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# LEGISLATIVE/ COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

***Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.***

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- 1. Hon. Jose Luis Solache**  
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- 2. Hon. Peggy Huang**  
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## LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

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- 16. Hon. Ali Saleh**  
Bell, RC District 27
  
- 17. Hon. David Shapiro**  
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- 18. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker**  
El Centro, RC District 1
  
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## LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**  
**8:30AM – 10AM**

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(The Honorable José Luis Solache, Chair)*

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### Approval Item

1. Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Meeting
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

##### Receive and File

3. Legislative Tracking Report

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. Federal Legislative Update with Congresswoman Julia Brownley  
*(Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager)*
5. Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update  
*(Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst III)*

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND  
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6. State Budget Update  
*(Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst)*
7. Media/Public Affairs Update  
*(Margaret de Larios, Public Affairs Specialist I@)*

**ACTION ITEM**

8. Legislative Platform Discussion & Update  
*(Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager)*

**Recommended Action:** Support

**POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE**

*(Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs)*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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# AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
July 21, 2020

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee held its June 16, 2020 meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

### **Imperial County**

Cheryl Viegas-Walker *District 1*

### **Los Angeles County**

Sean Ashton *District 25*

Margaret Finlay *District 35*

Mark Henderson *District 28*

Megan Sahli-Wells *District 41*

Ali Saleh *District 27*

Jose Luis Solache (CHAIR) *District 26*

David Shapiro *District 44*

### **Orange County**

Peggy Huang (VICE-CHAIR) *Transportation Corridor Agencies*

Kim B. Nguyen *District 18*

Don Wagner *Orange County*

### **Riverside County**

Jan Harnik *Riverside County Transportation Commission*

Clint Lorimore *District 4*

### **San Bernardino County**

Ray Marquez *District 10*

Frank J. Navarro *District 6*

Deborah Robertson *District 8*

### **Ventura County**

David Pollock *District 46*

Carmen Ramirez *District 45*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Hon. José Luis Solache, at 8:31 a.m. A quorum was confirmed and roll-call was taken.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments submitted via email to [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Meeting
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

**Receive and File**

3. Proposed Calendar of Meetings
4. Legislative Tracking Report
5. Communications Update

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to APPROVE the Consent Calendar.

The MOTION was SECONDED (Marquez) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll-call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Ashton (Items 2-5 Only), Finlay, Harnik, Huang (Items 2-5 Only), Lorimore, Marquez, Navarro, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wagner (14).

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Ashton (Item 1), Huang (Item 1), Henderson, Nguyen, Shapiro (5).

**INFORMATION ITEMS****6. Welcome and Orientation**

Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, began his remarks by congratulating Chair Solache on his appointment to lead the Committee and continued by welcoming all new and returning members. Mr. Gilhooley introduced himself as the Legislation Manager and introduced Estee

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Sepulveda and Melvin Sanchez, both legislative analysts, who together make up SCAG's Legislation team. Mr. Gilhooley continued by specifying the purpose of the LCMC and the primary issue areas for the Committee. Lastly, Mr. Gilhooley concluded with describing the responsibilities of other staff members, including LCMC Clerk Perla Lopez and Director of Policy and Public Affairs Art Yoon.

Chair Solache thanked Mr. Gilhooley for the welcome and orientation, as well as Mr. Yoon for the assistance in his transition as Chair. Chair Solache provided a brief introduction of himself and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Committee.

7. State Legislative Update

Mr. Gilhooley introduced Tim Egan, SCAG's lobbyist and Principal of the Capital Representation Group. Mr. Egan began his update by reporting that the Legislature had passed the State Budget on June 15 but it was being referred to as a placeholder as negotiations continued between the Legislature and Governor Newsom on a budget deal. Mr. Egan highlighted the difficulty of preparing a state budget without knowing state revenues and projections due to the extension of the federal and state income tax deadline to July 15. Mr. Egan mentioned the Governor's May Revision and assumptions it makes on federal aid. According to Mr. Egan, failure of federal aid to materialize meant that the state would need to make immediate cuts in education, health and human services, and other safety net programs under the Governor's May Revision. The Legislature, however, proposed to delay cuts to vital programs until October 1 in the hope that the federal government would pass another funding package. Mr. Egan concluded by stating that negotiations between the Legislature and Governor Newsom were ongoing.

Hon. Viegas-Walker asked Mr. Egan about the Legislature's schedule and the state budget. Mr. Egan responded by stating that the Assembly and Senate were usually in session at the same time but were not as they approached the summer recess. According to Mr. Egan, the Senate would be in session for another two weeks and, when a budget deal was struck, the Speaker of the Assembly would call the Assembly back in session.

Hon. Huang inquired about any proposed tax hikes or new taxes to make up the budget gap, to which Mr. Egan responded that because 2020 is an election year, he didn't anticipate any tax hikes or new taxes.

8. Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Gilhooley introduced Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, SCAG's new lobbyists in Washington, D.C. representing Holland & Knight. Ms. Pollner and Ms. Hettinger provided brief introductions on their background before providing the Committee with an overview of the INVEST in America Act, which reauthorizes surface transportation programs. Ms. Hettinger highlighted a new program that allows metropolitan planning organizations to receive money

from the United States Department of Transportation, an effort that involved SCAG staff to develop this request. Ms. Pollner added that they were able to meet with SCAG delegation members on the House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to present this request. Ms. Pollner noted that they were successful as Congressman Harley Rouda and Congresswoman Julia Brownley introduced amendments that related to SCAG's priorities on better access to funding and programs. Ms. Pollner concluded by noting that the INVEST in America Act would be marked up on June 17 and expected to go to the full House of Representatives floor where it would be combined with other infrastructure proposals.

Hon. Viegas-Walker asked if there were any joint efforts along with the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) lobbyists to work on issues like corridor funding. Ms. Hettinger stated that coordination alongside SANDAG was possible moving forward and helpful in building a coalition in Southern California.

Hon. Huang asked if the bill or any other proposal included remote working as a strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Hettinger responded that this issue had been raised by other metropolitan planning organizations and could be a candidate to develop an innovative project or strategy. Ms. Pollner added that the broader infrastructure package being put forth by Democrats will include funding for broadband access.

Hon. Finlay inquired if whether the upcoming November elections could impact any of SCAG's funding in the future. Ms. Pollner replied that the political situation was uncertain, but if the U.S. Senate flipped, SCAG would likely face an easier time in advancing its transportation and infrastructure priorities.

9. Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst, provided the Committee with an update on three priority provisions within the INVEST in America Act. The first priority discussed by Ms. Sepulveda was Section 1305, which would create a program that provides \$750 million directly to metropolitan planning organizations to advance locally selected projects, consistent with the surface transportation block grant program. According to Ms. Sepulveda, agencies such as SCAG miss out on this funding given that SCAG does not implement projects. Ms. Sepulveda noted that staff worked with Congressmembers Brownley and Rouda on amendment language that would allow SCAG to apply for this funding alongside a county transportation commission. Ms. Sepulveda continued with the second priority, Section 2701 of the INVEST in America Act. The new program set up by Section 2701 would establish an office of transit-supportive communities to make grants available under the transit-oriented development program. Ms. Sepulveda expressed concern that only states and local governments would be eligible for the funding, thus leading to efforts with Congressmembers Brownley and Rouda on an amendment to clarify that metropolitan planning organizations could be eligible for this program. The third

and final priority revolved around Sections 5401 and 5402. The new programs created by these sections focus on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) pilot programs. Ms. Sepulveda concluded her remarks by noting that the INVEST in America Act includes numerous new programs and changes from which the SCAG region can use to implement portions of Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

#### 10. Legislative Priorities Update

Mr. Gilhooley provided the Committee with an overview of SCAG's Legislative Platform. After detailing the process on how the legislative platform is updated, Mr. Gilhooley noted that two issue areas were identified that could strengthen the legislative platform. These issues included the expansion of broadband service and increase of educational opportunities in the SCAG region. Mr. Gilhooley concluded by welcoming feedback from Committee members on whether a mid-year update to the legislative platform was appropriate.

After a robust conversation among Committee members, items of interest included broadband capabilities, racial equity, racial justice, expanding educational opportunities, utilization of public-private partnerships, and any opportunities that can advance the Southern California region on the economic front.

#### **POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE**

Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, began his remarks by congratulating Chair Solache on his appointment as Chair to the Committee and welcomed all new and returning members. Mr. Yoon informed the Committee that his division's main committee tasks include the LCMC, SCAG Scholarship Committee, and the General Assembly Host Committee. Mr. Yoon also detailed events currently being planned, including the Annual Demographic Workshop and outreach for the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Mr. Yoon concluded by encouraging members to participate in virtual meetings with state and federal elected officials.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items presented.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Solache adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.



