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ABOUT SCAG

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. SCAG serves as a catalyst for a brighter future for Southern California by leading a vision to elevate the region.

VISION STATEMENT

Southern California's catalyst for a brighter future

MISSION STATEMENT

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing and promoting best practices.

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Cover Photo: Snow capped mountains in Palm Desert - Riverside County

On behalf of the Regional Council, I am pleased to share this report of annual accomplishments for 2022–23. The Executive Administration Committee convened for a strategic planning session in June 2022 to establish high-level goals and priorities for integration into SCAG’s Strategic Plan update and planning work for the year. The featured accomplishments in this report highlight our agency’s work to lead the region.

One of the biggest priorities for SCAG this year was the development of Connect SoCal 2024, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy update. This work has been full steam ahead with the adoption of the plan’s Policy Development Framework, new subcommittees and the launch of an extensive outreach program.

We also continued our work supporting jurisdictions in addressing their diverse transportation needs. Through the programs and projects highlighted in this report, we’ve continued to be thought leaders on important transportation issues that move Southern California.

SCAG has also continued to play a critical role in addressing the housing crisis with leadership on innovative solutions to overcome barriers to sustainably building more housing.

None of our accomplishments would be possible without the collaboration of jurisdictions throughout our region. Whether through Connect SoCal development or legislative advocacy, SCAG remains committed to working with our stakeholders and partners to build a stronger, more resilient region for future generations to come.

While it has been a successful year for SCAG, we also experienced a great tragedy. The region lost a tremendous woman and skillful leader when First Vice President Carmen Ramirez was killed on Aug. 12, 2022. In addition to her work on the Regional Council, Carmen was a dedicated servant to her community, championing sustainability, mobility and equity, and tirelessly supporting numerous local civic organizations. She is our Regional Council President In Memoriam for the upcoming year, but her legacy will live on in our work forever.



Jan Harnik

President, 2022-2023
Southern California Association of Governments

CONNECT SOCAL DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

SCAG leads Southern California toward our unified goals through Connect SoCal, the visionary plan for the future of the region. The strategies outlined in this plan affect how everyone in Southern California lives, works and plays.

CONNECT SOCIAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND SUBCOMMITTEES

SCAG's next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024, is in development, and anticipated to be adopted in April 2024.

The Regional Council in August 2022 adopted the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024, which includes the plan's preliminary vision and goals; key policy priorities, including those adopted by the Regional Council since 2020; and an outline of the focus and responsibility of each Policy Committee and three new subcommittees: Resilience and Conservation, Next Generation Infrastructure, and Racial Equity and Regional Planning.

These new subcommittees dove deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal to make recommendations on how to address emerging issues within Connect SoCal 2024. The subcommittees included members from each county, with participation from business and civic leaders and practitioners with unique and valuable insights.

SCAG's Joint Policy Committee met in March 2023 to hear and consider the subcommittees' recommendations. These reports noted that several key metrics, like vehicle miles traveled, street safety and goods movement volumes, have returned to near pre-pandemic levels, while housing production continues to rise and transit ridership is still falling behind. Additionally, staff presented a proposed update to the Policy Development Framework to better link Connect SoCal 2024 to other state and local planning efforts. Lastly, recommendations from the three subcommittees were shared: ensuring Connect SoCal is a vehicle to promote racial equity, prioritizing the most vulnerable populations and communities subject to climate hazards, and maintaining a people-centric transportation investment strategy.

2023 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Regional Council adopted the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in October 2022. The FTIP is a listing of multi-modal transportation projects proposed over a six-year period for the SCAG region and is prepared to implement projects and programs listed in Connect SoCal. SCAG develops the FTIP in compliance with state and federal requirements, with a biennial FTIP update for the region on an even-year cycle.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

As the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, SCAG released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for Connect SoCal 2024 for a 30-day public review and comment period from Oct. 17 to Nov. 16, 2022. This kicked off the environmental review process for Connect SoCal 2024, with the purpose of gathering input from interested stakeholders on the scope and content of the draft PEIR. Additionally, SCAG staff hosted two virtual meetings on the NOP to provide additional information and answer stakeholder questions.

REGIONAL ADVANCED MITIGATION PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND SOCIAL GREENPRINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Regional Council approved the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework in February 2023. RAMP is a process to expedite project delivery by planning for environmental mitigation to reduce environmental impacts earlier in the planning process and at a wider scale. The RAMP Policy Framework directed the creation of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the framework.

