



RESOLUTION NO. 22-647-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED 2020-2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (2020 RTP/SCS OR CONNECT SOCIAL) PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)

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WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopted and certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS (State Clearinghouse # 2019011061) on May 7, 2020, in accordance with applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, when certifying the Final PEIR for the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 20-261-1 which is incorporated herein by reference (available at https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resolution-no-20-621-1_connectsocial_peir.pdf?1606004146) to adopt Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2020, SCAG approved Addendum No. 1 to the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS PEIR in accordance with Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164;

WHEREAS, when approving Addendum No. 1 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 20-624-1;

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2021, SCAG approved Addendum No. 2 to the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS PEIR in accordance with Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164;

WHEREAS, when approving Addendum No. 2 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 21-637-2;

WHEREAS, since the certification of the Final PEIR and the approvals of Addendum No. 1 and Addendum No. 2 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR, staff has received requests from all six county transportation commissions in the SCAG region to amend the 2020 RTP/SCS to reflect addition of projects or modifications to project scopes, costs, and/or schedules for critical transportation projects, as well as the addition of some new projects as specified in the Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 RTP/SCS ("Amendment No. 2"), in order to allow such projects to move forward toward the implementation phase;

WHEREAS, when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been certified and the project is modified or otherwise changed after certification, then additional CEQA review may be necessary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), an addendum may be prepared by the lead agency that prepared the original EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions have occurred set forth under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, SCAG staff determined and for the reasons set forth in Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR, an addendum is the appropriate CEQA document for Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 RTP/SCS because the proposed project revisions set forth in Amendment No. 2 do not meet the conditions of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2022, SCAG staff reported to the SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) that a draft of Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR was prepared and completed and that an informational copy of the draft of Addendum No. 3 was presented to the EEC for review;

WHEREAS, SCAG has finalized Addendum No. 3 to the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS PEIR, incorporated herein by this reference, in order to address the proposed changes to the 2020-2045 RTP/SCS as described in Amendment No. 2;

WHEREAS, an addendum is not required to be circulated for public review;

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2022, EEC recommended the Regional Council adopt this Resolution to approve Addendum No. 3 to the 2020- 2045 RTP/SCS PEIR (PEIR, SCH No. 2019011061); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d), the Regional Council has considered Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR with the previously certified 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR prior to making a decision on Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 RTP/SCS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the SCAG Regional Council finds as follows:


1. Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA.
2. The adoption of the proposed revisions set forth in Amendment No. 2 would not result in either new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects for the reasons described in Addendum No. 3; such proposed changes in Amendment No. 2 are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures, Finding of Facts, and Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the certified 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR; and thus, a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required and Addendum No. 3 to the 2020 RTP/SCS PEIR fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 6th day of October, 2022.



Jan C. Harnik
President, SCAG
Riverside County Transportation Commission

Attested by:



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