



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

**Thursday, December 14, 2023  
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

**Location for In-Person Participation:**

West Hollywood Library Building - City Council Chambers  
625 N San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

**Remote Participation via Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

**Livestream on YouTube:**

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### **MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION**

The Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Regular Board meeting on **December 14, 2023** will be held in-person with remote public participation via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members are required to attend in-person to participate and vote on action items on the agenda. For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at [winnie@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:winnie@estolanoadvisors.com) or (323) 306-9856.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

# AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS (2 min)
3. [SCAG CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 DRAFT PLAN PRESENTATION](#) (12 min)
4. ACTION ITEMS (10 min)
  - A. [WSCCOG October 12, 2023 Board Meeting Notes](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meeting held on October 12, 2023.
  - B. [2024 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the proposed 2024 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule.
  - C. [AB 761 Local Finance: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Authorize the WSCCOG staff to submit a letter of support.
  - D. [Regional Early Action Plan \(REAP\) Subregional Partnership \(SRP\) 2.0 Program](#)  
**Recommended Action:** (1) Authorize the WSCCOG legal counsel to review and execute the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SCAG for the Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 program; and (2) Authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with SCAG to draft and release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SRP program.
5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (15 min)
  - A. [WSCCOG Updates](#)
    - i. Transportation and Homelessness Working Groups
    - ii. Upcoming WSCCOG Representative Appointment
  - B. [Los Angeles County Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee \(IBCC\)](#)
  - C. [WSCCOG Boundary Map Updated Design](#)
6. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (15 min)
  - A. [Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program \(MSP\) 5-Year Cashflows Update and Transportation Priorities Discussion](#)
7. HOMELESSNESS UPDATE (15 min)
  - A. [Measure H Local Solutions Funds \(FY 2024-25\)](#)
  - B. [Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness \(BRCH\) Executive Committee](#)
  - C. [Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program](#)
  - D. [Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count 2024](#)

**8. LEGISLATION (3 min)**

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS (3 min)**

**10. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

A. WSCCOG Membership Dues

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURN**

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## 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 at the location below:

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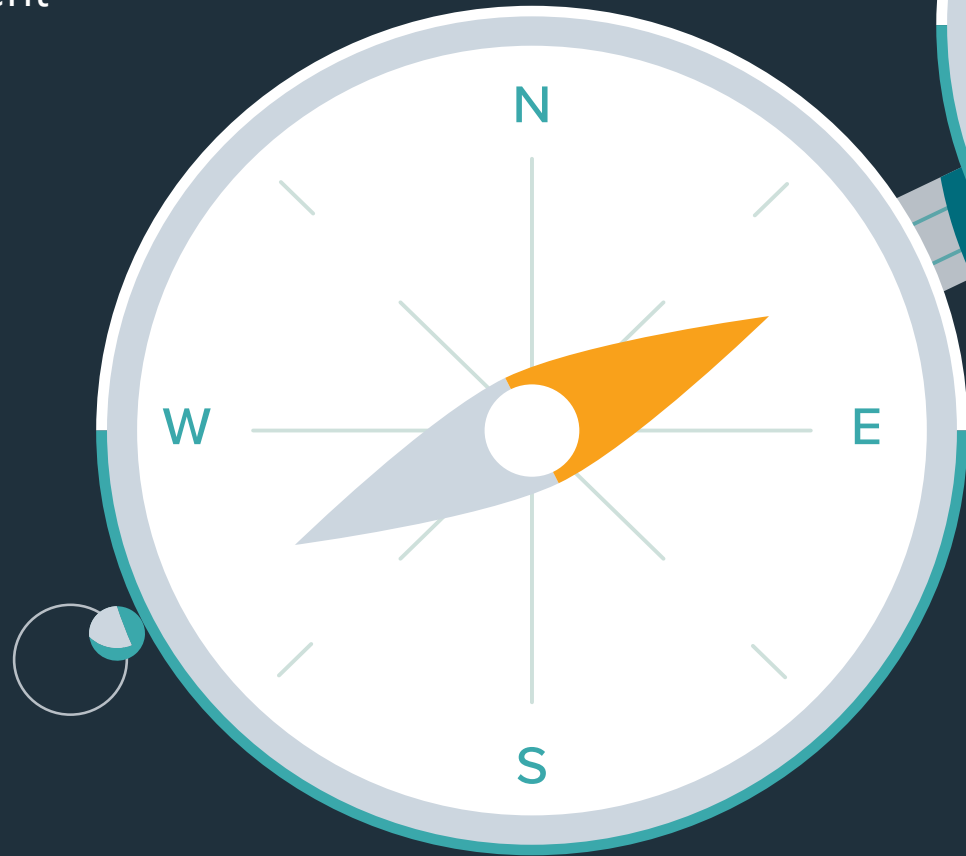
2. **To listen and provide comments via remote participation on Zoom:** To participate remotely on Zoom Event, use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

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](mailto:riley@estolanoadvisors.com) by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

# Connect SoCal 2024

Draft Plan for Review  
and Comment



The Southern California Association  
of Governments' 2024–2050  
Regional Transportation Plan/  
Sustainable Communities Strategy

# The SCAG Region



**6**  
COUNTIES

**16**  
TRIBAL  
GOVERNMENTS

**191**  
CITIES

**18.7M**  
RESIDENTS



**38,618**  
SQUARE MILES

**\$1.6T**  
REGIONAL GDP

**16TH**  
LARGEST  
ECONOMY  
WORLDWIDE

**47.6%**  
OF STATE  
POPULATION

# Our Role in the Region



## Vision and Goals

SCAG leads the region by defining where we want to go and outlining strategies to get us there.

### Leadership

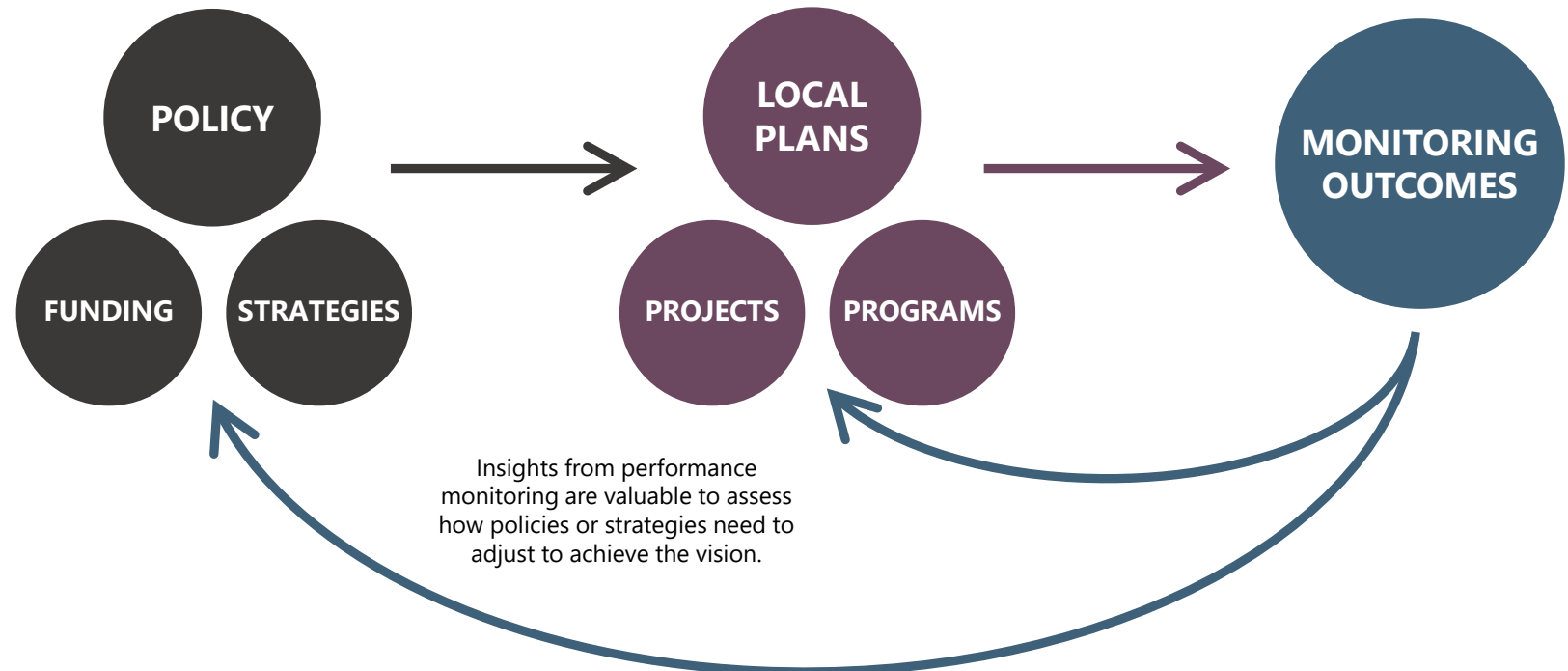
SCAG works with local jurisdictions, transportation commissions, state and federal agencies and various stakeholder groups to identify how we will work together to achieve the regional vision.

### Implementation

Jurisdictions take action at the local level to implement work that moves toward achieving this regional vision.

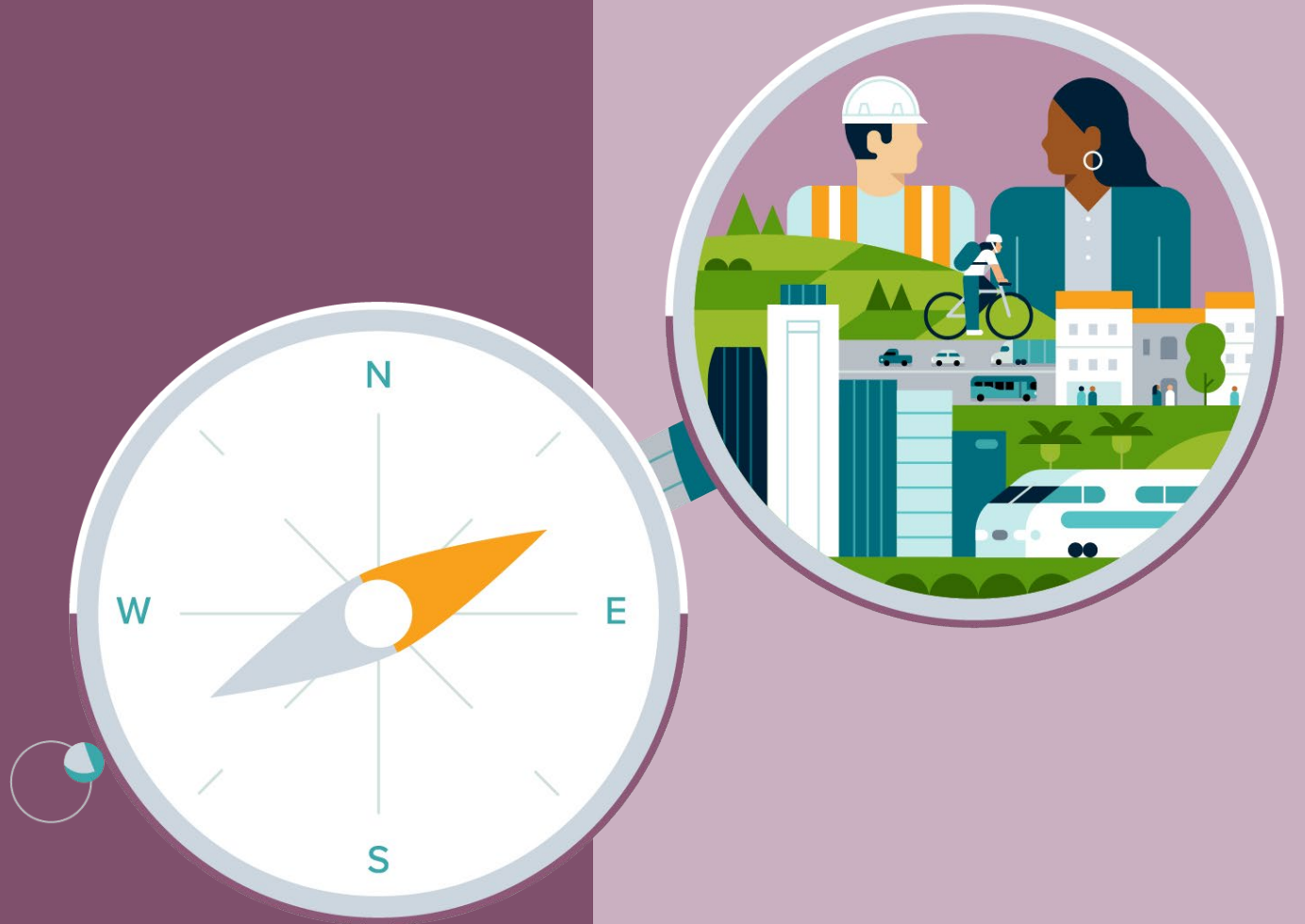
### Evaluation

Measurement of implementation work and outcomes acts as a benchmark on progress toward achieving the vision.



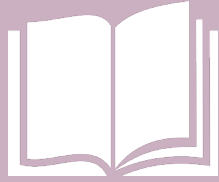


# WHAT IS Connect SoCal?

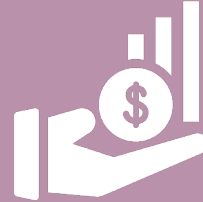




# Connect SoCal is:



**A Regional  
Transportation  
Plan/Sustainable  
Communities Strategy  
(RTP/SCS)**



**A plan to meet federal  
and state requirements,  
which is critical for  
projects in the region to  
receive transportation  
funding or approval**



**A 20+ year plan with  
\$750 billion in  
transportation  
investments, a  
regional development  
pattern and many  
supportive programs  
and strategies**

# Plan Elements

## **Regional Planning Policies**

*Provide guidance for integrating land use and transportation*

## **Project List**

*Details plan investments*

## **Forecasted Regional Development Pattern**

*Demonstrates where the region can sustainably accommodate jobs and needed housing*

## **Regional Strategic Investments**

*Address the gap between local plans and regional performance targets and goals*

## **Implementation Strategies**

*Guide where SCAG will lead, partner or support plan implementation*





# HOW DO WE DEVELOP THE PLAN?



# A “Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive” Approach

2021

FOUNDATIONS AND  
FRAMEWORKS

2022

DATA COLLECTION  
AND POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT

2023

OUTREACH AND  
ANALYSIS

2024

DRAFT PLAN AND  
ADOPTION



## Plan development included many steps including:

- 90+ Working Group and Technical Advisory Committee meetings
- 3,600+ public outreach survey responses
- Input solicited from County Transportation Commissions for Plan **Project List**
- Input solicited from local jurisdictions for **Forecasted Regional Development Pattern**
- 100+ Staff Reports to SCAG’s Policy Committees and Regional Council



# WHO ARE WE PLANNING FOR?



# Equity and Resilience as a Lens



## MOBILITY

- System Preservation and Resilience
- Complete Streets
- Transit and Multimodal Integration
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management
- Technology Integration\*
- Safety
- Funding the System/User Fees

## COMMUNITIES

- Priority Development Areas
- Housing the Region\*
- 15 Minute Communities\*
- Equitable Engagement and Decision-Making\*

## ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainable Development
- Air Quality
- Clean Transportation
- Natural & Agricultural Lands Preservation
- Climate Resilience\*

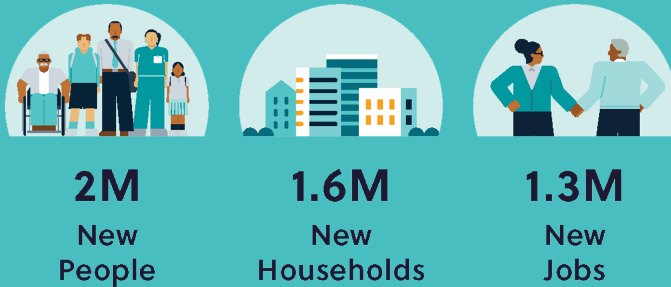
## ECONOMY

- Goods Movement
- Broadband\*
- Universal Basic Mobility\*
- Workforce Development\*
- Tourism

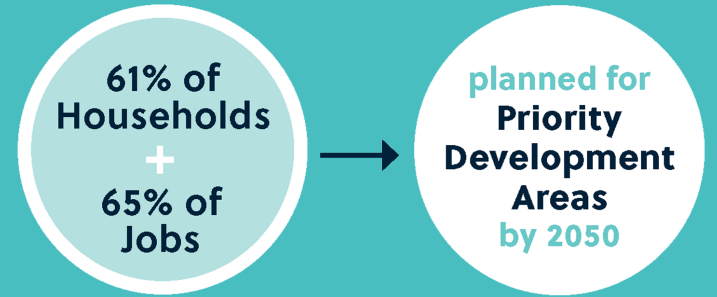
*\*New policy area for Connect SoCal 2024*

# The Region in 2050

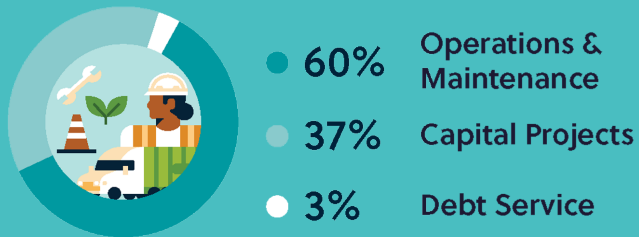
## Demographic Forecast



## More Efficient Development Pattern



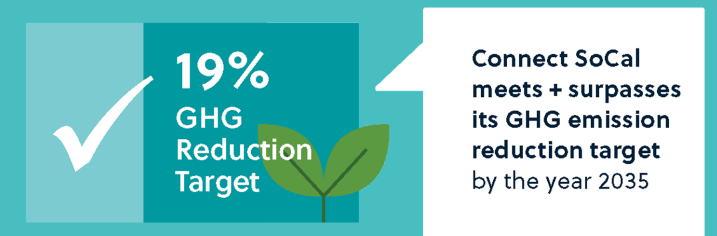
## \$750.1 Billion in Investments through 2050



## Less Congestion



## Reduced GHG Emissions from Passenger Vehicles



## More Travel Options



## Direct Economic Impacts

\$2.00 in benefits for each \$1.00 invested and 480,100 annual new jobs from transportation investments and increased competitiveness.