Recruitment for the TAC concluded in Spring and the new committee will advise staff on the development of the future SoCal Greenprint tool. SoCal Greenprint is a tool to help stakeholders make early and informed decisions about infrastructure, growth and conservation, and to mitigate the environmental impacts of Connect SoCal.

CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 OUTREACH

Development of the Connect SoCal 2024 update also includes public outreach, which SCAG launched in March 2023. The purpose of this outreach is to gather input from residents to shape planning priorities for the next 20 to 30 years. SCAG is currently hosting public workshops and pop-up events across the region for stakeholders to learn more about the plan, ask questions and provide input. In addition to the workshops and pop-ups, stakeholders have been invited to share their thoughts on important issues affecting our region by taking a short survey.

A photograph of a desert landscape featuring several Joshua trees with their characteristic spiky leaves and branching forms. The ground is covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass and shrubs. In the background, there are low mountains under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The entire image is framed by a thin blue border.

LEADING THE REGION ON ISSUES THAT MATTER

Moving Southern
California toward its
transportation, housing
and equity goals
requires leadership on
policy areas critical to
our region's future.

DIGITAL ACTION PLAN

The Regional Council approved the Digital Action Plan in April 2023, which outlines SCAG’s work to bridge the digital divide and foster an equitable, prosperous and resilient region for all residents.

Technological advancements have revolutionized the way people access information – but a significant population in the region does not have access to these advancements. These disparities became more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic when impacted communities faced barriers accessing telehealth services, food delivery, telework and online education. These disparities will widen as our reliance on technology increases.

The Digital Action Plan outlines clear goals and actions on this issue, and is driven by SCAG’s commitment to equity, innovation and resilience. With faster broadband speeds and enhanced devices becoming more critical post-COVID-19, the plan aims to help all residents in the region have access to the digital world.

RESOLUTION ON WATER ACTION

With the Water Action Resolution in October 2022, SCAG’s Regional Council formally affirmed the drought and water shortage emergency in Southern California, and called on local and regional partners to adopt an “all of the above” approach to addressing the region’s water challenges.

A clean, safe, affordable and reliable water supply is central to Southern California’s people, economy and natural systems, and is necessary to support the region’s projected growth. In an effort to support partners in tackling the region’s deepening water crisis, SCAG’s resolution calls to reduce water use; improve water conservation, reuse and efficiency; enhance water systems’ health and resilience; pursue and potentially implement new water supply and storage opportunities; and support investments in water infrastructure and conservation practices that support the region’s economic and population growth, and foster planning for the region’s housing needs.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGION’S CRITICAL LOGISTICS INDUSTRY

The Regional Council approved the Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution in February 2023. The SCAG region is home to the largest port complex in the country – the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (together called the San Pedro Bay Ports) – and has an extensive intermodal freight network that supports the flow of goods throughout the nation. Goods movement significantly contributes to the region’s economy and generates more than one-third of jobs in Southern California.

SCAG worked with partners and stakeholders to support a regional call-to-action, including five core principles for addressing critical goods movement supply chain challenges and needs. The resolution codifies the five principles, including integration with Connect SoCal 2024, and reaffirms SCAG’s regional leadership role in addressing current and future goods movement supply chain challenges.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

To best support the region in transition to a zero-emissions transportation system, SCAG drafted a Clean Transportation Policy in April 2023. The policy aims to support the development, commercialization and deployment of a zero-emission transportation system and its supporting elements to improve air quality; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; meet federal, state and regional targets; and promote economic development, resilience and equity. SCAG will use this policy to guide the implementation of its clean transportation technology program and strategies to be included in Connect SoCal 2024.



REGIONAL TOOLS & RESOURCES

SCAG empowers Southern California jurisdictions to work toward regional solutions by creating collaborative resources that improve access to data, best practices and tools.

REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PROGRAM 2.0

The Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 is a flexible program to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments. The REAP 2.0 Program Framework was adopted by the Regional Council in July 2022 and includes a set of core objectives aligned with the REAP 2021 priorities, the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy and the SCAG Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan.

