



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, March 10, 2022
9:30 AM**

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

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The 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 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.

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 February 10, 2022, Planning Directors Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2022, Planning Directors Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

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

A. Objective Design Standards Toolkit Update

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

B. REAP Housing Activities Assistance Update

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

C. Legislative Activities Update

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

D. SCAG Update on the 2024 Connect SoCal Growth Forecasts, Regional Data Platform and Local Data Exchange

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

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS ~ Members

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

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Members

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 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Directors Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee was called to order by Chair John Hildebrand at 9:31 a.m. on February 10, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Adam Rush
- City of Beaumont - Carole Kendrick*
- 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 - Orlando Hernandez
- City of Murrieta - David Chantarangsu
- City of Perris - Kenneth Phung
- City of Riverside - David Murray
- City of San Jacinto - Travis Randel
- City of Temecula - Matt Peters
- City of Wildomar - Abdu Lachgar
- County of Riverside - John Hildebrand (Chair)
- March JPA - Jeffrey Smith
- Riverside Transit Agency - Jennifer Nguyen

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Murrieta / Lake Elsinore) 14 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. Item 5.A was approved. The City of Wildomar abstained.

A. Summary Minutes from the December 9, 2021, Planning Directors Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the December 9, 2021, Planning Directors Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. VMT Implementation Assistance - VMT Calculator Demonstration

Delia Votsch from Fehr & Peers provided a demonstration on the VMT Calculator developed for WRCOG and its member agencies. The calculator will assist with VMT estimation using data from the regional model without needing to run the local model. The tool can be used for most small projects that do not meet VMT screening requirements. The tool can also help local jurisdictions with reviewing the VMT estimates developed by consultants.

This tool will be sent to Committee members and posted on the WRCOG website shortly after the meeting.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Residential Trip Generation Study

Suzanne Peterson, WRCOG's Senior Analyst, provided an overview of the Residential Trip Generation study that WRCOG is working on with Fehr & Peers. The relationship between development impact fees, travel behavior, and residential unit size is being assessed against the current residential TUMF Program fee structure. The TUMF Program and fee structure is based on vehicular trip generation, so the study must assess vehicle trip generation; however, the study will also look at other potential factors that may affect travel behavior from residential land uses. The assessment will look into the factors such as residential unit size, price of residential units, demographic factors, and geographic location.

Assembly Bill (AB) 602 (Grayson) took effect on January 1, 2022, which requires local agencies that calculate fees proportionately to the square footage of the proposed units, to have a valid methodology to establish a reasonable relationship between the fee charges and the burden of the proposed development. While the TUMF Program is not based on square footage, this study would provide the preliminary analysis that would be required, based on AB 602, should the TUMF fee structure be considered for a shift from per unit cost to a cost based on unit size.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Trip Origin-Destination Assessment

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG's Program Manager, provided an overview of the origin-destination assessment utilizing big data as a means to better understand whether TUMF is fulfilling its goal of providing to major arterial roadways to accommodate for regional travel in WRCOG's subregion. The analysis utilized big data from Streetlight Data and commuting data sources, such as the California Household Travel Survey and the Longitudinal Employer Housing Dynamics. The analysis looked into items such as the origin of trips traveling into the boundaries of each member agency, the destination of trips traveling from each member agency, commute trip distances, trip type, and the trip distribution to-

and-from each member agency during the p.m. peak hour. Draft assessments have been summarized and will be disseminated to the respective Committee members for input after this meeting.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Potential Development of a VMT Mitigation Program

Chris Gray, WRCOG's Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the summary of Scope of Work for the development of a potential VMT mitigation program for Western Riverside County. WRCOG has commenced an effort to develop a potential VMT mitigation program for Western Riverside County. Participation in any potential program will be on a voluntary basis, so jurisdictions will participate in a program only if it decides to opt-in. WRCOG encourages interested jurisdictions to participate in the stakeholder meetings that will be held as part of the development process.

The development of a potential program will include conducting research on VMT mitigation program options and developing a list of projects and programs that could be included in a voluntary VMT mitigation program.

The project team will provide updates to the Committee during the development of a program. However, the Scope of Work also includes a working group that will meet occasionally to address questions and concerns that arise through the exploration of a program. WRCOG encourages staff from any member agency that are interested, to be involved with the working group. Please contact Christopher Tzeng (ctzeng@wrcog.us) for notifications of the working group meetings.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray reported that the Executive Committee approved WRCOG's assistance program utilizing REAP funding. The next step is for any interested member agency to submit a request form to Suzanne Peterson. There will be a Committee meeting in March that will include an update from SCAG on the growth forecasts and its Regional Data Platform.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Hildebrand requested a follow-up presentation on SB 9.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Objective Design Standards Toolkit Update
Contact: Suzanne Peterson, Senior Analyst, speterson@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6706
Date: March 10, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of the preparation of an Objective Design Standards Toolkit for use by WRCOG member agencies.

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:

Utilizing Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program grant funding, WRCOG is preparing an Objective Design Standards Toolkit for use by member agencies. The Toolkit will help implement the requirements of Senate Bill 35 and be developed in a manner so that member agencies can customize standards that fit each unique jurisdiction. In addition to address design standards with several architectural style types, the toolkit will provide applicability and context to state law, guidance for inclusion into the zoning code, considerations and standards for overall site design, and sample lot configurations for SB9 eligible lots.

An outline of the toolkit is attached and will be presented at the meeting. The outline is brought fourth to the Committee for review and comments.

Prior Action(s):

December 9, 2021: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

March 1, 2021: The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute an MOU, substantially as to form, with SCAG for the REAP Subregional Partnership Program.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation and Planning Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget under the Transportation Department. In addition, the development of the Toolkit is covered by REAP funding that has already been approved by SCAG.

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1 - ODS Toolkit Outline

WRCOG Objective Design Standards Toolkit

WORKING OUTLINE – FEBRUARY 22, 2022

1. Introduction to SB35 and ODS

This guidebook addresses changes in California State laws that emphasize standards that provide objective criteria to be used as the basis for project approval or denial. Project applications eligible for this process (refer to Section 1.3, Applicability) shall receive a ministerial, non-subjective review.

