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MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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***Wednesday, September 3, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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18. Ms. Lucy Dunn

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025
3:00 PM**

The Executive/Administration Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Cindy Allen, Chair)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 California Clean Air Day Proclamation
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve and adopt proclamation in support for and declaration of 2025 California Clean Air Day.

2. Resolution No. 25-675-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 25-675-1 approving a first amendment (Budget Amendment 1) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$7 million, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$408,497,515 to \$415,497,515.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – July 2, 2025

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EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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CFO REPORT

(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Cindy Allen, Chair)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Lijin Sun, Principal Planner
213-236-1804, sunl@scag.ca.gov

Subject: 2025 California Clean Air Day Proclamation

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

Recommend that the Regional Council approve and adopt proclamation in support for and declaration of 2025 California Clean Air Day.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

Approve and adopt proclamation in support for and declaration of 2025 California Clean Air Day.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's regional policies and planning efforts as reflected in the agency's regional transportation plan and sustainable communities strategy and federal transportation improvement program have contributed to the significant air quality improvements and public health benefits over the past decades. However, the region still suffers from the worst air quality in the nation with serious public health impacts. California Clean Air Day is built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to take actions and create new habits to improve air quality. By joining together for a unified day of action, people can create and nurture new habits to clear the air for all members of California's diverse communities. Across the state, individuals, communities, and organizations pledge each year to commute by carpool, vanpool, transit, biking, or walking on the first Wednesday in October. Because there will be no RC meeting in October 2025, staff is seeking the EAC's recommendation that the RC approve and adopt SCAG's California Clean Air Day proclamation and then the RC approve and adopt the proclamation at today's meetings in support of the upcoming 8th Annual California Clean Air Day on October 1, 2025, about one month from now. This allows time for SCAG to make an organizational pledge, to encourage the 197 member jurisdictions to explore actions, to encourage SCAG staff to make individual pledges, and to plan for actions that will help make a difference in the region's air quality on Clean Air Day and beyond.

BACKGROUND:

Air pollution contributes to higher rates of cancer and heart and lung diseases, adversely affects public health, and contributes to climate change. Millions of Southern Californians, particularly those living in disadvantaged communities, experience air quality that ranks among the nation's worst. California and the SCAG region are facing significant air quality planning and regulatory challenges that are threatening transportation investments vital to the balancing of the region's mobility needs, economic development, and environmental goals. It is vital to protect health, well-being, and safety of our residents, workforce, and visitors. Emissions from vehicles, industry, and even household sources significantly affect the air quality and well-being of residents, employees, and visitors of the SCAG region. Every organization and every individual can play a part in addressing air pollution.

SCAG is responsible for developing the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that implements the RTP/SCS, the socio-economic growth forecast, as well as the integrated land use and transportation strategies (Appendix IV-C) for the South Coast Air Quality Management District's air plans. The RTP/SCS, FTIP, and their amendments are required to demonstrate transportation conformity to be consistent with or conform to the purposes of applicable air plans in the SCAG region as required by the federal Clean Air Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Regulations. Therefore, SCAG's regional planning policies, programs, strategies, and initiatives, as reflected in the adopted 2024 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal 2024) and the 2025 FTIP as amended, have played and will continue to play an important role in achieving significant air quality improvements and protecting public health in the SCAG region.

California Clean Air Day is a project of the Coalition for Clean Air, a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1971 and is California's only statewide organization working exclusively on air quality issues <https://www.ccair.org/about/>. The purpose of California Clean Air Day is to allow individuals and organizations to commit to do their part to clear the air, through actions big and small. According to the Coalition for Clean Air, more than 16,500 Californians made 125,000+ clean air action pledges, 22 transit agencies provided free rides on buses, trains, bike share programs & even ferries, and 121 California Clean Air Day events were held virtually and in person in previous years.

SCAG continues to participate in the annual California Clean Air Day through an organizational pledge and by encouraging SCAG staff to take the California Clean Air Day pledge. Because the 2025 California Clean Air Day will take place on October 1, and there will be no RC meeting on October 2, 2025, staff is seeking the EAC's recommendation that the RC approve and adopt SCAG's California Clean Air Day proclamation and then the RC approve and adopt the proclamation at today's meetings in support of the upcoming 8th Annual California Clean Air Day on October 1, 2025, about one month from now. This allows time for SCAG to make an organizational pledge, to encourage the 197 member jurisdictions to explore actions, to encourage SCAG staff to make individual



pledges, and to plan for actions that will help make a difference in the region's air quality on Clean Air Day and beyond.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (25-025.0164.01: Air Quality Planning and Conformity).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Clean-Air-Day-2025-Proclamation-8.5x14-Final

PROCLAMATION

SUPPORT FOR AND DECLARATION

CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY

Whereas, air pollution contributes to higher rates of cancer and heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect public health and contributes to climate change; and

Whereas, the six-county SCAG region has among the worst air pollution in the United States, and millions of Southern Californians, particularly those living in the disadvantaged communities, experience air quality among the nation's worst; and

Whereas, California and the SCAG region are facing significant air quality planning and regulatory challenges that threaten transportation investments vital to balance of the region's mobility needs, economic development, and environmental goals; and

Whereas, it is vital that we protect the health, well-being, and safety of our residents, workforce, and visitors; and

Whereas, emissions from vehicles, industry, and even household sources significantly affect the air quality and well-being of residents, employees, and visitors of the SCAG region; and

Whereas, individual actions such as working at home, taking bus or train, walking or biking, carpooling, not idling vehicles, and conserving energy can directly improve air quality in the region; and

Whereas, every organization and every individual can play a role in improving air quality in the region; and

Whereas, education about air quality can raise community awareness, encourage communities to develop better habits and improve public health; and

Whereas, Californians are joining together across the state to clear the air on Oct. 1, 2025; and

Whereas, SCAG's long-range transportation plan, known as Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and the short-term Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that implements Connect SoCal, have played an important role in achieving significant air quality improvements and public health benefits in the SCAG region over the past decades.

Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that SCAG is pleased to join the Coalition for Clean Air and hundreds of other public and private entities in taking action to make our air healthier by participating in California Clean Air Day on Oct. 1, 2025.

And, Be It Further Proclaimed, that SCAG is taking the organizational pledge committing to its various clean air and sustainable planning policies, programs, strategies, and initiatives to improve air quality in Southern California as reflected in the agency's adopted Connect SoCal 2024 and 2025 FTIP as amended.

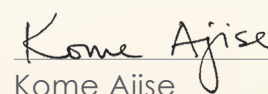
And, Be It Further Proclaimed, that SCAG encourages the six counties and 191 cities within the SCAG region to explore how their jurisdictions can make organizational pledges to improve air quality.

And, Be It Further Proclaimed, that SCAG encourages its employees to make individual pledges to improve air quality.

Sept. 4, 2025



Cindy Allen
Regional Council President



Kome Ajise
Executive Director





AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Resolution No. 25-675-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26
Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP)

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 25-675-1 approving a first amendment (Budget Amendment 1) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$7 million, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$408,497,515 to \$415,497,515.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the Regional Council (RC) adopt Resolution No. 25-675-1 approving a first amendment (Budget Amendment 1) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$7 million, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$408,497,515 to \$415,497,515.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the EAC and RC adopt Resolution No. 25-675-1 approving a first amendment (Budget Amendment 1) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of \$7 million, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from \$408,497,515 to \$415,497,515.

BACKGROUND:

On April 30 and May 1, 2025, the EAC and RC, respectively, approved the FY 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget, which included the FY 2025-26 OWP budget in the amount of \$408.5 million. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) subsequently approved SCAG's FY 2025-26 OWP on June 3, 2025.

On July 30, 2025, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded to SCAG \$7 million in FHWA PL funding to carry out Olympics Planning and Resiliency Study. This amendment is to include these projects, totaling \$7 million, into the FY 2025-26 OWP. This grant has an 11.47% match requirement for which Caltrans has approved the use of toll credits.

DISCUSSION:

A. FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Budget Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget includes an increase to the FY 2025-26 OWP in the amount of \$7,000,000, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP budget from \$408.5 million to \$415.5 million. Table 1 shows the changes to the FY 2025-26 OWP Funding Sources:

Table 1. FY 2025-26 OWP Funding Sources			
OWP FUNDING SOURCES	FY26 Final	Change	FY26 BA1
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning	26,934,880	-	26,934,880.00
FHWA PL - Metropolitan Planning Toll Credit	500,000	7,000,000	7,500,000.00
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning	14,293,792	-	14,293,792.00
FTA 5303 - Metropolitan Planning Toll Credit	2,459,937	-	2,459,937.00
FTA 5304 - Strategic Partnerships Transit	497,361	-	497,361.00
FHWA SPR - Strategic Partnerships	486,194	-	486,194.00
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	27,703,182	-	27,703,182
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program	7,154,254	-	7,154,254
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program	8,064,104	-	8,064,104
Safe Streets and Roads for All (FY23)	11,700,000	-	11,700,000.00
Safe Streets and Roads for All (FY24)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000.00
Federal Other	3,308,287	-	3,308,287
SB 1 - Sustainable Communities Formula Grants	9,541,621	-	9,541,621
SHA - Climate Adaptation Grant	250,000	-	250,000
State Other	4,706,150	-	4,706,150
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grants	207,473,502	-	207,473,502
MSRC Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Grant	12,130,095	-	12,130,095
TDA	9,662,543	-	9,662,543
In-Kind Commitments	5,764,758	-	5,764,758
Cash/Local Other	49,866,855	-	49,866,855
TOTAL OWP FUNDING SOURCES	408,497,515	7,000,000	415,497,515

1) **\$7 million increase for FHWA PL** based on the award letter received from Caltrans. The breakdown of the project funding is as follows:

- **\$1 Million increase** in FHWA PL under OWP Task No. 130-0162.23 to conduct a Resiliency/Readiness Planning Study, a joint study with Caltrans, which would focus on military access routes for personnel and goods movement during emergencies; and
- **\$6 Million increase** in FHWA PL under OWP Task No. 400-4959.01 to carry out a scalable, regionally coordinated marketing and communications campaign to promote transportation demand management (TDM) strategies in support of the 2028 Olympic

and Paralympic Games. Campaign elements (e.g., digital ads and out-of-home placements, localized outreach, etc.) will be based on SCAG and partner priorities, with flexibility to respond to real-time needs and opportunities.

Table 2 shows the changes to the FY 2025-26 OWP expenditures:

Table 2. FY 2025-26 OWP Expenditures			
OWP EXPENDITURES	FY26 Draft	Change	FY26 Final
Salaries, Allocated Fringe Benefits and Allocated Indirect Costs	59,842,539	-	59,842,539
Consultants	62,710,059	7,000,000	69,710,059
Consultants-Technical Assistance/Pass-Through Payments	210,756,145	-	210,756,145
Non-Profits/IHL	10,500	-	10,500
In-Kind Commitments	5,764,758	-	5,764,758
Cash/Local Other	49,441,855	-	49,441,855
Other Costs	19,971,659	-	19,971,659
TOTAL OWP EXPENDITURES	408,497,515	7,000,000	415,497,515
*Consultants includes Consultants and Consultants Toll Credits			

- 1) **\$7 million increase** in Consultant cost category to carry out the aforementioned Olympics Planning and Resiliency Study projects.

Attachment 2 includes a detailed list of FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget changes, including the OWP. The updated FY 2025-26 OWP incorporating Amendment 1 changes will be submitted to Caltrans following the EAC and RC approval and is available online at <https://scag.ca.gov/financial-overall-work-program>.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budget Amendment 1 increases the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget in the amount of \$7.0 million increasing the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget from \$414.9 million to \$421.9 million, which includes an increase to the FY 2025-26 OWP in the amount of \$7.0 million, increasing the OWP budget from \$408.5 million to \$415.5 million. After approval by the EAC and RC, Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 OWP will be submitted to Caltrans for final approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 25-675-1 Approving Amendment 01 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Overall Work Program (OWP)
2. Attachment 2 - List of Budget Changes - FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 1

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-675-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the six-county region consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial counties pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. § 5303 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, SCAG has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget that includes the following budget components: the Overall Work Program (OWP); the FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; the TDA Budget; the General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; and the Fringe Benefits Budget; and

WHEREAS, the OWP is the basis for SCAG's annual regional planning activities and budget; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the OWP Agreement and Master Fund Transfer Agreement, the OWP constitutes the annual funding contract between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG for the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), and the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is also eligible to receive other Federal and/or State grant funds and/or local funds for certain regional transportation planning related activities. For such funding upon award, the funds are implemented through the OWP and SCAG and the applicable Federal or State agency shall execute the applicable grant agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, SCAG's Regional Council approved the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP in May 2025, which was subsequently approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the OWP, will result in: an OWP budget increase of \$7,000,000, from \$408,497,515 to \$415,497,515; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, along with its corresponding staff report and this resolution, has been reviewed and discussed by SCAG's Regional Council on September 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, and as further described in the recitals above, is approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 OWP to the participating State and Federal agencies.
2. The Regional Council hereby authorizes submittal of SCAG's approved FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) to the participating State and Federal agencies.
3. SCAG pledges to pay or secure in cash or services, or both, the matching funds necessary for financial assistance.
4. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to execute all related agreements and other documents on behalf of the Regional Council.
5. The SCAG Bylaws give the SCAG Executive Director authority to administer the Personnel Rules. In accordance with that authority, the SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated and authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP to implement the Personnel Rules.
6. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make and submit to the applicable funding agencies, the necessary work program, and budget amendments to SCAG's FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP, based on actual available funds and to draw funds as necessary on a line of credit or other requisition basis.
7. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to submit grant applications and execute the applicable grant agreements and any amendments with the applicable Federal or State agency and to implement grant funds through SCAG's OWP, and this includes submittal and execution of the required program updates to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for REAP 2.0 funding, as well as Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) and the Master Fund Transfer Agreement (MFTA) with Caltrans, as part of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Programs, which includes grant projects entitled:
 - a. The Soboba Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan,
 - b. Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study, and
 - c. Planning for Main Streets
8. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 OWP's REAP 2.0 Budget to reflect the program updates and changes approved by HCD. This authorization includes the ability to reallocate funds, including increasing approved project budgets, between approved projects, as well as shift available funding to SCAG administered regional projects and ATP projects as necessary to maximize the utilization of the funds and advance the goals and objectives of REAP 2.0. Such amendments may be made in advance of formal budget

adoption, with any changes included in the next Budget Amendment or Fiscal Year Budget, whichever is sooner.

9. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 OWP that do not affect the delivery of regional transportation planning tasks, activities, steps, products, or the funding amounts listed on the OWPA.
10. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget; the Indirect Cost Budget; the Fringe Benefit Budget; FTA Discretionary and Formula Grant Budget; and the TDA Budget that do not exceed the overall funding amounts approved by the SCAG Regional Council and the participating State and Federal agencies.
11. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 TDA Budget, including exceeding the TDA Budget approved by the Regional Council, for the purpose of allocating additional funding to projects that are included in the approved OWP, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the OWP approved by the Regional Council.
12. The Executive Administration Committee, if authorized by the General Assembly through the General Fund budget adoption, and to be consistent with such delegation from the General Assembly, is delegated authority and authorized to make amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance.
13. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute subrecipient agreements (e.g., memorandum of understanding) and related documents, on behalf of the Regional Council, involving the expenditure of funds programed under the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the OWP.
14. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to use available fund balances from future grant awards received after the adoption of this Budget to hire and upgrade limited-term staff, as needed, to implement the grant award funded program in advance of formal budget adoption, with any changes included in the next Budget Amendment or Fiscal Year Budget, whichever is sooner.
15. The SCAG Executive Director, or in his or her absence, the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to use available fund balances to hire up to 10 limited-term staff, as needed, to support and implement SCAG's Enterprise Resource Planning project, with any changes included in the next Budget Amendment or Fiscal Year Budget, whichever is sooner.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 4th day of September, 2025.