# AGENDA ITEM 2 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
July 21, 2020

**To:** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)  
**From:** Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst, Legislation, (213) 236-1850, sanchez@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) is asked to approve up to \$37,500 in memberships for the 1) Eno Center for Transportation (\$10,000); and 2) National Association of Regional Councils (\$27,500).*

**BACKGROUND:**

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**Item 1:** Eno Center for Transportation  
**Type:** Membership      **Amount:** \$10,000

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The Eno Center for Transportation’s mission is to seek continuous improvement in transportation and its public and public private leadership in order to increase the system’s mobility, safety, and sustainability. Eno works across all modes of transportation, with the mission of cultivating creative and visionary leadership for the sector. They pursue this mission by supporting activities in their Center for Transportation Policy (CTP) and their Center for Transportation Leadership (CTL).

Eno Transportation Weekly (ETW), a weekly roundup of transportation and infrastructure related news and analyses, provides valuable information to SCAG staff on policy and legislation making its way through Washington D.C. ETW’s thorough and high-quality analyses cover different topics, including transportation reauthorization bills, competitive grant programs, proposed budgets for federal departments, and discussion of new and emerging technologies in the transportation sector. Eno has also provided extensive information on relief efforts by Congress caused by the

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COVID-19 pandemic.

SCAG staff recommends that the agency maintain membership at the “Gold Connector” level. Although this level of membership typically costs organizations \$15,000, SCAG receives a discount as a government agency, thus reducing the amount to \$10,000. This membership provides the agency with the following benefits:

- 15 subscriptions to ETW;
- Opportunity to participate in an Eno research initiative, such as working groups, that supports research on current issues in transportation policy; and
- Choice of any one optional sponsorship opportunity.

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**Item 2:** National Association of Regional Councils  
**Type:** Membership      **Amount:** \$27,500

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The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is the leading advocate for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) based out of Washington, DC. NARC serves as the national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. NARC’s member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities – large and small, urban and rural. They regularly provide solutions that positively impact American communities through effective inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

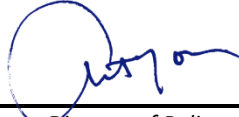
The annual dues are \$27,500. SCAG has been an active member of NARC throughout the years and recommends continuing to do so as this organization is consistent with SCAG’s core responsibilities and Mission. As a national public interest organization, NARC works with and through its members to:

- Shape federal policy that recognizes the increased value of local intergovernmental cooperation;
- Advocate effectively for the role of regional councils in the coordination, planning, and delivery of current and future federal programs;
- Provide research and analysis of key national issues and developments that impact members; and
- Offer high quality learning and networking opportunities for regional organization through events, training, and technical assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$27,500 for SCAG's membership in NARC is included in the approved FY 20-21 General Fund budget and \$10,000 for SCAG's membership with ENO Transportation Foundation is included in the approved FY 20-21 Indirect Cost budget.

**REVIEWED BY:**

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*Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Basil Panas", written over a horizontal line.

*Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer*



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
**July 21, 2020**

**To:** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)  
**From:** Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst, Legislation, (213) 236-1850, sanchez@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Legislative Tracking Report

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The Legislative Tracking Report is provided to keep the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) apprised of any developments related to bills in Sacramento that have a nexus to the Regional Council’s positions on policies and legislative initiatives related to SCAG’s core planning and policy areas. Staff will update the report constantly with emerging legislation and welcomes the Committee’s input on bills it would like to follow.*

**BACKGROUND:**

SCAG’s Legislative Tracking Report serves as a resource for the Committee to remain up-to-date on bills moving through the legislative process in Sacramento. Bills included in the tracking report have a nexus to the Regional Council’s positions on policies and legislative initiatives related to SCAG’s core planning and policy areas. Staff welcomes the Committee’s input on bills it would like to follow throughout the legislative session.

The Legislative Tracking Report has been modified to reflect the realities of policymaking in the State Legislature. Given that substantially fewer bills will be progressing because of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff has removed bills that will not be considered this session.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the Legislative Tracking staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. SCAG Legislative Tracking Report



## SCAG Legislative Tracking Report Wednesday, July 15, 2020

**AB 235 (Mayes I) Endangered species: candidate species: petitions: takings.**

**Introduced:** 1/18/2019

**Last Amended:** 6/29/2020

**Status:** 7/2/2020-Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 7/2/2020-S. N.R. & W.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species and to add a species to, or remove a species from, either list if it finds, upon the receipt of sufficient scientific information, and based solely upon the best available scientific information, that the action is warranted. The act requires a petition for the listing or delisting of a species to include, at a minimum, sufficient scientific information that the petitioned action may be warranted, including information regarding the population trend, range, distribution, abundance, and life history of the species, the factors affecting the ability of the population to survive and reproduce, and the degree and immediacy of the threat. This bill would require the commission to accept a petition for consideration concurrent with a taking if the commission finds that the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, but the geographic proliferation of the species may lead to significant economic hardship or an impact on critical infrastructure during the above-described review of an accepted petition, and if a preponderance of the evidence presented in the petition shows there is no direct threat to the species that would lead to its decline during that period.

**History:**

**2019**

Jan. 18 Read first time. To print.

Jan. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee February 21.

Feb. 7 Referred to Com. on U. & E.

Apr. 29 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (April 24).

Apr. 30 Read second time and amended.

May. 1 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May. 8 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

May. 16 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 16).

May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

May. 22 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 59. Noes 2. Page 1790.)

May. 23 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

May. 29 Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.

Jun. 27 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Sep. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.

**2020**

Jun. 29 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.

Jun. 30 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Jul. 2 Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 725 (Wicks D) General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2019

**Last Amended:** 1/16/2020

**Status:** 6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. HOUSING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the housing element include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable for residential development, to be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's

Attachment: SCAG Legislative Tracking Report (Legislative Tracking Report)

share of the regional housing need determined pursuant to specified law. This bill would require that at least 25% of a metropolitan jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for moderate-income housing be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least 2 units of housing, but no more than 35 units per acre of housing. The bill would require that at least 25% of a metropolitan jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for above moderate-income housing be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least 2 units of housing, but no more than 35 units per acre of housing.

**History:**

**2019**

Feb. 19 Read first time. To print.  
 Feb. 20 From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.  
 Feb. 28 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.  
 Mar. 26 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.  
 Apr. 2 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.  
 Apr. 3 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
 Apr. 10 In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**2020**

Jan. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.  
 Jan. 7 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
 Jan. 9 Assembly Rule 56 suspended. (Page 3769.) (pending re-refer to Com. on L. GOV.)  
 Jan. 15 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (January 15). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV. From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 3.) (January 15).  
 Jan. 16 Read second time and amended.  
 Jan. 17 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jan. 23 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 11. Noes 6.) (January 23). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jan. 30 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 48. Noes 22. Page 3936.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
 Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 828 (Ting D) Temporary moratorium on foreclosures and unlawful detainer actions: coronavirus (COVID-19).**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019

**Last Amended:** 5/18/2020

**Status:** 7/1/2020-Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. JUD.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapted
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would prohibit a person from taking any action to foreclose on a residential real property while a state or locally declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus is in effect and until 15 days after the state of emergency has ended, including, but not limited to, causing or conducting the sale of the real property or causing recordation of a notice of default.

**History:**

**2019**

Feb. 20 Read first time. To print.  
 Feb. 21 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.  
 Mar. 4 Referred to Com. on JUD.  
 Mar. 26 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (March 26).  
 Mar. 27 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.  
 Mar. 28 Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.  
 Apr. 4 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0. Page 1040.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
 Apr. 24 Referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and JUD.  
 May. 22 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**2020**

Apr. 8 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.  
 May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

May. 18 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
 Jul. 1 Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Organization:** SCAG

**AB 1279 (Bloom D) Planning and zoning: housing development: high-opportunity areas.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Last Amended:** 4/24/2020

**Status:** 4/24/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Location:** 4/24/2020-S. HOUSING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law allows a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a specified streamlined, ministerial approval process not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards, including that the development is (1) located in a locality determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development to have not met its share of the regional housing needs for the reporting period, and (2) subject to a requirement mandating a minimum percentage of below-market rate housing, as provided. This bill would require the department to designate areas in this state as high-opportunity areas, as provided, by January 1, 2022, in accordance with specified requirements and to update those designations within 6 months of the adoption of new Opportunity Maps by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.

**History:**

**2019**

Feb. 21 Read first time. To print.  
 Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.  
 Mar. 11 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and NAT. RES.  
 Mar. 21 Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96(a).  
 Mar. 25 From committee: Be re-referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (March 25). Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
 Apr. 10 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (April 10). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
 Apr. 25 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 May. 8 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
 May. 16 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 6.) (May 16).  
 May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 May. 29 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 46. Noes 20. Page 2123.)  
 May. 30 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
 Jun. 12 Referred to Coms. on HOUSING, EQ. and GOV. & F.