1.1. Senate Bill (“SB”) 35 Government Code Section 65913.4

1.2. SB 330 Housing Accountability Act

1.3. Applicability

2. Inclusion in the Zoning Code

The Toolkit will assume that the typical means of implementing ODS will be a stand-alone illustrated ODS document, empowered by appropriate reference within the local jurisdiction’s Municipal Code. This chapter will discuss typical means of enacting ODS through strategic amendments to the Municipal Code, providing boilerplate language, and identifying common Code sections for such amendments.

This chapter will also discuss procedures for identifying design policies, guidelines, and standards within existing planning documents and how they may be used as a foundation to create new ODS.

2.1. Creating ODS

2.2. Inclusion in the Zoning Code

3. Site Planning Standards

This chapter will address common standards and considerations related to overall site design including:

3.1. Lot Configurations

3.1.1. Lot Layout (infill development)

3.1.2. Lot Layout (greenfield development)

3.1.3. Building Orientation

3.1.4. Site Access

3.1.5. On-site Streets

3.1.6. Parking Lots & Courts

3.1.7. Open Space

3.2. Utilitarian Elements

3.2.1. Garages

3.2.2. Ancillary Structures

3.2.3. Utilities and Trash Enclosures

3.2.4. Solar

3.2.5. Carports

4. Landscape Standards

This chapter details typical standards related to landscape architecture, including:

4.1. Entry Monuments

4.2. Walls and Fences

4.3. Play Areas

4.4. Planting

4.5. Site Lighting

4.6. Water Conversation

5. Building Design Standards

This chapter details typical standards for general building design, including:

5.1. Building Form

5.2. Building Height

5.3. Articulation

5.4. Entry Locations

5.5. Garage Locations

5.6. Adjacent Uses

6. Architectural Style Standards

In the context of compliance with SB35, architectural styles are not necessary. However, many communities desire the inclusion of architectural style within their Design Standards. To accommodate this desire, the following cut-sheets identify key attributes of each style with example imagery appropriate to Western Riverside County. These cut-sheets and associated design standards are optional “add-ons” to the overall ODS Toolkit.

6.1. Spanish Revival

Derived from Spanish/Mediterranean and early Californian influences, these styles emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Projects a visually rich environment with allusions to regional history. Generally, Spanish Colonial Revival style buildings are asymmetrically arranged. The style features low-pitched roofs with little or no overhang covered with S Type Clay red roofing tiles. These houses were almost always wood frame with stucco siding. The use of the arch was common, especially above doors, porch entries, and main windows.

6.1.1. Form & Massing

6.1.2. Roof

6.1.3. Materials & Colors

6.1.4. Doors & Windows

6.1.5. Decorative Details

6.2. Craftsman

The Craftsman or California Bungalow style is derived from the influential residential style that emerged in the early 20th century out of the Arts and Crafts movement. This style is deployed to create a visually rich residential environment with allusions to regional history. As indicated in the accompanying precedent images and illustrative diagram, recognizable elements include the artful use of wood and natural materials, low-pitched gabled or hipped roofs, horizontal orientation, and earth-toned colors. Common design elements also include exposed rafters and beams under eaves, decorative brackets and fasteners, full- or partial-width porches and large columns or piers. Though this style exhibits a horizontal emphasis, vertical architectural elements are often deployed to accentuate corners and entrances. Period Craftsman residences often featured exterior cladding of wood shingles or clapboard siding and details such as extended lintels and decorative lighting with geometric detailing.

6.2.1. Form & Massing

6.2.2. Roof

6.2.3. Materials & Colors

6.2.4. Doors & Windows

6.2.5. Decorative Details

6.3. Tuscan

An interpretation of traditional Mediterranean architectural style based on precedents found in the Spanish Revival style joined by rural Italian elements. This style harkens to the Mediterranean variants found throughout California. As indicated in the accompanying precedent images and illustrative diagram, recognizable elements include the use of stone and stucco, light earth tones, and red-tiled roofs. Classical elements such as columns and arches and

decorative ironwork add visual complexity. Squared towers and projections speak to Italianate references. Porches and porticoes are common, as are vertically-oriented recessed windows.

- 6.3.1. Form & Massing**
- 6.3.2. Roof**
- 6.3.3. Materials & Colors**
- 6.3.4. Doors & Windows**
- 6.3.5. Decorative Details**

6.4. East Coast Traditional

The East Coast Traditional styles of multi-family housing incorporate elements of American domestic architecture dating back to the early English and Dutch houses built in the first century of colonial settlement. These precedents have been interpreted and re-interpreted during successive waves of residential design and development over the past 140 years, and presently incorporate an eclectic mixture of elements. Common characteristics of new East Coast Traditional buildings include materials such as wood and brick; front entrances accentuated with pediments and pilasters; windows with double-hung sashes and articulated lintels and sills; and porches supported by thin columns.

- 6.4.1. Form & Massing**
- 6.4.2. Roof**
- 6.4.3. Materials & Colors**
- 6.4.4. Doors & Windows**
- 6.4.5. Decorative Details**

6.5. Farmhouse

Farmhouse is an interpretation of traditional rural residential forms and materials. This style reflects Riverside County's agricultural and ranching history and regional context. As indicated in the accompanying precedent images and illustrative diagram, the style utilizes elements such as vertical or horizontal wood siding, monochrome colors with contrasting accents and sparse or simple ornamentation. Roofs are typically medium to high-pitched. Minimal detailing often includes awnings, porches and wall mounted gooseneck lights.

- 6.5.1. Form & Massing**
- 6.5.2. Roof**
- 6.5.3. Materials & Colors**
- 6.5.4. Doors & Windows**
- 6.5.5. Decorative Details**

6.6. Modern

Modern is a contemporary style derived from utilitarian precedents, utilizing block forms, contrasting colors and eclectic combinations of materials in modern compositions. This style projects a minimalist, clean aesthetic. Simple rectangular shapes and forms are combined within horizontal and vertical planes to create dynamic lines. Flat roofs reinforce the rectangular shapes and provide an opportunity for outdoor deck areas. Accents are simple and modest, usually taking the form of trellis elements.

