

From Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Frank Zerunyan:

The upcoming action items for CEHD will relate to:

RTP 2024.

Every four years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) must prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). SCAG's Regional Council adopted the current-2020 RTP/SCS, or Connect SoCal, in two separate actions in April and September of 2020. The next RTP/SCS will be prepared for adoption by the Regional Council by April 2024. My guess is that the plan will incorporate mobility lessons from the pandemic such as work from remote locations, smarter streets and public transportation.

Inclusive Economic Recovery Plan

In efforts to implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity) and former President Rex Richardson's FY20/21 Work Plan, SCAG staff has developed a work plan for development of an Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS). The IERS Work Plan is based on the President's work plan phases of Listen, Convene, Catalyze. Early phases of listening and data collection occurred between July and December 2020 and culminated in the 2020 Economic Summit on December 1, 2020. Next steps will include holding a series of small convenings and drafting the IERS Strategy document.

Housing

This will include the struggle to comply with unreasonable RHNA numbers for our communities. Building affordable units in the SCAG region particularly LA County and the South Bay will remain a substantial challenge. On the positive side SCAG will fund and or lend human capital to projects that advance housing policy including ADU's for example. Changes in state law in recent years have increased the potential for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to support increased housing supply. New laws have addressed barriers to their implementation at scale, for example: setting development criteria for ADUs, streamlined processing, and limiting impact fees. Implementation of state law requires updating local ordinances, estimating ADU capacity when used to address regional housing need allocations (RHNA) in housing element updates, and a housing element program to incentivize and promote ADUs that can be offered at affordable rents. SCAG staff will support ADU development through a variety of the programs, including those funded by the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) grant.