

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
November 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. FY 2022-2023 ACTION PLAN UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES)

The FY 2022-23 Action Plan to implement the City Council's priorities is attached. Updates will be provided quarterly to inform you of progress related to various action plan items.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. NOTICE OF APPLICATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES APPLICATION A.22-09-014

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Maria Stipe
Assistant City Manager

**FY 2022-23 ACTION PLAN
(City Council Priorities)**

Updated 10/19/22

Action Item	Implementation Steps	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
Economic Development			
1. Use economic development to grow revenues			
a. Continue current development activities:			
- Site C (Investal Garden Resorts, LLC)	Project ground breaking (<i>permanent power design in progress</i>)	CED	Q1 2023
	Monitor Project Construction	CED	Ongoing
	Grand opening	CED	March-25
- Site B2 (Kam Sang Companies)	Implement exclusive negotiation agreement thru 12/22	CED	Complete
	Disposition of 12311 Thackery property		Pending
	Development Agreement Approved		Complete
- Brookhurst Triangle (Brookhurst Place)	Facilitate Phase II development	CED	Q1 2023
	Opening of Phase II lofts	CED	Spring 2024
- Garden Brook Senior Village (Former Galleria)	Monitor project construction	CED	Ongoing
	Project completion	CED	Fall 2022
- 13650 Harbor Blvd. (BN Group Hotel Dev.)	Project completion (<i>Edison power in progress</i>)	CED	Winter 2022
	Monitor construction and completion of Home2Suites project	CED	Ongoing
- Implement west-side development opportunities	Facilitate bowling alley development Phase 2 <i>pending Edison</i>	CED	Q1 2023
	Conduct development efforts for Munson Center*	CED	In Progress
	*See update under <i>Re:Imagine Initiatives Section</i>		
b. Facilitate OC Street Car project	Monitor & support project initiatives (Proj. completion 2024)	PW	Ongoing
c. Willowick RFP	Complete Final Surplus Land Act Initiatives	CED	Summer 2023
2. Continue Re:Imagine Downtown Initiatives			
a. Civic Center Adaptive Reuse (Cottage Industries Project)	Project construction for Phase 1 (Farm Block)-- <i>in progress</i> *	CED	Spring-23
	Project construction for Phase 2 (Art Block) - COVID delay	CED	TBD
	<i>*Smoke Queen BBQ, White Elephant Thai, Boba Guys, Spotless Burger, Brewery</i>		
c. Drive Art In Community (expand mural concept)	Update fee schedule related to public art & improvements*	CS, FIN, CED	May-23
	<i>*to be included w/comprehensive bldg/planning fee study update</i>		
d. Expand Re:Imagine concept to other areas of the City	Pursue mural opportunities w/youth and businesses**	CS	Ongoing
	Conduct development efforts for Coco's property/Munson center	CED	Ongoing
	<i>Marley's Preschool, Estrad's Grill, Pro Athletics, Titanium Healthcare</i>		November-22
	Facilitate development of Pavillons Plaza West	CED	In progress
	<i>(Sprouts, The Habit, Mattress Firm & Crimson Cowards open;</i>		thru Q4 2022
	<i>Ulta, Jersey Mike's, Humus Republic, Moge Tee progressing)</i>		

