



REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Thursday, October 13, 2022
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 Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

Livestream on YouTube:
http://bit.ly/wscocg_livestream

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

To combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the member cities of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), and the WSCCOG, have held teleconferenced publicly accessible meetings. AB 361 has authorized public meetings to continue to take place via teleconference because State and Local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing.

The WSCCOG Regular Board meeting on **October 13, 2022** will be held in-person with remote participation using Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members may participate and vote on action items on the agenda in-person or via remote participation using Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING E-COMMENT

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 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.westsidocities.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). For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com or (323) 306-9856.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS** (4 min)
3. **ACTION ITEMS** (10 min)
 - A. [Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361](#)
Recommended Action:
(1) Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference;
(2) Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the October 13, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting; and
(3) Discuss teleconferencing and hybrid meetings for future WSCCOG Regular Board Meetings.
 - B. [WSCCOG August 11, 2022 -and September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Notes](#)
Recommended Action: Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meetings held on August 11, 2022 and September 28, 2022.
 - C. [FY 2021-22 WSCCOG Audit Engagement Letter](#)
Recommended Action: Approve the scope and services outlined in the engagement letter from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the WSCCOG's FY 2021-22 audit.
4. **[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)** (1 min)
5. **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES** (20 min)
 - A. [Measure M Subregional Equity Program \(SEP\) – Subregional Project Prioritization Process and Update](#)
6. **HOUSING UPDATES** (10 min)
 - A. [Regional Housing Needs Assessment \(RHNA\) Reform Comments](#)
 - B. [REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing \(PATH\) Guidelines](#)
7. **DISCUSSION** (15 min)
 - A. [Subregional Discussion on Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health Facilities and Services](#)
8. **LEGISLATION** (3 min)
 - A. [League of California Cities Update – Jeff Kiernan, LA County Regional Public Affairs Manager](#)
9. **RECEIVE AND FILE** (2 min)
 - A. [Westside Regional Community Safety Working Group](#)
 - B. [Westside Cities 1st Quarterly Regional Convening with County Homeless Initiative](#)

C. [Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee \(MSRC\) - Zero-Emission Infrastructure Funding](#)

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)

11. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (Location TBD)

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)

13. ADJOURN

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Instructions for Public Comments

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

1. **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, which will be held at:

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Culver City, CA 90232

2. **To listen and provide verbal comments via remote participation on Zoom:** To participate remotely on Zoom, use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>. To make a comment during the meeting on Zoom, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.
3. **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 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.

Instructions for WSCCOG Board Members and Member City Staff in the Meeting

To participate in the meeting virtually as a WSCCOG Board member, Mayor, Councilmember, or staff member of the WSCCOG member cities, please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com before the meeting and provide your name and email address. A Zoom email will be sent to you including a unique link to enter the meeting as a panelist participant.

To make a comment during the meeting, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.



DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

Recommended Action

1. Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference.
2. Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the October 13, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.
3. Discuss teleconferencing and hybrid meetings for future WSCCOG Regular Board Meetings.

Background

Governor Newsom signed into law AB 361, which went into effect on October 1, 2021 (replacing earlier Executive Orders governing teleconferencing during the COVID-19 state of emergency). This legislation authorizes a local agency to continue the use of teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body (such as the WSCCOG Board) holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. The bill allowed the WSCCOG Board to conduct a teleconference meeting when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing during a proclaimed statewide state of emergency. There are other findings that can be made that are not relevant here. This report confirms the requirements for continued virtual teleconference meetings for all Brown Act meetings that will remain virtual for this meeting.

The WSCCOG has six member agencies, all of whom are still navigating local states of emergency and determining whether to meet in person, virtually, or both. Staff members in various cities may be working remotely and there is not one uniform standard for safely and comfortably conducting in-person meetings at this time. Accordingly, under AB 361, the WSCCOG may continue to rely on teleconferencing to provide safe meeting environment for officials, staff, and community members by making the required findings. State and local health officials still recommend measures for social distancing, especially during the period when the Delta and Omicron Variant (or other variants) are spreading.

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022
12:00 NOON

Beverly Hills City Hall,
2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Vice Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. Staff: Gabriella Yap, Cindy Owens.
- Culver City:** Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Vice Chair). Staff: Arames White-Shearin, Diana Chang, Troy Evangelho.
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Sue Himmelrich (Secretary), Councilmember Phil Brock. Staff: Stephanie Venegas, Anuj Gupta, Jason Kligier.
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: Hernan Molina, David Fenn.
- City of LA:** Councilmember Paul Koretz (Council District 5). Staff: Jay Greenstein (Council District 5); Zachary Campos, Rubina Ghazarian (LADOT).
- County of LA:** Supervisorial District 3: Fernando Morales.
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director), Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities); Ma'Ayn Johnson, Sarah Patterson (SCAG); Alex Moosavi, Ginny Brideau, Roger Martin (Metro); Josh Kurpies (Office of Asm. Richard Bloom); Ellie McKinney, Norman Emerson

1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Julian Gold (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members: Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills); Councilmember Alex Fisch (City of Culver City), Councilmember Paul Koretz (City of Los Angeles); Mayor Sue Himmelrich (City of Santa Monica); Mayor Lauren Meister (City of West Hollywood); Fernando Morales (County of Los Angeles)

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

Mayor Sue Himmelrich moved to approve the use of teleconference for the WSCCOG Board meeting, and Councilmember Paul Koretz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of June 9, 2022 Meeting Notes

Mayor Lauren Meister moved to approve the meeting notes, and Mayor Sue Himmelrich seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Julian Gold and Councilmember Paul KorteZ abstained. The motion passed.

C. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Housing Manager presented to the Board on SCAG's RHNA reform process and asked the Board to provide comments. Vice Mayor Gold deferred to staff Cindy Owens to summarize the feedback in a letter that the City of Beverly Hills submitted to SCAG. Vice Mayor Gold asked the Boardmembers if there is a consensus from the Board to draft a joint comment letter. Each Boardmember subsequently provided their comments on the RHNA reform. Councilmember Alex Fisch and Mayor Meister stated their support to draft a letter based on points that the cities agree on. Vice Mayor Gold directed WSCCOG staff to summarize the feedback from the Boardmembers and report back the elements and commonalities expressed by the cities from the meeting for further consideration.

D. Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension Project

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) and Councilmember Paul Koretz introduced the item. Metro staff Roger Martin provided a brief overview of the proposed alignments for the future Metro Crenshaw Northern Extension project. Councilmember Fisch, Mayor Meister, Mayor Himmelrich, and Fernando Morales expressed their support for an alignment that provides access to major destinations and fills in the gaps in the transit network, which are achieved by the San-Vicente Fairfax hybrid alignment. WSCCOG staff stated that public comments were submitted to the WSCCOG in favor of the hybrid alignment. Councilmember Paul Koretz moved to approve the WSCCOG's support for the San-Vicente Fairfax hybrid alignment for the future Crenshaw Northern Extension Project and authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group to draft a letter to Metro in support of the alignment. Mayor Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review

Lauren Langer (WSCCOG Legal Counsel) noted that there is a regular review of the WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code and advised that the code is up to date and that an amendment is not required. Councilmember Fisch moved to approve that the code is up to date with no amendments. Mayor Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cecilia Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director reported that the WSCCOG staff and City of Beverly Hills are researching audit firms to conduct the COG's FY 2021-22 audit. WSCCOG staff proceeded with providing updates on the activities from the Transportation and Housing Working Groups.

5. LEGISLATION

Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) provided a quick brief update on the information outlined in the memo attached to the agenda packet.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meister announced the opening of a new recreation center in West Hollywood and the forthcoming CicLAvia event. Councilmember Fisch announced its Fiesta La Ballona event in Culver City.

7. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

WSCCOG staff announced a special WSCCOG Board meeting with Be Well OC on September 28 to discuss behavioral crisis and mental health facilities and services.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. ADJOURN

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING NOTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
1:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Vice Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. Staff: Gabriella Yap, Cindy Owens, Rachel Evans, Helen Morales, Abbey Tenn, Enisha Clark.
- Culver City:** Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Vice Chair). Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Arames White-Shearin.
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Sue Himmelrich (Secretary), Councilmember Phil Brock. Staff: Anuj Gupta; Margaret Willis, Danny Alvarez, Patrick Nulty, Achee Stevenson, Natasha Kingscote.
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: Hernan Molina, Corri Planck, Elizabeth Anderson.
- City of LA:** Staff: Shannon Prior.
- County of LA:** SD 2 Staff. Isela Garcian, Jessica Jew, Lily Sofiani.
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director), Winnie Fong, Ana Cuevas-Flores. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Karen Linkins (Be Well OC); Onnie Williams, Ashley Oh (County Homeless Initiative); Amanda Ruiz (County Dept. of Mental Health); Carlos Jaen (Santa Monica Police Department)

1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Julian Gold (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members: Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills); Councilmember Alex Fisch (City of Culver City), Mayor Sue Himmelrich (City of Santa Monica); Mayor Lauren Meister (City of West Hollywood).

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

Councilmember Alex Fisch moved to approve using teleconference for the WSCCOG Board meeting, and Mayor Sue Himmelrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Karen Linkins, PHD, Chief Strategist for Mind OC/Be Well OC, provided a presentation to the Board on Be Well's framework for a unified system, campus facilities, and Be Well Mobile services.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURN

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: FY 2021-22 WSCCOG Audit Engagement Letter

Recommended Action

Approve and sign the audit engagement later with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the year ending June 30, 2022.

Background

The WSCCOG formally engaged with CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) to conduct the last WSCCOG financial audit ending June 30, 2021. CLA increased its fee to conduct the FY 2021-22 financial audit, which exceeds the WSCCOG's budget for audit services. The City of Beverly Hills contacted multiple audit firms to submit a proposal. WSCCOG received a proposal from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP, which details the scope of work outlined in [Attachment A](#) to complete the audit by December 15, 2022 for a fee of \$6,495. The proposed fee meets WSCCOG's budget for audit services. The firm, which is based in Culver City, also has extensive experience working with public agencies, joint powers authorities (JPAs), and COGs, including the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

WSCCOG staff and the City of Beverly Hills recommend that the WSCCOG engage with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the FY 2021-22 financial audit.

Attachment

- A. Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP and WSCCOG Audit Engagement Letter for the year ending June 30, 2022



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September 23, 2022

To the Honorable Board of Directors and Management of the
 Westside Cities Council of Governments
 801 S. Grand Avenue, #200
 Los Angeles, California 90017

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the COG as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the COG's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the COG's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

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The objectives also include reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of your accounting records of the COG and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and

other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the COG's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the COG in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during

the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, or contracts or grant agreements that we report.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide copies of our reports to management; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to regulators or their designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by regulators. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Craig Hartzheim is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. We expect to begin our audit on approximately October 13, 2022 and to issue our reports no later than December 15, 2022.

Our fee for services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$6,495. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the COG’s financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of the COG. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor’s report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will state (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the COG is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Westside Cities Council of Governments and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,



Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Westside Cities Council of Governments

Management signature: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Governance signature: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____



DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

Below is a summary of WSCCOG activities between August 12, 2022 and October 10, 2022:

Administrative Activities

- **Finance**
WSCCOG staff reviewed a proposal from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the WSCCOG's FY 2021-22 audit and worked with the firm to draft an engagement letter for the WSCCOG Board consideration.
- **Regional Coordination**
WSCCOG staff participated in the following meetings: SCAG Subregional Executive Directors Meeting; SCAG Housing Working Group meeting; COG Executive Director meetings; Metro CEO and Subregional Directors meeting; Metro Policy Action Council (PAC).

Transportation Initiative

- **Working Group**
WSCCOG staff convened the Transportation Working Group in August and September. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.
- **Metro Bike Share Industry Forum**
WSCCOG staff participated in Metro's Bike Share Forum on August 22 to discuss the next iteration of the County's bike share program. Our staff consulted with each Westside city to identify challenges and lessons learned from its former bike share programs and summarized the feedback to Metro staff.
- **Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) Update**
WSCCOG staff participated in the Subregional Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings for the Active Transportation Strategic Plan Update. Our staff worked with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group to review the linked prioritization map and provide comments pertaining to the First last mile (FLM) station areas, Pedestrians Districts, and Bikeways Corridors. WSCCOG staff compiled the comments from the cities and submitted a comprehensive list to Metro on September 30.

Homelessness Initiative

- **Working Group**
WSCCOG staff convened the Homelessness Working Group in August and September. Refer to [Attachment B](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.
- **Regional Homelessness Coordination and Innovation Funds**
WSCCOG prepared a reimbursement request and a quarterly report to the County CEO on activities related to the Regional Homelessness Coordination and Innovation Funds grant program.
- **2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered Homelessness Special Notice of Funding Opportunity**
WSCCOG staff coordinated meetings with the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group to review and gather comments for the 2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered Homelessness Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Our staff attended the stakeholder roundtable meeting and submitted a letter to LAHSA on August 26 regarding our cities' funding and project priorities for the NOFO, which included supportive services and supportive housing.
- **Cities and COGs Interim Housing Services Fund (CCOGIHS)**
WSCCOG staff worked with the County to prepare the partners for the CCOGIHS funding program, which included Culver City. WSCCOG staff also connected West Hollywood to apply for the funding.

Housing Initiative

- **Working Group**
WSCCOG staff convened the Housing Working Group in September and October. Refer to [Attachment C](#) for agenda items discussed in the meeting.
- **Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0**
 - Project #2: Westside Fair Housing Study
 - WSCCOG staff presented preliminary findings on the Fair Housing Study, including background research on historical discriminatory housing laws and policies, fair housing assessment on the entire Westside subregion, and a summary of the cities' fair housing goals, objectives, and actions from their draft housing elements.
 - Project #3: Affordable Housing Funding Program Study
 - ECONorthwest conducted interviews with various developers in the Westside for the Affordable Housing Funding Program Study.
- **REAP 2.0**
WSCCOG staff attended the SCAG workshop and disseminated information related to the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) of the REAP 2.0 framework.

WSCCOG Transportation Working Group

Agenda for Tuesday, August 23, 2022

1. Presentation - LA County Infrastructure Initiative
2. Discussion
 - a. Crenshaw Northern Extension
 - i. Presentation to WSCCOG Board by Metro
 - ii. Draft letter in support of San Vicente/Fairfax “Hybrid” alignment
 - b. Purple Line Extension Cost Overrun
 - c. SEP Allocation
 - d. Metro Bike Share industry forum
3. WSCCOG Updates
 - a. August Board Meeting Recap
 - b. Venice Blvd Bus and Bike Lanes
4. Metro Updates
 - a. I-405 CMCP Advisory Committee Meeting #5
 - b. Active Transportation Strategic Plan Outreach
 - c. Recurring Items
 - i. Sepulveda Transit Corridor
 - ii. Westside/Central Service Council Meeting - Recap
5. Regional, State, and Federal Updates
 - a. SCAG County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program
 - b. Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant [\[Link\]](#)
 - c. Federal Bridge Investment Program [\[Link\]](#)

Agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 2022

1. SEP Allocation and Prioritization Discussion
2. Next Steps

Agenda for Tuesday, September 27, 2022

3. Discussion
 - a. SEP Allocation
 - b. Next StepsWSCCOG Updates
 - c. October 13 Board Meeting
4. Metro and County Updates
 - a. Active Transportation Strategic Plan Outreach
 - i. Comment by 9/30 on Active Transportation Network Prioritization [\[Mapping Tool\]](#)
 - b. Measure M 3% Local Match Guidelines Approved
 - c. K Line Opening October 7th [\[Link\]](#)
 - d. I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) Adoption [\[Link\]](#)

WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

Agenda for Wednesday, August 24, 2022

1. County CEO/HI
 - a. Introduction to Onnie Williams as the new County HI lead for the COGs
 - b. Preview of regional convenings with the COGs in September, which will include a recap of BRCH recommendations/next steps and future funding opportunities
 - c. Project Homekey Round 3 Feedback Survey
2. LAHSA
 - a. Discussion on the Unsheltered NOFO and gather feedback from WSCCOG cities [[Link](#)]
3. DMH
 - a. We've invited DMH to talk to us about the 9-8-8 rollout w/ Jennifer Hallman and Dr. Amanda Ruiz at our September Working Group meeting
 - b. Gather a list of questions from the WSCCOG cities to share with them in advance of the meeting

Agenda for Wednesday, September 28, 2022

1. Discussion with DMH on the 9-8-8 Rollout
 - a. Updates from DMH and how our cities can support the regional rollout
2. LAHSA 2022 Homeless Count Results
 - a. Reference Materials
 - b. Concerns about methodology and accuracy of the count - [LA Times article](#)
3. BRCH Check-in with Other COGs
4. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. WSCCOG and County HI Regional Convening - Wednesday, October 12 @ 2pm
 - b. County HI Community Listening Sessions/[New Framework to End Homelessness in Los Angeles County \(West LA\)](#) - Thursday, October 20 @ 1pm [Click to register](#)

WSCCOG Housing Working Group

Agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 2022

1. SCAG REAP 2.0 Presentation
 - a. The updates will focus on the release of the **Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program** guidelines under REAP 2.0, which would include examples of eligible projects, funding amounts, and how the applications will be evaluated. Cities will be able to directly apply for this fund. SCAG is seeking feedback on draft guidelines
 - b. REAP 2.0. application updated deadline
2. Housing Element Updates
3. WSCCOG Subregional Affordable Housing Funding Program Study
 - a. ECONorthwest is currently conducting developer interviews
4. WSCCOG AFFH Study Presentation
 - a. Overview of Historic Policies and Current Subregional Fair Housing Assessment
 - b. Overview of the process for identifying Subregional Goals with preview of a list of goals to consider
 - c. Next steps for the Implementation Strategy (What will be a value-add to the cities to help implement their fair housing goals/policies? Case studies, webinar forums, funding sources, legislative advocacy, etc.)

Agenda for Tuesday, October 4, 2022

1. WSCCOG Subregional Affordable Housing Funding Program Study
 - a. ECONorthwest to present findings from developer interviews and share the draft affordable housing funding matrix in progress



DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) – Subregional Project Prioritization Process and Update

Background

In 2016, Metro established and programmed \$1.2 billion to the Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) to provide equivalent funding to each of the other subregions after the Metro Board allocated funding to a San Fernando Valley transit project. Within this program, the WSCCOG is allocated approximately \$160 million. In May 2020, the Metro Board of Directors directed staff to develop guidelines for a uniform process by which subregional councils of governments (COGs) can elect to use the SEP funding. In April 2022, the WSCCOG Board officially endorsed the SEP guidelines, which the Metro Board adopted in May 2022.

SEP Funding Allocation to Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line

In October 2021, the WSCCOG Board of Directors voted to allocate 25 percent (\$40 million) of the WSCCOG SEP funding to the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line (Crenshaw North), authorized WSCCOG staff to send a letter to the Central City Subregion suggesting they consider allocating a similar amount towards Crenshaw North. The WSCCOG Board also directed staff to work with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group (TWG) to suggest allocations for the remaining 75 percent (\$120 million) of SEP funds.

Approach to Prioritizing Projects for the Remaining SEP Funds

In 2022, the WSCCOG staff worked with TWG to develop a data-driven and subregional-focused approach to allocating the remainder of SEP funding, which included the following:

1. Compiled a list of projects from WSCCOG-approved documents
 - a. [2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study](#)
 - b. [2021 Metro Unfunded Strategic Project List \(SPL\)](#)
2. Used the evaluation framework criteria and scores from the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study
 - a. **Access** - The number of residents and jobs within 1/2 mile of the project
 - b. **Time Savings** - The potential to improve travel time for those who use the proposed project to travel
 - c. **Mode Shift** - The potential to shift travel from single-occupancy vehicles to the project mode
 - d. **Safety** - The potential to improve roadway safety as a result of project implementation

3. Gathered feedback on WSCCOG member cities priority projects (refer to **Table 1**)
 - a. Based on stated priorities and feedback from the TWG, WSCCOG staff grouped each project into ten project categories
 - b. WSCCOG staff weighed and sorted the projects by the scores across the WSCCOG Mobility Study criteria framework

Table 1: Project Scores Based on the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study Criteria

#	Project Category	Access	Time Savings	Mode Shift	Safety	Total Score
1	Sepulveda Transit Corridor	4	4	4	1	13
2	D Line (Purple) to Santa Monica	3	4	4	1	12
3	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and other bus infrastructure	3	3	2	3	11
4	Marina Del Rey Bridge Enhancements	4	1	1	4	10
5	Bikeways	4	1	1	2.7	8.7
6	First-Last Mile Improvements (FLM)	4	1	2	1	8
7	Mobility Hubs	3	1	2	1	7
8	I-10/Robertson Ramp Reconfiguration	2	1	0	3	6
9	Automobile and Bus Electrification	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
10	Bike Share	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*

**Project (or equivalent) not included in WSCCOG Mobility Study*

Potential SEP Funding Considerations

In addition to this data-driven approach, the TWG suggested additional considerations for SEP funding allocation, including:

1. Developing a subregional network
2. Funding projects without other reliable fundings sources
3. Funding projects that need gap and/or match funding
4. Enabling or capitalizing on shovel-readiness
5. Encouraging favorable decisions by the Metro Board and other state and regional agencies

Other Funding Sources

WSCCOG staff proposes that SEP funding could serve as match or gap funding for other State and Federal funding programs (refer to **Table 2**).

