



## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Thursday, April 11, 2024  
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

**Location for In-Person Participation:**  
Culver City Hall Mike Balkman Council Chambers  
9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232

**Remote Participation via Webex Link:**  
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**Livestream on YouTube:**  
[http://bit.ly/wscocg\\_livestream](http://bit.ly/wscocg_livestream)

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### **MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION**

The Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Regular Board meeting on **April 11, 2024** will be held in-person with remote public participation via Webex and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members are required to attend in-person to participate and vote on action items on the agenda. For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at [winnie@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:winnie@estolanoadvisors.com) or (323) 306-9856.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment on any agenda item may be made during the consideration of that item. All comments on items not listed on the agenda may be made during the time allotted on the agenda to the public. Members of the public may comment by raising a hand and being recognized by the Chair. Speakers shall confine their comments to three minutes per speaker. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the public may only comment on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the WSCCOG or items listed on the agenda.

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O'Brien at [riley@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:riley@estolanoadvisors.com) by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. \*Note: E-Comments received after 12:00 p.m. will be forwarded to the Board and posted on the WSCCOG's website at [www.westsidecities.org/meeting](http://www.westsidecities.org/meeting) as part of the official meeting record. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment).

# AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS (2 min)

## 3. ACTION ITEMS

### A. [WSCCOG February 8, 2024 Board Meeting Notes](#) (1 min)

**Recommended Action:** Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meeting held on February 8, 2024.

### B. [Metro Westside/Central Service Council Representative](#) (2 min)

**Recommended Action:** Consider nomination for the WSCCOG Primary Representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council.

### C. [Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation Update](#) (15 min)

**Recommended Action:** Approve updated funding allocation amount per member jurisdiction.

### D. [County Local Solutions Fund for Homeless Services and Housing Programs](#) (15 min)

**Recommended Action:** Discuss and approve funding allocation and statement of work for FY 24-25.

### E. [Determine and Adopt FY 2024-25 Member Dues](#) (15 min)

**Recommended Action:** Adopt FY 2024-25 member dues

## 4. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#) (5 min)

### A. REAP 2.0 Update

### B. Countywide Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee (IBCC)

### C. WSCCOG Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan Update

## 5. [TRANSPORTATION UPDATE](#) (5 min)

### A. LA 2028 Games Update

### B. Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) and Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Update on Bus Priority Corridors

## 6. PRESENTATION (12 min)

### A. Global Policy Leadership Academy – Social Housing Field Trip to Vienna

## 7. LEGISLATION (3 min)

### A. [League of California Cities Update](#)

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 9. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Thursday, June 13, 2024 at West Hollywood Library Building - City Council Chambers,  
625 N San Vicente Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**11. ADJOURN**

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Instructions for Public Comments

You may submit public comments in three (3) ways:

- **Provide public comments in-person:** Members of the Public may comment on matters on the agenda to the WSCCOG Board in person during the meeting at the location below:

Culver City Hall Mike Balkman Council Chambers  
9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232

- **To listen and provide comments via remote participation on WebEx:** To participate remotely on WebEx Event, use the link below:

<https://culvercity.webex.com/culvercity/j.php?MTID=mf687b0b44830cba14ceeee9ef0bcb753>

- **Submit written comments via email to:** Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O'Brien at [riley@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:riley@estolanoadvisors.com) by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
12:30

Beverly Hills Public Library  
Library Auditorium (2nd Floor)  
444 N Rexford Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Beverly Hills:** Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. Staff: Cindy Owens
- Culver City:** Councilmember Göran Eriksson (WSCCOG Chair), Vice Mayor Dan O'Brien. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg\*, Lauren Wrenn\*
- Santa Monica:** Councilmember Oscar de la Torre (WSCCOG Vice Chair). Staff: Josh Kurpies, Nicole Liner-Jigamian\*, Achee Stevenson\*
- West Hollywood:** Councilmember Sepi Shyne (WSCCOG Secretary), Vice Mayor Chelsea Byers. Staff: Hernan Molina, Francisco Gomez\*
- City of LA:** Analyst's Office: Steve Luu; CD 5 staff: Jarrett Thompson\*
- County of LA:** Staff: Austin Cyr (Supervisory District 3).
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Cecilia Estolano, Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Anthony Chica, Karen Swift (Metro); Leeor Alpern, Marco Perez (UCLA Government and Community Relations); Chelsea Richer\*, Dongyang Lin\* (Fehr & Peers); Onnie Williams\*, Camila Vicencio\*, Jennifer Lee\* (County Homeless Initiative); Thomas Wong\*, Katelyn Ascencio\* (LAHSA); Erik Rodriguez\* (SCAG)

(\* Indicates virtual attendance)

**1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Göran Eriksson (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m.

**2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting members included Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills), Councilmember Göran Eriksson (City of Culver City), Councilmember Oscar de la Torre (City of Santa Monica), Councilmember Sepi Shyne (City of West Hollywood), and Austin Cyr (County of Los Angeles). Chair Eriksson recognized that this was Dr. Gold's final meeting as a WSCCOG Boardmember and extended gratitude and remarks to Dr. Gold. This was followed by additional remarks from Dr. Gold, Councilmember Shyne, and Councilmember de la Torre.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. WSCCOG December 14, 2023 Board Meeting Notes**

Mayor Gold (Beverly Hills) moved to approve the meeting notes, and Councilmember Shyne (West Hollywood) seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously (5-0).

### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) presented an informational item on the WSCCOG's annual membership dues and introduced a proposal to increase the dues for FY 2024-25, with no immediate action taken at this time. Following discussions, the Boardmembers recommended that the WSCCOG staff conduct research on policies and precedents for a one-time advancement of funds to increase the reserves and assessments for CPI adjustments. Dr. Gold also advised the WSCCOG staff to transmit a memo to the City Councils to inform the members of the proposed dues adjustment. In April, the WSCCOG staff will return to the Board = with additional data and information for potential action. Estolano also reminded the Board that the Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests are due on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **5. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG staff) provided a recap of the WSCCOG's recent Transportation Working Group meeting in January, which convened in-person in Culver City. During the meeting, the WSCCOG staff and Fehr & Peers led a roundtable discussion among jurisdictions, focusing on transportation priorities and the cities' preparation for the mobility needs of the LA 28 Games and how these factors intersect with their existing work plans. This dialogue facilitated the identification of potential cross-jurisdictional projects eligible for consideration under the MSP/SEP funding program. Notably, there was a strategic focus on regional transit and BRT improvements for corridors that cover multiple jurisdictions.

### **6. HOUSING UPDATE**

Winnie Fong (WSCCOG staff) provided an update on the Governor's budget. Notably, the proposed budget is slated to cut \$300M from the State's REAP 2.0 program, which impacts the funding that is allocated to the WSCCOG to continue exploring a regional housing trust and provide technical assistance to its member jurisdictions. Fong also shared information on a social housing field trip to Vienna organized by the Global Policy Leadership Academy for elected officials, housing policy leaders, community leaders, and nonprofits.

### **7. HOMELESSNESS UPDATE**

Staff from the County Homeless Initiative and LAHSA provided a joint presentation on the County's centralized master leasing pilot, which would allow for more permanent housing units to become available to support our cities' outreach and housing navigation services that are currently being funded by the Local Solution Funds. WSCCOG staff also provided a brief overview of the WSCCOG's FY 2024-25 funding allocation amount for the Local Solutions Fund on homelessness. Fong shared potential options to distribute the funds for the Board to discuss. The WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group and the City Managers expressed a preference for equal funding distribution. The WSCCOG staff also recommended distributing a portion of the funds towards advancing the Westside Regional Behavioral Health Feasibility Study. The Boardmembers engaged in a discussion and endorsed the WSCCOG staff's recommendations. The WSCCOG staff will return to the Board in April with the statement of work and final funding allocation for the Board to approve.

**8. LEGISLATION**

Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) was not present, but Kiernan provided updates in the agenda packet.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next WSCCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 in Culver City.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

WSCCOG staff did not receive any additional public comments.

**12. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Eriksson adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.

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**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Metro Westside/Central Service Council Representative

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**Recommended Action:** Consider nomination for the WSCCOG Primary Representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council.

**Background**

On February 7, 2024, the WSCCOG staff received an annual letter from Metro requesting our nomination for Metro's Westside Central Cities Service Council by Friday, May 10, 2024 to ensure that nominations are included in the June 2024 Metro Board Agenda. The term for our current representative Martha Eros (City of Beverly Hills) is scheduled to end on June 30, 2024. Other representatives on the Service Council representing the WSCCOG include Francisco Gomez, City of West Hollywood (7/2022-6/2025) and David Feinberg, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus (7/2023 – 6/2026).

The WSCCOG issued the call for eligible candidates in March and encouraged candidates to send a letter of interest to the WSCCOG staff by April 4, 2024. The WSCCOG received a letter of interest from Martha Eros to continue serving as the WSCCOG representative for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 cycle (refer to [Attachment A](#)).

**Attachment**

- A. Letter of Interest – Martha Eros (City of Beverly Hills)





April 2, 2024

Westside Cities Council of Governments  
Winnie Fong, Project Director  
801 South Grand Avenue, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Letter of Interest - Reappointment to the Metro Westside Central Service Council

Dear Winnie,

I would like to express my interest in continuing to serve the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCG) as a representative on the Metro Westside Central Service Council for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 cycle.

In addition to serving on the Westside Central Service Council since 2015, my experience in transportation planning includes working with Metro Planning staff on coordinating regional transit operations, identifying bus stop and bicycle infrastructure improvements, participating in regional subway planning and connectivity efforts, programming local return grant fund, and enhancing the customer service experience for all transit riders.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for providing me with this invaluable opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martha Eros". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Martha Eros  
City of Beverly Hills  
Transportation Planner

CC: Daren Grilley, City Engineer, City of Beverly Hills



**DATE:** April 8, 2024  
**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board  
**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation Update

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### **Recommended Action**

Approve updated funding allocation amount per member jurisdiction.

### **Background**

Metro allocates funding to the WSCCOG each year via the Measure M Active Transportation and First/Last Mile Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP). After completing the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study, WSCCOG staff worked with jurisdictional staff and consultant Fehr and Peers to develop a methodology for allocating MSP funds between each WSCCOG member jurisdiction. In October 2020, the WSCCOG Board approved an allocation methodology based on the combined share of residents and jobs (also known as the “service population”) within each jurisdiction within the WSCCOG boundary (refer to [Attachment A](#)). The October 2020 methodology estimated service population based on US Census Bureau data from 2017, and the WSCCOG allocated new MSP cashflows annually through 2023 using the October 2020 methodology.

