



# **Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee**

## **AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020  
9:30 a.m.**

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

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE – COVID-19 RELATED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT**

Due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020) in which Section 3 supersedes Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (issued on March 12, 2020). This new order states that WRCOG does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. The Order allows WRCOG to hold Committee meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically.

To follow the Order issued by the Governor, the Planning Directors Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. will be held via video and teleconference and any members of the public can attend electronically. Members of the public may send public comments by emailing [snelson@wrcog.us](mailto:snelson@wrcog.us), or calling (951) 405-6703 before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting in light of this announcement shall contact Suzy Nelson prior to 9:30 a.m. on October 6, 2020, at (951) 405-6703 or [snelson@wrcog.us](mailto:snelson@wrcog.us).

The Planning Directors Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

**1. CALL TO ORDER (John Hildebrand, Chair)**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Planning Directors Committee regarding any items with 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 agenda 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.

**4. SELECTION OF PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 P. 1**

**Requested Action:** 1. *Select Planning Directors Committee 2nd Vice-Chair position for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

**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 August 13, 2020, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration. P. 3**

**Requested Action:** 1. *Approve Summary Minutes from the August 13, 2020, Planning Directors Committee meeting.*

**B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update P. 7**

**Requested Action:** 1. *Receive and file.*

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. Southern California Freight Strategy Chris Gray, WRCOG P. 17**

**Requested Action:** 1. *Receive and file.*

**B. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG P. 25**

**Requested Action:** 1. *Receive and file.*

- C.     **SoCalGas Partnership – Local Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Elements for Decarbonization and Resilience**     **Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG**     **P. 31**

**Requested Action:**   1.     *Receive and file.*

- D.     **State Housing Legislative Update**     **Chris Gray, WRCOG**     **P. 33**

**Requested Action:**   1.     *Receive and file.*

- E.     **GIS and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau Initiative**     **Cameron Brown, WRCOG**     **P. 35**

**Requested Action:**   1.     *Recommend that the Executive Committee approve the proposed guidelines for the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services.*

**7.     REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING**

**8.     ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**     **Members**

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

**9.     GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**     **Members**

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

**10.   NEXT MEETING:**   **The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. on the Zoom platform.**

**11.   ADJOURNMENT**

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# Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Selection of Planning Directors Committee 2nd Vice-Chair Position for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

**Contact:** Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, [cgray@wrcog.us](mailto:cgray@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6710

**Date:** October 8, 2020

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*The purpose of this item is to select Planning Directors Committee 2nd Vice-Chair leadership position for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

**Requested Action:**

1. Select Planning Directors Committee 2nd Vice-Chair position for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.
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At the August 2020 Planning Directors Committee meeting the leadership positions were selected as follows:

Chair: John Hildebrand, County of Riverside  
 Vice-Chair: Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto  
 2nd Vice-Chair: Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale

Due to the unforeseen departure of Jason Killebrew, 2nd Vice-Chair, the Committee will have to select a new 2nd Vice-Chair for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Any member of the Committee not currently serving in a leadership position is encouraged to apply.

**Prior Action:**

August 13, 2020: The Planning Directors Committee selected John Hildebrand, County of Riverside, as Chair; Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto, as Vice-Chair; and Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

**Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Attachment:**

None.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair H.P. Kang, on the virtual platform, Zoom.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Christina Taylor, City of Beaumont  
Joanne Coletta, City of Corona  
Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale  
H.P. Kang, City of Hemet, Chair  
Tamara Campbell, City of Jurupa Valley (9:54 a.m. arrival)  
Richard MacHott, City of Lake Elsinore  
Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee  
Chris Ormsby, City of Moreno Valley  
Jarett Ramaiya, City of Murrieta  
Kenneth Phung, City of Perris  
David Murray, City of Riverside  
Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto  
Luke Watson, City of Temecula  
John Hildebrand, County of Riverside (10:00 a.m. departure)  
Phayvanh Nanthavongduongsy, County of Riverside  
Mathew Evans, March JPA  
Kristen Warsinski, Riverside Transit Agency

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. SELECTION OF PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

**Action:** 1. *The Planning Directors Committee selected John Hildebrand, County of Riverside, as Chair; Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto, as Vice-Chair; and Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

*(Lake Elsinore / Menifee) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 4 was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.*

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR** – *(Menifee / Perris) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Items 5.A and 5.B were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.*

**A. Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.**

**Action:** 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Planning Directors*

**B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. State Housing Legislative Update**

Bill Blankenship, President of WB Consulting, provided a summary surrounding current activities in the legislature. Since the last Planning Directors Committee meeting the California Legislature has continued to meet and transact business on a limited basis. While the legislature's main focus has been the State's Budget, several housing-related bills are still moving through the various stages. Some key bills that could affect WRCOG member agencies and that are likely to pass through include Senate Bill (SB) 902 (Weiner: Planning and zoning: housing development: density), SB 1385 (Caballero: Local planning: housing: commercial zones), Assembly Bill (AB) 3107 (Bloom: Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development), and SB 1120 (Atkins: Subdivisions: tentative maps).