Table 2: Other State and Federal Funding Sources

Funding Program	Eligible Projects
California Active Transportation Program (ATP), Metro Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP), Measure M, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)	Support bikeways, first-last mile, and mobility hubs
California Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) and Mobile Source Reduction Committee (MSRC), CalStart EnergIIIZE Jumpstart, USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure, TCC	Vehicle and bus electrification
Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program	Highway and safety roadway improvements
Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grants (FTA CIG), AHSC, TCC	Transit infrastructure
California Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCCP) and 2028 Olympics funds	I-405 corridor and coastal projects

Next Steps

Although WSCCOG staff and the TWG have not finalized a recommended allocation for the remaining SEP funds, the Westside cities have expressed a broad agreement toward using a significant portion of the \$120 million toward bus rapid transit (BRT) and related bus improvements. Additionally, Metro will be releasing an updated 5-year Cash Flow for the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program, which will include funding information related to SEP in late October 2022. Staff will continue these discussions in the October and November TWG meetings and intend to provide an allocation recommendation to the WSCCOG Board in December 2022.

Attachment

- A. WSCCOG Presentation - SEP Subregional Project Prioritization Process and Update



WESTSIDE CITIES

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Westside Cities COG Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Allocation
October 13, 2022

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Process: Overview

1. 25% (\$40 million) – Crenshaw Northern Extension
 - Approved by WSCCOG Board in October 2021
 - Supporting predevelopment activities
2. 75% (\$120 million) - Data-Driven and Subregional Approach
 - Directed by WSCCOG Board in October 2021
 - Discussed by WSCCOG Transportation Working Group several times from October 2021 through September 2022

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Process: Direction from Board

“Direct staff to work with the WSCCOG’s Transportation Working Group to develop the criteria and process for the allocation of the remaining Westside SEP funding, as well as a recommended list of priority major capital projects based on the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study for the Board’s consideration in December.”

- October 2021 WSCCOG Board Meeting

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Process: Data-Driven and Subregional

1. Gathered projects from WSCCOG-approved documents

- 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study
- 2021 Metro Unfunded Strategic Project List (SPL)

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Process: Data-Driven and Subregional

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Process: Data-Driven and Subregional

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Prioritization: Mobility Study Criteria

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Considerations: Overview

1. SEP could support a **subregional network**
2. SEP could fund projects **without other reliable funding sources**
3. SEP could serve as **match and/or gap funding**
4. SEP could fund **shovel-ready projects**
5. SEP could encourage **favorable countywide decisions**

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Considerations: Subregional Network


1. SEP could support a subregional network with:

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- Projects that **reach** multiple jurisdictions (Ex: La Cienega BRT)
 - Projects that **supported by** multiple jurisdictions (Ex: BRT generally)

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Considerations: Other Funding Sources

2. SEP could fund projects without other reliable funding sources:

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- ATP and MSP can support **bikeways, FLM, and mobility hubs**
 - LCTOP and MSRC can support **vehicle and bus electrification**
 - HSIP can support **highway improvements**
 - FTA CIG can support **transit infrastructure**
 - SCCP and Olympics can support **I-405 and beach projects**

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Considerations: Match/Gap Funding

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- ATP and MSP can support **bikeways, FLM, and mobility hubs**
- LCTOP and MSRC can support **vehicle and bus electrification**
- HSIP can support **highway improvements**
- FTA CIG can support **transit infrastructure**
- SCCP and Olympics can support **I-405 and beach projects**

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Considerations: Shovel-Ready Projects

4. SEP could fund shovel-ready projects:



- Projects that are **already shovel-ready** (Ex: 17th St/SMC Mobility Hub)
- Pre-development or 3% for **projects with guaranteed future funding** (Ex: Crenshaw North, Lincoln BRT, Sepulveda Rail to LAX)
- Pre-development for **projects with no guaranteed funds** (Ex: D/Purple Line to Santa Monica)

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Considerations: **Favorable Decisions**

5. SEP could encourage favorable countywide decisions:



- Metro **rail alignments/stations** (Ex: UCLA campus station)
- Metro **countywide BRT advancement** (Ex: Venice or La Cienega BRT)



DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform Comments

BACKGROUND

AB 101 (2019) requires that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to “develop a recommended improved Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation process and methodology that promotes and streamlines housing development and substantially addresses California’s housing shortage” to the State Legislature by December 31, 2023. While there is currently no information available about HCD’s timeline, SCAG began an outreach process to stakeholders in July 2022 to collect input on RHNA reform and make recommendations to Community, Economic Development Committee and Regional Council for submittal to HCD. SCAG seeks input on reforming the RHNA process and used the following guiding questions to solicit feedback from stakeholders:

Regional Determination

1. How do we minimize double counting for factors, such as overcrowding and cost burden?
 - a. Should the factors be reordered in the calculation of regional determination?
2. What are your thoughts on a panel of experts reviewing individual regional determinations from HCD before they are finalized?
 - a. Who should be on this panel? What role could it have?

Methodology/Distribution

1. What other factors should be included in the RHNA methodology?
 - a. Should these additional factors be codified statewide or at the discretion of the COGs? What should be the basis year for the factors? Current, short-term, long-term?
2. How can we continue furthering the objective of affirmatively furthering fair housing?

Other

1. How can the appeals process be less cumbersome for jurisdictions (and stakeholders)?
2. Should trade and transfer of RHNA units be allowed?
 - a. When could this be applied during the process? Should there be parameters, such as only applying to market rate units?
3. Should the requirement for the methodology to be “consistent with the development pattern of the SCS” be further defined in housing law?

COMMENTS FROM THE WSCCOG 8/11 BOARD MEETING

On August 11, 2022, SCAG presented to the WSCCOG Board on its RHNA reform process and recorded the comments from the Boardmembers during the discussion as feedback to SCAG. The deadline to submit written comments to SCAG was August 12, 2022. However, SCAG staff allowed the WSCCOG to provide additional high-level comments by the end of October 2022. The WSCCOG Chair, Vice Mayor Julian Gold, directed WSCCOG staff to draft a high-level summary of feedback of comments from the WSCCOG's August Board meeting and identify commonalities among the Westside cities.

Shared themes across multiple Westside Cities:

- Westside Cities have made efforts to build more affordable housing and established policies, such as rent control and inclusionary housing.
- The lack of land in the Westside subregion and available funding to develop more housing are barriers in meeting the RHNA numbers.
- Our region should build more housing near jobs, schools, and transit.
- The State should provide flexibility for local jurisdictions to develop innovative housing programs to produce more housing and meet their RHNA goals.
- The RHNA formulas need to consider the lack of underutilized lots.

Summary of comments by City:

- **Beverly Hills – Vice Mayor Dr. Gold and Cindy Owens, Policy Analyst**
 - Referred to Beverly Hills' draft letter to SCAG dated August 10, 2022.
 - RHNA should be reverted back to a planning tool as it was originally conceptualized
 - State legislature needs to support cities to meet its RHNA numbers
 - State legislature has not created the conditions to support cities in meeting their RHNA numbers, forcing cumbersome ministerial approvals of projects and penalizing cities for not reaching their RHNA numbers when developers will not bring affordable housing projects forward. The state needs to bear some responsibility for the construction of affordable housing by providing funding as no city can build the entirety of the RHNA assigned to them.
 - The allocation of RHNA should link new housing production with job production
 - Allocation should ensure existing jobs/housing imbalances are not further exacerbated. For example, projects that will increase jobs should be required to accommodate housing for the new workers, creating housing near the new employment center. The ability of workers to telework from places further than where the job center is located needs to be carefully considered when deciding how new job growth in the region is actually driving the need for more housing. Further, the allocation process should consider existing density of a jurisdiction and the amount of vacant and/or underutilized land.
 - The formulaic approach to RHNA distribution needs greater flexibility to accommodate difference across SCAG
 - Any approach or method embed flexibility so the differences of each community can carefully be considered and provided the appropriate weight.

- A subregional delegation of RHNA may better address housing needs, but needs clear criteria
 - The subregional delegation of RHNA has the potential to allow these delegations to decide where best to locate affordable housing within their subregions. However, there needs to be a well-defined objective criteria for how cities can protest or appeal unbalanced distributions.
 - Trade and transfer of RHNA units should be allowed between two or more jurisdictions
 - The trade and transfer would allow involved cities to pool the RHNA numbers together in the region and to jointly pursue development of RHNA units.
 - The eight-year time frame for both projections and planning periods is too short
 - The process for updating a city's housing element, for developers to design, submit and build housing projects, then for the market to adjust to new regulations can all take much longer than a planning cycle.
 - There needs to be changes to the RHNA appeals process
 - The appeals process needs to allow cities to challenge the methodology of HCD, especially when there are other notable studies conducted by credible organizations which significantly contradict HCD's RHNA determination.
 - RHNA reform should consider allowing neighboring cities to collaborate on the development of affordable housing.
 - Voluntary cross-city collaboration would assist communities facing barriers to the development of affordable housing while also recognizing the contributions being made by each city to meet the housing needs of the region.
- **Culver City – Councilmember Alex Fisch**
 - View RHNA as a zoning budget and an opportunity for local jurisdictions to keep local control
 - Cities face a coordination problem in developing housing. As a regional body, there is an opportunity to keep as much local control as possible to steward the zoning budget that serves a statewide interest. Otherwise, local jurisdictions will see state mandates.
 - Local jurisdictions need to use land use authority and our planning tools to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower rents, desegregate affluent cities, and bring more housing near jobs and schools.
 - Agrees that the WSCCOG should draft a letter that reflects the elements that he outlined in his comments and commonalities among the cities.
 - **Santa Monica – Mayor Sue Himmelrich**
 - RHNA currently lacks local flexibility
 - RHNA does not allow jurisdictions the freedom to develop innovative housing programs, even when cities' are dedicated to advancing housing equity and justice. Such flexibility existed in the past.
 - The emphasis on jobs and job growth is a red herring
 - Such emphasis is allowing poor arguments for no housing development due to the lack of job growth.
 - The overall way HCD has implemented the requirements are “arbitrary and capricious”

