

## Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## **AGENDA**

Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:30 AM

Western Riverside Council of Governments 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200 Riverside, CA 92501

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Travis Randel, Chair)
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

- A. Summary Minutes from the December 8, 2022, Planning Directors Committee Meeting
  - Requested Action(s):

    1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the December 8, 2022, Planning Directors Committee meeting.

#### 6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. Standardized Plans for Middle Income Housing

**Requested Action(s)**: 1. Receive and file.

B. Mitigating Wildfire Impacts on Development Projects Under CEQA

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. Summary of Proposed Projects for Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program - Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

D. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program, Draft Application

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray

## 8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

## 9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

## **Planning Directors Committee**

## **Minutes**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee was called to order by Chair Travis Randell at 9:31 a.m. on December 8, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Randell led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. ROLL CALL

- · City of Banning Adam Rush
- City of Beaumont Carole Kendrick
- · City of Calimesa Kelly Lucia
- · City of Corona Joanne Coletta
- City of Eastvale Gustavo Gonzalez
- City of Hemet H.P. Kang
- City of Jurupa Valley Diane Guevara
- · City of Lake Elsinore Richard MacHott
- City of Menifee Doug Darnell / Cheryl Kitzerow\*
- City of Murrieta David Chantarangsu
- · City of Perris Kenneth Phung
- City of San Jacinto Travis Randel (Chair)
- · City of Temecula Matt Peters
- · City of Wildomar Abu Lachgar
- County of Riverside John Hildebrand
- · March JPA Jeffrey Smith

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

- **5. CONSENT CALENDAR** (Banning / March JPA) 15 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. The City of Wildomar abstained. Item 5.A was approved.
- A. Summary Minutes from the October 13, 2022, Planning Directors Committee Meeting

## Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the October 13, 2022, Planning Directors Committee

<sup>\*</sup>Joined the meeting after Roll Call

meeting.

#### 6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

## A. Residential Trip Generation Study

Mike Wallace with Fehr & Peers presented the findings of the Residential Trip Generation Study, which was conducted in response to the requirements of AB 602. The purpose of the Study was to determine if there is a relationship between single-family residential unit size and trips generated.

The Study looked at single-family homes across the entire WRCOG subregion. A subset of locations was identified in order to meet specified study criteria, resulting in 23 locations, with at least one location in each TUMF Zone. StreetLight data was used for all locations and traffic counts were collected for a subset of 8 locations to validate the StreetLight data.

One key finding was that trips generated generally do increase with home size up to about 2,500 square feet. Beyond 2,500 square feet, trips generated are approximately consistent.

Based on the findings, it is recommended that the Transformation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) be updated based on home size. The amount will be determined in the coming TUMF Nexus Fee Study.

Committee member David Chantarangsu asked if the current legislation applies to multi-family projects, and if so, did this Study cover multi-family uses?

Suzanne Peterson, WRCOG Staff Analyst, responded that the legislation stated residential very generally. Staff does interpret this as being applicable to multi-family projects as well. Staff also indicated that WRCOG would look into a similar study to be conducted for multi-family residential. There are a number of other impact fees that the current legislation may apply to local government, so staff recommends that member jurisdictions review the legislation thoroughly.

Committee member Chantarangsu asked if this will alter the way TUMF is applied to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Mrs. Peterson responded that ADUs are exempt from TUMF and there are no anticipated changes.

Committee member Jeffrey Smith asked what the daily average number of trips are for a 2,500 square foot home.

Mr. Wallace responded that the number ranges but on average it is approximately 11 1/2 to 12 trips, based upon multiple vehicles per home, and could include visitors.

## Action:

Received and filed.

## B. SB 9 Toolkit

Alan Loomis with PlaceWorks presented the draft SB 9 Toolkit and SB 9 Model Ordinance. The three components of the Toolkit include a fact sheet, scenarios, and the Model Ordinance. The Model

Ordinance is available and ready to use; it covers both urban lot splits and two-unit (duplex) developments. The rest of the Toolkit will be finalized when the infographic is completed.