Many of these bills streamline residential development or allow residential projects as either "by-right" or ministerial approval. Staff are keeping apprised of the activity and will be bringing back updates as they become available.

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**B. WRCOG Geographic Information System and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau Proposal**

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, provided an update on the current initiatives WRCOG is taking that will assist member jurisdictions in regard to Geographic Information System (GIS) and traffic modeling. Staff is developing a work plan which would include a series of schedules and deliverables. The concept behind developing this type of regional Bureau was based on feedback from committee members, requests from consultants and other stakeholders needing assistance with travel modeling that relates to Vehicle Miles Traveled estimates, as well as discussions with other regional agencies that currently offer these services.

Next steps include executing the specified work plan, focusing on initial outreach, and developing guidelines. Staff will be reaching out to member jurisdictions individually to discuss each jurisdiction's needs and interests.

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**C. Exploration of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation**

Elisa Laurel, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that WRCOG is currently in its first phase of a discovery process to determine if an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would truly be needed within Western Riverside County. Staff is conducting outreach with member jurisdictions and regional stakeholders to explore options and possible services an EDC could provide. This EDC would stand independently funded as a non-profit organization governed by representatives from both public and private sectors.

Staff is conducting further due diligence and research in the discovery phase which consist of reviewing existing EDC models, regionally, statewide and nationally, that would best fit the needs in Western

Riverside County. The next phase will consist of the formation of an Ad-Hoc Steering Committee to guide the vision and direction for the ideal governance, conducive for success in the subregion. Further information will be brought back to the committee when it becomes available.

**Action:** 1. *Received and filed.*

#### **D. Regional Housing Trust Initiative**

Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, provided an overview of an idea that was introduced which suggested a new Regional Housing Trust. With the State's housing crisis, a housing trust would provide dedicated source(s) of revenue for a wide variety of housing activities. A housing trust can provide a mechanism for local agencies to make ongoing investments in affordable housing using both direct revenue and leveraged matching funds available from state and federal sources, available exclusively for housing trust programs. Staff have reviewed various housing trusts and the recommended structure at this time would be a non-profit / Joint Powers Agreement variation model. Some of the most common forms of revenue sources for housing trusts include dedicated fees implemented by jurisdictions to support the development of housing.

WRCOG will be providing a follow-up survey regarding potential sources of funding for the Housing Trust.

**Action:** 1. *Received and filed.*

#### **E. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program Update – Subregional Partnership Program**

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP) Program through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is estimated to allocate \$1.678 million in funding throughout Western Riverside County through WRCOG. This Program is intended to augment a jurisdiction's Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and Senate Bill 2 activities. Final funding amount is subject to change based on the final Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation (RHNA).

SCAG is currently requesting input from the subregions on ideas for projects to assist jurisdictions' increase of housing planning and accelerate housing production. Based on discussions at recent committee meetings, WRCOG has proposed a preliminary list of projects to SCAG. This list is not final and is brought forth to gather input and incorporate other projects.

WRCOG will have to apply for the funds on a project-by-project basis so any project will be subject to approval by SCAG based on the Program guidelines that will be finalized and adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in September 2020. The REAP has the same timeline as LEAP, so all funds must be spent by December 2023. The earliest any REAP project can commence is November 2020, based on the grant administration process. A final list of projects is due to SCAG in conjunction with the adoption of the final RHNA.

**Action:** 1. *Directed staff to move forward with the proposed Regional Early Action Planning project list.*

*(Lake Elsinore / Perris) 16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.E was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.*

#### **7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING**

Chris Gray thanked H.P Kang for serving as Chair for this last fiscal year.

## **8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas.

## **9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair Travis Randel reminded Committee members to complete the 2020 Census and urged cities to push for 100% completion.

**10. NEXT MEETING:** The Planning Directors Committee scheduled for September 10, 2020, is cancelled. The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



# Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

**Contact:** Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, [cgray@wrcog.us](mailto:cgray@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6710

**Date:** October 8, 2020

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*The purpose of this item is to provide updates on noteworthy actions and discussions held in recent standing Committee meetings, and to provide general project updates.*

**Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

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Attached are summary recaps of actions and activities from recent WRCOG standing Committee meetings that occurred during the month of September.

**Prior Action:**

None.

**Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Attachment:**

1. Summary recaps from September Committee meetings.

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# Item 5.B

WRCOG Committees and Agency  
Activities Update

## Attachment 1

Summary recaps from September  
Committee meetings

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**Western Riverside Council of Governments  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Recap  
September 14, 2020**

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports for all items, please click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#).*

**4th Quarter Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Approved**

- The 4th Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was approved.

