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ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

AGENDA

For current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas and videos, visit: bit.ly/AgendaRC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



Members of the Regional Council met with California State Treasurer John Chiang to discuss regional economic concerns.

ACTION

RC APPROVES RECOMMENDED TARGET FOR REGIONAL GHG EMISSION REDUCTION

The Regional Council moved today to approve SCAG's submittal to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) of a recommended greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target for the region. The recommendation, which sets a goal of reducing per capita GHG emissions 18% by 2035, remains consistent with performance outcomes of SCAG's 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS). Under California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, or SB 375, Metropolitan Planning Organizations like SCAG are required to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) alongside their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that can meet state-determined emission reduction targets.

SCAG's recommended target would apply to future cycles of the SCS as well. SCAG developed its recommendation based on SB 375 stress test results, additional considerations of impacts from Metro's Measure M projects, predicted increases in overall vehicle miles traveled due to enhanced fuel efficiency and collaborative discussion with other regional transportation planning agencies in California. The 18% target will require continuous bottom-up collaboration with stakeholders, as well as strong leadership from policymakers and funding support from state agencies.

ACTION

RC APPROVES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GRANTS

The Regional Council today approved funding for 11 additional cities as part of the Sustainability Planning Grant Program. The Sustainability Planning Grant program is a competitive funding program designed to support active transportation and sustainability projects throughout the six-county region. On Feb. 2, the Regional Council approved the funding of 54 projects, totaling \$9.6 million. SCAG recently received an additional \$1.6 million in funding support from the Mobile Source Reduction Committee for qualified active transportation programs, and over the last two months SCAG has worked with unfunded applicants to better align their proposals with available resources. Through this process, 11 additional cities have been recommended for Sustainability Planning Grant funding, including: Culver City, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, Pomona, Rancho Palos Verdes, West Covina, El Segundo, Lake Elsinore, Ontario and Hemet.

ACTION

2016 RTP/SCS AMENDMENTS

The Regional Council voted today to adopt Amendment #1 to the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) and a corresponding amendment to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Staff will now forward the amendments to the applicable federal and state agencies for their review and approval. The Transportation Committee also moved today to release a Draft Amendment #2 for a 30-day period of public review and comment.

For the past several months, staff has been working with the region's County Transportation Commissions on two amendments to the 2016 RTP/SCS, the region's vision for balancing future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The proposed changes were to the plan's list of transportation projects, making additions or changes to project scopes, costs and/or schedules. Federal approvals of the two amendments will ensure that critical transportation projects in the region will be able to proceed towards implementation in a timely manner. For more information on the amendments and to make comments on the Draft Amendment #2, please visit: www.scagrtpscs.net.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATION

SCAG is pleased to share an exciting program for SCAG 52nd Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly. This year's conference, "Innovating for a Better Tomorrow," will be held May 4-5 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert. The conference program includes guest speakers and breakout panels on a variety of topics including housing, smart city infrastructure and how automation and artificial intelligence will impact the future workforce. At the conference luncheon, SCAG will also present the winners of the 2017 Sustainability Awards, the region's highest honors for projects that promote and improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability in Southern California. This year, a total of seven planning projects were selected. The event is free for elected officials and city managers. For other guests, there is a special \$250 early bird rate that's been extended until April 14. For more information, visit the conference website: scag.ca.gov/ga2017.

SCAG DELEGATION MEETS WITH STATE LAWMAKERS IN SACRAMENTO

On March 14-16, SCAG led a delegation of Southern California leaders to the state capitol to meet with a bipartisan group of state lawmakers and promote the region's legislative priorities. The visit, organized in partnership with the Southern California Leadership Council and including many cross-sector leaders, sought to develop more active and engaged legislators from Southern California. The SCAG delegation held meetings with 23 senators and assembly members and several legislative staff, discussing Southern California's regional priorities related to housing, transportation infrastructure and cap-and-trade funding. SCAG will continue to work with the region's elected leadership in Sacramento to advance its legislative priorities, which were formally adopted by the Regional Council in January. For more details, visit: newsletter.scag.ca.gov/scagupdate/032017.htm.

SCAG JOINS GOV. BROWN AND STATE LEADERS ON ROAD REPAIR BILL

On April 4, SCAG's Executive Director Hasan Ikhata joined Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, along with city and county officials in Riverside, at a press conference to discuss the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, or Senate Bill 1. The legislation invests \$52.4 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and put more dollars toward transit and safety. Governor Brown spoke in strong support of roads as the key to California's greatness. In his remarks, Hasan Ikhata emphasized the state of disrepair of our roads and bridges and corroborating the need for investment in infrastructure repair. A video excerpt from the press conference is available at: bit.ly/2oK6fJP.

GO HUMAN MEDIA CAMPAIGN RELAUNCHES ACROSS THE REGION

In partnership with county transportation commissions and health departments across the region, SCAG will relaunch its successful *Go Human* advertising campaign during the month of May to coincide with National Bike Month. The marketing campaign promotes traffic safety and encourages people to walk and bike. During the months of May and June, new advertisements featuring messages that encourage drivers to slow down and look for people walking and biking will begin appearing in all six SCAG counties. The campaign will include *Go Human* billboard, transit and bus shelter advertisements, digital ads and radio spots. Placement of advertisements are prioritized in places that have been designated as collision priority areas based on local data with the goal to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities to pedestrians and bicyclists. Financial support for this effort is provided by the Office of Traffic Safety.

SCAG's *Go Human* campaign is also partnering with the cities of Santa Ana and Rancho Cucamonga by co-hosting open-streets events that promote safer and more accessible bicycling. The events are part of a broader effort to support local planning projects and making walking and biking safer and more convenient. For more details, please visit the *Go Human* Events page: gohumansocal.org/Events.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

- 6th Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings
- 18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 20th Technical Working Group
- 25th Transportation Conformity Working Group

May

- 4th SCAG 2017 Regional Conference & General Assembly
- 16th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
- 23rd Technical Working Group
- 29th Memorial Day Holiday Observed (*SCAG Offices Closed*)



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