- 6.6.1. Form & Massing**
- 6.6.2. Roof**
- 6.6.3. Materials & Colors**
- 6.6.4. Doors & Windows**
- 6.6.5. Decorative Details**

6.7. Western

Derived from the American vernacular architecture that sprang from the passing of the Homestead Act of 1862, Western Architecture evolved to encompass the Victorian style during the later 19th century when milled wood became widely available. This style combines simple, rustic, forms with Victorian embellishments to create a relaxed, informal feel compatible with the spirit of the American West. Qualities that reflect the Western theme can be described as rural, informal, traditional, rustic, low profile and equestrian oriented. Conversely, qualities that are inconsistent with the Western theme are urban, formal, contemporary, sophisticated, and massive.

- 6.7.1. Form & Massing**
- 6.7.2. Roof**
- 6.7.3. Materials & Colors**
- 6.7.4. Doors & Windows**
- 6.7.5. Decorative Details**

7. SB9

7.1. Overview

7.2. Typical Lot Configurations

- 7.2.1. Lot Type A**
- 7.2.2. Lot Type B**
- 7.2.3. Lot Type C**
- 7.2.4. Lot Type D**
- 7.2.5. Lot Type E**



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: REAP Housing Activities Assistance Update
Contact: Suzanne Peterson, Senior Analyst, speterson@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6706
Date: March 10, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the number of requests received from WRCOG member agencies for housing activities assistance that WRCOG is providing through REAP 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:

SCAG's REAP Subregional Partnership Program is intended to increase planning to accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region through implementable actions that will increase housing supply to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The Subregional Partnership Program has been designed to augment and complement funds that are awarded to jurisdictions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to SB 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program. WRCOG was allocated \$1.678 million through the REAP Subregional Partnership Program to provide assistance to the local jurisdictions. This funding must be expended by June 2023.

Direct Technical Assistance to Member Agencies

One of the approved REAP projects WRCOG proposed is to provide a contract planning consultant bench to be utilized by WRCOG member agencies. The purpose of this REAP project is to provide member agencies with technical assistance aimed to help facilitate local housing production during the planning phase. This technical assistance was made available to all WRCOG member agencies beginning in May 2021. In order to continue providing additional technical assistance to facilitate housing production during the planning phase, WRCOG developed an additional list of tasks for this project and this draft list was provided to this Committee at its December 9, 2021, meeting for input. This initiative includes a list of specific tasks related to implementing recent California housing legislation, including bills related to Accessory Dwelling Units, Density Bonus law, Surplus Lands disposition, zoning law, and development streamlining, as well as staff augmentation to assist with housing-related local

actions and other general activities that have a broad application including use guides and FAQ sheets. The activities were identified through feedback sought by member agency staff on its top priorities to help advance their respective housing goals. A list of eligible activities was included along with the Housing Activities Assistance Jurisdiction Request Form which was presented before the Executive Committee at its February 7, 2022, meeting, subsequently distributed to the PDC members, and is attached to this Staff Report (Attachment 1). It should be noted that these assistance funds are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis, and are not provided on an allocation basis.

Funding Agreement Between WRCOG and Requesting Agency

Since many of the activities offered through this project involve providing direct technical assistance to member agencies, WRCOG will enter into an agreement with a requesting member agency. The agreement template was approved by the Executive Committee at its February 7, 2022, meeting, subsequently distributed to the PDC members, and is attached to this Staff Report (Attachment 2). The agreement addresses items such as terms of the types of services to be offered and insurance, as well as general provisions, including an indemnification clause and cooperation. The language in the agreement has much of the standard language included in a WRCOG Professional Services Agreement (PSA) in order to ensure terms and provisions are agreed upon.

The main reason for WRCOG preparing this formal agreement is to clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of various parties including WRCOG, the member agency, and the Consultant. While WRCOG has previously provided assistance to member agencies directly and indirectly, the use of a formal agreement creates more structure and also provides a basis for future agreements which are tied to other funding sources.

Housing Activities Assistance Program Update

WRCOG staff sent a few emails that asked member agencies to submit the Housing Activities Assistance Jurisdiction Request form prior to this meeting. However, WRCOG staff anticipates being able to accommodate additional requests, based on the volume of requests received and remaining funds for this project. WRCOG staff, in coordination with consultant staff, will review the assistance requests received and may have to prioritize a jurisdiction's requested activities depending on the volume of requests received. It may be possible that assistance is provided to the jurisdiction's top priority activities and lower priority activities may have to be considered at a later date. In addition, activities which require additional lead time and/or provide mutual benefit (e.g., user guides) may be prioritized. WRCOG staff will ensure an open line of communication is kept with each requestor on the status of the requests. Lastly, staff anticipates providing a monthly update on the remaining funds available for the Housing Activities Assistance Program.

Prior Action(s):

February 7, 2022: The Executive Committee 1) approved the Member Agency REAP Funding Assistance Agreement template, substantially as to form, and authorized the Executive Director, subject to legal council review, to execute the Agreement with a member agency to receive direct technical assistance through the SCAG's REAP Subregional Partnership Program, if requested, and 2) authorized the Executive Director to execute a Fourth Amendment to the On-Call Professional Services Agreement with WSP USA, Inc., for support to WRCOG to include contract language that covers the direct technical assistance with no change to the term of the agreement or cost of the agreement.

December 9, 2021: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

March 1, 2021: The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute an MOU, substantially as to form, with SCAG for the REAP Subregional Partnership program.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation and Planning Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget under the Transportation Department. In addition, this project is covered by REAP funding that has already been approved by SCAG.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - WRCOG REAP Housing Activities Assistance Program Request Form](#)

[Attachment 2 - WRCOG Member Agency On-Call PSA](#)

Attachment

Housing Activities Assistance
Jurisdiction Request Form



Jurisdiction Request Form

WRCOG REAP - Housing Activities Assistance

Spring 2022

Final

Introduction

The Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is soliciting requests for its Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) jurisdiction support program. WRCOG has received REAP grant funds to support jurisdictions in carrying out activities that facilitate local housing production. Jurisdictions may request support through this program by completing this Request Form.