**2020**

Apr. 24 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 1567 (Aguiar-Curry D) Organic waste: scoping plan.**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019

**Last Amended:** 1/15/2020

**Status:** 6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. N.R. & W.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would, on or before December 31, 2021, require the Strategic Growth Council, in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that provides a scoping plan for the state to meet its organic waste, climate change, and air quality mandates, goals, and targets and would require the scoping plan to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for the beneficial reuse of organic waste.

**History:**

Attachment: SCAG Legislative Tracking Report (Legislative Tracking Report)

**2019**

Feb. 22 Introduced. To print.  
Feb. 23 From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.  
Feb. 25 Read first time.

**2020**

Jan. 6 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.  
Jan. 7 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
Jan. 14 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (January 13).  
Jan. 15 Read second time and amended.  
Jan. 16 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Jan. 23 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 18. Noes 0.) (January 23). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
Jan. 27 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 78. Noes 0. Page 3899.)  
Jan. 28 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**AB 1845 (Rivas, Luz D) Homelessness: Office to End Homelessness.**

**Introduced:** 1/6/2020  
**Last Amended:** 6/4/2020  
**Status:** 7/1/2020-Referred to Com. on HUMAN S.  
**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. HUM. S.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would create, within the Governor’s office, the Office to End Homelessness, which would be administered by the Secretary on Housing Insecurity and Homelessness appointed by the Governor. The bill would require that the office serve the Governor as the lead entity for ending homelessness in California and would task the office with coordinating homeless programs, services, data, and policies between federal, state, and local agencies, among other responsibilities. The bill would require the office to exercise various powers and duties, including, among others, making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding new state policies, programs, and actions on homelessness.

**History:**

**2020**

Jan. 6 Read first time. To print.  
Jan. 7 From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.  
Jan. 17 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
Mar. 11 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (March 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 15. Noes 3.) (June 3).  
Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.  
Jun. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
Jun. 10 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 69. Noes 0.)  
Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HUMAN S.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**AB 1851 (Wicks D) Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements.**

**Introduced:** 1/6/2020  
**Last Amended:** 5/5/2020  
**Status:** 7/1/2020-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. GOV. & F.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would prohibit a local agency from requiring the replacement of religious-use parking spaces that a developer of a religious institution affiliated housing development project proposes to eliminate as part

of that housing development project. The bill would prohibit the number of religious-use parking spaces requested to be eliminated from exceeding 50% of the number that are available at the time the request is made. The bill would prohibit a local agency from requiring the curing of any preexisting deficit of the number of religious-use parking spaces as a condition of approval of a religious institution affiliated housing development project.

**History:**

**2020**

- Jan. 6 Read first time. To print.
- Jan. 7 From printer. May be heard in committee February 6.
- Jan. 30 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.
- May. 5 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.
- May. 6 Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
- May. 12 Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (May 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 2 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 15. Noes 1.) (June 2).
- Jun. 3 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
- Jun. 10 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 70. Noes 4.)
- Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
- Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3107 (Bloom D) Planning and zoning: general plan: housing development.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 5/11/2020

**Status:** 7/1/2020-Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. HOUSING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the housing element include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development, as provided. If that inventory does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income levels, as specified, existing law requires the city or county to rezone those sites within specified periods. This bill, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city's or county's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any element of the general plan for commercial if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.

**History:**

**2020**

- Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
- Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
- Feb. 24 Read first time.
- Mar. 9 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.
- Mar. 16 In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
- May. 11 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.
- May. 12 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
- May. 21 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
- Jun. 3 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (June 3).
- Jun. 4 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
- Jun. 10 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 52. Noes 14.)
- Jun. 11 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
- Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3153 (Rivas, Robert D) Parking and zoning: bicycle and car-share parking credits.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 5/14/2020

**Status:** 6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. GOV. & F.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would require a local agency, as defined, to allow an applicant for a housing development project to reduce the number of motor vehicle parking spaces that they would otherwise be required to provide based on the number of long-term bicycle parking spaces and car-sharing spaces provided subject to certain limitations, as specified. The bill would provide that a parking reduction allowed pursuant to these provisions does not reduce or increase the number of incentives or concessions to which the applicant is otherwise entitled under a specified provision of the Density Bonus Law.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.

Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Feb. 24 Read first time.

Mar. 9 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

May. 13 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (May 12).

May. 14 Read second time and amended.

May. 18 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 2 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 13. Noes 4.) (June 2).

Jun. 3 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Jun. 8 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 57. Noes 13.)

Jun. 9 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3256 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 6/4/2020

**Status:** 6/8/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 6/3/2020-A. RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.

Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Feb. 24 Read first time.

Apr. 24 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

May. 4 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.

May. 5 Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

May. 7 Measure version as amended on May 4 corrected.

May. 14 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (May 13).

May. 18 Read second time and amended.

May. 19 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on RLS. (Ayes 13. Noes 4.) (June 3).



Jun. 4 Read second time and amended.  
 Jun. 8 Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3279 (Friedman D) California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 7/1/2020

**Status:** 7/1/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Location:** 6/23/2020-S. E.Q.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. Among other changes, this bill would repeal certain obsolete and duplicative provisions from CEQA and make nonsubstantive changes to certain other provisions.

**History:**

**2020**

- Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
- Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
- Feb. 24 Read first time.
- Apr. 24 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
- May. 14 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 2.) (May 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
- Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 15. Noes 1.) (June 3).
- Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
- Jun. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading. Assembly Rule 63 suspended. (Ayes 59. Noes 17.) Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 64. Noes 2.)
- Jun. 9 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
- Jun. 23 Referred to Com. on EQ.
- Jul. 1 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**AB 3300 (Santiago D) Homelessness: California Access to Housing and Services Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 6/4/2020

**Status:** 7/1/2020-Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Location:** 7/1/2020-S. HOUSING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

By executive order, the Governor required the Department of Finance to establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund, administered by the State Department of Social Services, to provide funding for additional affordable housing units, providing rental and operating subsidies, and stabilizing board and care homes. This bill, the California Access to Housing and Services Act, would establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund in the State Treasury and continuously appropriate moneys in the fund solely for the purpose of implementing and administering the bill's provisions.

**History:**

**2020**

- Feb. 21 Introduced. To print.
- Feb. 22 From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
- Feb. 24 Read first time.

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Mar. 9 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
 May. 4 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.  
 May. 5 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
 May. 21 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 2 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 3 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (June 3).  
 Jun. 4 Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.  
 Jun. 8 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 15 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 62. Noes 2.)  
 Jun. 16 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.  
 Jul. 1 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry D) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018  
**Last Amended:** 3/18/2019  
**Status:** 8/19/2019-Read third time. Refused adoption. Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.  
**Location:** 5/20/2019-A. RECONSIDERATION

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.

**History:**

**2018**

Dec. 3 Read first time. To print.  
 Dec. 4 From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.

**2019**

Mar. 18 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and APPR. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.  
 Mar. 19 Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
 Mar. 28 Coauthors revised. From committee: Be adopted, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (March 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Apr. 24 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.  
 May. 16 Coauthors revised. From committee: Be adopted. (Ayes 11. Noes 7.) (May 16).  
 May. 20 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Aug. 19 Read third time. Refused adoption. (Ayes 44. Noes 20. Page 2758.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Watch

**ACA 13 (Oberholte R) Local sales taxes: online sales.**

**Introduced:** 3/26/2019  
**Status:** 3/28/2019-Introduced measure version corrected.  
**Location:** 3/26/2019-A. PRINT

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would provide that, on and after January 1, 2021, for the purpose of distributing the revenues derived under a sales tax imposed pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the retail sale of tangible personal property by a qualified retailer, as defined, that is transacted online is



instead consummated at the point of the delivery of that tangible personal property to the purchaser's address or to any other delivery address designated by the purchaser.

**History:**

**2019**

Mar. 26 Read first time. To print.  
Mar. 27 From printer. May be heard in committee April 26.  
Mar. 28 Introduced measure version corrected.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**HR 97 (Frazier D) Relative to high-speed rail.**

**Introduced:** 6/3/2020

**Status:** 6/11/2020-Assembly Rule 63 suspended. Coauthors revised. Read. Adopted.

**Location:** 6/11/2020-A. ADOPTED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

**History:**

**2020**

Jun. 3 Introduced.  
Jun. 11 Assembly Rule 63 suspended. Coauthors revised. Read. Adopted.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Watch

**SB 45 (Allen D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Last Amended:** 1/23/2020

**Status:** 1/30/2020-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 1/29/2020-A. DESK

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**History:**

**2018**

Dec. 3 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
Dec. 4 From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 3.

**2019**

Jan. 16 Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W., EQ., and GOV. & F.  
Feb. 20 Set for hearing March 12.  
Mar. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W. March 12 hearing postponed by committee.  
Mar. 13 Set for hearing March 26.  
Mar. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on EQ. (Ayes 7. Noes 1. Page 439.) (March 26). Re-referred to Com. on EQ.  
Mar. 28 Set for hearing April 3.  
Apr. 3 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on GOV. & F. (Ayes 5. Noes 1. Page 549.) (April 3).  
Apr. 4 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
Apr. 12 Set for hearing April 24.  
Apr. 25 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2. Page 845.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Apr. 30 Set for hearing May 6.  
May. 1 May 6 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.  
Aug. 30 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Sep. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Sep. 10 Senate Rule 29.3(b) suspended. (Ayes 29. Noes 8. Page 2746.) From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**2020**

Jan. 14 Set for hearing January 21.