**Exploration of the Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation**

- Staff provided an update on exploratory efforts related to formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and shared findings to date based on meetings with 30+ stakeholders within the region and interviews with successful EDCs throughout the country.
- Generally, stakeholders agree that an EDC is needed in the western Riverside area and could complement existing jurisdiction economic development efforts.
- WRCOG will be pursuing seed funding from the Southern California Association of Governments to help with the initial formation due to a strong tie between economic development and housing production. An EDC could help to bring higher paying jobs to the subregion, raising incomes, and increasing opportunities for home purchasing.

**Future Forward Webinar Series Update**

- WRCOG's Future Forward Series is a monthly webinar focused on innovating during difficult times.
- To date, there have been five webinars that have garnered over 1,000+ views on YouTube.
- The next broadcast will be aired on September 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Envisioning the Future. A Candid Conversation on what Young Professionals Want." Former Fellows from WRCOG's Fellowship Program will be participating in the discussion to provide their thoughts on how Inland southern California can shape its future.
- Please visit <https://iercc.glueup.com/event/envisioning-the-future-27070/> to register.

**Activities Update by the Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts**

- Eastern and Western Municipal Water District representatives provided a briefing on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, also known as PFAS, which are man-made, water-repellent chemicals.
- The presentation noted the incomplete nature of current scientific research regarding PFAS and provided an overview of state and federal legislation.
- EMWD and WMWD remain committed to the protection of public health and to ensure that water is safe to use for all constituents.

### **COVID-19 and the Reopening of Schools**

- Dr. Judy White, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, provided an update on the status of reopening schools in Riverside County. Per the Governor's orders, distance learning was mandated in all counties on the state monitoring list.
- Dr. White noted that one of the major challenges with distance learning is connectivity. In response to this, the Riverside County Office of Education is continuing its work on the "All for One" campaign to provide needed equipment to every student by November 1st so that they can stay connected in today's virtual learning environment.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments  
Administration & Finance Committee  
Meeting Recap  
September 9, 2020**

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Administration & Finance Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports, please click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#).*

**WRCOG Policies and Procedures Related to Non-Discrimination and Contracting**

- Staff presented an overview of current WRCOG policies as they relate to non-discrimination and social equity.
- Members discussed the importance of reviewing guidelines for contracting and staff will continue to research opportunities to engage small and local businesses. Staff will also monitor Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) No. 5 as it relates to California Proposition 209.

**TUMF Program Revenue and Expenditures**

- Staff presented an overview of the TUMF Program including Fiscal Year 2019/2020 revenues as well as historical revenues and expenditures.
- Since its inception, the TUMF Program has collected over \$900M and funded over \$1 Billion in projects. Over 100 projects have been completed since 2003.

**PACE Programs Deferral of Judicial Foreclosure on Delinquent PACE Properties**

- PACE delinquencies rate through July 31, 2020, are at 1.43%. Last year at this time they were at 1.07%. In comparison, the delinquency rate overall for Riverside County is at 4.3%.
- The Committee recommended that the Executive Committee defer judicial foreclosure for properties that are delinquent during Tax Year 2019/2020 and each fiscal year in the future if a third party purchases the delinquencies.

**Next Meeting**

The next Administration & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Recap**  
September 17, 2020

*To review the full agenda and staff reports, please click [here](#).  
To review the meeting PowerPoint presentation, please click [here](#).*

### **Regional Housing Trust Initiative**

- Staff provided an update on the potential development of a Regional Housing Trust, which was one of three prospective and new WRCOG initiatives as identified at the start of the fiscal year. Housing trust funds are a commonly used tool to support housing production.
- Generally, housing trusts can provide a flexible source of gap financing, expand the subregion's ability to compete for state funds, and support homeless assistance services.
- In regard to administration of the potential trust, staff is currently recommending a hybrid Joint Powers Authority - nonprofit set up that is similar to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, which leverages WRCOG administrative and executive support while receiving oversight from a Board of Directors that are representative of participating members.
- WRCOG is continuing in its discovery and due diligence, engaging a variety of stakeholders and prospective partners. Staff will continue to keep the committee updated.

### **TUMF Program Revenue & Expenditures Update**

- Since inception in 2003, approximately \$900 million has been collected from new development for the TUMF Program, and 108 projects to date across the region have been completed using TUMF funds.
- Staff will be distributing jurisdiction-specific reports that identifies completed projects, funded projects, and regional projects.

### **Grant Writing Program Activities Update**

- Staff provided an update on the Grant Writing Assistance Program, which supports members in preparing and submitting competitive grant applications. To date, the Program has assisted jurisdictions in Western Riverside County attain over \$64 million in grant funding.
- In addition to supporting various grant applications, the Program also provides members advisory services to discuss potential projects to see which grants are the best fit as well as provide a bi-weekly grant opportunities table.
- Looking forward, staff will be exploring more sustainable options for continuing to provide this service to member agencies.