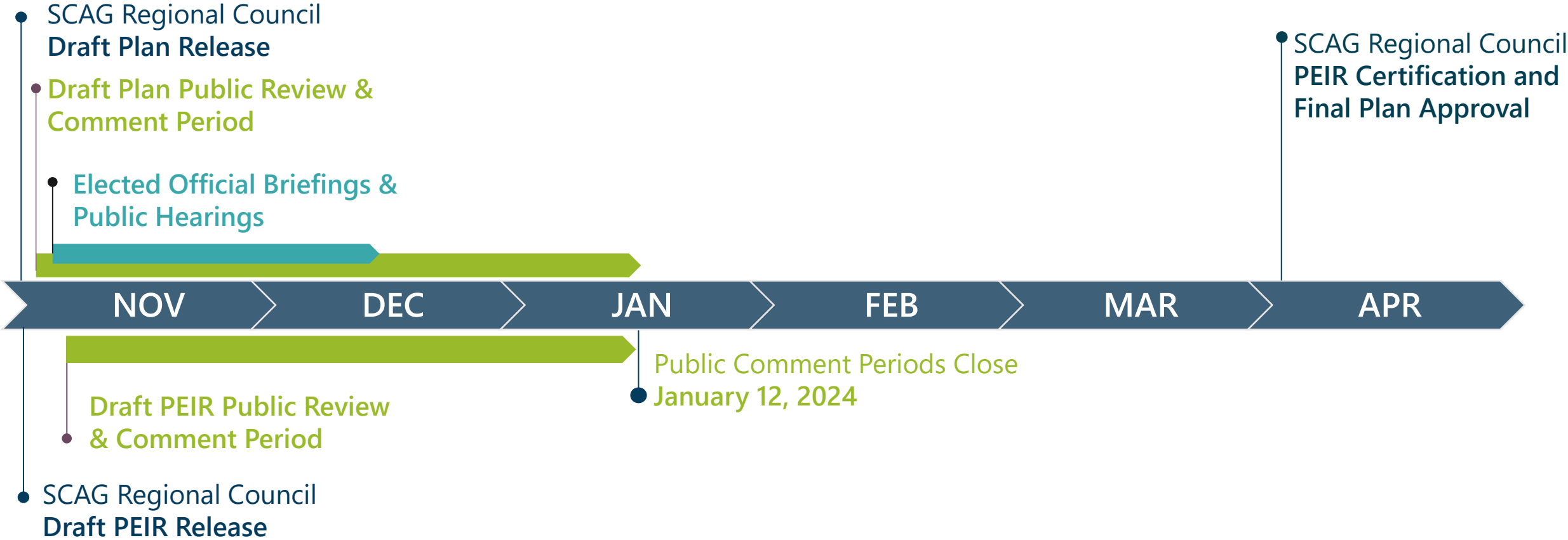




**WHAT COMES NEXT?**



# Draft and Final Plan Timeline



2023

2024

# Give Your Comments



## Visit

ConnectSoCal.org to read the draft Connect SoCal 2024



## Submit

Comments online or by mail by January 12, 2024



## Contact

Government Affairs Officer:

Erik Rodriguez  
[rodrigueze@scag.ca.gov](mailto:rodrigueze@scag.ca.gov)  
(213) 630-1525

# THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

[www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov)



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of Governments' 2024–2050  
Regional Transportation Plan/  
Sustainable Communities Strategy

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023  
12:00 NOON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Beverly Hills:** Mayor Julian Gold (WSCCOG Vice Chair), Vice Mayor Lester Friedman. Staff: Gabriela Yap.
- Culver City:** Councilmember Göran Eriksson (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Dan O'Brien. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Larissa Hogan\*, Terrica Miller\*.
- Santa Monica:** Councilmember Oscar De La Torre (WSCCOG Secretary). Staff: Josh Kurpies.
- West Hollywood:** Councilmember John Heilman. Staff: Hernan Molina\*, Corri Planck\*.
- County of LA:** Staff: Austin Cyr (Supervisory District 3), Sarah Harris, Isela Gracian (Supervisory District 2), Dr. Gary Tsai\*, Dr. Brian Hurley\* (LA County Department of Public Health).
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Cecilia Estolano, Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities), Erik Rodriguez (SCAG), Karen Swift (Metro)

(\* Indicates virtual attendance)

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

Councilmember Göran Eriksson (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

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

Voting members included Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills); Councilmember Göran Eriksson (City of Culver City), Councilmember Oscar de la Torre (City of Santa Monica), Councilmember John Heilman (City of West Hollywood), and Austin Cyr (County of Los Angeles).

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. WSCCOG August 10, 2023 Board Meeting Notes**

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

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

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) reiterated the subregion's need for an alternate representative for the Metro Technical Advisory Committee Streets and Freeways Subcommittee. The current representative remains Andrew Maximous of Culver City, but WSCCOG staff have not received any letters of interest for the alternate position. Therefore, WSCCOG staff have extended the call for letters of interest through November 30, 2023.

Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG Analyst) described updates related to ongoing Metro projects. During the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group meeting in September, representatives from Metro and LA28 provided updates on the transportation plans for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. O'Brien noted that plans are currently focused on the Games Route Network, which would consist of bus-only lanes available for athletes, media, spectators, and other participants. LA28 and Metro have not yet determined if regularly scheduled public transit buses can use the Games Route Network.

O'Brien also shared ongoing agency and public outreach efforts related to several Metro projects, including the Crenshaw Northern Extension, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes, and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. O'Brien announced a grant opportunity for the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction, which is accepting applications through early 2024. Karen Swift (Metro) provided a brief announcement regarding Metro's commitment to build 10,000 homes and Metro's upcoming October outreach meeting in Westwood focused on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes, Sepulveda Transit Corridor, as well as the Traffic Reduction Study focused on congestion pricing.

Winnie Fong (WSCCOG Project Director) provided a brief update on the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant program. Fong noted that SGC is releasing guidelines for AHSC Round 8, and that the notice of funding availability (NOFA) for AHSC Round 8 will be available in January 2024 and encouraged cities to apply for SGC's free technical assistance and consider capacity building support to apply for the upcoming funding round.

Councilmember Göran Eriksson (Culver City) provided an update on Culver City's progress in addressing homelessness. In the last six months, Culver City has provided over 170 beds in which unhoused residents can stay, including 40 beds in a safe camping site and 73 rooms in a Project Homekey site along Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City also signed two master lease agreements with motels in recent months.

### **5. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS UPDATE**

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre (Santa Monica) described ongoing concerns about Los Angeles County's needle exchange program and welcomed staff from LA County Department of Public Health to provide information and answer questions related to the program. Dr. Gary Tsai provided a presentation on the County's overdose crisis and harm reduction syringe services. Dr. Tsai emphasized that most people with substance use disorders do not actively seek treatment, and that LA County's needle exchange program seeks to reach those people to prevent overdose and disease transmission. During a question-and-answer session, Dr. Tsai clarified that LA County believes the needle exchange program reduces the unsafe disposal of used needles and helps bring illegal drug users into treatment. Dr. Tsai's colleague Dr. Brian Hurley added that the increasing popularity of fentanyl has not reduced the demand for needles.

Sara Harris (LA County Supervisorial District 2) provided a presentation on the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), which is currently chaired by Supervisor Holly Mitchell. LACAHS aims to produce and preserve affordable housing while supporting renters and preventing homelessness. During a question-and-answer session, County staff clarified that LACAHS is currently unfunded and that LACAHS will distribute funds to the COGs as they develop housing trust funds. However, the County has not determined all funding distribution mechanisms for LACAHS at this time.

## **6. LEGISLATION**

Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) shared the recent legislative actions since the state legislature's adjournment, including bill signings and vetoes by Governor Gavin Newsom. Kiernan noted that Governor Newsom signed 56 housing-related bills including SB 423 and SB 4, which the League of California Cities opposed. Kiernan added that Governor Newsom signed AB 1637, which the League of California Cities opposed due to its requirement for cities to adopt a .gov domain. In addition, Kiernan expressed support for Governor Newsom's vetoes of the transportation bill AB 825 and the labor bills AB 504 and SB 799. Kiernan concluded by sharing the Governor's signing of coastal zone bill SB 272 and homelessness bill SB 43.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hernan Molina (City of West Hollywood) provided an update on AB 761, which would adjust state law regarding enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFDs) to extend the EIFD terms to 75 years to match federal loans. Molina asked the WSCCOG Board to support the bill and noted that this adjustment would only apply to LA Metro rail projects, which would enable the subregion to fund large rail projects more easily. WSCCOG staff agreed to add an action item supporting AB 761 at the next WSCCOG Board Meeting.

Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills) announced the Inaugural Southern California Municipal Summit will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach. This event will enable unstructured discussion among mayors and city councilmembers across the region. Councilmember Oscar de la Torre (City of Santa Monica) requested the WSCCOG Boardmembers to send representatives to the next County's City Selection Committee meeting to vote for the candidate to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness

(BRCH) Executive Committee. The City Selection Committee was recently cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

#### **8. RECEIVE AND FILE**

Vice Mayor Friedman (City of Beverly Hills) moved to receive and file an update from SCAG regarding Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Chair Eriksson seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously (4-0).

#### **9. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next WSCCOG Board Meeting will be on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 pm in Culver City. The meeting will include SCAG's update on Connect SoCal 2024.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG Analyst) read a public comment from baiami@aol.com, which appeared to focus on the Metro I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes:

"Because of lane splitting, any lane width reduction would be dangerous to motorcyclists & difficult to steer in & swerve in a lane to avoid a road hazard.

Reduction of shoulder width would be a liability because motorists would have nowhere safe to park after an accident, mechanical problems or to take/make a phone call.

Charging to use something more efficiently will be a disproportionate financial burden to mostly sub-middle-class individuals already burdened by high gas prices & taxes.

Efficient use of public transportation infrastructure is a goal to aspire to for all, not just those who can afford extra costs associated with this goal.

Thank you."

#### **11. ADJOURN**

Chair Eriksson adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.



**DATE:** December 11, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** 2024 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule

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**Recommended Action**

Approve the proposed 2024 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

**Background**

The WSCCOG by-laws state that regular meetings of the board shall be held no less than four times a year. The WSCCOG staff proposes to continue convening the regular board meetings bi-monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. starting in February 2024 as indicated in the schedule below. The WSCCOG will also continue to hold the regular board meetings in a hybrid format via in-person and virtually.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Host City <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Thursday, February 8, 2024	12:00 p.m.	City of Beverly Hills
Thursday, April 11, 2024	12:00 p.m.	City of Culver City
Thursday, June 13, 2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	12:00 p.m.	City of West Hollywood
Thursday, August 8, 2024	12:00 p.m.	City of Beverly Hills
Thursday, October 10, 2024	12:00 p.m.	City of Culver City
Thursday, December 12, 2024	12:00 p.m.	City of West Hollywood

**Notes:**

- (1) WSCCOG will rotate the location of the Regular Board meetings between member jurisdictions. Meeting locations will be confirmed and announced in early January 2024.
- (2) WSCCOG Annual Meeting - Election of new COG Governing Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary); appointment of Committee Members; and adoption of the annual budget.





**DATE:** December 11, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** AB 761 Local Finance: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts

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### **Recommended Action**

Authorize the WSCCOG staff to submit a letter of support.

### **Background**

During the WSCCOG Board meeting held on October 12, 2023, Hernan Molina, Government Affairs Liaison for the City of West Hollywood, presented an update to the WSCCOG Board on AB 761 sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and the Third Supervisorial District. While the WSCCOG Board was interested in supporting the bill, it was not included on the agenda as an action item at that time. The City of West Hollywood is now formally requesting a letter of support from the WSCCOG, and a draft letter is attached for consideration.

AB 761 would give local jurisdictions an improved fiscal tool to help fund critical investments in transit infrastructure and support local and state transportation and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Specifically, the bill would align the maximum term allowable under state Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) with those available through Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans.

Under current state law, tax increment from an EIFD is limited to 45 years. However, because of slow appreciation in property values, it may take seven to 10 years before the increase in tax increment revenue is sufficient to borrow against that revenue stream or begin paying down debt. AB 761 would extend the period of available EIFD tax increment from 45 years to 75 years for districts intended to fund zero-emission LA Metro transit projects with federal financing through TIFIA loans. Passage of AB 761 would align state law with the recent federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (IIJA), which extended the maximum TIFIA term. Doing so would reduce annual payments for local agencies, increase the financing capacity of EIFDs, and make EIFDs more viable as a funding tool for jurisdictions pursuing transit capital investments.

The City of West Hollywood has been pursuing an EIFD as a central element of planning for the Metro K Line Northern Extension light rail project (formerly the Crenshaw/LAX Line). For several years, the City of West Hollywood has been advancing this WSCCOG priority project in collaboration with Metro, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and the WSCCOG. AB 761 would make a near-term funding plan for the project more viable and increase the likelihood that the project can be delivered ahead of schedule.

If passed, AB 761 would benefit not only the K Line Northern Extension, but also any other LA Metro rail projects by providing local governments with a new fiscal tool to support planned rail infrastructure projects in their communities. While other LA Metro projects have been primarily funded by Measure R or Measure M and State or Federal grants, rising project costs are increasingly limiting the pace of that expansion, meaning more support from local cities and counties will be needed to keep projects and climate goals on schedule.

The County Board of Supervisors recently adopted the motion to support the AB 761 (refer to [Attachment A](#)). The WSCCOG staff worked with the City of West Hollywood to draft a support letter for the Board's consideration (refer to [Attachment B](#)).

**Attachment:**

- A. Draft Letter from the WSCCOG Board of Directors to Assemblymember Laura Friedman supporting AB 761

# Item 4C - Attachment A

AGN. NO.

December 5, 2023

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS LINDSEY P. HORVATH AND JANICE HAHN

**Support for AB 761 (Friedman): Support for Local Finance: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts**

In 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 628 (Beall) into law, which allows cities and counties to create Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) and issue bonds to pay for public capital facilities and other specified projects that provide significant benefits to the district or the surrounding community. Eligible projects include highways and bridges; transit and transit-oriented development projects; affordable housing; environmental mitigation and water facilities; flood control and drainage projects; parks and libraries; and childcare facilities, among others.

EIFDs are financed through tax increment (a percentage of future – and higher – tax collections) generated from the growth in property taxes collected from parcels in a designated project area, thereby creating no additional cost to property owners and taxpayers.

Pursuant to SB 628, the statutory term of an EIFD and the length of time tax increment can be collected and utilized is up to 45 years from the date of the first bond issuance. However, because of the relatively slow appreciation in property values, in

MOTION

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BARGER	_____
HORVATH	_____

many cases seven to 10 years before the increase in tax increment revenue is sufficient to borrow against and/or finance local infrastructure improvements and community investments, the growth and utilization of EIFDs has not kept pace with California's capital infrastructure and community investment needs.

In fact, a recent California Forward report entitled, *Building a More Inclusive and Sustainable California: Maximizing the Federal Infrastructure Funding Opportunity*, has recommended “[increasing] alignment of the state code authorizing the establishment of Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts (EIFDs) with TIFIA financial terms and Infrastructure Finance District provisions with TIFIA to enable access to more loans and increased use of these infrastructure financing tools.”

AB 761 (Friedman) would extend the statutory period of available EIFD tax increment from 45 years to 75 years for districts created to fund zero-emission transit projects in Los Angeles County with federal financing through Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, which are eligible to fund up to 49 percent of project costs. The bill is narrowly tailored to apply to districts formed after January 1, 2024, for the purpose of financing and constructing LA Metro rail projects that have been awarded a federal TIFIA loan and ensures that 45 years after the issuance of the loan, all tax increment will be used for repayment of that loan.

Given the rising cost of construction, the increasing urgency for climate action, and limited availability of state and federal funding resources, it is in the interest of the County of Los Angeles to more effectively leverage financing tools to bring much-needed investments to Angelenos who rely on public transportation to get to and from work, school, and play.

AB 761 provides such a tool by matching the statutory term of an EIFD with that of a federal TIFIA loan, thereby drawing out the total tax increment collected and reducing the annual impact on municipal budgets, creating an opportunity for local governments to leverage state and federal dollars more competitively, and allowing for more flexible loan repayment terms.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the following:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support Assembly Bill 761 (Friedman), which would matching the statutory term of an (EIFD) with that of a federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan.
2. Direct the CEO-LAIR to send a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Laura Friedman.

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December 14, 2023

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
California State Assembly, 44<sup>th</sup> District  
1021 O Street, 5740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Assembly Bill (AB) 761 (Friedman) Local Finance: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts. SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Friedman,

On behalf of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), we express our support for AB 761, which would give local jurisdictions an improved fiscal tool to fund critical investments in transit infrastructure and support local and state transportation and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Under current state law, tax increment from an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) is limited to 45 years from the date of the first bond issuance. However, because of the relatively slow appreciation in property values, it may take seven to 10 years before the increase in tax increment revenue is sufficient to borrow against that revenue stream or begin paying down debt. AB 761 is a common-sense proposal to extend the period of available EIFD tax increment from 45 years to 75 years for districts intended to fund zero-emission LA Metro transit projects with federal financing through Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans. Passage of AB 761 would align state law with provisions of the recently enacted federal “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (IIJA), which extended the maximum TIFIA term.

In an environment of rising construction costs, increasing urgency for climate action, and limited state and federal resources, increasing the capacity of local governments to make meaningful contributions to construction costs and more effectively leverage generous federal financing tools is key to realizing much-needed transit investments. LA Metro is in the middle of one of the largest transit expansions in the nation, but additional tools are needed to sustain it. We commend your leadership and thank you for authoring AB 761. Should you need to contact the WSCCOG regarding our support, please reach out to the WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia Estolano at [cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com).

Sincerely,

Councilmember Göran Eriksson  
WSCCOG Chair



**DATE:** December 11, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 Program

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**Recommended Action:**

- (1) Authorize the WSCCOG legal counsel to review and execute the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SCAG for the Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 program; and
- (2) Authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with SCAG to draft and release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SRP program.

**Background**

In September 2022, the SCAG Regional Council approved the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2021 Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program and Guidelines, which will allocate \$23 million in REAP 2.0 grant funding to subregional councils of governments (COGs) for eligible activities supporting member cities and counties implement Housing Element work plans. SCAG is using a non-competitive formula allocation based on proportional share of the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) to allocate \$330,355 to the WSCCOG.

The SRP 2.0 program focus on implementing Housing Elements is a means for investing in early actions that will: (1) accelerate infill development facilitating housing supply, choice, and affordability; (2) affirmatively furthering fair housing; and (3) reducing vehicle miles traveled across the region. The approach also recognizes Housing Elements represent the local plans for realizing the RHNA and the goals to meet local housing needs. It is SCAG's intent to support locally identified and approved planning tools and programs.

During the WSCCOG Board meeting held on April 20, 2023, the WSCCOG Board approved the staff recommendation to use a portion of the REAP 2.0 funds to continue the exploratory work to establish a Regional Housing Trust. WSCCOG staff also recommends allocating a portion of the funds towards on-call technical assistance to support member jurisdictions in implementing the Housing Elements. Over the past few months, WSCCOG staff collaborated with SCAG to develop the project scopes to inform the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Requests for Proposals (RFPs), and any other documents necessary to procure consultants to be ready for project kick-off as soon as the MOU between the WSCCOG and SCAG is executed and the notice to proceed is issued.

**Timeline and Proposed Recommendation**

Since the WSCCOG Board will not convene until February 2024, WSCCOG requests that the Board authorize the WSCCOG legal counsel review and execute the MOU on behalf of the WSCCOG to

stay on schedule to complete the work as SCAG requires that all projects must be completed by December 31, 2025. Starting in January 2024, the WSCCOG staff will collaborate with the WSCCOG Housing Working Group members to finalize the scope of work for the RFP based on the staff's proposed scope description, approach, and deliverables for the Regional Housing Trust Implementation Plan and the Housing Element Implementation On-Call Technical Assistance. The WSCCOG staff also requests that the Board authorize the WSCCOG staff to work with SCAG to prepare the materials and release the RFP to procure consultants from the SCAG REAP 2.0 bench within the first quarter of 2024.

**Attachment:**

- A. [WSCCOG REAP 2.0 Scope Description, Approach, and Deliverables](#)





**Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program  
Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 Program  
SCOPE DESCRIPTION, APPROACH AND DELIVERABLES**

**Project Name: WSCCOG Regional Housing Trust Implementation Plan**  
**Applicant: Westside Cities Council of Governments**

Describe each principle task identified in the Budget & Timeline, provide scope, approach, and list deliverable(s). Add or delete rows as needed.