In January 2024, Metro staff clarified that Metro uses the subregional boundaries that are defined in the Measure M ordinance for the MSP. The Measure M Westside Subregional Planning Area boundary includes smaller portions of the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County compared to the WSCCOG boundary (refer to the maps in [Attachment B](#)). Through 2023, the October 2020 methodology resulted in excess funds to the City of Los Angeles by \$1,766,032 and the Los Angeles County by \$1,039,839, relative to their service population shares within the Measure M Westside Subregional Planning Area (refer to [Attachment C](#)).

WSCCOG staff recommends rectifying this error through a one-time reallocation of funds as follows: \$594,227 to Beverly Hills, \$620,302 to Culver City, \$1,145,439 to Santa Monica, and \$445,905 to West Hollywood (refer to Attachment C). WSCCOG staff also proposes updating the service population shares using data from 2021, the most recent year for which US Census Bureau data is available.

### **Attachments**

- A. October 2020 MSP Allocation Presentation by Fehr and Peers
- B. April 2024 MSP Allocation Update Presentation by Fehr and Peers
- C. Corrected MSP Allocation per Measure M Boundary

# Summary of Metro Multi-Year Subregional Program Process

- Alternative funding distribution approaches were considered, given the MSP focus on active transportation and FLM:
  - Share of population
  - Share of employment
  - Share of transit riders
  - Share of all collisions
  - Share of KSI collisions

Jurisdiction	Population %	Employment %	Service Pop %	Transit Ridership %	All Collisions %	KSI Collisions %
Beverly Hills	4%	8%	6%	6%	6%	2%
Culver City	5%	8%	6%	6%	5%	5%
Los Angeles City	72%	64%	68%	62%	71%	72%
Los Angeles County	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%	6%
Santa Monica	11%	12%	11%	16%	9%	9%
West Hollywood	4%	4%	4%	9%	4%	5%



# Westside Cities Council of Governments

Item 3C - Attachment B

# Annual MSP Update



# 2024 Funding Allocation Methodology

- Shared of Service Population (population + employment) within the Metro sub-region boundary based on 2021 ACS/LEHD Data

Jurisdiction	Population*	Employment*	Service Population (Pop + Emp)	Share of Service Population
West Hollywood	35,308	27,160	62,468	5%
Culver City	40,346	65,883	106,230	9%
Beverly Hills	32,921	47,648	80,568	6%
Santa Monica	90,291	75,313	165,604	13%
Los Angeles	440,515	358,404	798,919	64%
County	11,081	15,609	26,690	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650,462</b>	<b>590,017</b>	<b>1,240,480</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Source: 2021 American Community Survey/ Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (ACS/LEHD)

# 2024 Funding Allocation

- 2024 Funding allocated by proportion of Service Population within the sub-region

Jurisdiction	Service Population (Pop + Emp)	Share of Service Population	Funds Allocated by Service Population - Year 4 (2024)	Year 4 Starting Balance	Year 4 Starting Balance + Cashflows	Year 4 Programmed (TBD)
West Hollywood	62,468	5%	\$690,498	\$445,905	\$1,136,403	
Culver City	106,230	9%	\$1,174,221	\$620,302	\$1,794,523	
Beverly Hills	80,568	6%	\$890,570	\$594,227	\$1,484,797	
Santa Monica	165,604	13%	\$1,830,525	\$1,653,091	\$3,483,616	
Los Angeles	798,919	64%	\$8,830,927	\$7,013,509	\$15,844,436	
County	26,690	2%	\$295,018	\$658,308	\$953,398	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,240,480</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$13,711,760</b>	<b>\$10,985,414</b>	<b>\$24,697,173</b>	

# 2023 MSP Project List – to be updated

No.	Project Name	Jurisdiction	2023 Update
<b>1</b>	<b>Willoughby/Gardner/Vista Greenway</b>	<b>West Hollywood</b>	<b>Unprogrammed</b>
2	Broadway Protected Bikeway	Santa Monica	No change
3	Colorado Protected Bikeway	Santa Monica	No change
4	Wilshire Ped Safety Improvements	Santa Monica	No change
5	Stewart & Pennsylvania Bike/Ped Safety Enhancements	Santa Monica	No change
<b>8</b>	<b>La Cienega &amp; Rodeo Drive Purple Line Extension FLM*</b>	<b>Beverly Hills</b>	<b>Added Rodeo Drive Station &amp; program all available funds</b>
9	Overland Bike Lane & Ped Improvements	Culver City	No change
10	<i>Washington Transit/Mobility Lanes + Circulator (MOVE Culver City)</i>	<i>Culver City</i>	<i>No change – project complete</i>
11	Microtransit/FLM Service Program	Culver City	No change
<b>12</b>	<b>Expo Bike Path Gap Closure</b>	<b>City of Los Angeles</b>	<b>Modified programming year</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Connect Del Rey Stress-Free BEN Corridor</b>	<b>City of Los Angeles</b>	<b>Modified programming year</b>
14	Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free BEN Corridor	City of Los Angeles	No change
15	Brentwood Walkability Enhancements	City of Los Angeles	No change
<b>16</b>	<b>Fountain Avenue Protected Bike Lane Project</b>	<b>West Hollywood</b>	<b>Added new project &amp; programmed all available funding</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Sepulveda Corridor Mobility Lane Project</b>	<b>Culver City</b>	<b>Added new project &amp; programmed all available funding</b>

\*Combined with projects 6 and 7.



Jurisdiction	Service Population per WSCCOG Boundary, 2017	Service Population % per WSCCOG Boundary, 2017	Total MSP Allocated per WSCCOG Boundary	Service Population per Measure M Boundary, 2017	Service Population % per Measure M Boundary, 2017	Corrected MSP Allocated per Measure M Boundary	Total MSP Correction
West Hollywood	66,579	4.4%	\$ 1,785,160	66,579	5.5%	\$ 2,231,065	\$445,905
Culver City	92,619	6.2%	\$ 2,483,355	92,619	7.7%	\$ 3,103,657	\$620,302
Beverly Hills	88,726	5.9%	\$ 2,378,959	88,726	7.4%	\$ 2,973,186	\$594,227
Santa Monica	171,029	11.4%	\$ 4,585,712	171,029	14.2%	\$ 5,731,151	\$1,145,439
City of LA	1,018,526	67.9%	\$ 27,309,260	762,260	63.5%	\$ 25,543,228	-\$1,766,032
LA County	63,337	4.2%	\$ 1,698,219	19,647	1.6%	\$ 658,380	-\$1,039,839



**DATE:** April 8, 2024  
**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board  
**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff  
**SUBJECT:** County Local Solutions Fund for Homeless Services and Housing Programs

**Recommended Action**

Discuss and approve funding allocation and statement of work for FY 2024-25.

**Background**

The County provides annual funding through the Local Solutions Funds (LSF) program and enters into multi-year agreements with regional and local jurisdictions administering homeless services and housing programs that align with Los Angeles County’s New Framework to End Homelessness strategies and guiding principles through an equitable and standardized process (refer to **Table 1**).

**Table 1: County’s Framework for the Local Solutions Fund (LSF)**

New Framework to End Homelessness Strategies		
1	Coordinate	Regional and Local Annual Planning
2	Prevent	Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
3	Connect	Outreach and Navigation Linked to Local Rehousing Services
4	House	Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing
		Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
5	Stabilize	Local Eviction and Prevention Prioritized and Linked to Formerly Homeless Residents

Based on the 2022/2023 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count average, the County has allocated \$1,626,187 to the WSCCOG for FY 2024-25, representing a 9 percent increase from the previous year’s LSF allocation. The WSCCOG staff led a discussion with the Working Group to explore potential programming for city programs, while proposing a strategy for the equitable distribution of the FY 2024-25 LSF. The WSCCOG staff, in collaboration with the Homelessness Working Group and the City Managers, recommends distributing \$1,492,500 equally among the four eligible members (equivalent to \$373,125 for each jurisdiction) and allocate the remaining \$133,687 towards the WSCCOG Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan (refer to **Table 2**).

**Table 2: Proposed WSCCOG Local Solutions Funds Allocation for FY 2024-25**

Item	Approved FY 23-24	Proposed FY 24-25
<b>Local Solutions Funds (LSF)</b>	<b>\$1,492,500</b>	<b>\$1,626,187</b>
<b>LSF Allocation by Jurisdiction</b>		
Beverly Hills	\$373,125	\$373,125
Culver City	\$373,125	\$373,125
Santa Monica	\$373,125	\$373,125
West Hollywood	\$373,125	\$373,125
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,492,500</b>	<b>\$1,492,500</b>
<b>Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Strategy</b>	\$124,275	\$133,687

The WSCCOG staff collaborated with the member cities to identify the programs outlined in the FY 24-25 statement of work as summarized in **Table 3** below. Pending approval by the Board, the WSCCOG will incorporate the detailed statement of work (refer to [Attachment A](#)) for these programs into the amendment to the WSCCOG’s existing contract (AO-22-610) with the County.

**Table 3: Proposed LSF Programs for FY 2024-25**

City	Program	Category	Funding
Beverly Hills	Permanent Supportive Housing & Motel Night Stays	House; Connect	\$373,125
Culver City	Motel Hotel Voucher Program	House	\$373,125
Santa Monica	Homelessness Related Response Program	Connect	\$223,125
	Eviction Prevention Program	Prevent; Stabilize	\$100,000
	Case Management/Flex Fund Program	Prevent; Connect	\$50,000
West Hollywood	Holloway Interim Housing Program	House	\$23,125
	West Hollywood Care Team	Connect	\$350,000
WSCCOG	Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan	Connect; Prevent; Coordinate	\$133,687
<b>Total</b>	<b>All Programs</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,626,187</b>

**Attachment**

A. WSCCOG FY 2024-24 Local Solutions Fund Statement of Work

EXHIBIT A: Statement of Work

**STATEMENT OF WORK  
WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND (LSF)**

**I. Overview**

Homelessness is a regional crisis. As such, one of the top priorities of the Chief Executive Office’s Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) is to continue strengthening the collaboration between the County and diverse stakeholders, including the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. Since cities have jurisdiction over planning/land use activities and have the insight to support locally specific solutions, cities play a unique role in our countywide efforts to prevent and combat homelessness. The Councils of Governments (COGs) have a unique and important role in facilitating a regional approach with their member cities to address homelessness.

The Westside Cities Council of Government (WSCCOG) is a joint powers authority created by the member cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood (located in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3 and the City of Los Angeles Council Districts 4 and 11).

In aiming to increase participation of cities in County’s New Framework to End Homelessness, the emphasis of the strategies is to create opportunities for co-investment that lead to an increase in cities’ ability to respond at a local level to community members’ greatest concerns in alignment with the New Framework, while leveraging cities’ unique capabilities to increase access to housing.

**Information on the required deliverables for the Local Solutions Funds.** The WSCCOG shall use Local Solutions Funds (LSF) to implement activities that align with the CEO-HI’s New Framework to End Homelessness. The New Framework to End Homelessness outlines the following strategies for cities and COGs.