### **Environmental Department Program Activities Update**

- Staff provided an update on the Environmental Department, which consists of three programs: the Solid Waste Committee, the Used Oil recycling / Household Hazardous Waste, and the Clean Cities Coalition.
- All efforts of the Department continue to support members in complying with state legislation and working to increase community awareness of the opportunities to support environmental sustainability in Western Riverside County.
- CalRecycle's Model Tools can be found here: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education).

**Next Meeting**

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

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# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## Planning Directors Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** Southern California Freight Strategy

**Contact:** Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, [cgray@wrcog.us](mailto:cgray@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6710

**Date:** October 8, 2020

*The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Southern California Freight Strategy, which is an effort by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop a freight plan for Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.*

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

The Southern California Freight Strategy (SCFS) provides a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, freight sustainability challenges, and opportunities for innovative solutions in San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties. The consultant team has conducted a comprehensive review of previous studies and conducted a draft analysis of freight flows across the trucking, rail, marine, and air cargo modes. Work in process includes an analysis of multimodal supply chains and preliminary land use needs for future freight facilities. The initial work indicates that the following four themes to pursue for the remainder of the study:

1. Truck and Traffic Safety
2. Green freight innovations
3. AB 617 local community emission reduction plans
4. Future freight studies

#### **Prior Action:**

None.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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

#### **Attachment:**

1. Southern California Freight Strategy Fact Sheet.

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# Item 6.A

Southern California Freight Strategy

## Attachment 1

Southern California Freight Strategy  
Fact Sheet

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# CALTRANS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT STRATEGY

## OVERVIEW

Southern California is one of the leading freight hubs in the U.S., as the San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach together form the largest and busiest container port in North America, and LAX is among the most significant airports for cargo. Many of these imported goods are distributed by rail or truck to markets across California and the nation, and these gateway facilities also serve an important economic purpose for U.S. exporters shipping to customers around the world. Southern California also serves as a large local distribution hub with a large concentration of distribution centers (DCs) managed by retailers, manufacturers, distributors, and logistics companies. DCs are used to reroute goods, for example, receiving inbound truckloads from manufacturers, breaking these down into pallets, and consolidating outbound shipments to retail outlets, malls, grocery stores, and restaurants (and increasingly targeting home delivery as well).

Although Southern California is of national importance as a freight hub, many impacts are local – including public health, safety, environmental, and quality of life impacts. These are particularly acute along major corridors and near large freight facilities such as ports and intermodal rail yards.

Caltrans needs a strategy that recognizes this dual role of freight – on the one hand, maintaining/building upon Southern California's role as a nationally important freight hub, and on the other hand, developing practical recommendations on how the local impacts of freight can be reduced or mitigated.

The strategy also will provide a nuanced understanding of how the freight industry operates and how commodities move in the region. For example, Southern California is one of the largest consumer markets in the U.S., and much of the freight activity in the region is also serving the regional economy and local residents. This includes providing opportunities for same-day delivery to customers in the region and keeping retail store shelves stocked, delivering critical just-in-time parts to manufacturers, ensuring hospitals have life-saving medical supplies, and enabling restaurants to receive frequent deliveries of fresh food products.

## PURPOSE & NEED

The Southern California Freight Strategy (SCFS) aims to develop a sustainable freight plan that provides a regional perspective on goods movement travel demands, sustainability challenges, innovative opportunities, and regional priorities across San Bernardino and Riverside as well as Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. The SCFS is intended to:

- ▶ Complement and build on existing efforts, both statewide/regionally and locally (county-level), as well as supporting legislative efforts.
- ▶ Provide a regional perspective on goods movement – covering Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties as a whole, ensuring continuity across county lines.
- ▶ Provide practical recommendations to address significant freight issues in the region, including traffic congestion and air quality.
- ▶ Examine freight-related initiatives within the study area to identify strategies that Caltrans or other agencies should pursue.

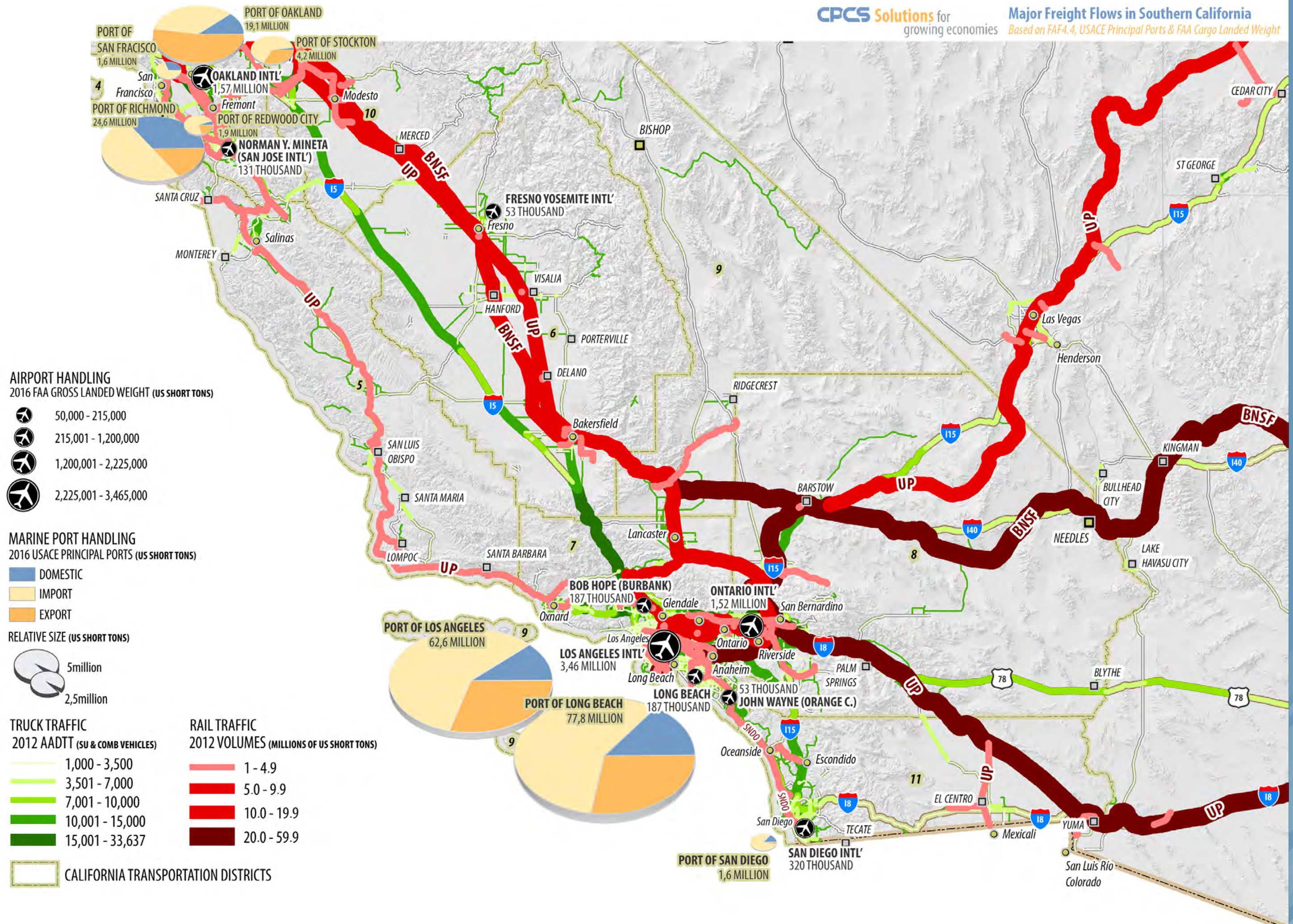
## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The SCFS will engage a variety of stakeholders throughout the development of the study, including public and private stakeholders and grassroots organizations. The goal is to meaningfully engage a broad array of stakeholders to guide the development of the plan and to gather their perspectives on the freight system, how freight-dependent industries use the system, current needs and issues, and potential opportunities to improve the movement of goods.

The stakeholder engagement process includes:

- ▶ Project Management Team Meetings and regular progress meetings
- ▶ Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- ▶ One-on-one freight logistics stakeholder consultations
- ▶ Small Group Meetings
- ▶ Focused Working Groups
- ▶ Broad online engagement and information sharing

The Technical Advisory Committee will meet four times at critical junctures over the course of strategy development in an online setting suitable for open discussion.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT STRATEGY TIMELINE

|                                                                          | 2020 |   |   |   |    |    | 2021 |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|
|                                                                          | 6    | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12   | 1 | 2 |
| <b>Task 1</b><br>Project Kick-off/Project Administration                 |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 2</b><br>Stakeholder Identification & Public Engagement Strategy |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 3</b><br>Deployment of Outreach Plans                            |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 4</b><br>Current Freight Landscape                               |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 5</b><br>Develop & Present the Methodology                       |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 6</b><br>Meeting the Challenges of Tomorrow                      |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 7</b><br>Recommendations & Project Prioritization                |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 8</b><br>Draft Southern California Freight Strategy              |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |
| <b>Task 9</b><br>Final Southern California Freight Strategy              |      |   |   |   |    |    |      |   |   |

## CALIFORNIA FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN 2020

In collaboration with various State, regional and local partners, public and private sectors, and the members of the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the [Draft California Freight Mobility Plan \(CFMP\) 2020](#) to provide a long-term vision for California's freight future. The CFMP is a comprehensive plan that governs the immediate and long-range planning activities and capital investments by the state with respect to freight movement. This multimodal freight transportation system facilitates the reliable and efficient movement of goods while ensuring a prosperous economy, social equity, and human and environmental health. The CFMP also complies with California State Government Code Section 13978.8(b)(1) (Assembly Bill 14, Lowenthal) and the freight provisions of the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) which requires each state that receives funding under the National Highway Freight Program to develop a State Freight Plan.