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3. Business redevelopment/revitalization			
a. Facilitate beautification of businesses	Implement Main Street Beautification Project (i.e., lighting, dining parklets, utility box art, dedication plaque)	CED	December-22
b. Provide support for new businesses	Implement microgrant and loan programs for small business Promote SCORE/SBDC small business training & workshops	CED CED	Ongoing Ongoing
c. Promote business attraction opportunities	Conduct broker outreach and property marketing	CED	Ongoing
Public Safety			
4. Maintain staffing and strong response	Maintain Measure O Public Safety Staffing Plan	PD, HR	Ongoing
5. Plan for HQ facility improvements	Implement Civic Center community engagement plan Acquire 11277 GG Blvd for interim public safety use Transition PD functions to new bldg	PD, CED PD, FIN, CM PD, FIN, CM	In progress Complete Q1 2023
6. Implement new strategies to reduce crime and improve quality of life	Refine and evaluate Mobile Mental Health Pilot Program Form internal committee to review/respond to crime stats Provide update to Council re:transition to NIBRS <i>NIBRS: National Incident Based Reporting System</i>	PD, CEDD PD PD	Complete Ongoing March-23
7. Increase basic building security at City Hall	Complete security enhancement construction	CMO, PD, PW	Winter 2022
Community Engagement/Outreach			
8. Update the community regarding news & resources	Effectively disseminate important city information via all City communication mediums Promote resources to help businesses	CM, IT CEDD, CM	Ongoing Ongoing
9. Maintain Strong Communication	Utilize multi-language communication strategies Utilize local TV resources Provide updates from staff regarding key issues/programs Enhance City website and app Market the City's assets and programs Engage the community on essential services	CM CM, Multi CM IT,CM CM, Multi CM, Multi	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Financial Sustainability			
10. Balanced Budget			
a. Maintain and enhance priority city services	Develop and implement FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 biennial budget Central Management Meeting to Prepare for Council Workshop City Council Workshop	FIN, CM ALL ALL	June-23 March 1, 2023 March 17, 2023
b. Implement City's infrastructure funding policy	Enhance street maintenance & capital asset funding	FIN, CM	June-23
11. Refine ERP financial system	Implement Phase II Payroll & HR functions <i>identify additional milestones</i>	FIN, HR, IT FIN, IT	Q4-22 TBD
12. Invest in new internal service funds	Continue Implementation of Capital Asset Renewal &	FIN	June-23

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	Replacement Reserves Policy		
Effective Transparent Government			
13. Complete and Implement Parks Master Plan	Implement \$6M Grant Award for Woodbruy Park improvements Award Design Contract	CS CS	In progress Complete
	Implement \$1M Grant Award for Jardin De Los Ninos, Haster Basin Park, & Westhaven Park for Playground/Restrooms	CS, PW.CMO	TBD
	Pursue grant opportunities for GGPDHQ/Civic Center	CS, CMO	Winter 2023
14. Identify performance metrics to track progress	Provide informative reports/analytics via new ERP capabilities <i>(reports to be tuned with 1 yr ERP data)</i>	FIN	Spring 2023
Other Community Issues			
15. Infrastructure			
a. Address road pavement	Implement pavement management priorities	PW	Complete
b. Improve West Main Street Parking Lot	Evaluate timeline for improvements due to deferred construction	PW	TBD
c. Implement infrastructure funding plan	Address in FY 2021-23 Biennial Budget	FIN	Complete
d. Evaluate park sprinkler systems	Implement automation of Woodbury Park sprinkler system in conjunction with Prop 68 grant award; <i>planning in progress</i>	PW	Q4 2025
e. Implement PFAS improvements	Complete construction of 2nd filtration system (Haster Well 30) Initiate construction of 3rd filtration system (<i>Lampson Reservoir</i>)	PW PW	Complete Q1 2023
16. Quality of Life			
a. Code Enforcement	Promote neighborhood pride and reinvestment	CED	Ongoing
- Empty lot maintenance	Continue property maintenance education and outreach	CED	Ongoing
b. Parking on local streets	Implement SCAG grant to conduct comprehensive curb analysis	PW	Complete
c. Trash (community/business centers)	Address via Code, PD, PW, and Republic Services	CED, PW	Ongoing
	Implement and monitor Trash Contract to Implement SB 1383	CMO, PW	December-22
	Implement and monitor new trash contract programs	CMO, PW	December-22
	Assign Contract Administrator	PW	Complete
d. Homelessness	Implement 5yr Comprehensive Strategic Plan to address homelessness	CED, PD	Ongoing
	Pursue grants/partnerships for navigation centers, permanent supportive housing and/or crisis stabilization units	CED	In Progress
e. Sign Replacement	Replace signs in poor condition in the City (40% complete)	PW	In Progress
- Prioritize reflectivity deficiencies	Prioritize replacement of signs with reflectivity deficiencies	PW	In Progress