Cindy Allen
President, SCAG
City of Long Beach

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel

Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including FY 2025-26 OWP
List of Budget Changes

Director	Project Task No.	Project Task Name	Category	Budget Change	CPG FHWA_PL	FHWA_PL FY25-26	CPG FTA_5303	FHWA SPR	FTA 5304	FY23 SB1 Formula	FY24 SB1 Formula	FY25 SB1 Formula	FY26 SB1 Formula	SHA	In-Kind Commitments	Justification
Jepson	130-0160.23	Resiliency/Readiness Planning Study (2025-26 PL Grant)	Consultant TC	1,000,000		1,000,000										Programming \$1 million in Consultant to carry out the resilient study per the award made by Caltrans.
Jepson	400-4959.01	2028 Games TDM Initiation Plan and Implementation (2025-26 PL Grant)	Consultant TC	6,000,000		6,000,000										Programming \$6 million in Consultant to carry out the Olympic related work per the award made by Caltrans.
			TOTAL	7,000,000	-	7,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.	<i>ICTC</i>	Holtville
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRPB Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Allen closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2025
 2. Minutes of the Meeting – June 19, 2025 - June 20, 2025
 3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-030-C01, 2028 Games Transportation Demand Management Support Plan
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4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-031-C01, 2028 Games Freight Transportation Demand Management Plan
 5. S. 1218 (Cantwell & Moran) – Transportation Assistance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2025
 6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

7. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6 and Receive and File Items 7 and 8. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Finlay, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Erika Bustamante, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, reported the accounting team was preparing the fiscal year 26 membership dues letters to member agencies, and those would be sent out by the end of the month. She also reported SCAG had received approval for their Overall Work Program for fiscal year 26 from their funding partners, FHWA, FTA, and Caltrans, as well as the approval of their indirect cost rate from FTA. Additionally, she shared that while they were only two days into the new fiscal year, work had already begun on the development of the fiscal year 27 budget. She stated their budget team was compiling budget requests from SCAG divisions, and those were expected to be submitted in the months of July and August. Finally, she reported the contracts team was managing 191 active professional services contracts and the previous month they had conducted 18 formal procurements, including the two TDM projects that received the EAC's approval that day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen thanked everyone for attending the annual Executive/Administration Committee retreat the previous month. She stated she was happy to have shared the priorities for her term as Regional Council President, which were: housing, getting ready for the 2028 Summer Olympics & Paralympic Games, and clean transportation technology. She expressed her appreciation for presentations from staff on emerging issues, economic analysis, and state climate policy, along with the outlook for the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings this year. Furthermore, she stated that after much discussion and consideration, they would be making some adjustments to the meeting schedules moving forward. She stated they hoped these adjustments would better align with [member] travel considerations and make it easier for them to participate more fully. She stated they wanted to continue the spirit of collaboration and lively discussions they had over the past year while meeting in person. She explained they were moving the EAC meetings back to Wednesday afternoons before Regional Council meeting days. She stated these meetings would be at 3pm and conducted in a hybrid in-person and online format. She stated that for Regional Council meeting days, Policy Committees would move up to 9:30am and be held in a hybrid format. She stated that Regional Council meetings would start at 11:45am and be in-person. She explained that each member would be permitted one instance of remote participation over the next year. She also directed members to Chief Operating Officer and Chief Counsel for any questions. President Allen also congratulated Executive Director Kome Ajise as he had received the California Transportation Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 36th Annual Transportation Awards Gala. She stated they were pleased to see Kome recognized for his long and impressive career in transportation and public service at Caltrans and SCAG. Lastly, President Allen stated the next meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise expressed his appreciation for the recognition of his lifetime achievement award. He stated he wanted to acknowledge how Items 3 and 4 on the Consent Calendar were a big deal for SCAG. He stated those were the two TDM studies they were conducting with respect to the Olympics and Paralympics, and he wanted to take a moment to thank [the members] for their approval. Furthermore, he shared the Governor had signed the 2025-26 state budget, which included housing production reforms and extended the REAP 2.0 expenditure deadline to December 2026. He noted that most of SCAG projects would make the June date, and they wanted to keep it that way otherwise they would have too many projects to try and close out in December. He also stated SCAG would continue to work with HCD to figure out the nuances of the statutory extension they got. He stated he thought there was some fine print they needed to work through with them, and they would work through that with them and hopefully continue to inform [HCD] how they were doing in delivering the projects. He expressed his intent to ensure every cent of the

\$231 million dollars in the REAP program was expended just like they had done with the \$47 million in the REAP 1.0 program. He reported the California Transportation Commission adopted several funding programs, including \$35 million for active transportation projects in the SCAG region. However, he stated California had entered a conformity lockdown with the Federal Clean Air Act, preventing new regional transportation conformity determinations until resolution between CARB and EPA on emission estimation models. He stated this could impact the ability to advance schedules for new projects, particularly those related to the 2028 Olympics. Additionally, he reported the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference had taken place in Seattle the previous month, and SCAG had a good representation there. He reported that Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, was part of a mobility plan panel. He also shared Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Housing Manager, was also on a panel showcasing the REAP program and how to reduce barriers to housing production. Executive Director Ajise also congratulated Regional Council member, Alan Wapner, who had been reelected to the NARC Board of Directors. He shared Regional Council member Wapner would be representing the entire State of California on that board. Additionally, he shared there had been a delegation trip to Washington, DC, where they advocated for resources for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Lastly, he took a moment to recognize Dr. Ray Wolfe. He shared that Mr. Wolfe had been a colleague and a friend, and he would be missed tremendously in the region. He stated Mr. Wolfe had been a voice of courage and reason in the business and had a distinguished record of leadership and service spanning three decades, not only in San Bernardino County, but also working for State Department of Transportation at Caltrans. He stated Mr. Wolfe spearheaded and accomplished major projects in his term as SBCTA Director since 2012, including the I-10 express lanes, the Redlands Passenger Rail Project, and what they thought was North America's first federally compliant, self-powered zero emission passenger train, the ZEMU San Bernardino. He stated he had done quite a bit to elevate the region and how he always valued Mr. Wolfe's insight when he would call him, because he knew he would get his unvarnished, honest opinion about things. He wished Dr. Wolfe well.

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report, or the Executive Director's report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, stated they had previously talked about having a presentation on the Olympics, and potentially having some representatives [attend the EAC meetings] that were involved. She asked where [this presentation] might land in timing as they moved into the coming months.

Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson addressed member Bucknum's request stating they were working on putting that session together for September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, addressed President Allen stating she knew it took a lot to put together a good program for the [EAC retreat] meeting and she had hit it out of the park. She stated she wanted to personally thank her as it had been informative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 2:28 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2025-26																	Total Mtgs: Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	5-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Cindy Allen, President, Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County	1	0	0	1											2
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1	1	0	0											2
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	Monterey Park	District 34	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	0	0	1											2
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	0	1	1	1											3
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0	0	0	0											0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	1	0	1											3
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1	1	1	1											4
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	0	0	0											1
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	0											3
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2025-26 (Minutes of the Meeting - July 2, 2025)

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AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
(213) 630-1478, elder@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Amendment to Regional Council Policy Manual

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:

That the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt an amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual (Policy Manual) amending the conflict of interest provisions of the Policy Manual.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:

That the RC adopt an amendment to the Policy Manual, amending its conflict-of-interest provisions.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From June 19 to June 20, 2025, President Cindy Allen convened a retreat for the EAC to discuss strategic priorities for the upcoming year. The agenda included a presentation and discussion of proposed amendments to the Regional Council Policy Manual ("Policy Manual"), including an amendment to the Policy Manual's conflict of interest provisions to update the language to follow current laws and regulations.

As a result of the conversation, SCAG staff has finalized the proposed amendment to the conflict of interest provisions for consideration by the EAC and approval by the RC.

BACKGROUND:

Article III of the Policy Manual sets forth the conflict of interest policies applicable to SCAG Representatives. "SCAG Representatives" is defined as all elected and appointed officials and representatives who serve in the SCAG organization as Officers, Official Representatives and Alternates to the General Assembly, representatives of Regional Council Members, District

Representatives, ex officio members of any SCAG body, and members of SCAG committees and task forces.

Under Article III.A., SCAG Representatives may accept gifts and political contributions up to the limits established by state law, provided such acceptance does not otherwise violate applicable state or federal conflict of interest rules and regulations.

While this language generally reflects existing legal compliance obligations, it does not explicitly address SCAG Representatives' obligations under the Levine Act. The Levine Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 84308) is a state law that prohibits public officials from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$500 from a party or participant (or their agents) while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, including most contracts, is pending before the agency and for 12 months after a decision. The law contains disclosure, recusal, and other requirements applicable to public officials who have received such contributions, and similar requirements applicable to parties, participants, and their agents. To provide greater clarity and ensure consistency with current state law, staff recommends adding express references to Levine Act obligations in both Article III.A. and Article III.D., the latter of which governs prohibitions and disqualifications in contract and decision-making.

Staff also recommends additional technical revisions throughout Article III to improve clarity and consistency, including updates to statutory references to reflect changes in the law since the policies were originally adopted.

Proposed language implementing these changes is presented in Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Conflict of Interest Policies

ARTICLE III
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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A. Gift and Political Contribution Prohibitions and Limitations - SCAG Representatives may accept gifts and political contributions but only up to the limits established by state law and only without violation of SCAG's Conflict of Interest Code and any state or federal conflict of interest rules and regulations. In accordance with Government Code Section 84308 ("Levine Act"), SCAG Representatives may not accept campaign contributions from a party or its agent(s) totaling more than \$500 if the party or its agent(s) is involved in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, including a contract, that is pending before SCAG or for 12 months following the final decision. SCAG Representatives shall disclose and recuse themselves from any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, including a contract, if the SCAG Representative has received campaign contributions totaling more than \$500 from a party or its agent(s) involved in the proceeding within the previous 12 months. The Levine Act does not apply to contracts: under \$50,000; where no party receives financial compensation; between two or more public agencies; or competitively bid if required by law, agency policy, or agency rule to be awarded pursuant to a competitive process.

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D. Contract and Decision-Making Prohibitions and Disqualifications

(1) In accordance with California Government Code Section 1090 et seq., SCAG Representatives shall not participate in making any contract or type of agreement involving SCAG if they are financially interested in the contract or agreement. To "participate in making a contract" includes decisions to create, modify, extend or renegotiate a contract. Most importantly, if a ~~n individual~~ SCAG Representative is "financially interested" in a contract, Section 1090 prohibits the entire legislative body of which that individual is a member from taking action on a contract in which said individual has a financial interest. Thus, if a representative of a Member of the Regional Council has a financial interest in a contract, the Regional Council cannot consider or take action on that contract and it is not possible for the representative to simply disqualify themselves ~~himself~~ from any vote. For this reason, if SCAG contracting staff or legal counsel determine that a representative of a Member of the Regional Council has a financial interest in a bid or proposal for a contract, such bid or proposal will be disqualified from consideration by SCAG. Determining financial interest questions can be complicated and guidance from SCAG legal counsel should be obtained if any concerns exist regarding the applicability of ~~Government Code~~ Section 1090 to a contract, proposal or bid.

(2) In accordance with ~~2 CFR Part 200, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 18.36~~ SCAG Representatives shall not participate in the selection, ~~or~~ award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. A real or apparent conflict of interest could arise not only in connection with SCAG Representatives themselves, but also if immediate family members are involved in a contract or because of the employment or potential employment of SCAG Representatives. The requirements of ~~2 CFR Part 200 Section 18.36~~ are complicated and guidance from SCAG legal counsel should be obtained regarding the applicability of ~~2 CFR Part 200 Section 18.36~~ to a contract supported by federal funds.

(3) In accordance with California Government Code Section 87100 *et seq.* (the “PRA”), SCAG Representatives shall not make, participate in making or attempt to use their official position to influence a decision affecting SCAG when a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict of interest would arise because of a personal financial interest in a decision affecting SCAG. A financial interest would exist if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on an individual or his/her immediate family. If any SCAG Representative has a financial interest in a decision affecting SCAG within the meaning of ~~the PRA Section 87100~~, that individual should recuse himself or herself from making or participating in such a decision and not use his or her position to influence or attempt to influence such a decision. Guidance on the proper recusal procedures to follow should be obtained from SCAG legal counsel who should also be consulted about questions regarding ~~the PRA Section 87100~~.

(4) ~~In accordance with the Levine Act, SCAG Representatives should recuse themselves from participating in decision-making processes that involve a party or participant from whom the SCAG Representative has received campaign contributions over \$500 within the previous 12 months. This requirement does not apply to contracts: under \$50,000; where no party receives financial compensation; between two or more public agencies; or competitively bid if required by law, agency policy, or agency rule to be awarded pursuant to a competitive process.~~



AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1892, Bustamante@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-026-C01, State Advocacy Services

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-026-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$720,000 with Cruz Strategies LLC, to provide State Advocacy Services, for up to five (5) years. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under this agreement, Cruz Strategies LLC will serve as SCAG's State Lobbyist and, among other services, support the development of SCAG's annual Legislative Program for review by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the Regional Council.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Cruz Strategies, LLC 25-026-C01	The consultant will develop strategies for the successful attainment of SCAG's Legislative Program.	\$720,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for this contract is \$720,000 over a five-year period. The cost for the first year of \$96,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund Budget in project number 800.0160.02. The cost for subsequent years will be included in future annual budgets, subject to budget availability and budget approval.



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-026-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-026-C01 Conflict of Interest Form

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-026-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Cruz Strategies LLC
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>In November 2020, SCAG contracted with Cruz Strategies LLC to provide legislative advocacy services in the state capital. SCAG has a compelling need to continue these legislative advocacy services without interruption. SCAG is officially designated by various federal and state laws as a Council of Governments, a Multi-County Designated Transportation Planning Agency, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Southern California region. The responsibilities associated with these designations require effective advocacy with the state legislature, the administration, and various regulatory agencies in Sacramento.</p> <p>Under this agreement, the consultant shall provide state legislative advocacy services and support the development of SCAG's annual Legislative Program for review by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the Regional Council, for up to five (5) years.</p>
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the development of SCAG's annual Legislative Program for review by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) and the Regional Council (RC);• Assist with the initiation of legislation sponsored or supported by SCAG, including the necessary actions to prepare draft legislation, obtain legislative sponsorship, influence legislative analyses, determine and organize testimony, and influence appropriate officials to develop and pass such legislation;• Provide logistical support for Sacramento and district office visits. This includes developing a proposed agenda and scheduling meetings with legislators, legislative staff, and members of the Administration to further the goals of SCAG's Legislative Program;• Assist SCAG in developing extensive and bipartisan relationships with members of the Legislature, specifically members of legislative leadership and the Southern California delegation, and other key figures in the Assembly and State Senate;• Assist SCAG in developing relationships with members of the Administration, including but not limited to representatives of and appointees to the California State Transportation Agency, California Transportation Commission, California Air Resources Board, and Strategic Growth Council;• Identify, secure, and coordinate opportunities for SCAG to testify at legislative or administrative hearings on policies and programs that impact SCAG; and• Actively participate in appropriate state coalitions and working groups to further the goals of SCAG's Legislative Program.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

Attachment: Contract 25-026-C01 Summary (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-026-C01, State Advocacy Services)

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$720,000
	Cruz Strategies LLC \$720,000
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2030
Project Number(s):	800-0160.02 \$720,000 Funding source: General Fund. The total cost for this contract is \$720,000 over a five-year period. The cost for the first year is \$96,000, which is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund Budget in project number 800.0160.02. The cost for subsequent years will be included in future annual budgets, subject to budget availability and budget approval.
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 1,366 firms of the release of RFP 25-026-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 23 firms downloaded the RFP. Staff received one (1) proposal in response to RFP 25-026-C01. Note staff advertised the RFP for a three (3) week period. Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer. Staff believes that resoliciting for a second time was not likely to yield a different result and needed to maintain the project's schedule and therefore proceed to evaluate the one (1) offer.
Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposal contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award. The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Javiera Cartagena, SCAG Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer Kevin Gilhooley, SCAG Legislation Department Manager Francisco Barajas, SCAG Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended Cruz Strategies LLC for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated a solid understanding of SCAG's needs as outlined in the scope of work. Specifically, the firm emphasized developing relationships with state legislators early, securing opportunities for SCAG to increase its visibility in the State Capital, working to advance sponsored legislation, and impacting the outcome of legislative deliberations; • The firm offered to identify opportunities for SCAG to provide expert witness testimony at legislative hearings to impact the direction of a legislative deliberation, in advance of legislation even being crafted; • Explained how its experience with the home builders, labor organizations, local elected officials, and other regional agencies and organizations give it special insights and expertise concerning SCAG's core transportation, land use planning, and housing legislative priorities;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an excellent overall value for the level of effort proposed with a proposal that accomplished all goals outlined in the scope of work at a price lower than originally estimated; and • Proposed a realistic price to perform all the scope of work.
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For September 4, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 25-026-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$720,000 with Cruz Strategies LLC to provide State Advocacy Services, for up to five (5) years.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Cruz Strategies LLC (prime consultant)	No - form attached

Attachment: Contract 25-026-C01 Summary (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-026-C01, State Advocacy Services)

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No./Contract No. 25-026-C01

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so MAY also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Cruz Strategies
 Name of Preparer: Steve Cruz
 Project Title: State Advocacy Services
 RFP Number: 25-026-C01 Date Submitted: 5-22-2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

- During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Steve Cruz, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Partner of (firm name) Cruz Strategies, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 5-22-2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.




Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required) Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.



AGENDA ITEM 6

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1892, Bustamante@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-001-C01, Environmental Systems
Research Institute (Esri), Inc. Enterprise License Agreement

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 26-001-C01, with Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,020,000, to provide SCAG with its proprietary Geographic Information System (GIS) software. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2019, SCAG kicked off the Regional Data Platform (RDP) project – a transformative project to provide GIS data and applications to local jurisdictions across the region. In support of this development, as well as SCAG's legacy and ongoing GIS work and data sharing to the region, SCAG entered into an enterprise license agreement for Esri software licenses to gain efficiency, scalability, and modernize SCAG's GIS infrastructure and workflows. The Enterprise License Agreement is now up for renewal. SCAG will need to continue with these licenses to support current and future use of the RDP and SCAG's ongoing GIS work and data visualization needs.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
# Esri, Inc. 26-001-C01	The consultant shall provide Esri GIS software to support the RDP and SCAG's GIS projects.	\$3,020,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$588,000 is available in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 045-0142A.12, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 26-001-C01 Summary
2. Contract 26-001-C01 Conflict of Interest Form

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-001-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	In 2019, SCAG kicked off the Regional Data Platform (RDP) project – a transformative project to provide geographic information system (GIS) data and applications to local jurisdictions across the region. In support of this development, as well as SCAG’s legacy and ongoing GIS work and data sharing to the region, SCAG entered into an enterprise license agreement for Esri software to gain efficiency, scalability, and modernize SCAG’s GIS infrastructure and workflows. The original RDP Contract 18-040 was for the development phase of the project. It included the purchase of a three-year Esri Enterprise License Agreement to support the development of the RDP. The contract for initial development work on the RDP has been live since 2022. Following the launch of the RDP, SCAG processed a three-year sole source contract to continue GIS work and maintenance. With the current contract coming to an end in October, SCAG negotiated a five-year contract to continue supporting the current and future use of the RDP and SCAG’s ongoing GIS work and data visualization.
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	The project’s benefits and key deliverables include continued delivery of SCAG’s enterprise GIS program and applications including RDP and broad regional data visualization outreach.
Strategic Plan:	Strategic Plan Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$3,020,000</p> <p>Esri (prime consultant)</p> <p>Note: Esri originally proposed \$3,051,000, but staff negotiated the price down to \$3,020,000. Negotiations included scaling back the Esri proposed software license package to better reflect actual usage.</p>
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through October 20, 2030.
Project Number(s):	<p>045-0142A.12 \$588,000</p> <p>Funding source(s): Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) PL.</p> <p>Funding of \$588,000 is available in the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 045-0142A.12, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>
Request for Proposal (RFP):	Not Applicable – Sole Source
Selection Process:	Not Applicable – Sole Source

Basis for Selection:	<p>Esri is the single source provider for Esri software licenses and Esri Enterprise License Agreements. While Esri does have a partner program of service providers – namely consulting in specific industries, needs, or product implementations – the licensing is provided by Esri. If SCAG does not successfully process this sole source contract, all mapping, GIS applications and data, and the Regional Data Platform would need to be decommissioned should the Esri software licenses not be renewed. This would have an immediate impact on SCAG staff productivity, development of Connect SoCal 2028, and 197 local jurisdictions that leverage SCAG GIS data and resources.</p>
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For September 4, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 26-001-C01, with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., a Professional Corporation, to provide SCAG with its proprietary GIS software, in an amount not to exceed \$3,020,000. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Esri	No- form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

RFP No./Contract No. 26-001-C01

Form Dated: August 15, 2025

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. ("Esri")
Name of Preparer: Not applicable
Project Title: ESRI Enterprise Agreement Software
Date Submitted: On or about 8/15/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ **NO to the best of Esri's knowledge and belief.**

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ **NO to the best of Esri’s knowledge and belief.**

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ **NO to the best of Esri’s knowledge and belief.**

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ **NO to the best of Esri’s knowledge and belief.**

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. ("Esri") hereby states to the best of its knowledge and belief that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated August 15, 2025 is correct and current as submitted. Esri acknowledges that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of the contract proposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.



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Signature of Person on behalf of Proposer

Aug 18, 2025

Date

(original signature required)

Annette Kazandjian

Managing Business Attorney

NOTICE

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SCAG - Conflict of Interest

Final Audit Report

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AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-006-C01, Southern California Airport
Passenger Surface Transportation Study

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 26-006-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$547,988 with ICF International Inc. for the Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG is undertaking a comprehensive passenger and airport employee survey across major commercial passenger service and select reliever airports in Southern California. The project aims to collect and analyze data on airport access behavior, preferences, and travel patterns to improve planning and management of the region's surface transportation systems. Covering eight (8) commercial airports, multiple reliever airports, and a complex network of connecting highways, transit lines, and access points, the study will assess factors such as safety, security, public health, and the limited use of transit for airport trips. Survey design, administration, and analysis will include in-person and online methods, with targeted outreach to underrepresented groups. Findings will inform airport ground access planning, congestion reduction strategies, multimodal connectivity improvements, and preparations for major events, including the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

Consultant/Contract #	Contract Purpose	Contract Amount
ICF International Inc. 26-006-C01	The consultant will provide a robust dataset on passenger and employee travel behavior, enabling SCAG and partners to make informed decisions on airport access improvements and congestion management.	\$547,988

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$547,988 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 145.4956.01 (Caltrans Strategic Partnerships – Transit Grant). Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 26-006-C01 Summary
2. Contract 26-006-C01 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-006-C01

Recommended Consultant:	ICF International Inc.	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>SCAG is undertaking a comprehensive passenger and airport employee survey across major commercial passenger service and select reliever airports in Southern California. The project aims to collect and analyze data on airport access behavior, preferences, and travel patterns to improve planning and management of the region's surface transportation systems. Covering eight commercial airports, multiple reliever airports, and a complex network of connecting highways, transit lines, and access points, the study will assess factors such as safety, security, public health, and the limited use of transit for airport trips. Survey design, administration, and analysis will include in-person and online methods, with targeted outreach to underrepresented groups. Findings will inform airport ground access planning, congestion reduction strategies, multimodal connectivity improvements, and preparations for major events, including the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.</p>	
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project will provide a robust dataset on passenger and employee travel behavior, enabling SCAG and partners to make informed decisions on airport access improvements and congestion management. Benefits include better integration of transit and active transportation options, insights into mode choice factors, and enhanced preparedness for anticipated passenger growth and major events. Key deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Conditions Analysis, • Survey Questionnaires and Sampling Methodology, • Survey Instruments, • Survey Pretest and Implementation Plans, • Data Processing and Weighting Documentation, • Final Datasets, • Final Report, • Outreach Plans, • Stakeholder Meeting Materials, and • Interim Updates for Advisory Committees. <p>The project culminates in a final plan and report synthesizing findings, recommendations, and implementation steps, accompanied by presentations to SCAG, Caltrans, airports, and regional committees.</p>	
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis, and information sharing.	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$547,988
	ICF International Inc. (prime consultant)	\$331,054
	Ebony Marketing Systems (subconsultant)	\$189,992

Contract Period:	The contract period will span the full lifecycle of the project, from initial research and survey design to data collection, analysis, stakeholder engagement, and final reporting through June 30, 2027.														
Project Number(s):	145.4956.01 \$547,988 Funding sources: Caltrans Strategic Partnerships–Transit Grant Funding of \$547,988 is available for Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 145.4956.01. Additionally, as part of SCAG’s FY 2025-2026 OWP Budget Amendment 1 process, \$7,000 is being requested to support survey incentives. Upon approval, this amount will be incorporated into the project. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.														
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 1,496 firms of the release of RFP 26-006 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System. A total of eight (8) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following seven (7) proposals in response to the solicitation: <table> <tr> <td>ICF International Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$547,988</td></tr> <tr> <td>InterVISTAS Consulting USA LLC – (2 subconsultants)</td><td>\$520,659</td></tr> <tr> <td>The RAND Corporation – (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$1,028,193</td></tr> <tr> <td>Resource Systems Group, Inc. – (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$1,649,463</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sensis Inc. – (no subconsultant)</td><td>\$2,261,231</td></tr> <tr> <td>WSP USA, Inc – (3 subconsultants)</td><td>\$2,209,879</td></tr> <tr> <td>Zenith Economics, LLC – (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$601,940</td></tr> </table>	ICF International Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$547,988	InterVISTAS Consulting USA LLC – (2 subconsultants)	\$520,659	The RAND Corporation – (1 subconsultant)	\$1,028,193	Resource Systems Group, Inc. – (1 subconsultant)	\$1,649,463	Sensis Inc. – (no subconsultant)	\$2,261,231	WSP USA, Inc – (3 subconsultants)	\$2,209,879	Zenith Economics, LLC – (1 subconsultant)	\$601,940
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Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award. The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Alexis Murillo Felix, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Echo Zheng, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Prithvi Deore, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG														
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended ICF International Inc. for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a highly structured, methodical approach that integrates multiple data sources—existing plans, technical reports, and direct survey collection—into a cohesive analytical framework. • Developed a survey plan that shows a strong emphasis on inclusivity and representativeness, using zone-based sampling, multilingual survey tools, and targeted outreach. • Demonstrates deep subject-matter expertise in airport ground access and transportation demand management, with proven experience in complex survey design and execution at large, multi-site facilities. 														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows technical proficiency in applying advanced survey methodologies— sampling, leveraging geofencing technology, and using real-time dashboards for quality control. • Demonstrates familiarity with SCAG’s planning framework • Demonstrates experience with prior airport and large-event studies and demonstrates an ability to adapt methods to high-profile, operationally complex contexts. • Conveys the capacity to deliver robust, actionable insights while managing the practical challenges of data collection in active airport environments. <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend those firms for contract award because those firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed budget was not in alignment with Caltrans Strategic Partnerships– Transit Grant allocation. • The consultant’s proposal did not satisfy the DBE participation requirement outlined in the solicitation, falling short of the minimum percentage mandated.
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For September 4, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 26-006-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$547,988 with ICF International Inc. for the Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
ICF International Inc. (prime consultant)	No – Form Attached
Ebony Marketing Systems, Inc. (Subconsultant)	No – Form Attached



Attachment 6

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM**RFP No. 26-006****SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS**

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: ICF Incorporated, L.L.C. doing business in the State of California as ICF Consulting L.L.C.

Name of Preparer: Jesse Longoria, Contracts Manager

Project Title: Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study

RFP Number: 26-006 **Date Submitted:** 6/27/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
N/A	N/A



Attachment 6

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
N/A	NA

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
N/A	N/A



Attachment 6

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:


Name	Date	Dollar Value
N/A	N/A	N/A

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name), hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Karolyn Gardner of (firm name) ICF Incorporated, L.L.C., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.


Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required) 6/24/2025 Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.



Attachment 6

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM**RFP No. 26-006****SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS**

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: Ebony Marketing Systems, Inc.**Name of Preparer:** Kai K. Fuente**Project Title:** Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study:**RFP Number:** 26-006**Date Submitted:** 6/24/25**SECTION II: QUESTIONS**

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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Attachment 6

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name), hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Kai K. Fuente of (firm name) Ebony Marketing Systems, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer (original signature required) 6/24/2025
Date

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AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1892, Bustamante@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contract Amendment: 19-065-C01, 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan
Services

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract Amendment 1 to Contract No. 19-065-C01 with Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) to extend the term for five (5) years for the administration of the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG sponsors a 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan to provide employees with an additional retirement savings option. To enhance the quality of services available to participants and ensure the Plan is administered efficiently and cost-effectively, SCAG entered into an agreement with the current bundled services provider on December 11, 2020, to serve as trustee in a custodial capacity, holding plan assets and executing investment transactions such as purchasing, selling, exchanging, or transferring securities and other approved investment vehicles, as instructed by SCAG. . The provider has also managed the conversion of participant accounts, delivered financial education and on-site presentations, and made available licensed professionals to provide individualized financial planning and counseling. Collectively, these services ensure participants have access to high-quality resources, comprehensive investment choices, and ongoing support in meeting their retirement savings goals. SCAG now seeks to extend the term of the existing agreement to continue these services without interruption.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends amending the initial agreement with Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) to continue to administer the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan on behalf of SCAG for an additional five (5) years. The contract period will be extended from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2030.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Fringe Benefits Budget in Project Number 900-0290.01. The average quarterly fee for administration of the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan for SCAG is \$10,173.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 19-065-CO1 Summary

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 19-065-C01 Amendment 1

Recommended Consultant:	Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement)
Background & Scope of Work:	SCAG sponsors a 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan to provide employees with an additional retirement savings option. To enhance the quality of services available to participants and ensure the Plan is administered efficiently and cost-effectively, SCAG entered into an agreement with the current bundled services provider on December 11, 2020, to serve as trustee in a custodial capacity, holding plan assets and executing investment transactions such as purchasing, selling, exchanging, or transferring securities and other approved investment vehicles, as instructed by SCAG. The provider has also managed the conversion of participant accounts, delivered financial education and on-site presentations, and made available licensed professionals to provide individualized financial planning and counseling. Collectively, these services ensure participants have access to high-quality resources, comprehensive investment choices, and ongoing support in meeting their retirement savings goals. SCAG now seeks to extend the term of the existing agreement to continue these services without interruption.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	Since December 2020, the agreement has provided SCAG with a reliable and cost-effective solution for administering its 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. In addition to ensuring compliance and operational efficiency, the agreement has strengthened SCAG's investment program by offering a diversified menu of mutual funds and other investment vehicles, maintaining competitive fee structures, and ensuring seamless fund mapping and transitions. These benefits have allowed SCAG to provide a stable, well-managed plan that enhances the value of its overall employee benefits program. Extending the agreement is necessary to maintain these investment advantages, preserve continuity of services, and avoid the risks and disruptions that could arise from changing providers.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.
Contract Amendment Amount:	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Fringe Benefits Budget in Project Number 900-0290.01. The quarterly average fee for administration of the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan for SCAG is \$10,173.
Contract Period:	The contract period will be extended beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2030
Project Number(s):	900-0290.01 Funding sources: Fringe Benefits

Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>In the original FY19 RFP, SCAG staff notified 542 firms of the release of RFP 19-065 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System. A total of seventeen (17) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received proposals from the following six (6) firms:</p> <p>Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) AXA Retirement 360 ICMA-RC Lincoln Financial Group Nationwide Retirement Plans, Inc. Voya Financial</p>
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Carmen Flores, SCAG Nicole Katz, SCAG Basil Panas, SCAG Andre Douzdjian, SANDAG</p>
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated a strong understanding of the project, including the importance of effectively engaging employees to participate in the 457 (b) Plan and achieve long-term financial stability. • Offered a user-friendly website with intuitive navigation and features that enhance the participant's experience. • Provided comprehensive support to participants to help them make informed investment decisions. • Showed deep expertise in investment analysis, portfolio management, and the importance of diversification, while avoiding unnecessary complexity or excessive investment options. • Provided a robust disaster recovery and business continuity plan for the 457 Plan. • Received positive references from other public sector municipalities, confirming reliable performance. • Offered the best overall value relative to the scope and quality of services provided.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For September 4, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Amendment 1 to Contract No. 19-065-C01 with Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) to extend the term for five (5) years for the administration of the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract amendment on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Great-West Trust Company, LLC (Empower Retirement) (prime consultant)	No – Form Attached



AGENDA ITEM 9

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Jorge Zavala, Legislative Affairs Analyst
213-630-1414, zavala@scag.ca.gov

Subject: SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve up to \$7,500 to sponsor 1) CoMotion LA '25.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its August 19, 2025, meeting, the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) approved up to \$7,500 to sponsor 1) CoMotion LA '25.