## VISION

As the national gateway for international trade and domestic commerce, California enhances economic competitiveness by collaboratively developing and operating an integrated, multimodal freight transportation system that provides safe, sustainable freight mobility. This system facilitates the reliable and efficient movement of freight while ensuring a prosperous economy, social equity, and human and environmental health.

## GOALS

- Economic Competitiveness:** Improve the contribution of the California freight transportation system to support economic efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness.
- Congestion Relief:** Reduce costs to users by minimizing congestion on the freight transportation system.
- Safety and Security:** Improve the safety, security, and resilience of the freight transportation system.
- Freight System Infrastructure Preservation:** Improve the state of good repair of the freight transportation system.
- Innovative Technology and Practices:** Use innovative technology and practices to operate, maintain, and optimize the efficiency of the freight transportation system while reducing its environmental and community impacts.
- Environmental Stewardship:** Avoid and reduce adverse environmental and community impacts of the freight transportation system.

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# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## Planning Directors Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications

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**Date:** October 8, 2020

*The purpose of this item is to present on the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Projects.*

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

SCAG staff will present on the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Active Transportation & Safety (AT&S) Call for Applications ([http://sustain.scaq.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx?utm\\_medium](http://sustain.scaq.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx?utm_medium)). More details about each project type, program area goals, and the SCP overall can be found in the Sustainable Communities Program AT&S Guidelines (<http://sustain.scaq.ca.gov/Documents/2020CallForProjects/2020-SCP-Guidelines.pdf>).

The SCP provides planning resources and technical assistance to local agencies to support the implementation of Connect SoCal, a long-range vision for transportation and land use planning for the region. The Call for Applications includes three specific project types, each with a unique application, to fund planning and quick build projects that result in increased rates of walking and biking, promote traffic safety, expand opportunities for multi-modal transportation options, and better position local jurisdictions to be competitive for implementation funds.

#### **Active Transportation & Safety Project Types**

**Community-wide & Area Plans:** Support the implementation of the "Core Vision:" Complete Streets, Active Transportation, and Transportation Safety strategies as outlined in Connect SoCal. Examples of eligible plans include, but are not limited to, Community-wide Bicycle or Pedestrian Master Plans, Community-wide Active Transportation Plans, First-Last Mile Plans (active transportation improvements only), Vision Zero Plans, Systemic Safety Analysis Reports, and Safe Routes Plans.

**Infrastructure Demonstration Projects (Quick Build):** Provide opportunities for jurisdictions to test interim capital improvement projects that further the goals of the Active Transportation Plan and serve as design / build opportunities centered in community-supported feedback. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, active transportation infrastructure (protected bike lane, bulb-outs, curb extensions), multi-modal infrastructure integration (dedicated bus pilot lanes and transit integration with active transportation infrastructure) and public pedestrian plazas.

**Network Visioning and Implementation:** Conduct visioning and position cities to plan and install entire active transportation networks within a short- to mid-term timeframe, alongside thoughtful community engagement. The framework will identify and implement a phased approach for Quick Build pilot projects, identified through

technical analysis and robust public engagement, prior to network construction, to take on the most “stressful” segment first and set up the network build-out in phases.

The following applicants are eligible for the SCP Active Transportation & Safety Call:

- Local or Regional Agency - Examples include cities, counties, councils of government, Regional Transportation Planning agencies and County Public Health Departments.
- Transit Agencies - Any agency responsible for public transportation that is eligible for funds under the Federal Transit Administration.
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies - federal, state, or local agency responsible for natural resources or public land administration.
- Public schools or school districts.
- Tribal Governments - Federally-recognized Native American Tribes.

SCAG is offering two webinars to assist agencies in preparing applications, provide a forum to answer questions, and to provide additional information and examples for each project type. The webinars are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 7, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration: <https://scag.wufoo.com/forms/m1bk1n3502i94t1/>.

**Please note the following key milestones:**

- Call for Applications opens: September 8, 2020
- Application Workshops: October 7 & 21, 2020
- SCAG SCP Call for Applications deadline: November 13, 2020
- Proposal Review and Scoring: December 2020 – March 2021
- SCAG Regional Council approval of the 2020 SCP AT&S application rankings: May 6, 2021
- California Transportation Commission approval of ATP projects: June 2021

For more information, including program guidelines, application links, and to RSVP for upcoming webinars, please visit <http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/DemoProjApplication.aspx>.

**Prior Action:**

None.

**Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Attachment:**

1. 2020-2021 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Fact Sheet.

# Item 5.B

SCAG Sustainable Communities  
Program Active Transportation &  
Safety Call for Projects

## Attachment 1

2020-2021 SCAG Sustainable  
Communities Program Fact Sheet

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## Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a technical assistance program that provides direct resources for jurisdictions and agencies for local planning and serves as a key implementation tool for Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The SCP strengthens local partnerships and implements strategies outlined in Connect SoCal to promote healthy, connected, and equitable communities.