There is a provision in SB 9 that allows for lot splits, and then building on those separate lots. This is an eligibility requirement for the urban lot split scenario. Another provision allows duplex-style development on existing single-family lots, even after a lot split. Additional limitations are highlighted in the Model Ordinance.

Local jurisdictions can allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or junior ADUs with any primary unit that is created with SB 9. There are many allowable variations with or without alley access, with or with out driveways, for example.

The primary update to the Model Ordinance includes the insertion of recommended design standards. Local jurisdictions can adopt their own design standards.

## Action:

1. Received and filed.

## C. Housing Legislation Wrap-Up Summary

Bill Blankenship of W.B. Consulting provided a summary of key housing legislation for this past legislative session. In 2021, there were 1,593 bills introduced by the Assembly, and 828 bills introduced by the Senate. Governor Newsome signed 770 bills and vetoed 66 bills. In 2022, the second year of the session, there were 1,383 introduced by the Assembly and 672 bills introduces by the Senate. The Governor signed 997 bills and vetoed 169 bills. In total for the 2-year session, 4,476 bills were introduced, 1,767 were signed, and 235 vetoed.

SB 6 and AB 2011 were two of the major bills signed by the Governor. Both Bills allow residential uses in areas zoned for commercial / industrial, include minimum labor standards, and minimum development standards.

Mr. Blankenship provided a brief description of several other bills that were introduced in the 2021/2022 Legislative Session.

## Action:

1. Received and filed.

## D. Update of 2019 TUMF High-Cube Warehouse Trip Generation Study

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that WRCOG is conducting a study to obtain data from local high-cube warehouse facilities and incorporate data into the TUMF fee calculations for high-cube warehouses. This analysis was conducted in 2019 and resulted in a minor update to the Fee Calculation Handbook as it relates to high-cube warehouses.

The TUMF fee calculation for a high-cube warehouse reflects a significant discount for the standard industrial rate and any changes to this calculation process could have meaningful impacts to future TUMF collections. In Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the TUMF Program collected over \$13M from industrial projects.

For consistency purposes, the same sites which were previously studied will be studied again and the same methodology will be applied. Any change in the methodology or underlying data to calculate the fee obligation for a high-cue warehouse could impact the overall level of TUMF collections.

The Study will be circulated for stakeholder and member agency review when it is in draft form. It is anticipated that the Study will conclude in mid-2023.

## Action:

1. Received and filed.

## 7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the following items will be presented over the next couple of meetings:

- Update on the Pro-Housing Designation
- · Next steps on Housing Elements
- REAP 2.0 grant opportunities
- · Census Urban Definition / boundaries
- CEQA guidance on wildfire impacts

WRCOG is providing assistance with SCAG growth forecasts and staff are available to member jurisdictions with any technical assistance.

Meetings for this Committee in 2023 are being scheduled on a bi-monthly basis, and staff anticipates allowing for remote meetings.

## 8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee member David Chantarangsu requested an overview of the Riverside Transit Agency Service Plan.

## 9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform with an option for Committee members to attend in-person at the WRCOG office.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



## Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## **Staff Report**

Subject: Standardized Plans for Middle Income Housing

Contact: Damien O'Farrell, Parkview Legacy Foundation, <a href="mailto:damien@parkviewlegacy.org">damien@parkviewlegacy.org</a>,

(833) 943-0003

Date: February 9, 2023

## Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to present a potential REAP project and gather input.

## WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #2 - Identify and help secure grants and other potential funding opportunities for projects and programs that benefit member agencies.

## **Background:**

WRCOG staff was approached with a potential project for consideration for inclusion in the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Subregional Partnership Program (SRP). The proposal seeks to advance and incentivize development of middle-income housing.

## Overview

REAP 2.0 allows funding for creative means to increase housing production with a focus on infill housing and transformative regional economic development. During the 2022 SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy, Riverside County participants explored multiple options to increase the availability of affordable housing throughout the region. One such proposal is creating Standardized Plans for Middle Income Housing, as State guidelines encourage standardized plans as part of the Pro-Housing Designation Program. With a goal of duplicating the success of standardized Accessory Dwelling Unit plans in other cities, this proposal is intending to increase both housing mix and housing affordability in the 80% - 120% area median income range by focusing on standardized plans for middle-income housing.