The major funding areas of REAP 2.0 include:

- **County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program:** SCAG developed the CTC Partnership Program with the region's six county transportation commissions to fund the development of innovative and transformative plans, programs, pilot projects and certain signature capital projects that reduce greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled and have a strong nexus to infill housing. The Regional Council approved the CTC Partnership Guidelines in November 2022 after incorporating feedback received during the public comment period. The CTC Call for Applications opened in April 2023 and is expected to close in May 2023.
- **Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH):** The Regional Council approved the PATH application and authorized its Call for Applications in March 2023. The PATH program supports actions to accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively furthers fair housing; and reduces vehicle miles traveled. Funding opportunities in this program are designed to bring housing production to scale across the Southern California region to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The Call for Applications for PATH is anticipated to open in Spring 2023.
- **Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0:** The Regional Council approved the SRP 2.0 Guidelines in September 2022. The program focuses on implementation of the region's housing elements as a means of investing in actions to accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively furthers fair housing; and reduces vehicle miles traveled across the region. The Call for Applications opened in April 2022 and is anticipated to close in May 2023.
- **Sustainable Communities Program Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ):** The Regional Council approved the SCP CEEEJ program in January 2023. The program awards funding and direct technical assistance, determined by a competitive evaluation process for proposed and pilot projects that achieve multiple objectives: accelerate infill development; affirmatively further fair housing; reduce vehicle miles traveled; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and support implementation of the adopted Connect SoCal 2024 regional plan. The Call for Applications opened in April 2023 and is anticipated to close in May 2023.

OTHER-TO-RESIDENTIAL TOOLKIT

To support local governments and stakeholders with land use planning activities that accelerate housing production, SCAG developed the Other-to-Residential Toolkit in June 2022 as a part of the REAP-funded Regional Housing Policy Solutions work program. The toolkit offers guidance to planners and policymakers in converting non-residential, or "other" land uses, to residential uses. It was developed in collaboration with the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California.

CURB SPACE MANAGEMENT STUDY

With a rise in vehicle ownership, rideshare companies and deliveries, over-congested curb space is increasingly common across Southern California. In response, SCAG published the Curb Space Management Study in June 2022.

The study takes a comprehensive and multimodal approach to reviewing four unique case studies in the SCAG region, highlighting strategies and tools for local jurisdictions to transform curb space in their cities to reduce vehicle miles traveled and promote a balanced transportation system. These strategies were the focus of a Toolbox Tuesday training webinar in January 2023.

GO HUMAN

Go Human is a community engagement program aimed at improving the safety of our streets for people walking, biking and rolling. Through *Go Human*, SCAG implemented several strategies to improve traffic safety across the region. Highlights from this past year include:

- The *Go Human* Community Streets Mini-Grants Program awarded more than \$350,000 to 26 projects across the region's six counties to implement innovative traffic safety and community engagement tactics.

- *Go Human* distributed more than 11,000 safety messaging materials to more than 25 schools, cities, community organizations and regional agencies, including customized messaging to reflect unique community needs.
- Through its Kit of Parts lending library, *Go Human* loaned materials to local jurisdictions and partners to temporarily showcase safer streets, with pop-up parklets, artistic crosswalks and protected bike lanes at 20 events and reaching more than 14,000 people.
- *Go Human* opened a Call for Applications in Spring 2023 for its Community Hubs Grants Program, which offers funding for community organizations to implement local traffic safety and community engagement strategies that leverage community gathering and resource sites or networks. In May 2023, the program will award up to \$40,000 each to selected projects that emphasize community-driven co-creation and community engagement.

REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM AND LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE

The Regional Data Platform (RDP) is an innovative system for collaborative data sharing and planning designed to facilitate better planning at all levels – from cities and counties of all sizes, as well as the region as a whole. The platform includes publicly available resources and tools, as well as complementary Geographic Information System (GIS) licenses for use by individual cities and counties.

SCAG introduced the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process in March 2022 to be an extensive data exchange process with local jurisdictions to support Connect SoCal 2024 development. SCAG has since continued the LDX process to partner with local jurisdictions to provide and receive planning, land use and growth-related data. This data will be used in the development of SCAG’s Connect SoCal 2024 update and to provide training on available RDP tools to local jurisdictions. To date, SCAG has received input from 135 jurisdictions.

EQUITY BASELINE CONDITIONS REPORT

SCAG released its updated Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report in November 2022. This report is a tool to further understand where our region stands in advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The updated report includes data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey and documents historical decisions regarding housing, transportation and urban planning that created institutional and systemic racism that continues to impact people of color today. The report follows SCAG’s adoption of its Racial Early Action Plan in May 2021 and its organization-wide commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. It includes detailed demographic data and breaks down critical trendlines in areas such as educational attainment, wages and income, poverty levels, broadband access, housing availability, mobility, healthy living and the environment. The report also offers county-by-county analyses regarding racial equity.