Program Overview

The Housing Activities Assistance program provides WRCOG jurisdictions with housing-related support through a list of eligible activities. Eligible activities were identified through feedback sought by jurisdiction staff on their top priorities to help advance their respective housing goals. WRCOG has retained specialized consultants to provide jurisdiction support and will administer their contracts.

Eligible Activities

Jurisdictions may request support with up to three (3) activities listed below and summarized in the Appendix; WRCOG will use information collected with this Request Form to assess the best way to meet jurisdiction needs. Activities need not start immediately, and due to REAP grant funding conditions, all activities must be completed by June 30, 2023. WRCOG will work to accommodate first choice activities and ideal timelines as much as possible. Final activity selection and timing may differ from those requested by a jurisdiction in this form.

A description of each potential eligible activity, listed below, can be found on Page 8, Appendix: Activity Summaries:

Legislation Implementation Activities

- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance
- Senate Bill (SB) 35/330 Applications Review
- Senate Bill (SB) 35/330 Applications Development
- Senate Bill (SB) 35 Promotion and Resources
- Municipal Code Updates
- Density Bonus Law User Guide
- Municipal Code Revision: Density Bonus Law
- Surplus Land Act Implementation Assistance
- Senate Bill (SB) 9 User Guide
- Development Application Approvals and Timelines Guide
- Senate Bill (SB) 10 Ordinance

Assistance Activities

- Development Application Review
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) FAQ and Construction Process User Guide
- Transit Priority Area (TPA) Mapping and FAQ Document

- Development Impact Fee (DIF) Structure Review
- Prohousing Designation
- Community Engagement

Submission Requirements

To be eligible for housing-related support through this program, jurisdictions are encouraged to submit this completed Request Form ASAP. Please note that funding for this assistance is not unlimited and subject to availability based on requests from other jurisdictions. The request form shall be submitted to Suzanne Peterson via email at speterson@wrcog.us. The table below summarizes key program dates. All questions about this program may also be directed to Suzanne Peterson via email.

Item	Date
Request Form released	February 2022
Earliest activities begin	March 2022
Latest activities conclude	6/30/2023

Request Form

1. Applicant Information

Jurisdiction:

Primary contact

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone number:

Role on the project:

Secondary contact

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone number:

Role on the project:

3. Activity 1 Information

Activity title (from list on page 1):

Preferred start date:

Latest date by which the activity must be completed (all activities must be completed by June 30, 2023):

Factors or requirements (for example, Council direction, state law) driving the timeline:

Optional: Brief (a few sentences) description of the activity if request is modified or different than the proposed scope found in the Appendix below:

General Plan/6th Cycle Housing Element goal(s) this activity helps advance, if applicable:

5. Optional: Activity 2 Information

Activity title (from list on page 1):

Preferred start date:

Latest date by which the activity must be completed (all activities must be completed by June 30, 2023):

Factors or requirements (for example, Council direction, state law) driving the timeline:

Optional: Brief (a few sentences) description of the activity if request is modified or different than the proposed scope found in the Appendix below:

General Plan/6th Cycle Housing Element goal(s) this activity helps advance, if applicable:

7. Optional: Activity 3 Information

Activity title (from list on page 1):

Preferred start date:

Latest date by which the activity must be completed (all activities must be completed by June 30, 2023):

Factors or requirements (for example, Council direction, state law) driving the timeline:

Optional: Brief (a few sentences) description of the activity if request is modified or different than the proposed scope found in the Appendix below:

General Plan/6th Cycle Housing Element goal(s) this activity helps advance, if applicable:

9. Activity Prioritization

If you have selected more than one activity, please rank your selected activities on a scale of 1-3, with 1 being the highest priority activity and 3 being the lowest priority activity:

Rank 1:

Rank 2:

Rank 3:

10. Optional: Additional Information

Is there anything else related to your selected activities that you would like to share?

Appendix: Activity Summaries

Below are brief activity scopes and estimated timeframes for completion. Please note, these timeframes are estimates based on assumed activity components and are subject to change.

- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance
 - Create or update an ADU Ordinance to be incorporated into a jurisdiction's municipal code. This ordinance would comply with all state legislation, including but not limited to lot and building size requirements, setback requirements, development standards, permitting processes and timelines, allowed zones, etc. The ordinance would also identify sections of the jurisdiction's municipal code which must be repealed or amended to comply with ADU legislation and/or remain consistent with the ADU ordinance.
 - Estimated timeframe: 3 months
- Senate Bill (SB) 35/330 Applications Review
 - Review preliminary applications or full applications based on HCD templates and existing jurisdiction-specific documents. Preliminary applications will be consistent with requirements of SB 330 and will be designed to be used for projects seeking streamlined ministerial approval pursuant to SB 35. Full applications will be consistent with SB 35 and jurisdictions' objective policies and procedures.
 - Estimated timeframe: 2 months
- Senate Bill (SB) 35/330 Applications Development
 - Develop preliminary applications or full applications based on HCD templates and existing jurisdiction-specific documents. Preliminary applications will be consistent with requirements of SB 330 and will be designed to be used for projects seeking streamlined ministerial approval pursuant to SB 35. Full applications will be consistent with SB 35 and jurisdictions' objective policies and procedures.
 - Estimated timeframe: 3 months
- Senate Bill (SB) 35 Promotion and Resources
 - Assist with SB 35 implementation and promotion at the local jurisdiction level through developing both public- and City staff-facing resources. Resources can include creating the SB 35-mandated list of local submittal requirements for residential development applications, creating an SB 35 webpage on a jurisdiction's website, and creating a user guide for SB 35 streamlining.
 - Estimated timeframe: 4 months
- Municipal Code Updates
 - Identify and/or address updates to a jurisdiction's municipal code necessitated by recent state housing legislation. This project involves reviewing existing municipal code language, including the jurisdiction's draft or adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element for legally necessitated programs related to municipal code updates to create a matrix of specific sections that require both updates and conformance amendments and the justification for amendment. If a municipal code amendment is required by recent state housing legislation but not identified as a program in

