

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM



SCAG™

SCAG authors the roadmap for Southern California's mobility by organizing and prioritizing transportation projects across the region, and spearheading programs to meet environmental, economic and equity goals, and support jurisdictions in addressing their diverse transportation needs.

OVERVIEW

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act created the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to provide federal funding to projects that decrease transportation emissions, defined as the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions that result from on-road, highway sources. The CRP is authorized from federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 through FFY 2026.

In accordance with California's Carbon Reduction Strategy, CRP funds will be spent on projects that support the state's Carbon Reduction Program pillars.

For the FFY 2022 CRP apportionments, SCAG coordinated with the region's county transportation commissions to expedite and select a program of projects approved by the Regional Council on [April 6, 2023](#). SCAG will solicit project nominations for 65 percent of the region's CRP allocation for FFY 2023 through FFY 2026. This solicitation for project nominations will occur in conjunction with the Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program solicitation for project nominations. SCAG will direct remaining funds to SCAG's regional initiatives to identify, evaluate and award funding for regional and/or local pilots and partnership projects that further Connect SoCal strategies toward achieving regional transportation goals.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING

CRP encourages projects that address climate change and sustainability. In particular, SCAG encourages projects that implement the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainability Communities Strategy. Projects that facilitate consistent integration of equity are strongly encouraged, in alignment with SCAG's [Racial Equity Early Action Plan](#).

SOLICITATION FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS

SCAG is responsible for the selection of CRP-funded projects within the region. Projects are selected through a solicitation for project nominations process consistent with the approved [SCAG CRP program guidelines](#). The CRP program guidelines ensure a project selection process in compliance with federal program guidance and regulations.

Eligible applicants for CRP funding include SCAG cities, counties, transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments and county transportation commissions. Each county transportation commission is responsible for the coordination and submission of project nominations to SCAG from eligible entities from their respective counties. Local project sponsors should contact their county transportation commission regarding the project nomination process within their county.

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM PILLARS



Transit and passenger rail



Active transportation and micromobility



Zero emission vehicles and infrastructure, and conversion of existing highway lanes to priced managed lanes

IMPERIAL COUNTY	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	ORANGE COUNTY
Imperial County Transportation Commission	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Orange County Transportation Authority
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	VENTURA COUNTY
Riverside County Transportation Commission	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	Ventura County Transportation Commission

SCAG will review project nominations submitted by the county transportation commissions against program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council. Projects approved by SCAG for CRP funding must complete a [Project Alignment Confirmation form](#) and subsequently be programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

CONTACT

Questions regarding the Carbon Reduction Program should be directed to:

Heidi Busslinger
 Principal Planner, Federal Transportation Improvement Program
 Email: busslinger@scag.ca.gov