New Framework to End Homelessness Strategies		
<b>1</b>	<b>Coordinate</b>	Regional and Local Annual Planning
<b>2</b>	<b>Prevent</b>	Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
<b>3</b>	<b>Connect</b>	Outreach and Navigation Linked to Local Rehousing Services
<b>4</b>	<b>House</b>	Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing
		Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies
<b>5</b>	<b>Stabilize</b>	Local Eviction and Prevention Prioritized and Linked to Formerly Homeless Residents

## II. Objective

The WSCCOG will use this funding to manage the tasks described below, including coordinating with Cities to participate in interjurisdictional activities and advancing regional solutions and approaches that align with the New Framework to End Homelessness.

## III. Tasks

### Task 1: Regional Homelessness Coordination

#### Task 1A: Regional Homelessness Coordination

**Task 1A Description:** WSCCOG will conduct monthly Homelessness Working Group Meetings, or as needed, with member cities to create a regional response to homelessness. The WSCCOG will facilitate best practices of sharing and regional coordination amongst its member cities, update and enhance the WSCCOG's Regional Homelessness Strategic Action Plan and provide ongoing technical assistance and support to cities in implementing programs. This could include advisory guidance, as well as support in identifying and pursuing funding on behalf of the member cities.

#### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents
- Supporting Activities-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)* [Supporting Activities: Regional Planning, Data Sharing & Tracking, Training & Capacity Building, Advocacy, Implementation Coordination, Lived Experience, Quality Improvement, Research & Evaluation, Practice to Advance Equity]

Regional Planning and Implementation Coordination

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
1A.i.	Conduct monthly Homelessness Working Group meetings for member cities	1 meeting per month; 12 meetings total	Annually
1A.ii.	Update Westside Cities Regional Homelessness Strategic Action Plan	1 update	Annually
1A.iii.	Provide research and technical assistance in funding identification to support implementation of a subregional project or program	Up to one funding source quarterly	Quarterly and as needed

## Task 2: Beverly Hills Homelessness Programs

### Task 2A: Permanent Supportive Housing & Motel Night Stays

#### Task 2A Description:

On August 15, 2023 the Beverly Hills City Council approved an agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and Step Up on Second for 30 units of scattered-site permanent supportive housing units and motel stays for up to 280 nights annually for the unhoused for an initial 10-year term. The Beverly Hills Scattered-Site Housing Program provides appropriate resources for both the non-chronic and chronic homeless population.

The 10-year program includes any one-time costs and all annual costs, covering housing and services. In this model, Step Up will act as the "housing authority" and make the rent payments directly to the property owner, and will also ensure the tenant pays their portion of the rent (30% of the tenant's income) through their available means (Social Security, Disability, etc.). Step Up is projecting to house in motels annually 20 individuals, averaging 14 nights per individual or family at an average rate of \$150 per night. This will allow Step Up to offer housing immediately and move people off the street quickly. The program will be able to rapidly provide short-term housing for the individual while they secure other resources to address and end their homelessness. Step Up will actively refer to appropriate programs and services throughout Los Angeles County using its extensive network.

Step Up is also providing on-site case management services. The frequency of tenant visits will vary depending on level of need; however, most tenants require a minimum of one (1) face-to-face visit per week during initial engagement. To provide this level of service, Step Up hired three (3) full-time staff with college degrees whose training and experience aligns with housing location, housing retention, and supporting newly housed individuals.

The focus of the services is to support Activities of Daily Living, (i.e., living in your own apartment), housing retention, and increasing self-sufficiency. Individualized rehabilitative services may include focus on grooming/hygiene, laundry, household chores, meal preparation/planning, shopping best practices, budgeting, developing "Good Neighbor" practices (noise reduction, healthy boundaries, conflict resolution) and support in finding constructive and meaningful use of time.

Additionally, staff are trained in Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction techniques, which are instrumental in supporting clients to explore choices for decreasing substance usage and reducing ambivalence to engage in mental health and psychiatry services. Step Up services are conducted in the home, in the field, or at Step Up offices (which could be on site), depending on a client's stage of mental health recovery. Home visits are conducted regularly so that staff can address issues such as housekeeping, food-management and self-care.

#### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents

Supporting Activities- (Please list supporting activities that apply below)			
	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
2A.i.	Approximate # of unhoused people in permanent supportive housing and # of motel night stays used by unhoused people.	<u>Permanent Supportive Housing:</u> [30 people]  <u>Motel Night Stays</u> [200 nights]	Annually

### Task 3: Culver City Homelessness Programs

#### Task 3A: Motel Voucher Program

**Task 3A Description:** The Culver City Motel Voucher Program offers emergency interim housing at local motels to Culver City unhoused clients. The City is currently setting up contracts with local motels with a rate to be determined. The motel Master Lease program will be interim housing for those who are waiting on permanent housing projects, such as Culver City’s Project HomeKey, Section 8 vouchers, and other affordable housing sites and interim housing sites in the city. Unhoused clients must be currently working with the City’s St. Joseph Center Outreach Team, Exodus Recovery, and/or Urban Alchemy and have a permanent housing plan in place to qualify for this program.

**Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)**

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents
- Supporting Activities-** (Please list supporting activities that apply below) [Supporting Activities: Regional Planning, Data Sharing & Tracking, Training & Capacity Building, Advocacy, Implementation Coordination, Lived Experience, Quality Improvement, Research & Evaluation, Practice to Advance Equity]

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
3A.i	Provide up to 180-days of emergency interim housing.	Approximately 5-6 people per quarter; Up to 22 people total	Annually
3A.ii	# of people transitioned to permanent housing including permanent supportive housing, housing with family or friends, or other permanent housing.	At least 75% (approximately 4 people per quarter; 17 people total)	Annually

## Task 4: Santa Monica Homelessness Programs

### Task 4A: Homelessness Related Response Program

**Task 4A Description:** This City of Santa Monica is contracting with Salvation Army to deploy an Outreach Team to directly respond to 311 calls related to homelessness and assist the Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team with targeted outreach operations to connect individuals with local services and interim housing.

#### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents
- Supporting Activities-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)* [Supporting Activities: Regional Planning, Data Sharing & Tracking, Training & Capacity Building, Advocacy, Implementation Coordination, Lived Experience, Quality Improvement, Research & Evaluation, Practice to Advance Equity]

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
4A.i.	# of duplicated contacts made with people who generate 311 requests related to homelessness	1,500 people	Annually
4A.ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. # of participants engaged</li> <li>b. # of participants assessed for services (e.g., public benefits, housing, etc.)</li> <li>c. # of participants receiving case management services/care coordination</li> <li>d. # housing referrals made</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 360 (90 per quarter) participants engaged</li> <li>b. 360 (90 per quarter) participants assessed for services (e.g., public benefits, housing, etc.)</li> <li>c. 360 (90 per quarter) participants receiving case management services/care coordination</li> <li>d. 120 (30 per quarter) housing referrals made</li> </ul>	Annually



## Task 4B: Eviction Prevention Program

**Task 4B Description:** The City of Santa Monica is currently contracting with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) to provide legal services to current residents to prevent eviction. LAFLA documents their services in an internal database called LegalServer. The City will also provide an Eviction Prevention flex fund for residents who are facing eviction and receiving legal services from LAFLA for short-term rental assistance, utility assistance, and problem-solving resources. LAFLA would make the request to the City to reimburse the “vendor” (i.e., cleaning company, property management company, etc.) on behalf of the client. The City will maintain records to track the utilization of funds by category.

### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents
- Supporting Activities-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)* [Supporting Activities: Regional Planning, Data Sharing & Tracking, Training & Capacity Building, Advocacy, Implementation Coordination, Lived Experience, Quality Improvement, Research & Evaluation, Practice to Advance Equity]

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
4B.i.	# of unduplicated people who receive legal services, case management, and/or other support services to prevent eviction	At least 6 unduplicated people per quarter; 25 people total	Annually

## Task 4C: Case Management/Flex Fund Program

**Task 4C Description:** During the FY 2021-23 fiscal years, the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) piloted a Community Response Unit (CRU) as a priority project to address homelessness. The CRU was a two-person “peak hour” alternative response unit for low acuity 9-1-1 calls targeting vulnerable housed and unhoused populations. It became clear there was a cohort of unstably housed older adults who were high users of the 911 system, but not connected to any services. In response, Fire began working with WISE & Healthy Aging (WISE) to provide dedicated case management services to older adults who are the highest utilizers of 9-1-1 and often housing unstable. The CRU pilot unit has since ended, but the partnership with WISE & Healthy Aging continues.

This program provides a dedicated Case Manager/Flex Fund to the Santa Monica Fire Department for low acuity 9-1-1 calls targeting housed seniors to support aging in place and prevent falling into homelessness. Clients being case managed by the contracted SMFD case manager will be able to access flex funds for short-term rental assistance, utility assistance, and problem-solving resources. WISE & Healthy Aging will document their services in their client database. The City will maintain records to track the utilization of funds by category.

### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
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	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
4C.i.	# of unduplicated people who would receive assessment, linkage to service providers, and ongoing case management, if needed	30 people	Annually

## Task 5A: Holloway Interim Housing Program

**Task 5A Description:** Local Solutions Funds will support critical activities for the successful launch and operation of the City’s Holloway Interim Housing, which is projected to open in December 2024. Activities include community engagement, liaison work with State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), liaison work with the City’s interim housing operator, studying feasibility for program enhancement opportunities that can strengthen the pipeline for people to exit street homelessness into housing like siting a homeless services access center or other brick and mortar location in city limits to serve community members experiencing homelessness.

### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
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	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
5A.i	# of people experiencing homelessness will enter interim housing program	4 people per quarter; 18 people total	Holloway program projected opening December 2024

## Task 5B: Care Team

**Task 5B Description:** The West Hollywood Care Team is a mobile behavioral health crisis responder equipped to meet people in community, businesses or their homes when experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The Care Team, expected to launch in October 2023, is integrated with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Alternative Crisis Response system and will be actively collaborating with the agency’s Field Intervention Teams. The Care Team, when not on calls for service, will conduct outreach and engagement to community members experiencing homelessness, especially individuals known to 911 responders who have chronic conditions that frequently present as emergencies. The Care Team will offer connection to West Hollywood’s rehousing services as well as regional housing resources. The funds will support the outreach and engagement services provided by the West Hollywood Care Team.

### Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
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**Supporting Activities-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)* [Supporting Activities: Regional Planning, Data Sharing & Tracking, Training & Capacity Building, Advocacy, Implementation Coordination, Lived Experience, Quality Improvement, Research & Evaluation, Practice to Advance Equity]

	<b>Key Performance Indicators/Metrics</b>	<b>Targets (Anticipated Impact)</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>5B.i.</b>	<p># of individuals connected with rehousing services and interim housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. # of participants engaged</li> <li>b. # of participants assessed for services (e.g. public benefits, housing, etc.)</li> <li>c. % of participants receiving case management services/care coordination</li> <li>d. # housing referrals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 50 (17 per quarter) participants engaged</li> <li>b. 45 (15 per quarter) of participants assessed for services (e.g. public benefits, housing, etc.)</li> <li>c. 30% (10% per quarter) of participants receiving case management services/care coordination</li> <li>d. 30 (10 per quarter) housing referrals</li> </ul>	Through June 2024

### Task 6A: Regional Behavioral Health Feasibility Implementation Plan

**Task 6A Description:** Building from the City of Santa Monica Behavioral Health Facility Feasibility Study and findings, the WSCCOG will prepare an implementation strategy plan for a regional facility in the Westside subregion. To kick-off this effort, the WSCCOG will establish an Advisory Committee comprising subject matter experts representing diverse perspectives who will provide guidance throughout the implementation and planning process. The WSCCOG staff will also draft and manage the Request for Proposal process to retain a consultant to develop an implementation strategy to identify potential and viable facility sites, conduct site analyses, explore funding for acquisition and construction, and engage with potential partners and service providers that will operate in these facilities.

**Alignment with New Framework to End Homelessness (Check all that apply)**

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
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- Supporting Activities-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)*

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Regional Planning and Implementation Coordination; Research; Advocacy

	<b>Key Performance Indicators/Metrics</b>	<b>Targets (Anticipated Impact)</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>6.A.i.</b>	<p># of cities, service providers, and funders engaged in the planning process</p> <p># of qualified proposers and responses to the RFP process</p>	<p>6 member cities; at least 2 service providers; at least 1 private and philanthropic funders</p>	<p>Through December 2025</p>

## EXHIBIT B: Statement of Work Pricing Schedule

### PRICING SCHEDULE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND (LSF)

Maximum Contract Amount Not to Exceed: **\$ TBD**.

The following shall constitute the maximum Measure H funding that Local Jurisdiction may be allocated for each Fiscal Year that this Agreement is in effect and as approved by the County Board of Supervisors (Board) annually:

- Year One: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contract amount shall not exceed **\$ TBD**.
- Year Two: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, contract amount shall not exceed **\$1,656,187**.
- Year Three: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, To Be Determined.
- Year Four: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, To Be Determined.

Any increase in funding to each Fiscal Year shall be at the County's sole discretion and implemented through a written amendment to this Agreement. All Board approved allocations in this agreement are made available throughout the term of the agreement.

REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET*		
STAFFING COSTS		
Position	FTE	Total
Project Director	0.50	\$ 15,000
Associate	0.45	\$ 13,500
Executive Director	0.25	\$ 1,500
STAFFING COSTS		\$ 30,000
OPERATIONS COSTS		
		\$ 0

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<b>REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

<b>LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS BUDGET*</b>		
<b>STAFFING COSTS</b>		
Position	FTE	Total
N/A	N/A	\$ 0
STAFFING COSTS		\$ 0
<b>PROGRAM OPERATIONS COSTS</b>		
Task 2A: Beverly Hills Permanent Supportive Housing & Motel Night Stays		\$ 373,125
Task 3A: Culver City Motel Hotel Voucher Program		\$ 373,125
Task 4A: Santa Monica Homelessness Related Response Program		\$ 223,125
Task 4B: Santa Monica Eviction Prevention Program		\$ 100,000
Task 4C: Santa Monica Case Management/Flex Fund Program		\$ 50,000
Task 5A: West Hollywood Holloway Interim Housing Program		\$ 23,125
Task 5B: West Hollywood Care Team		\$ 350,000
Task 6: Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan		\$ 133,687
OPERATIONS COSTS		\$ 1,626,187
<b>LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,626,187</b>
<b>REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION &amp; LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS GRAND TOTAL</b>		
		<b>\$ 1,656,187</b>

\*Changes within line items and/or categories require written authorization from the County Project Manager. Written authorization may be defined to include letter, email, and fax. A contract amendment is not required for changes within line items of a funding category, not to exceed the maximum contract amount.

## EXHIBIT C: Statement of Work Reporting Requirements

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### Quarterly Progress Reports, Co-Investment Reports, and Final Program Outcomes Report

The **COG** shall submit to County reports as specified below, which includes: Quarterly Progress Reports (Attachment I) and invoices describing progress made on Tasks in Exhibit A Statement of Work; an annual Co-Investment Report (Attachment II); and a Final Program Outcomes Report (Attachment III) describing the cumulative outcomes for all Tasks in Exhibit A Statement of Work.

Reporting	Due Dates										
Provide copy(ies) of any subcontracted agreements/MOU's necessary to implement the funded program in advance for County approval.	Before subcontract agreement(s)/MOU(s) execution.										
Submit monthly invoices with supporting documentation	Monthly										
Participate in regular Implementation Status meetings with CEO-HI to discuss program implementation and operations, technical assistance needed, etc.	Quarterly										
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<i>*First Quarterly Report shall be due based on the schedule above, noting that the Reporting Period will begin based on agreement execution date. All Quarterly Reports will be required throughout term of the agreement.</i>											
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All subcontracts, reports and invoices shall be submitted to the County CEO-HI. Invoices will not be paid without the associated report and must be submitted to the following:

County Project Manager: Onnie Williams III [owilliams@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:owilliams@ceo.lacounty.gov)

And copy [hiadmin@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:hiadmin@ceo.lacounty.gov)  
[HomelessInitiativeCities@lacounty.gov](mailto:HomelessInitiativeCities@lacounty.gov)





**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Determine and Adopt FY 2024-25 Member Dues

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**Recommended Action**

Adopt FY 2024-25 member dues.

**Background**

According to the [WSSCOG By-Laws](#), a “Sixty (60) days notice shall be provided to Members of the date of the meeting at which dues are to be determined for the following year”. On June 8, 2023, the WSSCOG staff proposed that the Board adjust the annual membership dues for the following year to address the impact of inflation on operational costs, ensure fair compensation to the Executive Director, and maintain a sufficient operating reserve.

***Budgetary Impact and Inflation***

The WSSCOG last revised the membership dues in FY 2016-17. Since 2016, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by approximately 29 percent from 2016 to 2023, impacting the inflation of operational costs, such as administrative expenses and personnel salaries.

**Table 1: Rate of Inflation in Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Geographic Area**

Year	Annual Average CPI
2016	240.140
2023	310.523
% Change	29%

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/california.htm>

**Table 2** shows both the historical and current annual dues per member jurisdiction, as well as two proposed options for adjusting the dues.

- **Option A:** In February 2024, the WSSCOG staff proposed Option A to adjust the FY 2024-25 dues by 15 percent, totaling \$26,450 per member jurisdiction. It is anticipated that future adjustments will be necessary in subsequent years to keep pace with the rate of inflation.
- **Option B:** In April 2024, the WSSCOG will introduce a new option to the WSSCOG Boardmembers for consideration. This option reflects an adjustment of approximately 30%, totaling \$30,000 per member, to align with the total CPI change between 2016 and 2023.

**Table 2: WSCCOG Historical and Proposed Annual Membership Dues**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Per Member</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>Annual Revenue</b>	<b>Increase in Annual Dues</b>
<b><i>Historical</i></b>					
FY 2007-08	\$15,000	\$0		\$90,000	-
FY 2008-09	\$20,000	\$5,000	33%	\$120,000	\$30,000
FY 2016-17	\$23,000	\$3,000	15%	\$138,000	\$18,000
<b><i>Proposed FY 2024-25</i></b>					
Option A	\$26,450	\$3,450	15%	\$158,700	\$20,700
Option B	\$30,000	\$7,000	30%	\$180,000	\$42,000

***Dues Structure from Other COGs***

The WSCCOG staff compiled data and relevant information from other COGs and Joint Powers Authority (JPAs) in the LA County region regarding the current dues structure (refer to [Attachment A](#)). Some COGs and JPAs, encompassing up to six (6) member cities, use a flat-rate membership fee ranging from \$25,000 to \$31,000 for all members. San Fernando Valley COG adopts distinct ranges in its dues to the member cities while extending a credit to members that offer financial support, legal assistance, and meeting space. The dues structure for other COGs and JPAs use a formula-based model determined by population size and/or assessed land value. Notably, both San Gabriel Valley COG and the South Bay Cities COG incorporate a CPI adjustment into their dues, subject to a cap and annual review.

***Executive Director Contract Services***

The WSCCOG’s current contract with Estolano Advisors to provide Executive Director Services in FY 2023-24 is \$120,000. The firm submits monthly invoices of \$10,000 to the WSCCOG for its services. This annual contract amount and invoicing arrangement has remained unchanged since FY 2016-17. **Table 3** below shows the annual contract amount for the Executive Director Services over the years. The proposed increase in membership dues aims to ensure fair compensation for the Executive Director, allowing staff to oversee the organization’s expanding scope of work, which includes the managing grants on behalf of the member cities (e.g., Measure M, Measure H, REAP, and CalTrans) and facilitating Working Groups (e.g., Transportation, Housing, and Homelessness).

**Table 3: WSCCOG Executive Director Contract Services**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Per Month</b>	<b>Annual</b>
FY 2014-15	\$12,000	\$144,000
FY 2015-16	\$15,000	\$180,000
FY 2016-17	\$10,000	\$120,000

**Attachment A** also provides insight into the Executive Director salary ranges from other COGs and JPAs. These salary ranges vary significantly, with one personnel’s salary ranging from a low of \$100,000 to a high of \$259,218. It is important to note that the WSCCOG’s current Executive Director contract includes multiple staff members.

**Maintaining a Healthy and Sufficient Operating Reserve**

The WSCCOG currently receives grants on a cost reimbursement basis from Measure M and Measure H. Increasing membership dues for the organization’s budget operating reserve will ensure that sufficient funds are readily available to pay the invoices of third-party consultants for existing and future contract services. For example, the WSCCOG currently contracts with Fehr & Peers to provide technical support for the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) project development process. It is anticipated that the WSCCOG will renew the funding agreement with Metro to request additional funding for ongoing MSP planning efforts, as well as renew the contract with Fehr & Peers. Therefore, this contract amount will increase after the funding agreement with Metro is executed. The WSCCOG staff also plans to solicit a consultant this year for the development of the WSCCOG Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan.

**Table 4: Current and Prospective Consultant Contracts**

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
Measure M MSP Project Development	Fehr & Peers	\$31,428
Subregional Behavioral Health Facility Feasibility Study	TBD	\$124,375

The WSCCOG staff recently convened with the Treasurer to evaluate the COG’s reserve policy and conduct a cash flow analysis of the current budget. The Treasurer reported that the current reserves are sufficient to cover the existing contract invoices, contingent upon timely reimbursements through grants. The WSCCOG staff will maintain ongoing collaboration with the Treasurer to establish a transparent process and policy for assessing membership dues adjustments in response to future inflation impacts, programs, and initiatives. This policy initiative aims to facilitate effective communication with member cities regarding the timing and rationale behind any potential dues increase.

**Attachment**

- A. Member Dues Structure by COG and JPA (as of March 2024)

Member Dues Structure by COG and JPA (As of March 2024)

Structure	Arroyo Verdugo Communities JPA	Gateway Cities COG	Las Virgenes-Malibu COG	North Los Angeles Transportation Coalition JPA	San Fernando Valley COG	San Gabriel Valley COG	South Bay Cities COG	Westside Cities COG
<b># of Member Agencies</b>	6 member agencies - 5 cities - County of LA	29 member agencies - 27 cities - County of LA - Port of Long Beach	5 member agencies - 5 cities	4 member agencies - 3 cities - County of LA	6 member agencies - 5 cities - County of LA	33 member agencies	17 member cities	6 member agencies - 5 cities - County of LA
<b>Dues Formula</b>	Dues are based on a formula that considers population, land area and assessed land value	Member dues are calculated based on population	Flat rate for all members	Flat rate for all members	Dues vary. Members receive a credit for providing financial, legal, and space support	Dues Formula = [\$5,000 base fee + \$.32 per capita] x Annual CPI Adjustment (with a cap on CPI and fee based on annual review)	Dues include a special assessment fee based on 3 categories of population size - under 30,000; 30-75,000; and over 75,000. An automatic CPI increase is also added to the dues, not to exceed 5%.	Flat rate for all members
<b>Member Dues by Member</b>	Ranging from a high of \$16,000 to a low of \$6,000	Ranging from a high of \$73,500 to a low of \$13,650.	\$25,000 per member	\$31,000 per member	\$35,000 each for the County and City of LA; \$12,500 each for all other cities	Ranging from a high of \$40,233 to a low of \$6,942	Ranging from a high of \$47,311 to a low of \$6,207	\$23,000 per member
<b>Total Member Dues (FY 23-24)</b>	\$62,906	\$1,274,733	\$125,000	\$124,000	\$120,000	\$876,960	\$431,063	\$120,000
<b>Executive Director Salary (FY 23-24)</b>	Reimbursement: \$48,805 to City of Pasadena for staff services (Executive Director, Board Clerk, Treasurer)	Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$125,000	Salary: \$178,000	Information not available	Contract: \$100,000	Salary Range: \$188,518 - \$259,218	Salary Range: \$175,000 - \$210,000	Contract: \$120,000 (including staff)
<b>Program / Initiatives</b>	Transportation only	Transportation; Climate and Air Quality; Housing and Homelessness; Economic Development	Transportation; Homelessness	Transportation only	Transportation	Transportation; Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources; Homelessness; Housing	Transportation & Land Use; Climate Action & Adaptation; Technology; Social Welfare, Equity, Access;	Transportation; Homelessness; Housing

Structure	Arroyo Verdugo Communities JPA	Gateway Cities COG	Las Virgenes-Malibu COG	North Los Angeles Transportation Coalition JPA	San Fernando Valley COG	San Gabriel Valley COG	South Bay Cities COG	Westside Cities COG
<b>Member Agencies</b>	Cities: Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena  County of LA	Cities: Artesia, Avalon, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, Industry, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier  County of LA  Port of Long Beach	Cities: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village	Cities: Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita  County of LA	Cities: Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles, San Fernando, Santa Clarita  County of LA	Cities: Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Canada, Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina  County of LA,  Municipal Water Districts: San Gabriel Valley, Three Valleys	Cities: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance  County of LA	Cities: Beverly Hills, Culver City, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, West Hollywood  County of LA

Prepared March 2024



**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

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### **WSSCOG Working Group Updates**

The WSSCOG staff convened the Transportation Working Group in February and March and the Homelessness Working Group in March. Refer to [Attachment A](#) and [Attachment B](#) for the agenda items discussed in the meetings.

### **REAP 2.0 Update**

On March 7, 2024, the WSSCOG staff submitted a letter to the state legislature advocating for the protection of dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding in the FY 2024-25 State Budget (refer to [Attachment C](#)). For SCAG's advocacy updates on REAP 2.0 and other pertinent updates from the agency, refer to [Attachment D](#).

### **Countywide Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee (IBCC)**

The County is extending an invitation to all cities to join the Countywide Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee (IBCC). This committee serves as a regional collective body and standing committee of multidisciplinary stakeholder organizations and community members collaborating to pursue, secure, and implement Federal and State grant program funding to address the digital divide in all of Los Angeles County and in their respective cities/communities through County-led intergovernmental and cross-sector regional coordination. Key Federal and State Digital Equity Grant Program funding opportunities includes:

- [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](#)
- [State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program](#)
- [Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program](#)

The IBCC uplifts a unified regional voice and a shared responsibility for action to advance digital equity and inclusion by providing ongoing resources and support for its members including but not limited to aligning efforts to coordinate and merge Federal and State grant funding opportunities, information and knowledge sharing, networking, technical assistance, and training opportunities. Official kickoff IBCC convenings and meetings will begin in April 2024. The IBCC Steering Committee and Working Group meetings will begin in May 2023. For more information and to join the IBCC, please refer to [Attachment E](#) and/or contact the County's Director of Digital Equity Rebecca Kauma at [rkauma@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:rkauma@isd.lacounty.gov).

## **WSCCOG Regional Behavioral Health Facility Implementation Plan Update**

Over recent months, the WSCCOG staff has been collaborating with the City of Santa Monica on their behavioral health facility feasibility study, currently in draft stage. The City shared insights and lessons learned from the study that will inform the next steps for an implementation plan for the Westside subregion. While existing outreach services are in place to respond to behavioral health crises, there is a significant need for facilities offering crisis stabilization beds, critical care, and treatment. The WSCCOG will leverage the groundwork established by Santa Monica's feasibility study to identify potential and viable facility sites, conduct comprehensive site analyses, explore funding opportunities for acquisition and construction, and engage with potential partners and service providers that will operate in these facilities. To initiate subregional efforts, the WSCCOG staff will facilitate discussions with the Homelessness Working Group, City Managers, and the WSCCOG Board to establish an Advisory Committee comprising subject matter experts representing diverse perspectives. This Advisory Committee will also provide guidance on the WSCCOG's request for proposal for a consultant to develop the implementation plan, and will provide ongoing advice to the WSCCOG and Board throughout the planning process. Additionally, the WSCCOG staff is actively pursuing grant opportunities to supplement the County Local Solutions Fund (LSF) currently allocated for this effort. This includes crafting a proposal to the Hilton Foundation to support and sustain the Advisory Committee's activities beyond the LSF grant period. Securing additional funding will not only provide financial support for ongoing engagement efforts, but also offer an opportunity to foster collaboration among stakeholders who may not typically engage with one another. It is also important to establish a transparent decision-making process for implementing our strategy. The Advisory Committee will play a role in this effort, providing recommendations and proposals to guide the WSCCOG's actions.

## WSSCOG Transportation Working Group

### Agenda for Tuesday, February 27, 2024

1. Olympics Games Route Network (GRN) (20 min)
  - a. Guest - Kasey Shuda, Metro
  - b. Questions
    - i. Weekly timeline (which months/weeks in 2028 would the GRN be in place?)
    - ii. Daily operations (would the GRN be in place 24/7 during that time?)
    - iii. City approvals (have the City of LA and/or other cities committed to implementing the GRN?)
    - iv. GRN and public transit (how might Metro and/or municipal operators use the GRN?)
2. Metro Student GoPass Program (5 min)
  - a. Coalition Letter for Permanent Program
3. MSP Annual Update (15 min)
  - a. Guests - John Muggridge and Dongyang Lin, Fehr and Peers
  - b. MSP Allocation by Jurisdiction Service Population
4. Bus Infrastructure (15 min)
  - a. Cost Estimates and Major Needs
  - b. Grant Opportunities

### Agenda for Tuesday, March 26, 2024

1. Metro D Line Construction Update (10 min)
  - a. Guests - Marlon Walker, Metro
2. Bus Infrastructure Planning (20 min)
  - a. Guests - Dongyang Lin and Chelsea Richer, Fehr and Peers
  - b. Updated Grant Opportunities
  - c. Updated Priority Corridors and Cost Estimates
3. MSP Allocation by Jurisdiction (10 min)
  - a. Allocation Spreadsheet
4. Metro/LA28 Olympics Planning (5 min)
  - a. February TWG Slideshow
  - b. Metro Transit Coalition Grant
  - c. Olympics Venue Cities Meeting
5. Metro Westside/Central Service Council (5 min)
6. Metro Student GoPass Program (5 min)



## WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

### Agenda for Wednesday, March 27, 2024

1. LAHSA Master Leasing Presentation and Flyer
  - a. Presentation
  - b. (Video starting at the 32:02 mark): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfQTTmKMzQ8>
2. Local Solutions Fund
  - a. WSCCOG Feb Board Meeting recap on funding distribution
  - b. Draft Statement of Work
  - c. Next Steps
3. Regional Behavioral Health Facility
  - a. Pitch to Hilton Foundation to fund advisory committee
  - b. Next Steps
4. Other Updates
  - a. Round robin from other cities



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
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The Honorable Robert Rivas  
Speaker California State Assembly  
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The Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal  
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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel  
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**RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Program Funding**

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

I am writing on behalf of Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) in Los Angeles County to urge the Legislature to protect the investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) program during your deliberations on the FY 2024-25 State Budget. While we recognize the budget challenge that the Legislature now faces, it is important that we protect the REAP 2.0 program to meet our region's ambitious climate, housing, and mobility goals.

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's climate and housing initiatives by fostering partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS), as required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Governor's proposed \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funds in his January budget is detrimental to the WSCCOG, as well as other neighboring cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.



The REAP funds would provide the WSCCOG with \$330,355 to establish a Regional Housing Trust, as well as support our member cities with technical assistance support to implement their housing elements. This fund is critical to our subregion as the State Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) identified the need to produce 9,621 units of affordable housing in our subregion by 2031. A Regional Housing Trust would position our cities competitively to secure matching funds to provide gap financing to accelerate the development of affordable housing projects in our subregion.

These projects play a critical role in increasing the housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region, such as the Regional Housing Trust. REAP 2.0 aims to dismantle systemic barriers that hinder developers from building housing units where they are most needed and planned. Any reduction or delay in funding would jeopardize the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on our subregion and the rest of the cities and counties across Southern California.

We respectfully urge you to reject the Governor's proposal to reduce any REAP 2.0 funding and protect this crucial program. Thank you for considering WSCCOG's perspective on REAP 2.0. Please contact the WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia V. Estolano with any questions about this letter by email at [cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Göran Eriksson", is written over a horizontal line.