Jan. 21 January 21 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file. Set for hearing January 23.

Jan. 23 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 1. Page 3141.) (January 23). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Jan. 27 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Jan. 29 Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 29. Noes 6. Page 3167.) Ordered to the Assembly.

Jan. 30 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Watch

**SB 278 (Beall D) Metropolitan Transportation Commission.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2019

**Last Amended:** 3/28/2019

**Status:** 6/18/2020-Referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Location:** 6/18/2020-A. TRANS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission Act creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a local area planning agency to provide comprehensive regional transportation planning for the region comprised of the 9 San Francisco Bay area counties. The act requires the commission to continue to actively, on behalf of the entire region, seek to assist in the development of adequate funding sources to develop, construct, and support transportation projects that it determines are essential. This bill would also require the commission to determine that those transportation projects are a priority for the region.

**History:**

**2019**

Feb. 13 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 14 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 16.

Feb. 21 Referred to Com. on RLS.

Mar. 28 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Apr. 10 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

**2020**

Jan. 8 Set for hearing January 14.

Jan. 14 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0. Page 3087.) (January 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jan. 15 Set for hearing January 21.

Jan. 21 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to consent calendar.

Jan. 22 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Jan. 27 Ordered to special consent calendar. Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0. Page 3154.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Jun. 18 Referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Organization:** SCAG

**SB 795 (Beall D) Economic development: housing: workforce development: climate change infrastructure.**

**Introduced:** 1/6/2020

**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020

**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law requires that the California Workforce Development Board and each local workforce development board ensure that programs and services funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and directed to apprenticeable occupations are conducted in coordination with apprenticeship programs approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, as specified.

Current law establishes the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as “GO-Biz,” within the Governor’s office to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would make up to \$2,000,000,000 available in each fiscal year for the purpose of providing emergency economic recovery and development, climate change, and disaster response.

**History:**

**2020**

Jan. 6 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
 Jan. 7 From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 6.  
 Jan. 15 Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F., HOUSING, and ED.  
 Apr. 2 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
 May. 6 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
 May. 11 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.  
 May. 12 Referral to Coms. on HOUSING and ED. rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.  
 May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.  
 May. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 2. Page 3595.) (May 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 25 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 29. Noes 10.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Attachments:**

[Support Letter](#)

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Support

**SB 899 (Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.**

**Introduced:** 1/30/2020

**Last Amended:** 7/27/2020

**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D. (Amended 7/27/2020)

**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptured
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. That law allows a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a specified streamlined, ministerial approval process not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards. This bill would require that a housing development project be a use by right upon the request of an independent institution of higher education or religious institution that partners with a qualified developer on any land owned in fee simple by the applicant on or before January 1, 2020, if the development satisfies specified criteria.

**History:**

**2020**

Jan. 30 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
 Jan. 31 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 1.  
 Feb. 12 Referred to Com. on RLS.  
 Mar. 5 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
 Mar. 16 Re-referred to Coms. on HOUSING, EQ., and GOV. & F.  
 May. 12 Referral to Coms. on EQ., and GOV. & F. rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.  
 May. 18 Set for hearing May 26.

May. 26 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26).  
 May. 27 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 25 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 902 (Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.**

**Introduced:** 1/30/2020  
**Last Amended:** 5/21/2020  
**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years, commencing January 1, 2022, based on specified criteria.

**History:**

**2020**

Jan. 30 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
 Jan. 31 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 1.  
 Feb. 12 Referred to Com. on HOUSING.  
 Mar. 9 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.  
 Mar. 12 Set for hearing March 31.  
 Mar. 18 March 31 hearing postponed by committee.  
 May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.  
 May. 21 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.  
 May. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (June 18). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 33. Noes 3.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 995 (Atkins D) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2020  
**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020  
**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. NAT. RES.

Attachment: SCAG Legislative Tracking Report (Legislative Tracking Report)

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

CEQA requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA authorizes the preparation of a master EIR and authorizes the use of the master EIR to limit the environmental review of subsequent projects that are described in the master EIR, as specified. This bill would require a lead agency to prepare a master EIR for a general plan, plan amendment, plan element, or specified plan for housing projects where the state has provided funding for the preparation of the master EIR.

**History:**

**2020**

- Feb. 12 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
- Feb. 13 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.
- Feb. 20 Referred to Com. on EQ.
- Mar. 13 Set for hearing April 1.
- Mar. 18 April 1 hearing postponed by committee.
- May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.
- May. 19 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on EQ.
- May. 29 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0. Page 3621.) (May 29).
- Jun. 2 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
- Jun. 4 Set for hearing June 9.
- Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
- Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.
- Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 18). June 18 hearing: Reconsideration granted. From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
- Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
- Jun. 25 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 32. Noes 3.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
- Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

**SB 1085 (Skinner D) Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2020

**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020

**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law requires the amount of a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions a qualifying developer receives to be pursuant to a certain formula based on the total number of units in the housing development, excluding the units added by a density bonus awarded pursuant to the Density Bonus Law or any local law granting a greater density bonus. This bill would require a unit designated to satisfy the inclusionary zoning requirements of a city or county to be included in the total number of units on which a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions are based.

**History:**

**2020**

- Feb. 19 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
- Feb. 20 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 21.
- Feb. 27 Referred to Coms. on HOUSING and GOV. & F.
- Mar. 12 Set for hearing March 31.
- Mar. 18 March 31 hearing postponed by committee.
- Mar. 24 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
- May. 12 Referral to Com. on GOV. & F. rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.
- May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.
- May. 18 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to

Com. on HOUSING.  
 May. 26 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26).  
 May. 27 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 26 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 31. Noes 1.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 1120 (Atkins D) Subdivisions: tentative maps.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2020  
**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020  
**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would, among other things, require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, in zones where allowable uses are limited to single-family residential development if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration requiring evacuation or eviction of an existing housing unit that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 19 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
 Feb. 20 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 21.  
 Feb. 27 Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
 May. 20 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
 May. 21 Set for hearing May 28.  
 May. 28 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 3613.) (May 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 23 Ordered to special consent calendar.  
 Jun. 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 1291 (Committee on Transportation) Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: submissions**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020  
**Last Amended:** 4/3/2020  
**Status:** 6/18/2020-Referred to Com. on TRANS.  
**Location:** 6/18/2020-A. TRANS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							



**Summary:**

Current law requires each metropolitan planning organization and transportation planning agency, not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, to submit its Federal Transportation Improvement Program to the Department of Transportation for incorporation into the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which current law requires the department to submit to the United States Secretary of Transportation by not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. This bill would provide that a metropolitan planning organization or transportation planning agency is not required to submit a Federal Transportation Improvement Program to the department, and the department is not required to submit the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to the secretary, for 2020.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.  
Mar. 5 Referred to Com. on RLS.  
Mar. 26 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
Apr. 3 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.  
May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.  
May. 29 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0. Page 3622.) (May 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
Jun. 8 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and ordered to consent calendar.  
Jun. 9 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.  
Jun. 11 Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
Jun. 18 Referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Attachments:**

[Support Letter](#)

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Support

**SB 1299 (Portantino D) Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020

**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020

**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. H. & C.D.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law establishes, among other housing programs, the Workforce Housing Reward Program, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to make local assistance grants to cities, counties, and cities and counties that provide land use approval to housing developments that are affordable to very low and low-income households. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the department to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants allocated as provided to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of workforce housing. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. In order to be eligible for a grant, the bill would require a local government, among other things, to apply to the department for an allocation of grant funds and provide documentation that it has met specified requirements.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.  
Mar. 5 Referred to Com. on RLS.  
Apr. 1 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.  
May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.  
May. 14 Set for hearing May 26.  
May. 26 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3595.) (May 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 9 June 9 hearing; Placed on APPR. suspense file.  
 Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.  
 Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.  
 Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 23 Ordered to special consent calendar.  
 Jun. 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 1373 (Bates R) State highways: State Route 241: reduction.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020  
**Last Amended:** 7/27/2020  
**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on TRANS. (Amended 7/13/2020)  
**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. TRANS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law establishes the state highway system throughout the state and designates State Route 241 from State Route 5 south of the City of San Clemente to State Route 91 in the City of Anaheim. This bill would delete from the state highway system the portion of State Route 241 from State Route 5 south of the City of San Clemente to Oso Parkway east of the City of Mission Viejo.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.  
 Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.  
 Mar. 12 Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and TRANS.  
 Apr. 17 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
 May. 11 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.  
 May. 13 Set for hearing May 29.  
 May. 19 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.  
 May. 29 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0. Page 3623.) (May 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
 Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.  
 Jun. 8 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.  
 Jun. 9 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
 Jun. 26 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 24. Noes 6.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.  
 Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Organization:** SCAG  
**Position:** Tracking

**SB 1385 (Caballero D) Local planning: housing: commercial zones.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020  
**Last Amended:** 6/18/2020  
**Status:** 6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
**Location:** 6/29/2020-A. L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot that is zoned for office or retail commercial use under a local agency's zoning code or general plan. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the



type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.