- The Mayor acknowledges that her own point of view may not align with the rest of the COG.
- **West Hollywood – Mayor Lauren Meister**
 - The RHNA formulas need to take into consideration underutilized lots versus lack of underutilized lots
 - If there is no land to build, such numbers do not make sense.
 - The RHNA formulas need to consider not only units lost, but also residents displaced to different cities due to new development
 - For example, when a building is purchased and demolished, existing tenants may be forced to leave the city, unable to find affordable housing.
 - RHNA needs a better definition of a dwelling unit and permanent housing
 - For example, according to HCD, single room occupancy (SROs) can count toward individual units, yet a co-living project's individual bedrooms cannot even though functionally these bedrooms and SROs function the same.
 - The economics doesn't seem to work
 - There are no safeguards to protect the price of affordable to moderate housing; those rents increase because they are able to and to keep up with the increasing prices of luxury apartments
 - There needs to be a clearer focus on what types of units are needed
 - Requiring cities to produce more luxury housing units than they need does not make sense. For the City of West Hollywood, it mostly needs moderate units and focus on the missing middle.
 - RHNA needs to consider how short-term rentals have affected available units.
 - For example, a city allows short-term rentals in apartments not hosted, this is a problem as it is allowing commercial use in a residential project. Therefore, those units should not count towards a city's units of housing.
 - SCAG has not put enough attention on bringing economic development in areas ripe for the opportunity
 - There should be a focus not only on bringing people to jobs but also jobs to people.
 - Agrees that the WSCCOG should draft a letter based on points that the cities can agree on.
- **City of Los Angeles – Councilmember Paul Koretz**
 - Agreed with 90% of West Hollywood's comments
 - The primary problem with RHNA is that it is based on trickledown economics
 - More luxury units will not create more housing affordable to low-income residents and will create displacement.
 - The overcrowding number does not work in the methodology
 - For example, it does not take into account if someone in that overcrowded unit is able to afford the new units built.
 - The emphasis on building luxury housing near transit is a red herring
 - Without requirements to develop affordable housing, housing near transit will be luxury units and may displace existing low-cost apartments. Also, given that transit

is primarily used by people with low-incomes, residents of those luxury apartments will not utilize their proximity to transit.

COMMENTS FROM SCAG RNHA REFORM WORKSHOPS IN JULY 2022

- Regional Determination
 - There should be a panel of experts to review the regional determination by HCD before its finalized
 - HCD did not reflect all required factors in State housing law when providing a regional determination
 - The regional determination should have been a range as in prior cycles
 - The 6th cycle determination was not sufficient to meet SCAG housing needs
 - Subregional delegation should not be made available
- Factors that should be included in the RHNA Methodology
 - “Consistent with the development pattern of the SCS” should be more clearly defined
 - More weight and emphasis should be put on transit accessibility and jobs access
 - Transit and job access factors should be based on the planning period, not long-term
 - Distribution methodology factors should include:
 - High wildfire risk
 - Exceeding prior RHNA need
 - Density
 - High median rents
 - Vacant office space and remote employee market
 - Aging infrastructure and cost of development
- Appeals Process
 - More time should be provided for jurisdictions appealing their RHNA
- Trade and Transfer
 - Trade and transfer of RHNA units should be allowed between jurisdictions, maybe with parameters
 - Trade and transfer of RHNA units should not be allowed between jurisdictions

COMMENT LETTERS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

- Western Riverside COG [\[Link to Letter\]](#)
 - Consistency with regional planning principles including the goals and objectives of the SCAG RTP/SCS should be primary consideration rather than attempting to ensure an equally uniform method of distribution of units among all jurisdictions.
 - Quantitative factors related to access to transit and regional accessibility should be the primary basis of any RHNA allocation process.
 - The use of updated persons per household data to reflect actual conditions within Western Riverside County.

- City of Yucaipa [\[Link to Letter\]](#)
 - There needs to be greater recognition of the actual development capacity and market trends in the home building industry, including associated labor and building material supplies.
 - Additional efforts should be made to strengthen the distribution in a manner that is consistent with good planning principles and where demand is highest.
 - The RHNA distribution pattern needs to better tie into SCAG’s Connect SoCal plan since the plan also ties housing with the region’s job and infrastructure growth priorities.
 - Need to incentivize jobs and infrastructure support to create job centers that cater to the new homes in the Inland Empire.

SCAG’s RHNA REFORM STAKEHOLDER INPUT TIMELINE

Date	Action
July 6, 2022	Public Information and Input Session on RHNA reform Breakout Room Discussion Slides WATCH: RHNA Reform Input Session
July 19, 2022	Housing Working Group meeting RHNA Reform Powerpoint
July 21, 2022	Technical Working Group meeting RHNA Reform Technical Working Group PowerPoint
August 12, 2022	RHNA reform written comments due to SCAG
TBD	Special CEHD Meetings
TBD	Presumed statewide workshops on RHNA reform by HCD
TBD	CEHD Meeting to review and approve recommendations to Regional Council
TBD	Regional Council approval of CEHD recommendations/submit final RHNA reform recommendations to HCD
TBD	Presumed due date for comments to HCD on RHNA Reform
December 31, 2023	Due date for HCD’s report to the Legislature on RHNA Reform



2021 Regional Early Action Program (REAP 2.0)

*Draft Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing
Approved Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 Program*

September 2022

Update on Program Development

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV

Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)



Agenda

- 1 **Overview of REAP 2.0**
- 2 **Approved Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) 2.0** *(For Information)*
- 3 **Draft PATH Program** *(Seeking Your Feedback)*
- 4 **Proposed Evaluation Criteria**
- 5 **Tentative Timeline**
- 6 **We Want to Hear From You!** *(Ways to Share Input)*
- 7 **Questions**

About SCAG

The SCAG Region

191
CITIES

6
COUNTIES

19.1M
RESIDENTS



36,618
SQUARE MILES

\$1.2T
REGIONAL GDP

15TH
LARGEST
ECONOMY
WORLDWIDE

48.1%
OF STATE
POPULATION

State REAP 2.0 Program

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2021 Grant

- AB140, FY21-22 state budget
- \$600 million statewide
- \$246 million SCAG's formula share
- Available early 2023
- Encumbered by June 2024
- Expended by June 2026

**REAP 2.0
GRANT
PROGRAM**

REAP 2.0 Program Objectives

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities

Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled

SCAG REAP 2.0 Framework - Approved July 7, 2022

CORE OBJECTIVES

- Transformative planning realizing Connect SoCal
- Leverage/augment activities implemented quickly and in line with community-driven, pandemic recovery
- Build regional capacity to deliver 6th cycle RHNA goals
- Establish that projects are shovel ready & shovel worthy
- Promote infill in Priority Growth Areas
- Demonstrate consistency with Racial Equity Early Action Plan
- Represent best practices in VMT reduction

SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework - Overview

\$246 million = SCAG's region's formula share

Obligated by June 2024

Expended by June 2026

"Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities"

Accelerating infill development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

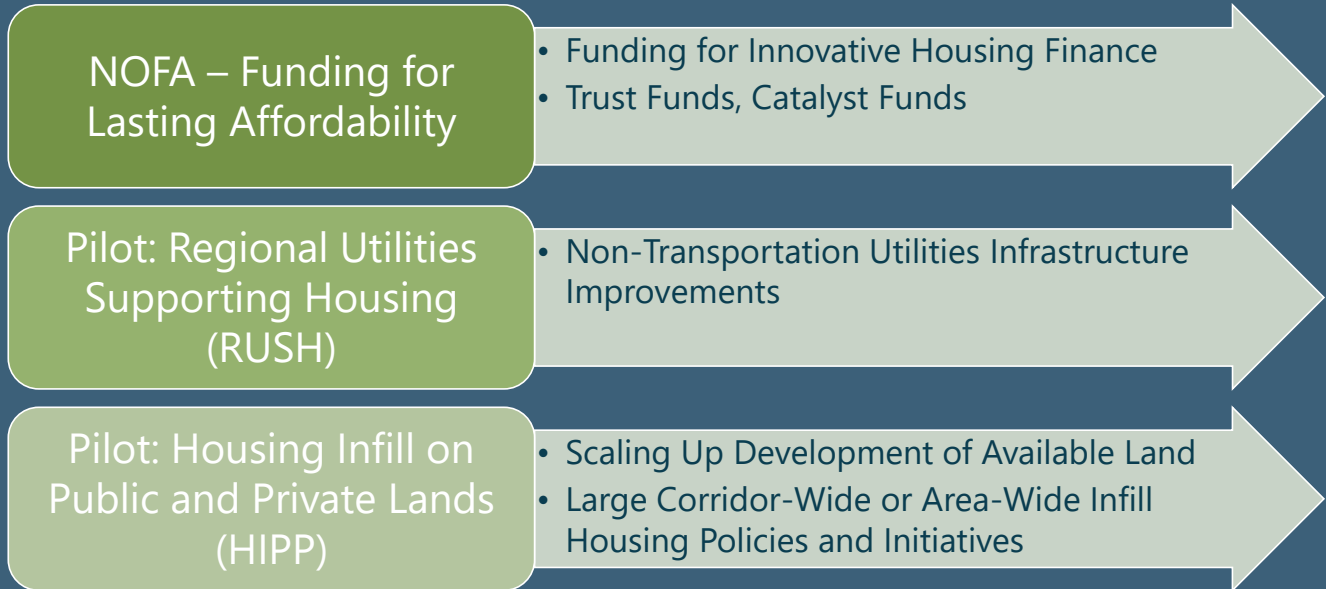
Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled



For Information: Subregional Partnership 2.0 - Eligible Activities



Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Structure



Proposed Funding

Draft PATH Program	
NOFA: Funding for Last Affordability	\$45,000,000
Pilot Program: Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH)	\$35,000,000
Pilot Program: Housing Infill on Public and Private Land (HIPP)	\$8,000,000
TOTAL	\$88,000,000

Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 Program	
Total	\$23,000,000