October 3, 2022

RECEIVED
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
2022 NOV -7 PM 5:51

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing:
Third Application for Authority to Issue Recovery Bonds
for Certain Costs and Expenses Pursuant to Public
Utilities Code Section 850 et seq. (Application 22-09-014)

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 29, 2022, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its Third Application for Authority to Issue Recovery Bonds for Certain Costs and Expenses Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq. with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications: Click the "View and Search All CPUC Documents" green bar and filter by the "Proceeding # column." Alternatively, sort by the "Created" column and filter by the most recently filed applications.

You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Claire Torchia

Claire Torchia

CET/kdl
Enclosure

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES
APPLICATION A.22-09-014**

Why am I receiving this notice?

On September 28, 2022, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its third securitization application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), proposing to finance up to \$772.432 million for costs related to wildfire mitigation.

If the CPUC approves this application, the securitization transaction will allow SCE to recover these costs and expenses at a lower rate to customers than through traditional utility financing. SCE intends to recover this amount through forecasted costs in electric rates over a 25-year period beginning January 1, 2023. This will result in an annual revenue requirement of \$62.858 million for 2023 through the issuance of recovery bonds. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

The California legislature approved Assembly Bill 1054 (AB 1054) authorizing issuance of recovery bonds to fund certain fire risk mitigation costs and associated financing costs. In accordance with AB 1054, SCE is further enhancing and expanding efforts to reduce wildfire risk as part of a multiyear strategy, focused on reducing the potential for fires to be started by electrical equipment and reducing the potential for fires to spread. Financing these costs with recovery bonds reduces the customer rate increase compared to traditional utility ratemaking.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's proposed rate increase is approved, an average residential electric non-CARE customer using 500 kWh per month would see a bill increase of \$0.48 per month (0.3%), from \$149.02 to \$149.50. The average residential CARE customer using 500 kWh per month would see a bill increase of \$0.32 per month (0.3%), from \$100.83 to \$101.15.

Customer Impact Table

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)

Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Increase	Proposed Rates	% Increase
Residential	28.2	0.09	28.3	0.3%
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	26.0	0.11	26.1	0.4%
Large Power	17.7	0.08	17.8	0.4%
Agricultural and Pumping	21.0	0.09	21.1	0.4%
Street and Area Lighting	27.2	0.09	27.3	0.3%
Standby	14.3	0.02	14.4	0.1%
Total	24.3	0.09	24.4	0.4%

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)

Description	Current	Proposed Increase	Proposed	% Increase
Non-CARE residential bill	\$149.02	\$0.48	\$149.50	0.3%
CARE residential bill	\$100.83	\$0.32	\$101.15	0.3%

Assumptions:

Current rate based on

1-Jun-22

 effective rates
 Based on

1-Jun-22

 sales forecast

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SCE's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more

information? Contact SCE

Email: case.admin@sce.com

Phone: (626) 302-0449
mail at:

Southern California Edison Company
Attn: Case Administrator
A.22-09-014 – 2022 Securitization
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at www.sce.com/applications

Contact the CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2209014 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free)
Email: **Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov**
Mail:
CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference Application **A.22-09-014** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

November 10, 2022

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council Newsletter November 2022
4. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from November 3, 2022 to November 10, 2022.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10, 2022 – December 22, 2022

Thursday	November 10		\$2 Casual Dress Day
		9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
Thursday	November 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	November 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	November 24		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 25		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday	December 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	December 2		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	December 5	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, CMC
Thursday	December 8		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	December 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	December 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	December 16		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	December 22		\$2 Casual Dress Day

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-229-2022

Applicant: Jose Estrada
Location: 12582 Valley View Street
Date: November 10, 2022