BACKGROUND:

Item 1: CoMotion LA '25

Type: Sponsorship **Amount:** \$7,500

The CoMotion LA '25 Conference will be held from November 12-13, 2025, at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. The event will bring together key public and private stakeholders shaping the future of mobility to emerge with new policy and innovation mandates for a more connected, innovative, and sustainable urban future by discussing the future of cities and the vehicles and systems that power them. CoMotion will offer a curated two-day conference full of immersive and interactive talks, pitches, demos, and workshops to find a path forward for cities and mobility systems.

CoMotion LA is the leading global conference and expo focused on New Mobility. It is an initiative of the NewCities Foundation, the Montreal-based nonprofit institution dedicated to improving the quality of life and work in 21st-century cities worldwide. CoMotion LA has the support of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the International Organization for Public Transport Authorities (UITP), and other leading city, state, national, and international organizations, both public and private. Speakers at the 2024 conference included then SCAG Vice President Cindy Allen, SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise, ITS America CEO Laura Chace, LADOT

General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo, and other top officials across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

Over a thousand international leaders, including mayors, policymakers, CEOs, leading researchers, innovators, nonprofit, and civil society leaders, will again gather at this year's conference to discuss reimagining infrastructure, designing seamless journeys, connecting communities, and powering sustainable mobility.

SCAG sponsored this event from 2017 to 2019 and from 2022 to 2024. The feedback was very positive, especially due to the integration of the agency's *GoHuman* campaign. At the August 19 LCMC meeting, SCAG staff recommended sponsorship of this event at \$7,500, which represents at \$2,500 reduction relative to 2024, but will provide SCAG with the same benefits as last year, including the following:

- SCAG to be branded as a CoMotion LA '25 Partner, which includes branding on websites, print, marketing materials, social media channels, and on-site signage;
- SCAG Executive Director or President invited to speak on a CoMotion Panel at the conference (whether virtual or in-person);
- Ten (10) admission passes for senior SCAG executives and leadership and/or clients to the event;
- List of CoMotion LA '25 participants;
- Opportunity to share SCAG content on the CoMotion LA newsletter; and
- Exhibitor Space.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff presented a recommendation for up to \$7,500 to sponsor 1) CoMotion LA '25 to the LCMC at its meeting on August 19, 2025. The LCMC approved this item unanimously as part of the consent calendar.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$7,500 to sponsor CoMotion LA '25 is included in the approved FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost budget.



AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor
(213) 236-1828, kane@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Economic Roundtable Third Quarter Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION AT EAC:

Receive and File

RECOMMENDED ACTION AT RC:

Information Only—No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 2009, SCAG has convened a team of independent economists representing the region's counties and key specialty areas to collaborate with SCAG expert staff to assess the economic landscape of the region. In 2022, the renamed "Economic Roundtable" began meeting quarterly to discuss trends, data, and current events impacting the region's economy. In addition to being found on the SCAG news feed and Economic Insights & Demographic Data page, meetings are timed to occur in advance of March, June, September, and December Regional Council meetings.

The SCAG Economic Roundtable met for its third 2025 quarterly discussion on Aug. 21. Highlights included:

- *Job growth in the region continued to be modest and narrow. There appear to be no major layoffs or job losses region-wide, though only the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector is growing significantly.*
- *While effective tariff rates currently sit at 18.6 percent, a majority of the burden is being absorbed by corporations and has not hit consumers. Impacts of tariffs—as well as federal funding cuts to Medicaid and research—remain major longer-term concerns.*
- *28 percent of the SCAG region's construction labor force is made up of undocumented immigrants—this (and other) sectors are being disrupted by increased enforcement action.*

- ***Expansive California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions show promise for reducing some procedural roadblocks for urban infill projects statewide. While housing production has been sluggish in 2025 and 12,971 residential units were lost in LA County 's January wildfires, these exemptions provide a meaningful policy lever for boosting supply.***

BACKGROUND:

Modest and Narrow Job Creation in the SCAG Region

- Jobs grew by 52,900 in the 12 months ending July 2025 in the region. This job growth improves on last quarter's numbers, but at an annualized growth rate of 0.6 percent—based on the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey—last quarter's job growth is still fairly weak compared to prior years.
- Job growth continues to be limited and concentrated only in two sectors: Healthcare and Social Assistance and Local Government.
 - o If it weren't for Healthcare and Social Assistance, the region would've lost about 26,000 jobs over the last year.
 - o An aging population and an expansion of specialty care is boosting this industry. Major investment includes two major new healthcare facilities in Orange County: City of Hope Orange County and UC Irvine Health, Irvine campus. The new \$1 billion expansion of Hoag Health System and several other healthcare projects in Orange County provide additional evidence of strength in the sector.
 - o Meanwhile, many community and independent hospitals in the region, and those relying more heavily on Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, are struggling and at severe risk due to federal funding cuts.
- While new job creation is relatively weak and unemployment rates have ticked up (partly caused by seasonal effects), there are few new unemployment insurance claims—suggesting that the currently weak job market is not characterized by large, disruptive layoffs or job losses.
 - o Weak job creation in several higher-paying sectors (e.g., advanced manufacturing, film and sound recording, software development, professional business services) continues to suggest that artificial intelligence (AI) might be a culprit.

What's Happening Outside the Region

- **Tariffs increased substantially, but the economy-wide price impacts remain muted.**
 - o Effective tariff rates are currently sitting at 18.6 percent, according to the Yale Budget Lab. Nonetheless, a recent Goldman Sachs report found that about 60 percent of the burden so far is being absorbed by importers or exporters. This burden is likely unsustainable over the long term.

- The Yale Budget Lab estimates the impact of tariffs would be equivalent to a loss of \$2,400 in household income on average. The potential impact reduces to \$2,100 if households substitute less expensive goods for those affected by tariffs. Further, only 34 percent of consumption spending is for goods—the majority is for services, which are not directly tariff-impacted.
 - Imports and exports are a fairly small share of American Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—each under 11 percent in Q2 2025. While randomness and uncertainty surrounded the development of the administration’s tariff policy, moderate and consistent tariffs would not be economically devastating. GDP growth would be marginally lower, inflation would likely be slightly higher (it currently remains above Federal Reserve targets), and consumer sentiment would be weakened (which is the case, according to the University of Michigan’s Consumer Sentiment Index).
- **Expect some knock-on effects from federal funding decisions.**
- Federal funding cuts have severely impacted social services and gap-coverage programs. Many nonprofits, quasi-governmental agencies, and governmental agencies have seen severe budget cuts and increased restrictions on eligible uses for funding. Smaller nonprofits providing critical social services have also seen their operating and programmatic budgets severely diminished.
 - Universities have lost substantial amounts of research funding—initially at private institutions, but increasingly at public universities as well. This includes medical research at university-affiliated hospitals. The long-term consequences are of great concern.
 - While private research and development, e.g., in the technology sector, might be able to absorb some of the slack, this is a laborious process, and recent investment has been more likely to be directed toward AI.
- **Tourism deserves a close watch.**
- Theme Park attendance and hotel occupancy rates in destinations like Orange County and the Coachella Valley were generally strong relative to expectations over the summer.
 - However, there are concerns that the strong hotel occupancy rates reflect a temporary boost from local summer vacations and might evaporate by Fall without being replaced by international visitors, who stay longer and spend more. A decline in international visitors would have knock-on effects on sales tax receipts and related industries.
 - Leisure and hospitality employment has dropped in some parts of the region: down 0.9 percent year-over-year in Orange County and 0.4 percent in the Inland Empire, while Los Angeles was essentially flat (+0.3 percent) as of July.

- **Immigration enforcement expected to impact key local sectors.**
 - From May through July 2025, the rate of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests in L.A. County was roughly five times higher than the prior year, according to the Deportation Data Project.
 - The most recently available American Community Survey data (processed by USC's California Immigrant Data Portal) indicate that undocumented immigrants account for 34 percent of L.A. county's construction workers and 28 percent across the SCAG region. Undocumented immigrants account for an estimated 23 percent of food preparation workers in L.A. County and 19 percent region-wide.
 - In 2024, the roundtable noted that higher-than-expected immigration had buoyed job growth despite otherwise very slow labor force growth. Looking forward, given the volume of exposure, both apprehension and the fear of apprehension are expected to significantly disrupt major sectors in the region.
- **Broad CEQA exemptions introduced by recent legislation.**
 - While not an overhaul of CEQA, recently enacted changes via Assembly Bill (AB) 130 and Senate Bill (SB) 131 represent the most expansive set of exemptions introduced to date. Though the concrete impacts are yet to be seen, the signaling value of these reforms is significant.
 - Under AB 130, most urban infill projects up to 20 acres are now exempt from environmental review under CEQA. Qualifying projects would be exempt from environmental review, and therefore litigation risk, over possible impacts like local traffic, air pollution, flora, fauna, and noise levels.
 - In addition to housing, SB 131 includes a suite of CEQA exemptions for community-serving and infrastructure projects.
 - These bills are meant to significantly reduce CEQA delays, particularly for housing. In the short term, however, cities, counties, and state agencies are likely to experience a higher caseload as they navigate the new rules. The construction sector also has experienced persistent labor shortages that have recently been exacerbated by ICE actions.
 - In the longer term, investors will likely remain cautious until there's greater clarity on how the revised standards will be applied. Macroeconomic and regional uncertainty are reinforcing hesitancy. Clean-up legislation is anticipated to address remaining ambiguities and implementation gaps in the reform package.

What's Happening Inside the Region

- **Imperial County**
 - Unemployment in Imperial County reached 20 percent as of July 2025, the highest in over a decade, except for the early days of the pandemic shutdown. The county's

job losses are caused, in part, by the closure of a major employer: Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative is closing the Spreckels factory in Brawley, laying off 394 workers and resulting in about 300 additional jobs lost due to 23,000 acres of sugar beets no longer being farmed.

- One of Imperial County's two state prisons was under review for closure this year. While the closure was averted, with about one in 20 local jobs tied to the prison system, the state's decision on prison closure has implications for the county's employment outlook.
- Developers are moving quickly on solar and battery projects to qualify for the Investment Tax Credit. New Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules take effect on Sept. 2, 2025. Projects must begin construction and maintain continuous progress within a four-year window and must be operational by the end of 2030 to qualify for the available tax credits.

- **Los Angeles County**

- 12,971 residential properties were destroyed in the Palisades and Eaton fires in January 2025. While the impact on the county and regional economy is not excessive, the fires' impact on the area is still overwhelming.
- Debris removal has largely been completed (more quickly than expected) and between 200-300 new housing unit permits have been issued by both the city and the county of Los Angeles.
- Building on the March roundtable report , an updated likely case scenario for rebuilding across both fire areas is:
 - First homes completed: December 2025
 - 10 percent of homes completed: December 2026
 - 50 percent of homes completed: January 2029
 - 85 percent of homes completed: June 2033
- Several factors could slow the pace, including the speed of permitting, higher materials costs due to tariffs, labor shortages due to immigration enforcement, and property sales—original owners are more likely motivated to rebuild quickly.

- **Orange County**

- The only county in the region with higher housing production in 2024 than in the prior year also saw a somewhat unexpected increase in its labor force over the past 12 months—reflecting strong and balanced development pipelines in labor, housing, and commercial/institutional.
- Drone and autonomous vehicle technologies are setting up to become a true cluster of their own. Anduril, an anchor company in the industry, has been receiving substantial defense department contracts.

- Healthcare remains a key growth sector, driven by an aging population and substantial investment in medical facilities in the county.
- **Riverside and San Bernardino counties**
 - The unemployment rate in the Inland Empire was 6.4 percent in July, which is higher than the prior month and a year ago. However, the labor force has been growing relatively fast, up 7 percent relative to just before the pandemic in February 2020, compared to a 1.1 percent increase for California and a 3.6 increase nationally.
 - Nonfarm jobs rose 1 percent year to year in July 2025, a gain of 17,000 positions, led by healthcare, which added 15,300 positions. Seven of 17 major industries added jobs while the remaining industries were flat or lost jobs compared to last year.
 - Multi-family housing production in San Bernardino County is nearly four times as high in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024—a rare bright spot, as overall regional housing production has dipped considerably since 2023 and sales levels remain near historic lows.
 - The Inland Empire is not immune to the broader trend of aging population. Baby boomers are leaving the labor force and school enrollments have declined in many communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This work is funded by OWP task 055-1531-01, Southern California Economic Growth Strategy.



AGENDA ITEM 11

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
213-236-1955, jepson@scag.ca.gov

Subject: 2025 Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat Update

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From June 19 to 20, 2025, President Cindy Allen convened a retreat for the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) to discuss administrative policies and strategic planning priorities for the upcoming year. This report provides an update on action items identified during the retreat. It also includes a Regional Council (RC) Outlook (Attachment 1) and a meeting schedule for the EAC, RC, and policy committees that incorporate direction provided by the EAC.

BACKGROUND:

During the annual EAC Retreat convened by President Allen from June 19 to 20, the EAC discussed the changing federal and state policy landscape and implications to SCAG, received a report back on administrative policies to be amended in the Regional Council Policy Manual, and discussed highlights from the last fiscal year, as well as, priorities for the President's term. All meeting materials and the meeting minutes are posted on SCAG's website. While no formal actions were taken at the retreat, staff received input and were asked to follow-up on several issues highlighted below.

Presidential Priorities & Regional Council Outlook

Building on accomplishments of previous years and overarching policy direction established Connect SoCal, President Allen, in discussion with the EAC, has identified three key priorities for her term: Clean Transportation Technology, Housing Production, and Regional Planning in support of the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games. With the uncertainty and disruption in the global economy, President Allen is also focused on leveraging planning work across her priorities to stabilize markets and ensure the region remains economically vibrant. The agenda outlook (Attachment 1) for the

Regional Council has been updated to reflect these priorities and the President's interest in continuing to leverage the RC as a forum to engage with state leaders to advanced shared goals.

Regional Council Policy Manual

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, presented two potential amendments to the Regional Council Policy Manual (Policy Manual) to the EAC. He discussed the two amendments and answered questions from members. Based on the discussion, staff recommend moving forward with one of the proposed amendments, updating the Policy Manual's conflict of interest provisions to align with current laws and regulations. The amendment would add language addressing SCAG Representatives' obligations under the Levine Act and make technical revisions to improve clarity and consistency. The staff report for the amendment, included as an action item on the consent calendar, provides additional information and explanation of the changes.

Revised Regional Council Meeting Schedule & Attendance Requirements

EAC members discussed the format of Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings. Following discussion and consideration, President Allen decided to adjust meeting schedules and participation guidelines moving forward. The purpose of these changes is to maintain the strong collaboration and engagement demonstrated over the past year during in-person meetings, while also recognizing travel demands and supporting fuller participation. These changes were announced at the July EAC meeting and communicated to RC and Policy Committee members shortly thereafter. As a reminder, the updated meetings schedule for the remainder of President Allen's term is as follows:

Executive/Administration Committee

- First Wednesday of the month, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Hybrid format
- Members may participate remotely without limitation, following SCAG and Brown Act remote and/or just cause meeting requirements.

Policy Committees

- First Thursday of the month, 9:30am-11:15am
- Hybrid format
- Members may participate remotely without limitation, following SCAG and Brown Act remote and/or just cause meeting requirements.

Regional Council

- First Thursday of the month, 11:45am-1:45pm
- In-person, with limited remote participation
- Each member may participate remotely once during the term, for any reason. This single instance must comply with the Brown Act and may be under the standard remote provisions

or, if applicable, the just cause provisions defined under the Brown Act. No additional remote participation will be allowed beyond this one-time exception.