Task #	Task Title	Scope Description and Approach	Deliverable(s)
1	Consultant Procurement		
1.1	Draft scope of work for RFP	WSCCOG staff will work with the WSCCOG Housing Group to draft and finalize the scope of work for the RFP	Draft and Final scope of work
1.2	Review proposals	WSCCOG staff will form a task force with WSCCOG jurisdictions to review proposals and conduct interviews. Review proposals and select consultants to proceed with the interview process	Scored proposals in the evaluation
1.3	Conduct interviews	The WSCCOG task force will participate in the interviews with the consultants and the WSCCOG staff will facilitate the process to gather potential interview questions	Interview questions
1.4	Select consultant	WSCCOG staff will facilitate the process for the WSCCOG task force to recommend a consultant and propose that recommendation to the WSCCOG Board for approval	Staff report with recommendation of the selected consultant to the WSCCOG Board for approval
1.5	Execute contract w/ the consultant	WSCCOG staff will facilitate the process with the legal counsel and SCAG on the contract with the consultant to begin work	Final contract with the consultant
2	Project Management		
2.1.a	Kick-off meeting	The consultant will work with WSCCOG staff and SCAG to conduct a kick-off meeting. The consultant will brief the staff on timeline, work plan, and next steps.	Agenda; Agenda notes; Work plan and timeline
2.1.b	Kick-off meeting	The WSCCOG staff will work with the consultant and SCAG to kick off the project in a meeting. WSCCOG will support the consultant and SCAG in the development of the agenda and provide input on the work plan and timeline.	Agenda; Agenda notes; Work plan and timeline
2.2.a	Project check-in meetings	The consultant will meet with WSCCOG staff on a monthly or bi-weekly meeting to ensure the project activities and deliverables are on track, as well as provide feedback.	Agenda; Agenda notes; Quarterly progress reports
2.2.b	Project check-in meetings	The WSCCOG staff will meet with the consultant on a monthly or bi-weekly meeting to ensure the project activities and deliverables are on track, as well as provide feedback.	Agenda; Agenda notes; Quarterly progress reports
3	Steering Committee and Stakeholder Engagement		
3.1	Organize and establish Steering Committee	The consultant to organize and establish a steering committee.	Steering committee roster
3.2	Data Analysis and Research	The consultant will compile and analyze data to provide guidance for informed discussions and decision-making processes.	Data and research memo
3.3.a	Kick-off meeting with Steering Committee w/ a shared goals and visioning	The consultant will work with the WSCCOG staff to conduct a session with the Steering Committee to identify a shared goal and vision for the Trust, as well as evaluation metrics for success.	Agenda; Agenda notes
3.3.b	Kick-off meeting with Steering Committee w/ a shared goals and visioning	The WSCCOG staff will work with the consultant to conduct a session with the Steering Committee to identify a shared goal and vision for the Trust, as well as evaluation metrics for success.	Agenda; Agenda notes
3.4.a	Stakeholder Engagement feedback on goals and vision	The consultant will vet the shared goals and vision of the Trust to various stakeholders for feedback.	Feedback summary
3.4.b	Stakeholder Engagement feedback on goals and vision	The WSCCOG staff will vet the shared goals and vision of the Trust to various stakeholders for feedback.	Feedback summary
3.5.a	Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings	The consultant will convene steering committee meetings to present information and solicit input on the proposed implementation strategies throughout the planning process.	Agenda; Agenda notes
3.5.b	Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings	The WSCCOG staff will support the consultant to convene steering committee meetings to present information and solicit input on the proposed implementation strategies throughout the planning process.	Agenda; Agenda notes
4	Formation and Governance		
4.1	Draft governance documents	The consultant will collaborate with the WSCCOG staff and the Steering Committee to draft necessary documents to form the Trust.	Bylaws; Governing board structure, Decision making processes, Administrative policies and procedures, operation and staffing plan; and Lending and project
4.2	Develop equity considerations	The consultant will explore strategies to ensure equitable distribution of affordable housing resources for all participating jurisdictions, including RHNA credits. The consultant will also develop an approach to promote inclusive community engagement and identify supportive	Equity Memo



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4.3	Conduct feedback sessions	The consultant will conduct feedback sessions with the Steering Committee and stakeholders on draft documents	Feedback solitiation; Summary feedback
4.4	Review documents and provide feedback	WSCCOG staff will review the draft documents and materials and provide feedback to the consultant	Feedback memo
4.5	Finalize documents	The consultant will incorporate the feedback to the final documents	Final documents
5	Program Development and Guidelnes		
5.1	Develop programs for consideration	The consultant will develop funding programs administered by the Trust, including affordable housing development and preservation projects (e.g., permanent supportive housing, community land trusts, naturally occurring affordable housing), land acquisition, rehabilitation, rental assistance, etc. Once the funding programs are determined, the consultant will draft the program guidelines as well as establish underwriting standards and criteria	Program guidelines; Project selection criteria; Technical assistance program
5.2	Develop equity considerations	The consultant will develop a project prioritization framework that considers factors such as impact, feasibility, and equity that is informed by Subtask 4.2.	Equity Memo
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6	Funding Strategy		
6.1	Develop funding strategy for proposed programs	The consultant will identify both one-time and ongoing sustainable funding commitments to operate the Trust and administer the proposed funding programs, as well as on-call technical assistance to support jurisdictions and affordable housing developers applying for state and federal grants. This will include establishing annual membership dues for the Trust and	Funding strategy memo
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7	Implementation Plan		
7.1	Finalize implementation plan	The consultant will compile all documents as part of the implementation plan and present to the WSCCOG Board for adoption.	Final implementation plan
7.2	Initiate and approve JPA formation	This consultant will also help determine the form of the joint powers authority, whether through state legislation or locally and support the WSCCOG staff through the selected	Adopted JPA documents and relevent City Council meeting



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**Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program**  
**Subregional Partnership (SRP) 2.0 Program**  
**SCOPE DESCRIPTION, APPROACH AND DELIVERABLES**

**Project Name: Housing Element Implementation On-Call Technical Assistance**  
**Applicant: Westside Cities Council of Governments**

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2	Initial Assessment and Work Plan		
2.1	Review adopted Housing Elements	The consultant will review the housing elements of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood and meet with each jurisdiction to assess the status of their current implementation efforts.	Summary of shared and common policy and programs for implementation
2.2a	Conduct 1:1 interviews with jurisdictions	The consultant will conduct 1:1 meetings with jurisdictions to identify implementation and TA needs.	Agenda; Summary notes
2.2b	Conduct 1:1 interviews with jurisdictions	The WSSCOG staff will participate in 1:1 meetings with jurisdictions to identify implementation and TA needs.	Agenda; Summary notes
2.3	Draft assessment	The consultant will summarize the findings in an assessment report and draft a work plan tailored for each jurisdiction to identify technical assistance needs, as well as a strategy to scale the technical and analytical work across multiple jurisdictions.	Assessment memo
2.4	Draft a tailored work plan for technical assistance	The consultant will develop an approach that will provide an equitable distribution of available technical assistance resources for all jurisdictions based on the initial assessment and 1:1 interviews of TA needs.	Initial TA Work plan
2.5	TA solicitation process	The consultant will work with the WSSCOG staff to develop a process for the jurisdictions to access the TA throughout the project period and develop a plan based on scaling the TA work, budget, and timeline.	TA solicitation plan
3	Technical Assistance (TA)		
3.1	Provide TA to jurisdictions	The consultant will provide responsive and timely technical and analytical support on an on-call basis to jurisdictions to address specific challenges, questions, and/or needs related to the 6th cycle housing element. The state REAP 2.0 guidelines require all uses that include rezoning or that guide development by updating planning documents, development standards, and zoning ordinances, including general plans, community plans, specific plans, SCS, and local coastal programs; that all uses that include the creation of planning documents be accompanied by a commitment to adopt by the expenditure deadline. The commitment to adopt will be maintained in the project scope.	Actionable Outcomes from the Technical Assistance provided; Adoption date(s) and Governing Bodies) as applicable to meet REAP 2.0 requirements
4	Reporting		
4.1	Monitor TA outcomes	The consultant will monitor the expected and actual outcomes of the TA provided to the jurisdictions, including staff reports and adoption of policy and/or ordinances by the city council throughout the life of the project.	Draft quarterly summary of expected and actual implementation/adoption outcomes of the TA
4.2	Draft monthly progress reports and metrics on TA activities	The consultant will provide monthly progress reports to the WSSCOG staff on recent activities, expected outcomes, and evaluation metrics of their technical assistance.	Progress reports



**DATE:** December 11, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report – WSCCOG Updates

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### **Transportation and Homelessness Working Group Updates**

WSCCOG staff convened the Transportation and Homelessness Working Groups in October, November, and December. Refer to [Attachment A](#) and [Attachment B](#) for the agenda items discussed in the meeting.

### **Upcoming WSCCOG Representative Appointments**

#### **Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Streets and Freeway Committee Alternate Representative**

On August 10, 2023, the WSCCOG issued a call for candidates for the Alternate Representative to the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Streets and Freeway. WSCCOG did not receive any candidacy letters. The WSCCOG will extend the call until staff receives letters from interested candidates to present to the Board for consideration. Candidates should submit a letter of interest to WSCCOG Project Director Winnie Fong at [winnie@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:winnie@estolanoadvisors.com).

#### **League of California Cities Regional Director Update**

On April 14, 2022, the WSCCOG Boardmembers approved the following arrangement for the WSCCOG Regional Director representative to the League of California Cities – LA County Division:

- Councilmember Phil Brock (City of Santa Monica) will serve as the WSCCOG Regional Director from May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022
- Councilmember Göran Eriksson (City of Culver City) will serve as the WSCCOG Regional Director from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023
- Beginning January 1, 2024, Councilmember Phil Brock (City of Santa Monica) will return to serve as the WSCCOG Regional Director until December 31, 2024

#### **Metro Westside/Central Service Council**

Martha Eros (City of Beverly Hills) is currently serving a three-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 on the Metro Westside/Central Service Council. Metro requests that the WSCCOG submit a letter nominating the incumbent or a replacement nominee for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 term to ensure that fully appointed Service Councils are maintained. The WSCCOG will release a call for candidates in February 2023 and the WSCCOG Board will select the nominee in April 2024.

## WSCCOG Transportation Working Group

### Agenda for Tuesday, October 24, 2023

#### 1. WSCCOG Updates

- a. Reschedule/Cancel November/December TWG Meetings
- b. Metro Streets and Freeways Subcommittee Alternate Needed
- c. MSP Update
- d. SEP Programming Process
- e. Boundary Map Redesign

#### 2. Funding Opportunities

- a. Due April 1, 2024: EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- b. Support Letter Request Due October 30: USDOT Bridge Investment Program and RAISE Grants
- c. SCAG Grant Opportunities Overview

#### 3. Recurring Items

- a. K Line (Crenshaw) Northern Extension
- b. Sepulveda Transit Corridor
- c. 2028 Olympics
- d. Westside/Central Service Council Meeting Recap

#### 4. Upcoming Meetings

- a. WSCCOG Transportation Working Group Meeting - TBD
- b. WSCCOG Board Meeting – December 14, 2023

### Informational Updates

#### 1. Metro

1. Bus Lane Enforcement Pilot with Hayden AI - [\[Link\]](#)
2. Measure M Five Year Comprehensive Assessment and Equity Report - [\[Link\]](#)

### Agenda for Tuesday, November 28, 2023

#### 1. Discussion

- a. Guests - Fanny Pan and Craig Hoshijima, Metro
- b. Updated MSP and SEP Cash Flow
- c. Questions on SEP Programming Process
- d. Next Steps

#### 2. WSCCOG Updates

- a. December TWG meeting canceled
- b. Metro Streets and Freeways Subcommittee Alternate Needed
- c. New December WSCCOG Meeting Item - AB 761 on EIFDs
- d. Boundary Map Redesign
- e. Future TWG Agenda Items

#### 3. Funding Opportunities

- a. Support Letter Request Due November 30: USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
- b. Feedback Due December 1, 2023: SCAG Go Human Community Streets Draft Guidelines
- c. Due April 1, 2024: EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- d. SCAG Grant Opportunities Overview

#### **4. Recurring Items**

- a. 2028 Olympics
- b. Feedback Due December 8, 2023: Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor
- c. Metro I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes
- d. Metro Traffic Reduction Study –
- e. Metro K Line (Crenshaw) Northern Extension
- f. Metro Westside/Central Service Council Meeting Recap

#### **5. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. WSCCOG Board Meeting - December 14, 2023
  - i. 12-1:15 pm; likely in West Hollywood
- b. WSCCOG TWG Meeting - January 23, 2024
  - i. 2-3pm via Zoom

#### **Informational Updates**

1. Metro
  - a. 2023 Customer Experience Plan - [\[Link\]](#)
2. SCAG
  - a. Draft 2024 Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) Now Available - [\[Link\]](#)

## WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

### Agenda for Wednesday, October 25, 2023

#### 1. County Updates

- a. CEO-HI Update from Onnie and Camila
  - i. City/COG listening Sessions, October 25, 10:30am-12:30pm
  - ii. Full transition to multi-year funding agreement
    1. Rolling over remaining balances
- b. Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH)
  - i. BRCH Governance for an Executive Committee
    1. County August 8, 2023 motion
  - ii. Selection of one nominee for appointment as a member to the BRCH Executive Committee - Southwest Sector
    1. [Agenda for October 12, 2023 City Selection Committee – Cancelled meeting](#)
    2. [Weighted Vote](#)
    3. South Bay Cities COG endorsement for Paige Kaluderovic, Redondo Beach Councilmember
- c. Metro
  - i. Metro response to homelessness motion (refer to attachment)

#### 2. Recap from WSCCOG October Board meeting (refer to attached presentations and video [here](#))

- a. LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency
- b. County Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Service Programs

#### 3. Eviction Defense and Tenant Protection Peer Learning Presentation

- a. City of Beverly Hills

#### 4. Upcoming Meetings

- a. WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group Meeting
  - i. Wednesday, November 22, 2023 @ 9am
    1. Propose to reschedule due to Thanksgiving holiday
  - ii. Eviction Defense and Tenant Protection Peer Learning Presentations
    1. City of Culver City (TBD)
  - iii. Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center RFP Discussion

### Agenda for Thursday, December 7, 2023

#### 1. Peer Learning Exchange

1. Culver City Presentation
2. WSCCOG next steps

#### 2. County Innovation Funds/Local Solutions Funds

1. Draft scope for the Subregional Behavioral Health Facility Feasibility Study RFP (In Progress)
2. Invoices for reimbursements

**3. LA County Rent Relief Program**

1. [https://lacountyrentrelief.com/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://lacountyrentrelief.com/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
2. County Equity Map  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9d7a43397ea84ab98a534be5b5376fba>

**4. LA County Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee**

1. Digital Equity Act Programs <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/DEA-101-Webinar-Presentation-05-18.pdf>

**5. Look ahead 2024 discussion topics/actions for the homelessness working group**

1. January 24, 2023 Meeting
  1. County HI and LAHSA joint presentation on master leasing
  2. Summary on Peer Learning Exchange on tenant protections/eviction defense
  3. Continued discussions on the Subregional Behavioral Health Facility RFP



**From:** [Rebecca Kauma](#)  
**To:** [Winnie Fong](#)  
**Cc:** [Cecilia Estolano](#)  
**Subject:** Follow-Up | Connecting with Westside Cities Council of Governments to Discuss Collaboration on Federal and State Broadband Funding Opportunities  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:35:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [Key Digital Equity Updates - CPUC Broadband Internet Caseworkers - CDT Statewide Planning Group Oct Meeting - SCAG Request for Proposals \(RFP\) Last Mile Opportunity.pdf](#)  
[Key Digital Equity Update - Provide Your Feedback on the Initial Proposal for the California Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program.pdf](#)  
[Key Digital Equity Update - FCC Adopts Rules to Prevent and Eliminate Digital Discrimination Nationwide.pdf](#)  
[Board Motion - Establishing an IBCC - September 2022.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon, Winnie:

I hope this email finds you well. Happy Tuesday! It was a pleasure connecting with you this afternoon to discuss collaboration on upcoming Federal and State broadband grant funding opportunities from the [California Department of Technology](#) (CDT), [California Public Utilities Commission](#) (CPUC), and the [National Telecommunications and Information Administration](#) (NTIA). Thank you for sharing more about your role with the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG). In addition, providing valuable input for the County's new [Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee](#) (IBCC) that will support cities and community partners countywide! Please see the important details below and attached key digital equity updates that will be helpful to the cities in your COG that may apply for the Federal and State funding opportunities. I also attached information about the IBCC Development Board Motion.

### **Federal | State Broadband & Digital Equity Grant Funding Opportunities**

[Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](#) | The BEAD Program provides \$42.45 billion nationwide to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment, and adoption programs. The BEAD Program prioritizes unserved locations that have no internet access or that only have access under 25/3 Mbps and underserved locations only have access under 100/20 Mbps. In June 2023, \$1.86 billion was allocated to California to deliver last mile reliable broadband to unserved communities. Key next steps from the CPUC include 1) establish program rules in an initial proposal pursuant to federal requirements and NTIA approval; 2) conduct a challenge process for eligibility map; 3) run a grant application process and propose subgrantees; and 4) submit final proposal. Applications for the BEAD Program funding should be made available in mid-year 2024. Please see some helpful links below.

- [BEAD Program Overview](#)
- [BEAD Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [BEAD Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
- [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) National Broadband Map](#)

[Digital Equity Act \(DEA\) Capacity and Competitive Programs](#) | The DEA Programs provides \$2.75 billion nationwide to planning and implementation programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. The DEA State Capacity Program is a \$1.44 billion formula grant program for states, territories, and tribal governments. It will fund an annual grant program for five years in support of digital equity projects and the implementation of digital equity plans. Local governments, non-profit foundations, corporations, institutions, and associations, community anchor institutions, local educational agencies, and workforce development entities may be eligible subgrantees to implement key strategies from the [State Digital Equity Action](#). Key next steps include releasing the draft State Digital Equity Action Plan for public comment hopefully this month or next month. The DEA Competitive Program is a \$1.25 billion competitive grant program that funds annual grant programs for five years to implement digital equity projects. Potential digital equity activities for funding may include 1) broadband adoption efforts (e.g., address barriers to access, affordability, and adoption); 2) digital literacy training efforts; 3) digital navigation efforts; 4) device distribution efforts; and 5) workforce training efforts. Local governments, non-profit foundations, corporations, institutions, and associations, community anchor institutions, local educational agencies, and workforce development entities may be eligible grantees. Applications for DEA Programs funding should be made available mid-year 2024. Please see a helpful link below.

- [DEA Programs Overview](#)

#### **Additional Helpful Link**

- [County of Los Angeles | Delete the Divide | 2020 American Community \(ACS\) Survey 5-Year Estimates | Mapping the Digital Divide in Los Angeles County](#)

#### **IBCC Next Steps**

The County is in the process of developing the IBCC. Implementation and official IBCC meetings are anticipated to begin in early 2024. I will keep you and your team updated on key IBCC next steps. In addition, I will provide other key updates on Federal, State, and County broadband/digital equity efforts. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to me if you have any follow-up questions.

Thank you for very much for your time and consideration! I look forward to working with you and your team as we partner to advance digital equity and inclusion countywide!

My best,

**Rebecca F. Kauma, MPA**

Director of Digital Equity

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**REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HOLLY J. MITCHELL  
AND SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS**

September 13, 2022

**Deepening the County’s Commitment to Equitable Deployment of Enhanced  
Regional Broadband Infrastructure - Establishing an Intergovernmental Broadband  
Coordinating Committee**

Local governments must increase access to the digital tools needed for our residents to succeed in school, work, and life. This is fundamentally an equity issue as nationwide and in Los Angeles County (County), the digital divide continues to disproportionately impact Black and Latino or Hispanic households, as well as those with lower incomes and educational attainment. Federal broadband funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) marks one of the largest public investments in connectivity since the creation of the Interstate Highway System in 1956. We now have a once-in-a-generation opportunity with BIL, the American Rescue Plan, and other Federal and State funding programs, to achieve digital equity. Yet, maximizing the effectiveness of this funding to crush the digital divide will require regional coordination across each of the 88 municipalities and the County’s unincorporated areas.

Over 428,000 households in the County do not have home internet subscriptions. These households are largely concentrated in low-income communities of color. On August 31, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a [motion](#), “Utilizing Existing Infrastructure and Resources to Accelerate Digital Equity” to assess viable options for the County to facilitate residential access to reliable broadband service in low-income communities where greater than 20% of the households lack internet service, instructing

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the Internal Services Department (ISD) to lead this effort. Moreover, on November 16, 2021, the Board unanimously adopted a [motion](#), “Investments to Accelerate Digital Equity” to accelerate its efforts on the digital divide and clarify roles and responsibilities. In less than one year, ISD, having been named the lead on Digital Equity efforts in the County, has made significant progress on all aspects of both motions. ISD’s competitive solicitation for public-private partnerships to provide community broadband has yielded a shortlist of qualified bidders who are eager to provide reliable high-speed service in areas of the County that rely on legacy technologies and that are often served by only a single internet service provider.

This week, ISD announced a master services agreement for several pre-qualified firms to deploy a community broadband network more quickly in heavily underserved areas using public assets to deploy internet access to the surrounding community. This groundbreaking approach serves as a last mile solution for households not currently served by or not able to afford broadband access. Cities throughout the country have used the County’s approach as a best practice - advancing similar models in preparing to compete for BIL funding. For example, Miami is attaching broadband access underneath its rail lines in parks and open spaces, and the Philadelphia Office of Innovation and Technology is looking for ways its public assets can support digital equity, with a Request for Information due at the end of September.

