (b).

To correctly calculate RHNA numbers, SCAG must engage OCTA and other transit operators in the region amid the pandemic to discuss the post COVID-19 feasibility of implementing planned public transit improvements due to budget, cleaning, liability, and health/safety issues.

During his August 24, 2020 COVID-19 press conference, Governor Newsom stated the following regarding the new tiered color system for public health:

"We don't put up green because we don't believe that there is a green light that just says go back to the way things were or back to the pre-pandemic mindset."

³ <http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Documents/RHNA/SCAG-Final-RHNA-Methodology-030520.pdf>

Based on statements made by the Governor, the State of California does not anticipate life in California returning to pre-pandemic conditions through the 6th Cycle planning period.

Despite this, SCAG maintains throughout the September 3, 2020 Regional Council meeting staff report that it has no information regarding the effects of the pandemic. This is misleading and untrue. In addition to the Governors statements, and a host of empirical data regarding COVID-19 and its effects on society, the September 2, 2020 SCAG Executive Administration Committee meeting agenda includes findings and conclusions regarding a SCAG commissioned Housing Production Study that provides updated information regarding the impacts of the pandemic on the region. Despite this new data concerning COVID-19, the State desires to proceed forward with a "pre-pandemic" plan. SCAG should not adopt Connect SoCal until it adequately analyzes the effects of COVID-19 on housing needs in the State. In part, adoption of the pre-pandemic plan in the wake of unprecedented COVID-19 economic downturn and drop in public transit use will not enable the SCAG region to achieve SB 375 reduced GHG emissions goals.

Further, the City of Huntington Beach has engaged the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) regarding implementation of their 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan, including the Final Beach Boulevard Corridor Feasibility Study (Study). OCTA emphasizes the Study is designed to be flexible and adapt to each jurisdiction for their respective needs. The Study lays the foundation for the Beach Blvd. Corridor, but is not used as a rigid implementation arm of the OCTA LRTP. The suggested improvement elements within the Study are conceptual and are not developed into any specific project to be implemented on any specific timeline. It is at the discretion of the local jurisdiction to coordinate implementation and infrastructure improvements with all relevant agencies, such as CalTrans. For example, if Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to achieve service at 15 minute intervals is hypothetically chosen to be implemented for a portion of Beach Boulevard, a subsequent specific BRT study is required to determine potential alignments, project limits, and other details. There is no requirement upon any City within the Study or OCTA to implement any recommendation of the OCTA LRTP.

Additionally, the OCTA Board of Directors wrote a letter dated March 23, 2020 to Governor Newsom discussing the impact of COVID-19 on their operations. The following excerpt describes the change in circumstances which has created a specific strain on the ability of OCTA to provide transit service:

"The COVID19 response has fundamentally changed the way people interact, and the resulting collapse of nonessential economic activity will have a dramatic impact on the availability of federal, state, and local funding. Short-term revenue decreases will cause extraordinary budgetary constraints. OCTA collects approximately \$48 million annually in transit fares, which partially fund bus operations that help our agency maintain ridership. Transit fare are expected to decrease significantly as a result of our current ridership decline. OCTA will also see a severe decline in revenues from Orange County's half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation improvements, Measure M2. During the Great Recession, OCTA saw a 20 percent decrease in sales tax revenue and ridership levels never fully recovered. If the impacts are similar from COVID-19, long-lasting impacts will be felt systemwide. Similarly, gas tax revenues are likely to

fall as people across the country heed social distancing guidance, which will only exacerbate the Highway Trust Fund's on-going structural revenue deficit. Given the likelihood of long-term revenue instability, OCTA is planning for an uncertain future while maintaining our long-standing commitment to fiscal responsibility."

SCAG must engage OCTA and all other transportation agencies in response to a public health pandemic that has truly shifted mobility methods, transit patterns, and the way people utilize public transportation within the region. Decreased OCTA funding and reduced on-time performance reliability⁴ indicates that the identification of HQTAs within the SCAG region, including in Huntington Beach, must be reevaluated as part of the RTP/SCS and RHNA process. If the approved RHNA methodology and associated HQTAs is implemented, GHG emissions will be increased severely as 1.3 million housing units will be constructed without HQTAs service as defined by PRC 21155 (b).

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing analysis, real and appreciable damages will be sustained by the City of Huntington Beach and current/future Californians if the RHNA and RTP/SCS process do not acknowledge and analyze this information and modify the proposed RHNA numbers. SCAG and HCD must reconsider RHNA and RTP/SCS process in compliance with state law.

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⁴ OCTA June 22, 2020 Board Agenda Packet - Item 22: Bus Operations Performance Measurement
<https://octa.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=E1&ID=749492&GUID=340A1A00-DE29-4B85-845E-B1697E8B9FB7>



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RE: Comments on Proposed Final Draft of *Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy*

Position of adopting final draft: (oppose adoption, request a federal extension)

In January, Safe Routes Partnership worked with 16 other regional organizations to [submit comments](#) on the Connect SoCal draft. Our comments included increased active transportation investments, stronger metrics for community engagement, set aside investments for environmental justice planning, and more accessible data--just to name a few. In early March, [staff released a report addressing public comments](#) explaining any changes to the RTP/SCS. Unfortunately, many of the comments that we submitted collectively with 16 organizations were not adopted into the plan, with only minor changes made, and the reasoning was insufficiently addressed in the staff report.

In April, in addition to our previously expressed comments, we also submitted comments concerning COVID-19's potential impacts on Connect SoCal's goals and strategies. Since that time, local agencies are being taxed to their limit in their effort to address public safety and take measures to keep communities safe. It is obvious that the pandemic will have long-lasting impacts on our region both from economic and public health standpoints.