**History:**

**2020**

Feb. 21 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 24 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 25. Read first time.

Mar. 12 Referred to Com. on RLS.

May. 6 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

May. 11 Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

May. 20 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

May. 21 Set for hearing May 28.

May. 28 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0. Page 3613.) (May 28). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Jun. 3 Set for hearing June 9.

Jun. 9 June 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Jun. 11 Set for hearing June 18.

Jun. 18 From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Jun. 22 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Jun. 23 Ordered to special consent calendar.

Jun. 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Jun. 29 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Organization:** SCAG

**Position:** Tracking

Total Measures: 27

Total Tracking Forms: 27



# AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
July 21, 2020

**To:** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)  
**From:** Estee Sepulveda, Legislative Analyst III, Legislation, (213) 236-1864  
**Subject:** Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funds federal highway and public transportation programs through September 30, 2020. Democratic leadership of the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee released their version of the transportation reauthorization bill, the “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act.” It was approved by the committee and rolled into H.R. 2, the “Moving Forward Act,” a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package. On July 1, 2020, the House passed H.R. 2, mostly along party lines. The Senate is not expected to take up H.R. 2, and President Trump issued a veto threat. A one-year extension of the FAST Act is more likely, and Congress will leave action on a long-term reauthorization bill until after the November elections. This report provides a detailed update on the transportation reauthorization process.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Congress periodically authorizes spending on federal highway, mass transit, surface transportation safety and research, and some rail programs through surface transportation acts. The most recent is the FAST Act that funds transportation programs through September 30, 2020. It reflects the ongoing federal commitment and investment in the nation’s surface transportation system.

On June 3, 2020, Democratic leadership of the House T&I Committee released their version of the transportation reauthorization bill, the “INVEST in America Act.” This legislation would provide a total of \$494 billion over five years for investments in capital infrastructure improvements and focuses on infrastructure resiliency, emissions reduction, and other climate provisions. Because of

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the COVID-19 pandemic, the first year of the bill is an extension of FAST Act policy and provides \$83.1 billion in additional relief in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 to ensure states, cities, tribes, territories, and transit agencies can administer programs and advance projects. Highway, transit, and safety funds are made available at 100 percent Federal share. Of this amount, \$22 billion is available for operating expenses. The proposed policy provisions in the bill would not be implemented until after FY 2022.

Over a two-day session, the House T&I Committee considered 177 amendments to the INVEST in America Act. On June 18, 2020, the bill was approved on a party-line vote of 35-25. SCAG staff met virtually with staff from the offices of Southern California Members of Congress who sit on the House T&I Committee to provide feedback on the INVEST in America Act. Congressman Harley Rouda (D-Laguna Beach) offered two amendments on behalf of SCAG that were ultimately rolled into the bill. The first amendment, Rouda 107, would make metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) like SCAG eligible for a new Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant program. The second amendment, Rouda 108, would help to ensure that SCAG can participate in the new Metro Performance Program, which provides \$750 million directly to MPOs to advance locally-selected projects consistent with the Surface Transportation Block Grant program. Also of significance was the inclusion of an amendment, Carbajal 073, authored by Congressman Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara) to increase the amount of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to local implementing agencies from 55 percent in FY 2020 to 60 percent by FY 2025.

Shortly after, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) announced that the INVEST in America Act would be merged into the "Moving Forward Act" (H.R. 2), a \$1.5 trillion broad infrastructure package that would make investments in transportation, ports, schools, housing, broadband, health, drinking and waste water systems, and clean energy. Other infrastructure-related provisions of the Moving Forward Act include:

- \$10 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers to partially address the backlog of authorized port, waterway, and marine transportation projects;
- \$65 billion in project financing for clean water and drinking water infrastructure;
- \$17.5 billion for airports, the vast majority of which would be allocated for capital construction projects;
- \$140 billion for school and childcare center construction and rehabilitation;
- \$100 billion to build and repair public housing;
- \$100 billion for broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas;
- \$70 billion for electric grid modernization; and
- \$30 billion for hospital construction.

Over 300 amendments were submitted for consideration to H.R. 2. Due to this large volume of amendments and against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic that limits the number of Representatives allowed onto the floor to vote, it takes the House a lot longer to vote. To reduce

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the number floor votes and expedite the process, the full House voted on 167 amendments in six large packages. Separately, the House approved a significant amendment to the bill that would annually authorize \$4.5 billion through 2025 to help reduce lead in municipal water supplies. On July 1, 2020, the House passed H.R. 2 by a vote of 233-188, mostly along party lines. The Senate is not expected to take up H.R. 2, and President Trump issued a veto threat, saying it is biased against rural America, entirely debt-financed, and does not take significant action on permitting delays.

Last July, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, which has jurisdiction over highway programs, approved S. 2302, the highway policy portion of a new surface transportation reauthorization measure. The proposed bill would authorize \$287 billion over five years for highway and research programs, representing a 27 percent increase over the FAST Act funding level of \$225 billion. The bill distributes 90 percent of funding to states by formula and included the first-ever “Climate Change” title. However, work on the legislation has stalled ever since. The Senate Finance, Banking, and Commerce committees, which have jurisdiction over the transit, safety, rail, trucking and funding portions of the bill, have yet to introduce their sections of the transportation reauthorization bill.

Neither the House nor the Senate has identified a way to pay for their transportation authorization bills or a broader infrastructure measure. There are several challenges to completing a multi-year bill without cutting infrastructure spending, raising fuel taxes, or increasing the budget deficit. A one-year extension of the FAST Act is more likely, and Congress will probably leave action on a long-term reauthorization bill and a broader infrastructure package until after the November elections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the staff report on the surface transportation reauthorization is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



**AGENDA ITEM 6**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
**July 21, 2020**

**To:** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)  
**From:** Melvin Sanchez, Legislative Analyst, Legislation, (213) 236-1850, sanchez@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** State Budget Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Governor Gavin Newsom signed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 state budget and related trailer bills on June 29, 2020, capping back-and-forth negotiations between his administration and the State Legislature that began in earnest in May. The Legislature had passed a budget on June 15 but it was largely a placeholder as negotiations continued on a budget deal. This year’s budget was heavily impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, leading to spending reductions, shifting of costs, and use of state reserves to make up a \$54.3 billion budget deficit. The following report provides details about the budget and the deal struck between the Governor and the State Legislature.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The state budget process follows the timeline below:

1. The Governor proposes a budget for the upcoming fiscal year on or before January 10;
2. The Governor updates the economic and revenue outlook and revises, supplements, or withdraws policy initiatives included in the proposed budget through the May Revise, released by May 14;
3. The State Legislature passes a budget bill for the upcoming fiscal year by midnight on June 15; and

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4. The new fiscal year begins on July 1.

### **May Revise**

Governor Newsom released his May Revise on May 14, 2020. The Governor estimated a \$54.3 billion-dollar budget deficit over two fiscal years caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Because California's constitution requires a balanced budget, the Governor's May Revise cancelled new initiatives proposed in his original January Budget and cancelled some spending from the 2019 Budget Act, among other strategies. Some of the Governor's strategies are detailed below:

#### Triggers

The May Revise assumed that increased federal aid would not materialize by the start of the fiscal year on July 1, thus triggering immediate cuts to education, health and human services, and other safety net programs, amounting to some \$14 billion. About \$8 billion of those cuts were in K-12 Education and community colleges alone. These reductions would be restored if federal funds materialized later in the fiscal year.

#### Increased Revenues

The May Revise proposed to suspend net operating loss deductions for corporations with income of over \$1 million for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022. This provision would prevent qualifying corporations from reducing their tax burden in those years. Additionally, the May Revise proposed to limit business tax credits to \$5 million per year for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

#### Reserves

California's largest general-purpose reserve is the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA), governed by rules set forth in Proposition 2 from 2014. The Safety Net Reserve provides additional reserves for certain caseload-driven programs. The Newsom Administration estimated that the state would start the fiscal year with \$17.1 billion across these two reserve accounts. The May Revise proposed to use about \$8.4 billion of the two reserve accounts to cover the budget deficit.