This item is reserved for a presentation from Parkview Legacy Foundation's President and CEO, Damien O'Farrell, to provide an overview of the concept. WRCOG staff may adjust the agency's proposed projects for the REAP 2.0 SRP based on Planning Directors Committee feedback.

## Prior Action(s):

None.

## Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

## Attachment(s):



# Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## **Staff Report**

Subject: Mitigating Wildfire Impacts on Development Projects Under CEQA

Contact: Suzanne Peterson, Senior Analyst, <a href="mailto:speterson@wrcog.us">speterson@wrcog.us</a>, (951) 405-6706

Date: February 9, 2023

## Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to review the guidance provided by the State as it relates to wildfire risks.

## WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #5 - Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion.

## Background:

Last October, the California Attorney General released guidance, including best practices and mitigation measures, to help local agencies comply with CEQA during the review of development projects in fire-prone areas. The Attorney General's guidance is intended to help local governments design development projects in a way that minimizes impacts to wildfire ignition, emergency access, and evacuation, and protects people and the environment.

#### Overview

While wildfires are not a new threat to California, increasing frequency, intensity, and locations are posing greater threats to residents and the environment than in the past. According to a press release from the Attorney General's office, eight of the 10 largest wildfires in California history have occurred in the past decade. Additionally, more acres of California have burned in the past decade than in the previous 90 years. While lightning has been a common cause of wildfires historically, many of the most destructive fires have been caused by human activity.

With that, development in the wildland-urban interface can significantly increase the risk of wildfire and the related risk to public safety. Since 2010, wildfires have killed nearly 150 people in California, and since 2005, wildfires have destroyed over 97,000 structures, requiring mass evacuations and exacerbating California's housing crisis. Introducing more development and people into the wildland-urban interface introduces a greater risk of ignition that can lead to wildfire, and put stress on evacuation routes, emergency access, and response. Significant adverse impacts related to erosion and water supplies is another concern following wildfires.

While CEQA requires local agencies to evaluate and assess the risks of environmental impacts, it does not prescribe what mitigation measures should be used. The purpose of the guidance is to set out best practices and mitigation measures to help reduce or eliminate wildfire impacts. This staff report provides a summary of that guidance. The Attorney General's press release, summarizing key points of the document, may be found at <a href="https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-issues-guidance-local-governments-mitigate-wildfire-risk">https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-issues-guidance-local-governments-mitigate-wildfire-risk</a>

## Analyzing a Project's Impact on Wildfire Risks

<u>Project Density</u>: Project density influences how likely a fire is to start or spread, and how likely it is that the development and its occupants will be in danger when a fire starts. Fire spread and structure loss are more likely to occur in low- to intermediate-density developments. In contrast, high-density developments tend to disrupt fire spread by removing or substantially fragmenting wildland vegetation. Local governments should strive to increase housing density and consolidate design, relying on higher density infill projects.

<u>Project Location in the Landscape</u>: Project placement in the landscape relative to fire history, topography, and wind patterns also influences wildfire risk. Local governments should limit development along steep slopes and amidst rugged terrain to decrease exposure to rapid fire spread and increase accessibility for fire-fighting.

<u>Water Supply and Infrastructure</u>: As part of evaluating a project's wildfire risk impacts, local governments should analyze the adequacy of water supplies and infrastructure to address fire-fighting within the project site. Local governments should consider requiring on-site water supply or storage to augment ordinary supplies that may be lost during a wildfire.

## **Analyzing the Project's Impact on Evacuation and Emergency Access**

Evacuation modeling and analysis should be completed prior to the development's approval and include evaluation of:

- Evaluation of roadway capacity to accommodate project and community evacuation and simultaneous emergency access.
- Assessment of the timing for evacuation.
- Identification of alternative plans for evacuation depending upon the location and dynamics of the emergency.
- Evaluation of the project's impacts on existing evacuation plans.
- Consideration of the adequacy of emergency access, including the project's proximity to existing fire services and the capacity of existing services.
- Traffic modeling to quantify travel times under various scenarios.