However, with significant Federal investment available, it is rare that this funding would be allocated for a specific objective without a local coordinating entity or office in place. While each State will receive a formula allocation of funding under BIL, States and local jurisdictions can also compete for over \$1 billion in funding for middle-mile projects via the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure program. We must move toward regional coordination in a directed manner if we are to draw down our equitable share of funding and ensure that we have a future proof solution that integrates the needs of the County and our 88 incorporated cities in one place.

Building on accelerating the success of ISD’s efforts, and in recognition that world-class broadband and digital equity are essential to residents and businesses, the County should lead an intergovernmental coordination effort to secure our fiber future including:

sharing and scaling the public-private partnership models it is developing; promoting the effective use of State and Federal grant programs, including the coordinated deployment of funds among jurisdictions in the County; and sharing resources and best practices to ease administrative burdens and expedite broadband deployment.

The County has a responsibility to put resources into this historic opportunity to crush the digital divide and improve the quality of life for its residents. Creating a County Director of Digital Equity position to lead the intergovernmental coordination effort will enable the County to coordinate across Departments, with other jurisdictions, and among industry leaders and advocates. This position should be housed within ISD, the department leading our County's efforts to close the Digital Divide.

**IWE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in consultation with the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), to identify within 30 days an appropriate existing item which can be immediately available to hire a new County Director of Digital Equity to serve full-time, in an executive management-level position to be housed at ISD; and present to the Board any ordinance amendments to account for any needed classification changes as part of the CEO's routine classification Board letter process.
2. Direct the Director of Digital Equity to collaborate with ISD to establish the Intergovernmental Broadband Coordinating Committee (IBCC) which shall serve as a Countywide, intergovernmental coordinating entity for the purposes of expanding affordable and reliable internet access across jurisdictions and designate the Director of Digital Equity as the convener of the IBCC. Instruct the Director of Digital Equity to report back to the Board in writing on structure and duties of the IBCC in 120 days. This structure should include:
  - a. Recommendations for a legal framework to establish the IBCC that encourages participation from all stakeholders, including but not limited to, advocacy, technology, and economic development; and

- b. A proposed membership model for jurisdictions to participate in the IBCC, with membership being primarily drawn from Councils of Governments, incorporated cities, and unincorporated communities without limit in the County.
3. Direct the Director of Digital Equity to draft a Charter for the IBCC and report back to the Board in writing in 180 days with a draft Charter for adoption. The Charter shall:
  - a. Establish and outline a program to provide technical assistance to IBCC members for the pursuit of State and Federal funding, including coordinating grant applications and sharing technical grant writing resources;
  - b. Propose a set of goals for the IBCC that include, but are not limited to, expediting broadband infrastructure deployment and adoption, increasing data transparency related to Broadband access, and improving digital literacy in the County; and
  - c. Address the roles and responsibilities of the IBCC, including but not limited to its role in coordinating broadband deployment, sharing publicly owned assets, sharing information among members, and exploring the design of a Countywide Broadband Authority.
4. Direct the Director of Digital Equity to coordinate with organizations that are specifically focused on digital equity, including the Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League, in response to the above referenced directives.
5. Direct the Director of Digital Equity to report back to the Board on the progress of Directives 1 and 2 as part of ISD's ongoing quarterly Delete the Divide reports.

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# WESTSIDE CITIES

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Westside Cities COG Boundary Map Redesign

December 14, 2023



# WSCCOG Boundary Review

1. Current Boundary Map

4. Changes from 2020: City of LA

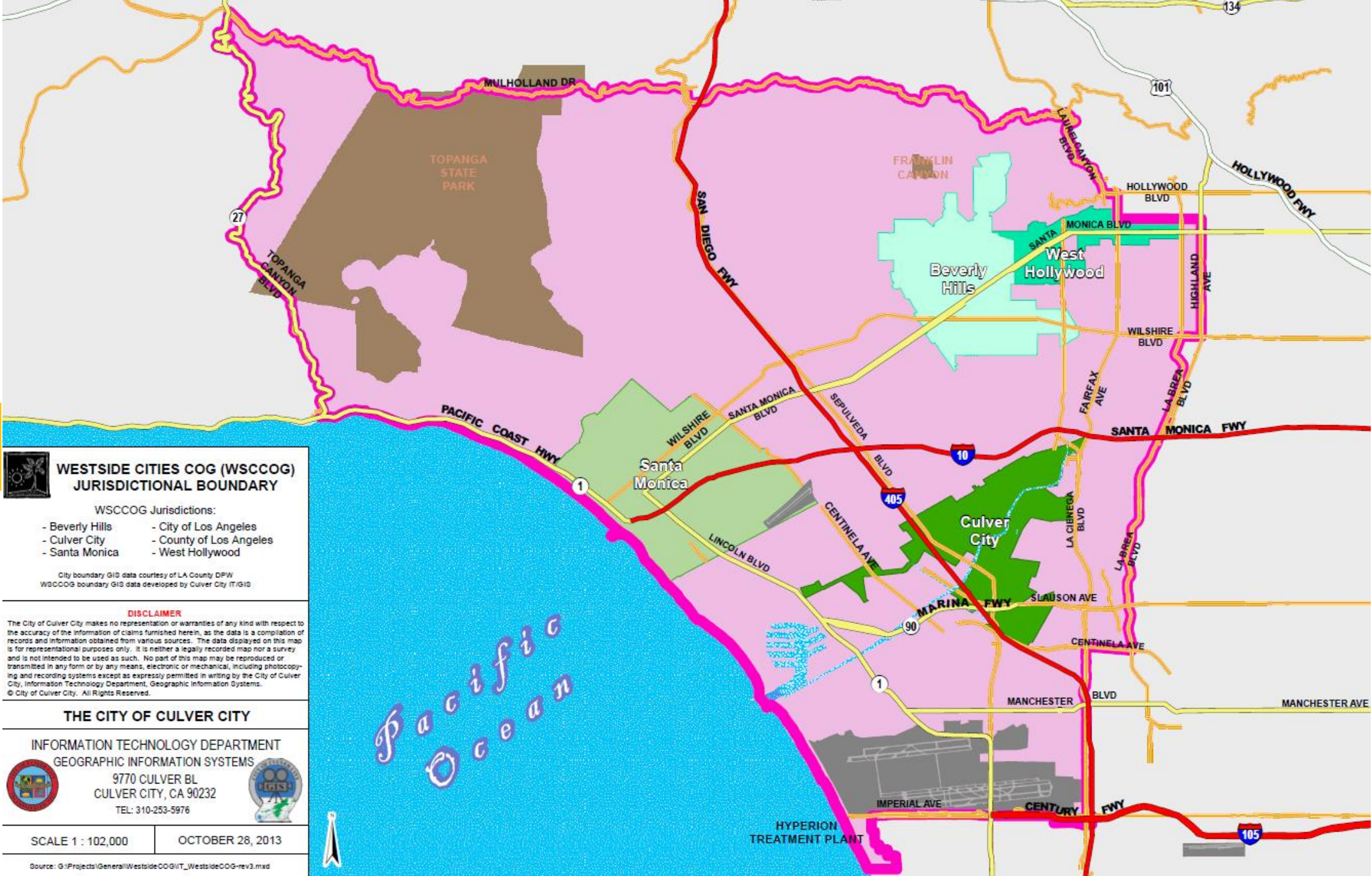


2. Redesigned Boundary Map

5. Changes from 2020: LA County

3. Changes from 2020: Overview

6. Neighboring COG Subregions



**WESTSIDE CITIES COG (WSSCOG)  
JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY**

WSSCOG Jurisdictions:

- Beverly Hills
- Culver City
- Santa Monica
- City of Los Angeles
- County of Los Angeles
- West Hollywood

City boundary GIS data courtesy of LA County DPW  
WSSCOG boundary GIS data developed by Culver City IT/GIS

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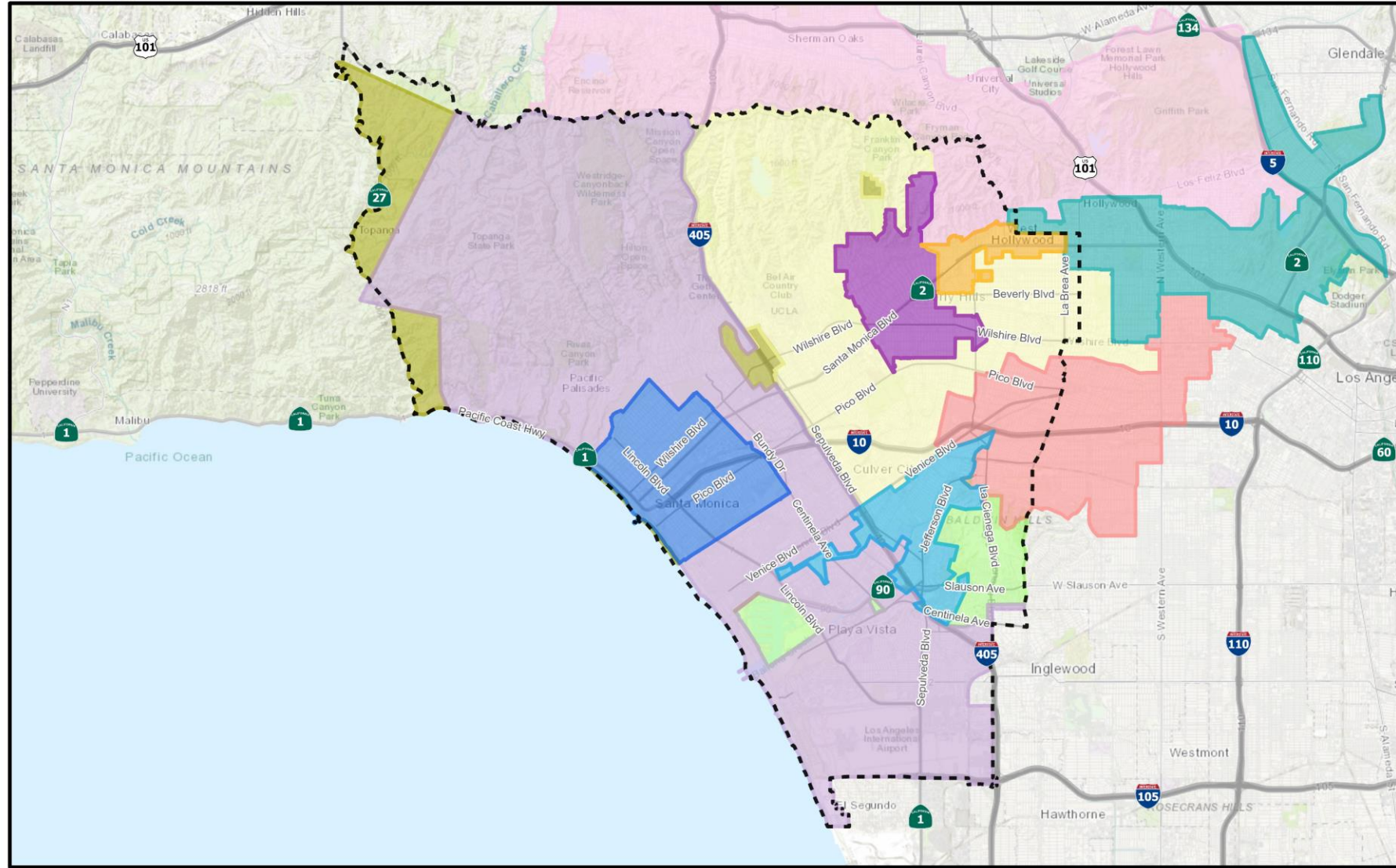
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




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# Jurisdictions and Districts within the Westside Cities COG (2023)

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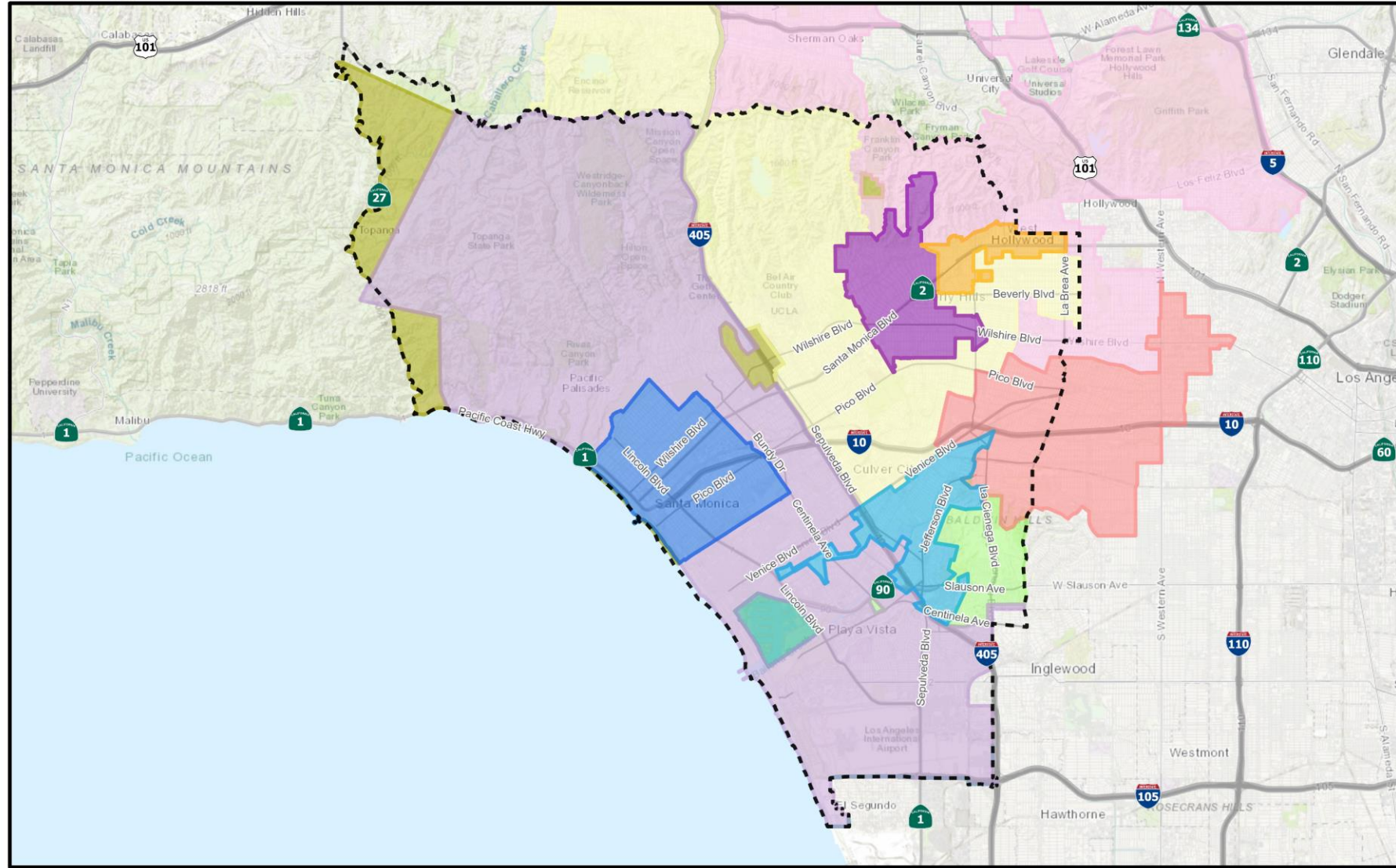
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 Beverly Hills	<b>LA City Council Districts</b>	 Council District 13	 WSCCOG Boundary	0 2 4 Miles	
 Culver City	 Council District 4	<b>LA County Unincorporated Areas</b>			
 Santa Monica	 Council District 5	 Supervisorial District 2			
 West Hollywood	 Council District 10	 Supervisorial District 3			
	 Council District 11				



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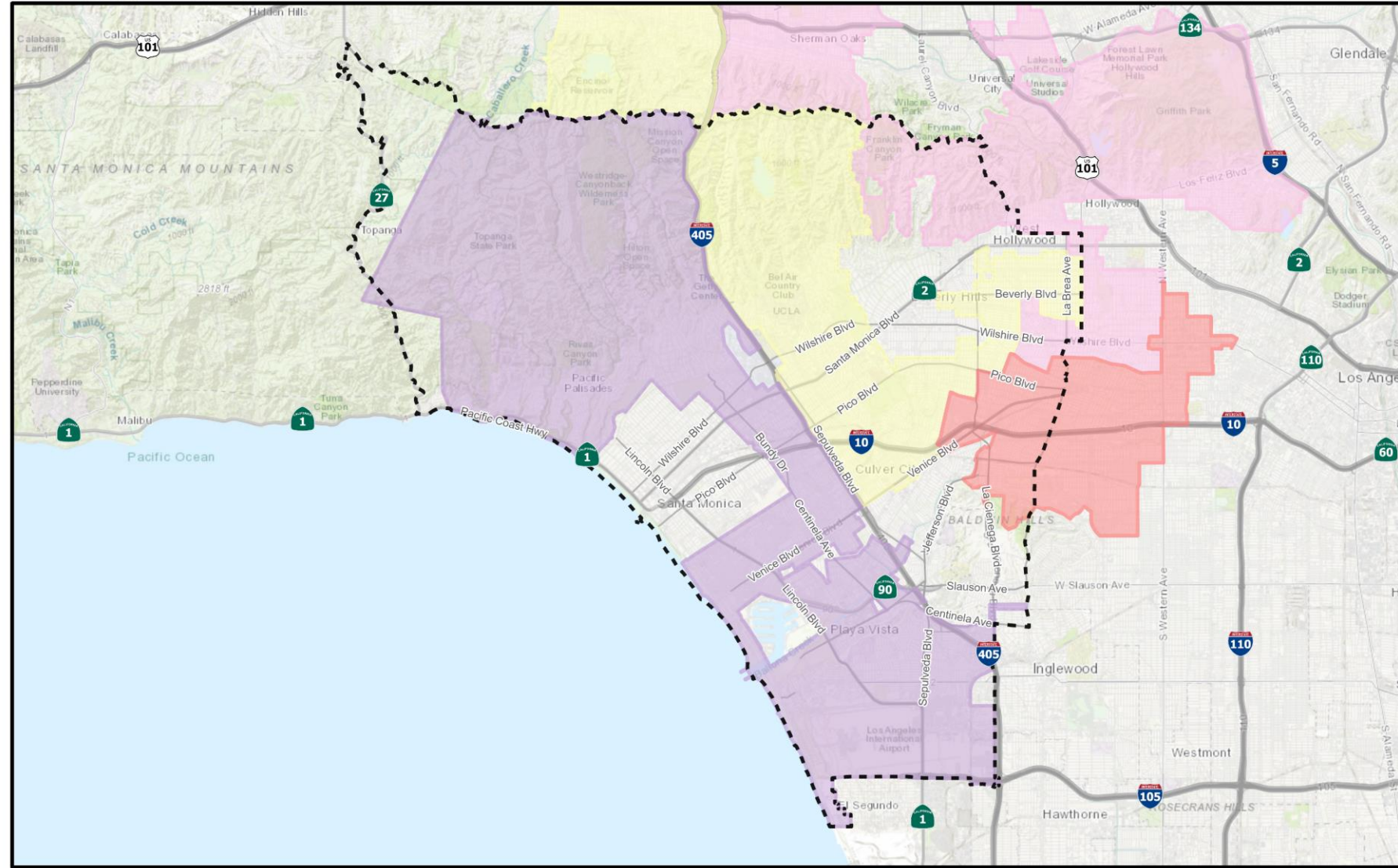
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| West Hollywood | Council District 10              |                          |
|                | Council District 11              |                          |