Attachment 2 is the revised 2025 meeting schedule for the EAC, Policy Committees, and Regional Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. RC Outlook
2. Revised - 2025 Meeting Schedule of the Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees, and Regional Council

Regional Council Agenda Outlook for FY26

Date	Discussion	Business
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Update SCAG Games Program Development Framework (Action) & Local Perspectives on Regional Planning 	
October	No Meetings	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALSTA: Transit Transformation Taskforce Recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 Update
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Transportation Technology Games Update JPC: Economic Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Selection: CMAQ/STBG (Action)
January	No Meetings	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Housing and Homelessness Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAP 2 Update
March**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Resolution Update Economic Update JPC: Connect SoCal 2028 Development Kick-off 	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CARB: California Climate Policy & Investments Games Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect SoCal 2028: DRAFT Policy Development Framework (Action) Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines (Action)

**2025 Schedule of Regular Meetings**

Revised 7/2/2025

All regular meetings of the Executive/Administration Committee are scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of each month, and all regular meetings of the Regional Council and Policy Committees are scheduled on the 1st Thursday of each month. ***Dates are subject to change***

WEDNESDAY		
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) - Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Policy Room B
THURSDAY		
Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee - Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	9:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Policy Room B
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) - Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	9:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Policy Room A
Transportation Committee (TC) - Hybrid (In Person and Remote)	9:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Board Room
Regional Council (RC) - In Person	11:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Board Room

Executive/Administration Committee	Regional Council and Policy Committees
August 6, 2025 - No Meetings (DARK)	August 7, 2025 - No Meetings (DARK)
September 3, 2025	September 4, 2025
October 1, 2025 (Tentative)	October 2, 2025 - No Meetings (DARK) due to Yom Kippur
November 5, 2025	November 6, 2025
December 3, 2025	December 4, 2025 - Economic Summit (Joint Policy Committee and Regional Council Meetings)



AGENDA ITEM 12

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

From: Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1892, Bustamante@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below the
Regional Council's Approval Threshold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in June 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
DELTA DENTAL OF CALIFORNIA	DENTAL PPO INSURANCE RENEWAL	\$312,562
STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL	\$178,545
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	RIVERSIDE OFFICE RENT	\$115,400
AMERICAN GUARD SERVICES INC	ARMED SECURITY GUARD AT SCAG OFFICE	\$100,000
VISION SERVICE PLAN (VSP)	VISION SERVICE PLAN RENEWAL	\$87,751
VCCF NON-PROFIT CENTER LLC	VENTURA OFFICE RENT	\$35,000
STANDARD INSURANCE CO.	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL	\$25,000
CARROT FERTILITY, INC.	FERTILITY BENEFITS RENEWAL	\$25,000
OFFICE DEPOT BUSINESS SRVCS.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$15,000
IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSP.		
COMMISSION	IMPERIAL OFFICE RENT	\$12,000
CORO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	PROF. DEVELOPMENT TUITION	\$10,720



SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in June 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
SEI INC DBA SERVICE EXPRESS INC	SERVICE EXPRESS	\$7,079
DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE CO	DENTAL INSURANCE HMO RENEWAL	\$7,000
FEDEX	COURIER/SHIPPING SERVICE	\$7,000
SOLID SURFACE CARE INC	LA OFFICE CARPET CLEANING	\$7,000
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	MAIL MACHINE LEASE	\$7,000
BMO BANK NA	LINE OF CREDIT FEES	\$6,500
VITAL RECORDS HOLDINGS LLC	OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE	\$5,000
L.A. PLANT CO.	PLANT SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	\$5,000
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE FOR MAIL MACHINE	\$5,000
KELLY SPICERS STORES	COPIER PAPER	\$5,000

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in July 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
CALPERS FISCAL SERVICES	CALPERS HEALTH PREMIUM (RETIREEES)	\$110,000
PUBLIC AGENCY RETIRE SERVICES	PARS RETIREMENT PLAN QTRLY	\$90,000
GREAT WEST TRUST CO LLC	EMPOWER QUARTERLY ADMIN FEE	\$90,000
JW MARRIOTT RESORT	GA 2026 VENUE: 1ST DEPOSIT	\$60,001
CALCOG	CALCOG MOA SERVICES	\$51,460
CALCOG	CALCOG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$50,520
SABA SOFTWARE CANADA INC	SABA SOFTWARE RENEWAL	\$48,079
CORNERSTONE ONDEMAND INC	CORNERSTONE SUBSCRIPTION	\$47,000
REGIONAL ECONOMIC MODELS	REMI LICENSE RENEWAL	\$36,500
EMPLOYMENT DEVELOP. DEPT.	EMP DEV DEPT CHARGES	\$35,000
LAW OFFICES OF JIM KAHNG	IMMIGRATION LAW SERVICES	\$30,000
CA JPIA	PROPERTY PREMIUM	\$15,969

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in July 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
ACCUSOURCE HR, INC.	ACCUSOURCE RENEWAL	\$10,000
STRONGER TOGETHER NOW	JUNETEENTH OTS TRAFFIC SAFETY EVENT	\$9,000
THE ADVANTAGE GROUP	TAG FSA ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$8,400
GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM	NEOGOV SUBSCRIPTION	\$8,336
GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM	NEOGOV SUBSCRIPTION	\$6,827
CALIF. CONTRACT CITIES ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP	\$6,500
MOBILITY 21	MOBILITY 21 - 2025 SUMMIT	\$6,500
AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSP ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$5,772
ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY	OTS TRAFFIC SAFETY BOOTH	\$5,500
PET BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	PET BENEFITS	\$5,000

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
CSG Consultants 24-012-MRFP 07	The consultant will develop a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for Phase II of the City of Laguna Beach Downtown Specific Plan.	\$367,016
MIG, Inc. 24-012-MRFP 09	The consultant will develop a Downtown Overlay Zone with updated zoning designations and objective design standards to encourage sustainable growth in the City of Westmorland.	\$168,000
Harris & Associates 24-012-MRFP 12	The consultant will support the Unlocking Land for Housing in Ventura County project, including regionally approaching the concept of scaling up infill sites for project readiness to increase the availability and readiness of land for affordable housing.	\$451,273
Kosmont Companies 24-012-MRFP 14	The consultant will explore the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) for the study areas encompassed by the three commercial corridors within the City of Montebello.	\$189,869

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
H.W. Lochner, Inc. 25-004-C01	The consultant will support the City of Pomona Complete Streets Ordinance and Quick Build project, specifically establishing a citywide complete streets network developed through robust community engagement across a diverse range of institutional and community stakeholders.	\$494,680
ICF Incorporated, LLC 25-012-C01	The consultant will support the Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment project, including assessing the ongoing efforts aimed at transitioning to clean transit solutions throughout the region.	\$99,922
Arup US, Inc. 25-036-C01	The consultant shall support the Connect SoCal Exploratory Scenario Planning (XSP) project, specifically helping SCAG staff shape and facilitate exploratory scenario planning activities to engage a diverse and representative group of key SCAG stakeholders.	\$338,927
DocuSign, Inc. 26-004-C01	The annual purchase of DocuSign Electronic Signatures improves the streamlining of SCAG's workflow processes for the Contracts, Human Resources, Budget and Grants, and Legal Departments.	\$64,253
26-007-C01 Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW)	LCW will continue to provide legal consulting services on an as-needed basis to support compliance, personnel policy development, training, risk review, and other employment-related matters.	\$255,000
26-014-C01 Carahsoft Technology Corporation	The purchase of data center services will serve as a backup to SCAG's primary data center, ensuring continuity of operations in the event of system failure, disaster, or other disruptions.	\$346,817



SCAG executed the following contract amendments for less than \$150,000 and 30% of the original contract value:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Benefits Financial Services Group (BFSG) 20-039-C01, Amendment 5	BFSG will continue to provide comprehensive advisory, monitoring, and reporting services for the SCAG's Section 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan.	\$32,785
Cambridge Systematics, Inc. 21-009-C01, Amendment 8	The consultant will continue to provide ongoing hosting, application maintenance, and technical support for SCAG's implementation of the TransAM platform.	\$34,464

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract Summary 24-012-MRFP 07 Information Item
2. Contract Summary 24-012-MRFP 09 Informational Item
3. Contract Summary 24-012-MRFP 12 Informational Item
4. Contract Summary 24-012-MRFP 14 Informational Item
5. Contract Summary 25-004-C01 Information Item
6. Contract Summary 25-012-C01 Information Item
7. Contract Summary 25-036-C01 Information Item
8. Contract Summary 26-004-C01 Information Item
9. Contract Summary 26-007-C01 Informational Item
10. Contract Summary 26-014-C01 Informational Item
11. Contract Summary 20-039-C01 Informational Item
12. Contract Summary 21-009-C01 Informational Item

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 07

Recommended Consultant:	CSG Consultants												
Background & Scope of Work:	Consistent with the requirements of the REAP 2.0 planning grant that funds this project, the consultant shall develop a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for Phase II of the City of Laguna Beach Downtown Specific Plan. The project is anticipated to result in the creation of 200 to 400 additional residential units, improve housing supply, choice, and affordability, and reduce vehicle miles traveled. This project is a Co-Applicant Partnership with The Kennedy Commission.												
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversify the City's housing stock in terms of cost, size, and type to meet the needs of present and future households • Address regulatory barriers to promote affordable housing and the development of smaller multifamily units that are more affordable by design • Reduce auto dependency in favor of greater pedestrian accessibility by placing housing near most daily necessities and services. • Encourage human-scale development and engaging architecture that will maintain the special character of the Downtown. 												
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 												
Contract Amount:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$367,016</td></tr> <tr> <td>CSG Consultants(prime consultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$129,766</td></tr> <tr> <td>Michael Baker Int'l (subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$133,485</td></tr> <tr> <td>CRM Tech (subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$13,660</td></tr> <tr> <td>Linscott Law & Greenspan Engr. (subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$55,447</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fuscoe Engineering (subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$34,659</td></tr> </table> <p>Note: CSG Consultants originally proposed \$374,829, but staff negotiated the price down to \$367,016 without reducing the scope of work.</p>	Total not to exceed	\$367,016	CSG Consultants(prime consultant)	\$129,766	Michael Baker Int'l (subconsultant)	\$133,485	CRM Tech (subconsultant)	\$13,660	Linscott Law & Greenspan Engr. (subconsultant)	\$55,447	Fuscoe Engineering (subconsultant)	\$34,659
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Contract Period:	July 15, 2025 through June 30, 2026												
Project Number(s):	<p>305-4927Y1.03</p> <p>Funding source(s): REAP 2.0 Program</p> <p>Funding of \$189,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Overall Work Program Budget (OWP) in Project Number 305-4927Y1.03. The City of Laguna Beach has committed \$178,016 towards this project.</p>												
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 1,976 firms of the release of MRFP 24-012-MRFP 07 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 77 firms downloaded the MRFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:												

	CSG Consultants (five subconsultants) \$367,016 Gruen Associates (three subconsultants) \$319,812
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the MRFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Anikka Van Eyl, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG Cesar Covarrubias, Executive Director, Kennedy Commission Jennifer Savage, Sr. Management Analyst, City of Laguna Beach</p>
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended CSG Consultants for the contract award because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, the consultant team had a clear understanding of the project intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Review (EIR). The prime, as an environmental planning firm, demonstrated great experience, providing clear examples of managing similar EIR projects for comparable downtown and specific plan efforts. In addition, subconsultants demonstrated they are qualified for their technical fields in noise, air quality, and traffic. The prime and subconsultants had prior experience working together, providing for effective collaboration to ensure the environmental analysis is completed as required. • Proposed a price that is more realistic and suitable to perform the technical approach that fully met the RFP scope, while providing the flexibility to adjust the scope as needed to meet the City's needs. The consultant also demonstrated a clear understanding of the City's history and needs. <p>Although another firm proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not propose a technical approach that fully met the RFP scope. Proposal included a broad technical approach that included a description of services, including zoning updates, infill studies, landscape design that are not required as part of the requested EIR work. The firm did not demonstrate a clear understanding that the project intent was an EIR. In addition, the consultant team did not provide examples of their work with 3D modeling, which PRC members looked for to ensure the consultant could perform the required visual stimulation tasks. • Did not demonstrate the familiarity and breadth of experience as did the selected consultant, particularly in that they did not demonstrate specific prior experience managing an EIR project. In addition, the firm did not demonstrate a clear understanding of the approach to the EIR, instead provided an approach to build an EIR off the City's previous Negative Declaration, which the PRC members deemed an undesirable approach.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 09

Recommended Consultant:	MIG, Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT.</p> <p>The Consultant will develop a Downtown Overlay Zone with updated zoning designations and objective design standards to encourage sustainable growth in the City of Westmorland. The project will also include a review and update to the City's development process for housing developments in areas meeting the REAP 2.0 infill definition, ensuring a more efficient approval process for housing projects.</p> <p>The project outcomes will enhance housing opportunities and affordability in the City of Westmorland by addressing barriers to development, promoting equitable housing policies, and ensuring compliance with State housing laws. The work will be accomplished through broad and equitable community engagement supporting inclusivity and sustainable growth.</p> <p>Overall project objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a zone designation review to determine the best use to encourage inclusivity and sustainable growth, which will result in an approved updated zoning map. • Complete and implement a Downtown Overlay Zone to allow residential land use in currently restricted areas, increase development capacity for housing on underutilized or vacant infill sites, streamline the review process, and comply with the latest state housing laws. • Review and update the City's development process for housing developments to ensure potential barriers that may hinder housing construction in areas meeting the REAP 2.0 definition for infill are removed and a smoother and more efficient approval process for infill housing projects is put in place, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and delays.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The final deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting • Adopted Downtown Overlay Zone with residential and mixed-use objective design standards, environmental review and associated zoning code and map update • Approved action to streamline the City's permit process.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$168,000
	MIG, Inc. (prime consultant) \$168,000
	Note: MIG, Inc. originally proposed \$168,000 and staff determined the proposed cost was fair and reasonable for the services being performed
Contract Period:	August 6, 2025 through June 30, 2026
Project Number(s):	305-4927Y1.04 Funding source(s): REAP 2.0 Program Budget Funding of \$168,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305-4927Y1.04.
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 41 firms of the release of RFP 24-012-MRFP 09 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 9 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation: MIG, Inc. (no subconsultant) \$168,000 ARUP (1 subconsultant) \$229,721
Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award. The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Kaitlin McCafferty, Associate Planner, SCAG Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Alessandro Hall, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG Tami Castro, Office Supervisor/City Treasurer, City of Westmoreland
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended MIG, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a compelling technical approach that demonstrated a nuanced understanding of the regional and local context, appreciation for the challenges presented by the area's climate and infrastructure, familiarity with relevant housing law and policy, and a realistic strategy for completing all tasks and deliverables on schedule and under budget. • Demonstrated a record of accomplishment in delivering high-quality planning projects. The consultant will deploy a team of skilled, experienced, and qualified professionals with the technical skills to complete the project management, community outreach, design, and planning tasks outlined in the RFP.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated experience working on Housing Element implementation, objective design standards, and downtown planning projects, particularly with small cities and rural communities. • Proposed price was below the project’s estimated budget. <p>Although another firm submitted a comprehensive proposal, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed a higher price than SCAG’s award amount, primarily due to the inclusion of an outreach subconsultant to oversee a more robust community engagement process. The PRC did not believe that an expanded community engagement process was necessary to achieve the project’s core goals and objectives, nor did it represent the best overall value for the work proposed. • Did not demonstrate experience working with small cities or on projects of a similar scale that involved the development of objective design standards, zoning code updates, and process improvements. • Proposed an ambitious project schedule with tight timelines. The PRC expressed concern that if final deliverables were not completed in time for the City’s March council meetings, the project could fail to meet the required expenditure deadline due to potential conflicts with the City’s budget hearings.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 12