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new restaurant, Estrada's Café, to operate with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License within an existing vacant restaurant tenant space. Upon approval and exercising of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-179-06, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the PUD-102-76 (Planned Unit Development) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Ian Brown. One letter of support was submitted by Robbi Maurer.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1832-22 with an amendment to add language (in bold) to Page 4 of the Decision:

Although the subject site is located in an area considered to be in a low-crime district and in an area with an over-concentration of on-sale ABC licenses, a finding for public convenience or necessity is warranted given the potential community benefit through the operation of the restaurant with an ABC Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The addition of the new ABC Type "41" License would provide and maintain an amenity that enhances the customer dining experience and maintains the intent of being a business serving the local community. The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Provided the Conditions of Approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area. **Therefore, the City of Garden Grove hereby**

determines and approves a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-229-2022.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-231-2022

Applicant: Jiyeon Kim
Location: 9760 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: November 10, 2022

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant, Mochinut Chungchun Hotdog, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Kevin Franklin. One letter of opposition was submitted by Dr. M. Hernandez with concerns for overconcentration of licenses, crime, disturbances, drunkenness, and trash in the area due to alcohol.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1833-22 with an amendment to add language (in bold) to Page 3/4 of the Decision:

Although the subject site is located in an area considered to be in a high-crime district and in an area with an over-concentration of on-sale ABC licenses, a finding for public convenience or necessity is warranted given the potential community benefit through the operation of the restaurant with an ABC Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The addition of the new ABC Type "41" License would provide and maintain an amenity that enhances the customer dining experience and maintains the intent of being a business serving the local community. The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Provided the Conditions of Approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area. ***Therefore, the City of Garden Grove hereby determines and approves a Finding of Public***

Zoning Administrator Minutes

***Convenience or Necessity for Conditional Use
Permit No. CUP-231-2022.***

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



ACTION REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) 2.0 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) GUIDELINES AND CALL FOR PROJECTS & PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) PROGRAM APPROVED

The Regional Council [today](#) approved and adopted the [REAP 2.0 CTC Guidelines](#) and CTC Partnership Program Call for Projects, as well as the [REAP 2.0 PATH Program](#).

REAP 2.0 CTC Guidelines and Call for Projects

SCAG developed [guidelines for the CTC Partnership Program](#), funded by REAP 2.0. [Today](#) the Regional Council approved the guidelines, which were open for a three-week public comment period, from Sept. 21, to Oct. 12, 2022. The Regional Council [today](#) also approved opening the CTC Call for Projects in early 2023, pending final approval from the California Department of Housing and Community Development on SCAG's REAP 2.0 application. The CTC Partnership Program will provide immediate benefit to the region by supporting transformative planning activities aligned with key connection strategies identified in Connect SoCal, which will be implemented quickly to advance new concepts for reducing vehicle miles traveled, while simultaneously achieving other program goals for REAP 2.0. The final CTC Program will be updated to reflect any feedback received once SCAG's full REAP 2.0 funding application is approved by the State.

REAP 2021 PATH Program

The Regional Council [today](#) approved the PATH Program and authorized its implementation. The PATH program, which was formerly named the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program, is one of the three major funding areas in SCAG's [REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework](#). The [program guidelines](#) outline the program's components, requirements, eligible applicants and actions, and application process, as well as, the staff recommendation that \$88.835 million of SCAG's REAP 2.0 funding be set-aside to support the program. The PATH program supports actions that accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively furthers fair housing; and reduces vehicle miles traveled through a Notice of Funding Available and two pilot programs designed to bring housing production to scale across the Southern California region to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

For more information on REAP 2.0, visit: scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES PROJECTS SEEKING TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TCEP) FUNDING AND APPLICATION COORDINATION

SCAG's Regional Council [today](#) approved the recommended regional TCEP project nominations and authorized staff to proceed with a TCEP grant application in coordination with Caltrans and TravelCenters America.

