

THE 2020-2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/  
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS





**Since the Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes, SCAG has completed a number of tasks to gather additional input:**

Worked with local authorities to identify and restore locally approved entitlements as conveyed by local jurisdictions.

Engaged stakeholders on the short- and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region.

Held Virtual Townhall listening session to learn the impacts of COVID-19 and heard from stakeholders about how Connect SoCal can help assist in moving the region forward.

# Growth Forecast Analysis

- SCAG conducted multiple rounds of peer review and feedback on the data that forms the foundation for Connect SoCal, giving cities and counties several opportunities to comment on things like how growth ought to be distributed, and adjusting accordingly.
- SCAG received feedback from 12 jurisdictions – seven asking for revisions and five requesting no revisions whatsoever. SCAG staff is working to incorporate these changes.
- Staff has high confidence that the data not only can accurately reflect entitlements and their phasing, but will also fall within general plan capacities at the neighborhood level (as conveyed by jurisdictions).



## What did we learn?

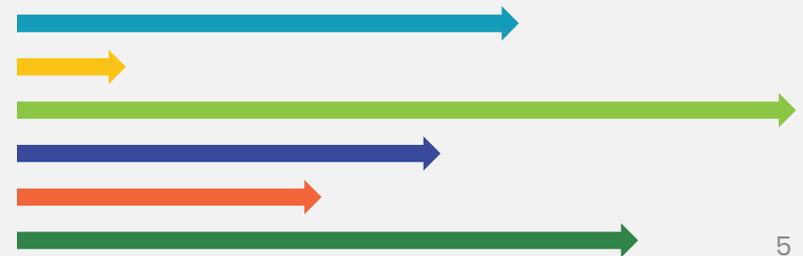
- The top noted impacts of COVID-19 to communities is lack of income to pay rent/mortgage and increased vehicle speeds on local roads.
- The top long-term concern about COVID-19 impact to the community was lack of government funding for services and programs.
- On average, 87% of respondents noted that the Connect SoCal goals were either still important or more important in light of COVID-19.



# Moving Forward



- Staff estimates that adjustments to data will be minor and will not significantly impact the overall regional modeling results of the plan.
- Given the living nature of Connect SoCal and its existing focus on the need to develop regional resilience strategies targeting our most vulnerable communities, staff is not recommending any specific modifications or clarifications to Connect SoCal at this time.
- Staff recommends that policy changes and plan updates be considered through future board action informed by the upcoming Connect SoCal Implementation Plan and 2024 Connect SoCal Emerging Issues Outlook, as well as the Connect SoCal amendment process.



# Ongoing Outreach & Future Actions Planned



Ongoing	Stakeholder Briefings
May-July	Community Based Organizations
July - September	Develop Connect SoCal Implementation Plan
July - September	Develop 2024 Connect SoCal Emerging Issues Outlook
September	Connect SoCal to Regional Council for Final Approval

# Questions? Comments?

Read the plan at  
[www.connectsocial.org](http://www.connectsocial.org)