The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainable Development; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region, among others. The first Call for Applications, prioritizing active transportation and safety, opened in **September 2020**. More details and guidelines for subsequent Calls will be released as they become available.

## Program Goals & Community Benefits

Encourage planning strategies to reduce motorized vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly in areas with the highest need for air quality improvements.

Promote, address, and ensure health and equity in regional land use, housing production, and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color.

Increase competitiveness for federal and state funds, including the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

## Example Active Transportation & Safety Project Types



City-wide Active Transportation Plans



Pedestrian Master Plans



Quick Build Projects



Network Visioning & Implementation



Transportation Safety Focused Plans



First/Last Mile Plans



Local Road Safety Plans or Safe Systems Plans

To learn more, visit SCAG's [SCP website](#) to access the Program Toolkit, including example projects, communication templates, and more information about resource opportunities.

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# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## Planning Directors Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** SoCalGas Partnership – Local Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Elements for Decarbonization and Resilience

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**Date:** October 8, 2020

*The purpose of this item is to present on integrating the gas energy sector in the potential for decarbonization and energy resilience in long-range planning efforts, such as General Plans, Climate Action and Adaptation Plans (CAAPs), etc.*

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

Geoffrey Danker of SoCalGas, and Gerald Braun of IRESN, Inc., will present on an integrative and balanced approach in the preparation of long-range planning efforts, such as General Plans or CAAPs. Until recently in many states, decarbonization depended primarily on more efficient natural gas use in building heating, plus substitution of natural gas for coal in power generation. Communities that rely on both natural gas and electricity are inherently more energy resilient than those that rely only on one building energy source. In late 2019, the Integrated Renewable Energy Systems Network (IRESN) launched a project to identify local CAAP elements for local fuel use decarbonization and energy service resilience and the technical and economic information necessary for its effective and collaborative implementation

The presentation will include content on the following questions:

- How and to what extent can local production of renewable natural gas and hydrogen be substituted for current sources of natural gas?
- What options exist for resilient local power for critical services and communities?
- How can cities and counties account for the local job creation and economic benefits of energy decarbonization and resilience action steps?

#### **Prior Action:**

None.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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

#### **Attachment:**

None.

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# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## Planning Directors Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** State Housing Legislation Update

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**Date:** October 8, 2020

*The purpose of this item is to provide an update on housing and planning-related legislation during the most recent Legislative Session, which has recently concluded.*

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

The California Legislative Session for 2020 was one of the most chaotic in recent memory. Between the impacts of COVID-19 and the need to deal with the economic, social, and fiscal impacts, the Legislature had limited bandwidth to deal with other issues. When the session first began in January, numerous bills related to housing and planning were proposed but a majority of them failed to pass. Some notable bills which were not approved included:

- **Senate Bill 902** (Senator Weiner): This bill would have permitted local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, if the parcel is located in a transit rich area, a job rich area, or deemed an urban infill area.
- **Senate Bill 1385** (Senator Caballero): This bill would have enacted the **“Neighborhood Homes Act”** which would have established housing as an allowable use on any parcel zoned for office or retail use. The bill’s goal was to facilitate the conversion of aging retail centers into housing centers.
- **Assembly Bill 3107** (Assemblyman Ting and Bloom): The bill would have made housing development an **“authorized use”** on a site designated in an element of the general plan for commercial uses. The bill also would have required that a minimum of 20% of the units in a commercial conversion development project be deed-restricted as affordable units to lower income households.
- **Senate Bill 1120** (Senate President Pro Tem, Atkins): This bill would have had several co-authors, including local Senator Richard Roth. The bill promoted small-scale neighborhood residential development by streamlining the process for a homeowner to create a duplex or subdivide an existing lot in all residential areas. The bill would have required ministerial approval of duplexes.
- **Assembly Bill 1279** (Assemblyman Bloom): The bill would have established “high resource areas” throughout the State. The resource areas were defined as neighborhoods with high quality public schools, proximity to well-paying jobs and a clean and safe environment. The bill would have targeted high opportunity and low residential density areas for future housing developments. The bill intended to alleviate the housing crisis and reduce exclusionary practices by establishing that housing development must be a **“use by right”** in an established high resource area.