WSCCOG Boundary



# LA City Council Districts within Westside Cities COG Boundary (2020)

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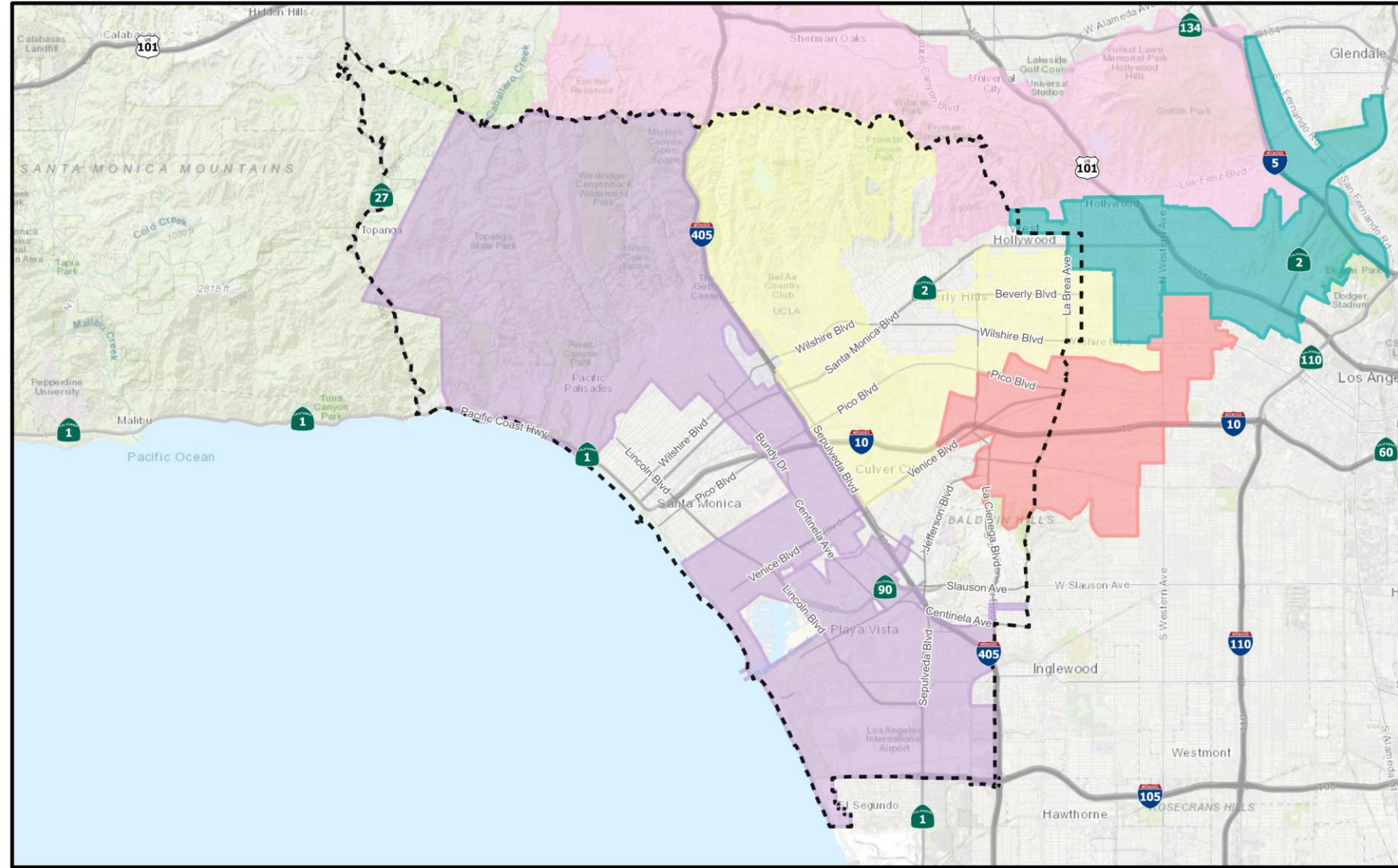
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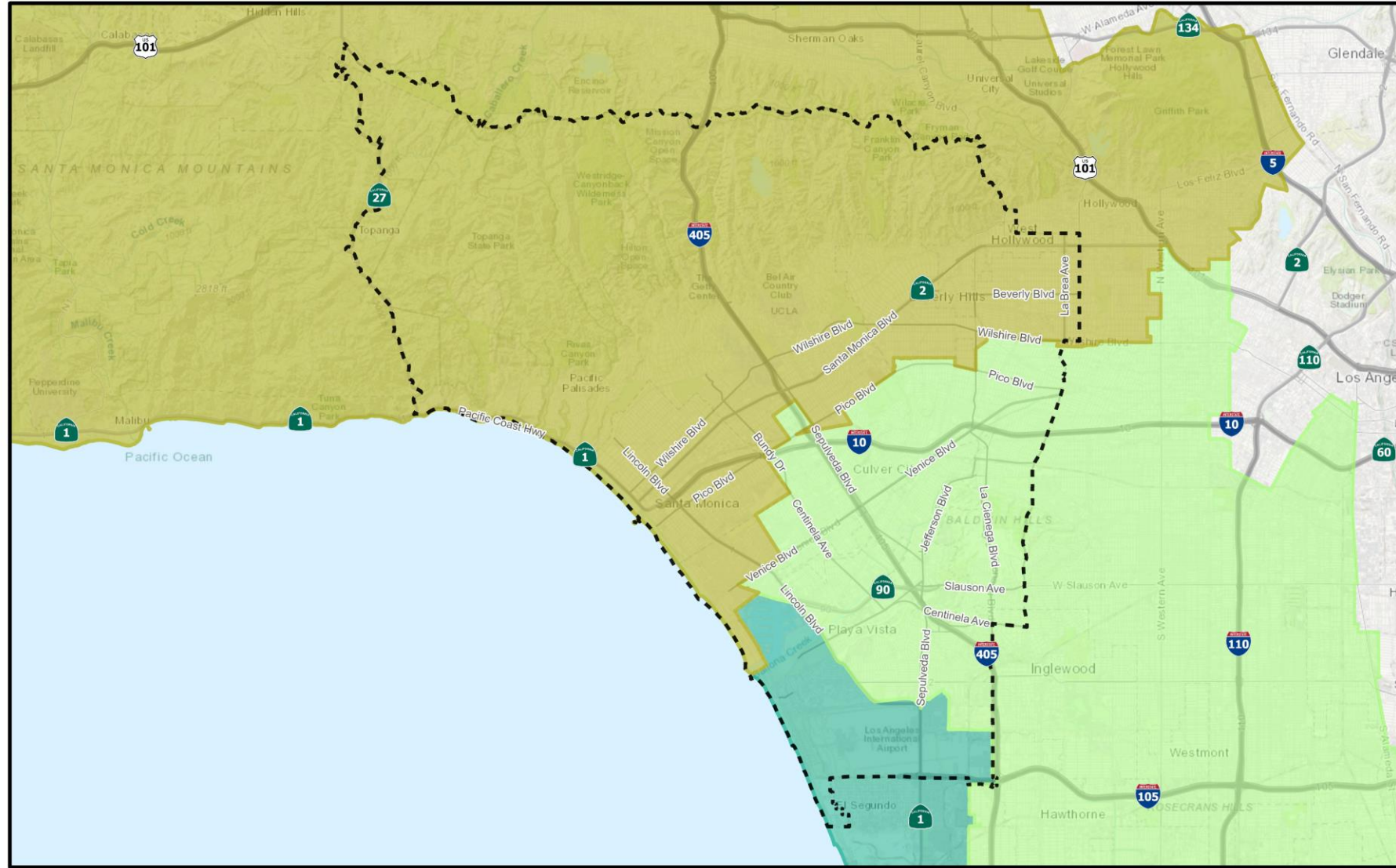
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# LA County Supervisorial Districts within Westside Cities COG Boundary (2020)

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## LA County Supervisorial Districts

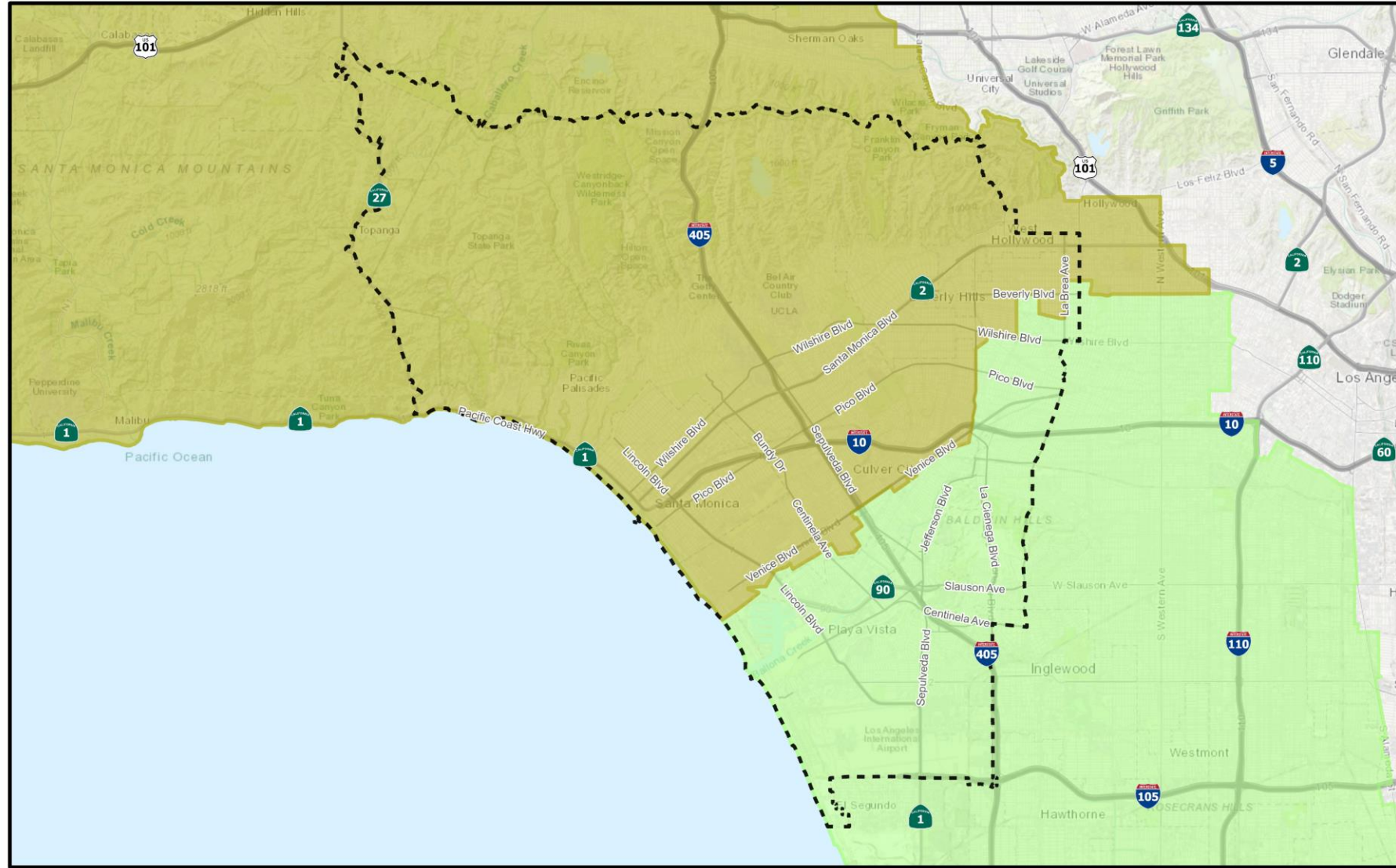
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




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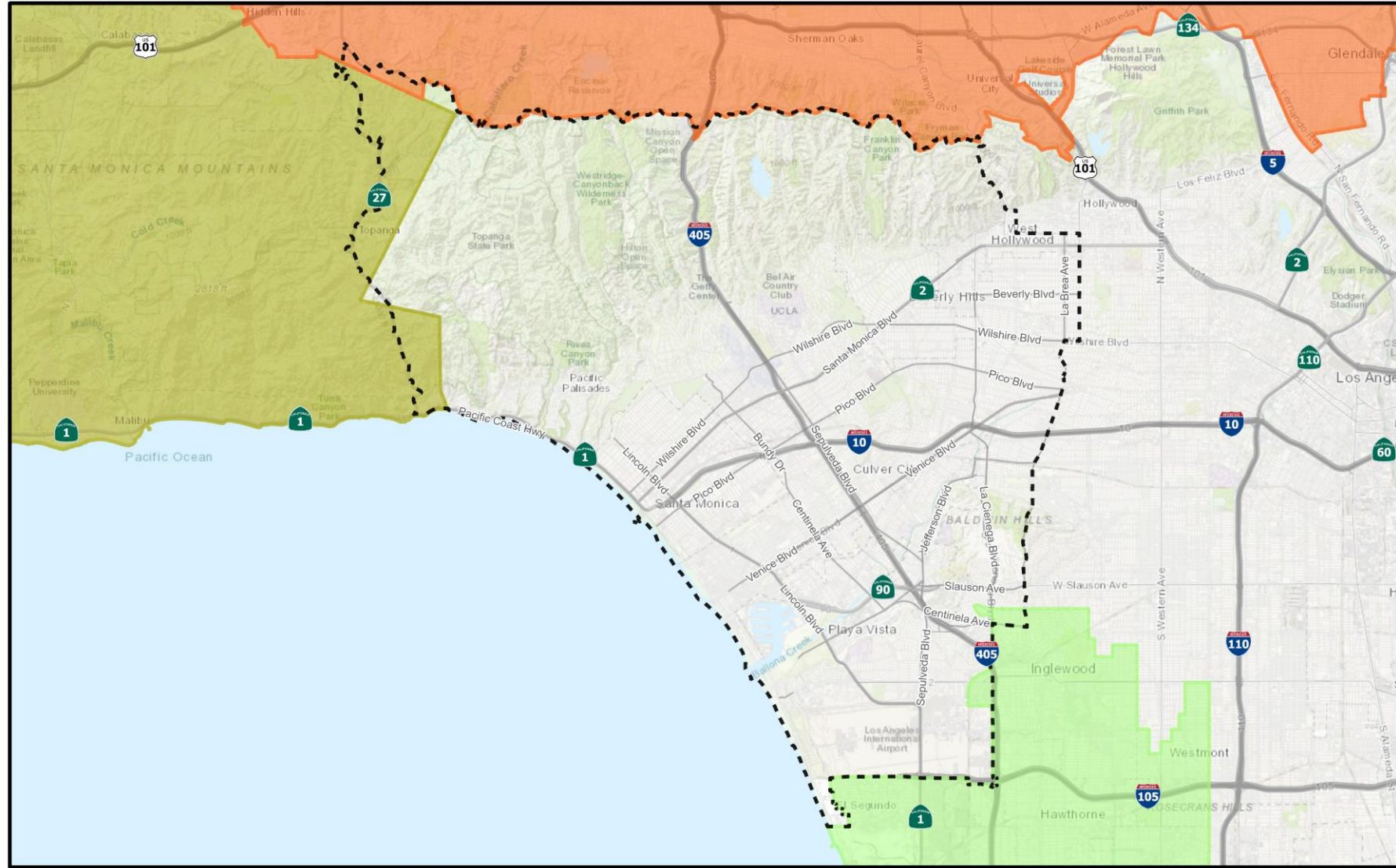
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# Neighboring Subregions and Westside Cities COG Boundary

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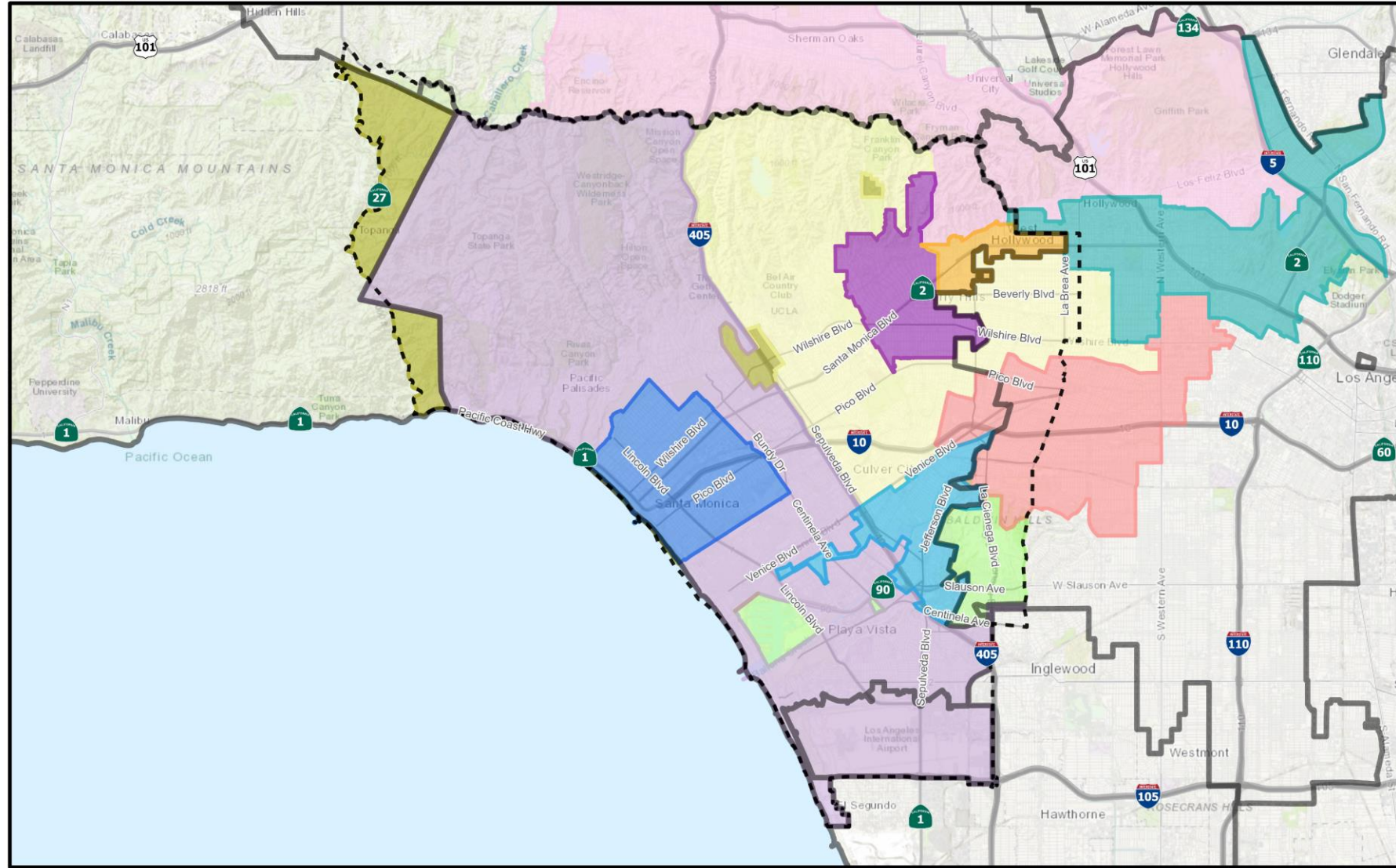
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- South Bay COG

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# Metro LRTP Subregional Boundaries and Westside Cities COG Boundary