REGIONAL BRIEFING BOOK AND SOCIAL ECONOMIC TRENDS TOOL

Released in conjunction with the 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit in December 2022, the Regional Briefing Book provides a comprehensive understanding of the economic landscape in Southern California and highlights strategies for leveraging regional competitive advantages to accelerate inclusive economic growth and recovery.

SCAG also released the SoCal Economic Trends Tool in conjunction with the last Economic Summit. This tool displays key economic indicators for the SCAG region, including data on employment, major industries, housing trends and demographic changes. The information in the interactive tool is updated quarterly and includes historical data to help policymakers, the business community and researchers track key economic trends and make informed decisions.

MONEY MONDAY NEWSLETTER

SCAG launched a new bi-weekly newsletter in August 2022 titled Money Monday, highlighting open grant opportunities in the SCAG region. This resource can help local jurisdictions and agencies stay in the know about available funding that may be pertinent to their workplans.

The background image shows the Huntington Beach Pier in Orange County, California. It features a prominent lifeguard tower with a white and blue facade and a red roof. The pier extends into the ocean, supported by wooden pilings. The sky is a clear, light blue, and the water is a deep blue with white foam from the waves. The overall scene is captured in a cinematic style with a soft, golden-hour light.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

SCAG is the unified voice of the region, advocating for the legislative and funding needs of Southern California's diverse and growing communities, and creating a strong coalition that can achieve more together.

REGIONAL FUNDING SECURED THROUGH ADVOCACY

California's Active Transportation Program has historically been oversubscribed, making it one of the most competitive grant programs in the state. Throughout the development of the program and its six funding cycles, SCAG advocated for an increase in funds available to the program. SCAG secured support for a \$1.5 billion Active Transportation augmentation request from Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Laura Friedman, who then led an effort to secure additional support from a bipartisan and bicameral coalition of 14 legislators.

Additionally, through our advocacy partnerships, SCAG helped secure \$575 million in funding for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program. SCAG's efforts also provided additional flexibility for local cities and counties working to complete their Housing Element updates and secured a federal earmark to conduct a comprehensive highways to boulevards study for our region.

DEEPENING COLLABORATION WITH STATE AGENCIES

A meeting with Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development Gustavo Velasquez in August 2022 allowed SCAG to share updates on the progress of the REAP program and set the stage for the REAP 2.0 program. The discussion also focused on increasing engagement with community-based organizations, subregional housing trust funds, technical assistance to public agencies in support of development of publicly owned land and strategies for preserving housing units with expiring covenants. The meeting's success helped SCAG maintain positive relations with the state and bolstered future partnerships for implementing the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and other housing programs.

SCAG attended a series of meetings in November 2022 with executive leadership from the California Air Resources Board, the California Office of Planning Research, the California Strategic Growth Council and the California Office of Traffic Safety. These conversations focused on challenges and opportunities for achieving housing, climate and safety goals in Southern California, and the role SCAG can play in supporting local implementation of state policies.

SCAG also met with Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH), in February 2023. BCSH oversees the California Department of Real Estate, Department of Housing & Community Development, California Housing Finance Agency and California Interagency Council on Homelessness, among others. SCAG updated Secretary Castro Ramirez on the region's progress in meeting its RHNA goals and SCAG's REAP program – but also the struggles facing Southern California. SCAG advocated for more technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions without capacity to pursue funding from state grant programs and the need for more state support to accelerate affordable housing production, such as increased funding, Tax Increment Financing, and housing supportive infrastructure.

MOBILE WORKSHOPS BUILD COLLABORATION

Over the past year, a series of mobile workshops brought elected leaders and community partners together to develop shared understanding of regional challenges and build collaborative relationships to address them.

The first mobile workshops toured Port of Hueneme last August, where a group of SCAG staff and members learned about critical goods movement infrastructure – specifically Port of Hueneme's important role in auto imports and distributing fruits and vegetables.

SCAG staff, Regional Council and Policy Committee members toured Imperial County in December, where they visited the U.S.-Mexico border crossing and a lithium-extraction facility.

In January, a group toured the new California Air Resources Board Riverside headquarters and lab, which opened in 2021; the Riverside Transit Agency Vine Street Hub currently under construction; and the Union Pacific Railroad Colton Facility.