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August 28, 2020

RE: Comments on Proposed Final Draft of *Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy*

Position of adopting final draft: (oppose adoption, request a federal extension)

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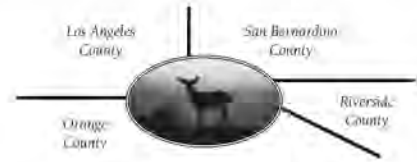
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	Date	Sender Name	Organization	Agenda Item (AI #)	Notes	Subject Line
1.	September 2, 2020	Michael Hughes	Hills For Everyone	RC AI #1, JPC AI #1, CEHD AI #6, EEC AI #1, TC AI #5 - Final Connect SoCal Technical Refinements and PEIR Addendum	Support conservation and important wildlife connectivity policies in Connect SoCal	Support for the Natural Lands Policies in Connect SoCal
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H i l l s F o r E v e r y o n e

*Southern California comes
together at the Puente-Chino Hills*



September 2, 2020

Sent via email to: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Chair Richardson
SCAG, Regional Council
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RE: Support for the Natural Lands Policies in Connect SoCal

Dear Chair Richardson and Regional Council Members:

My apologies for the delay in sending this. I respectfully request the following statement be read into the record for the Thursday, September 3, 2020 Regional Council meeting:

I am writing on behalf of the regional non-profit Hills For Everyone. Our organization created Chino Hills State Park and aims to connect lands spanning 31 miles across four counties: San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles. Hills For Everyone is one of nearly 50 conservation organizations supporting Connect SoCal's conservation policies.

You've likely heard of the Liberty Canyon effort—but, before that was the preservation of Coal Canyon in 2000, connecting the Santa Ana Mountains to Chino Hills State Park. World renown biologists stated: "Restoring a natural linkage in what is now a roaded underpass would set a global precedent. We are aware of no other restored biological corridor of this type and scale. Conservation-minded citizens throughout the world could look to Coal Canyon as an inspiring example of how an ecological error was corrected through thoughtful public action." These types of global precedents **must continue**. With appropriate preparation and foresight—the natural land linkages between counties—can be appropriately planned for and protected.

Wildlife corridors are just one of the many policies, we—and others—support because they align decades of conservation work with policies. This work has been historically overlooked in the regional planning process. Further, these actions will better protect species like the Southern California mountain lion, which is a candidate for endangered species listing in California. We thank you for including conservation and important wildlife connectivity policies in Connect SoCal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Michael Hughes
President



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September 1, 2020

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SUBJECT: Comments on Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Dear SCAG President Richardson:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC), I am writing to express support for the Connect SoCal plan and urge the Regional Council to approve the plan at its meeting on September 3, 2020. The Connect SoCal Plan makes significant strides toward improved community engagement through CBOs, non-infrastructure investments through programming such as GoHuman and Safe Routes to School (SRTS), as well as including environmental justice performance indicators among other notable improvements.

LACBC has fought tirelessly for more than two decades to try to improve the access for all LA County communities to active transportation. We have worked extensively to support the addition of safe bicycle infrastructure throughout LA County and our bicycle ambassadors have been instrumental in the City of LA in encouraging the installation of new bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Our chapters have fought for better first/last mile connections with public transit as well as shifting policies to make for a more bikeable and walkable transportation network that blankets the region. We believe that growing access to active transportation also serves to increase access to health, economic development opportunities, educational attainment, and greater community engagement. Active transportation is one of the hallmarks of a truly livable community.

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We look forward to working with SCAG and its partners to advance the goals expressed in Connect SoCal and to continue to iterate further improvements.

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RE: Support for Adoption of Resolution 20-624-1

Dear President Richardson, Regional Council Members, and Policy Committee Chairs:

On behalf of the Port of Los Angeles, I urge you to adopt the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Connect SoCal). As America's busiest container port, the Port of Los Angeles is acutely aware of the importance of supporting regional infrastructure investments, economic sustainability, and environmental quality. We also understand the challenge and importance of balancing these objectives, and commend SCAG leadership and staff for achieving that balance with Connect SoCal.

The Ports of San Pedro Bay have seen market share decline due to the trade war, the COVID-19 pandemic, and greater investment in East and Gulf Coast port infrastructure. Approving a comprehensive plan for our regional infrastructure investments is a crucial for maintaining our economic competitiveness. Several of the 4,000 transportation projects included in Connect SoCal are located at our region's ports, and regional freight infrastructure is vital to our long-term success. By adopting this plan, you will ensure funding eligibility for these vital projects.

This year has brought unprecedented challenges to our region, state, and nation, all of which highlight the importance of balanced, thoughtful planning. With the stakes for our region at an all-time high, I applaud your staff's work to engage all stakeholders in this robust process.

President Rex Richardson

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Again, I urge you to adopt Connect SoCal and look forward to working with you on its implementation.

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From: Francisco Romero <fromero@proyectopastoral.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:13 PM

To: ePublic Comment Group <ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov>

Subject: Translated SCAG public comment by Elizabeth Quiroz 09.03.20

Good afternoon, my name is Elizabeth Quiroz, from Promesa BH organization; And I'm here to express my support for the Connect SoCal plan and to urge the Regional Council to approve the plan at their meeting today.

- The SoCal Connect Plan takes important steps toward more sustainable land use patterns and transportation investments in the vast region that incorporate conservation into their plans and investments.
- As a global biodiversity hotspot, the six counties of the SCAG region are home to an extraordinarily rich variety of valuable natural communities and ecosystems that provide habitat for rare plants and wildlife, and support the health and quality of life of residents by provide clean drinking water, clean air, opportunities for outdoor recreation, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, protection against disasters such as floods, landslides and adaptation to climate change.
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