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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

Thursday, January 7, 2020 – 12:30PM

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The Regional Council may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)

PRESENTATION (The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles)

Equitable Climate Action Leadership

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Chair has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Climate Change Action Resolution

- Recommended that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 21-628-1 on Climate Change Action.
- At the October 1, 2020 meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), the Chair and members of the Committee requested that SCAG staff prepare a resolution affirming a climate change crisis in Southern California. A draft version was prepared and presented to the EEC on November 5, 2020, at which time Committee members provided guidance and suggestions emphasizing SCAG's unique role in the region.
- Members of the EEC provided feedback that additional emphasis be placed on the economic and workforce benefits of climate adaptation and mitigation strategies within the Resolution, that further information on climate hazards be included (e.g. extreme heat impacts, drought, sea level rise, etc.), that planning for zero-emission vehicles be integrated, and that resources for climate mitigation and adaptation include multiple sectors (e.g. energy and land use).
- Overall, Members of the EEC asked that SCAG consider calling on local and regional partners to join to further reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve regional resilience, and reduce hazards from a changing climate. Accordingly, staff has prepared a revised Resolution for consideration and action as appropriate by the EEC and Regional Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Some potential items that may be pulled)

APPROVAL ITEMS**ITEM 2**

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting.**
- During its November 5 meeting, the Regional Council received a presentation from Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources; received a presentation from staff regarding the SoCal Climate Adaptation Planning Guide; approved the Sustainable Communities Program Housing and Sustainable Development guidelines and released the Call for Applications; and approved a number of consent items.

ITEM 3

- **Recommended that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 21-628-2 approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP).**
- This proposed amendment increases the budget from \$89.5 million to \$93.2 million. Amendment 3 is a formal amendment that includes: programming unexpended Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for ongoing regional transportation projects; adjusting balances for SB 1 Sustainable Communities Formula and Competitive Grants; adjusting balances for various federal and state grants; adjusting staff time allocations in various OWP projects; and adding \$0.2 million for the TDA Capital budget.

ITEM 4

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve a contract amendment increasing the contract value over \$200,000: Contract No. 20-027-C01, Southern California Regional Housing Study, Amendment No. 2.**
- On March 2, 2020, SCAG awarded Contract No. 20-027-C01 to Estolano Advisors to identify potential strategies and tools to expedite the production of housing by investigating opportunities and barriers to producing units of all types for households of all ages, sizes and income levels. The purpose of this amendment is to provide additional support organizing and facilitating 20-30 focus groups convening on housing/jobs balance related to the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

ITEM 5

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 20-030-C01, Cloud Infrastructure.**
- The continuing efforts of the SCAG Information Technology team to support the development of Planning Division initiatives have resulted in expanded use and support of cloud-based computing and storage infrastructure. This cloud-based approach allows SCAG's modeling team and big data initiatives an agile and scalable environment to run

large data models efficiently and accurately. Accordingly, the consultant shall provide cloud-based infrastructure to assist staff with these efforts.

ITEM 6

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 20-030-C01, Infrastructure Upgrade – Hardware and Software.
- The Information Technology (IT) infrastructure that supports SCAG business applications, which are core to the agency business operations, requires hardware upgrades and optimization. The industry recommended life cycle for this type of equipment is three-to-five years. SCAG’s server, storage, and network infrastructure has not been significantly updated for some time resulting in most servers, storage, firewall and network devices reaching their end-of-life. Accordingly, the consultant shall provide hardware to support SCAG’s server, storage, and network infrastructure.

ITEM 7

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 21-007-C01, East San Gabriel Valley Mobility Action Plan.
- The Consultant shall examine current conditions in the East San Gabriel Valley planning area, review projects and plans in the area, identify gaps in the transportation network by each mode of travel, and make recommendations for closing the gaps to create a regional network.

ITEM 8

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 21-020-C01, SCAG Analytic Platform Development.
- The consultant will provide cloud-based analytic platform services that uses big data sources including, but not limited to, geographic data from location-based services of mobile devices or smartphones. Staff will use the data to provide insights into historical and current travel behavior of residents. The consultant will provide access to the platform for the contracted period and will be available for online training as well as continued technical support and maintenance.