Council Member Göran Eriksson  
Chair, Westside Cities Council of Governments

CC:  
Honorable Board Members of Westside Cities Council of Governments  
Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director  
Cecilia V. Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director



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## Highlights from the March 4th, 2023 SCAG Regional Council Meeting

### ACTION

#### SCAG JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 FOR APPROVAL

On March 7, SCAG’s Joint Policy Committee recommended the proposed final [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), including the associated proposed final transportation conformity analysis and the Connect SoCal 2024 proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), to the Regional Council for approval and certification.

This decision followed a staff presentation summarizing comments from the public review periods. During public review, SCAG hosted 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings on the draft RTP/SCS, receiving 53 comment letters on the draft RTP/SCS and 33 comment letters on the Draft PEIR. A direct response to each RTP/SCS comment will be included in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024" Public Participation & Consultation Technical Report." Response to PEIR comments will be included in the proposed Final PEIR.

The Regional Council will consider certification of the Final PEIR and adoption of the final RTP/SCS, including the associated final transportation conformity analysis, in April 2024.

### ACTION

#### REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

On March 7, SCAG’s Regional Council moved to approve SCAG’s Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, including the [Draft Overall Work Program \(OWP\)](#). SCAG’s multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on the agency's vision for improving the organization and its operations, provides the framework for the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

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#### REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

- President  
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- First Vice President  
**Curt Hagman, County of San Bernardino**
- Second Vice President  
**Cindy Allen, Long Beach**
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- Community, Economic & Human Development  
**Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos**
- Energy & Environment  
**Deborah Robertson, Rialto**
- Transportation  
**Tim Sandoval, Pomona**

The Regional Council also authorized the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a 30-day public review period from March 7 to April 8. Comments may be submitted by completing the [comment form](#) or emailing [nguyenk@scag.ca.gov](mailto:nguyenk@scag.ca.gov).

At the close of the public comment period, the FY 2024-25 Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 2. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will also be submitted to the General Assembly for approval in May.

## News from the President

### RESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES DISCUSSION: GOODS MOVEMENT

The March 7 Regional Council meeting featured a panel discussion on key issues and opportunities for goods movement in Southern California. Participants included Lena Kent, general director of public affairs for BNSF Railway; Ross Lane, government affairs leader for the Arizona & California Railroad Company; Salim Youssefzadeh, chief executive officer for WattEV; and Stephane Fosso, director, fleet technology and electrification for Sysco Corporation. Video of the panel discussion will be available on the [Regional Council video archive](#).



### SCAG MOBILE WORKSHOP TOURS ESRI AND METROLINK ARROW SERVICE

SCAG Regional Council President Art Brown led a delegation for a tour in Redlands on March 1. Immediate Past President Jan Harnik and Regional Council members Damon Alexander, Clint Lorimore, Marisela Nava and Frank Yokoyama, as well as policy member Daniel Ramos, joined the delegation.

The tour kicked off at the Esri headquarters with an introduction by chief executive officer and founder Jack Dangermond. Esri is the global market leader in geographic

information system (GIS) software, location intelligence and mapping, and is a partner in [SCAG's Regional Data Platform](#).

The mobile workshop concluded with a stop at the Metrolink Arrow Service Downtown Station, where the delegation learned about the new Arrow passenger rail service, its impact on the region and how it models the future of zero-emissions rail in the United States.

## **News from the Executive Director**

### **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S 2019 CONTINGENCY MEASURE PLAN**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is required to take action by July 1 on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 federal ozone standard.

The U.S. EPA published a notice of proposed disapproval of the air plan on Feb. 2, which will set in motion a 24-month highway sanction clock for SCAQMD to address underlying issues in the plan. If the issue is not addressed within the 24-month period, highway sanctions and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, impacting the ability of nonexempt highway capacity projects in the region to receive federal approval or funding. SCAG and county transportation commissions are preparing a letter outlining significant implications of the disapproval and recommending that U.S. EPA consider full approval, conditional approval or partial approval of the plan.

U.S. EPA and SCAQMD representatives have been asked to provide a status report on the proposed disapproval at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings. SCAG will continue to evaluate potential impacts of highway sanctions.

### **REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM OF 2021 ADVOCACY UPDATES**

Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed budget announced on Jan. 16 includes \$300 million in cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) that will result in approximately \$123 million in cuts from [SCAG's \\$246 million REAP 2.0 program](#).

SCAG issued a hold on sub-allocation projects while working to assess impacts of the proposed cuts. Given the delays and impact caused by the proposed budget, adjustments will need to be made to SCAG's REAP 2.0 program. SCAG staff plans to bring an informational item to the Executive/Administration Committee in April to discuss priorities and processes for reshaping the program.

In the meantime, SCAG encouraged Gov. Newsom to reconsider these cuts and submitted an official letter to state legislators and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. SCAG will continue to advocate to preserve REAP 2.0 at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Sacramento and during the state budget process. SCAG has also prepared a [grantee toolkit](#), with template letters and other shareable information, for partners to assist in this advocacy.

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



[Early bird registration is open](#) for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 2-3. Don't miss this event, which brings together elected officials and policymakers, as well as business, community and civic leaders from across Southern California to collaborate on the future of mobility, communities, the environment and the economy.

Early bird registration saves \$150 on the price of admission. [Register online](#) before March 29 to lock in the savings. Hotel rooms at conference rates are also available on a limited basis. Rooms can be booked directly from the registration page.

For additional details about the event, visit the [2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly website](#).

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **MARCH**

- 1<sup>th</sup> Regional Council Election for District #66
- 12<sup>th</sup> Safe and Active Streets Working Group
- 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nominating Committee
- 21<sup>st</sup> Technical Working Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> Toolbox Tuesday
- 26<sup>th</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 27<sup>th</sup> Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
- 27<sup>th</sup> Modeling Task Force

### **APRIL**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive/Administration Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Transportation Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Energy and Environment Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Council
- 15<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Committee
- 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 16<sup>th</sup> Housing Working Group
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group



# County of Los Angeles Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee (IBCC) 6-Page Fact Sheet

## Context



The IBCC is a regional collective body and standing committee of multidisciplinary stakeholder organizations and community members collaborating to pursue, secure, and implement Federal and State grant program funding to address the digital divide in all of Los Angeles County through County-led intergovernmental and cross-sector regional coordination

## Purpose



The IBCC uplifts a unified regional voice and a shared responsibility for action to advance digital equity and inclusion by providing ongoing resources and support for its members including but not limited to aligning efforts to coordinate and merge Federal and State grant funding opportunities, information and knowledge sharing, networking, technical assistance, and training opportunities

## Definitions & Shared Language

**Digital Divide:** The gap between communities that have affordable access, skills, and support to effectively engage online and communities that do not

**Digital Equity:** Everyone has the information technology capacity needed for full participation in society, democracy, and the economy

**Digital Inclusion:** The activities necessary to ensure that everyone has access to and use of digital resources and services

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## Domains & Focus Areas

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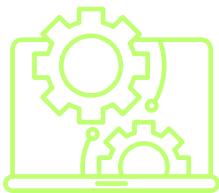
Affordable, reliable broadband internet infrastructure deployment and services



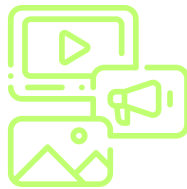
Internet-enabled devices that meet the needs of the community



Multilingual and culturally relevant digital skills training and digital navigation support



Quality hardware and software technical support



Online applications and content



Accurate, reliable, and transparent broadband internet and digital equity data and maps

## Duties & Scope of Work

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- Provide digital equity strategic planning and implementation
- Provide digital equity Federal and State grant funding and grant-making
- Provide digital equity grant applications collaboration and strategic partnerships
- Provide digital equity resource mapping
- Provide digital equity advocacy, awareness, and education

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## Key Activities & Strategies for Implementation

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- Collaborate on Federal and State grant funding opportunities
- Secure Federal and State grant funding through collaboration and partnerships
- Coordinate regional digital equity activities
- Ease Federal and State grant administrative burdens and support organizational capacity building
- Provide technical assistance and support on Federal and State grant funding opportunities

## Approach & Framework

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### The Collaboration Spectrum



Increases the intensity of collaboration across stakeholder organizations with the outcome of fully integrating all planning, activities, and funding

### The Collective Impact Model

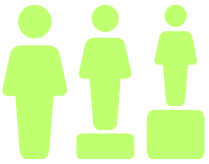


Brings stakeholder organizations and the community together long-term in a structured way by learning and improving collaboration, aligning activities, and integrating their actions to achieve large-scale population and systems-level change

## Approach & Framework Continued

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### Equity Lens



Steps taken to ensure inclusivity, intentionality, and thoughtfulness to improve community outcomes in all decision-making activities including budgets, policies, practices, and programs

### Racial Equity Tool



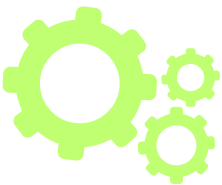
Leads explicitly but not exclusively with race by operationalizing racial equity in all decision-making activities including budgets, policies, practices, and programs

### The Spectrum for Community Engagement



Strengthens and transforms relationships with communities and stakeholder organizations by uplifting the community's lived experiences, expertise, and wisdom through increased voice, power, and ownership in decision-making processes

### Systems Change



Shifting the conditions that are holding the problem in place

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## Convenings

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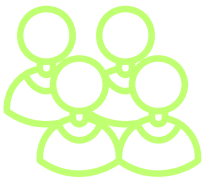
### Working Groups



Members of the Working Groups represent a small action group with similar interests including stakeholder organizations and community members where they work collaboratively on specific Federal and State grant program projects, strategies, and tasks within a given timeframe

Members of the Working Groups receive technical assistance to help pursue, secure, and implement Federal and State grant program funding opportunities

### Steering Committee



Members of the Steering Committee represent a small diverse group of stakeholder organizations and community members who serve as the advisory leadership team by providing strategic guidance, leadership, and oversight to help align and champion IBCC activities with community-centered efforts

Members of the Steering Committee co-create the IBCC's strategic planning framework and co-share their respective Working Group's key activities, tasks, and updates

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## Convenings Continued

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### General Membership

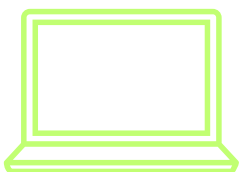


Members of the General Membership represent all members who participate in training opportunities to build a strong stakeholder organization network, shared resources, strengthened grant programming, and elevated skills needed for effective development, implementation, and management of Federal and State grant program opportunities

### For More Information, Please Contact

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**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Updates

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### **LA 2028 Games Update**

In February, Metro staff presented additional details on transportation plans for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA28) to WSCCOG Transportation Working Group. Four Games venues are located within the WSCCOG boundary, including:

1. Santa Monica Beach
2. Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades
3. Pauley Pavilion on the UCLA campus
4. Athletes' Village on the UCLA campus.