The following housing-related bills were passed by the Legislature:

- **Assembly Bill 434** (Assemblyman Daly): This bill directs the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to develop a single application and scoring system for six separate grant programs under the Department's multi-family housing program. The effect of this bills is to require projects to submit one application for these funding programs instead of six separate applications, thereby potentially reducing the cost of affordable housing projects.
- **Assembly Bill 725** (Assemblyman Wicks): This bill requires that jurisdictions allocate at least 25% of the units identified by RHNA to be placed on sites that are zoned to allow at least four units. This bill would not apply to any housing element due before January 1, 2022.
- **Assembly Bill 831** (Assemblyman Grayson): This bill clarifies elements of SB 35 including the requirement that developments subject to a streamlined approval process must be on-site zoned for residential or mixed-use and at least two-thirds of the project's square footage must be designated for residential use. This bill also requires the local government to apply "objective planning standards" when reviewing proposed modifications to a project seeking approval per the requirements of SB 35.
- **Assembly Bill 1561** (Assemblyman Garcia and Grayson): This bill extends by 18 months the expiration of any housing entitlement that was in effect on March 4, 2020 and would expire prior to December 31, 2020.
- **Assembly Bill 1851** (Assemblyman Wicks): This bill would allow a religious institution to develop an affordable housing project even if such a project reduces the number of parking spaces available at the place of worship. The bill was amended in the Senate to require that these new residential units have at least one parking space per unit unless certain requirements are met.
- **Assembly Bill 2345** (Assemblyman Gonzalez & Chiu): This bill would revise the Density Bonus law to increase the maximum allowable density. This bill also increases the amount of affordable housing that has to be provided to receive additional incentives and concessions.
- **Assembly Bill 3182** (Assemblyman Ting): This bill would require that Common Interest Developments (CIDs) allow at least 25% of owners to rent or lease out their units. CIDs that are not compliant with this law can be fined a civil penalty up to \$1,000.
- **Assembly Bill 3308** (Assemblyman Gabriel): This bill would allow school districts to develop affordable housing on district-owned land and restrict usage of that housing to teachers and school district employees.
- **Senate Bill 1079** (Senator Skinner): This bill would limit the ability of corporations and other large entities from buying large numbers of properties if California experiences a high number of foreclosures.

Based on review of the housing-related bills, staff considers AB 1561 to have the greatest impact to member jurisdictions. Staff is further analyzing this bill to determine its impact to WRCOG member jurisdictions and will be providing additional information during the meeting.

#### **Prior Action:**

August 13, 2020: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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

#### **Attachment:**

None.



# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## Planning Directors Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** GIS and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau Initiative

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**Date:** October 8, 2020

*The purpose of this item is to present information on a new WRCOG initiative to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) and Transportation Modeling services to member agencies.*

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Recommend that the Executive Committee approve the proposed guidelines for the new GIS and Transportation Modeling Services.

*WRCOG provides a variety of services through programs to its member agencies such as the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program, Grant Writing Program, Active Transportation Program, Climate Change / Adaptation, and the Public Service Fellowship Program. WRCOG is currently evaluating whether it should provide GIS and Transportation Modeling services as another program to its members.*

#### **Background**

Earlier in 2020, WRCOG engaged in a comprehensive Agency-wide visioning session to explore new initiatives. One initiative identified for future investigation included implementing a regional GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau.

This initiative was developed based on input from member agencies as well as through a review of services offered by other agencies.

The concept of a GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau is based on three items of input:

- Feedback from the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee, particularly for assistance with GIS.
- Requests from consultants and other stakeholders for assistance with travel modeling, particularly as it relates to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) estimates.
- Discussions with other regional agencies such as the San Diego Association of Governments and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, which currently offer these services.

#### **Examples of GIS and Transportation Modeling Requests**

##### **GIS / Mapping**

- Community Development (Land Use, Zoning, Specific Plan) maps
- Crime maps
- GIS Applications – tracking graffiti, vector control, road maintenance
- Visualization mapping for city meetings

## Transportation Modeling

- Traffic Flow maps
- VMT mapping
- Land Use scenarios

## **Proposed Guidelines for New Initiative**

The proposed work plan for the GIS / Traffic Modeling Services Bureau includes outreach with members of the Public Works and Planning Directors Committees to identify specific areas of assistance related to GIS and Traffic Modeling that would help member agencies.

For discussion, WRCOG is proposing the following guidelines:

- GIS / Traffic Modeling services will be provided free of charge to WRCOG member agencies unless the request(s) require more than 4 hours of staff time or other resources to complete.
- Requests that involve more than 4 hours to complete or go beyond normal work parameters for WRCOG staff will require a service fee, which will be calculated based on WRCOG's cost to provide the service.
- WRCOG will manage all GIS / Traffic Modeling requests which may require on-call planning consultants for completion.
- WRCOG staff will prioritize requests on a first come-first served basis.
- WRCOG will provide an online request form via its website to complete requests.
- WRCOG will fulfill requests as quickly as possible, generally within 2 - 3 business days. For requests that may take more effort, the user will be given an expected schedule before work has begun.
- Requests from non-member agency stakeholders (such as consultants) will be treated in a similar way except that all of these requests will be assessed a service fee.

## **Next Steps**

WRCOG will be implementing guidelines, focusing on initial outreach, and preparing its systems to handle GIS / Traffic Modeling requests. Staff will be reaching out to members of the Planning Directors and Public Works Committees to apprise each jurisdiction of the new service opportunities.

## **Prior Action:**

August 13, 2020: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

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

## **Attachment:**

None.