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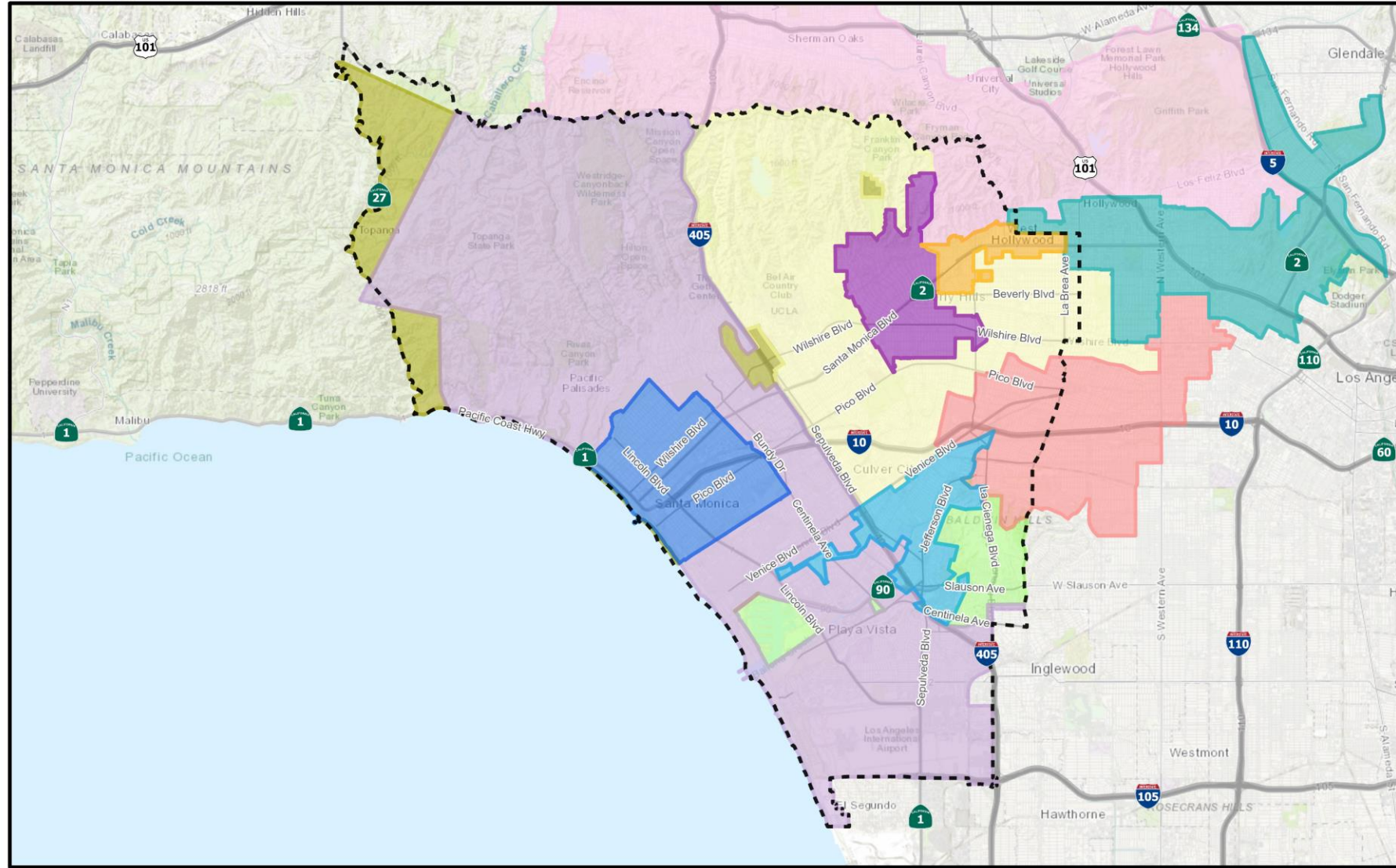
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Metro LRTP Subregional Boundaries



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**QUESTIONS?**



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Metro Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Update and Discussion

December 14, 2023

# Metro MSP Update and Discussion

- 
1. Overview of MSP/SEP
  2. June 2023 MSP Annual Update
  3. December 2022 SEP Allocation
  4. Metro Rail Expansion by 2028
  5. Potential BRT Connections in 2028

# Overview of MSP/SEP

## 1. **MSP:** Active Transportation (AT) 1st/Last Mile Connections Program

- Allocated 100% to AT and 1<sup>st</sup>/Last Mile through Measure M (2016)
- Programmed **\$29.4 million out of \$40.4 million** available from 2017 to 2027

## 2. **SEP:** Subregional Equity Program (SEP)

- Allocated 62.5% to bus infrastructure, 25% to K Line extension to Hollywood, 12.5% to D Line extension to Santa Monica in December 2022
- Programmed **\$0 out of \$5.4 million** available from 2023 to 2027

# Approved MSP Projects (June 2023)

Project Name	Jurisdiction	Status
Broadway Protected Bikeway	Santa Monica	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Colorado Protected Bikeway	Santa Monica	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Wilshire Ped Safety Improvements	Santa Monica	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Stewart & Pennsylvania Bike/Ped Safety Enhancements	Santa Monica	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Overland Bike Lane & Ped Improvements	Culver City	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Microtransit/FLM Service Program	Culver City	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Expo Bike Path Gap Closure	City of LA	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Connect Del Rey Stress-Free BEN Corridor	City of LA	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free BEN Corridor	City of LA	Programmed in 2021, in progress
Brentwood Walkability Enhancements	City of LA	Programmed in 2021, in progress
La Cienega & Rodeo Drive Purple Line Extension FLM	Beverly Hills	Programmed in 2021 and 2023, in progress
<del>Willoughby/Gardner/Vista Greenway</del>	West Hollywood	Programmed in 2021, unprogrammed in 2023
Fountain Avenue Protected Bike Lane Project	West Hollywood	Programmed in 2023, in progress
<i>Washington Transit/Mobility Lanes + Circulator (MOVE Culver City)</i>	<i>Culver City</i>	<i>Programmed in 2021, complete</i>
<b>Sepulveda Corridor Mobility Lane Project</b>	Culver City	Programmed in 2023, in progress



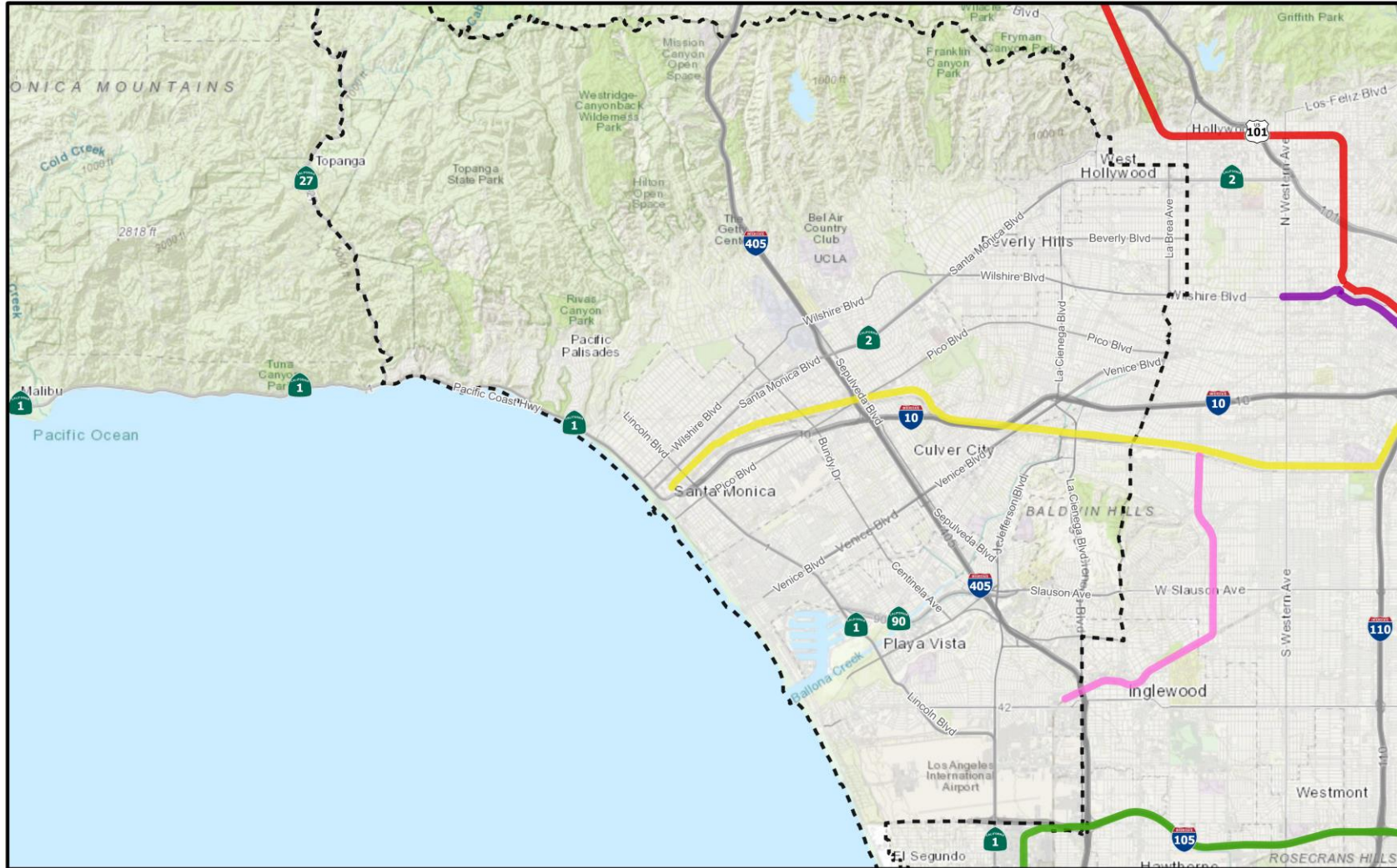
# Approved SEP Allocation (December 2022)

- **\$40 million (25%) - Crenshaw Northern Extension**
  - Supporting predevelopment activities
- **At least \$100 million (62.5%) - bus rapid transit and bus infrastructure**
  - *Potential N/S corridors:* Lincoln, Sepulveda, Jefferson, La Cienega, La Brea
  - *Potential E/W corridors:* Wilshire, S Monica Bl, Venice, Washington, Jefferson
- **Up to \$20 million (12.5%) - D Line (Purple) to Santa Monica**
  - Supporting predevelopment activities

# Updated MSP/SEP Cashflows (October 2023)

Program	Unallocated Balance	FY 2023 FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2025	FY 2025 FY 2026	FY 2026 FY 2027	FY 2027 FY 2028	TOTAL AVAILABLE
MSP Active Transpo & 1 <sup>st</sup> /Last Mile	\$ 11,080,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,711,760	\$ 24,792,162
Subregional Equity Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 6,688,963

# Westside Metro Rail Network in 2023

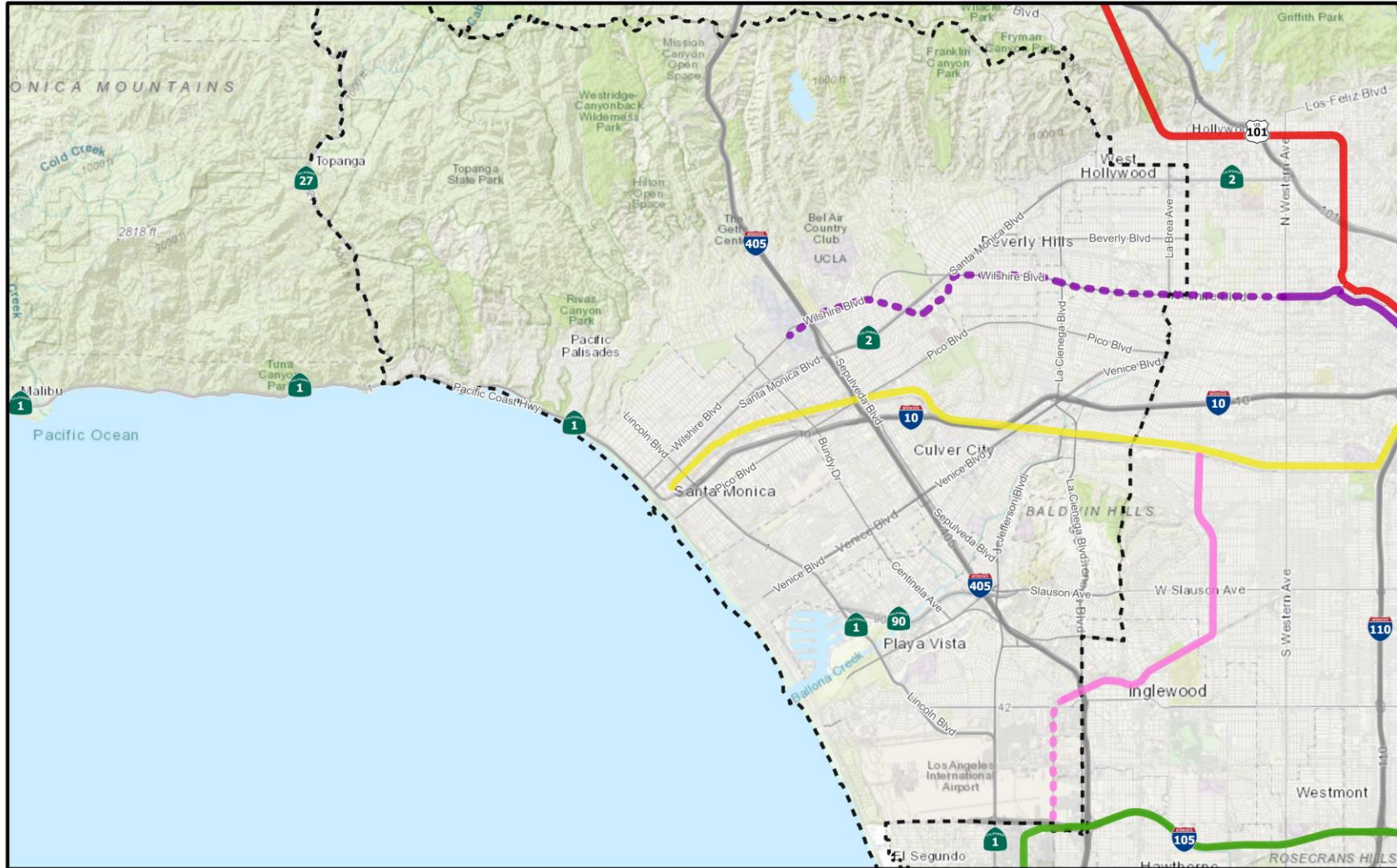


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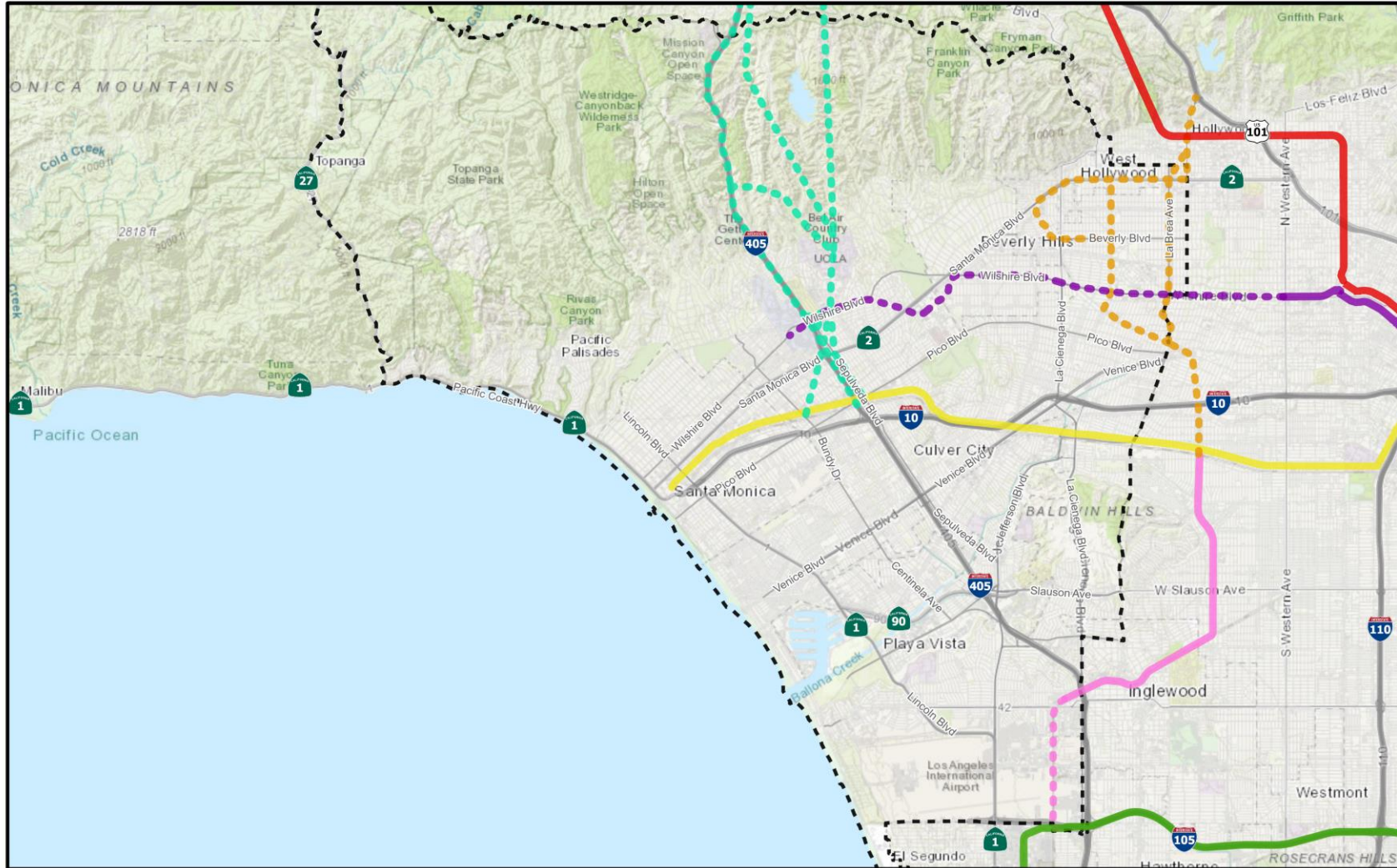


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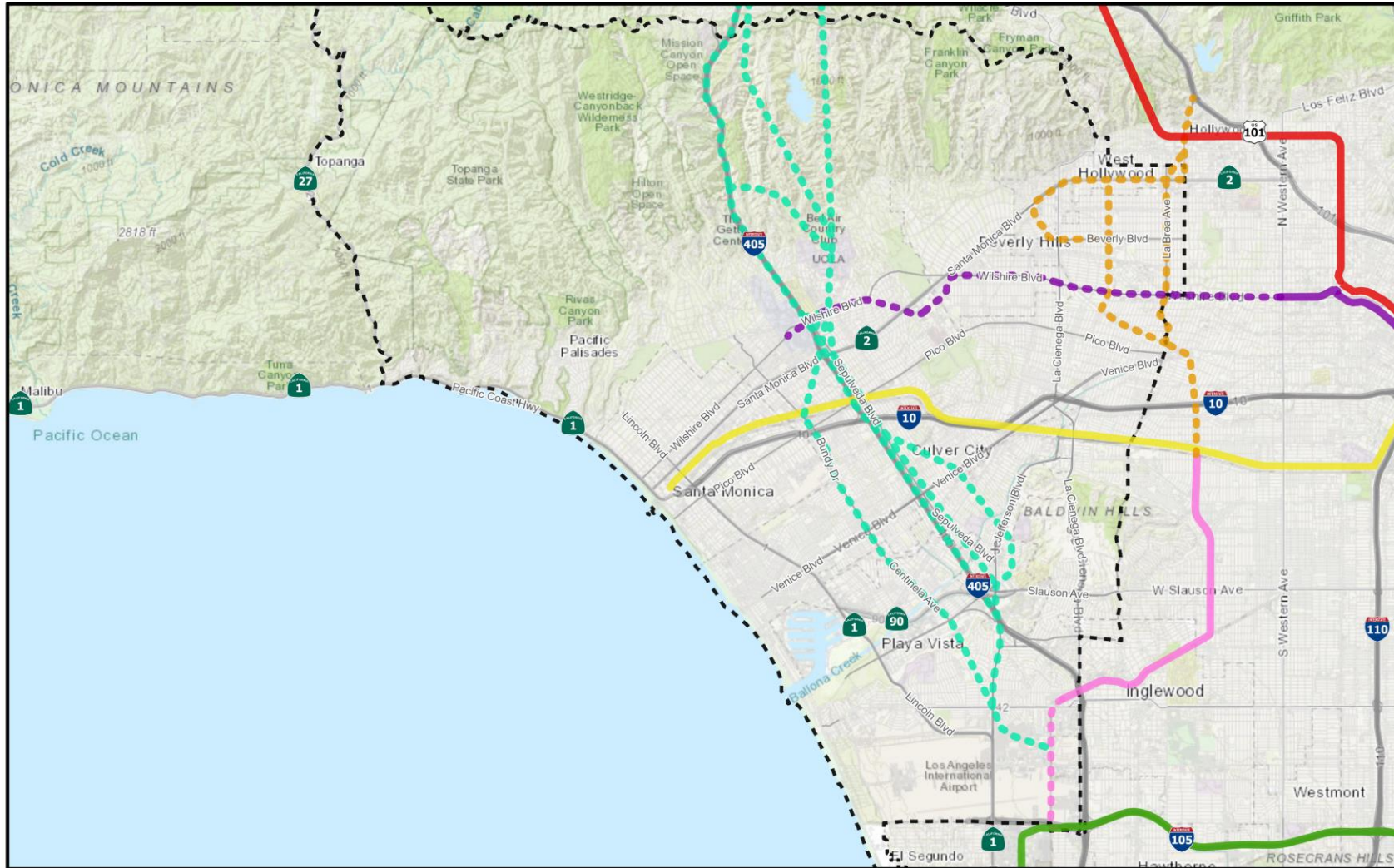


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# Westside Metro Rail Network in 2060?