Metro staff clarified that the City of Los Angeles is committing to bus-only lanes for the "Games Route Network" (GRN) in their bid for LA28. Per the LA28 bid, the GRN must enable LA28 athletes, organizers, media, and other members of the "games family" to travel between venues within specific amounts of time. Therefore, LA28 cannot commit to GRN access for public transit buses (e.g., Metro, Culver City Bus, Big Blue Bus) before finalizing venue and GRN operational plans. Metro expects LA28 to identify GRN corridors, refine GRN plans, and implement GRN pilot projects between 2025 and 2027.

In March, Metro submitted an application for a 2024 US Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) alongside Metrolink, the Orange County Transportation Coalition, and other regional partners as the Metro Transit Coalition. The CPRG would fund several WSCCOG priority projects, including bus enhancements along La Brea Ave, La Cienega Blvd, Santa Monica Blvd, Wilshire Blvd, and Venice Blvd. In addition, the CPRG would fund electrification of the Metro Division 7 bus facility in West Hollywood (refer to [Attachment A](#)). After sharing the proposal with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group, WSCCOG staff provided a letter of support for the Metro Transit Coalition CPRG application (refer to [Attachment B](#)).

### **Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) and Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Update on Bus Priority Corridors**

The WSCCOG staff and Fehr and Peers facilitated discussions with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group in February and March regarding bus priority corridors and other potential candidates for the WSCCOG MSP and SEP funding. WSCCOG and jurisdiction staff identified various opportunities and constraints within each of the following five priority corridors:

1. La Cienega/Jefferson Blvd
2. Lincoln Blvd
3. Olympic Blvd
4. Santa Monica Blvd
5. Sepulveda Blvd

During this Meeting, Fehr and Peers also presented various potential grant opportunities to leverage MSP and SEP funds into larger bus priority investments. WSCCOG staff will explore, and consider applying for, grant opportunities such as the California State Transportation Agency Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and the US Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program. In June, the WSCCOG staff will return to the Board with recommendations for MSP, and potential SEP, programming of funds as part of the MSP Annual Update cycle.



# EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond



March 7, 2024



**Metro**

Item 5 - Attachment A

**Jacobs**

# EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

- **Program Purpose**

- Implement GHG reduction programs, policies, projects, and measures identified in a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) developed under a CPRG planning grant.

- **Eligible Applicants**

- Lead organizations that were direct recipients of CPRG planning grants and other state, municipal, tribal, and territorial entities that seek to implement GHG reduction measures included in an applicable PCAP developed under a CPRG planning grant.

- **Eligible Transportation Facilities Projects**

- Measures identified in a PCAP developed with funding from a CPRG planning grant.



**NOFO**  
Available Now



**Deadline**  
April 1



**Total Available Funding (FY23)**  
\$4.3B



**Grant Award Size**  
\$2M min  
\$500M max



**Cost Share**  
None



**Application Requirements**  
25-page narrative workplan  
10-page budget narrative

# CPRG Transportation Eligible Projects

- Programs to increase the share of electric vehicles, and to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Electrification requirements for fleets
- Transportation pricing programs that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), such as parking pricing and congestion and road pricing
- Policies to support transportation management incentive programs to reduce vehicle trips or travel and expand transit use, such as van-pool programs, ridesharing, transit fare subsidies, and bicycle facilities
- New or expanded transportation infrastructure projects to facilitate public transit, micro-mobility, car sharing, bicycle, and pedestrian modes
- Incentive programs to purchase ZEVs and equipment to replace older heavy-duty diesel vehicles and equipment
- Programs to increase efficiency and reduce GHG emissions at ports and freight terminals, such as vehicle or equipment idle reduction, vessel-speed reduction, equipment electrification, and shore power
- Update building and zoning codes to encourage walkable, bikeable, and TOD
- Encourage mode shift from private vehicles to walking, biking, and public transportation (e.g., complete streets, bike share programs, bike storage facilities, low-speed electric bicycle subsidies, public transit subsidies)

# Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) + CPRG

- The coalition is addressing three (3) Transportation Measures and Strategies under the PCAP to reduce GHGs and toxic air pollution through new technologies, cleaner vehicles, and solutions that will encourage public transportation, walking, biking, rolling, and other alternatives to on-road vehicle trips.
- We have a historic opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction through Regional Transportation Measures identified for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Los Angeles and the Greater LA Basin.
- The **Metro Transit Coalition** has a goal of expanding mobility, increasing access to opportunities, advancing environmental stewardship, and prioritizing equity.

**96%** of the region's **38.9 million metric tons** of transportation sector CO2 emissions are related to emissions from on-road vehicles<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> March 2024 PCAP for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim California Metropolitan Statistical Area

# Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) + CPRG

## ■ Measure T2: Decarbonize Passenger Transport

- Increasing the ZEV market share for on-road passenger vehicles passenger buses, including school buses. Addresses GHG emissions from on-road light-duty vehicles and buses.
- Replace fossil fuel-powered buses with ZEV and install necessary EV infrastructure

## ■ Measure T5: Expand the Active Transportation Network

- Expand active transportation infrastructure and vehicles, including bicycle and pedestrian networks and micro-mobility options (e.g., e-bikes, scooters, etc.), to encourage and support zero-carbon transportation options.
- Enhance pedestrian infrastructure in areas of development that support active transportation by expanding sidewalks and protected multi-use trails.
- Improve the connectivity of the bicycle network by expanding bicycle facilities and infrastructure.

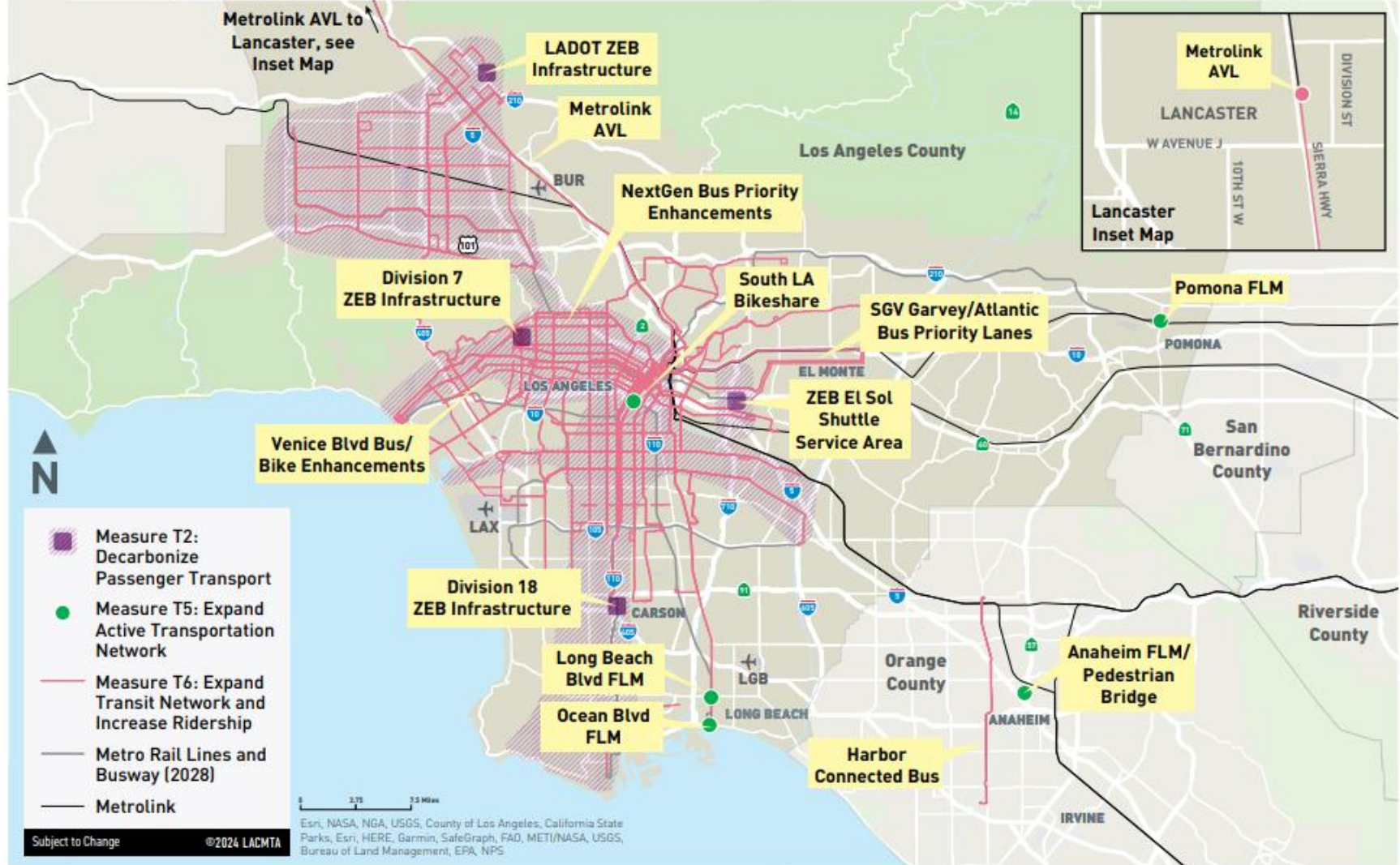
## ■ Measure T6: Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership

- Expand transit services, infrastructure, and accessibility to reach the majority of residents and workers.
- Expand transit coverage by incorporating new ZEV buses and increasing the service and frequency of bus and rail systems.

# CPRG Projects

- **Measure T2:**
  - Metro Division 7 and 18 ZEB Charging Infrastructure
  - LACPW El Sol ZEB Shuttle
  - LADOT Sylmar Bus Yard Charging Infrastructure
- **Measure T5:**
  - MCP Mobility Hub
  - 3 MCP First/Last Mile projects
  - Anaheim FLM/ped bridge
- **Measure T6:**
  - MCP transit-only lanes
  - Metrolink Antelope Valley Line (AVL) improvements
  - OCTA Harbor Blvd Connected Bus
  - LADOT NextGen for ATSAC

## PROPOSED PROJECT



FLM = first/last mile  
ZEB = zero-emission buses  
AVL = Antelope Valley Line  
SGV = San Gabriel Valley

# Outreach Letters of Support

## ▪ Letters of Intent (LOI)

- Coalition Partners (Metro, Metrolink, OCTA, Anaheim, LA County Public Works)
- Confirms intent to sign MOA by July 1, 2024
- Identify lead contact from your Agency for outreach coordination

## ▪ Letters of Commitment (LOC)

- Project partners: cities or transit agencies that will design/implement work

## ▪ Letters of Support (LOS)

- Letters of support from local stakeholders/organizations

## ▪ Outreach Package

- LOI, LOC, and LOS templates
- Factsheet and PPT for Sharing
- Deadline 3/26 for Letters

**Thank you**





March 26, 2024

Metro Transit Coalition  
One Gateway Plaza, 24th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952  
Ernesto Chaves, Senior Executive Officer, Office of Strategic Innovation

**Re: Letter of Support for the Metro Transit Coalition Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program Application**

Dear Mr. Chaves:

On behalf of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), we write to support the ***Metro Transit Coalition*** in their application for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: Implementation Grants General Competition for the application entitled "Metro Transit Coalition to Reduce Climate Pollution for the 2028 Olympics and Beyond."