### **State Legislative Proposal**

The State Legislature met its constitutional deadline of passing a budget by June 15, but negotiations continued between legislative leaders and Governor Newsom on a budget deal. The Senate led the efforts in developing an alternative budget. Disagreements centered on when spending reductions would be triggered, as well as the amount of cuts to individual programs. While the Senate budget package and the May Revise used the same revenue assumptions, the Senate budget package assumed new federal funding would materialize to offset the state's general fund costs. The Senate budget package would trigger reductions if federal funding did not materialize beginning on October 1, 2020.

### **Final Budget Deal**

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Governor Newsom and legislative leadership announced a final budget deal on June 22, 2020. After passage in the Senate (Y:29; N:11) and Assembly (Y:58; N:17; NVR:4), the Governor signed the budget on June 29, 2020. It is worth noting that changes to the final budget are likely after a complete picture of revenues from the extended tax filing deadline of July 15 are known.

### Triggers

The final budget makes \$11.1 billion in reductions and deferrals effective on July 1. If \$14 billion is received from the federal government by October 15, 2020, however, the spending reductions would be restored. If the state receives between \$2 and \$14 billion, only partial reductions and deferrals will be restored.

The triggered reductions include:

- \$6.6 billion in K-12 education;
- \$970 million in funding for the University of California and California State University systems;
- \$2.8 billion in state employee compensation;
- \$150 million in the state judicial system;
- \$250 million for county programs to backfill revenue losses; and
- \$203 million from the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

### Revenues

Consistent with the May Revise, the final budget deal suspends net operating loss deductions for medium and large businesses and limits business incentive tax credits to \$5 million. \$4.4 billion is generated in new revenues from both changes.

### Reserves

The final budget draws down \$8.8 billion in reserves across both the BSA (\$7.8 billion) and Safety Net Reserve (\$450 million). Proposition 2 (2014) requires the Governor to declare a budget emergency in order to utilize funding from the BSA, which he did on June 25, 2020.

### Transportation Trailer Bill

The Governor also signed numerous budget trailer bills, including Assembly Bill (AB) 90 on transportation. Some highlights of AB 90 include:

- Instituting a hold harmless provision for calculation and allocation of State Transit Assistance Program, Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, and STA-State of Good Repair allocations;
- Temporarily suspending the financial penalties associated with the Transportation Development Act's requirements that transit agencies obtain specified fixed percentages of their operating budgets from passenger fares; and

- Temporarily suspending the financial penalties associated with the State Transit Assistance Program's requirement that transit agencies' operating cost per revenue vehicle hour may not exceed operating cost per revenue vehicle hour adjusted by regional consumer price index, year over year.

**End-of-Session Outlook**

The State Legislature is scheduled to adjourn on August 31, 2020. The timeline for consideration of bills has been further reduced as two state Assembly Members were confirmed as being positive for COVID-19. As of writing, both chambers delayed their return to session to July 27, 2020.

Reports indicate that additional trailer bills will be introduced by the State Legislature upon their return, including one addressing housing issues. SCAG has focused its efforts on increasing flexibility for cities and counties in updating their respective housing elements due to COVID-19's unexpected impacts to the local governments' budgets, staffing capacity, and ability to perform public outreach, perhaps through trailer bill language. Staff will monitor the State Legislature's return closely and will provide an update on any new budget-related work at future meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the State Budget Update staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.





**AGENDA ITEM 8**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
**July 21, 2020**

**To:** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)  
**From:** Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, Legislation, (213) 236-1878, Gilhooley@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Legislative Platform Discussion & Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Support

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*This report is a continuation to the discussion from the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) on the possibility of a mid-year update to the adopted 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform. During the June meeting, LCMC Members expressed general support for the inclusion of two bullet points, one relating to support for increased broadband access and another expressing support for increased educational opportunities at a proposed California State University, Palm Desert. In addition, LCMC Members expressed interest in discussing bullet points on a public health-related item and racial justice for possible inclusion in the platform.*

*Staff invites discussion and direction from the LCMC on whether the 2020 Legislative Platform merits a mid-year update and offers suggestions on possible bullet points below. Any changes supported by the LCMC would be forwarded to the next meeting of the Regional Council on September 3, 2020 or a special meeting of the Executive Administration Committee, whichever comes first.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Discussions on the 2020 Legislative Platform began in earnest at the LCMC’s November 19, 2019 meeting. The 2020 Legislative Platform represented an update, as opposed to extensive rewrite, to the 2019 Legislative Platform, as it was in the middle of a two-year legislative and congressional session. Feedback, ideas, and direction from LCMC Members were incorporated into a second staff report and a proposed final 2020 Legislative Platform was presented at the LCMC’s December 18,

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2019 meeting. The LCMC recommended that the 2020 Legislative Platform be adopted at that meeting and the Regional Council subsequently approved it on February 6, 2020.

Current issue areas included in the legislative platform are detailed in the following tables:

<b>State</b>	
Active Transportation	Affordable Housing & Redevelopment Agencies
Building Resilience	Cap & Trade
Congestion Reduction	Freight & Goods Movement
Government Efficiency	Project Streamlining
Technology & Data	Transportation Development Act
Transportation Funding	Transportation Safety

<b>Federal</b>	
Affordable Housing & Homelessness	Aviation
Environment & Air Quality	Freight & Goods Movement
Project Streamlining	Public Private Partnerships
Public Transit & Mobility	Reauthorization of the FAST Act
Transportation Funding	

Updates to the 2020 Legislative Platform

The COVID-19 pandemic was unforeseen but quickly became the center of attention in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., leading to an abrupt shutdown of workplaces and schools across the country to reduce exposure to the virus. Immediate impacts on public health and emergency preparedness, as well as long-term impacts on the economy, unemployment figures, revenue forecasts, and city, county, and state budgets, continue to be front and center for all levels of government.

In addition, COVID-19 exposed socioeconomic and racial inequalities that existed long before the pandemic began. As a result, staff proposed the inclusion of two bullet points at the June 16, 2020 LCMC meeting: one relating to support for increased broadband access and another expressing support for increased educational opportunities at a proposed California State University, Palm Desert. During the discussions, LCMC Members expressed their general support for these two items.

Concerning other potential updates to the legislative platform, LCMC Members directed staff to evaluate the following additional issues areas: California’s “First 5” Commission, economic development, public-private partnerships, and racial equity. Staff thanks the Committee for this direction and is appreciative of the support for the existing bullet points in the Affordable Housing section which expresses support for the “restoration and expansion of tax increment tools” and the

bullet points in the “Public-Private Partnerships” section. Staff does not propose additional bullet points on these two issues area beyond what is already in the current legislative platform.

Staff does propose bullet points, however, relating to public health to capture the issue of California’s “First 5” commissions and a separate bullet point on racial equity. These two issues, along with broadband access and educational opportunity, are discussed below in alphabetical order.

### **1. Broadband Access.**

*Proposed bullet point: Support efforts that would provide additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure, particularly in low-income and rural communities, to bridge the digital divide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The pandemic has exposed the social and racial inequities in our state. The digital divide highlights this inequity in terms of the lack of access to high speed internet in low-income and rural communities.

The inclusion of such a bullet point would be consistent with SCAG’s work, along with the California Emerging Technology Fund and the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, to study broadband planning and deployment as part of transportation projects in the region. Improved broadband deployment, particularly in disadvantaged communities and unserved/underserved rural and urban areas, will support increased use of online learning, telehealth/telemedicine, telecommuting, e-commerce, and e-government, having the effect of a reduction in vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Given the large discrepancy regarding access to high speed internet, the LCMC may want to consider updating the legislative platform to express support for efforts that would provide additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure.

### **2. Educational Opportunity.**

*Proposed Bullet Point: Support the establishment of a new California State University (CSU) campus in the City of Palm Desert to increase educational and economic opportunities in the SCAG region.*

The CSU system recently contracted with the HOK architectural and planning firm to conduct a \$4 million study to see whether — and where — a potential 24th CSU campus for 8,000 students could be built. Possible locations for a new billion-dollar campus include Stockton in the San Joaquin Valley; Concord, east of Oakland; Chula Vista, south of San Diego; and Palm

Desert in the Coachella Valley. No other jurisdiction in the SCAG region is being considered as part of this study. Gov. Gavin Newsom's original focus was just on the Stockton area, but the Legislature approved a broader statewide scope, with a deadline of summer 2020 for a possible site recommendation, if any. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, this timeframe is now uncertain. Before a final decision is made, the CSU Board of Trustees, the Governor, and the Legislature will weigh in, along with local authorities.

Given the large discrepancy regarding educational opportunities in Riverside County, one of the fastest growing counties in California according to the U.S. Census, the LCMC may want to consider updating the legislative platform to express support for establishing a CSU campus in the City of Palm Desert.