NOFA – Funding for Lasting Affordability

Eligible Applicants

- Housing Authorities
- Trust Funds
- Catalyst Funds

In partnership:
CBOs & Housing Developers

- Supporting Existing Trusts
- Establishing New Trusts
- Creating New Finance Products
- Predevelopment, Bridge, Gap Financing
- Land Acquisition/Banking

Pilot Program – Regional Utilities Supporting Homes (RUSH)

Eligible Applicants*

- Public Agencies
- Utility Districts
- Tribal Entities
- Large Scale Developers

- Industry Forum Informing:
 - Regional Infrastructure Planning
 - Utility Infrastructure Projects
 - Large-Scale Development Utility Planning

* will be further defined through the industry forum

Pilot Program – Housing Infill on Public and Private Land (HIPP)

Eligible Applicants

- Entities with Land Control
- Entities with Regulatory Land Use Control

- Transformational Development of Available Lands:
 - Scaling Up, Driving Innovation
 - Feasibility/Visioning/Pre-Dev
- Corridor and Area-Wide Strategies:
 - Scaling Supply, Choice, Affordability
 - Preservation and Anti-Displacement
 - Alternative Models/Homeownership

Definition of Infill

“Infill”, for the purposes of the REAP 2.0 Program, means areas where all the following apply:

- ✓ (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands, **AND**
- ✓ (2) within existing development patterns, **AND**
- ✓ (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling **AND is located in either (a) or (b):**

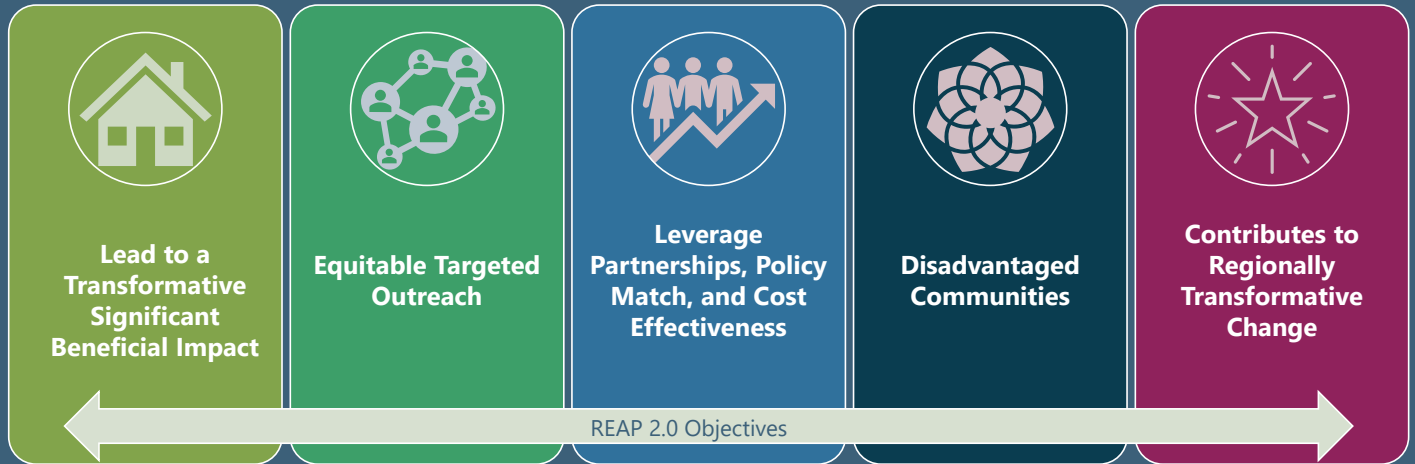
a. An urban center, urban corridor, or area with transit-supportive densities

OR

b. An established community that meets **ALL** the following criteria:

- + The area consists or previously consisted of qualified urban uses
- + The area is predominantly surrounded (approximately 75 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed or previously developed with qualified urban uses. In counting this, perimeters bordering navigable bodies of water and improved parks shall not be included, and
- + No parcel within or adjoining the area is classified as agricultural or natural and working lands.

Proposed Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation Criterion 1



Project provides a significant beneficial impact that leads to a substantial change in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors.

- Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
- Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled

Evaluation Criterion 2



Equitable Targeted Outreach

- Commitment to outreach and engagement, especially with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved
- Outreach may include coordination with other Eligible Applicants (including Tribal Entities) within the same subregion or in other subregions.
- Eligible Applicants may wish to consider the potential for joint activities and coordination on outreach activities.

Evaluation Criterion 3



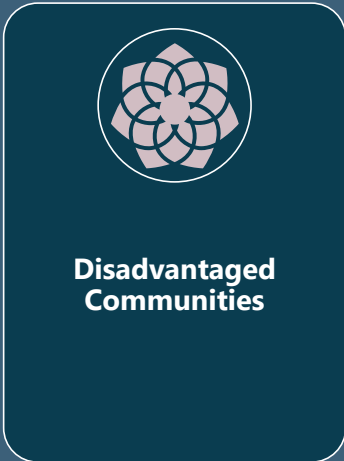
Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, and Cost Effectiveness

Proposed projects must leverage other resources to maximize impact of REAP 2.0 investments.

Criterion is flexible:

- Local Policy Commitment
- Partnerships (partner match)
- Local or Other Funding (local agency match)

Evaluation Criterion 4



Prioritize funding in areas historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under resourced:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0)
- SCAG Communities of Concern
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas
- AB 1550 Communities

Evaluation Criterion 5



Regional Transformative Changes for Housing Infrastructure:

- Within areas of Policy, Finance, Utilities, Neighborhood Improvements, Mobility
- Supporting projects throughout the region and counties
- Comparing projects in similar built environments

Major Milestones



Working Draft Timeline

Call for Projects	Application Period	Application Submittal Date
NOFA – Financing for Lasting Affordability	January – March 2023	Mid-March 2023
Pilot Program – Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP)	1 st Quarter 2023	Late Spring 2023
Pilot Program – Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH)	2nd Quarter 2023	Summer 2023

Dates are anticipated, dependent on Regional Council approval of the REAP 2.0 Funding Application and concurrence from the State Partners.

Virtual Information Sessions

☐ **Attend a Virtual Information Session or listen to a recorded session**

- Session 1: Wednesday, September 21 10:00am-12:00pm
- Session 2: Wednesday, October 5th 9:00am-11:00am

Registration information and recorded sessions will be posted on the SCAG Reap 2.0 webpage: <https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021>

We would like to hear from you!

☐ **Submit Written Comments**

Email written comments to
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REAP 2.0 Housing Program Manager
noonan@scag.ca.gov
(213) 236-1472

REAP 2.0 Webpage

<https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021>



Q&A

For more information, visit:

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DATE: October 10, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Subregional Discussion on Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health Facilities and Services

Background

On September 28, 2022, WSCCOG invited Karen Linkins, PHD, Chief Strategist for Mind OC/Be Well OC, to present to the Board on Be Well OC's framework for a unified system, campus facilities, and Be Well Mobile services related to behavioral crisis and mental health in Orange County (refer to [Attachment A](#) for the presentation).

Recap of Discussion

The WSCCOG Chair, Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills), facilitated a discussion with the WSCCOG Boardmembers to assess the potential interest from the member cities to explore a regional facility similar to Be Well OC. Councilmember Alex Fisch (City of Culver City) expressed interest in the idea of a regional facility and sees a need to rally together partners and healthcare providers to connect clients to services. Mayor Lauren Meister (City of West Hollywood) stated that the Westside lacks a subregional facility to address its regional issues related to mental health and is interested in exploring more. The mayor also cited that West Hollywood is forming its own mobile behavioral crisis unit. Both Mayor Himmelrich and Councilmember Phil Brock (City of Santa Monica) highly support a regional facility and cited two potential locations for a subregional facility, including one site at the conjunction of City of Los Angeles and City of Santa Monica on Bundy Dr. located south on Airport Ave. and another site elsewhere in Santa Monica.

Follow-Up

As a follow-up question from the Boardmembers on the acreage of Be Well OC's facilities, Karen Linkins provided the following information after the meeting:

- Current Orange Campus: 2.5 acres
- Planned Irvine Campus: 28 acres (although it's 25 acres in the current public record)

Next Steps

The WSCCOG staff will continue to engage the WSCCOG Boardmembers and organize relevant stakeholders and partners in discussions regarding a subregional behavioral crisis and mental health subregional facility, including exploring more closely a list of potential physical locations in the Westside.

Attachment

- A. Be Well OC Presentation – September 28, 2022



Mission

Optimal Mental Health and Wellness for **All** Orange County Residents

Vision

Build Orange County's World-Class Mental Health System **Today**

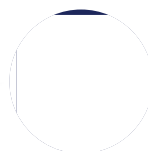


The Problem

Fragmentation and silos leave many residents unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served.



Increased crises



Law enforcement and EMS are default response



Hospitals and jails are default destination

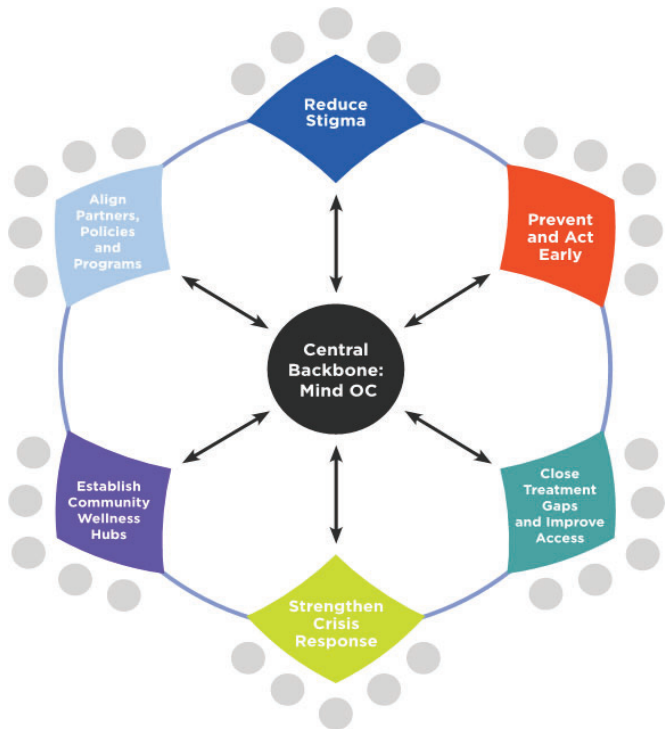
The Solution

Whole Community Movement to create a Unified System for All .