TCEP is a grant program created to fund infrastructure improvements on federally designated trade corridors on California's portion of the National Highway Freight Mobility Plan. SCAG, as the region's metropolitan planning organization, is tasked with compiling project nominations from its respective agencies to send to the California Transportation Commission.

Multiple agencies across the SCAG region have nominated [16 projects](#) for TCEP consideration. Additionally, SCAG will partner on a Caltrans-led TravelCenters of America TCEP application. The TravelCenters of America project is seeking to deploy microgrid-enabled, electric charging equipment for heavy-duty trucks at existing TravelCenters of America and Petro travel centers in the region.

INFORMATION 2022 RACIAL EQUITY BASELINE CONDITIONS REPORT RELEASED

The [2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report](#) was released [today](#). In July 2020, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a [resolution](#) affirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California and

subsequently adopted the [Racial Equity Early Action Plan \(EAP\)](#) in May 2021, outlining goals, strategies and actions to advance equity. The EAP included a Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report that highlighted past transportation and housing policies and provided a preliminary baseline assessment of racial equity in the region. The newly released version of this report is updated to include 2020 data, new equity indicators, and county narratives. **For more information on SCAG's commitment to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness, visit: scag.ca.gov/IDEA.**

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



GO HUMAN MINI-GRANT REPORT

President Harnik gave an update on the SCAG [Go Human](#) Mini-Grants Program, which concluded in [September 2022](#). The program funds community-based organizations, non-profits and social enterprises to implement innovative traffic safety and community engagement projects. SCAG awarded over \$350,000 to 26 projects representing all six counties in the region. Projects included demonstrations of safety infrastructure, public art to encourage safe driving, walk audits, community bike rides and other outreach events.

COMOTION PARTNER EVENT

CoMotion LA is taking place Nov. 15-17. A new horizon is emerging with historic opportunities for the public and private sectors. Political shifts in the United States are ushering in a new and unprecedented focus on cities, zero-emission technologies, mobility and transit systems of the future. You will get hear from SCAG's Executive Director, Kome Ajise, and other key public and private leaders about the future of mobility. **Learn more and register here: comotionla.com.**

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CONNECT SOCAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR) NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)

SCAG released a [Notice of Preparation \(NOP\) of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report \(PEIR\) for Connect SoCal 2024](#). Release of the NOP formally kicks off the environmental review process, in accordance with the California Environment Quality Act, for the upcoming Connect SoCal 2024. The NOP is under the required 30-day public review and comment period from Oct. 17, to Nov. 16, 2022. **Additionally, SCAG is hosting two virtual public scoping meetings for the NOP on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, visit: scag.ca.gov/peir.**

HOUSING-SUPPORTIVE GRANT UPDATES: CHANGE TO NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR APPLICATIONS

The deadline for all SCAG jurisdictions to have compliant housing elements was Oct. 15. Non-compliance triggers a number of impacts, including potential ineligibility for critical funding resources. Staff will continue to monitor funding sources and requirements to advocate on behalf of the cities and counties in our region to ensure residents have the greatest access to funding resources.

On Oct. 7, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued an amendment to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) guidelines that extended the application deadline to Nov. 30, and clarified that jurisdictions without compliant housing elements may apply if their housing element is compliant by the date of the funding award. HCD plans to award PLHA funds by [February 2023](#).

SCAG will be offering PLHA application assistance, as well as technical assistance for

jurisdictions and Tribal Governments to prepare and submit applications for other housing-supportive funding. HCD and other public agencies are releasing several notices of funding availability for grants. SCAG is offering expert assistance on a rolling basis to help selected recipients prepare and submit applications for these funds and grants. Applications for assistance are available on SCAG's [housing webpage](#) and can be submitted to SCAG until program funds are expended. **For more information, email housing@scag.ca.gov.**

RECAP OF REGIONAL ADVANCE MITIGATION PLANNING (RAMP)/SOCAL GREENPRINT WORKSHOP

In October, SCAG held a virtual workshop for public stakeholders to share an update and gather input on the [Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning \(RAMP\) Policy Framework](#) and the process for developing the [SoCal Greenprint](#) tool. Moving forward, we will be revising the draft RAMP framework according to the feedback we received, before bringing it back to the RAMP Advisory Task Group and later the Regional Council.