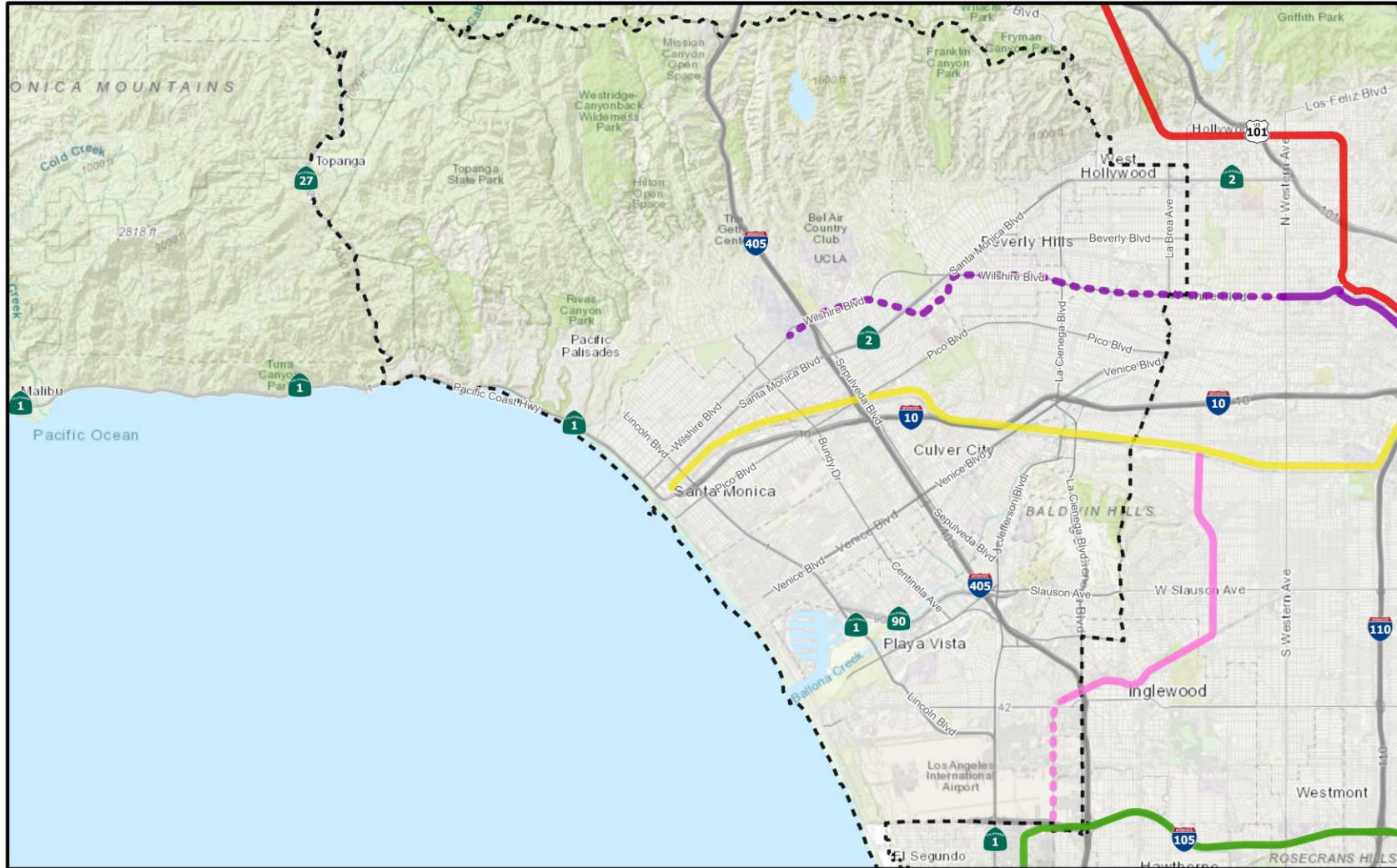
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# Westside Metro Rail Network in 2028

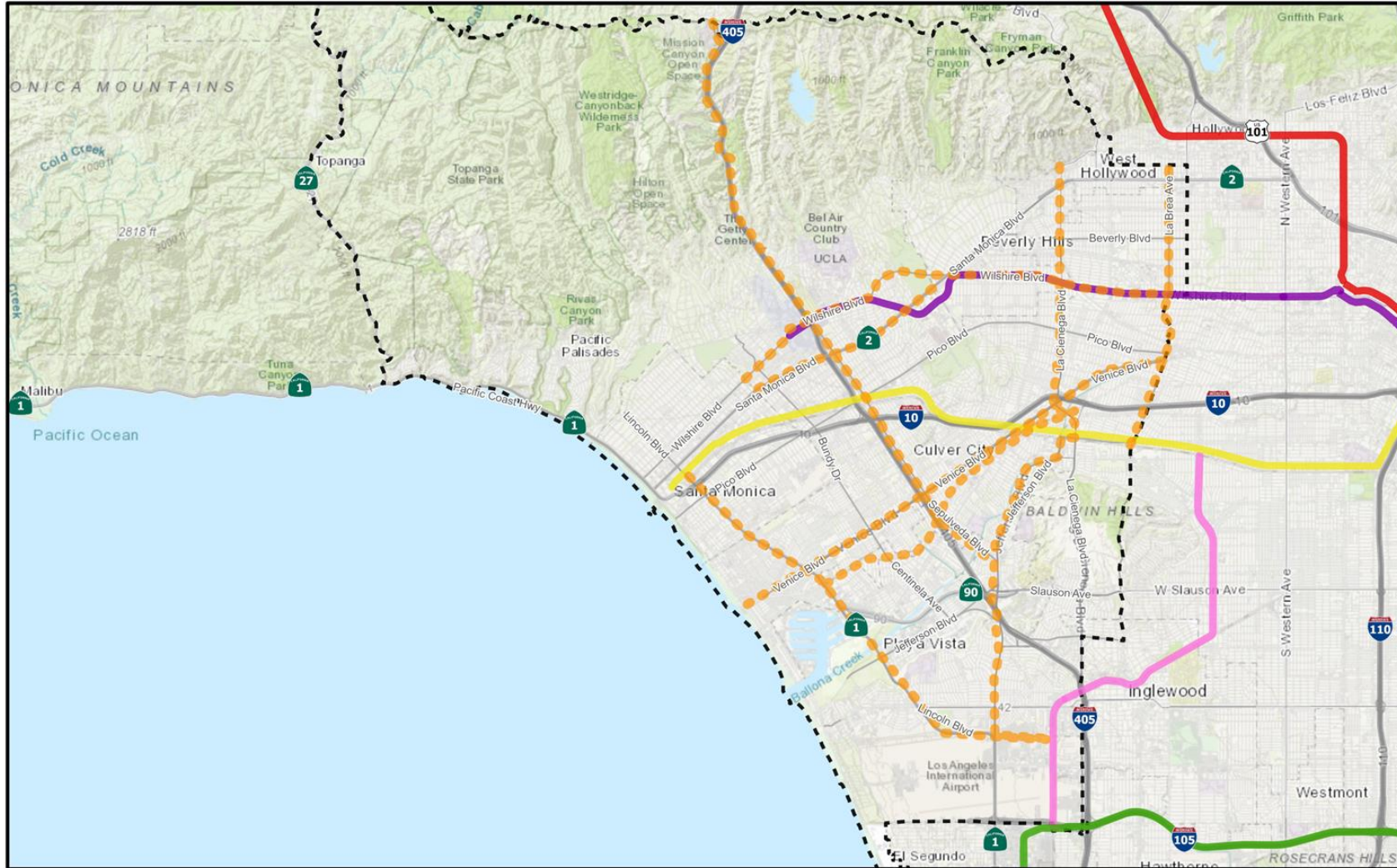


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# Potential BRT Corridors in 2028



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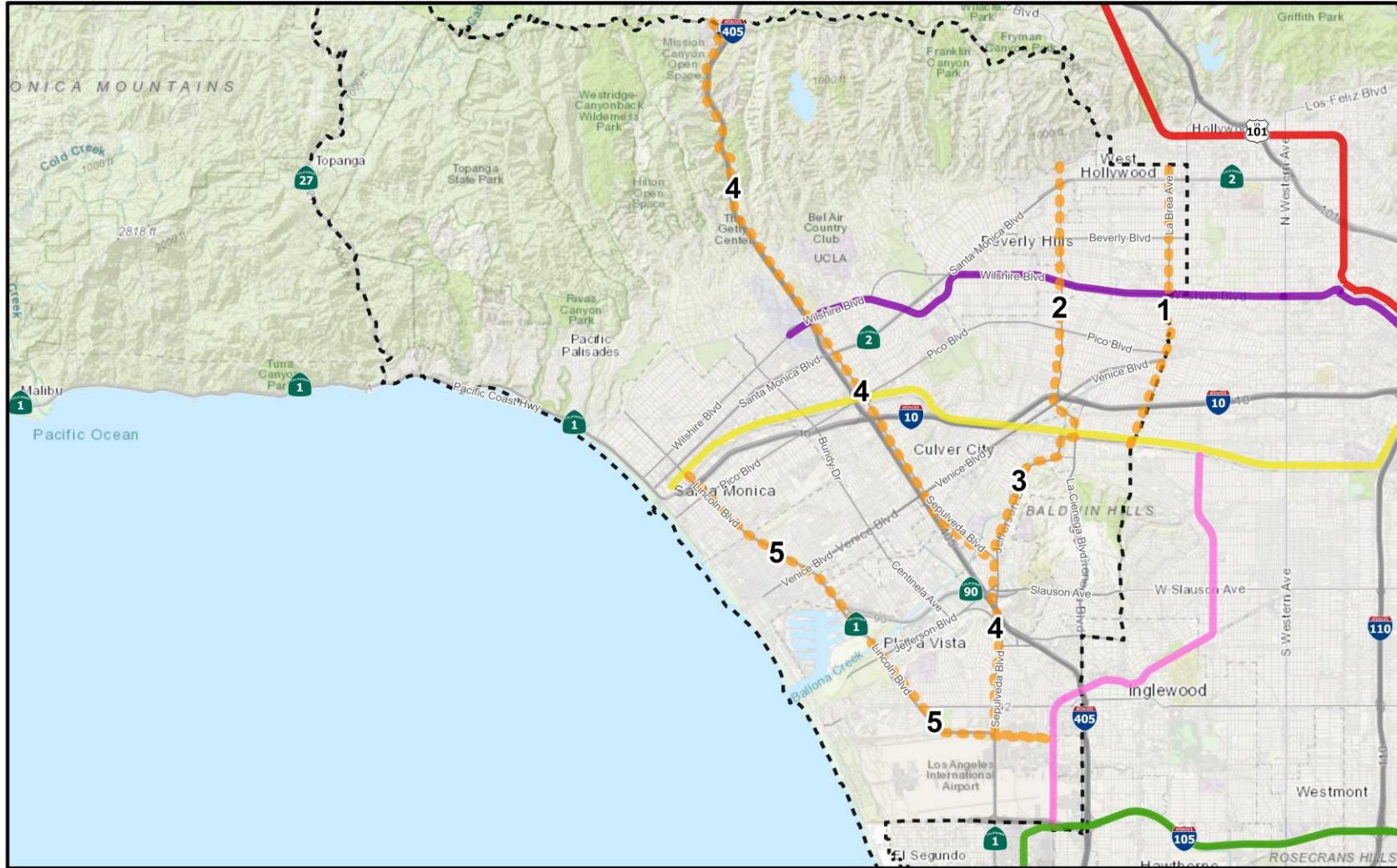
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- BRT Corridors in Unfunded Strategic Project List





# Potential North-South BRT Corridors in 2028



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- 1. La Brea Ave
- 2. La Cienega Blvd
- 3. Jefferson Blvd
- 4. Sepulveda Blvd
- 5. Lincoln Blvd

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# Next Steps

1. December 2023 – WSCCOG Board Meeting Discussion
2. January 2024 – WSCCOG Transportation Working Group Follow-Up
3. February/April 2024 – Potential MSP and/or SEP Action Item?

**Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs 5-Year Cashflows (October 2023)**

In Year of Expenditure Dollars

Program	Sub-region	Ground-breaking Start Date	Unallocated Balance [a]	FY 2023 FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2025	FY 2025 FY 2026	FY 2026 FY 2027	FY 2027 FY 2028	2023 New Total Plus Unallocated Balance	Project Development Funding Maximum [b]	Project Development Funding Unexecuted Balance	
Modal Connectivity Program and Complete Streets Proj.	av	FY 2018	\$ 1,874,773				\$ 2,492,693	\$ 7,672,508	\$ 12,039,974	\$ 151,213	\$ 74,822	
Transit Projects	av	FY 2018	\$ 1,500,890				\$ 3,172,630	\$ 9,765,356	\$ 14,438,876	\$ 192,460	\$ 95,233	
Subregional Equity Program	av	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 4,013,378	\$ 20,067	\$ 20,067	
Active Transportation Projects	av	FY 2033							\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Arroyo Verdugo Projects to be Determined	av	FY 2048										
Goods Movement Projects	av	FY 2048										
Highway Efficiency, Noise Mitigation and Arterial Proj.	av	FY 2048										
<b>Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 30,492,228</b>	<b>\$ 363,740</b>	<b>\$ 190,122</b>	
Active Transportation, 1st/Last Mile, & Mobility Hubs	cc	FY 2018	\$ 4,652,182					\$ 8,166,284	\$ 12,818,466	\$ 160,945	\$ 160,945	
Subregional Equity Program [d]	cc	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 9,824,415	\$ 49,122	\$ 49,122	
Los Angeles Safe Routes to School Initiative	cc	FY 2033										
BRT and 1st/Last Mile Solutions e.g. DASH	cc	FY 2048										
Freeway Interchange and Operational Improvements	cc	FY 2048										
LA Streetscape Enhancements & Great Streets Prog.	cc	FY 2048										
Public Transit State of Good Repair Program	cc	FY 2048										
Traffic Congestion Relief-Signal Synchronization	cc	FY 2048										
<b>Central City Area Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 22,642,881</b>	<b>\$ 210,067</b>	<b>\$ 210,067</b>	
Active Transportation Program	gc	FY 2018		TBD								
I-605 Corridor 'Hot Spot' Interchange Improvements [c]	gc	FY 2018	\$ 57,055,809			\$ 14,915,370	\$ 15,301,678	\$ 47,098,566	\$ 134,371,423	\$ 748,579	\$ 388,579	
Subregional Equity Program	gc	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 10,200,669	\$ 51,003	\$ 51,003	
<b>Gateway Cities Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 134,371,423</b>	<b>\$ 748,579</b>	<b>\$ 388,579</b>	
Active Transportation, Transit, and Tech. Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ -				\$ 2,632,547	\$ 2,700,993	\$ 5,333,540	\$ 132,687	\$ 13,590	
Highway Efficiency Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ 37,083,054				\$ 10,941,523	\$ 11,226,002	\$ 59,250,579	\$ 551,480	\$ 55,556	
Subregional Equity Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 710,702	\$ 3,554	\$ 3,554	
Modal Connectivity Program	lvm	FY 2048										
Traffic Congestion Relief and Improvement Program	lvm	FY 2048										
<b>Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 65,294,821</b>	<b>\$ 687,721</b>	<b>\$ 72,700</b>	
Active Transportation Program	nc	FY 2018	\$ 2,278,619					\$ 10,027,437	\$ 12,306,056	\$ 197,625	\$ 197,625	
Transit Program [b],[c]	nc	FY 2018	\$ 6,056,450					\$ 22,333,836	\$ 28,390,286	\$ 440,165	\$ 440,165	
Subregional Equity Program	nc	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 961,538	\$ 961,538	\$ 24,038	\$ 24,038	
Multimodal Connectivity Program	nc	FY 2033										
Arterial Program	nc	FY 2048										
Goods Movement Program	nc	FY 2048										
Highway Efficiency Program	nc	FY 2048										

**Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs 5-Year Cashflows (October 2023)**

In Year of Expenditure Dollars

Program	Sub-region	Ground-breaking Start Date	Unallocated Balance [a]	FY 2023 FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2025	FY 2025 FY 2026	FY 2026 FY 2027	FY 2027 FY 2028	2023 New Total Plus Unallocated Balance	Project Development Funding Maximum [b]	Project Development Funding Unexecuted Balance
<b>North County Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 41,657,880</b>	<b>\$ 661,828</b>	<b>\$ 661,828</b>
South Bay Highway Operational Improvements [b],[c]	sb	FY 2018	\$ 40,606,940					\$ 41,780,986	\$ 82,387,926	\$ 374,290	\$ -
Transportation System and Mobility Impr. Prog. 2057	sb	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 13,293,950	\$ 13,293,950	\$ 262,003	\$ -
Transportation System and Mobility Impr. Prog. 2032	sb	FY 2018	\$ 44,990,727					\$ 24,773,170	\$ 69,763,897	\$ 1,216,988	\$ 363,447
Subregional Equity Program [e]	sb	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 5,434,783	\$ 27,174	\$ 27,174
<b>South Bay Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 165,445,773</b>	<b>\$ 1,853,280</b>	<b>\$ 363,447</b>
Active Transportation Prog. (Including Greenway Proj.)	sg	FY 2018	\$ 1,787,654					\$ 8,774,007	\$ 10,561,661	\$ 172,922	\$ 100,263
Bus System Improvement Program	sg	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 2,089,049	\$ 2,089,049	\$ 41,172	\$ 38,672
First/Last Mile and Complete Streets	sg	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 7,520,577	\$ 7,520,577	\$ 148,219	\$ 61,742
Highway Demand Based Prog. (HOV Ext. & Connect.)	sg	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 8,774,007	\$ 8,774,007	\$ 172,922	\$ 146,422
Subregional Equity Program [f]	sg	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 8,319,398	\$ 41,597	\$ 41,597
Goods Movement (Improvements & RR Xing Elim.)	sg	FY 2048									
Highway Efficiency Program	sg	FY 2048									
ITS-Technology Program (Advanced Signal Tech.)	sg	FY 2048									
<b>San Gabriel Valley Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 37,264,693</b>	<b>\$ 576,831</b>	<b>\$ 388,695</b>
Active Transportation 1st/Last Mile Connections Prog.	w	FY 2018	\$ 11,080,402					\$ 13,711,760	\$ 24,792,162	\$ 270,237	\$ 175,248
Subregional Equity Program [g]	w	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 6,688,963	\$ 33,445	\$ 33,445
<b>Westside Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 24,792,162</b>	<b>\$ 270,237</b>	<b>\$ 175,248</b>

Notes:

- [a] - Includes amounts needed for project development funding.
  - [b] - Project development funding (0.5%) amount based on Measure M funding only.
  - [c] - Includes Measure M funds. Metro and subregions will utilize other eligible fund types per the Measure M Expenditure Plan where possible.
  - [d] - SEP does not include funding for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1 Project, or Eastside Light Rail Access (Pedestrian) Project.
  - [e] - SEP does not include funding for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.
  - [f] - SEP does not include funding for Gold Line to Pomona Project (FY26 - FY28).
  - [g] - SEP does not include funding for Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1 Project.
- Forecasts assume inflation.