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Blueprint for Aligned Action



BE WELL COALITION
400+ Organizations & 1.7k Individuals

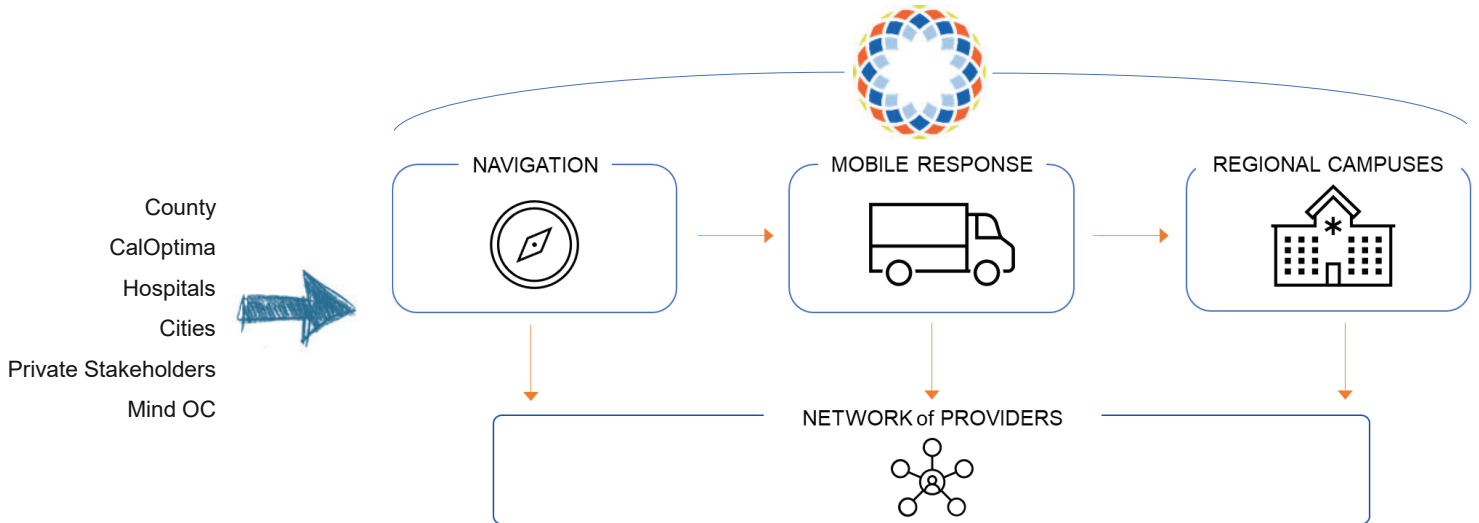
KEY SPECIAL INITIATIVES

- Addressing The System Gaps, Building Trust and Connection
- ❖ **Children’s Trauma Informed Network of Care**
(funded by CA Surgeon General)
- ❖ **Community Suicide Prevention**
(funded by HCA MHSA)
- ❖ **Addiction Coalition/Youth Opioid Treatment**
(funded by CA DHCS)

2022-2025 Focus: Build the System for All Residents

Be Well OC is not simply a new set of services, or business as usual.

The is a vital Interagency Collaboration. Alignment = Agility & Acceleration.



Orange Campus Optimization

Year 1 Learning to improve the operating model



Historic Public-Private Partnership



WELLNESS CAMPUS GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Commitment to serve all community members regardless of payor status



A place that provides hope; a trusted support



De-stigmatizing mental health: warm, welcoming, respectful – an exceptional experience



Supporting an integrated continuum of care and seamless connections to services



Collaborative of public/private partners to provide new models of care



Outdoor connectivity; nature as a vital part of health & wellness





Orange Campus Utilization (through March 2022)

Total	Urgent Care	Residential
Overall Admissions: 4,598	Overall Admissions: 3,658	Overall Admissions: 940

RESIDENTIAL LIVING ROOM, ORANGE



RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP DESK, ORANGE



Current Model: Campuses



County contracts with service providers

Substance Use Service Provider

Mental Health Service Provider

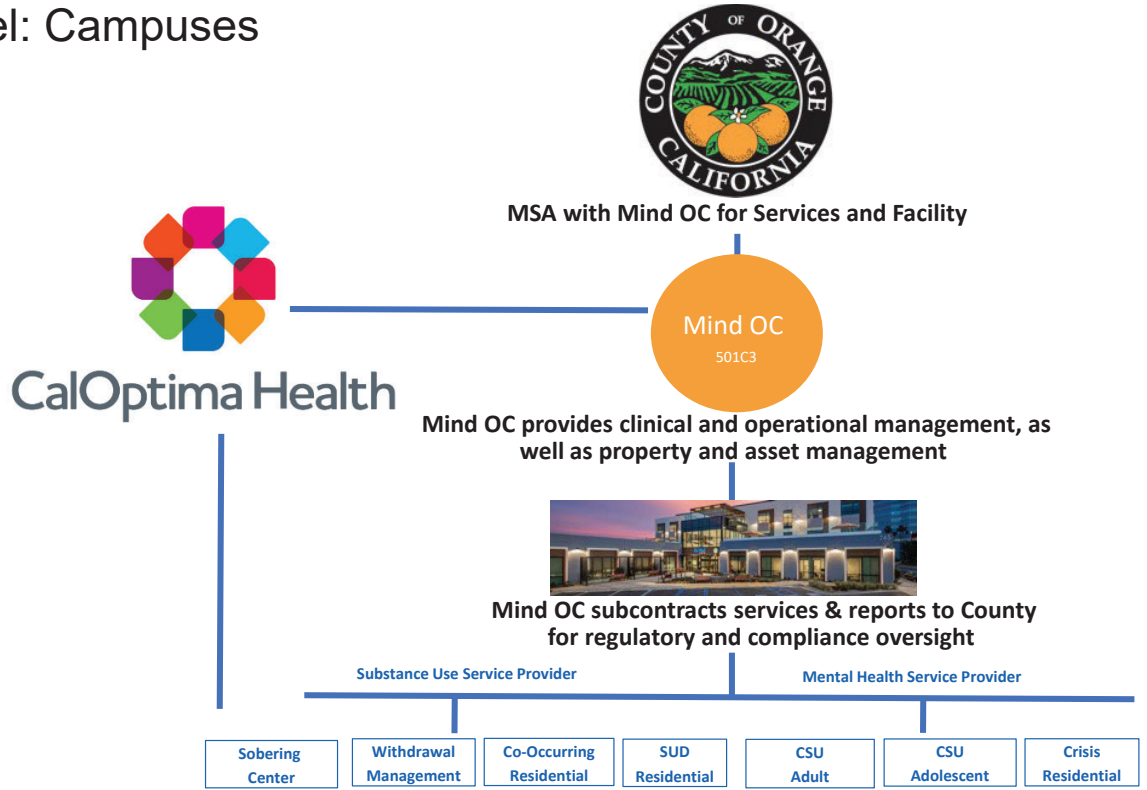
Sobering Center	Withdrawal Management	Co-Occurring Residential	SUD Residential	CSU Adult	CSU Adolescent	Crisis Residential
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Each service holds a lease contract with Mind OC for each respective program space



Mind OC revenue from rent: clinical/operations oversight & asset management and

Proposed Model: Campuses



Irvine Campus



Irvine Development

Area 1

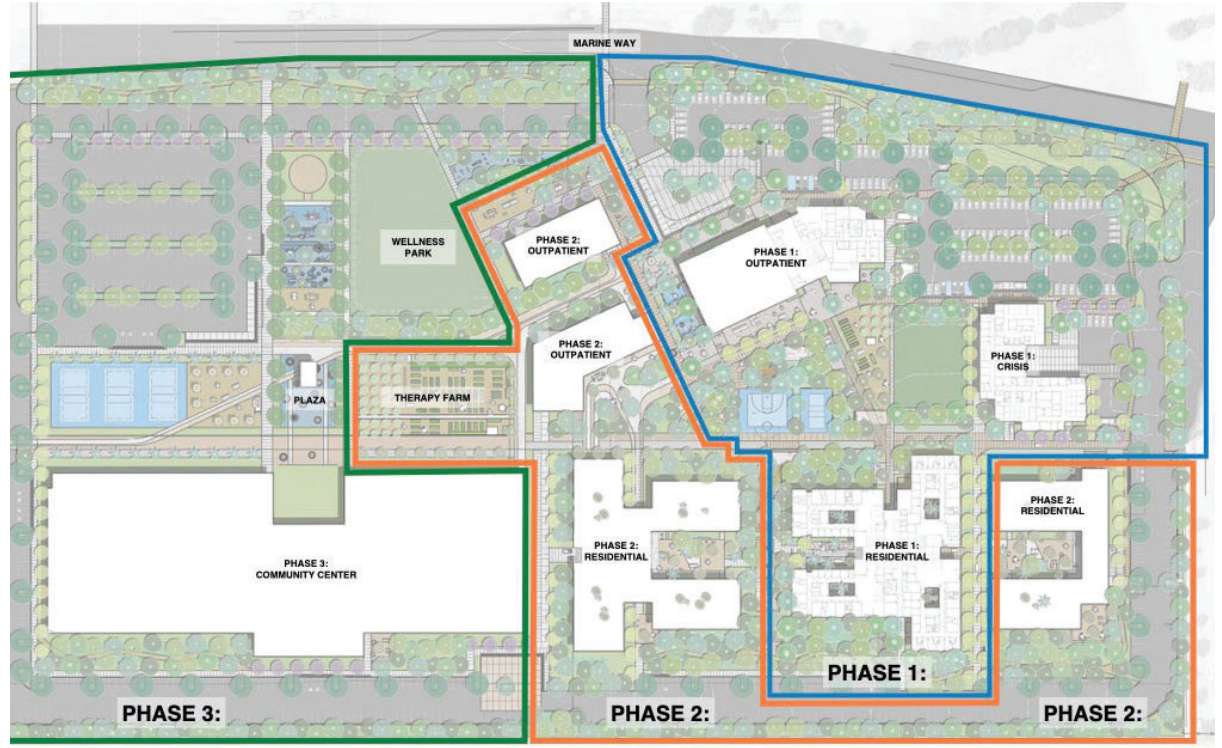
- Child/Adolescent and Adult
- CSU & Sobering
- Residential Treatment
- Outpatient Services

Area 2

- Residential Specialties (Women's Services, More Children's)
- Outpatient Services Expansion
- FQHC Medical / Dental Clinic

Area 3

- Education & Training
- Community Meetings & Events
- Youth and Senior Centers
- Interfaith Shared Use Space



Phase 1 Site - 74,800 s.f.