### 3. Public Health.

*Proposed Bullet Point: Support legislative efforts related to SCAG's core planning activities that facilitate equitable health outcomes for all residents of the SCAG region.*

At the June 16, 2020 LCMC meeting, one LCMC member asked staff to consider the inclusion of a bullet point relating to the declining revenue source for California's "First 5" commissions. In 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, adding a 50-cent tax to each pack of cigarettes sold in the state. The proposition also created First 5 California, also known as the California Children and Families Commission, whose aim is to improve the lives of California's young children and their families through a comprehensive system of education, health services, childcare, and other programs. First 5 California distributes funds to local communities through the state's 58 individual counties, all of which have created their own local First 5 county commissions. The amount of funding provided to each First 5 county commission is based upon the county's birth rate.

While SCAG has not traditionally worked in the space that creates and implements programs related to prenatal or toddlerhood specifically, Assembly Bill (AB) 441 (Chapter 365, Statutes of 2012) does provide guidance for Metropolitan Planning Organizations developing regional transportation plans that include programs, policies and practices that promote health and guidelines supporting analysis of aging populations, climate change and health equity.

For SCAG, efforts envisioned under AB 441 are included in SCAG's existing Public Health Working Group, and the products of this group's meetings are reflected in the Public Health Technical Report, an appendix to the Connect SoCal plan. This appendix presents an overview of health outcomes in the SCAG region as they relate to the built environment and the plan's impacts.

The multimodal transportation and land use strategies of Connect SoCal include many co-benefits for improving health outcomes and present opportunities to ensure investments result in equitable health outcomes and benefit all populations in the region. Because of SCAG's existing work in this space, the LCMC may want to consider updating the legislative platform to express support for legislative efforts related to SCAG's core planning activities that facilitate equitable health outcomes for all residents of the SCAG region.

#### 4. Racial Justice.

*Proposed Bullet Point: Recognizing that systemic racism continues to create barriers to success for people of color, SCAG seeks to lead and join in legislative efforts that reverse the effects of inequitable policies, processes, and practices as it relates to planning decisions in the region.*

At its July 2, 2020 meeting, the Regional Council passed a resolution to express SCAG's solidarity with those working toward a fair and just society, and with those calling for systemic change to eliminate all barriers that reduce opportunity and undermine Southern California's shared values and ability to thrive. The Regional Council also affirmed SCAG's commitment to meaningfully advance justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and declared SCAG's intent to end racial and social disparities internal to the agency, strengthen the way it engages and convenes to protect and expand community voice and power, and work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color, and in so doing, serve all the people of the region.

In addition, the Regional Council's resolution included support for the adoption of an ad hoc Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice to further develop SCAG's response to advancing social justice throughout the agency's activities, and to advise the RC on policies and practices to advance the statements made above.

Because of SCAG's current work on these issues, including the establishment of a new ad hoc committee, the LCMC may want to consider updating the legislative platform to recognize that systemic racism continues to create barriers to success for people of color, and expresses support for legislative efforts that reverse the effects of inequitable policies, processes, and practices as it relates to planning decisions in the region.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with the Legislative Platform Discussion & Update staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 2020 State & Federal Legislative Platform Update



# 2020 State & Federal Legislative Platform

## ABOUT SCAG

Founded in 1965, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is a Joint Powers Authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and under state law as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Council of Governments.

The SCAG region encompasses six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and 191 cities in an area covering more than 38,000 square miles. The agency develops long-range regional transportation plans including sustainable communities strategy and growth forecast components, regional transportation improvement programs, regional housing needs allocations, and a portion of the South Coast Air Quality management plans. In 1992, SCAG expanded its governing body, the Executive Committee, to a 70-member Regional Council to help accommodate new responsibilities mandated by the federal and state governments, as well as to provide more broad-based representation of Southern California’s cities and counties. With its expanded membership structure, SCAG created regional districts to provide for more diverse representation. The districts were formed with the intent to serve equal populations and communities of interest. Currently, the Regional Council consists of 86 members.

In addition to the six counties and 191 cities that make up SCAG’s region, there are six County Transportation Commissions that hold the primary responsibility for programming and implementing transportation projects, programs and services in their respective counties. Additionally, SCAG Bylaws provide for representation of Native American tribes, Air Quality Districts, and the Transportation Corridor Agencies on the Regional Council and Policy Committees.

## SCAG’S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

SCAG maintains a State and Federal Legislative Program, which consists of the Regional Council's positions on policies and legislative initiatives related to SCAG’s core planning and policy areas—transportation, air quality, freight/goods movement, housing, environmental impact, sustainability, and economic recovery and job creation—that need the leadership and support of the California State Legislature and Congress to resolve challenges facing the SCAG region.

SCAG’s legislative efforts are the product of a committee process whereby the agency’s Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee, comprised of elected officials from throughout the region, identifies and recommends specific legislative action for consideration by the Regional Council with respect to state and federal legislation affecting the SCAG region.

The following state and federal legislative principles for 2020 encompass broad, policy-oriented objectives of the agency that build upon long-standing, Regional Council-adopted policies.

## STATE

### Active Transportation

1. Support increased funding to the state's Active Transportation Program (ATP) to provide the resources necessary for First/Last Mile Improvements (i.e., pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to connect transit riders to stations); separated, on-street bike facilities to increase safety; multi-use trails (i.e., along river and utility corridors, rails to trails projects, etc.); Safe Routes to School Programs; and other strategies to increase safe walking and biking.
2. Support efforts that build off the many successes of the ATP by simplifying project delivery, building local capacity to deliver transformative projects, and providing regions greater flexibility to innovate and strategically invest funds to meet local needs.
3. Support and encourage investing in active transportation infrastructure as a component of other state-funded transportation improvement projects recognizing the critical role walking, biking, and complete streets serve in connecting the multi-modal transportation system.
4. Support legislation that protects the safety of active transportation users and ensure any new legislation related to new mobility devices (scooters, etc.) and automated vehicles adequately addresses the needs of these modes.

### Affordable Housing

5. Continue to refine and update cap-and-trade's Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) guidelines to better reflect the reality of Southern California's growth patterns, such as Integrated Connectivity Projects. Support a regional equity goal for the programming of AHSC revenues, and commit to continued resources for technical assistance and capacity building.
6. Advocate for the consistency within state law the sometimes competing demands contained within SB 375 and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
7. Support the restoration and expansion of tax increment tools to build affordable housing stock, improve public transit, and reduce climate-warming carbon emissions. Incentivize collaboration among potentially impacted jurisdictions by sharing the net proceeds from future tax increment financing districts, and emphasize tax increment as a public financing tool that does not increase taxes to residents.
8. Advocate for the reinstatement of the practice that allows cities and counties to share or trade RHNA allocations as a tool that equips local jurisdictions to facilitate not only effective planning for housing, but its actual development.
9. As the homeless population continues to grow in our region, support new state funding programs to assist cities, counties, and regional collaborations to address the challenges associated with homelessness.

### Broadband Access

- XX. Support efforts that would provide additional funding and resources for broadband infrastructure, particularly in low-income and rural communities, to bridge the digital divide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Building Resilience

10. Advocate that communities affected by natural disasters receive the resources they need to rebuild.
11. Support programs that provide the resources necessary for communities to prepare for the consequences of a changing climate and resulting natural disasters.

### Cap & Trade



12. Support transparency, sufficient allocation, and equitable distribution to the SCAG region of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) resources commensurate with the region's responsibility and opportunity in meeting the state's overall GHG reduction goals.
13. Support continued investment in GGRF-funded programs that reflect the physical and social realities of the diverse communities across the SCAG region, such as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, Single-Family Energy Efficiency, and Low Income Weatherization programs.
14. Offer state-funded technical assistance to communities throughout California to more successfully access GGRF resources and support efforts to increase accessibility to GGRF-funded programs by directing outreach to programs for which the regions of the state are best suited to achieve GHG reduction.
15. Support program guidelines and scoring criteria that recognize and are sensitive to California's urban and suburban built environment.
16. Support the increased percentage of the continuous appropriations for the GGRF-funded Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program as a way to promote transit expansion, ridership, and carbon reduction.

#### Congestion Reduction

17. Support legislation that expands access to commuter benefit programs for employees.
18. Support legislation that would develop new strategies for reducing congestion caused by school trips, such as expanding access to free or reduced student transit passes, supporting school bussing programs, or funding ongoing Safe Routes to Schools programs.
19. Support local pilot programs and funding mechanisms that employ innovative transportation strategies that reduce congestion and improve mobility, such as congestion or cordon pricing systems, while promoting equity measures.
20. Support dedicated funding for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and strategies.

#### Educational Opportunity

- XX Support the establishment of a new California State University (CSU) campus in the City of Palm Desert to increase educational and economic opportunities in the SCAG region.

#### Freight & Goods Movement

21. Support increased funding to the Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP), building upon the success of the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF), to provide the resources necessary for critical infrastructure enhancements along the State's high-volume freight corridors.
22. Support funding to preserve and maintain transportation infrastructure for key regional goods movement infrastructure and corridors that link freight facilities and systems to the rest of the nation.
23. Support the creation of programs designed to assist in leveraging technology to improve freight mobility, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce harmful emissions, mitigate negative impacts on disadvantaged communities, and address shifting consumer behaviors (i.e., e-commerce).