- the housing element, this amendment will be included in the matrix. An optional task entails writing the language of the amendments.
- Estimated timeframe: 10 months
 - Density Bonus Law User Guide
 - Creating a Density Bonus Law user guide for public and/or City staff use. The user guide will serve as a resource for projects using state Density Bonus incentives for constructing affordable housing units and will make clear what opportunities and commitments are involved. The user guide will be based on adopted Density Bonus law as of December 31, 2021.
 - Estimated timeframe: 4 months
 - Municipal Code Revision: Density Bonus Law
 - Revise the jurisdiction's municipal code to incorporate recent state Density Bonus Law updates and reaffirm the jurisdiction's codified commitment to facilitating affordable housing development. This project involves adding direct language of California's density bonus program into the municipal code in place of references to Government Code sections, as well as revising the municipal code to ensure no items are out of date or out of compliance with current Density Bonus Law.
 - Estimated timeframe: 3 months
 - Surplus Land Act Implementation Assistance
 - Provide implementation assistance for activities related to the Surplus Land Act, with particular focus on changes to Government Code section 54222 enacted by Assembly Bills (AB) 1255 and 1486. Available assistance includes creating a surplus lands disposition user guide; helping provide the legally required noticing for surplus land disposition; and inventorying a jurisdiction's surplus land for the annual HCD submittal.
 - Estimated timeframe: 6 months
 - Senate Bill (SB) 9 User Guide
 - Creating a SB 9 user guide for public and/or City staff use. The user guide will serve as a resource for projects using SB 9 for lot split or to develop two units on a parcel zoned as single-family residential. The guide will make clear what opportunities and commitments are involved, as well as the bill's interaction with related legislation and municipal code specifications, such as objective design standards and existing zoning. The user guide will be based on the adopted bill as of December 31, 2021.
 - Estimated timeframe: 4 months
 - Development Application Approvals and Timelines Guide
 - Create a guide to serve as an informational resource for City staff and/or the public about state-mandated residential development application approval stipulations and timelines. This guide will provide information for the following key focus areas: which projects are eligible for streamlined ministerial approval pursuant to state legislation, state-mandated reasons for why a jurisdiction may not disprove a development application processed ministerially, state-mandated

- timelines for jurisdictions to approve a development application and any new requirements or standards jurisdictions are prohibited from imposing on a development while the application is being processed, and state-mandated development application expiration timelines.
- Estimated timeframe: 4 months
- Senate Bill (SB) 10 Ordinance
 - Create a jurisdiction's SB 10 ordinance, including the map of parcels subject to the ordinance. This ordinance would, consistent with SB 10, allow for any parcel to be zoned for up to 10 dwelling units per acre if it is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site.
 - Estimated timeframe: 6 months

Assistance Activities

- Development Application Review
 - Assist jurisdiction staff in reviewing residential development applications. These development applications may be processed through ministerial or discretionary review. The consultant will serve in an assistance role to assist with and carry out activities with which jurisdiction staff would benefit from extra staff capacity.
 - Estimated timeframe: 6 months
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) FAQ and Construction Process User Guide
 - Create an FAQ document and construction process user guide for ADUs. This document will respond to recent state ADU legislation as well as the jurisdiction's municipal code to create a resource that property owners can use to assist them in understanding the opportunities, considerations, and processes involved in constructing an ADU/JADU. An optional task involves holding office hours for community members to engage directly with consultant and/or jurisdiction staff about ADU construction; the consultant will facilitate a learning process so that jurisdiction staff are well equipped to continue the office hours program after the project concludes.
 - Estimated timeframe: 6 months
- Transit Priority Area (TPA) Mapping and FAQ Document
 - Create city-wide maps and geospatial files of TPAs that both developers and jurisdiction staff can use to facilitate housing development in areas with transit accessibility. To support using these maps in context, the consultant will create an FAQ document with information about opportunities, incentives, and development streamlining that are possible through state legislation when developing housing in TPAs.
 - Estimated timeframe: 4 months
- Development Impact Fee (DIF) Structure Review
 - Cities charge development impact fees (DIF) for the development of amenities and infrastructure and are necessary to continue to administer existing programs and support other development services to ensure the health, safety, and welfare

- of the community. However, DIF can be a barrier to development and home prices. This project involves revising the current fee structure to change the unit of measurement for DIF from number of units to square footage to encourage the production of additional housing units. Additionally, an impact fee nexus study will be prepared in accordance with AB 602 to justify the increase or development of fees and establish transparency and accountability standards.
- Estimated timeframe: 6 months
 - Prohousing Designation
 - Assist a jurisdiction obtain HCD's Prohousing designation through the Prohousing Designation Program. Obtaining this designation can yield additional points or other preference in the scoring of a jurisdiction's applications for competitive housing and infrastructure programs.
 - Estimated timeframe: 3 months
 - Community Engagement
 - This project entails meaningfully and purposefully engaging with community members and stakeholders to add value and address community needs related to the projects in this workplan. Each form of outreach and engagement in this project's tasks may be used separately or may be combined with others for more comprehensive engagement. Jurisdictions will select which engagement form(s) to use.
 - Estimated timeframe: 12 months

Attachment

WRCOG Member Agency On-Call
PSA

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING ('REAP') LOCAL STAFF ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

1. Parties and Date.

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2022, by and between the Western Riverside Council of Governments, a California public agency ("WRCOG") and [INSERT MEMBER AGENCY NAME] ("Member Agency"), [INSERT TYPE OF AGENCY], whose address is [INSERT ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFO]. WRCOG and Member Agency are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

2. Recitals.

2.1 Member Agency.

The Member Agency desires to participate the Regional Early Action Planning ('REAP') Local Staff Assistance Program and made possible through WRCOG's REAP GRANT (the "Program") in order to receive certain on-call professional services as provided by WRCOG via its chosen consultant pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the task order(s) to be issued pursuant to this Agreement and executed by the parties ("Task Order").