Outpatient
23,500 s.f.



Residential
37,400 s.f.



Urgent Care
13,900 s.f.



Design Aesthetic: Intimate Residential Feel, Indoor/Outdoor Experience



Be Well OC

Be Well Mobile

Non-emergency support for all residents experiencing mental health & substance use related crises.

Supports law enforcement, EMS, County Response Teams & community.

Deployment at a local level improves responsiveness & Health Equity.





Optimizes deployment of first responders & specialized County response teams

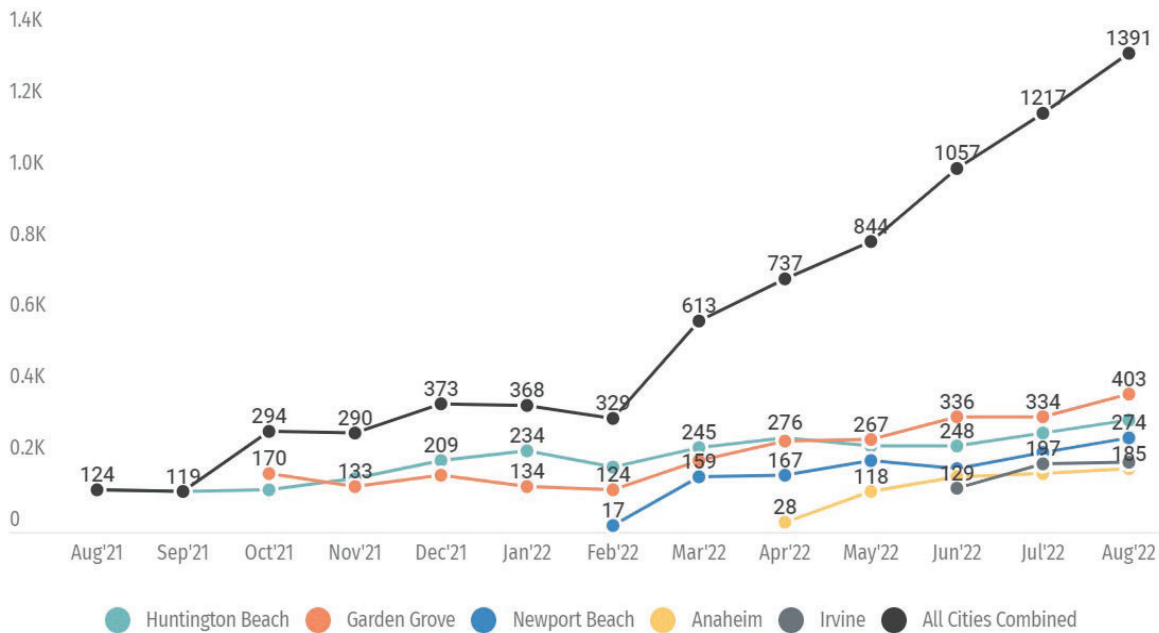


An Orange County Mobile Response Continuum:



CONTACTS THIS MONTH: 1,391

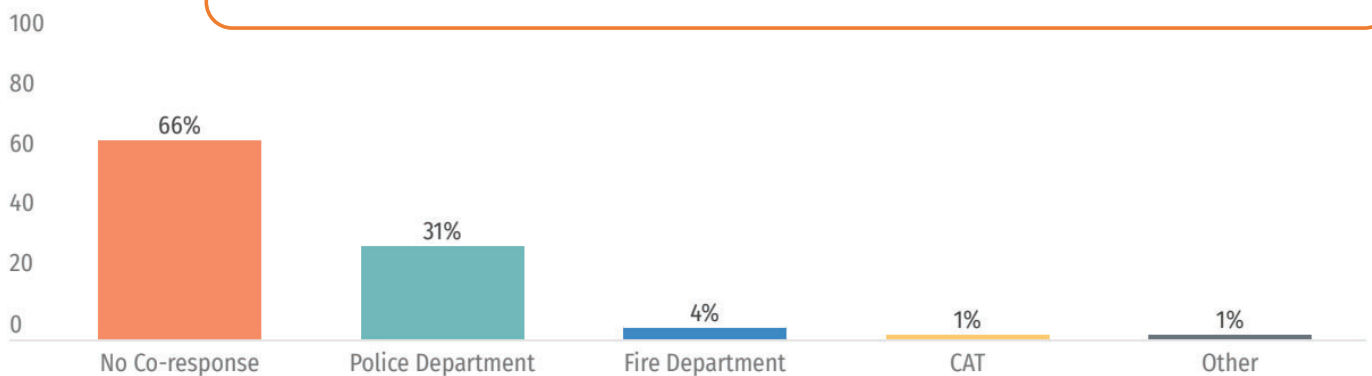
TOTAL CONTACTS: 7,756



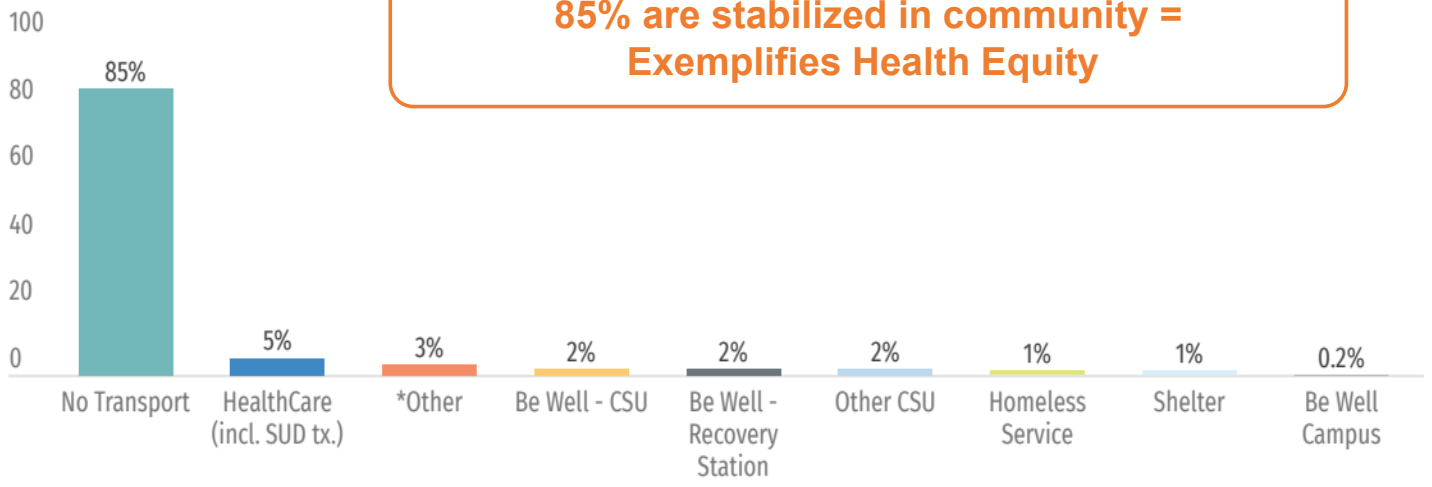


- **Average Response Time: 13 minutes**
- **Average Time on Scene: 42 minutes**
- **Aggregate time on scene: 4,854 hours**

66% of the Be Well Team calls do not require a Co-response = First Responders can better focus on critical emergency calls.

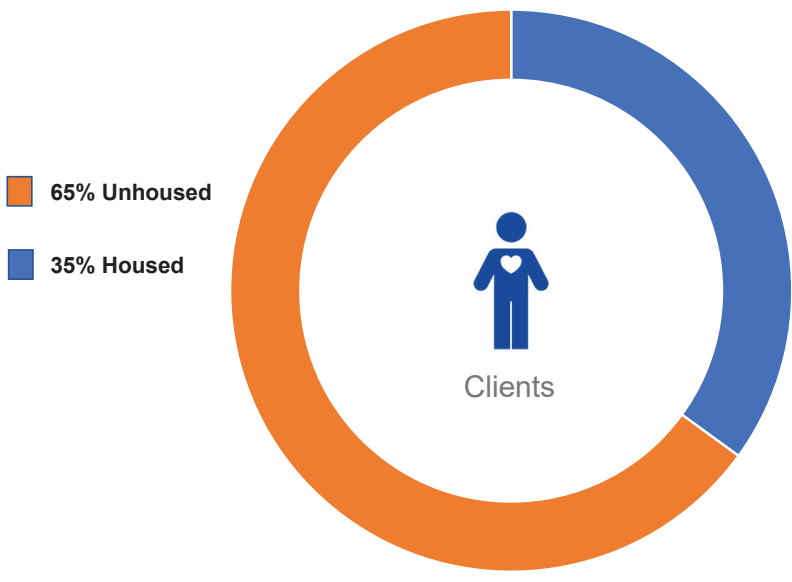


**Percentages may exceed 100% because multiple agencies can respond to the same contact.*



85% are stabilized in community = Exemplifies Health Equity

Disposition of Encounters



Housed & Unhoused = Whole Community Service

Thank you!





TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
 RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 10/13/2022 MEETING (as prepared OCT 5)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Governor completed his action on bills and the end of September. His office released [statistics on his final actions](#) saying he had signed 997 bills into law and vetoed another 169. There are many disappointments in his actions, like the [38 new housing bills](#) signed into law that create new requirements on cities including AB 2011 and SB 6 which both speed housing while limiting input from the public or city and eliminates parking minimums when these projects are within ½ mile of transit. Parking came under fire in several bills this year and the signing of [AB 2097](#) also prohibits parking minimums in residential and commercial in many cases within ½ mile of transit.

More legislative updates will come out as we prepare our new laws webinar for the end of the year, but for now here are some of the good news out of the end of the legislative session:

Community Services:

- [SB 1338 \(Umberg\) CARE Court](#) – SIGNED
- Eggman Behavioral Health Package: Of the 8 bills that were introduced, 3 were signed and one was vetoed. Cal Cities worked closely with the author and recommended a support position on all of them. The three that were signed are: [SB 929 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1035 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1127 \(Eggman\)](#); and [SB 1238 \(Eggman\)](#) was vetoed.