ITEM 9

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the following Contract \$200,000 or Greater:** Contract No. 21-036-C01, Community Safety Ambassador Program.
- The California Office for Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded a grant to SCAG and California Walks to implement a Community Safety Ambassador Program for SCAG. A Community Safety Ambassador Program convenes regional stakeholders from communities throughout the region and provides them with safety and leadership training. Consistent with the requirements of the OTS grant, the consultant shall convene approximately sixty (60) community champions (regional stakeholders) to provide six (6)

to nine (9) training sessions per county on safety and leadership in three (3) priority counties (Imperial, Ventura, and San Bernardino).

ITEM 10

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the 2021 State & Federal Legislative Platform.**
- Each year, the Regional Council adopts a legislative platform for the state and federal legislative sessions for that year. The state and federal legislative platform for 2021 encompasses broad, policy-oriented objectives of the agency that build upon long-standing, Regional Council-adopted policies. The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) discussed a draft platform at its November 17, 2020 meeting at which it considered new additions to the Affordable Housing/Housing Production, Public Health, and Transportation Safety planks, among others. At its December 15, 2020 meeting, the LCMC recommended that the Regional Council adopt the platform. Upon adoption, staff will immediately work to advance these priorities in the 2021 session.

ITEM 11

- **Recommended that the Regional Council approve the included Memberships and Sponsorships.**
- During its meeting on December 15, 2020, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommended approval of up to \$79,350 for 1) annual membership dues for California Association of Councils of Governments (\$41,850); 2) sponsorship of the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy – Executive Education Forum for Policy (\$12,500); and 3) membership dues for Mobility 21 (\$25,000).

RECEIVE AND FILE**ITEM 12**

- **Recommended to receive and file the January 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update.**
- The full update is included in the agenda packet.

ITEM 13

- **Recommended to receive and file the report of Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999.**

ITEM 14

- **Recommended to receive and file the CFO Monthly Report.**
- SCAG 457 Plan
 - Working with Empower, our new plan administrator, staff continues to make good progress with our transition from ICMA to Empower. Along with the change of administrators, staff is also implementing improved oversight through the establishment of a Retirement Plans Committee for quarterly reviews of plan performance.
 - All employee 457 assets have been transferred to Empower. Empower lifted the employee access blackout on or before December 21, 2020.
- AUDITS
 - External Financial Audit: Eide Bailly LLP, SCAG's outside independent auditor, has produced a draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the audited CAFR was released in December.
- MEMBERSHIP DUES: As of December 7, 2020, 149 cities and 4 counties had paid their FY21 dues. This represents 72.97% of the dues assessment. This leaves 39 cities and 2 counties yet to renew. Three cities are being recruited for membership.
- BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):
 - Staff completed the simplified risk assessments for 16 subrecipients for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Subregional Partnerships Program and results were reviewed by the Subrecipient Monitoring Committee (SMC) on December 10, 2020. Also, the SMC approved an MOU template for the REAP Subregional Partnerships Program and development of MOU agreements is anticipated to begin shortly.
 - Staff has prepared Amendment 3 to the FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) in the amount of \$3.6 million. This amendment includes the programming of unexpended Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for ongoing regional transportation projects, adjusting balances for various federal and state grants; and adjusting staff time allocations for various OWP projects. Amendment 3 will be presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) on January 6 and the Regional Council (RC) on January 7, 2020.
 - Staff began preparation for the FY 2020-21 2nd Quarter OWP Progress Report. This mid-year progress report for OWP projects is due to Caltrans on January 30, 2020.
 - Staff began development for the FY 2021-22 Comprehensive Budget and OWP. A draft budget will be presented to the EAC and RC in March 2021.
- CONTRACTS: In November 2020, the Contracts Department issued five (5) Request for Proposal; awarded four (4) contracts; issued 15 contract amendments; and processed

19 Purchase Orders to support ongoing business and enterprise operations. Staff also administered 152 consultant contracts. Contracts staff continued to negotiate better pricing as well as reduced costs for services. This month the department negotiated \$55,305 in additional budget savings, bringing the Fiscal Year total to \$742,602.

INFORMATION ITEM

15. California Air Resources Board (CARB) Acceptance of Connect SoCal and Recommendations (Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning and Programs)

- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) released Executive Order G-20-239 which accepts SCAG's determination that the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS, Connect SoCal) meets the applicable 2035 greenhouse gas emission reduction target. The acceptance was issued on October 30, 2020, enabling projects from the SCAG region to be eligible for the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) grants approved at the California Transportation Commission meeting in December.
- The CARB determination included several recommendations which staff will work to address in the coming months through collaboration with local and state partners.

BUSINESS REPORT (Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

ADJOURNMENT