3. Terms.

3.1 Scope of Services and Term. Member Agency has requested WRCOG to provide certain professional service ("Services") offered under the Program

3.1.1 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from [INSERT DATE] to [INSERT DATE], unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

3.1.2 Services. The Services to be provided under this agreement shall be set forth in Task Orders approved by WRCOG and the Member Agency. The Task Order shall include a description of the Services, the requested schedule for the Services, the Consultant assigned to perform the Services ("the Consultant"), the expected product and the maximum budget for the Services provided under the Task Order. The maximum cost of Consultant's work provided to the Member Agency shall not exceed the maximum budget set forth in the Task Order without the written approval from WRCOG.

3.2 Insurance. WRCOG shall require the Consultant to procure and maintain, at its own expense, for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Consultant shall also require its subcontractors to

procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement. Such insurance shall give both WRCOG and the Member Agency insured status.

3.3 General Provisions.

3.3.1 Termination of Agreement.

(a) Grounds for Termination. WRCOG or the Member Agency may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination.

3.3.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective Parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Member Agency: [INSERT MEMBER AGENCY INFO]

WRCOG: Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Ave., Suite 200
Riverside, CA 9501
Attn: Kurt Wilson
Phone: 951-405-6701

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the Party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.3.3 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.3.4 Attorney's Fees. If either Party commences an action against the other Party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

3.3.5 Indemnification. WRCOG's agreement with the Consultant shall require the Consultant to defend, indemnify and hold the Member Agency, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to the Services provided by the Consultant under the Program.

3.3.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

3.3.7 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Riverside County.

3.3.8 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

3.3.9 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the Parties.

3.3.10 Assignment or Transfer. Consultant shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of WRCOG. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.3.11 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to the Member Agency include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Consultant, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to WRCOG include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

3.3.12 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.3.13 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.3.14 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.3.15 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.3.16 Authority to Enter Agreement. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.3.17 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

**SIGNATURE PAGE
TO
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby have made and executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

[INSERT MEMBER AGENCY]

By: _____
Kurt Wilson
Executive Director

By: _____
[INSERT NAME]
[INSERT POSITION]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
General Counsel
Best Best & Krieger LLP



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Legislative Activities Update
Contact: Bill Blankenship, On-Call Legislative Consultant, billblankenship63@gmail.com, (951) 206-9020
Date: March 10, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on key legislative items.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #1- Serve as an advocate at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside region.

Background:

This item is reserved for an update on key legislative proposals, dates, and deadlines. The updates are summarized as an attachment to this Staff Report.

Prior Action(s):

October 14, 2021: The Planning Directors Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation and Planning Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget under the Transportation Department. In addition, this project is covered by REAP funding that has already been approved by SCAG.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Legislative Update](#)

Key Legislative Deadlines – 2022 Legislative Session

- **February 18th** - Last day for new bills to be introduced.
- **May 27th** - Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin.
- **June 15th** - State Budget must be passed.
- **June 30th** - Last day for legislative measures to be placed on the November 8th Ballot.
- **August 25th** - Last Day to amend bills.
- **August 31st** - Last day for each house to pass bills.

Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Background:

ACA 7 stipulated that “**all decisions regarding local land use control are made within the affected communities.**” As the 2021 Legislative Session progressed, ACA 7 failed to receive a committee hearing. As a next step, Redondo Beach Mayor, Bill Brand and a small group of community leaders formed a bipartisan, grassroots group called **Communities for Choice**.

The Communities for Choice Campaign created an initiative which purports to do the following: protect a community’s ability to shape local growth, preserve the character of neighborhoods, and require developers to produce more affordable housing and contribute to the costs associated with new housing. They also believe that their initiative will restore California residents’ voice in community decisions.

On August 16, 2021 the Communities for Choice Campaign submitted their proposed initiative to the California Attorney General for summary and title. The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary for the chief purpose and points of the proposed November 2022 Ballot Measure:

PROVIDES THAT LOCAL LAND-USE AND ZONING LAWS OVERRIDE CONFLICTING STATE LAWS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

*Provides that city and county land-use and zoning laws (including local housing laws) override all conflicting state laws, except in certain circumstances related to three areas of statewide concern: (1) the California Coastal Act of 1976; (2) siting of power plants; or (3) development of water, communication, or transportation infrastructure projects. Prevents state legislature and local legislative bodies from passing laws invalidating voter-approved local land-use or zoning initiatives. Prohibits state from changing, granting, or denying funding to local governments based on their implementation of this measure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **Fiscal effects of the measure depend on future decisions by the cities and counties and therefore are unknown.***

2022 Update:

The campaign is currently raising money and collecting signatures to qualify their ballot measure for the November, General Election. The campaign has gained momentum and their coalition has grown to 79 California cities that have adopted a resolution and over 500 elected officials have signed the petition in support of the initiative. The campaign has also received support from the Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles Contract Cities Association and the South Bay Council of Governments.

New Bills Introduced in the 2021–2022 Legislative Session

SB 922, as introduced, Wiener. California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions for transportation-related projects. CEQA Law, currently exempts requirements for bicycle transportation plans in an urbanized area. The plans include projects for restriping of streets, bicycle parking, signal timing with the purpose of improving street and highway intersection operations, related signage for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles. The bill would extend the current exemption from January 1, 2030 to indefinitely. The bill would also repeal the current requirement that a bicycle transportation plan is for urbanized areas and would further extend the exemption to an active transportation plan or pedestrian plan, or for a feasibility and planning study for active transportation, bicycle facilities and pedestrian facilities.