SCAG staff and members toured Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in February, learning about the Landslide Access Modernization Program (LAMP), as well as SCAG's collaboration with the airport on transportation projects and Connect SoCal.

In March, SCAG staff and members toured multiple stops in the Coachella Valley: Sunline Transit; Coachella Valley Water District; the CSU San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus; and the Palm Desert San Pablo Avenue Project, which started from a *Go Human* demonstration.

SCAG staff and members visited Orange County in April to tour Impact Housing's modular manufacturing site in Yorba Linda. The tour showed the process of creating modular housing and its potential for increasing housing supply.

ANNUAL STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Throughout the last year, SCAG leadership met with 12 state lawmakers to connect on important work and advance regional priorities. This included meetings with Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Anthony Portantino and Senate Natural Resources Committee Chair Luz Rivas.

Of note, SCAG met with Senator Susan Rubio in March 2023 to share an update on the \$3.5 million grant SCAG received in 2021 to implement the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy. Senator Rubio had championed this grant and was pleased with SCAG's progress; she also expressed her desire to continue supporting SCAG's continued work on the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

SCAG's Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee, under the strategic leadership of Jose Luis Solache, identified the agencies' state legislative priorities. These were the focus of the Sacramento advocacy trip in April 2023:

- Protecting transportation budget priorities that the Governor proposed cutting in his January budget.
- Communicating our region's Housing Progress, especially with the good work we're doing with REAP funds.
- Recognizing the important role that regions play in helping the State achieve our shared climate goals.
- Asking the Legislature to establish a statewide Task Force to evaluate comprehensive modernization for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ANNUAL FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SCAG's Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee also determined the following federal legislative priorities:

- Provide funding for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program and Healthy Streets Program in the FY24 appropriations package.
- Ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill authorizes funding for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to conduct airport surface transportation passenger and cargo studies, as well as planning activities.
- Include robust funding for the following housing programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the FY24 appropriations package, and create new tools to confront the housing crisis. In addition, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit must be expanded.
- Ensure that Southern California receives its fair share of federal resources to address the water crisis. Additionally, provide flexibility in the use of metropolitan planning resources so that MPOs can provide increased support for integrated planning and technical assistance.

These priorities were the focus of meetings that SCAG leadership had with Congressman Mark Takano, Congressman Jay Obernole and U.S. Senator Alex Padilla in the March 2023 trip to Washington, DC.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

SCAG WINS 2022 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS' MAJOR METRO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SCAG was awarded the Major Metro Achievement Award from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) for the Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA) during the 56th Annual NARC Conference and Exhibition in June 2022.

The HPLA was hosted in partnership with the Global Policy Leadership Academy and offered a 10-session online training for emerging and established community leaders who want to better understand how to advance policy solutions to increase the supply and availability of affordable housing.

SCAG offered the HPLA with state funding through the REAP grant program and partnered with the San Gabriel Valley and San Fernando Valley Councils of Government to offer trainings through their REAP-funded grant programs.

REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM WINS ESRI MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

SCAG was awarded the Esri 2022 Making a Difference Award during the Esri User Conference in July 2022 for the Regional Data Platform (RDP). Presented by Esri President and Founder Jack Dangermond, the award recognizes organizations or individuals who, through the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), have made a positive impact in their community.

The RDP is an important tool for transforming government-to-government collaboration and planning. The RDP lays the groundwork for a smarter region by improving access to data, modern GIS tools and standardized workflows across jurisdictions. The RDP also streamlines the process of collecting and integrating local data at the regional level through the Local Data Exchange (LDX) to establish a larger collection of data serving the greater SCAG region.

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES' ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE WINS AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OPPORTUNITY AND EMPOWERMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

SCAG's Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Initiative received the Opportunity and Empowerment Award of Excellence from the American Planning Association California Chapter at their conference in October 2022. The initiative advances mobility justice in Southern California by aspiring to make active transportation plans — and their implementation — accessible to all communities in the region.

GO HUMAN MINI GRANT AWARDEE, BIKING WHILE BLACK, WINS AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE AWARD OF MERIT

The documentary film, *Biking While Black*, a 2021 and 2022 SCAG *Go Human* Mini-Grant Awardee project, received the Communications Initiative Award of Merit from the American Planning Association California Chapter at their conference in October 2022. The project was created by mobility strategist Yolanda Davis-Overstreet and centers racial justice as a planning issue, uplifts Black bicyclists and thoughtfully addresses local experiences.



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