Transportation, Communications and Public Works:

- [AB 1685 \(Bryan\) Parking Violations](#) – VETOED. Would have required cities to forgive \$1,500 in parking violations annually for unhoused individuals
- [SB 932 \(Portantino\)](#) – SIGNED. This bill would require cities to adopt bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming elements when they update their general plan. Cal Cities negotiated amendments that removed the legal liability section of this bill allowing us to remove our opposition.

Public Safety:

- [AB 1740 \(Muratsuchi\) Catalytic Converters](#) - SIGNED
- [SB 1087 \(Gonzalez\) Catalytic Converters](#) – SIGNED

Rev & Tax:

- [AB 1951 \(Grayson\) Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption](#) - VETOED

2023 GOAL SETTING & MEMBER SURVEY

Now that the 2021-22 legislative session is behind us, Cal Cities is turning to preparing and planning for the coming year and we want to hear from you, our members, about what we should focus on. Cal Cities has set up a survey that is quick to complete that will help our Cal Cities Board, the Los Angeles County Division, and our League Leaders (includes the leadership of our policy committees, divisions, caucuses & departments). You can complete the survey [HERE](#) until OCTOBER 18.

NEW CAL CITIES PRESIDENT AND ARTESIA COUNCIL MEMBER ALI TAJ'S MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

From September 14 issue of Cal Cities Advocate:

Last week, more than 2,000 city officials gathered in Long Beach for the 2022 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo. It was a great honor to be installed as the new Cal Cities president. It is an even greater honor to lead this organization as it continues to advance its 124-year-long mission: to expand and protect local control for cities. Being around such an

impassioned and active gathering of thousands of city colleagues reminded me of the great strength of our organization.

As I start my new term, I believe it's important to acknowledge our recent accomplishments, while also committing ourselves fully to tackling the difficult challenges that lie ahead in 2023. This past year will be remembered for the ongoing impacts of a pandemic, inflation at levels we haven't seen in decades, a declining economy, and an ever-worsening drought.

In the face of these challenges, city leaders showed strength and resilience by adapting innovative ways to serve our communities while also providing basic services with fewer resources — improving local streets and roads, planning and approving new housing, supporting unhoused residents, helping local businesses get back on their feet, and keeping communities safe.

And like city leaders, Cal Cities also delivered for our members in 2022. Cal Cities meaningfully advanced all four member-driven advocacy priorities for 2022, including:

- **Housing.** Cal Cities secured resources to support cities' efforts to jumpstart housing construction — including nearly \$1 billion for low-income housing and infill construction — and carved out flexibility for cities in bills that threaten local housing plans.
- **Infrastructure.** Cal Cities led a broad coalition against a large, unfunded transportation measure that would have required cities to adopt significant and costly bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming elements in their general plans. Cal Cities also defeated two measures that would have restricted local transportation funding.
- **Homelessness.** The Cal Cities Board of Directors adopted a policy that supports additional funding and resources to expand access to behavioral health services and that supports our county partners. With this new policy, we went to work on bills designed to modernize the behavioral health system, to better serve those who need it, including our unsheltered residents. This includes the CARE Court legislation that the Governor signed into law on Sept. 14, which includes Cal Cities' requested amendments.
- **Climate resiliency and disaster preparedness.** Cal Cities secured \$180 million in the state budget for organic waste recycling programs, which will go a long way towards helping advance our shared city and state priority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Cal Cities also had a seat at the table for a landmark recycling bill, SB 54, that became law this year. SB 54 requires all single-use plastics to be recyclable or compostable by the next decade.

But our work is not finished. While we celebrate the progress on our advocacy priorities, we continue to face challenges in the Legislature and at the ballot box that threaten local funding for local services and our land use authority.

As your president, I am committed to spending time in the State Capitol, building relationships with legislators, particularly the 35 incoming lawmakers, to advance our legislative priorities and uphold local control. But this work will require a unified voice. It will take working together for all of our cities to be stronger and our advocacy to be more effective.

To uphold our unwavering commitment to expand and protect local control, the Board directed Cal Cities to establish near-, mid-, and long-term strategies, including exploring the feasibility of a ballot measure that fights back against the continual erosion of local control by the Legislature and Administration. And at this year's conference, the membership directed us to work through our committee process to review a potential ballot measure.

Staff have already begun this important but difficult work. Designing, qualifying, and passing ballot measures in California — particularly a constitutional amendment — is no small undertaking and certainly no guarantee. It takes months of policy research, polling, legal analysis, coalition building, fundraising, and other deliberations to construct a policy that meets the goals of the organization, while also meeting the approval of California's diverse electorate.

And it takes even more to actually win at the ballot. In 2022, gathering signatures to qualify a constitutional amendment cost between \$10-16 million. The cost for 2024 could be greater. And running a campaign to pass a measure takes many tens of millions of dollars more to educate California's 20 million voters. In fact, the average winning ballot campaign spent more than \$50 million in the 2020 election cycle. Clearly, Cal Cities cannot go it alone. It will take a broad coalition and extensive evaluation to determine if there is a viable path to success.

Toward that end, the Board also instructed Cal Cities to engage in a campaign against the deceptively named "**Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act**". Backed by the California Business Roundtable, the measure adopts new and stricter rules for raising taxes, fees, assessments, and property-related fees; and creates new ways to challenge or repeal these revenue-raising measures that disrupt fiscal certainty and local services. This measure directly challenges our mission to safeguard local control.

The California Business Roundtable has raised more than \$16 million and submitted 1,429,529 signatures to try to qualify this measure. It is likely to qualify for the November 2024 statewide ballot. We anticipate the business coalition will raise tens of millions more to push the measure in 2024.

We know what it will take to be successful at the ballot: tens of millions of dollars and a strong coalition of allies. We've already started building the coalition to oppose this measure and are working with very powerful groups: SEIU California, California Professional Firefighters, California Special Districts Association, California State Association of Counties, AFSCME California, and the California Alliance for Jobs, to name a few.

If and when this measure qualifies, we will need city officials to be all in to oppose this measure, spread the word, and raise the funds it will take to defeat it.

As I start my new term, the bottom line is that the state of Cal Cities is strong. I am confident that we will rise and respond to our challenges this year as we've been doing for over 120 years.

Thank you all for leading your communities with passion, courage, and dedication. It is an honor to lead this organization and the important work we will do in the year ahead.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cities members approved bylaws amendments and took action on a petitioned resolution that would have required Cal Cities to help qualify the Brand-Mendoza-Candell Tripartisan Land Use Initiative on the 2024 ballot (also known as the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative). Since this was brought as a petitioned resolution, no amendments were allowed, and the general resolutions committee proposed that this petitioned resolution be sent back to our policy committees and the membership overwhelmingly agreed.

More details on the General Assembly can be found [HERE](#) or call me and I can brief you on the details of what transpired.

DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: David A. Wilson, City Manager, City of West Hollywood
David White, City Manager, City of Santa Monica
John Nachbar, City Manager, City of Culver City

SUBJECT: Westside Regional Community Safety Working Group

Recommended Action

Receive an overview of a planned Westside Regional Community Safety working group that is being created in a collaborative fashion by the Westside cities and will include City Managers, relevant community safety staff, and law enforcement personnel to address recent, emerging, and ongoing regional safety issues.

Background

There are many issues that similarly impact cities in the Westside region. Some of the issues of quality of life, transportation, and the environment are regularly discussed through the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG). Other regional issues, such as those related to community safety, do not necessarily have formal inter-agency discussions on an ongoing basis, although law enforcement agencies often coordinate with each other on related issues and investigations.

At its July 18, 2022 meeting, the West Hollywood City Council approved an item requesting the West Hollywood City Manager reach out to the other Westside cities to coordinate an inter-agency regional community safety working group. The Westside City Managers (Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood) have engaged in discussions about creating this working group and agree it will be beneficial to all the cities. Community safety representatives from the City and County of Los Angeles will be invited to participate in this working group, as well.

The working group will consist of the City Managers from the Westside cities, relevant community safety staff, and law enforcement agencies. The City Managers will determine the ultimate make-up of the working group and representation from their respective cities. The goal of the working group is to discuss and resolve recent, emerging, and ongoing community safety issues impacting the region. For example, some recent issues include antisemitic posters, flyers, and images that have appeared in recent months; hate crimes; crimes involving dangerous drugs; follow-home burglaries; and smash-and-grab robberies.

This independent working group will not replace or duplicate the work of any of the WSCCOG working groups. The initial meetings of this working group will be bi-monthly and then may be adjusted to an as-needed basis as determined by the working group. Working group representatives will report activities to their individual cities and the WSCCOG on an as-appropriate basis.

Attachment

None

Subject: Westside Cities 1st Quarterly Regional Convening - Registration and Agenda

Dear Westside Cities Region Partners,

The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) recognizes the crucial role of cities and Councils of Government (COGs) in the fight against homelessness. With the support of the Board of Supervisors (Board), the CEO-HI is implementing a [new framework](#) to address and prevent homelessness that emphasizes investments in rehousing our homeless neighbors, leverages the County's mainstream systems, and prioritizes partnerships with cities and COGs. Additionally, the Board approved a set of recommendations endorsed by the [Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness](#) (BRCH) that focus on working with cities and COGs.

To that end, the Board of Supervisors has directed the CEO-HI to convene quarterly meetings with cities and COGs so we can begin working together on several important issues and projects, particularly in the areas of:

- Co-investment opportunities
- Local solutions fund
- Local Measure H funding allocations
- Encampment decommissioning with pathways to housing and services
- Data sharing

CEO-HI will host the Westside Cities 1st Quarterly Regional Convening Tuesday, October 12, 2022, 2:00pm – 3:30pm for cities and COG. The meeting will take place virtually on Zoom. We are excited to share the **New Framework** to End Homelessness in Los Angeles County, **listen and learn from you** in accelerating the implementation of the framework, and receive input and feedback on the **BRCH Local Solutions Fund Program**. This meeting is intended for city administrators and city homeless staff.

We value your partnership and look forward to collaborating with you. Please register now using the registration link below to ensure your City's/COG seat at the table. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Meeting Objectives
 3. Introduction to the Quarterly Convenings
 4. About the Homeless Initiative
 5. Overview of the New Framework & Implementing its Core Principles
 6. Feedback on the 23-24 Funding Recommendations Process
 7. Local Solutions Program, Process, and Timeline
 8. Announcements and Next Steps
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Please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com for registration details.

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- Zero-emission related business enterprises
- Engineering, architecture, construction or infrastructure development firms
- Agencies seeking to leverage your available zero-emission infrastructure funding

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Submit responses via email to Cynthia Ravenstein at
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