Recommended Consultant:	Harris & Associates
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>The County of Ventura, in collaboration with multiple cities and special districts, is regionally approaching the concept of scaling up infill sites for project readiness to increase the availability and readiness of land for affordable housing in areas meeting the state REAP 2.0 definition for infill. The County intends to work with the Ventura County Housing Land Trust to leverage REAP 2.0 resources that were awarded to these entities as applicable. The Cities of Oxnard, Thousand Oaks and Santa Paula (combined population of 358,392 or 48% of the County's incorporated population) have committed to participating in this effort. In addition, multiple school districts are assessing their properties for the development of workforce housing.</p> <p>Multiple infill sites have been identified by cities and special districts, each with unique considerations and needs, to determine the appropriateness of development. Some of these considerations include, but are not limited to, environmental impacts, legal evaluations, acquisition, and infrastructure needs, all of which would expedite the production of critically needed housing. Partner agencies will play a collaborative role in articulating their needs and communicating with the consultants and reviewing deliverables. Their involvement will help address the unique considerations of each site, ensuring that the development process is expedited and that the sites are appropriately prepared for affordable housing projects.</p> <p>The outcome of this project shall serve as a resource for implementing agencies and developers to better identify needs and gaps, thereby supporting residential development and the provision of related infrastructure and services in these areas. The final product will be a written deliverable that highlights the development potential of the identified parcels, prioritizes those sites based on the highest development opportunity, and identifies actions that could be taken to assist in sparking interest in the development of housing in these sites and reduce initial due diligence costs for developers. This report shall also present potential opportunities for leadership and partnership strategies with other agencies or private entities that could play a pivotal role in building out these areas. In addition, the Consultant will identify rough order magnitude costs, feasibility considerations, and timelines.</p>
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment of up to 10 sites for readiness to develop affordable housing on publicly owned spaces and identify the four (4) most suitable sites for affordable housing development based on market criteria.• Identification of strategies, actions, and costs that could remove barriers and constraints to increase housing production (i.e., make these areas development-ready) as soon as feasibly possible.• Report identifying the most suitable sites for potential affordable housing development that includes a due diligence checklist tailored to each site with short, mid, and long-term considerations for implementing deliverables from

	the technical work package, including rezoning and development recommendations for each priority site.
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future 2. Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region 3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$451,273</p> <p>Harris & Associates (prime consultant) \$451,273</p> <p>Note: Harris & Associates originally proposed \$451,273 and staff determined the proposed cost was fair and reasonable for the services being performed.</p>
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2026
Project Number(s):	<p>305-4925Y1.01 \$451,273</p> <p>Funding source: REAP 2.0 Program</p> <p>Funding of \$451,273 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305-4925Y1.01.</p>
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 48 firms of the release of RFP 24-012-MRFP 12 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 14 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>Harris & Associates (one subconsultant) \$451,273</p> <p>LeSar Development Consultants (3 subconsultant) \$755,387</p>
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Zacharias Gardea, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG Alessandro Hall, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Chelsee Russell, Management Analyst, Ventura County Tracey McAulay, Housing Solutions Director, Ventura County</p>
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Harris & Associates for the contract award because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically the expertise in housing, land use planning, and school districts; • Provided the best technical approach, for example, clearly outlining

	<p>deliverables that can be acted upon within the project timeline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed; • Proposed the lowest price. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although another firm submitted a comprehensive proposal, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because they:Proposed a higher price than SCAG’s award amount; • Did not demonstrate the same understanding within their proposed technical approach as the selected consultant, particularly, did not clearly define roles and responsibilities of subcontractors in the technical studies and outreach sections; • Did not propose a technical approach that fully met the RFP scope and did not demonstrate the local familiarity and breadth of experience as did the selected consultant; and • Provided a project schedule that reflects public hearings occurring in the last month of the expenditure period, which does not build in flexibility in the event of project delays.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 14

Recommended Consultant:	Kosmont Companies
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT. This project is developed under SCAG's Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) for Lasting Affordability Program.</p> <p>The consultant will explore the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) for the study areas encompassed by the three commercial corridors within the City of Montebello. The redevelopment of the project area will serve as a significant economic and community development opportunity for the city and county. Through this feasibility analysis, the city and its partners will understand the potential scope of the EIFD, including boundaries, the identification of critical infrastructure and open space priorities, and estimation of affordable housing production. The EIFD feasibility study, which may explore other types of tax increment financing as well, will assist the application partners to collaborate with local community stakeholders through an extensive community engagement program, as well as identify possible leveraging opportunities for other sources of federal, state, and local funding, including the City's Housing Successor Agency Fund. A key strategy within the transformative corridors will be to identify key catalytic development opportunities that incentivize the creation of affordable housing, accessible retail/commercial space, and mobility options for residents and visitors. Preliminarily, the city has identified multiple development opportunities along the three commercial corridors to be included in the Montebello Transformative Corridors Project, which will study the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) for the area.</p> <p>The Montebello Transformative Corridors Project seeks to create healthy, resilient, and economically prosperous communities that elevate quality of life, enhance the local economy, and build accessibility to affordable housing and the regional transit network. Anchored by Montebello's major commercial corridors of historic Whittier Blvd., Beverly Blvd., and Washington Blvd., the Project will facilitate several community and economic development strategies associated with affordable housing development, open space enhancements, mobility hubs, workforce development opportunities, and building an entrepreneur ecosystem to support and enhance our local small business community.</p> <p>Overall project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish feasibility of creating an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).• Provide framework assistance to the City of the establishment of an EIFD project.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted District Formation Resolution and establishment of the Public Financing Authority (PFA)
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority Number(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future; 2. Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region; 3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing; and 5. Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$189,869</p> <p>Kosmont Companies (prime consultant) \$189,869</p>
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2028
Project Number(s):	<p>305-4925Y1.01 \$189,869</p> <p>Funding source(s): REAP 2.0</p> <p>Funding of \$189,869 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 305-4925Y1.01</p>
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 27 firms of the release of RFP 24-012-MRFP 14 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of five (5) firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>Kosmont Companies (no subconsultants) \$189,869</p> <p>After receiving only one proposal, staff surveyed 27 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. No firms responded to the staff's inquiry. Note that staff advertised the RFP for three (3) weeks. Staff subsequently moved forward with reviewing the one (1) offer. Staff believes that resoliciting for a second time was not likely to yield a different result and needed to maintain the project's schedule and therefore proceed to evaluate the one (1) offer.</p>
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal received, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Anne Op 't Eijndt, Assistant Planner, SCAG Jose Gardea, Housing Manager, City of Montebello Joseph Palombi, Director of Planning & Community Development Department, City of Montebello</p>

<p>Basis for Selection:</p>	<p>The PRC recommended Kosmont Companies for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated a solid understanding of the project, specifically in executing the scope of work and delivering final deliverables meeting the goals for the project; • Provided a strong technical approach. The approach proposed addresses all actions necessary to complete the assessments, documents, and actions needed to establish the district; and • Recognized by the cities of Carson, Fresno, and Lakewood for their high level of expertise and ability to bring complex EIFD projects through to a successful completion. <p>Although no other firms proposed on the project, the PRC determined it would be in SCAG's best interest to move forward with the project due to the following:</p> <p>No other firms submitted a response to the MRFP. The establishment of EIFDs is highly specialized, and Kosmont Companies has over 40 years of experience in the development and implementation of EIFDs across the State of California. This is evidenced in the prior examples of work Kosmont Companies submitted in its response, and is evident in the three references received.</p> <p>If SCAG weren't to move forward with this proposal, the project would need to be rebid, potentially needing to go outside the established bench and at the risk of a firm with less experience. Likely, the project will not be completed within the REAP 2.0 expenditure period. This puts the awarded funds at risk and negatively impacts the City of Montebello.</p>
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-004-C01

Recommended Consultant:	H.W. Lochner, Inc.								
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consistent with the California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Grant that funds this Project, the Consultant shall support the City of Pomona Complete Streets Ordinance and Quick Build project, specifically establishing a citywide complete streets network developed through robust community engagement across a diverse range of institutional and community stakeholders. The planning and policy efforts will culminate in a quick build project.</p> <p>This project supports the goals and Regional Planning Policies outlined in the adopted Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's latest Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).</p>								
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a legal basis to connect future development to private property to impact active transportation infrastructure in the public rights-of-way; • Adopting regulations and developing standards for multi-modal active transportation implementation, including the development of future financing mechanisms; and • Test new regulations by planning and deploying implementation projects to refine regulations and plans as needed to achieve active transportation goals; 								
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.								
Contract Amount:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Total not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$494,680</td></tr> <tr> <td>H.W. Lochner, Inc. (prime consultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$352,428</td></tr> <tr> <td>Code Studio (subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$109,658</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terry A. Hayes Associate, Inc.(subconsultant)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$32,594</td></tr> </table> <p>Note: H.W. Lochner originally proposed \$530,688, but revisions to the scope of work resulted in a negotiated price of \$494,680.</p>	Total not to exceed	\$494,680	H.W. Lochner, Inc. (prime consultant)	\$352,428	Code Studio (subconsultant)	\$109,658	Terry A. Hayes Associate, Inc.(subconsultant)	\$32,594
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Contract Period:	August 7, 2025 through December 12, 2026								
Project Number(s):	<p>275-4892X7.02 \$31,686 275-4892X8.02 \$83,676 275-4892XA.02 \$259,638</p> <p>Funding source: Active Transportation Planning (ATP) Grant Cycle 5</p> <p>Funding of \$375,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers 275-4892X7.02, 275-4892X8.02, 275-4892XA.02, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>								

Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 3,233 firms of the release of RFP 25-004-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 56 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following one (1) proposal in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>H.W. Lochner, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$530,688</p> <p>This solicitation was conducted as an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services procurement, and therefore, as required by law, each offeror was evaluated based on qualifications and not on cost.</p> <p>After receiving only one proposal, the staff surveyed 56 firms that downloaded the RFP to determine why each did not submit a proposal. Two (2) firms responded to the staff's inquiry, which disclosed that the main reason they did not respond was: 1) the firm was not in a position to submit a proposal; and 2) a subconsultant was unable to connect with a prime firm.</p> <p>Staff advertised the RFP for four (4) weeks, consistent with SCAG's Procurement Manual (Section 6.6.3.D) and the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM Chapter 10) which requires a minimum of 14 days. The RFP was subsequently advertised for an additional four (4) weeks through RFP Addenda 1 and 2.</p> <p>Staff requested and received Caltrans authorization to proceed by evaluating the single offer received. Staff believe that resoliciting for a second time was not likely to yield a different result and therefore proceeded to evaluate the one (1) offer.</p>
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposal, the PRC interviewed the one (1) offeror.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Vинny Tam, Senior Planner, City of Pomona Ata Khan, Deputy Director of Planning, City of Pomona</p>
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended H.W. Lochner, Inc., for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated a clear understanding of the project, specifically strong expertise and experience with quick build projects, exhibiting an awareness of potential challenges of the timeline, and making sure to know all the intricacies of the City's procurement process to prevent any additional delays; • Provided a strong technical approach. They went into detail in their proposal and interview on their approach, ensuring they reached underserved populations and developed an equity analysis relying on tools such as CalEnviro Screen to map underserved areas. In addition, subconsultant Code Studio demonstrated experience in understanding the technical approach of utilizing a modular approach to zoning, which will be critical to

	<p>the Complete Streets Ordinance component of the project;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has directly relevant and recent Los Angeles-area experience on similar scopes, and subconsultant Code Studio has worked with the City of Pomona on a related zoning effort.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-012-C01

Recommended Consultant:	ICF Incorporated, LLC	
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consistent with the requirements of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Grant that funds this Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment project, the Consultant shall assess the ongoing efforts aimed at transitioning to clean transit solutions throughout the region, including evaluations of existing fleets and supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>They will identify any existing gaps within Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plans and explore avenues for improvement and enhancement, explore opportunities for enhanced coordination across agencies to streamline efforts and maximize effectiveness, and identify potential roles for SCAG to play in facilitating the transition to clean transit, including exploring opportunities for assistance through funding sources administered by SCAG.</p>	
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the ongoing efforts aimed at transitioning to clean transit solutions throughout the region, including evaluations of existing fleets and supporting infrastructure; • Identifying any existing gaps within Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plans and exploring avenues for improvement and enhancement; • Exploring opportunities for enhanced coordination across transit agencies to streamline efforts and maximize effectiveness; and • Identifying potential roles for SCAG to play in facilitating the transition to clean transit, including exploring opportunities for assistance through funding sources administered by SCAG. 	
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future; and 3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis information sharing. 	
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$99,922
	ICF Incorporated, LLC (prime consultant)	\$78,897
	Niti Systems Consultant, Inc. (subconsultant)	\$21,025
Contract Period:	June 18, 2025 through September 30, 2026	
Project Number(s):	<p>100-4911HA.06 \$88,461.12 100-4911E.06 \$11,461.08</p> <p>Funding source(s): Carbon Reduction Program (CPR) and Transportation Development Act (TDA). Funding of \$99,922 is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number(s) 100-4911HA.06 and 100-4911E.06, and any unused funds</p>	

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	are expected to be carried forward into the future fiscal year budget, subject to budget availability.				
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 3,180 firms of the release of RFP 25-012-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 51 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td>ICF Incorporated, LLC (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$99,922</td></tr> <tr> <td>Estolano Advisors (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$117,156</td></tr> </table>	ICF Incorporated, LLC (1 subconsultant)	\$99,922	Estolano Advisors (1 subconsultant)	\$117,156
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Courtney Aguirre, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Marisa Laderach, Principal Regional Planner, SCAG Xiaoling Fang, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG</p>				
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended ICF Incorporated, LLC (ICF) for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, their proposal presents well-structured frameworks and detailed plans for conducting Tasks 3 and Task 4, demonstrating strong knowledge and experience in the clean technology vehicle field. They will effectively identify potential case studies nationwide, relevant data sources, and critical documents. Additionally, their proposal outlines key milestones and research plans, ensuring a clear path toward comprehensive deliverables; • Detailed how they will evaluate the effectiveness of current policies, identify regulatory overlaps, and assess the alignment of policies with regional, state, and national environmental goals; • Detailed experience with projects of similar size and scope for a regional transit study such as this, including other transit agencies and jurisdictions and go beyond with involvement in shaping state policy; • Detailed the team's strong backgrounds in clean technology and vehicle regulation analysis and their technical expertise in this field as it relates to the study's focus; • Detailed their experience supporting numerous state and local agencies as they developed Clean Tech Compendium and Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plans. Consultant has supported agencies such as SCAG, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (AQMD), and Los Angeles County in prioritizing EV infrastructure investments. Consultant has designed comprehensive infrastructure plans for public and private sectors; and • Proposed the lowest price. 				

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-036-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Arup US, Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	The consultant shall support the Connect SoCal Exploratory Scenario Planning (XSP) project, specifically helping SCAG staff shape and facilitate exploratory scenario planning activities to engage a diverse and representative group of key SCAG stakeholders in identifying major trends and potential, plausible uncertain futures facing the region. These activities will inform key components of the next iteration of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and help SCAG create a framework to think more broadly about how to plan in the face of an uncertain future.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of major trends facing the region to provide background and context for development of unique futures; • Four unique, illustrative, and plausible futures to inform discussions around impending uncertainties; • A list of key policy or strategy priorities that will help inform the next iteration of the RTP/SCS; and • Identification of research needed to further understand policies and strategies that would help SCAG plan for various future uncertainties.
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future 2. Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region 3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing 4. Build a unified culture in the pursuit of organizational excellence 5. Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$338,927</p> <p>Arup US, Inc. (prime consultant) \$273,841 Raimi + Associates (subconsultant) \$65,086</p> <p>Note: Arup US, Inc. originally proposed \$339,083 but staff negotiated the price down to \$338,927 without reducing the scope of work.</p>
Contract Period:	August 4, 2025 through February 28, 2027
Project Number(s):	<p>290-4949UD.01 \$177,060 290-4949E.01 \$22,940</p> <p>Funding source(s): FY25 SB 1 Formula, Transportation Development Act (TDA). The remaining funding of \$138,927 is subject to budget availability in FY 2027.</p>
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 3,616 firms of the release of RFP 25-036-C01 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 90 firms downloaded the

	<p>RFP. SCAG received the following seven (7) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Arup US, Inc. (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$339,083</td></tr> <tr> <td>Woodsong Associates (3 subconsultants)</td><td>\$329,866</td></tr> <tr> <td>Citify Advisors (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$342,863</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dalberg Consulting US LLC (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$346,850</td></tr> <tr> <td>Houseal Lavigne (2 subconsultants)</td><td>\$348,135</td></tr> <tr> <td>Parity Solutions (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$348,794</td></tr> <tr> <td>ICF Consulting LCC (2 subconsultants)</td><td>\$349,957</td></tr> </table>	Arup US, Inc. (1 subconsultant)	\$339,083	Woodsong Associates (3 subconsultants)	\$329,866	Citify Advisors (1 subconsultant)	\$342,863	Dalberg Consulting US LLC (1 subconsultant)	\$346,850	Houseal Lavigne (2 subconsultants)	\$348,135	Parity Solutions (1 subconsultant)	\$348,794	ICF Consulting LCC (2 subconsultants)	\$349,957
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the four (4) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Leslie Cayton, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG Sarah Dominguez, Department Manager, Planning Strategy, SCAG Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG JungA Uhm, Principal Modeler, SCAG</p>														
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Arup US, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated a strong understanding of the project purpose, specifically their knowledge of and experience with exploratory scenario planning (XSP). XSP is a newer approach to scenario planning and may require a specific set of creative and innovative skills for stakeholder engagement, scenario development, and scenario analysis, all of which the selected consultant demonstrated as evidenced by their proposed technical approach, including a flexible approach that combines quantitative and qualitative methods for scenario analysis and the thoughtful integration of stakeholder engagement throughout the project timeline. • Clearly demonstrated firsthand experience with engaging stakeholders on discussions around future uncertainties and thoughtfully identified and assembled a team that included subject-matter specialists. • Proposed the second-lowest price out of the firms that made it to the interview phase of the selection process. <p>Although one other firm proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend this firm for contract award because this firm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not demonstrate a sufficient level of understanding of the XSP project scope or its value to SCAG, specifically they proposed a scenario analysis methodology that focused more on stress-testing divergent policy pathways rather than an exploratory approach and did not demonstrate experience around discussion and consideration of external unknown factors. 														