In consideration of these factors, traffic / transportation professionals and local fire officials should be consulted. Additionally, local governments should consider placing developments close to existing roads and evacuation infrastructure, and where appropriate, constructing additional roads to facilitate evacuation.

## Mitigating Wildfire Risk, Evacuation, and Emergency Access Impacts

Home hardening has been shown to be an extremely effective measure for preventing structure loss during a wildfire. Local governments should require developers to upgrade building materials and use installation techniques to increase the development's resistance to heat, flames, and embers beyond what is required in applicable building codes. Mitigation measures should also be tailored to the project and its surroundings. The report provides additional examples.

The full guidance document may be accessed at <a href="https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/2022.10.10%20-%20Wildfire%20Guidance.pdf">https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/2022.10.10%20-%20Wildfire%20Guidance.pdf</a>

## Prior Action(s):

None.

## Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

## Attachment(s):



# Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## **Staff Report**

Subject: Summary of Proposed Projects for Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program

- Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0

Contact: Suzanne Peterson, Senior Analyst, <a href="mailto:speterson@wrcog.us">speterson@wrcog.us</a>, (951) 405-6706

Date: February 9, 2023

## Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide a list of proposed projects WRCOG is developing for submittal to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the REAP SRP 2.0 funding.

## WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #2 - Identify and help secure grants and other potential funding opportunities for projects and programs that benefit member agencies.

## **Background:**

The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) is a flexible program that seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership between the State of California, its regions, and local entities. REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. One of the programs which this is done by is the Subregional Partnership Program of which WRCOG is set to receive approximately \$1.6 million. WRCOG has met with SCAG staff to review eligible activities and is seeking feedback from the Planning Directors Committee. Feedback will be incorporated into the proposal to the WRCOG Executive Committee where WRCOG staff will be seeking approval to move forward with submitting a formal application to SCAG with the proposed project list of activities.

## **REAP 2.0 Introduction**

The REAP 2.0 Program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140 and builds on REAP 1.0 which was established in 2019, but expands the Program focus by integrating housing and climate goals. The Program objectives for REAP 2.0 are as follows:

- 1. Accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability;
- 2. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and

## 3. Reduce VMT.

For this effort, the State has made approximately \$600M available state-wide to fund REAP Programs. Of that, SCAG is set to receive approximately \$246M. A majority of this funding will be made available to eligible entities through three programmatic funding areas, described below.

- 1. Transportation Partnership Programs (TPP) SCAG has allocated \$100M to transportation initiatives and is developing two complementary programs to implement projects the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnerships and the Regional Pilot Initiatives (RPI) Partnership Program. The CTC Partnership Program will develop a robust partnership program between SCAG and the County Transportation Commissions to fund county-specific pilots and projects. The RPI Program will identify, evaluate, and award funding for regional or local pilots and projects that achieve regional transportation goals and objectives.
- 2. Partnerships to Affirmatively Transform Homes (PATH) PATH builds on the concepts put forward in the Key Connections in Connect SoCal 2020, which focuses on advancing expanded mobility ecosystems and management strategies using innovative policy and/or technology to realize regional planning goals, and account for 30% of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction needed to meet SCAG's SB 375 requirements. The PATH Program also builds on current work funded through the REAP 1.0 Program, the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant program, and SB 2 planning grants. SCAG has allocated over \$88M to the PATH program which is further divided into three program areas within the PATH.
- 3. Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0 The SRP 2.0 Program will allocate approximately \$23M to subregional councils of governments (COGs) on a non-competitive basis for activities supporting cities and counties to implement projects and programs identified in their Housing Elements. The SRP approach supports housing element implementation and creates a means for local efforts to align with SCAG's regional plans, implement the infill and VMT reduction goals of the Connect SoCal Plan, and support State planning goals.

## **WRCOG Eligibility**

WRCOG is eligible to receive up to \$1.6M in SRP funding. Other COGs and some counties, including Riverside County, have been allocated funding separate from the WRCOG allotment. The amount is based on a non-competitive allocation formula set by SCAG. WRCOG will be preparing an application to SCAG to secure its funding. SCAG is requiring that WRCOG identify a list of projects in this application.