**DATE:** December 11, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Measure H Local Solutions Funds (FY 2024-25)

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### **Background**

In February 2023, the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (County HI) announced an opportunity for the subregional COGs to enter a multi-year funding agreement for the next five years (FY22-27) to support impactful data driven, evidence-based regional and local co-investment solutions for housing and services related to homelessness. The new funding opportunity under the Local Solutions Fund (LSF) will provide \$15M annually for the next five years for services and housing programs that align with the County's New Framework strategies and guiding principles.

The County HI supports a data-driven approach to allocating LSF, which uses the following methodology to allocate the current LSF to all COGs:

- **Point-In-Time (PIT) Count** - Use a two-year rolling average of the PIT Count for any allocations by COG or City. The count will be based on the two years prior to the current year, such that there is a one-year lag in the PIT Count.
- **10 Percent Stop Loss** - Each COG is subject to no more than a 10 percent reduction in its share of the funds designated for local solutions compared to the prior fiscal year. If, via the PIT Count data, a COG is initially subject to more than a 10 percent reduction, funds will be reallocated proportionally from COGs that received an increase so that no COGs have more than a 10 percent reduction.

In 2023, the WSCCOG received an allocation of \$1,492,500 for the FY 2023-24 under LSF. In January 2024, the County HI will announce the funding allocation for all COGs for the FY 2024-25 LSF program. During this time, the WSCCOG staff will convene the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group members, as well as the City Managers of the member jurisdictions to (1) identify proposed projects and programs for the FY 2024-25 LSF, and (2) draft the statement of work for the WSCCOG Board's consideration in February or April 2024. County HI anticipates finalizing the FY 24-25 LSF statement of work in March/April 2024 and execute all funding agreements in June 2024 so that WSCCOG can access the LSF funds as early as July 1, 2024.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND  
HILDA L. SOLIS

August 8, 2023

**ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR HOMELESSNESS**

On July 27, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion to establish a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) to research and analyze various homelessness governance reports, study models from across the nation, and provide feedback to the Board regarding the most relevant and effective models with the intention of implementing reform to help solve the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles County. The motion directed the BRCH to provide a report to the Board that includes recommendations for a new governance model that is appropriate for Los Angeles County and that incorporates the diverse needs of the region and its 88 cities.

The BRCH undertook an extensive series of meetings, presentations, interviews, and listening sessions and received testimony from hundreds of individuals representing cities, Councils of Government, unincorporated areas, County departments, homeless services providers, persons with lived expertise, faith-based organizations, school districts, subject matter experts, and system leaders from around the nation. Following months of deliberation and discussion the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Governance Report was issued on March 30, 2022. The report included seven recommendations that provide a framework for a transparent, inclusive, and accountable homelessness governance system.

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On May 3, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor adopted the seven BRCH recommendations and directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to maximize continuity of analysis and implementation of the seven recommendations.

Recommendation #7, Executive-Level Action Team, encouraged philanthropy to convene a small, no more than 10-person group of executive-level leaders representing Los Angeles County, its 88 cities, the State, and other relevant stakeholders. In response to the recommendation, the CEO in conjunction with the Center for Strategic Partnership, began co-planning the executive team with the President and CEO's of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and Weingart Foundation, who by correspondence to the Board on April 28, 2022, offered to support this effort.

As part of this effort five city managers in addition to the City of Los Angeles, CEO leadership, and Hilton and Weingart leadership went on a study trip to Houston. While there are distinct differences, Houston is the 4th largest city in the nation, faces similar geographic changes, and was held back by a lack of alignment. Houston was experiencing growing unsheltered homelessness, returning millions of unspent funding to the federal government, and was experiencing inefficiency and high returns to homelessness. In response to this crisis Houston established a regional leadership structure with the various stakeholders collaborating under a single plan toward common goals. The response focused on transparency, communication, and mutual accountability throughout the system. Under this regional leadership structure Houston has experienced reductions in homelessness at more than twice the rate of the rest of the country and now has one of the lowest rates of per capita homelessness in the country. While the Los Angeles County 2023 Homeless Count reported a 9% increase in homelessness in the County, Houston experienced a 18% decrease in their Homeless Count.

After visiting to learn firsthand, the group that went to Houston determined that there were features of the Houston homelessness governance structure and response system that could inform the components of a regional structure in Los Angeles County that could provide clarity, control, accountability, and results. The CEO continued to partner with the cities and philanthropy to apply learnings from the Houston trip and governance structure to the unique circumstances and needs in Los Angeles County. Through this work a model developed that included an executive committee to decide on a single plan and align funding, a leadership table to inform the plan and unit the region around the plan, and implementation coordinating bodies and work groups where homeless service providers actively shape and drive implementation. The Chief Executive Officer and CEO-HI met with the Independent Cities Association, the Contract Cities Association, and Council of Government executive directors to share the proposed structure and to get input.

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On May 12, 2023, the CEO submitted a quarterly report to the Board on the status of the seven BRCH recommendations that included a recommendation that the CEO proceed with operationalizing the intent of the Executive-Level Action Team through the establishment of an Executive Committee and Leadership Table. The proposed Executive Committee would be made up of elected officials from cities and Los Angeles County who would develop one plan and drive one effort across the region. Members of the Executive Committee would align funding and implement the Committee's decisions to the extent of each member's existing authority. The proposed Leadership Table would include regional governments, people with lived expertise, private funders, business leaders, faith leaders, and civic/advocacy groups. The Leadership Table would help unite the region around one plan and one effort. The Leadership Table would lead on public education, hold the system accountable to a common set of performance indicators, seek to limit interference and overcome obstacles that might disrupt implementation, and align private funding in support of the regional plan. While the Executive Committee is the ultimate authority, they will work with the Leadership Table to identify the most effective strategies, scale solutions, align private and public funding, and communicate the vision.

The declarations of a state of emergency on homelessness by the County of Los Angeles and cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Culver City, and Santa Monica along with the increase in homelessness in the 2023 Los Angeles County Homeless Count demonstrate the need to act quickly to establish a regional governance structure to align resources around a shared plan and set of performance indicators to meaningfully address the growing crisis of homelessness. Homelessness is a regional crisis in need of a regional response.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to:

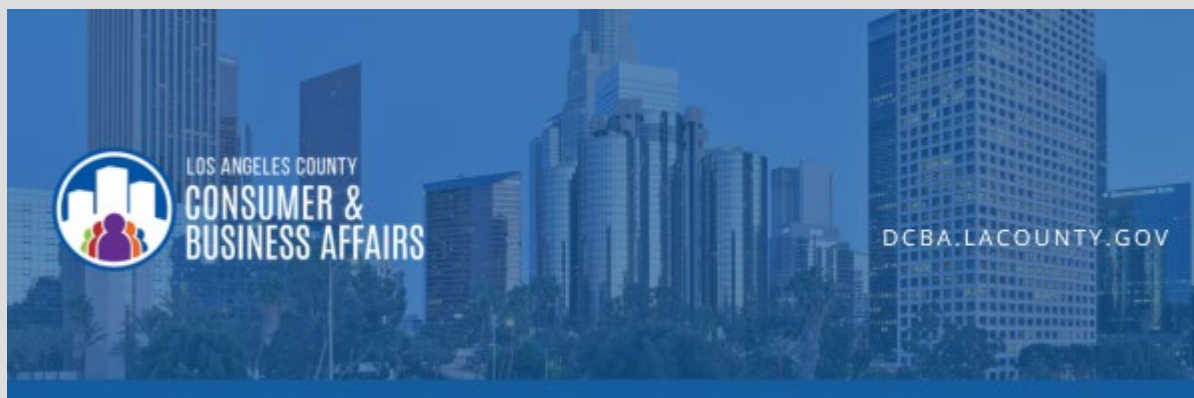
1. Establish an Executive Committee of elected officials to develop one plan to address homelessness, establish a common set of performance indicators, align resources, and provide oversight. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:
  - a. Two members of the Board of Supervisors, appointed by the Chair of the Board.
  - b. The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.
  - c. The President of the Los Angeles City Council.
  - d. Four city members, each of whom shall be a mayor or member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee as selected by the subcommittee for each sector (The North County and San Fernando Valley sector, the Southwest Corridor sector, the San Gabriel Valley sector, and the Southeast sector).
  - e. Representative appointed by the California Governor.

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2. Partner with philanthropy to establish the Leadership Table to act as an advisory body supporting the work of the Executive Committee. This will help unite the region around one unified effort, guide public education on the issue of homelessness, and align private funding in support of a regional plan. Philanthropy can support the Leadership Table through charter development, facilitation, member onboarding, and identifying mechanisms to align private funding. This body shall be composed of:
  - a. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).
  - b. Department heads (e.g., the General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Housing Department; the County's Director of Mental Health, Director of Health Services, and Executive Director of Racial Equity; and the heads of any County or City homeless entities).
  - c. Member(s) representing the community of persons with lived expertise.
  - d. Member(s) representing service providers.
  - e. Member(s) representing philanthropy.
  - f. Member(s) representing academia.
  - g. Member(s) representing the business community.
  - h. Member(s) representing education systems.
  - i. Member(s) representing the Faith Community.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

*For Immediate Release*  
Friday, December 1, 2023

### **DCBA Announces Launch Date for Rent Relief Program Applications and Increase to \$68 Million in Grant Funding**

#### ***Applications Accepted Starting December 12***

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) will begin accepting applications for the [Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program](#) on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM PST. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, January 12, 2024, at 11:59 PM PST. Spearheaded by the LA County Board of Supervisors and administered by The Center by Lendistry, the program will now distribute over \$68 million in financial support to qualified landlords adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase of \$22 million in grant funding. Those interested in applying for the LA County Rent Relief Program can review the eligibility requirements, register to receive a link to the application when it opens, and access the application directly when it is available by visiting the portal at [lacountyrentrelief.com](http://lacountyrentrelief.com).

The Rent Relief Program will provide up to \$30,000 per rental unit to landlords for past due rent and eligible expenses dating from April 1, 2022, to the present. The Program aims to curb tenant evictions and ensure the continued provision of housing.

To ensure accessibility and ease throughout the application process, the application and free in-language technical assistance will be available in multiple languages. Applicants will be able to access assistance daily between 7:00 AM PST and 7:00 PM PST starting Tuesday, December 12.

DCBA has implemented a prioritized review process for the upcoming LA County Rent Relief Program applications. Applications submitted will be systematically evaluated, with priority given to those demonstrating the most substantial financial distress, those

catering to the most vulnerable tenants, and properties located in areas of highest need, as identified by the [LA County Equity Explorer Tool](#). Early submissions are strongly encouraged. Submission of a completed application does not guarantee funding.

“Landlords provide many of the County's housing options, but the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have left plenty in a precarious financial position,” said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. “Through the LA County Rent Relief program, DCBA seeks to further invigorate recovery efforts, alleviate economic hardships faced by landlords, and maintain the availability of safe, affordable places to live in Los Angeles County.”

“This Program is arriving at a critical time, underscoring the County's commitment to property owners and tenants during this period of economic recovery. Our collaboration with the County reflects our dedication to supporting the unsung heroes of our housing market—small, local landlords,” said Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, President & CEO of The Center by Lendistry.

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*Since 1975, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has been the local consumer protection agency serving County consumers, tenants, homeowners, immigrants, and workers. DCBA provides a wide range of services that aim to foster a fair and dynamic marketplace and enhance the economic wellbeing of our communities. This includes investigating consumer fraud complaints, enforcing the County's minimum wage, tenant and worker protections, and providing access to justice programs. More information can be found at [dcba.lacounty.gov](http://dcba.lacounty.gov) or by calling (800) 593-8222.*

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**Contact:** LA County DCBA Communications  
(213) 332-6497; [communications@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:communications@dcba.lacounty.gov)

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LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has opened registration for the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. In 2024, the Homeless Count will occur during the evening on January 23, 24, and 25. Volunteers can register for the Homeless Count at [TheyCountWillYou.org](https://www.TheyCountWillYou.org).

“The annual Homeless Count is an important tool to understand where our neighbors experiencing homelessness are located and to know where services are needed most, so we can help as many people as possible come home,” said Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Chief Executive Officer of LAHSA. “However, we can’t do it alone. We need thousands of people to come out and count as many census tracts as possible so we can deliver accurate results this spring.”

In 2024, thousands of volunteers will spread out across the 4,000 square miles of Los Angeles County in late January to conduct the Unsheltered Count. Traveling in small groups, volunteers will tally the number of unsheltered individuals, tents, vehicles, and make-shift shelters they see in their assigned census tract.

The Unsheltered Count will begin on Tuesday, January 23, in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys. Volunteers in East and West Los Angeles will count on Wednesday, January 24. Finally, the Count will wrap up Thursday, January 25, in the Antelope Valley, Metro, and South Los Angeles.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires a biennial point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness. In 2016, LAHSA started hosting the Homeless Count annually to provide improved analysis regarding the trends of people experiencing homelessness. Government agencies, including LAHSA, use the data collected during the Homeless Count to develop strategies to end homelessness and determine where funding and resources will do the most good.

LAHSA depends on an enormous volunteer base to conduct the Homeless Count. This year, the agency seeks 8,000 volunteers to cover the entire Continuum of Care.

2024 will mark the second year that volunteers will use Esri’s Homeless Point in Time App to tally the number of people and makeshift dwellings they find during their count. As LAHSA continues to use technology to make the Homeless Count as accurate as possible, this year, it is piloting geofencing within the Point in Time App to alert volunteers when they have moved outside their assigned census tract’s boundaries.

The annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count includes the Youth Count and the Housing Inventory Count. LAHSA will conduct the Youth Count from January 22 through 31 and the Housing Inventory Count on January 24.



TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES  
 RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 12/14/2023 MEETING (AS PREPARED DEC 5)

### **NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft: Retail theft has been a top priority for Cal Cities and the Division in 2023 and although our sponsored bill, AB 1708 (Muratsuchi), didn't get very far this year, Cal Cities is hopeful that the creation of the new Select Committee on Retail Theft will help spotlight this issue in 2024.

The new committee is chaired by Hollywood area Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur and will serve as a forum for impacted stakeholders - including large retailers, small businesses, criminal justice reform advocates, law enforcement and retail workers - to help identify solutions to this ongoing problem. According to the press release announcing the creation of the Select Committee, members intend to get to work right away by convening hearings this fall. More details can be found on the [new committee's website](#).

Stop the Corporate Tax Trick: This new reframing of the campaign Cal Cities has previously mounted in opposition to the CA Business Roundtable measure includes a [corresponding website](#) with informational materials and a sign up for city officials to oppose the measure. Cal Cities is currently asking members to join this effort by having your city pass a resolution in opposition. We are currently working on getting as many cities to join this effort and I will be available in the New Year for council presentations if needed.

Also, California's Supreme Court has unanimously agreed to hear the Governor's request that the Corporate Tax Trick measure be removed from the 2024 ballot and has made the unusual move of asking the attorneys in support of the measure why the Court shouldn't grant the Governor's petition to remove the measure from the ballot.

Division Strike Force Teams: The Division is currently seeking volunteers to participate in two policy-related **Strike Force Teams**: one on **Housing/Homelessness** and the other on **Public Safety**.

These Teams will be made up of volunteers who will analyze and consider pending legislation related to their Team's issue area. Teams will identify those bills with a high impact on our cities, recommend a position and propose a legislative strategy for the Division. Teams will begin by focusing on the two-year bills still active in the legislature as well as those bills that are introduced in 2024. If you are interested in joining one of these Teams or can provide other resources that will benefit the Teams, please [sign up here](#).

Mayors & Council Members Academy: The 2024 Mayors & Council Members Academy will take place from **JAN 24-26 in Monterey**, California. You may have noticed we have dropped the "new" from the title of this annual event and that is partly due to the consolidation of local elections and indications from our members that you want more educational opportunities throughout the year. Details on the Academy and the registration can be found [HERE](#).

### **2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Below is a summary of our advocacy related to our 2023 strategic priorities, but you can also find a report on all the bills Cal Cities worked on this year by reading the Cal Cities 2023 Legislative Report under the [Advocacy section on our website](#).

Cal Cities works with lawmakers, the Governor's Office, and other organizations to advance member-driven and board-approved advocacy priorities. Cal Cities and its members had a record of success in 2023. Cal Cities supported 66 measures sent to the Governor. He signed the majority (82%) of the bills Cal Cities asked him to support and vetoed almost half (42%) of those Cal Cities asked him to drop. On average, the Governor only vetoes 14% of the bills that come across his desk.

### **Homelessness and Community Wellness**

California's behavioral health system will see more big changes next year. Cal Cities members played a key role in getting SB 326 (Eggman) and SB 43 (Eggman) signed into law. The two bills will make it easier to provide treatment for people with serious substance use disorders and behavioral health needs. Parts of SB 326, including targeted funding to help cities and counties create new treatment beds and supportive housing, will go on the March 2024 ballot.

### **Housing**

Yet again, lawmakers were hyper-focused on passing a barrage of top-down bills that nibble around the edge of the housing crisis. But Cal Cities did more than help stop or modify bills that circumvent local zoning rules. We made major progress on our call for ongoing funding for affordable housing and supportive services. Years of advocacy, a bipartisan endorsement from lawmakers, a rally at the Capitol, and extensive media coverage propelled ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) to the 2024 ballot — a major Cal Cities' priority. The ballot measure is a badly needed tool that local leaders could use to finance affordable housing and infrastructure.

### **Public Safety**

Thanks to the sustained support of city officials, the Governor signed measures that will curb illicit fentanyl and reduce ambulance offload times. Cal Cities' member-driven advocacy also blocked bills that would have reduced the number of tools law enforcement agencies have at their disposal, including police canines, facial recognition software, and encrypted communications.

### **Fiscal Sustainability**

Protecting and expanding local fiscal sustainability was top of mind in every issue area this year. We stopped a bill that would have enacted a statewide short-term rental tax that threatened local revenue streams and two others that would have disrupted public services through changes to employment laws. Cal Cities also co-sponsored bills that will make it easier for cities to complete infrastructure projects.

## **LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2024 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

1. **Safeguard local revenues and bolster local economic development.** Cities are the engine of the state economy. With a looming state budget deficit, it is critical to counter efforts by the state and corporations to erode or skim local revenue. Cal Cities supports increasing local revenue streams for local governments and **opposes any effort to reduce or eliminate existing funding to cities.** Cal Cities will use every tool in the toolbox — legislative, legal, and grassroots mobilization — to **fight a 2024 ballot measure**

that represents an existential threat to local control. The measure, sponsored by the California Business Roundtable, would put at risk billions of dollars for essential local services. Cal Cities also supports legislation that will fund a **state-local partnership to enhance economic development** in these uncertain fiscal times.

- II. **Strengthen climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness.** The threat of climate change is no less during tough economic times. The state needs to accelerate its efforts to **prepare, reduce, and adapt** to the ever-changing risks posed by climate change — especially in **vulnerable and under-resourced communities**. These risks include wildfires, flooding, drought, and other extreme weather events. Cal Cities will pursue **funding strategies**, including potentially a bond, that provide cities with the necessary resources to **improve community and infrastructure resiliency**. Cal Cities will also seek to advance a partnership with state and federal agencies to strengthen essential infrastructure, including modernizing the state's **water supply** and energy grid.
- III. **Improve public safety in California communities.** A spike in retail theft, violent smash-and-grab robberies, fentanyl deaths and illicit drug use, and back-to-back natural disasters, as well as strained social services are creating challenges beyond the capacity of local governments. Cal Cities will partner with the state to advance solutions that help **reduce crime, increase emergency service capacity**, and provide more support to those residents struggling with **substance abuse**. We will work with the Legislature, the Governor, and allies to craft legislation that will **reform Proposition 47**, while **avoiding a return to the days of mass incarceration**.
- IV. **Expand investments to prevent and reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.** California cities are doing more than ever to get residents off the streets and into safe, stable, and affordable housing. However, the homelessness crisis in the world's fifth-largest economy continues unabated — fueled in part by a lack of affordable housing. Cal Cities is calling on the state to provide **ongoing funding** to bolster local efforts to support individuals experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness as well as strengthen state and local partnerships **to improve access to wraparound services**, including mental health and substance use treatment. Cal Cities also supports ongoing funding for cities to **jumpstart the construction of affordable housing**, while ensuring cities **retain local decision-making** and flexibility to achieve community and state housing goals.