The full November Executive Director's Report is available here: scag.ca.gov/edr-nov-22.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

- 8th Toolbox **Tuesday**: Equity Resource Guide Series Kickoff:
Baseline Conditions Report
- 9th Virtual Scoping Meeting #1 – Notice of Preparation
- 10th Virtual Scoping Meeting #2 – Notice of Preparation
- 10th Last Mile Freight Program Phase 2 Virtual Listening Session
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- 10th Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4: Virtual
Information Session 1
- 15th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 15th Housing Legislation Forum
- 16th Next Generation Infrastructure Subcommittee
- 16th Regional Advance Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task
Group (RAMP-ATG)
- 16th SCP Call 4: Virtual Information Session 2
- 17th Racial Equity and Regional Planning Subcommittee
- 17th Technical Working Group
- 21st Resilience and Conservation Subcommittee

21st Toolbox **Tuesday**/Money **Monday**: Securing Federal Funding from the IIIA and IRA

22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group

23rd Modeling Task Force

30th Executive/Administration Committee

DECEMBER

1st The 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit

20th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee



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Paramount invests in community partnerships to reduce homelessness

Nov 9, 2022

#LocalWorks

For many cities and supporting organizations, connecting unhoused residents with shelter and services is like playing a basketball game without a coach: Skilled teams will struggle without an overarching strategy. Dozens of organizations can provide supportive services, but without a unified system of care, people can fall through the cracks.

Even the definition of homelessness can vary. Is someone homeless if they live in an overcrowded apartment? What if they sleep on a school bench once a week? Add a complex set of service requirements, multiple economic crises, and limited funding, and the deck is stacked against many cities.



City Net staff conducted a two-day point-in-time count in Paramount in May 2022.

For compact, urban communities like Paramount — which reduced the number of unsheltered individuals by 56% since 2019 — strategic investments in people and partnerships can produce meaningful results. The point-in-time count was conducted over two days by City Net — a supportive services provider that partners with local and state agencies — and included demographic interviews with people experiencing homelessness.

A communitywide and community-based approach

Like [other successful cities](#), Paramount takes a multifaceted approach to homelessness. The first step is to identify who needs services. This can happen through the city's case management workers, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, or community partners like Family Promise of the South Bay. Often, these partnerships can expose startling trends.

"When we connected with Family Promise of the South Bay a couple of years ago, we didn't know what our families experiencing homelessness needed," said Paramount Public Safety Manager Steve Coumparoules, who coordinates the city's homeless response. "We knew there was a need, but we didn't know what the extent was."

In the program's first year, March 2021 to June 2022, Family Promise assessed 44 Paramount families, provided services to 27, and permanently housed 10. Much of that work was the result of a partnership with the Paramount Unified School District. Although the school district provides some services, such as an emergency resource center, it also plays a key role in connecting families with supportive services.

"Steve has been amazing. Before I came into the role, it was pretty much 211 — your generic numbers that they could call," said Julie White, the program coordinator for the school district's foster youth and homeless educational services program. "It wasn't as personable as this connection we have — the partnership is amazing."



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For individual adults, the closest, city-funded shelter is the Salvation Army Shelter in the nearby city of Bell. There, residents can receive three meals a day, case management, employment search assistance, and long-term housing navigation. The city funds 12 beds using American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

The Salvation Army Shelter's proximity to Paramount has had a profound impact on the city's unsheltered population. In 2021, the city

connected 19 people with shelter. Thanks to the city's new partnership with the Bell Shelter, which was formed in August 2022, the city provided 27 people with shelter in 2022. Homeless individuals are connected to services almost instantly, regardless of their ties to the community.

