

# SPOTLIGHT

## SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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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](http://bit.ly/AgendaRC).

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

A large graphic with a blue background and white text. The text reads: "ANNOUNCING FUTURE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM 2018 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS". Below the text are three circular icons: a lightbulb, a stack of cubes, and a car with arrows. Below each icon is a corresponding text label: "Apply New Technologies", "Use Data Analytics", and "Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled".

## ANNOUNCING FUTURE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM 2018 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

-  Apply New Technologies
-  Use Data Analytics
-  Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

### ACTION

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FUTURE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

The Regional Council today approved the release of a call for projects for the Future Communities Pilot Program. This new grant program will provide cities and counties with resources to reduce emissions-producing vehicle miles traveled through the application of innovative technology and data solutions. Potential project types include fleet telematics, internet-of-things applications, route optimization and mobility-as-a-service pilots. Funding for the pilot program totals \$2.7 million and requires a 25% match from applicants, with a maximum project size of \$500,000.

The program guidelines and application materials are [available online](#). Applications are due by Dec. 13, and city and county applicants from within the South Coast Air Quality Management District's jurisdiction are eligible to apply. SCAG will host two application workshops on Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 and a conceptual project development workshop at LA CoMotion on Nov. 15. The Future Communities Pilot Program is a partnership between SCAG and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee. For more information about the program, visit [SCAG's website](#) or contact Deanna Dupuy at [dupuy@scag.ca.gov](mailto:dupuy@scag.ca.gov).

## INFO

### REGIONAL COUNCIL SAYS FAREWELL TO LONGTIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*After the conclusion of official business, the Regional Council joined SCAG staff for a special reception honoring outgoing Executive Director Hasan Ikhata for his 24 years of service to SCAG. Special guests, including Susan Bransen, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission; Ryan Chamberlain, Chief Deputy Director of Caltrans; and Fran Inman, Vice Chair of the California Transportation Commission joined the SCAG family in wishing Hasan well in his new role leading the San Diego Association of Governments.*

On Thursday, Dec. 6, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council will host the ninth edition of our celebrated annual Southern California Economic Summit series focusing on next generation jobs and industry. This year's summit will be held at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles focusing on the theme, "Exponential Growth, Exponential Future." A distinguished roster of industry leaders and economic experts will assess the current state of the region's economy, discuss the role of technology and innovation in our region's future, and look at ways in which the region can maintain leadership and support growth in new transportation technology. Panel sessions include "What's Next for the Southern California Economy?" and "The Future of Transportation: Exponential Growth in California's Hottest Sector." Join us, along with Southern California's civic and business leaders, for this vital conversation on the region's economic future – [reserve your seat today](#). Early bird registration is \$100 per person until Nov. 12. Elected officials and city managers may attend for free. Additional program details coming soon.

## REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

On Oct. 29, the development process for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) kicked into full gear with the first meeting of the board's RHNA and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee. Representing a wide range of stakeholders, the committee is made up of one elected official representing each county and three ex officio members representing the building industry, the nonprofit sector and academia. State housing law requires that each city and county plans for existing and future housing need as represented by its RHNA allocation. The next cycle of RHNA development, also known as the 6th cycle, will apply to the period between 2021 and 2029, and will be adopted at the latest by October 2020. The role of this board subcommittee is to review and make recommendations on possible reform to the RHNA and housing element processes.

The October meeting featured a presentation from special guest Ben Metcalf, Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, who shared details on the policy and process as well as listened to feedback from those in attendance. The meeting was exceptionally well-attended, with nearly 200 participants total across the main office, regional teleconference sites and webinar.

## UPDATE ON CONNECT SOCAL (2020 RTP/SCS)

This past month, SCAG staff has been ramping up the development for Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. The agency is beginning the process for developing scenarios that will compare alternative pathways for the region to reach greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and other plan goals. SCAG will be reaching out to key stakeholders and planning directors over the next few weeks, with broader outreach to follow in early 2019 on scenario development.

Given the number of subject areas covered by Connect SoCal, topic-specific working groups are continuing to meet with regional stakeholders to dig in on specific issues. There are seven Regional Planning Working Groups, including: Active Transportation, Environmental Justice, Mobility Innovations, Natural and Lands Conservation, Public Health, Safety and Sustainable Communities. A joint meeting of the Regional Planning Working Groups is scheduled for Nov. 15. More information about our regional planning working groups, including details on upcoming meetings, is available on the SCAG website.

Related to this, we are happy to report that SCAG's region-wide Metropolitan Planning Agreements have now been fully executed. The region's six county transportation commissions and 38 transit providers have all signed on to the updated agreements, which are designed to ensure they are fully incorporated into the regional transportation planning process.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 15

As a reminder, the deadline for the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program is Nov. 15. The program is a multi-year commitment that will provide about \$6 million in funding and technical assistance to local cities and counties for integrated land use, green region and active transportation projects that support the policies and initiatives of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. All SCAG-member jurisdictions, including cities, counties and councils of governments are encouraged to apply. This program is designed not just to provide much-needed resources directly to cities and counties, but also to increase the region's competitiveness for federal and state funds. Applicants can apply for support for any of nine project types in the broader categories of active transportation, integrated land use and green region initiative. Program guidelines and application materials are available online here:

<http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx>. Applications should be submitted to [scp@scag.ca.gov](mailto:scp@scag.ca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. Final funding recommendations are expected to be approved by the Regional Council in March 2019.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### November

1st Regional Council & Policy Committees  
15th Technical Working Group  
20th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee  
27th Transportation Conformity Working Group  
28th Modeling Task Force

### December

4th Transportation Conformity Working Group  
6th SCAG Economic Summit  
18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee  
20th Technical Working Group