## **Proposed Preliminary Project List**

Based on discussion with SCAG staff, WRCOG member agencies, and past experience with REAP 1.0, WRCOG has developed a preliminary project list to include in the application for REAP funding. The project list is provided below and includes eligible activities as identified in the SCAG REAP 2.0 SRP Guidelines.

Pro-housing Designation: WRCOG is seeking to assist any jurisdiction interested in pursuing
HCD's Pro-housing Designation. Local governments with Pro-housing Designations are eligible to
apply for the new Pro-housing Incentives Program - a grant program with \$2M in State funding.
Additionally, local governments with the Pro-housing Designation receive priority processing or
funding points when applying for several funding programs, including the Infill Infrastructure Grant
(IIG) and the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant. It is expected that additional

transportation and planning funding opportunities will integrate the Pro-housing Designation as an incentive, if not a requirement, for eligibility. WRCOG would provide assistance with application development, submittal, and addressing California Department of Housing and Community Development comments towards a successful submission. WRCOG would encourage any interested cities to act quickly as the Pro-housing Designation application will become more onerous beginning in 2024.

- Local Housing Assistance: Building on the success of the local housing assistance provided to jurisdictions utilizing REAP 1.0 funds, WRCOG will continue this type of customized assistance. The specific activities will vary jurisdiction-to-jurisdiction, but the program will be carried out the same way it is currently operating. Jurisdictions will submit a request to WRCOG for assistance on a particular activity or activities, an agreement between WRCOG and the jurisdiction will be executed, and finally, WRCOG will utilize one of the consultants from the on-call planning bench to carry out the requested activity. The key distinction between the assistance provided with REAP 1.0 funds and REAP 2.0 funds is the type of activities that are deemed eligible. Eligible REAP SRP 2.0 activities focus on the implementation of housing elements as a means of investing in actions to accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choices, and affordability, while affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing vehicle miles traveled. WRCOG reviewed a sample of Housing Elements from various jurisdictions to better understand the types of programs that would be implemented and potential opportunities to provide assistance. Examples of activities include municipal code updates, anti-displacement policies, rezoning and other updates to general and specific plans.
- Additional activities may be considered based on the feedback from member agencies.

## **Timeline**

In October 2022, WRCOG submitted an Intent to Apply to SCAG for the SRP Program. Currently, SCAG is awaiting final approval by the State in order to release the application. Once released there will be a narrow window in which to apply. However, WRCOG, in coordination with SCAG staff, will be able to submit the SRP application after the item is reviewed by the WRCOG Executive Committee in March. Additional application submittal materials will be completed once made available by SCAG.

## Prior Action(s):

None.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

## Attachment(s):



# Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## **Staff Report**

Subject: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative

Housing (PATH) Program, Draft Application

Contact: Jacob Noonan, REAP 2.0 Housing Program Manager, SCAG,

noonan@scag.ca.gov, (213) 236-1472

Date: February 9, 2023

## Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the REAP 2.0 PATH draft application.

## WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #2 - Identify and help secure grants and other potential funding opportunities for projects and programs that benefit member agencies.

## **Background:**

This item is reserved for a presentation by Jacob Noonan with SCAG to provide information on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Programs of Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH).

#### Overview

SCAG staff will present an update on the REAP 2.0 grant and the development of the Draft PATH Application. Following SCAG's Regional Council's approval of the PATH Program guidelines on November 3, 2022, SCAG has drafted the PATH Program application template and is seeking input. The PATH Program is one of three broad programs developed for SCAG's \$246M REAP 2.0 Program. The PATH program will provide \$89M in grant funding through a competitive evaluation process for projects with transformative and significant beneficial impacts accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability; affirmatively furthering fair housing; and reducing vehicle miles traveled. On March 2, 2023, SCAG's Regional Council is set to consider the application template with all public input received and authorize the PATH Program calls. Comments received by February 13th will be included in the agenda item. The Draft PATH Application can be downloaded on SCAG's REAP 2.0 webpage at <a href="https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021">https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021</a>.

## Prior Action(s):

**September 8, 2022**: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

## Fiscal Impact:

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## Attachment(s):