With this opportunity to demonstrate the region's commitment to transportation sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction at the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we can show achievable progress towards a 100% zero-emission fleet. We would also showcase how choosing public transit, walking, and rolling can significantly reduce GHG emissions in the near-term and long-term.

The ***Metro Transit Coalition*** aims to expand mobility, increase access to opportunities, advance environmental stewardship, and prioritize equity. We understand reductions in fine particulate matter directly equate to greater health benefits, including lowering new-onset asthma in children, as well as substantial reductions in heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes. Together, we are committed to bettering the overall health of our communities.

Addressing our regions' Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Transportation Measures, we believe that the CPRG Program Application will thoughtfully and strategically combat climate change and reduce our region's carbon footprint by expanding investments in transit and active transportation. We commit to supporting the three transportation measures in the PCAP: T2: Decarbonize Passenger Transport; T5: Expand the Active Transportation Network; and T6: Expand the Transit Network and Increase Ridership.

The Metro Transit Coalition CPRG application also prioritizes several projects that the WSCCOG has identified in subregional planning documents, including the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study and 2021 Unfunded Strategic Project List. These projects include bus priority enhancements along NextGen corridors La Brea Ave, La Cienega Blvd, Santa Monica Blvd, Wilshire Blvd, and Venice Blvd. CPRG-funded improvements along these corridors would increase bus speeds and enhance accessibility along several of Southern California's busiest surface streets.

The WSCCOG strongly supports the Metro Transit Coalition's CPRG Program Application to advance our environmental priorities to address GHG emission reductions and health-related benefits to our communities. We appreciate and look forward to the EPA's consideration of this regionally meaningful project.

Sincerely,

Winnie Fong  
Project Director  
Westside Cities Council of Governments



**TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES**  
**RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 4/11/2024 MEETING (AS PREPARED APRIL 3)**

### DIVISION LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

**Legislature:** As Cal Cities works to provide our members with information on legislation, our efforts have been slowed by a flurry of bills being gut-and-amended in the last couple weeks as legislators try to advance their bill ideas. This rush of activity is the result of upcoming twin deadlines for fiscal and non-fiscal bills to pass out of policy committees in their first house by April 26 and May 3 respectively. Following these deadlines, the legislature will focus on Floor votes to advance bills to the second house by May 24. They will then turn their attention to budget hearings to resolve the projected \$39-68 billion deficit in order to pass a budget by June 15.

#### **Last month the Division Board received updates from 2 Legislators:**

- **Assembly Member Zbur, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft.** The Assembly Member provided the Division's Board with information on the goal of the committee to introduce a package of legislation to curtail retail theft crime by addressing aggregation, increasing law enforcement tools and increasing penalties for operations to sell stolen products online.
- **Assemblymember Tina McKinnor newly appointed Chair of the Legislature's Los Angeles County Delegation.** We heard about her priorities for the delegation and her invitation to work with cities going forward.

#### **The Division took action on several pieces of legislation and regulatory matters:**

- **Developed a Working Group to develop legislative principles on Organized Retail Theft and Fentanyl.**
- **Support AB 761 (Friedman)** to match the terms of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD's) and federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans for zero-emission transit projects in Los Angeles County. This will help relieve stress on city General Fund budgets for the lifetime loans connected to transit-oriented developments. [Division Letter](#)
- **Oppose AT&T's application to remove its designation as a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR)** without an equivalently reliable copper wire replacement or carrier. [Division Letter](#)
- **Oppose HR 6859 (Kamlager Dove)** which circumvents the current Tribal Government Federal Recognition process, bypassing requirements for the review of impacts to local governments and eliminating opportunities for local jurisdictions to provide comments on any positive or negative impacts to their communities. [Division Letter](#)

### CAL CITIES SPONSORS 12 BILLS IN 2024

Cal Cities is proactively working with lawmakers on a series of bills that advance cities' interests. The sponsored measures focus on wildfire preparedness, addiction treatment, emergency medical services, autonomous vehicle services, the Brown Act, and unfunded state mandates.

- [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#): This bill would make it easier for cities to remove vegetation in fire-risk areas next to urban communities by expediting environmental permits.
- [SB 972 \(Min\)](#): This bill would support local jurisdictions by further defining the state's existing assistance efforts in reducing organic waste from landfills to reduce methane emissions.

- Recovery Housing:
  - [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#): This bill would require licensed sober living treatment facilities to publicly disclose any violations by the facility or program on their website.
  - [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#): This bill would codify existing case law from 2019, which determined that unlicensed recovery homes operating as part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere may be considered unlawful business use within a residential zone.
  - [SB 913 \(Umberg\)](#) & [AB 2121](#) (Dixon): The language for these two proposals will be amended into these existing bills to address overconcentration of recovery homes in certain areas, as well as the misuse of residential homes by profit-driven treatment centers.
- [AB 1168 \(Bennett\)](#): This bill would clarify that a city or fire district has authority over emergency ambulance services even if it enters into an agreement with a county for the joint exercise of powers for emergency ambulance services.
- [SB 916 \(Cortese\)](#): The bill would allow local officials to determine how and when autonomous vehicle services should be deployed in their communities, not the state.
- [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#): This bill would allow members of local non-decision making legislative bodies to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into a private location — just like members of state advisory bodies.
- [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#): This bill would help ensure that a state-mandated ethics course remains available online for local officials by requiring the FPPC to provide this resource.
- [ACR 137 \(Pacheco\)](#): This resolution would proclaim April 14-20 as Cities Week and encourage all Californians to get involved in their communities and engage with their local government. Cal Cities is sponsoring the resolution, which would coincide with this year's [City Leaders Summit](#).

### ADDITIONAL PRIORITY LEGISLATION

You can find a complete list of Cal Cities priority legislation [HERE](#)

#### **Housing**

##### Development Fees

- [AB 1820](#) (Schiavo) Housing Development Projects: Applications. Fees And Exactions. This measure would require local agencies to provide an estimate of all taxes and fees within 10 business days of a request from a project applicant during the preliminary application process.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending **\*HOT\***

##### Housing Element

- [AB 1886](#) (Alvarez) Housing Element Law: Substantial Compliance: Housing Accountability Act. This measure would allow the Builder's Remedy to begin as soon as the Department of Housing and Community Development or a court determines a jurisdiction's housing element is out of compliance.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1893](#) (Wicks) Housing Accountability Act: Housing Disapprovals: Required Local Findings.

This measure would allow the Builder's Remedy apply if the Department of Housing and Community Development determines that a local jurisdiction is not in compliance with Housing Element Law and a proposed development project provides a minimum of 10% of the units for low-income or very low-income residents. This measure would limit the Builder's Remedy only to areas zoned for residential and mixed-use development and caps maximum density.

Cal Cities Position: Pending **\*HOT\***

## **Public Safety**

### Retail Theft

- [SB 982](#) (Wahab) Crimes: Organized Theft.  
This measure permanently repeals the sunset date on the organized retail theft statute which is currently January 1, 2026.  
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [AB 1779](#) (Irwin) Theft: Jurisdiction.  
This measure would no longer limit jurisdictional rules for specified theft crimes to criminal action brought by the Attorney General.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1990](#) (Carrillo) Criminal Procedure. Shoplifting  
This bill would authorize a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest for a misdemeanor shoplifting offense not committed in the officer's presence if the officer has probable cause to believe that person has committed shoplifting.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 1242](#) (McGuire) Community Correctional Facilities.  
This measure is a spot bill that is expected to be amended to address penalties for criminals who start fires in order to engage in retail theft.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 1416](#) (Newman) Retail Theft.  
This measure increases penalties on professional organized retail theft for large-scale resale schemes.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1960](#) (Soria) Sentencing Enhancements: Property Loss.  
This measure would create sentencing enhancements for taking, damaging, or destroying property in the commission or attempted commission of a felony.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [AB 1772](#) (Ramos) Theft.  
This measure would make changes to Proposition 47 including reinstating felony theft with a prior conviction.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending
- [SB 923](#) (Archuleta) Theft  
This bill would require a person convicted of petty theft or shoplifting, if the person has 2 or more prior convictions for specified theft-related offenses, to be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years, and would make conforming changes. This would require the voters approve changes to Prop 47.

## **Rev & Tax**

### Property Taxes

- [AB 2564](#) (Boerner) Property Tax Postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.  
This measure would reinstate General Fund support for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program.  
Cal Cities Position: Support
- [SB 1164](#) (Newman) Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion: Accessory Dwelling Units.  
This measure would exempt new ADU construction from property tax assessment for 15 years from the date of completion or until the property is sold.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending **\*HOT\***
- [SB 1494](#) (Glazer) Local Agencies: Sales and Use Tax: Retailers.  
This measure, as of January 1, 2024, would prohibit a city from entering a sales tax rebate agreement with a retailer. As of January 1, 2030, this measure would make all existing sales tax rebate agreements void and unenforceable.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending **\*HOT\***
- [AB 2854](#) (Irwin) Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law.  
This measure is a spot bill dealing with the Bradley-Burns local sales and use tax.  
Cal Cities Position: Pending **\*HOT\***

#### Gap Funding

- [SB 955](#) (Seyarto) Office of Planning and Research: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program.  
This measure, upon appropriation, would establish the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program at the Office of Planning and Research to provide grants to assist cities and counties with infrastructure projects.  
Cal Cities Position: Support

### MOUNTAIN HOUSE – CALIFORNIA’S NEWEST CITY

Residents in a community located in San Joaquin County have voted overwhelmingly to incorporate as California’s first new city in over a decade and brings the total number of cities in the state to 483. The community, located about an hour east of San Francisco and near the city of Tracy, was first settled about 30 years ago and the population has since exploded to about 27,000 residents. The [Mountain House Community Service District](#) staff will work to shift to a city government over the next three months with the first ever Mountain House city council scheduled to be sworn in on July 1.

### NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

[April 17 - 19: City Leaders Summit – Registration Now Open! \(Sacramento\)](#)

[May 8 - 10: City Attorneys Spring Conference -- Save the date! \(Rancho Mirage\)](#)

[May 31: Los Angeles County CitiPAC Fundraiser \(Magic Castle, Hollywood Los Angeles\)](#)

[June 6: Los Angeles County Division General Membership Meeting \(LA Air Force Base, El Segundo\)](#)

[October 16 - 18: Annual Conference and Expo -- Save the date! \(Long Beach\)](#)