AB 411, as introduced, Irwin. Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2022. Under current law, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000. The bond is to provide housing for veterans and their families. The bill would enact the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2022 which will authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount, not to exceed \$600,000,000. The bill also stipulates that the handling and disposition of the funds would occur in the same manner as the 2014 bond act. **The bill requires a 2/3rds vote.**

AB 482, as introduced, Ward. Housing authorities: City of San Diego, County of San Bernardino, and County of Santa Clara: middle-income housing projects pilot program. Current law authorizes a housing authority of a city or county to lease and operate housing projects and housing developments for low-income individuals. Current law also authorizes a housing authority located in the City of San Diego, the County of San Bernardino, or the County of Santa Clara to implement a pilot program to develop and finance a middle-income housing project, if the project receives gap financing, as defined by state law. The bill would extend the ability of a housing authority located in the City of San Diego, the County of San Bernardino, or the County of Santa Clara to implement the above-described pilot program from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2026.

AB 682, as introduced, Bloom. Planning and zoning: density bonuses: cohousing buildings. Current Density Bonus Law stipulates a city or county must provide a developer that proposes a housing development project within their jurisdiction a density bonus and other incentives, if the developer agrees to construct a project with specified percentages of units for moderate-income, lower income, or very low-income households. This bill would require that a density bonus be granted to a developer who agrees to construct a housing development that is a cohousing building, as defined by state law. The bill further stipulates that a project would meet specific requirements and contain either 10% of the total square footage for lower income households, as defined, or 5% of the total square footage for very low-income households.

AB 1695, as introduced, Santiago. Housing construction subsidy programs: adaptive reuse projects. The bill declares that it would be the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation which would provide a state housing construction subsidy program by providing funding for adaptive reuse projects. The projects would repurpose existing buildings with the goal of producing affordable housing units for extremely low and very low-income individuals. The bill would complement established federal funding programs for adaptive reuse of vacant underused commercial or industrial sites.

2021 Bills that are active 2-year bills

AB 1445, as amended, Levine. Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: climate change impacts. Under current Planning and Zoning law each city and county are required to adopt a comprehensive general plan for development of land inside and outside of its boundaries. The general plan includes mandatory elements, such as a housing element. The law further stipulates that the council of governments or the planning department for cities and counties, without a council of governments adopt a final regional housing need plan that allocates a share of the regional housing need for each city and county. The proposed bill would stipulate, as of January 1, 2025, that a council of governments, or the Department of Housing and Community Development also consider the following: An emergency evacuation route, wildfire risk, rise in sea level risk and other impacts caused by climate change. ***March 11th – the Bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. January 31, 2022 the Bill was read for a third time and passed out of the Assembly on a vote of 57-16. The Bill has now been ordered to the Senate.***

AB 1551, as amended, Santiago. Planning and zoning: development bonuses: mixed-use projects. Under current Density Bonus Law, a city or county must grant a developer that proposes a housing development with a density bonus, additional incentives or concessions. The incentives are provided if the developer agrees to construct a percentage of units for lower income, very low income, or senior citizen housing, among other things, subject to certain requirements. The current law was in place until January 1, 2022. The bill would reenact the above-described provisions regarding the granting of development bonuses

for certain projects. The bill would also require a city or county to submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development information describing the approved commercial development bonus.

The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028 and add these duties to a local planning official.

March 11th – the Bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. January 27, 2022 the Bill was read for a third time and passed out of the Assembly on a vote 61-0. The Bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and is waiting a Committee assignment.

2021 Bills that have become 2-year bills

SB 5, amended, Atkins. Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program. The “Housing Bond Act” Bill would issue \$6,500,000,000 in bonds for the purposes of financing housing-related programs that serve the homeless population and households that are classified as extremely low and very low-income. The bond would be placed on the November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election Ballot. ***March 18, 2021 - the Bill was amended and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Governance and Finance and will require a 2/3rds vote. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. The Bill did not move forward under the 2-year bill house of origin deadline. The bill was returned to the Secretary of the Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.***

SB 809, as amended, Allen. Multijurisdictional regional agreements: housing element. The Bill would authorize a city or a county to satisfy part of their requirement for residential development by adopting and implementing a multijurisdictional regional agreement. The Bill stipulates a regional agreement to be between two or more cities and counties within the same county or the adjacent county. The agreement would also clearly establish parameters that the jurisdiction which is contributing suitable land for residential development and the jurisdiction or jurisdictions contributing funding for the development. A jurisdiction that is part of a multijurisdictional agreement would provide specified information in its housing element, including how the regional agreement would satisfy the jurisdiction’s housing need for various income levels. ***March 18, 2021 – the Bill was re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Government and Finance. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. The Bill did not move forward under the 2-year bill house of origin deadline. The bill was returned to the Secretary of the Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.***

AB 617, as introduced, Davies. Planning and zoning: regional housing needs: exchanges of allocation. The Bill would authorize a city or county, by agreement, to transfer all or a portion of its allocation of regional housing need to another city or county. The Bill would allow for the transferring city to pay the transferee city or county an amount determined by that agreement, as well as a surcharge to offset the impacts and associated costs of the additional housing on the transferee city. The Bill would also require the transferring city or county and the transferee city or county to report to the council of governments and the department specified, information about the transfer, as provided. ***February 25th - the Bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. The Bill did not move forward under the 2-year bill house of origin deadline. The bill was filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to joint rule 56.***

AB 1372, as introduced, Muratsuchi. Right to temporary shelter. The Bill would require a city or county to provide homeless individuals with temporary shelter, mental health treatment, job training and job placement services, until the designated homeless person obtains permanent housing. The requirement that triggers the mandate would be as follows: a homeless person actively seeking temporary shelter for at least three consecutive days in a specific jurisdiction and was unable to be accommodated entry into any of the temporary shelters. The legislation would require the city or the county provide a rent subsidy, if it is unable to provide temporary shelter. The Bill would also authorize a homeless person to enforce the provisions of the legislation by bringing a civil action against the city or the county. ***March 4th - the Bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Housing and Community Development. The Bill became a 2-year Bill. The Bill did not move forward under the 2-year house of origin deadline. The bill was filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.***



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SCAG Update on the 2024 Connect SoCal Growth Forecasts, Regional Data Platform and Local Data Exchange

Contact: Arnold San Miguel, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer, SanMigue@scag.ca.gov, (213) 236-1925

Date: March 10, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is for SCAG staff to present on the process for the growth forecasts related to the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS Regional Data Platform and Local Data Exchange.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #1- Serve as an advocate at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside region.