#### Government Efficiency

24. Update the Ralph M. Brown Act to give public agencies the flexibility to omit a lengthy and time-consuming "Roll Call" process during a public vote, while maintaining the existing practice of recording and publishing the individual members' votes and making those votes available for public review.

#### Public Health

- XX Support legislative efforts related to SCAG's core planning activities that facilitate equitable health outcomes for all residents of the SCAG region.



Project Streamlining

25. Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform to expedite and streamline both project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and/or housing projects.
26. Support measures that require transparency in CEQA litigation and eliminate duplicative CEQA lawsuits.
27. Support innovative approaches to reform and streamline CEQA where reasonable, including, but not limited to, proposals to establish a CEQA-specific court or judicial procedure that is specialized in CEQA case law and related statutes in an effort to expedite legal review of CEQA challenges.
28. Provide judicial streamlining and an accelerated schedule for judicial review for projects challenged under CEQA when those projects have a clear public benefit, such as transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and/or housing projects.

Racial Justice

- XX. Recognizing that systemic racism continues to create barriers to success for people of color, SCAG seeks to lead and join in legislative efforts that reverse the effects of inequitable policies, processes, and practices as it relates to planning decisions in the region.

Technology & Data

29. Support the incorporation of new technologies and innovations into national and state transportation systems, such as advancements in alternatively powered zero/near-zero emission vehicles, autonomous vehicles, aviation, maritime, commerce, and small electric mobility devices that both improve transportation accessibility, efficiency, and capacity and reduce environmental impacts.
30. Secure funding to support the coordination among state agencies, MPOs, and other government entities to collect and share data, which reflects emerging technologies and mobility choices.
31. Encourage and support legislation related to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), motorized scooters, and bike share systems to ensure new regulations adequately protect users of all modes and support the ability of local jurisdictions to secure access to public interest data, including ridership data, for local and regional planning purposes.
32. Encourage and support the coordination between the State and the U.S. Census Bureau's effort for developing and using census products, including the decennial U.S. Census, America Community Survey, and Census Transportation Planning Package.

Transportation Development Act

33. Support the development of greater efficiencies within the Transportation Development Act while streamlining and updating performance metrics relating to farebox recovery.
34. Support existing statutory authorization allowing SCAG to receive up to three-quarters of one percent of TDA revenues from SCAG-region county transportation commissions for transportation planning and programming responsibilities.

Transportation Funding

35. Protect all existing and new sources of transportation funding from borrowing, use for any purpose other than transportation, or new conditions on the distributions of funds that reprioritize transportation projects.
36. Support regional equity consideration for any funding source to ensure Southern California receives its fair share of funding based upon population, burden, and other quantifiable measures corresponding with the funding source.
37. Support efforts that reduce the expense of transportation improvement projects by controlling the escalating costs associated with stormwater runoff requirements.
38. Support increased funding for transportation projects based on applied regional performance metrics.

39. Support new funding for transportation agencies to offset the cost of implementing climate change initiatives, such as the Innovative Clean Transit regulation and the purchase of zero emission vehicles and infrastructure.
40. Support legislation that would decrease the voter approval threshold—from the current requirement of 67% to 55%—for the creation, extension, or increase of local transportation tax measures similar to the authority given to school districts.
41. Reemphasize the need for the California High Speed Rail Authority to secure funding from non-Prop. 1A sources for other critical rail infrastructure projects, such as grade separations, to deliver the balance of the Authority’s \$1 billion commitment to the Southern California region.

#### Transportation Safety

42. Maintain active participation in the state’s Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force, which will compile a report to the Secretary of Transportation to evaluate whether an alternative to the current process for setting speed limits should be considered and make recommendations on other steps to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
43. Work with the state and local partners to identify new tools and funding mechanisms to achieve the region’s safety targets.

#### FEDERAL

##### Affordable Housing & Homelessness

1. As the homeless population continues to grow in our region, support new federal grant programs to assist cities, counties, and regional collaborations address homelessness challenges through supportive housing models and planning grants.
2. Support increased funding for critical federal programs that local governments depend on, including the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), that are effective tools to confront the housing affordability crisis and expand economic opportunity for residents in Southern California.

##### Aviation

3. Support flexibility with respect to the Airport Improvement Program, a federal grant program that provides funding to airports to help improve safety and efficiency.
4. Advocate for and seek out funding opportunities from the Federal Aviation Administration, which can help SCAG conduct airport passenger studies, planning activities, and forecasting models.
5. Support legislation that raises and indexes the cap on the passenger facility charge giving local airports the option to adjust their user fees to make needed infrastructure improvements to airport facilities and for projects that promote access to the airport.
6. Oppose efforts to divert September 11 Security Fees for uses not related to the nation's aviation transportation system.

##### Environment & Air Quality

7. Recognizing California’s unique air quality challenges, support the authority of the State of California to establish its own tailpipe greenhouse gas emissions standards and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) requirements.
8. Support the ability of county and local governments to follow the state’s lead by purchasing vehicles only from manufacturers that share California’s commitment to its tailpipe and ZEV goals.

##### Freight & Goods Movement

9. Support funding proposals that maintain and expand transportation infrastructure for key regional goods movement infrastructure and corridors that link freight facilities and systems to the rest of the nation.
10. Support the continuation of, and increased investment in, federal discretionary grant opportunities such as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) and Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program.
11. Expand the INFRA program to include both competitive and formula-based awards and support increased transparency measures for competitive grant awards.
12. Support increased federal freight funding through the establishment of a dedicated freight trust fund so that revenues can be distributed to states and regions that are most impacted by goods movement.
13. Support the creation of programs designed to assist in leveraging technology to improve freight mobility, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce harmful emissions, mitigate negative impacts on disadvantaged communities, and address shifting consumer behaviors (i.e., e-commerce).

#### Project Streamlining

14. Support measures that expedite and streamline both project development and delivery.

#### Public-Private Partnerships

15. Support further development and implementation of Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) that are transparent, accountable, and marry the policy goals of the public sector with the financial expertise of the private sector to improve project development and delivery throughout the region, including support of improved P3 design-bid-build and design-build procurement processes.
16. Oppose efforts that would seek to supplant existing transportation funding sources with P3 financing opportunities.
17. Support improved performance standards to measure success, curtail project delays, reduce expenditures, and increase expenditure accountability.
18. Support private activity bonds, debt instruments that raise capital for revenue-generating highway and freight transfer projects, and restore tax exemption for advance refunding bonds, debt instruments that allow an issuer to pay off another outstanding bond in order to allow savings to be reinvested in additional infrastructure upgrades at airports, sea ports, qualified highway or surface freight transfer facilities, affordable housing, and other projects with a clear public benefit.
19. Support efforts to protect the tax exemption of municipal bonds.

#### Public Transit & Mobility

20. Support efforts that expand public transit projects and service, both bus and rail, in the region to reduce congestion and enhance sustainability.
21. Support federal grant or pilot programs for comprehensive planning that encourages Transit Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities to connect housing, jobs, and mixed-use development with transportation options and broaden eligibility guidelines to include MPOs.
22. Support legislation related to emerging mobility services to ensure new federal regulations support the ability of local jurisdictions to secure access to public interest data, including ridership data, for local and regional planning purposes.
23. Oppose efforts that undermine the authority of states and local governments to enact their own regulations related to autonomous vehicles (AVs).

#### Reauthorization of the FAST Act

24. Support a long-term reauthorization of the FAST Act with increased federal funding to provide stable investments into the national infrastructure and transportation system.
25. Renew the INFRA program, which provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects that address critical issues facing our nation's major freight corridors.

26. Expand eligibility for any planning awards under the reauthorized FAST Act to include MPOs as eligible recipients.
27. Support a surface transportation reauthorization bill that includes incentive funding to reward self-help jurisdictions. This model recognizes that self-help jurisdictions take risks and make significant local investment while leveraging federal dollars to deliver transportation improvements.
28. Support efforts to increase planning funds that help state and regional governments address impacts associated with climate change, with the goal of making our infrastructure more resilient.

#### Transportation Funding

29. Support new transportation and infrastructure funding sources, including federal grant programs that provide additional investment into the national infrastructure and transportation system.
30. Support a transition to a mileage-based user fee funding mechanism as a replacement to state and federal gas taxes to provide sustainable funding to meet our nation's transportation infrastructure needs and maintain system management, preservation and resilience. Support measures that protect privacy, promote equity, and guarantee return-to-source. Support modest increases to the federal gasoline taxes to maintain purchasing power.
31. Support sustainable solutions that restore the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, including expanding tolling options on the interstate highway system and providing support for states willing to research and/or pilot innovative revenue programs.
32. Support innovative financing tools and expand the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program.
33. Support dedicated funding for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and strategies.
34. Support continued investment in the Transportation Alternatives Program, which is a key funding source for the state's ATP program.