“By having these services in place, it allows us to service the needs of our homeless individuals so much quicker,” Coumparoules said. “When we're able to offer a bed six miles away from us, they can keep their same doctor, their support system.”

Although the Bell shelter only serves single adults, it often indirectly serves families by directing women and children to appropriate, nearby shelters. Meanwhile, male guardians stay at the Salvation Army shelter until the family can reconnect. When the shelter originally opened 30 years ago, family homelessness was less common. As a result, the shelter does not offer the types of services and facilities suitable for families.

Regardless of where they stay, people with connections to the Paramount often return to the city to secure permanent housing. “Typically, they have some type of ties ... whether it's family; they went to school there; [or] they just know that neighborhood they feel comfortable in, that's usually where they return,” said Rosa Chairez, the program manager for the Salvation Army Bell Shelter.

Another key program — especially for families experiencing homelessness — is the city's motel voucher program. “A lot of times ... when families hear the word shelter, they don't want that for their children. Through this partnership with Paramount, we were able to put them in a hotel as a temporary shelter,” Family Promise Housing Program Manager Lina Takada said. “That way, they were safe ... they were able to get a little bit of rest and think of next steps.”

Outside-the-box strategies for job training



Members of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority preparing to drive an unhoused resident to a shelter.

The city provides a wide range of other supportive services through the Salvation Army Shelter. This includes transportation to shelters, the Department of Motor Vehicles for identification cards, or pharmacies for prescription medications; onsite medical treatment; and help with social services or mental health appointments. The city's Safe Storage Program provides secure storage services where unhoused residents can keep their personal belongings for up to 90 days.

In recent years, the city has connected people to several innovative, skill-building programs. One Paramount resident gained valuable job experience at [Wrigley Coffee](#) in Long Beach. The social enterprise program allows people to gain valuable job experience before seeking full-time employment.

“We’re trying to think outside of the box,” Family Promise Executive Director Lori Eastman said. “I think all agencies are trying to think out of the box depending on their funding to serve this community to give them tools in their toolbox so that they can have that sustainable housing and be able to live independently.”

Paramount also works with the [Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board](#) on a home-to-employment program,

which temporarily houses people rent-free while they gain interview and job skills.



The “Brilliance of Community” mosaic at the Paramount Community Center was created by a nonprofit organization, Piece by Piece, that supports individuals living in permanent supportive housing.

During the summer, the city partnered with Piece by Piece to create a mosaic at the city’s community center. The nonprofit provides people who have experienced homelessness or economic insecurity with job skills and supplemental income. City officials are exploring ways to bring the program to the city again.

ADUs drive housing growth

As in any community, homelessness is not a standalone issue. A lack of affordable housing has exacerbated the state’s homelessness crisis. Although cities do not build housing, they do zone and identify suitable sites for homes to encourage development.

Paramount has experienced an increase in housing, driven in part by a growing number of accessory dwelling units (ADU). For built-out cities like Paramount with few opportunities for new development, ADUs are a modest, cost-effective way to increase affordable housing.

The city is part of a four-city group — Garden Grove, Sante Fe Springs, and Beuna Park — that is creating an ADU resource website.

Set to launch next year, the website will include a budget calculator, finance and loan information, and pre-approved plans that can help reduce costs. The website will also include a three-minute how-to video.



Inside an accessory dwelling unit in Paramount.

Paramount has also invested in making informal housing — such as modified garages — livable and passed a density bonus ordinance to encourage larger developments. Two site-specific plans include proven housing incentive strategies, such as mixed-use development, development incentive packages, mixed-used development, and modest height increases.

Like all cities, Paramount faces mounting challenges as more working close families suffer from the effects of global inflation and other economic crises. The school district has already identified dozens of new families experiencing homelessness and Family Promise has worked with 16 families since July 2022. However, the city is well-positioned to meet this growing need.