CONSULTANT CONTRACT 26-004-C01

Recommended Consultant:	DocuSign, Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Under this agreement, DocuSign, Inc. is the seller of DocuSign Electronic Signatures purchased to improve the streamlining of SCAG's workflow processes, including Contracts, Human Resources, Budget and Grants, and Legal Departments. This is a one-year agreement through June 30, 2026.</p> <p>This Business-Pro Edition of DocuSign is for seventy-five (75) licenses, which provides each license holder (Users) features, such as, Advanced Workflows (the use of sending multiple documents, certified delivery and acknowledgments), Access Management with Single Sign-on (the use of SCAG's existing user names and passwords to easily sign into DocuSign, and the ability to view and manage users who sign up for accounts) and Premiere Support (24 hour support Monday through Friday plus personal support for technical solutions).</p>
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased staff productivity through the acquisition of Electronic Signatures;• The ability to streamline work processes while using existing SCAG documentation; and• Enables SCAG to be on the cutting edge of document management.
Strategic Plan:	<p>This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priorities:</p> <p>3. Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.</p>
Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed \$64,253 DocuSign (prime consultant)
Contract Period:	July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
Project Number(s):	810-0120.07 \$64,253 Funding for this contract is budgeted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Indirect Cost Budget in Project Number 810-0120.07.
Basis for Selection:	<p>To foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's Procurement Manual authorizes the procurement of goods and services by using a Master Service Agreement (MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Contract #AR2472 that was competitively procured. This MSA is specifically designed for use by local agencies to leverage combined purchasing power for discounted pricing for Electronic Signatures.</p>

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-007-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW)				
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW) is a California-based law firm specializing in labor, employment, and education law, serving public sector agencies and nonprofit organizations. Known for its expertise in collective bargaining, personnel matters, and compliance training, LCW provides legal representation, policy development, and strategic counsel to cities, counties, school districts, and special districts across the state.</p> <p>SCAG will engage the services of LCW to provide legal consulting services on an as-needed basis to support compliance, personnel policy development, training, risk review, and other employment-related matters.</p>				
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and consultation on employee discipline and performance management, • Risk assessment related to employment decisions or complaints, • Review of employment agreements, settlement documents, or separation terms, • Legal research and memos on emerging labor law issues impacting SCAG and, • Ongoing litigation support. 				
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal #4 which is to build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.				
Contract Amount:	<table> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td><td>\$255,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW) (prime consultant)</td><td>\$255,000</td></tr> </table>	Total not to exceed	\$255,000	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW) (prime consultant)	\$255,000
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Contract Period:	June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2030				
Project Number(s):	<p>810-0120.04 \$255,000</p> <p>Funding of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 810-0120.04, and the remaining balance will be requested in future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>				
Request for Proposal (RFP):	This contract was awarded under a non-competitive procurement (sole source) process in compliance with the SCAG Procurement Manual.				
Selection Process:	N/A				
Basis for Selection:	LCW has provided legal services to SCAG pertaining to public sector employment relations matters, including representation in negotiations and in administrative and court proceedings at the request of SCAG or as required by law, since 2010. SCAG has a continued need for specialized legal representation in the areas of employment law and employment relations matters. Based upon LCW's unique and				

	specialized experience with SCAG's employment relations, and as authorized by Public Contract Code Section 10335.5, which permits authorization for noncompetitive proposals for legal services. Entering into an agreement with LCW would ensure there is no disruption in ongoing litigation support that LCW currently provides that could have a detrimental impact to SCAG. Additionally, it would prepare the agency for future employment legal issues that may arise requiring expert legal services.
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 26-014-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Carahsoft Technology Corporation
Background & Scope of Work:	Carahsoft serves as the reseller of data center services through QTS. The QTS data center will serve as a backup to SCAG's primary data center, ensuring continuity of operations in the event of system failure, disaster, or other disruptions. QTS will provide SCAG with cabinet space in their facility to host our necessary equipment, along with general services such as power, and network connectivity.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances SCAG's disaster recovery capabilities by providing a geographically separate backup data center, • Ensures business continuity and minimizes downtime in case of primary data center outages, • Strengthens data security and resilience through redundant infrastructure; and • Supports SCAG's strategic IT goals by improving system reliability and operational security.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed \$346,817</p> <p>Carahsoft Technology Corporation (prime consultant) \$346,817</p> <p>Note: Carahsoft Technology Corporation originally proposed \$346,817 and staff determined the proposed cost was fair and reasonable for the services being performed.</p>
Contract Period:	June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2028
Project Number(s):	<p>811-1163.08 \$346,817</p> <p>Funding of \$104,837 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Indirect Cost Program Budget in Project Number 811-1163.08.</p>
Request for Proposal:	N/A
Selection Process:	N/A
Basis for Selection:	To foster greater economy and efficiency, SCAG's Procurement Manual authorizes the procurement of goods and services by using a Master Service Agreement (MSA). The goods and services procured under an MSA were previously competitively procured by another governmental entity. SCAG utilized an MSA with the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) MSA AR2472 that was competitively procured.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 20-039-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 5

Consultant:	Benefits Financial Services Group (BFSG)		
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On July 14, 2020, SCAG awarded Contract 20-039-C01 to BFSG to provide comprehensive advisory, monitoring, and reporting services for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Section 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan).</p> <p>This amendment increases the contract value from \$163,925 to \$196,710 and extends the contract term from 7/01/25 to 06/30/26.</p> <p>This increase is due to continued essential advisory, monitoring, and reporting services provided by BFSG to ensure ongoing prudent management and regulatory compliance of the 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan.</p>		
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a diversified assortment of Plan investment options to help employees achieve retirement security; • Conducting periodic fiduciary education sessions; • Periodic reporting and Plan review with the Plan Committee; • Providing guidance on fidelity bond and fiduciary insurance policy coverage; and • Communicating relevant legislative industry changes and providing recommendations to the Plan Committee. 		
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.		
Amendment Amount:	Amendment 5		\$32,785
	Amendment 1-4 (Administrative - no change to contract's value)		\$0
	Original contract value		<u>\$163,925</u>
	Total contract value is not to exceed		\$196,710
Contract Period:	July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026		
Project Number:	<p>900.0290.01 \$32,785.00</p> <p>Funding sources: Fringe Benefits</p> <p>Funding of \$32,785 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Fringe Benefits Budget in Project Number 900-0290.01.</p>		
Basis for the Amendment:	The amendment is necessary to increase funding to continue BFSG's critical investment advisory services for SCAG's Section 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. These services ensure ongoing fiduciary compliance, effective plan governance, rigorous investment monitoring, and transparent reporting. The continuation of these services supports the Committee's ability to meet regulatory requirements and uphold best practices in plan administration.		

Attachment: Contract Summary 20-039-C01 Informational Item (Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below the Regional

	<p>Additionally, BFSG’s expertise in fee benchmarking, vendor negotiations, and legislative updates provides essential value that helps protect the Plan’s participants and SCAG from potential fiduciary risks. Failure to approve the amendment could disrupt these vital services, jeopardizing regulatory compliance and the prudent management of Plan assets.</p>
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CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 21-009-C01 AMENDMENT NO. 8

Consultant:	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.								
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On June 30th, 2025, SCAG awarded Contract 21-009-C01 to Cambridge Systematics to provide ongoing hosting, application maintenance, and technical support for SCAG's implementation of the TransAM platform. This platform supports SCAG's federally mandated responsibilities for Transit Asset Management (TAM) and State of Good Repair, including the establishment of regional TAM performance measures and targets, reporting on system performance in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and linking investment priorities in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to these performance targets.</p> <p>This amendment also increases the contract value from \$389,650 to \$424,114 and extends the contract term from 6/30/25 to 12/31/25.</p> <p>This increase is due to continued system hosting and technical support to maintain the operational integrity of SCAG's TransAM platform.</p>								
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon Web Services (AWS) hosting application and database servers for development, testing, and production deployment of TransAM; • Defined Service Level Agreements for self-help resources specific to TransAM and in-depth technical support resources to troubleshoot and address complex infrastructure, data, and/or application issues; • Defined escalation matrix for incidents with clear service level response times. • Disaster recovery plan for TransAM guarantees recovery of system/services within one day of a business interrupting event/issue; and Hosting, maintenance, support, and training. 								
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.								
Amendment Amount:	<table> <tr> <td>Amendment 8</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$34,464</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amendment 1-7 (Administrative - no change to contract's value)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Original contract value</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$389,650</u></td></tr> <tr> <td>Total contract value is not to exceed</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$424,114</td></tr> </table>	Amendment 8	\$34,464	Amendment 1-7 (Administrative - no change to contract's value)	\$0	Original contract value	<u>\$389,650</u>	Total contract value is not to exceed	\$424,114
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Contract Period:	June 30, 2025 through December 31, 2025								
Project Number:	<p>140.0121.08 \$34,464</p> <p>Funding sources: Transportation Development Act (TDA)</p> <p>Funding of \$34,464 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 140-0121.08.</p>								

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<p>Basis for the Amendment:</p>	<p>This increase is due to the continued requirement for hosting, maintenance, and technical support of SCAG's TransAM Transit Asset Management (TAM) database, which is essential to meeting federal performance-based planning mandates under 49 CFR Part 625 and related Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidance. The work is necessary to comply with requirements coordinated with FTA, Caltrans, SCAG's Regional Council, regional transportation commissions, and the region's transit operators. These agencies rely on SCAG's TAM database to consolidate and report asset condition and performance data for the six-county region.</p> <p>The TransAM system is the central platform for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking and managing transit asset data submitted by regional transit operators. • Supporting the federally mandated four-year TAM target-setting cycle in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). • Producing system performance reports comparing current asset conditions against targets and prior years. • Linking Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) investment priorities to TAM performance targets, as required by federal regulations. <p>Failure to approve this amendment would risk operational disruption or loss of hosting for the TransAM platform, preventing SCAG from producing required TAM performance measures and reports. Such a failure could result in findings of noncompliance by the FTA or Caltrans, potentially delaying or jeopardizing federal and state transportation funding allocations to SCAG and its member agencies. It would also hinder regional coordination, diminish SCAG's ability to integrate operator TAM plans into the RTP, and disrupt critical data services relied upon by regional stakeholders and transportation commissions.</p>
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AGENDA ITEM 13

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: CFO Monthly Report

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of June 30, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 11 tribal governments have paid their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.74 million out of \$2.76 million billed. This represents 99.38% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of June 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$22.42 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$1,071,085.20 in interest income (as of Q4). The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 4.40%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of June 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$30.49 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$2,036,139.20 (YTD), in interest income.

Grant Billing as of June 30, 2025 Preclose

During FY 2024-25, staff have prepared and submitted requests for reimbursements of approximately **\$52.08 million** to the following agencies (\$4.88 million is for work completed in FY 2023-24). Additionally, since inception of the REAP programs, SCAG received advance funds of \$44.15 million for REAP 1.0 Program and \$61.51 million for REAP 2.0 Program.

1. **CPG: \$43.64 million** to Caltrans for work funded with federal and state grants; \$4.07 million was for work completed in June 2024 while \$30.29 million was for work completed in July 2024 to June 2025 (1st Close). Of the \$43.64 million, \$34.36 million has been received.
2. **MSRC: \$4.28 million** to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee for work funded with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) grant that was completed in October 2021 to December 2024. Of the \$4.28 million, \$1.32 million has been received.
3. **OTS: \$2.13 million** to the Office of Traffic Safety for work funded with OTS grants; \$0.28 million was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$1.85 million was for work completed in July 2024 to June 2025. Of the \$2.13 million, \$1.94 million has been received.
4. **Office of Local Assistance:**
 - a. **\$0.82 million** to Caltrans District 7, Office of Local Assistance for work funded with the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) grants that was completed in August 2024 to March 2025. The entire amount has been received.
 - b. **\$0.69 million** to Caltrans District 7, Office of Local Assistance for work funded with the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants; \$0.30 million was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$0.39 million was for work completed in July 2024 to March 2025. The entire amount has been received.
 - c. **\$0.14 million** to Caltrans District 7, Office of Local Assistance for work funded with the FHWA Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP) grant; \$27,106 was for work completed in May 2024 to June 2024 while \$0.11 million was for work completed in July 2024 to March 2025. The entire amount has been received.
5. **EPRI: \$0.18 million** to the Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. for work funded with the California Energy Commission (CEC) grant; \$0.15 million was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$25,283 was for work completed in July 2024 to December 2024. Of the \$0.18 million, \$0.15 million has been received.
6. **DOE-Clean Cities: \$0.11 million** to the Department of Energy for work funded with DOE-Clean Cities grant; \$27,500 was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$82,500 was for work completed in July 2024 to March 2025. The entire amount has been received.

7. **LACI: \$56,508** to LA Cleantech Incubator for work funded with the LACI grant; \$13,820 was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$42,687 was for work completed in July 2024 to June 2025. Of the \$56,508, \$38,055 has been received.
8. **DOE-UCI: \$15,583** to the Regents of the University of California for work funded with the DOE-Clean Cities grant; \$1,653 was for work completed in April 2024 to June 2024 while \$13,930 was for work completed in July 2024 to December 2024. The entire amount has been received.
9. **ATN: \$14,179** to Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN) for SCAG staff time funded with ATN local funds; \$1,097 was for work completed in May 2024 to June 2024 while \$13,082 was for work completed in July 2024 to March 2025. Of the \$14,179, \$1,097 has been received.
10. **FCC ACP: \$8,429** to the Federal Communications Commission for work completed in January 2024 to April 2024. The entire amount has been received.
11. **REAP 1.0: \$44.15 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 1.0 as of June 30, 2025. Each \$11.87 million was received in FY21 and FY23, and \$20.41 million was received in FY24. The entire amount has been expended as of June 2024. SCAG submitted the final reimbursement request to HCD on November 21, 2024, for expenditures incurred between July 2024 and October 2024 in the amount of \$3.08 million, which has been received by SCAG in April 2025.
12. **REAP 2.0: \$61.51 million** in funds have been received from Housing and Community Development for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 as of June 30, 2025. Approximately \$31.38 million has been expended to date (\$15.27 million during FY 2024-25).

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On July 30, 2025, SCAG received a grant award from Caltrans in the amount of \$7 million in FHWA PL funding to carry out Olympics Planning and Resiliency Study. Staff subsequently prepared the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment 1 to program these projects and the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget Amendment 01, including the FY 2025-26 OWP is being presented to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council (RC) for approval in September.

Also in August, staff submitted the FY 2024-25 OWP Year-End Package to Caltrans, which included the certification of final expenditures, the final FY 2024-25 OWP Quarterly Progress reports, and the final FY 2024-25 OWP work products for projects completed in the fiscal year.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

In the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Contracts Administration Department staff supported an average of 20 formal procurements, issued 141 purchase orders, and managed 197 active contracts for various regional projects. Staff collaborated with project managers to conduct the close-out for 38 contracts that ended in the fourth quarter. In this month's consent calendar agenda item "Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold," staff reports executing 10 contracts and two (2) contract amendments. Additionally, four (4) contracts valued at \$500,000 or greater are included in this month's agenda for Regional Council approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 09-2025 CFO CHARTS



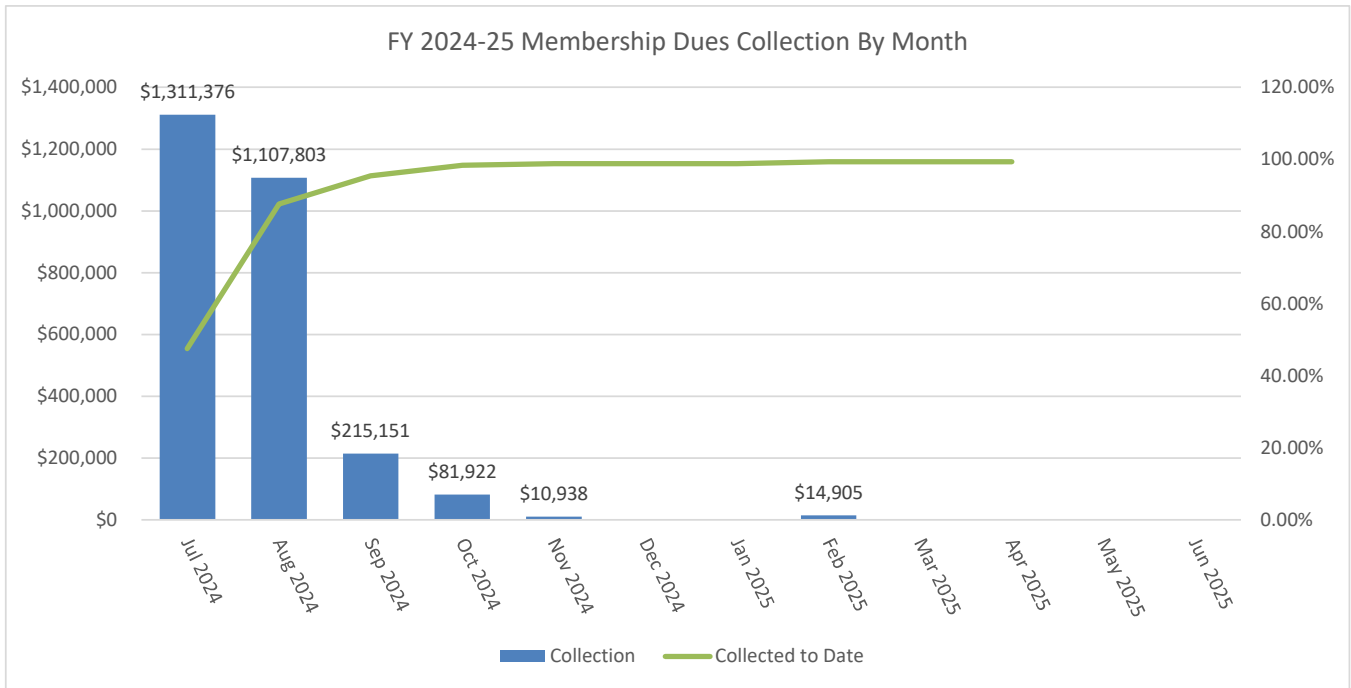
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Quarterly Report

Pre-Closed June 2025



Membership Dues & Collections July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025



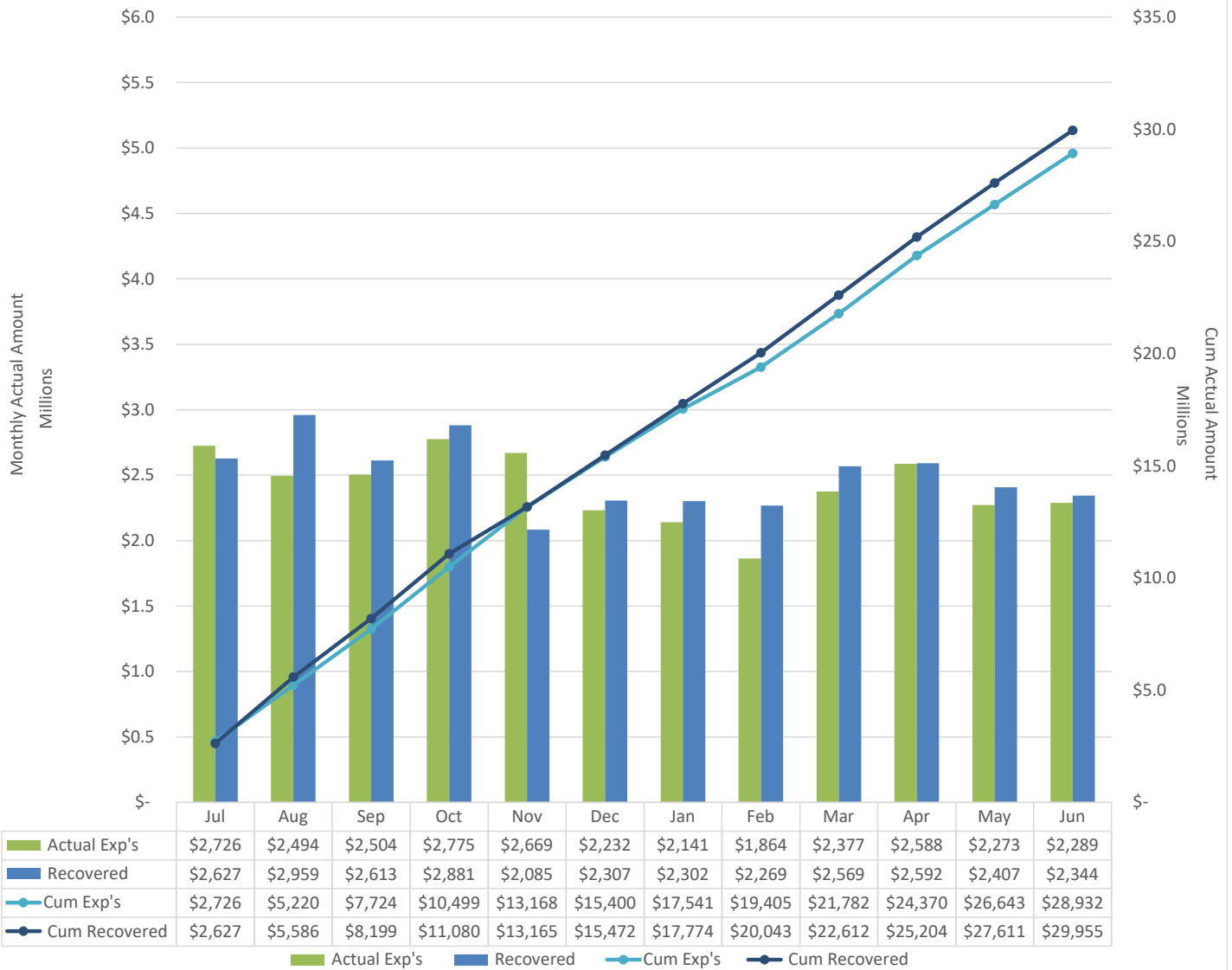
Summary

As of June 30, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions and 11 tribal governments had paid their FY25 dues. This represents 99.38% of the dues assessment.

FY25 Membership Dues	<u>\$ 2,759,319</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$ 2,742,095</u>
Percentage Collected	<u>99.38%</u>



Indirect Cost & Recovery
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (Pre-Closed)



Attachment: 09-2025 CFO CHARTS (CFO Monthly Report)

Summary

This chart shows a comparison of Indirect Cost (IC), incurred by SCAG vs. IC recovered from SCAG's grants. Through Pre-closed June 2025, SCAG was over-recovered by \$1.02 million due to unspent Indirect Cost budget. The FY 2024-25 IC rate includes a carry-forward of approximately \$1.5 million, which represents an under-recovery of costs from FY 2022-23.



Consolidated Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2025 (Pre-closed)

	<u>March 31, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Cash & Investment	64,994,978	53,412,246	(11,582,732)
Other Assets	12,253,307	11,594,061	(659,247)
Total Assets	77,248,285	65,006,307	(12,241,979) ⁽¹⁾
Total Liabilities	42,695,490	30,995,051	(11,700,438) ⁽²⁾
Fund Balance	34,552,796	34,011,255	(541,540)
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	77,248,285	65,006,307	(12,241,979)

(1) The decrease in Cash & Investments reflected in the Preliminary June report is primarily attributed to year-end disbursements. Other assets decrease primarily due to a reduction in Accounts Receivable partially offset by an increase in Prepaid Expenses.

(2) The Total Liabilities decreased due to a reduction in deferred revenue (advanced cash received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development) related to claiming reimbursement for REAP 2.0 expenditures.



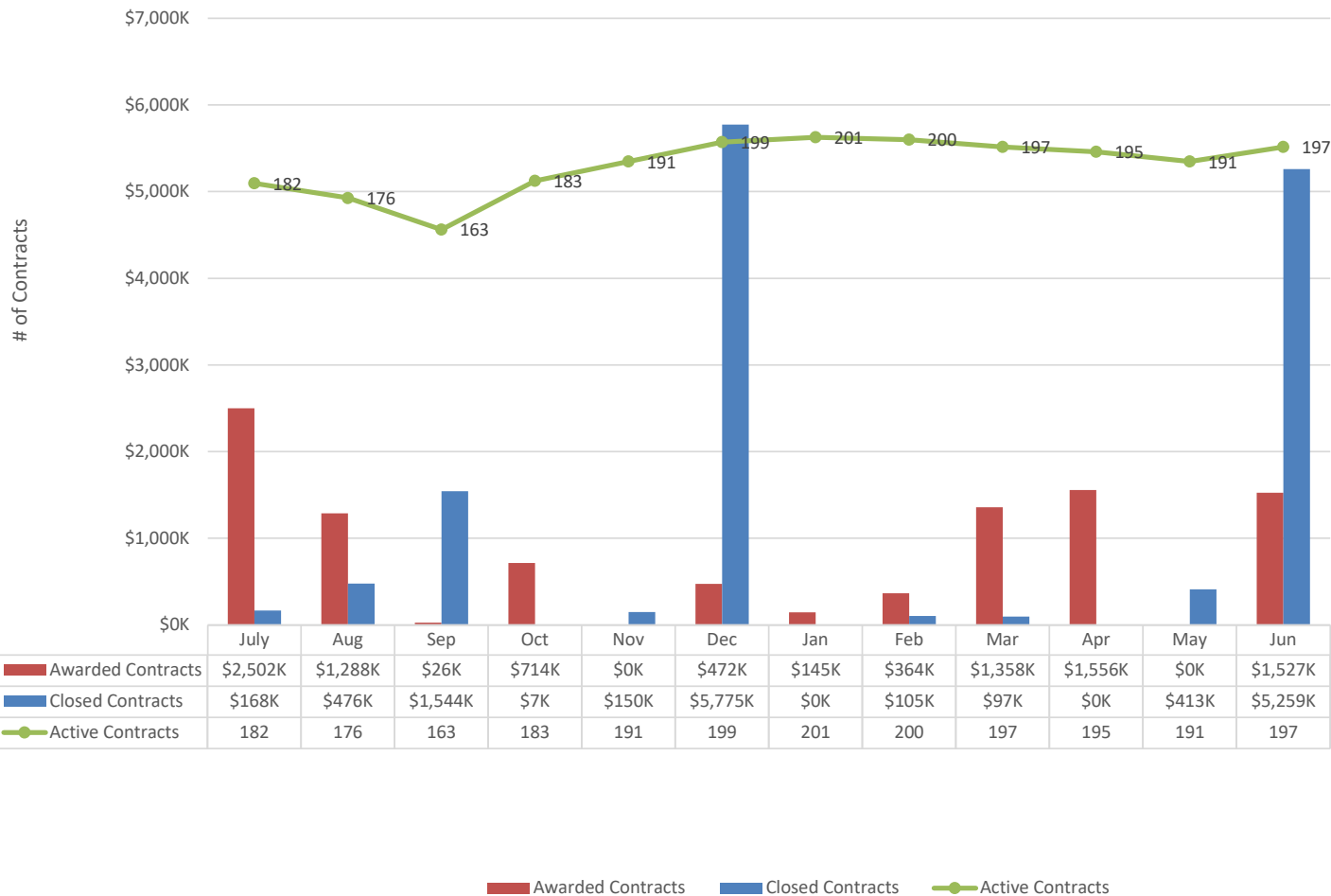
Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Quarter Ended June 30, 2025 (Pre-closed)

				June 2025 Budgetary Comparison Statement	
	July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025	July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	Increase / (Decrease)	FY 2024-25 Budget	Under / (Over) Budget
Revenues	99,136,697	142,739,805	43,603,108	500,185,391	357,445,586
Expenditures:					
Salaries & Benefits	67,697,072	88,755,225	21,058,153	98,604,865	9,849,640
Services & Supplies	22,346,250	45,432,746	23,086,496	401,580,526	356,147,780
Total Expenditures	90,043,323	134,187,971	44,144,648	500,185,391	365,997,420
Change in Fund Balance	9,093,374	8,551,834	(541,540)	-	(8,551,834)
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	25,459,422	25,459,422	-	25,459,422	-
Fund Balance at End of the Period	34,552,796	34,011,256	(541,540)	25,459,422	(8,551,834)

(1) Note that multi-year grant revenues and services & supplies expenditures are budgeted in the award year including any beginning Fund Balance. The \$357.4 million revenue variance and the \$366.0 million expenditure variance are predominately related to anticipated implementation timing for various multi-year grants. Any remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to subsequent years of the grant period.



SCAG Contracts FY2024-25



Overview

This chart shows the number of contracts administered from July to January 2025.

Summary

As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Administration Department is currently managing a total of 196 contracts. Eighteen (18) are Cost Plus Fixed Fee contracts; 92 are Lump Sum contracts, 35 are Specified Rates of Compensation (includes Time and Materials, Labor Hour and Retainer), and 52 are On-Call Services contracts and related Task Orders.

Planning Contracts Ended 6-30-25

Instructions: Please provide a brief summary of your project.

For this section, we are collecting short blurbs on the benefits of all planning projects whose contracts closed in the previous quarter. Rather than a standard description of what was done, please focus your summary on how the project benefits the community, serves as a regional pilot, or advances SCAG's planning practices.

Tribal Data Needs Assessment

SCAG and Brookings Metro completed a report which outlines challenges affecting data on Native American populations, presents insights into data use in Tribal contexts, and provides recommendations for regional, state, and federal action to improve data quality for Tribal partners. The research advances SCAG's objective to build a deep understanding of the needs of all our communities and stakeholders to inform our planning work.

Water Action Resolution

SCAG and Estolano Advisors completed a Water White Paper that examines the resilience of the region's water management systems and helps advance the Regional Council's unanimously adopted Water Action Resolution of October 2022. SCAG will use the findings from this research to identify strategies to support its member jurisdictions with advancing sustainable infrastructure needs in the region.

Broadband Strategic Consulting Services

SCAG and HDR have successfully concluded the Broadband Strategic Services Project. This contract encompassed various tasks, including the creation of grant applications (ACP, LATA), the development of story maps, the assessment of broadband infrastructure in relation to smart cities initiatives, and the production of a digital literacy toolkit. This project aligns with our broadband action plan, which commits SCAG to addressing the digital divide.

ZETI

SCAG and Cabridge Systematics completed the ZETI project with the goal of understanding how demand for zero emissions truck infrastructure (both battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell) would be distributed across the Southern California region, supporting the development of a regional ZE stations to support the goods movement industry. The project will support local agencies, utilities and private developers involved

in this sector. This also aligns with the Regional Council's clean technology advancement plan, as well several objectives in 2024 Connect SoCal focused on supporting emerging technologies and zero-emission infrastructure deployment.

Mobility Hubs Guidelines

SCAG released the [Mobility Hub Design and Implementation Guide](#), which outlines best practices for planning and implementing mobility hubs and hub networks, including strategies for locating, prioritizing, funding, and forming partnerships around potential sites. Since publication, SCAG staff have been actively presenting the guide to jurisdictions, with more sessions scheduled through November. SCAG staff are evaluating opportunities to partner with public agencies to design and implement mobility hub pilots, with the goal of advancing a diverse array of mobility hub typologies and design elements throughout the region.

CFO Report

As of September 1, 2025

Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Fellows	Total
Executive Office	8	8	0	0	0	0	8
Finance	45	43	2	1	0	0	44
Gov. & Public Affairs	25	25	0	4	1	0	30
Human Resources	11	11	0	1	0	0	12
Information Technology	29	28	1	1	0	0	29
Legal	3	3	0	1	0	0	4
Planning	116	106	10	8	0	1	115
Total	237	224	13	16	1	1	242

CalPERS Membership