Background:

SCAG staff will present on the schedule for local data exchange process related to growth forecast in the next 2024-2050 RTP/SCS process. SCAG staff will give an overview of several new technology elements to be used in the RTP/SCS local input process including the Regional Data Platform (RDP), Local Data Exchange (LDX) database, Jurisdictional Map books, and one-on-one meeting process. SCAG is planning to release city control total numbers for household and employment for each jurisdiction in the region by May 2022.

LDX Introduction

Over the course of 2022, SCAG plans to meet one-on-one with all 197 local jurisdictions to discuss a series of GIS maps in their local context, provide background on the development of Connect SoCal 2024, and provide training in tools available to local jurisdictions through the Local Information Services Team (LIST). Maps are available through the RDP and in the form of PDF Data / Map Books at <https://scag.ca.gov/local-data-exchange>. Requests to have a personalized one-on-one session with SCAG to learn about the process can be requested at list@scag.ca.gov.

LIST Introduction

SCAG launched the LIST, which is comprised of technical staff able to provide customized one-on-one technical and information services and tool demos, and aims to:

1. Link SCAG's available information products (e.g., data, applications, model policies and best practices, and topical white papers) to help address local needs.
2. Provide local jurisdiction staff an opportunity to offer feedback on how SCAG can improve its products to facilitate better collaboration.
3. Coordinate one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions during the LDX process.

RDP Introduction

The RDP is a revolutionary system for collaborative data sharing and planning designed to facilitate better planning at all levels – from cities and counties of all sizes up to the region as a whole. As one of SCAG's largest and most transformative initiatives to date, the RDP places data and technology in the hands of local jurisdictions to support more robust, transparent, and collaborative community planning.

The RDP is now publicly available, providing access to:

- Modern tools and workflows to streamline local and regional data collection, sharing, integration, facilitation, and implementation of SCAG's LDX process
- A simple form-based system to request technical assistance from SCAG's LIST
- Web-based tools and applications to support planning, analysis, and public engagement
- Authoritative and standardized local and regional planning datasets curated by SCAG
- An extensive library of learning resources and training materials
- A suite of Esri licenses including ArcGIS Online, Pro, Urban, Business Analyst, and Hub
- A growing network of local and regional planners across southern California.

Through the RDP, SCAG aims to enable and empower local jurisdictions by providing enhanced data, advanced tools, and extensive resources to support stronger and more integrated local planning toward a healthier and more sustainable region.

Please join SCAG in celebrating the launch of this pioneering new system by visiting <https://hub.scag.ca.gov> to discover all the capabilities SCAG's RDP has to offer!

RDP CONTACTS

For more information about the Regional Data Platform, contact:

Javier Aguilar: aguilar@scag.ca.gov

Tom Vo: vo@scag.ca.gov

Prior Action(s):

None.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - SCAG RDP Fact Sheet](#)



REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM

S O U T H E R N C A L I F O R N I A A S S O C I A T I O N O F G O V E R N M E N T S

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM?

SCAG's Regional Data Platform (RDP) is a revolutionary system for collaborative data sharing and planning, designed to facilitate better planning at all levels; from cities and counties of all sizes all the way up to the region as a whole.

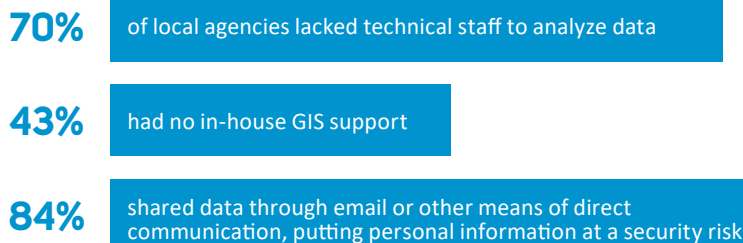
The RDP is a signature element of SCAG's Future Communities Initiative - a work program adopted to accelerate SCAG's leadership in technology and big/open data to promote a smarter and more connected region. As one of SCAG's largest and most transformative projects to-date, the RDP focuses on using data to help solve many of our common challenges such as transportation, land use, housing, climate change, and equity.

BACKGROUND

The SCAG region is complex and growing, facing unprecedented challenges like climate change, a housing crisis, and rising inequity. As the largest Metropolitan Planning Organization in the country, SCAG recognizes that addressing these big challenges must happen collectively and from the ground up under a common vision to move the region forward.

The well-being of the region is intimately tied to the ability of local jurisdictions to plan for their own futures, and share those plans with SCAG in the form of land use and other data. In other words, Connect SoCal – the region's long range vision plan for 2020-2045- cannot be realized unless Local General Plans are actively updated and driving change at the local level.

However, a significant portion of local jurisdictions in the region are struggling to update their General Plans on a regular basis because they lack in-house resources, technology, and skillsets. A 2018 region-wide survey found that:



Through the RDP, SCAG will provide all member agencies, regardless of size and technological maturity, with modern planning tools, technology, standardized data, and best practices to support robust and timely General Plan updates.

CONTACT US

For more information about the RDP, please email Javier Aguilar at aguilar@scag.ca.gov or Tom Vo at vo@scag.ca.gov.

www.scag.ca.gov/RDP

TIMELINE

SUMMER 2021

- Complimentary RDP software licenses available at: <https://license-rdp.scag.ca.gov/>
- [Housing Element Parcel Tool \(HELPR\) 2.0](#) available
- Collaborative tool testing with pilot jurisdictions

EARLY 2022

- Launch the RDP

SUMMER 2022

- Soft-launch of Data Sharing (*Local Data Exchange*) capabilities to the entire region

COMPLIMENTARY SOFTWARE LICENSES

As part of the RDP, SCAG is providing all member agencies with a complimentary suite of Esri licenses to support planning activities and build technological capacity in the region. [Licenses are available for assignment](#) to one designated staff member per jurisdiction.

The suite includes:



ArcGIS Online



ArcGIS Pro



ArcGIS Urban



Business Analyst Web