



Agenda Items 1 (RC) and 6 (EEC)
Supplemental Staff Report
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To: Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
Regional Council (RC)

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Subject: Supplemental Staff Report – SoCal Greenprint
Refined/Clarified Recommended Action for RC

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

Background and Purpose of Supplemental Report:

Following distribution of the Staff Report for the SoCal Greenprint Update for the upcoming RC and EEC meetings to be held on October 7, 2021 (Agenda Items 1 and 6, respectively), staff believes that refinement and clarification of the recommended action for the RC is warranted, for RC consideration.

Recommended Action for RC:

Staff proposes refining and clarifying the Recommended Action as follows (a comparison showing revisions to the initial staff recommendation is attached to this Supplemental Report):

Staff recommends that the Regional Council continue the pause on Greenprint implementation as directed on July 1, 2021, with additional direction that staff:

- 1. Develop a white paper and work with a 5-member advisory task group of the Regional Council (appointed by the President and which will automatically disband upon reporting its findings to the Regional Council as provided in Item 8 below) on establishing a policy framework for advanced mitigation in the SCAG region to ensure the Greenprint is aligned with policy objectives;*
- 2. Develop the SoCal Greenprint as identified in Connect SoCal and its associated Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) with explicit focus on helping cities, counties and transportation agencies make better land-use and transportation infrastructure decisions and conserve natural and farm lands;*
- 3. Include features in the SoCal Greenprint to convey limitations and foster its proper use, such as a disclosure statement and mandatory user acknowledgement feature;*
- 4. Conduct an open advisory meeting for further review and revision of data layers to meet the needs of cities, counties and transportation agencies;*

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5. *Remove datasets for inclusion in the tool if they are not publicly available (i.e. layers are accessible for download online, or are downloadable via request and/or license to the author or custodian of the data);*
 6. *Complete prospective user testing with at least ten stakeholders representing cities, counties and transportation agencies to ensure that the tool is working and functional as developed with targeted audiences;*
 7. *Engage in continued public outreach as described at the July 1, 2021 RC meeting; and*
 8. *Return to the Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee once prospective user testing is complete to demonstrate the tool, provide a report on the white paper and a proposed policy framework, -seek feedback prior to public launch and to remove the pause.*

Attachment: Comparison

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Key: **Yellow highlighting** = additions

Red strikethrough = deletions

[Note: Update this language if any changes made.]

Staff recommends that the Regional Council **continue** ~~remove~~ the pause on Greenprint implementation as directed on July 1, 2021, ~~and~~ with additional direction that staff ~~direct staff to:~~

1. **Develop a white paper and work with a 5-member advisory task group of the Regional Council (appointed by the President and which will automatically disband upon reporting its findings to the Regional Council as provided in Item 8 below) on establishing a policy framework for advanced mitigation in the SCAG region to ensure the Greenprint is aligned with policy objectives;**
2. ~~Proceed with developing~~ **Develop** the SoCal Greenprint as identified in Connect SoCal and its associated Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) **with explicit focus on helping cities, counties and transportation agencies make better land-use and transportation infrastructure decisions and conserve natural and farm lands;**
3. Include features in the SoCal Greenprint to convey limitations and foster its proper use, such as a disclosure statement and mandatory user acknowledgement feature;
4. Conduct an open advisory meeting for further review and revision of data layers **to meet the needs of cities, counties and transportation agencies;**
5. Remove datasets for inclusion in the tool if they are not publicly available (i.e. layers are accessible for download online, or are downloadable via request and/or license to the author or custodian of the data);
6. Complete prospective user testing with at least ten stakeholders representing ~~the diverse array of potential users~~ **cities, counties and transportation agencies** to ensure that the tool is working and functional as developed with targeted audiences;
7. Engage in continued public outreach as described at the July 1, 2021 RC meeting; and
8. Return to the Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee once prospective user testing is complete to demonstrate the tool, **provide a report on the white paper and a proposed policy framework,** ~~and~~ seek feedback prior to public launch **and to remove the pause.**