The Southern California Association of Governments

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Resolving Regional Challenges
SCAG is largest of nearly 700 Councils of Governments in the U.S.
Metropolitan Planning Organization

187 cities

Ventura
Los Angeles
Orange
Riverside
San Bernardino
Imperial
CALIFORNIA
The region is experiencing explosive growth.

18.6 million people now... 24 million by 2035.
One of the Most congested regions in the U.S. for past two decades
Freight related emissions are causing a health crisis
Growth will put further demands on...
Growth will put further demands on Affordable Housing...
Growth will put further demands on...

Waste Management
Growth will put further demands on...

Water Supply
Growth will put further demands on...
Growth will put further demands on... The Transportation System
How do we accommodate growth while maintaining or improving mobility, economic prosperity, quality of life and sustainability?
With

A Vision for Growth

Plans with Measurable Goals and Objectives

Plans that Attract Financial Support
Plans for... Land Use and Housing
The Environment and Resource Conservation
Transportation and Project Implementation
Three Interrelated Plans

Making the Connections to Resolve Regional Challenges
The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is a problem-solving guidance document. It demonstrates why we need to do more than we’re doing today. It recommends key roles and responsibilities.
Policy & Initiative Evaluation

Potential for Direct/Indirect Benefits

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Water
- Energy
- Open Space
- Economy
- Climate Change
- Solid Waste
- Public Health
- Security

The Regional Comprehensive Plan
AB 32
25% Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (CO₂) emissions by 2020

Ozone and PM 2.5 health-based pollutant standards

Job and Income Growth
Next Generation Air Quality Strategies

The Regional Comprehensive Plan
Green Building

WAV Project in Ventura

Caltrans District 7 Headquarters
What’s Next For the RCP?

Holding workshops around the region--2 of a minimum of 4 have been held. Workshop will:

- Highlight planning and policy issues affecting our region,
- Review draft policies in the RCP
- Seek input from our members

For information: Visit: [http://scag.ca.gov/rcp/](http://scag.ca.gov/rcp/), or contact: Jacob Lieb at (213) 236-1921, lieb@scag.ca.gov
Compass Blueprint Growth Vision

To Distribute regional housing & employment growth following 4 guiding principles:

- Mobility
- Prosperity
- Livability
- Sustainability
Strategy: Concentrate new development along existing and planned transportation corridors and in regional centers.
Take an aging crossroad...
...and turn it into...
...a vibrant new center.
SCAG recognizes excellent planning in support of Blueprint goals across the region

President’s Excellence Award
City of Glendale
Downtown Specific Plan and Mobility Study
A Multi-Billion, Multi-Modal Plan

$569 Billion

In Nominal Dollars
Developed through Consultation and Collaboration

County Transportation Commissions
Subregional Organizations
Transit Agencies
Tribal Nations
Meets Regional Council Priorities

1. Maximize Mobility and Accessibility
2. Ensure Safety, Security and Reliability
3. Improve coordination between land-use decisions and transportation investments
4. Protect the environment, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency
LA County Population Increase: 2.3 million

6 million more people (region wide)
More Congestion

Average LA County Roadway Speed:

27 mph → 25 mph
Aging Infrastructure
Explosive Growth in Goods Movement
Aviation Capacity Constraints

Our four major airports together are just 17% of the size of Denver International.
Energy Challenges

Air Quality Challenges
Perhaps the Biggest Challenge
Expenditures (in nominal dollars)

- **Capital Projects**: $294.2B
- **O&M - Transit**: $163.7B
- **O&M - Highways**: $44.3B
- **O&M – Streets**: $10.0B
- **Debt Service**: $56.7B

- Capital Projects: 52%
- O&M - Transit: 29%
- O&M - Highways: 10%
- O&M – Streets: 7%
- Debt Service: 2%
Revenues
(in nominal dollars)

- Local: $287.9B (51%)
- New: $155.8B (27%)
- Federal: $43.0B (8%)
- State: $82.2B (14%)
New Revenue Sources

(in nominal dollars)

New $155.8B

Major New Sources:

• Value Capture Strategies ($3.7bil)
• Local Option Sales Tax Extensions ($0.8bil)
• User Fees (Tolls, Container Fees, and Fares) ($117.3bil)
• State & Federal Gas Excise Tax Adjustment ($17bil)
• Private Equity Participation ($8.4bil)
It has been a busy year..

**Force for Change Committee**

- Bylaw Amendments to improve efficiency
- New Executive Director: Hasan Ikhrata
- New Direction
A member-driven organization
Membership Value Enhancement

Membership matters

the new SCAG
SCAG office in every county

the new SCAG
Focused Priorities

Achieve Approval of RTP
Consensus on RCP
Become a Regional Advocacy Force
Prepare New Business Plan
the new SCAG

Increased Visibility
The Vision and Voice for the Region