“Paramount has a legacy of directly addressing challenges,” Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings said. “We roll up our sleeves and get to work. We don’t wait for outside agencies to arrive, although when they do,

we welcome their assistance. Our city council and staff are dedicated to working harder and ever more creatively to provide services in hopes of moving our homeless neighbors into permanent housing.”

The Cal Cities #LocalWorks initiative shines the spotlight on examples of local actions that are making a difference to their communities. Show how #LocalWorks in your community by contacting communications@calcities.org.



New Mayors and Council Members Academy to take place in Northern California and Southern California

Nov 9, 2022

Registration is now open for New Mayors and Council Members Academies in Northern California and Southern California.

City council members must navigate a complex set of internal and external challenges and constraints. For new council members especially, it is not always clear what their governance options are. Designed for newly elected officials or seasoned officials wanting a refresher, the [New Mayors and Council Members Academy](#) covers the basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate and provides opportunities to foster relationships with other elected officials.

There are two options for the 2023 New Mayors and Council Members Academy: one in Northern California, Jan. 18-20, 2023, and the other in Southern California, Feb. 1-3, 2023. This year's session topics include:

- Relationships between city council and city management.
- Effective advocacy and key city issues.
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- League of California Cities resources.
- Legal powers and obligations.

- Land use planning.
- Communications and civic engagement.
- Financial responsibilities.
- How to conduct an effective and respectful council meeting.

The deadline to register for the [Northern California Academy](#) is Jan. 4, 2023. The deadline to register for the [Southern California Academy](#) is Jan. 18, 2023. After the registration deadline has passed, officials must register on-site.

[Registration and hotel information](#)

Registration for the New Mayors and Council Members Academy starts at \$625 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city.

Registration includes admission to all educational sessions, Wednesday lunch, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, the legislative reception, and access to all program materials.

This year, the Northern California Academy will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento at 1207 L Street in Sacramento. The deadline to reserve a discounted hotel room at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento is Dec. 30, 2022.

The Southern California Academy will take place at the Sheraton Universal Hotel at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive in Universal City. The deadline to reserve a discounted hotel room at the Sheraton Universal Hotel is Jan. 10, 2023. Discounted rooms often sell out before the deadline, so register early!

To learn more, visit the [New Mayors and Council Members Academy event page](#). For registration questions, please contact Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). Please direct all other questions to Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).



Our homelessness crisis requires real solutions. Now is not the time to play politics when lives are at stake

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California needs a statewide plan and sustainable state funding that supports long-term planning.

Sacramento — Following Gov. Gavin Newsom’s announcement that the state is pressing the pause button on the latest distribution of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding to local governments, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman released the below statement:

“Homelessness is one of the most pressing crises gripping our state, and we share the Governor’s frustration that on any given night, [more than 170,000 Californians](#) are sleeping on the streets. City leaders are laser-focused on this issue and are collaborating with county, regional,

and state partners to develop innovative solutions that save lives and foster thriving communities.

“Now is not the time to play politics when people’s lives are at stake. Failing to release state funding will not put roofs over the heads of Californians or deliver desperately needed supportive services. Refusing the delivery of these funds is the opposite of progress — if anything, it will lengthen the time it takes for unhoused residents to access the services and housing they deserve.

“Addressing the state’s homelessness crisis, including prevention, is a shared responsibility that requires a complex approach and must include all levels of government, nonprofits, and community organizations. If the state is looking for a real solution to this crisis, we need a statewide plan and sustainable state funding that supports long-term planning. Equally important, we need to stop the finger-pointing and get to work on building a real partnership that will benefit all Californians.

“Cal Cities welcomes the opportunity to attend the Governor’s convening later this month to bring the experience of cities to the table to discuss realistic, collaborative, and effective strategies that remove barriers, support all unhoused residents, and meet the shared goals of local and state governments.”

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials. Cal Cities’ mission is to expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.