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**INFORMATION**  
**YEAR IN REVIEW AND 2025-26 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOW AVAILABLE**

SCAG Regional Council President Cindy Allen closed out her term by sharing the "[2025-26 Presidents Report](#)," which summarizes SCAG's accomplishments for fiscal year 2025-26, at the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly. The report is organized by the Presidential Priorities established by Allen at the beginning of her term: Olympics preparation, clean transportation technology, and housing production. The report also chronicles SCAG's advocacy accomplishments and awards since May 2025.

At the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly, SCAG screened two videos looking at the agency's accomplishments over the past year. To read more about the report and watch the videos, visit [SCAG News](#).

**ACTION**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS 2026-27 BOARD OFFICERS**



The SCAG General Assembly [voted to approve](#) 2026-27 Regional Council officers: Hon. Ray Marquez (Chino Hills) will serve as 2026-27 Regional Council president; Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Santa Paula) will serve as Regional Council first vice president; and Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson (city of Riverside) will serve as Regional Council second vice president. Leadership also recognized Hon. Cindy Allen (Long Beach), who finished her term as Regional Council president for 2025-26 and will continue as a board officer in the role of immediate past president.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

- President  
**Cindy Allen, Long Beach**
- First Vice President  
**Ray Marquez, Chino Hills**
- Second Vice President  
**Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula**

Immediate Past President  
**Curt Hagman**  
County of San Bernardino

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- Executive/Administration  
**Cindy Allen, Long Beach**
- Community, Economic, & Human Development  
**David J. Shapiro, Calabasas**
- Energy & Environment  
**Rick Denison, Yucca Valley**
- Transportation  
**Mike T. Judge, Ventura County**  
Transportation Commission

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES SCAG GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

The SCAG General Assembly [adopted the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule](#) during its annual meeting on May 7. The General Fund is the operating budget of the Regional Council and supports SCAG activities not funded by, or non-allowable charges to, federal or state grant funds. The fiscal year 2026-27 General Fund budget is \$3,347,614, compared to the fiscal year 2025-26 Budget Amendment 2 of \$2,872,278.

## **SCAG ADVANCES REGIONAL TDM PLANNING FOR THE 2028 SUMMER OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

At its May meeting, the [Regional Council approved](#) the 2028 Games Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Approach, intended to guide development and delivery of passenger and freight TDM strategies for the LA28 Games. The Regional TDM Approach outlines SCAG's role as the Games Mobility Executives TDM lead agency and establishes a shared vision, goals and objectives, high-impact strategies, and next steps for implementation. It also identifies strategies that SCAG will lead, support, partner, or amplify across four key areas: Regional Communications and Outreach; Regional Wayfinding; Mobility and Access Programs; and Regulatory and Operational Policies. The final 2028 Games Regional TDM Strategy is planned to go before the Transportation Committee and Regional Council in July.

## **NEW CONNECT SOCAL 2050, RHNA SUBCOMMITTEES TO GUIDE REGIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

This summer, at the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) retreat, the Regional Council president will appoint subcommittee members for two new committees—the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee and the RHNA Subcommittee.

The Regional Council [voted to establish](#) the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee at the May meeting. According to the Regional Council decision, the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee will include two members from each of the three policy committees, with representation from across the region, and may include up to three ex-officio members to provide additional policy perspectives.

The Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee will provide overarching policy leadership for development of the Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. A Draft Policy Development Framework outlining the process for updating policies and strategies for Connect SoCal 2050 will guide the effort.

The structure and composition of the RHNA Subcommittee will be discussed and recommended for approval at the next EAC and Regional Council meetings in June.

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

### SCAG AWARDS 11 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STUDENTS



SCAG announced awardees of the 2026 SCAG Scholarship Program at the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 7 in Palm Desert. This 15th annual SCAG Scholarship Program supports the next generation of public servants. SCAG received a record 183 applications from students throughout the SCAG region.

The Scholarship Committee of eight Regional Council members and two representatives from academia recommended award of the 2026 SCAG Scholarship Awards to 11 students, which the Regional Council approved at its May meeting. For the entire list of scholarship awardees, visit [SCAG News](#).

SCAG congratulates these future Southern California leaders. More on the scholarship award program can be found in the Scholarship Committee report in the [May Regional Council agenda](#).

### RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS



Several Regional Council members concluded their service with SCAG over the course of the past year and at the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly. The entire SCAG team thanks all outgoing members for their hard work and contributions to the future of Southern California.

## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### SCAG PRESENTS '2026 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS' TO HONOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE



The [SCAG Sustainability Awards](#) recognize projects for outstanding contributions to the local implementation of the [Connect SoCal](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for a more mobile, sustainable, and prosperous region.

At the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly, SCAG awarded its top award, the “Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability,” to the city of Riverside’s Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Bank Pilot Program.

To learn more about the VMT Mitigation Bank Pilot Program, and for the complete list of nine projects recognized with 2026 Sustainability Awards, visit [SCAG News](#).

### **PUBLIC INPUT NOTICE FOR SCAG FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will conduct the 2026 SCAG federal certification review to evaluate the regional transportation planning process carried out by SCAG and its partners.

Every four years the FHWA and the FTA jointly complete a certification review, inviting the public to comment on SCAG’s transportation planning process. Members of the public may provide the FHWA and the FTA with written comments by email or regular mail. The FHWA and the FTA will accept written comments through Monday, June 15, by email sent to [cert.review@dot.gov](mailto:cert.review@dot.gov). Comments can be sent by mail to Mr. Mervin Acebo, FTA Region IX LA Metro Office, 888 S. Figueroa, Suite 440, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The full Executive Director's Report for May 2026 is available on the [SCAG website](#).

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## MAY

- 6th** Executive/Administration Committee
- 7th** Regional Council
- 7th** General Assembly
- 21st** Technical Working Group
- 26th** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

## JUNE

- 3rd** Executive/Administration Committee
- 4th** Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee
- 4th** Energy and Environment Committee
- 4th** Transportation Committee
- 4th** Regional Council
- 9th** Regional Planning Working Group
- 11th-12th** Executive/Administration Committee Retreat
- 16th** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee